



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 40

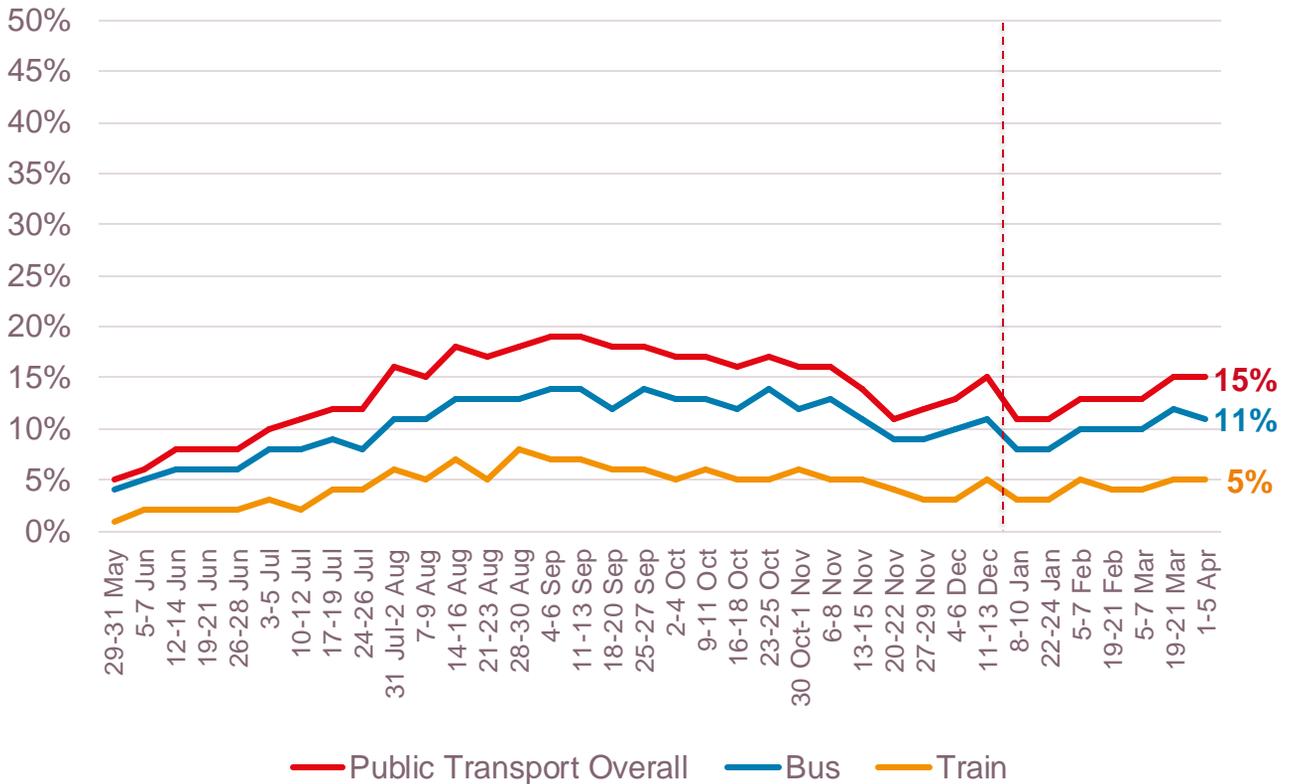
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 40

The proportion of people using public transport is unchanged

Use of public transport in last two weeks – Great Britain

Trend - last 36 waves

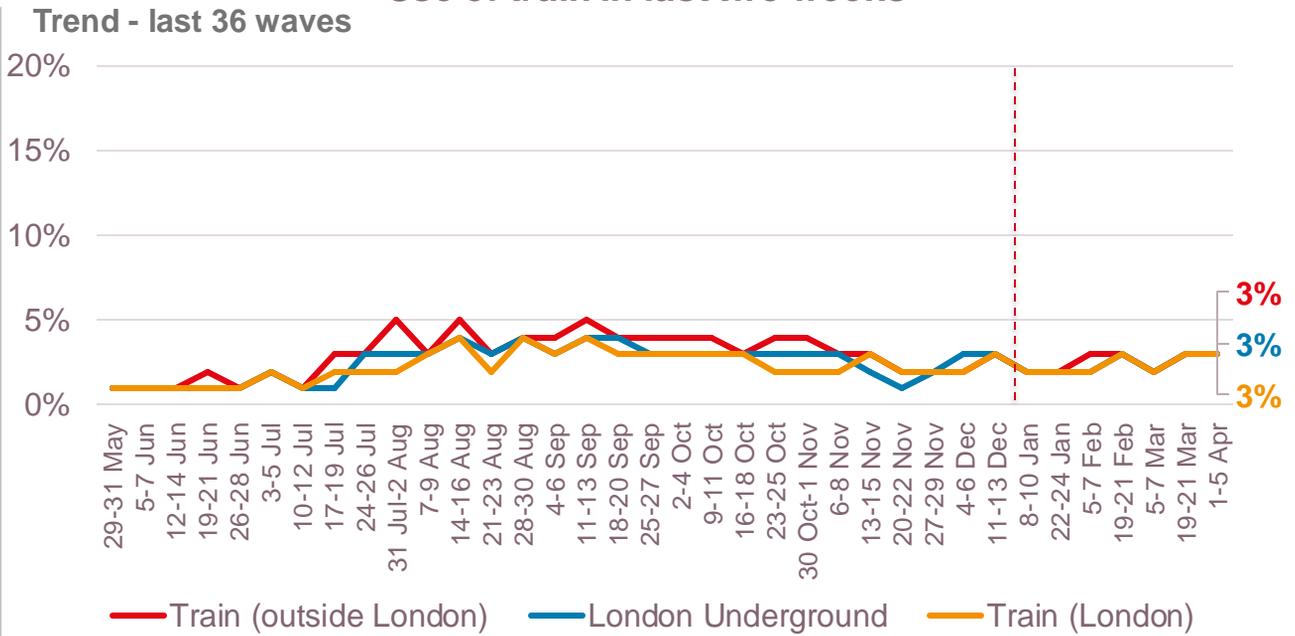


----- Changed from 'last 7 days' to 'last two weeks' at week 34 (8-10 Jan)

Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 40

Little change in proportions who have used trains and buses

Use of train in last two weeks



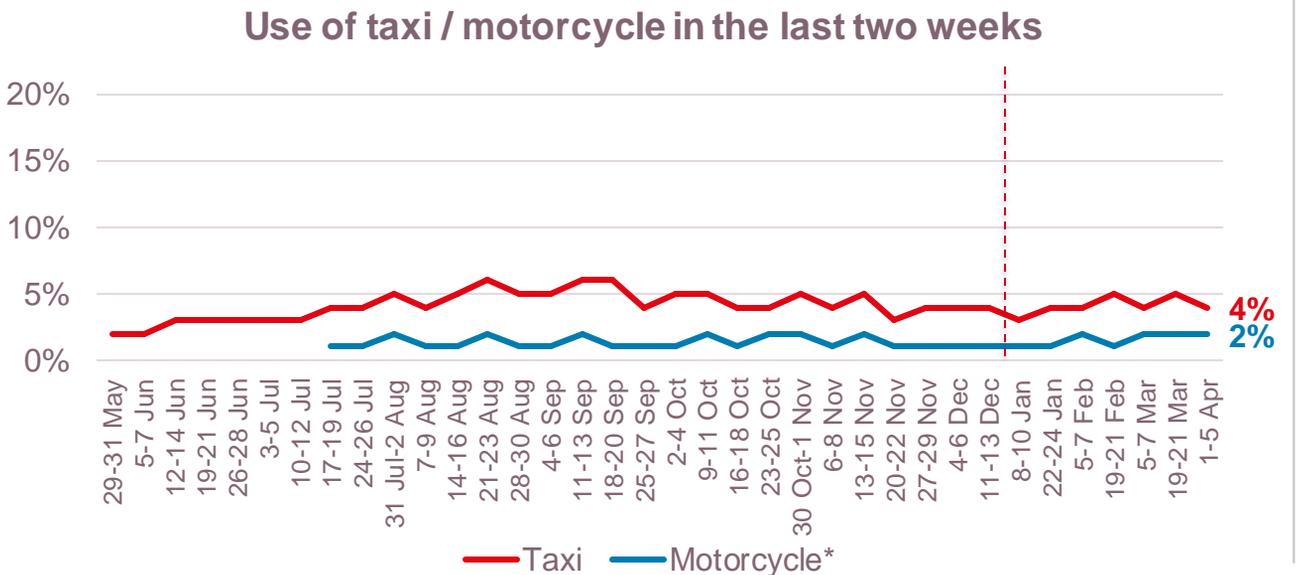
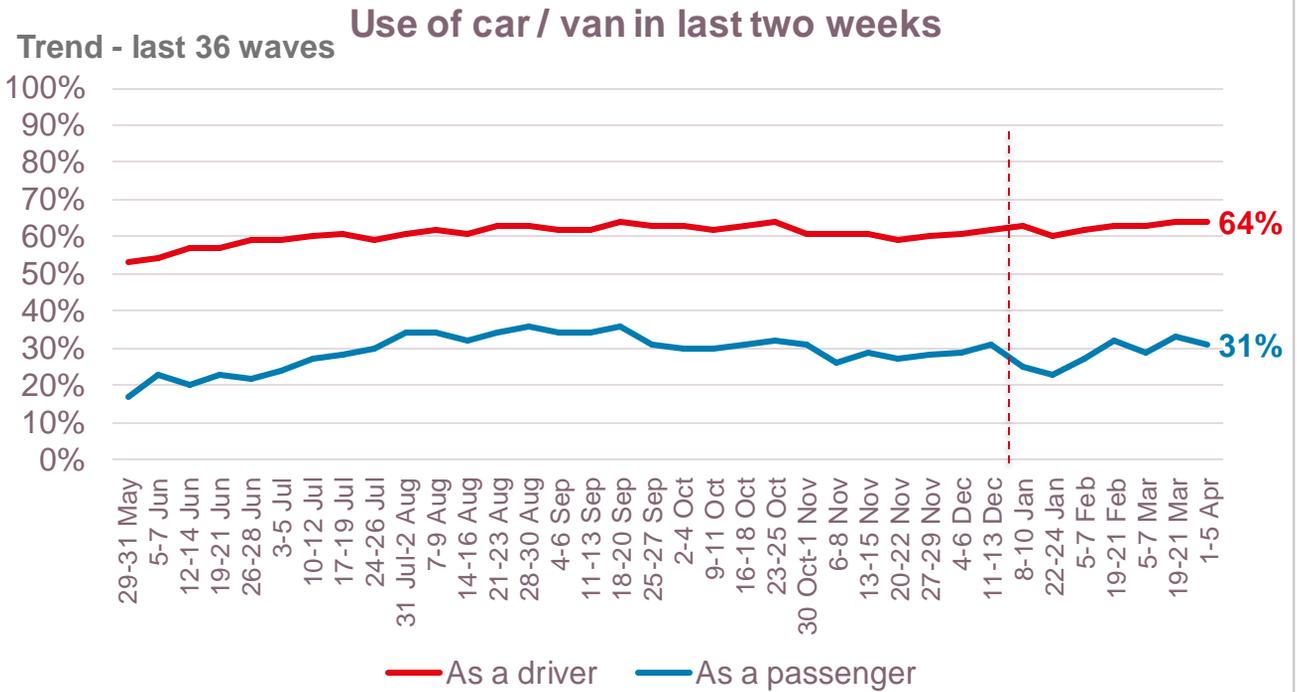
Use of bus in last two weeks



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Road use has increased recently



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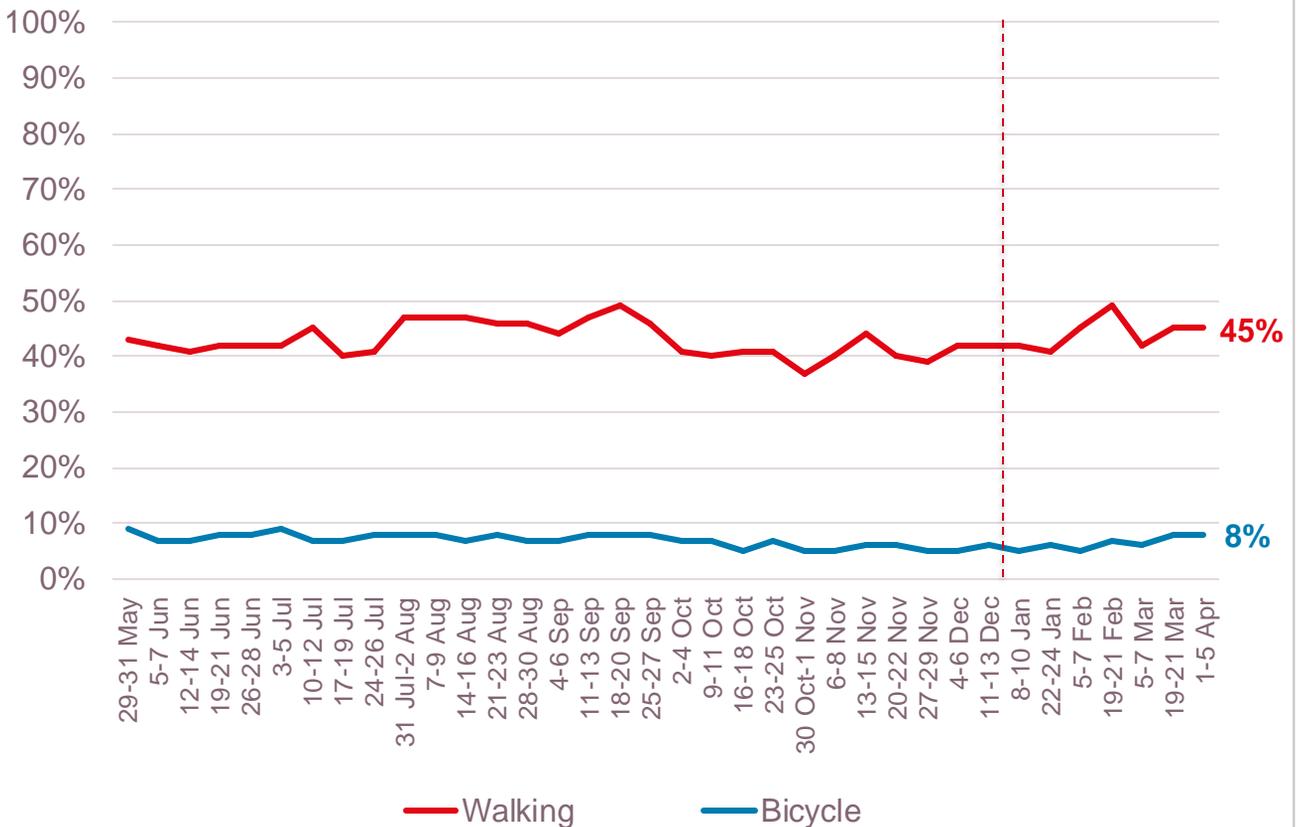
* Separated out at week 12 (17-19 July)

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More than two in five have made journeys on foot, while one in twelve have cycled

Use of other modes of transport in the last two weeks

Trend - last 36 waves

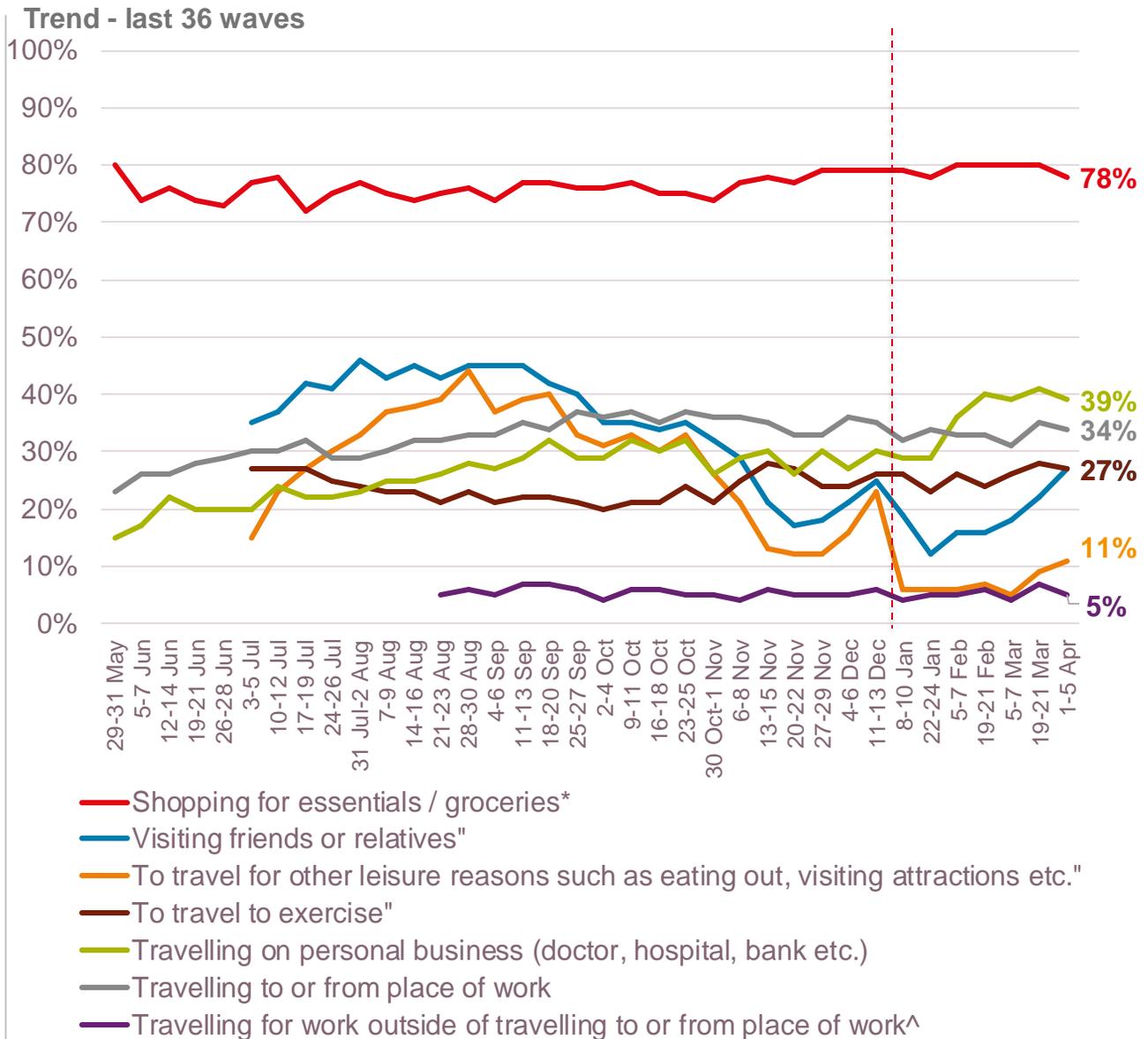


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Increasing proportions making journeys for various reasons in recent weeks, particularly visiting friends or relatives

Reasons for making journeys in the last two weeks



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* Shopping' weeks 1-9 (1 May – 28 June)

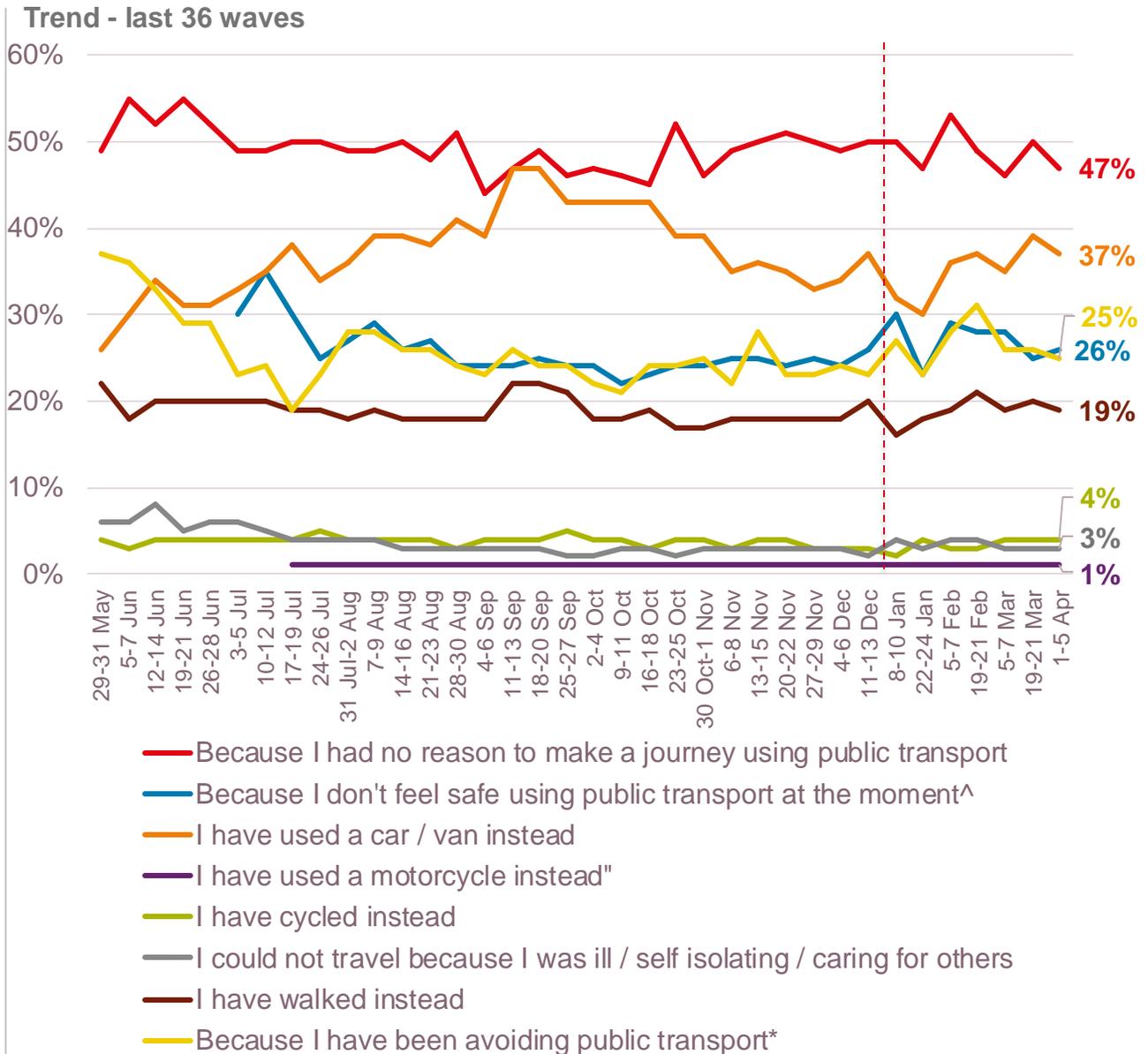
" data shown from week 10 (3-5 July) only as significant text changes made from this week onwards

^ New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)

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Little change in the last two weeks

Reasons public transport not used in the last two weeks

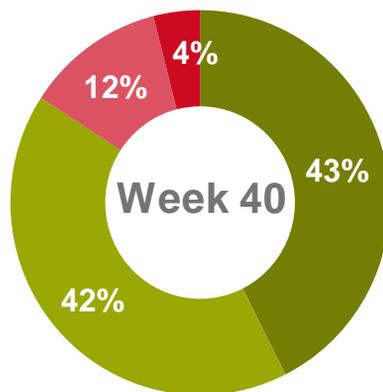


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 * Wording amended at week 10 (3-5 July) and at week 13 (24-26 July)
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More than eight out of ten of those making train journeys in the last two weeks felt safe doing so

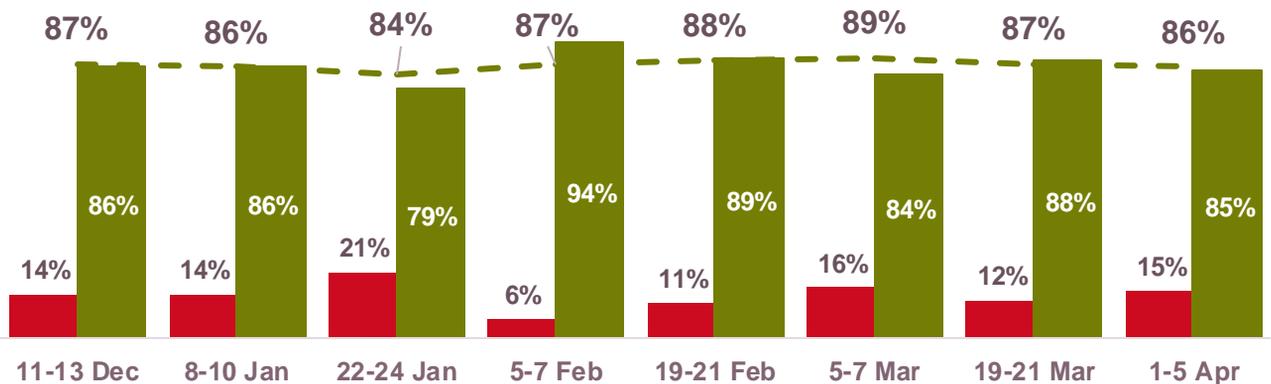
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?

Base: All making journeys by train, W40 – 101



■ Very Safe ■ Fairly safe ■ Not very safe ■ Not at all safe

Trend - last eight waves



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

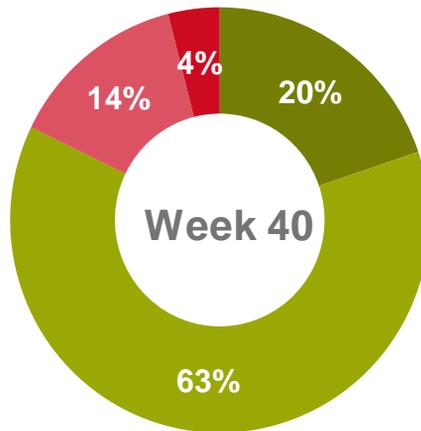
■ Very / Fairly safe

- - - % Very / Fairly safe - aggregated three-wave average

Similarly more than four in five of those making bus journeys in the last two weeks felt safe doing so

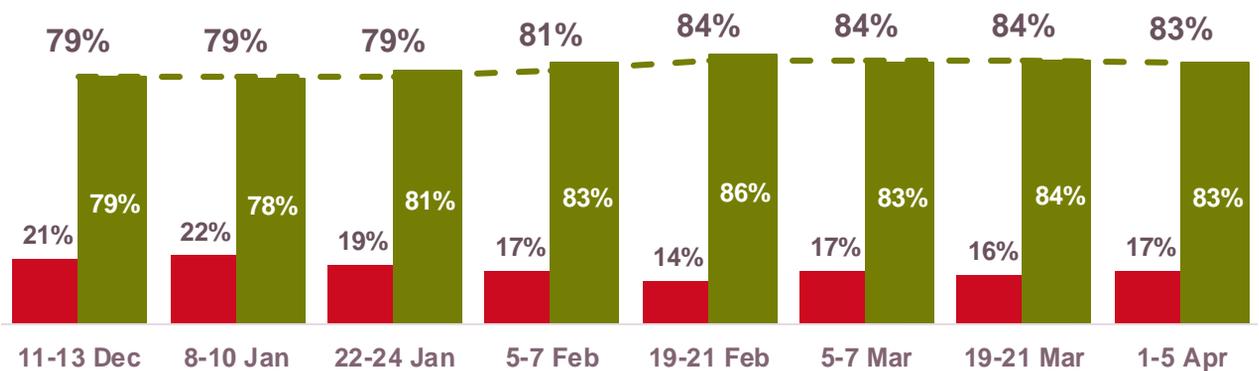
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?

Base: All making journeys by bus, W40 – 231



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Trend - last eight waves



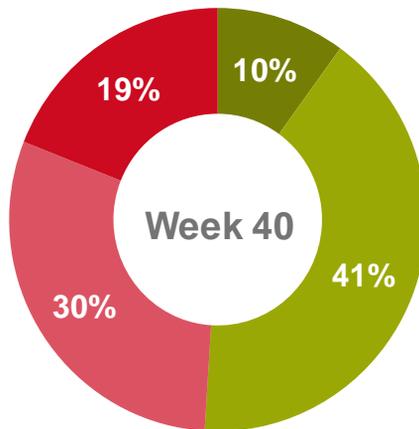
■ % Not very / Not at all safe

■ Very / Fairly safe

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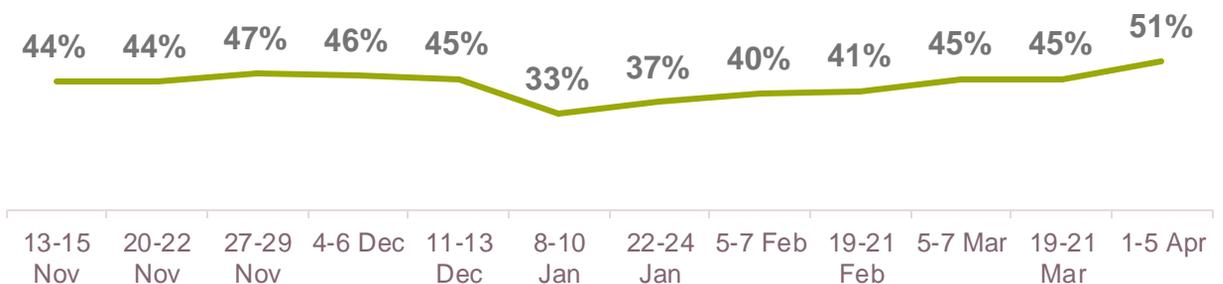
Increase in those who have not used a train in the last two weeks would feel safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus[^], if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by train?
 Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by train, W40 – 1,886



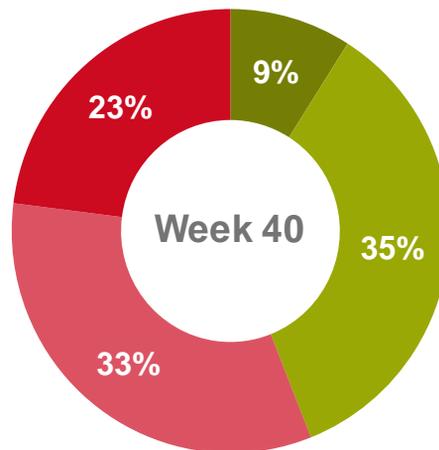
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Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



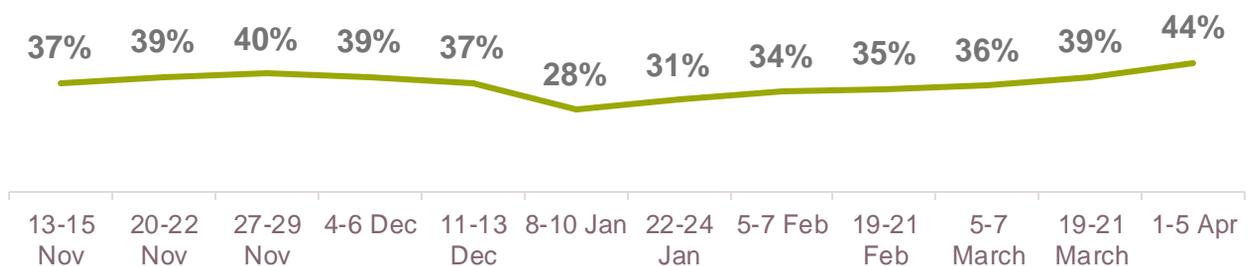
Similar increase among those who have not used a bus in the last two weeks who would feel safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by bus?
 Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by bus, W40 – 1,756



■ Very Safe
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 ■ Not very safe
 ■ Not at all safe

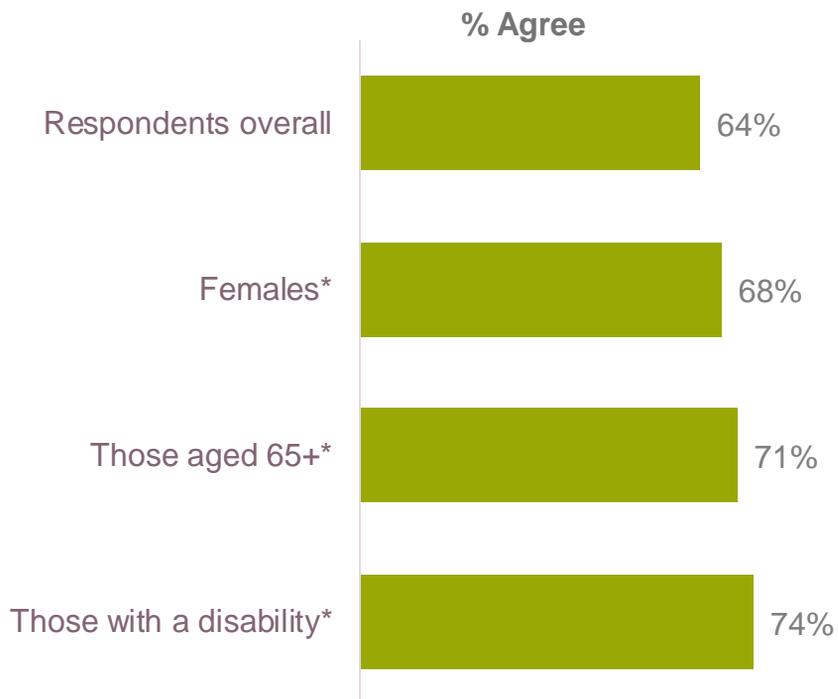
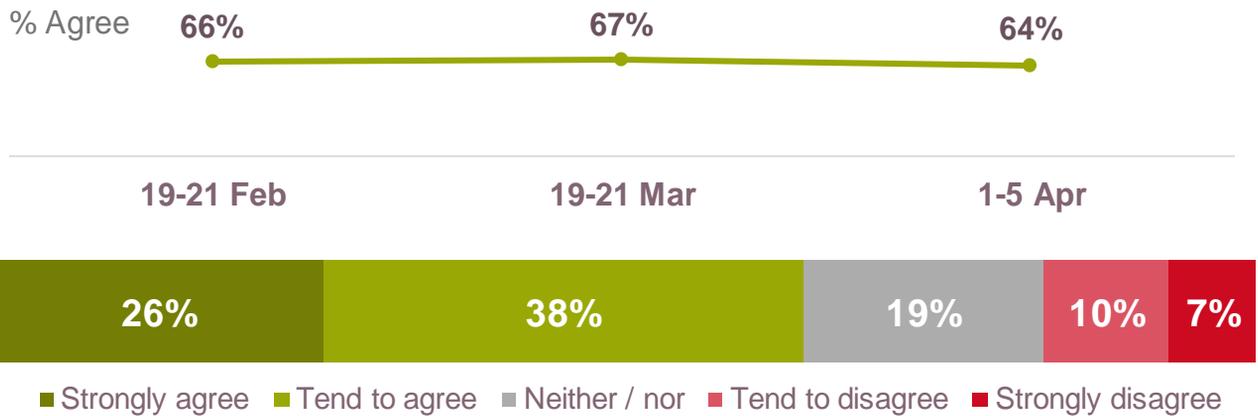
Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



For two-thirds Coronavirus is a major concern. Those who are older and more vulnerable are more likely than others to agree.

Coronavirus is a major concern for me

Base: W40 1,953



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

Two in five think that enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport. A fifth disagree.

Enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

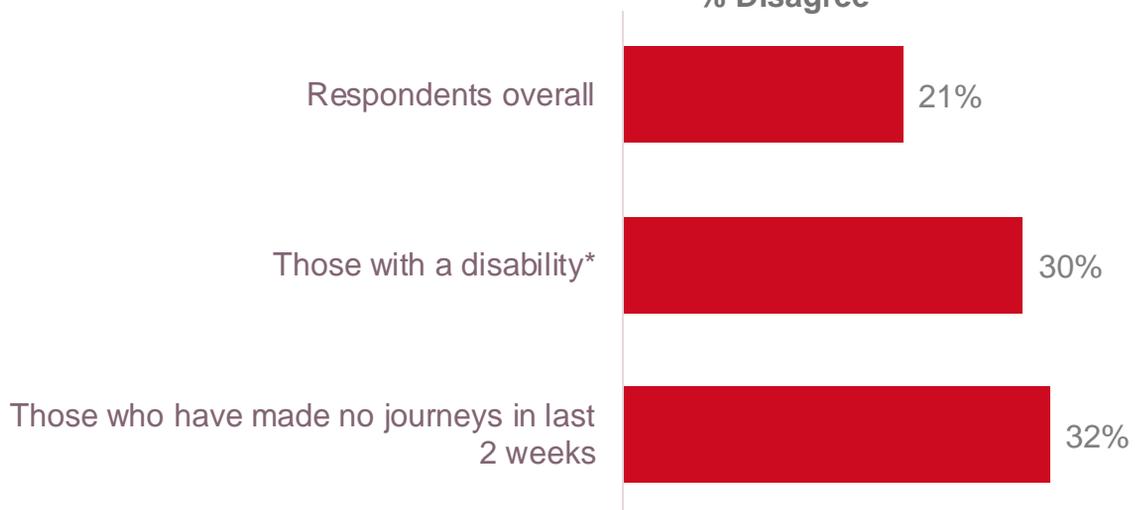
Base: W40 1,450

% Disagree



■ Strongly agree ■ Tend to agree ■ Neither / nor ■ Tend to disagree ■ Strongly disagree

% Disagree



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A third say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

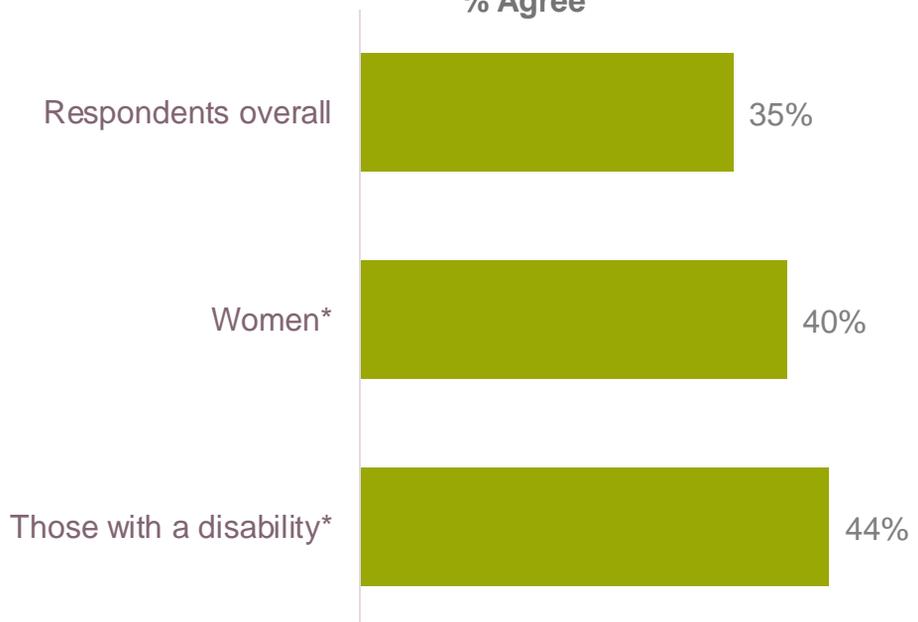
Base: W40 1,794

% Agree



■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Neither / nor
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree

% Agree



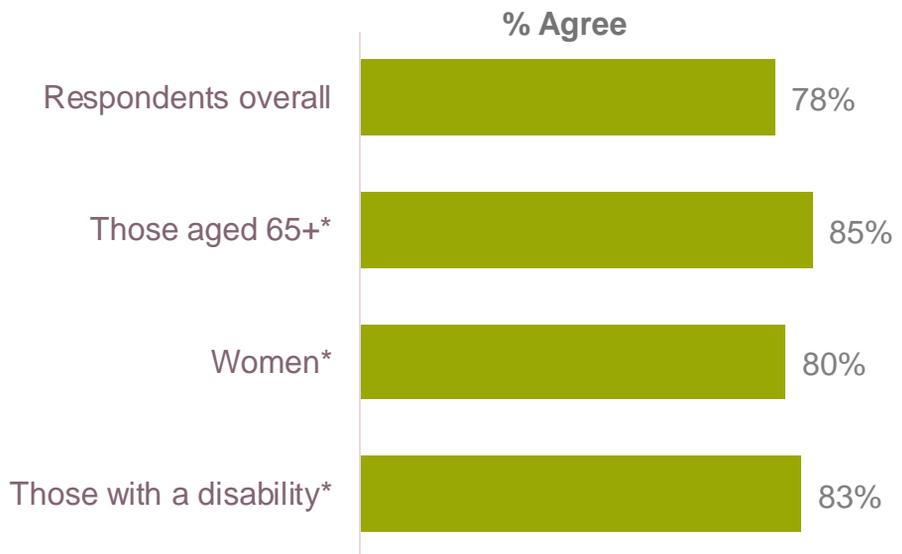
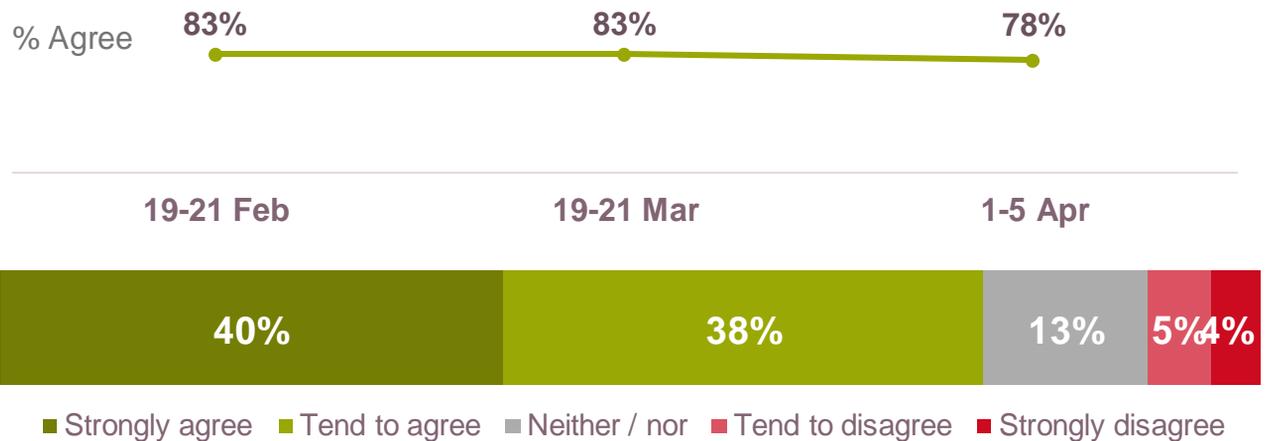
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More than four in five have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W40 1,934



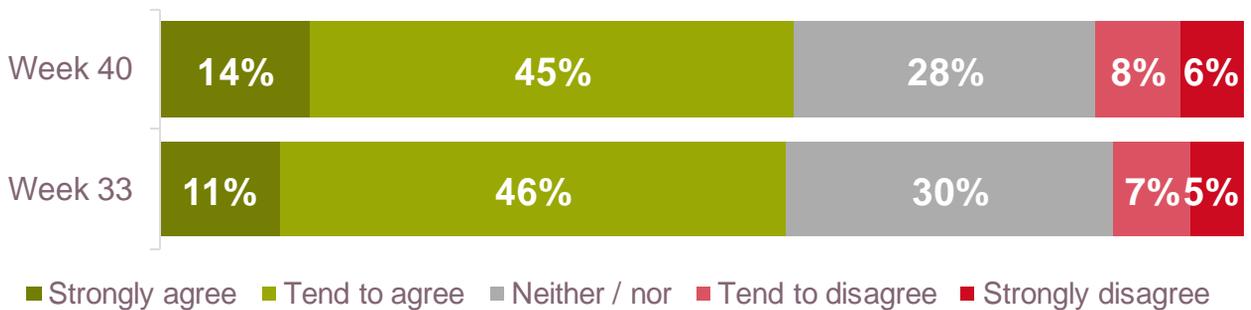
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Three in five agree that they think public transport is cleaner now than it was before the pandemic

I think that public transport is cleaner now than it was before the pandemic

Base: W33 1,422 / W40 1,452



No significant differences by sub-groups

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More than three quarters agree that cleanliness has become more important to them on public transport

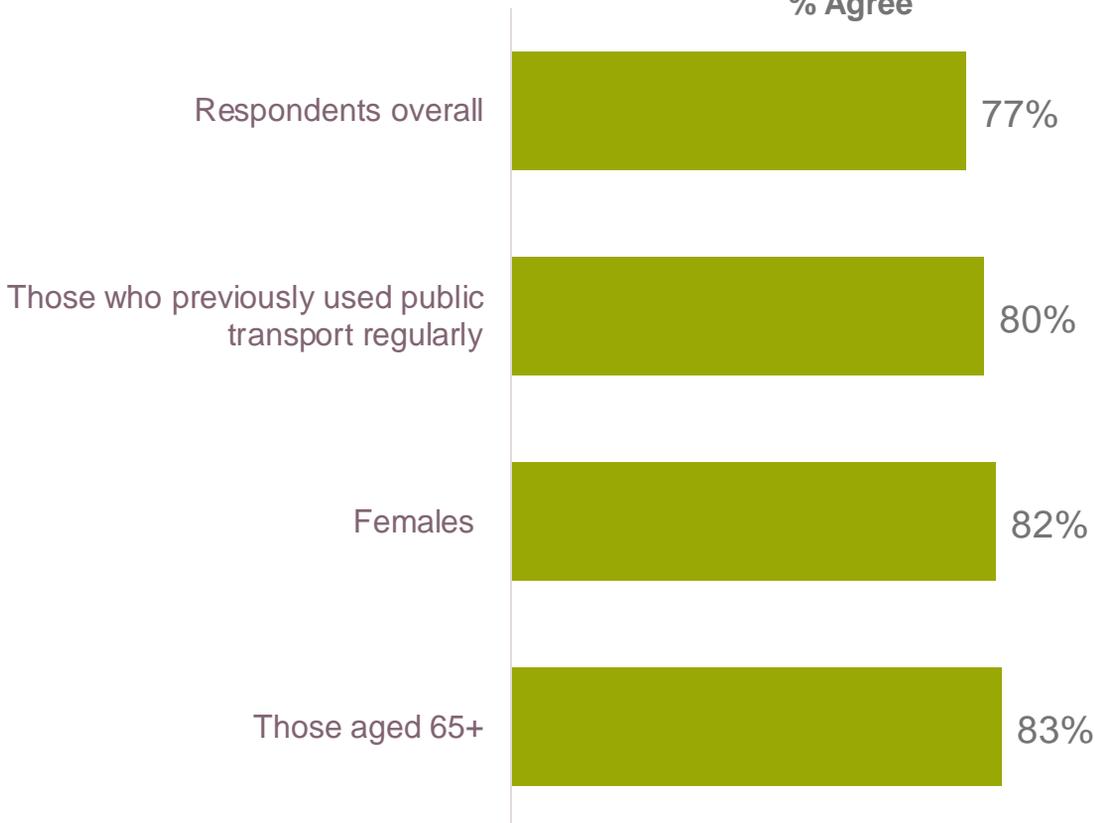
Cleanliness on public transport is more important to me now than it was before the pandemic

Base: W40 1,835



■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Neither / nor
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree

% Agree



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

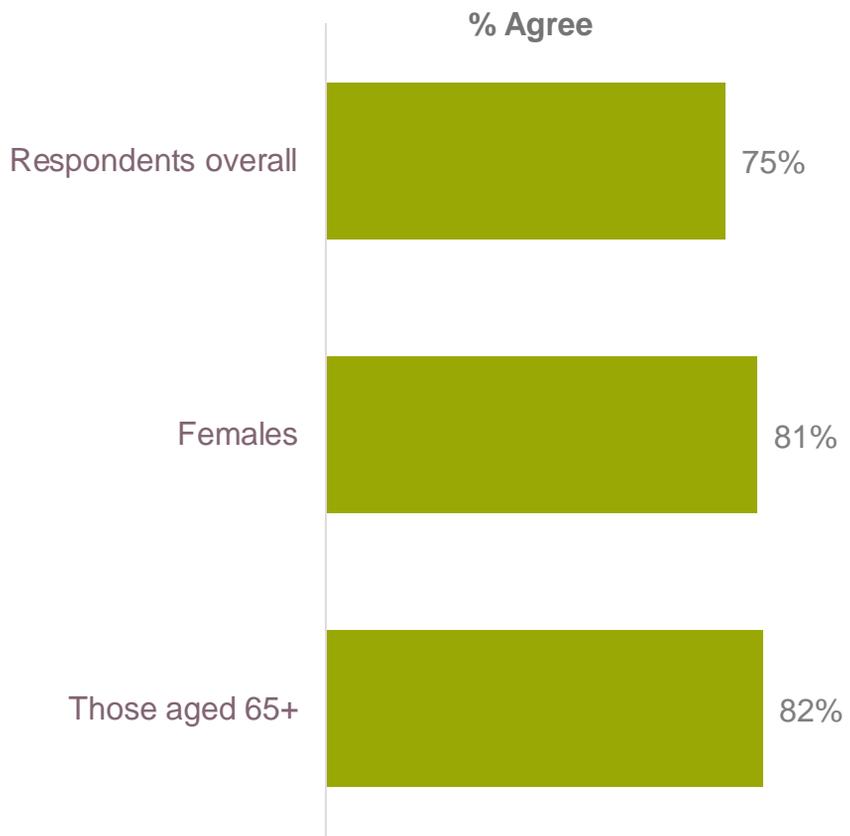
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And cleanliness of public transport will continue to be more important in the future for three quarters

Cleanliness on public transport will be more important to me in the future, even if Covid-19 is no longer a significant risk
 Base: W40 1,821



■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Neither / nor
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



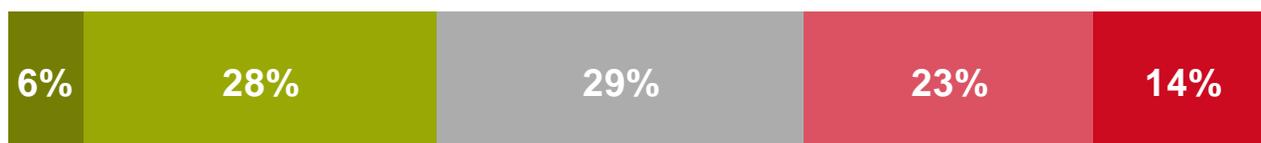
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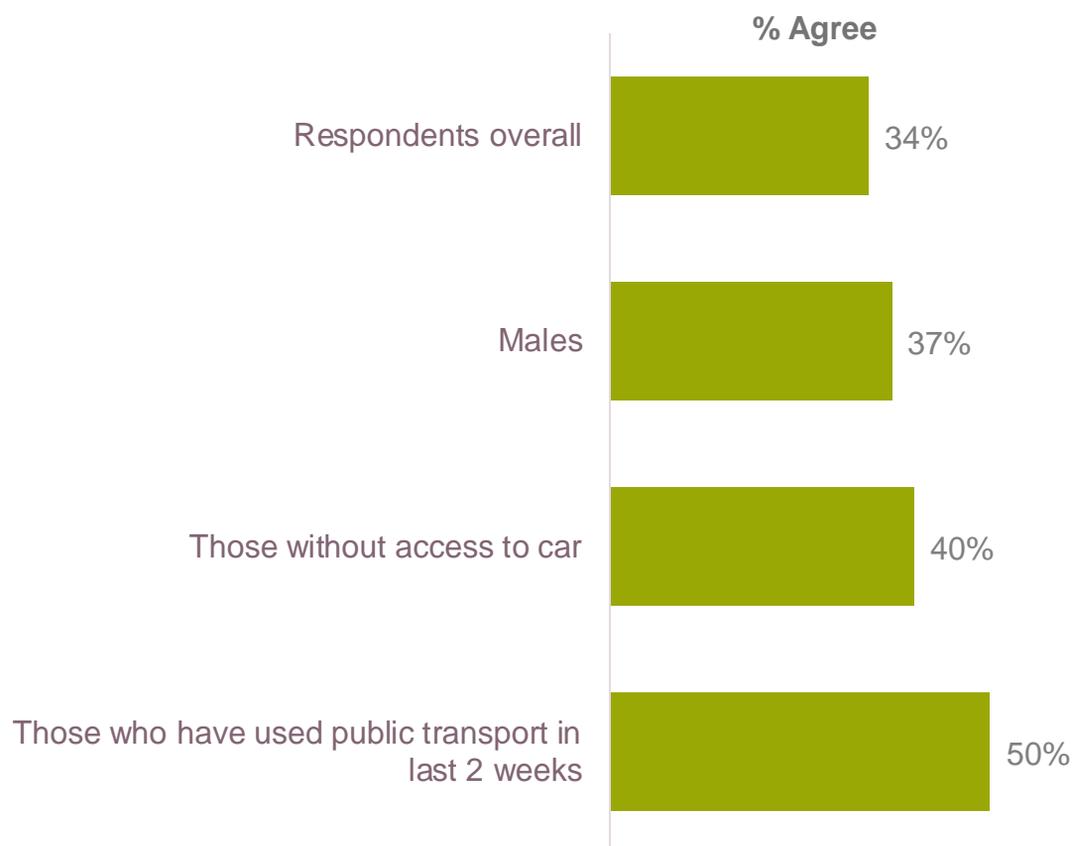
Mixed views on whether public transport is clean enough – around a third think it is and a similar proportion that it is not

I think public transport is clean enough

Base: W40 1,628



■ Strongly agree
 ■ Tend to agree
 ■ Neither / nor
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree



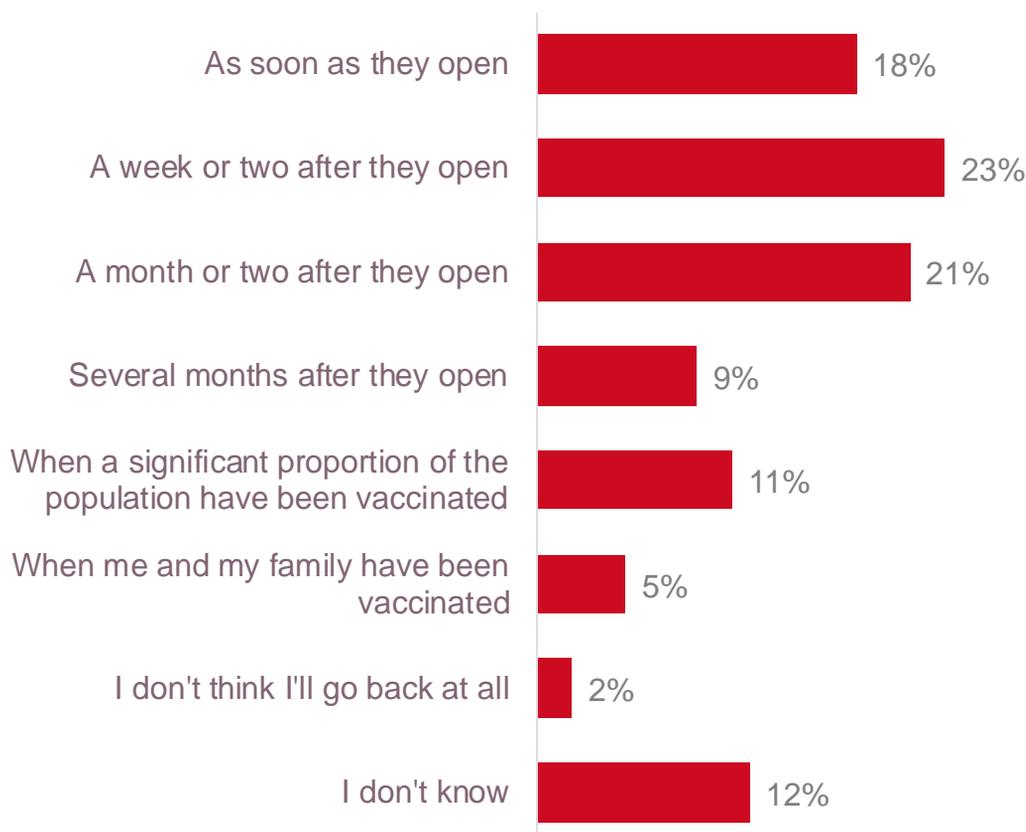
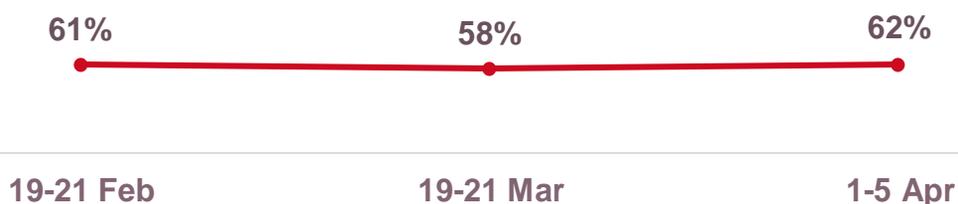
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One in five expect to return to shopping centres/department stores as soon as restrictions are lifted

**How soon do you expect to return to the following places?
Shopping centre / Department store**
Base: Those who used shopping centres previously (W40 1,923)

% As soon as they open – Within a month or two

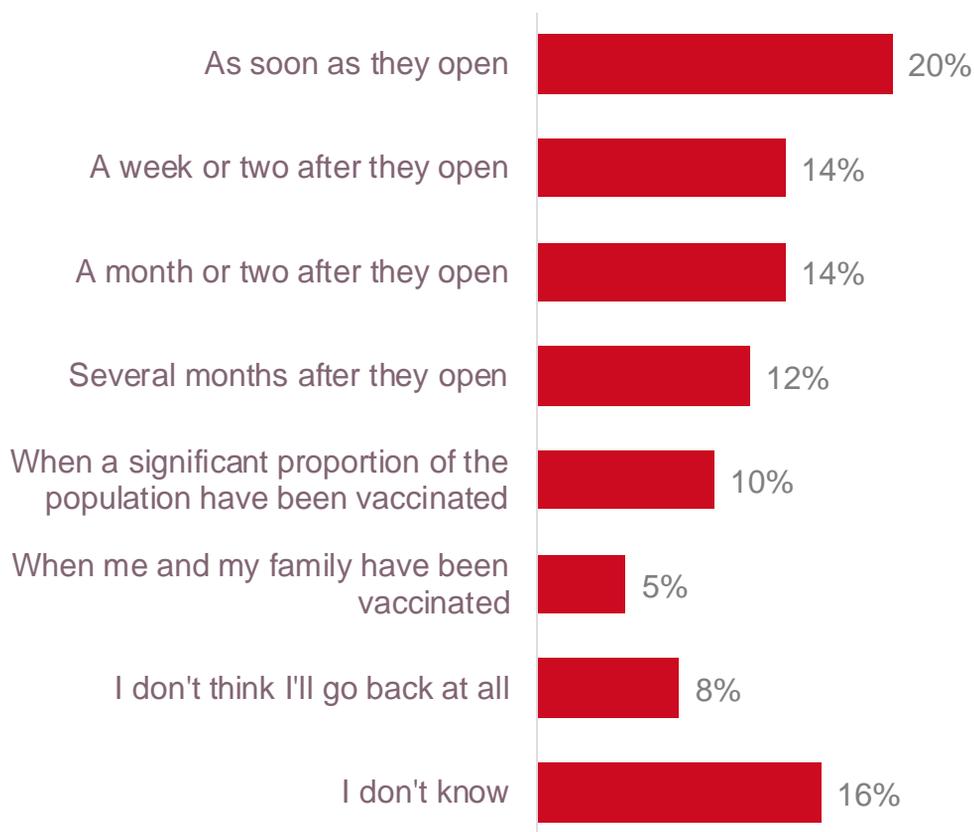
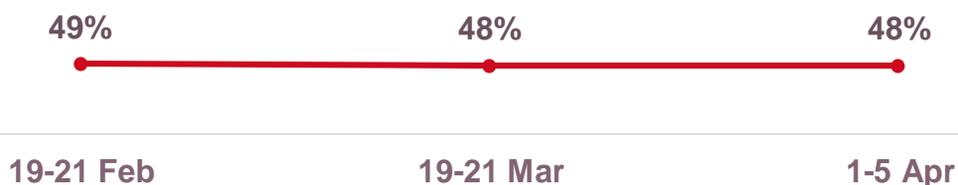


A fifth expect to return to gyms as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Gyms

Base: Those who used gyms previously (W40 789)

% As soon as they open – Within a month or two

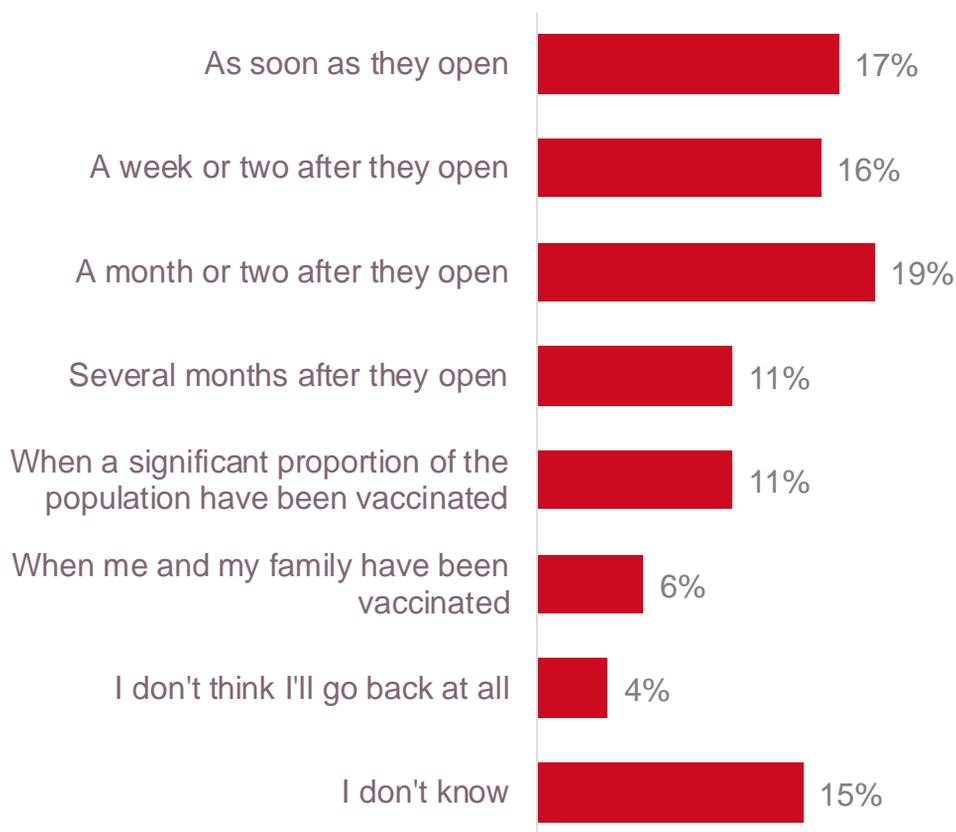


A third expect to return to pubs as soon as restrictions are lifted or within a couple of weeks

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Pubs

Base: Those who used pubs previously (W40 1,620)

% As soon as they open – Within a month or two



Less than one in five expect to return to restaurants as soon as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places?

Restaurants

Base: Those who used restaurants previously (W40 1,867)

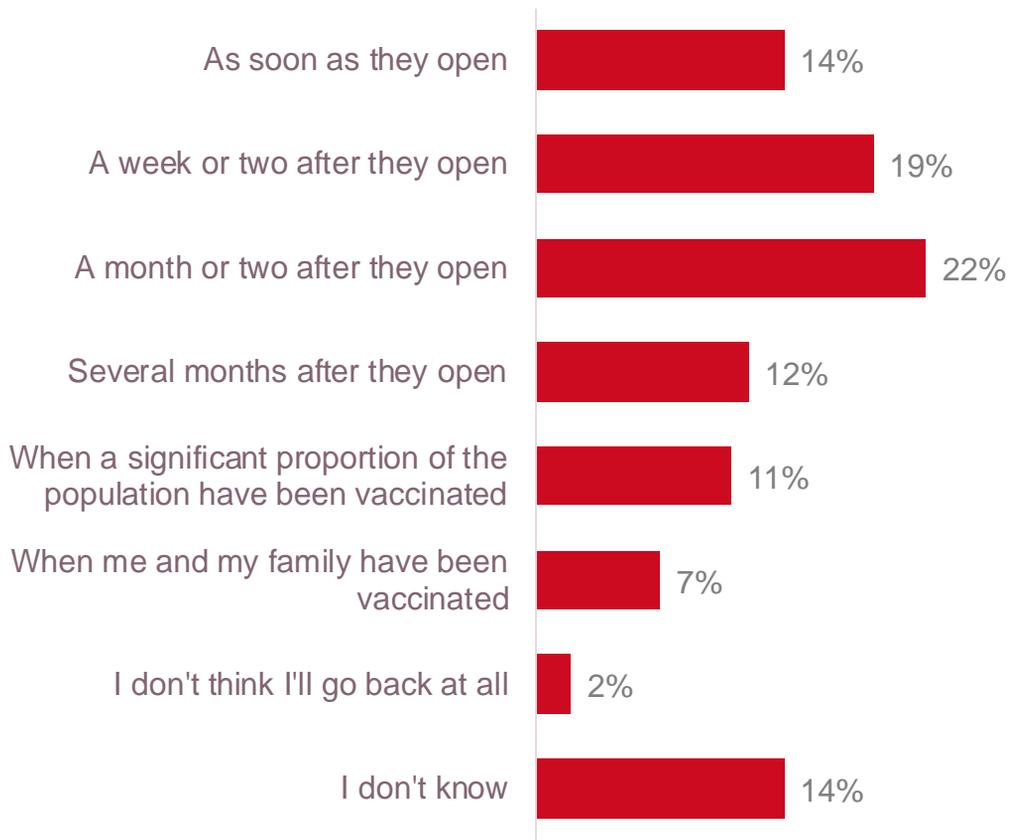
% As soon as they open – Within a month or two



19-21 Feb

19-21 Mar

1-5 Apr

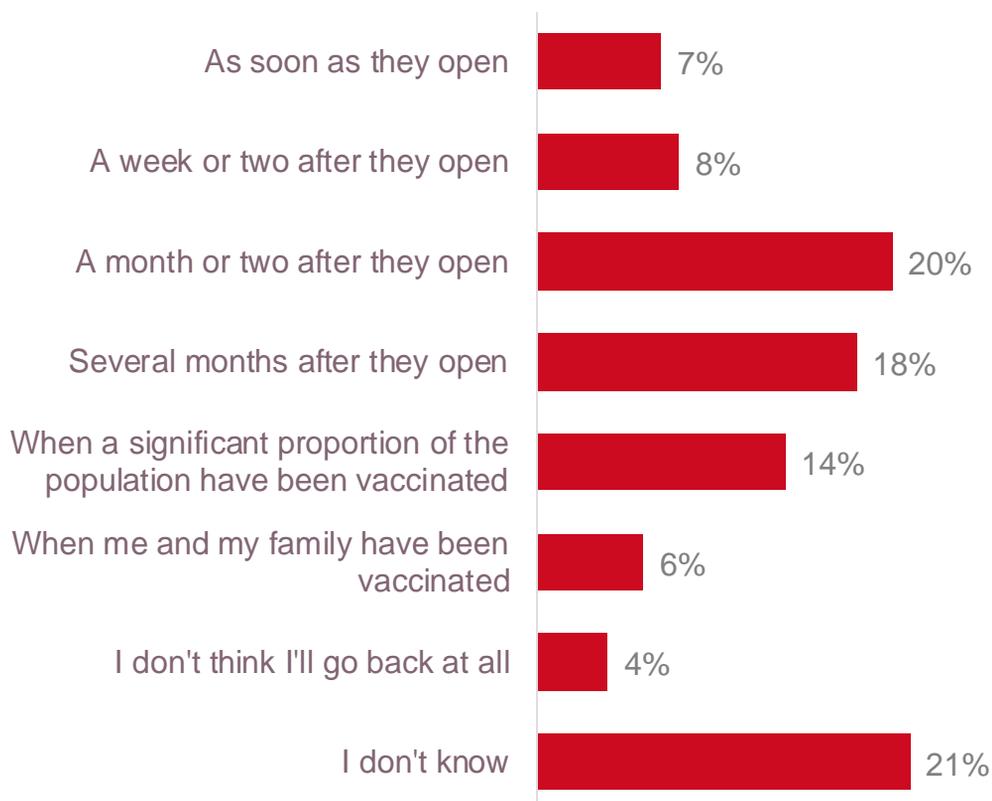
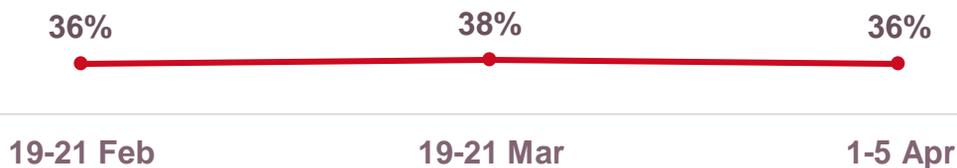


Fewer than one in ten expect to return to cinemas or theatres as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Cinemas or theatres

Base: Those who used cinemas or theatres previously
(W40 1,669)

% As soon as they open – Within a month or two

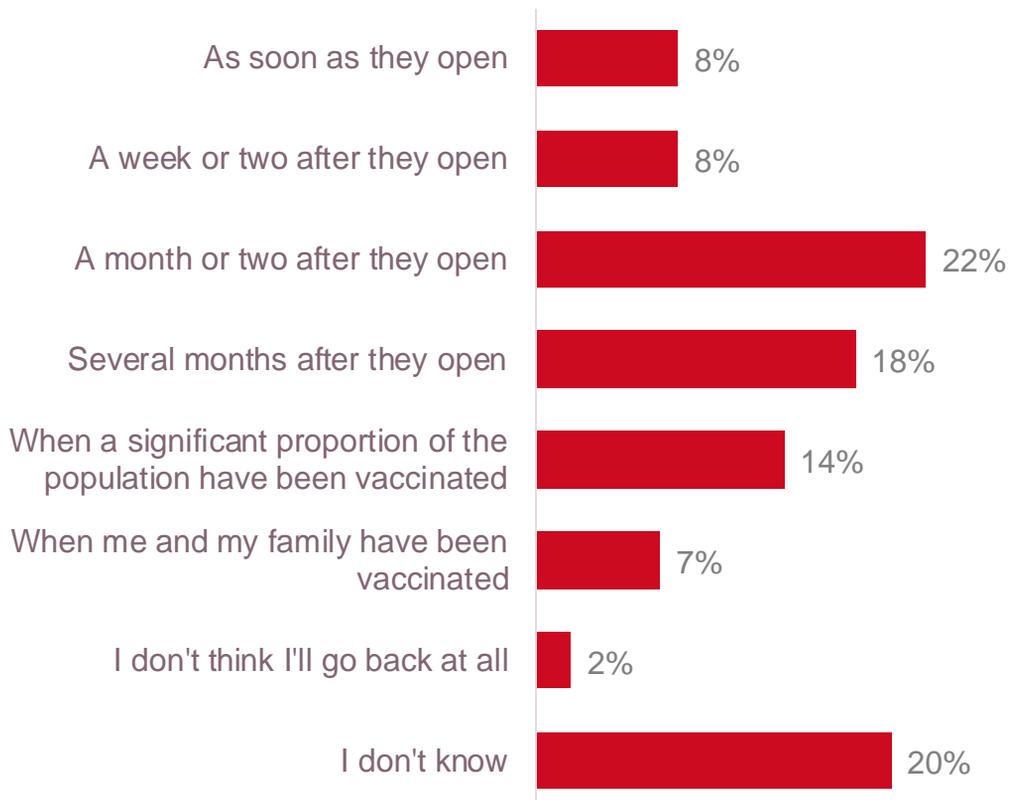
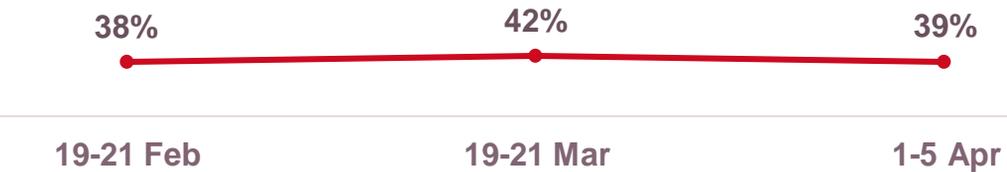


One in ten expect to return to indoor leisure attractions as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Indoor leisure attractions

Base: Those who used indoor leisure attractions previously
(W40 1,721)

% As soon as they open – Within a month or two

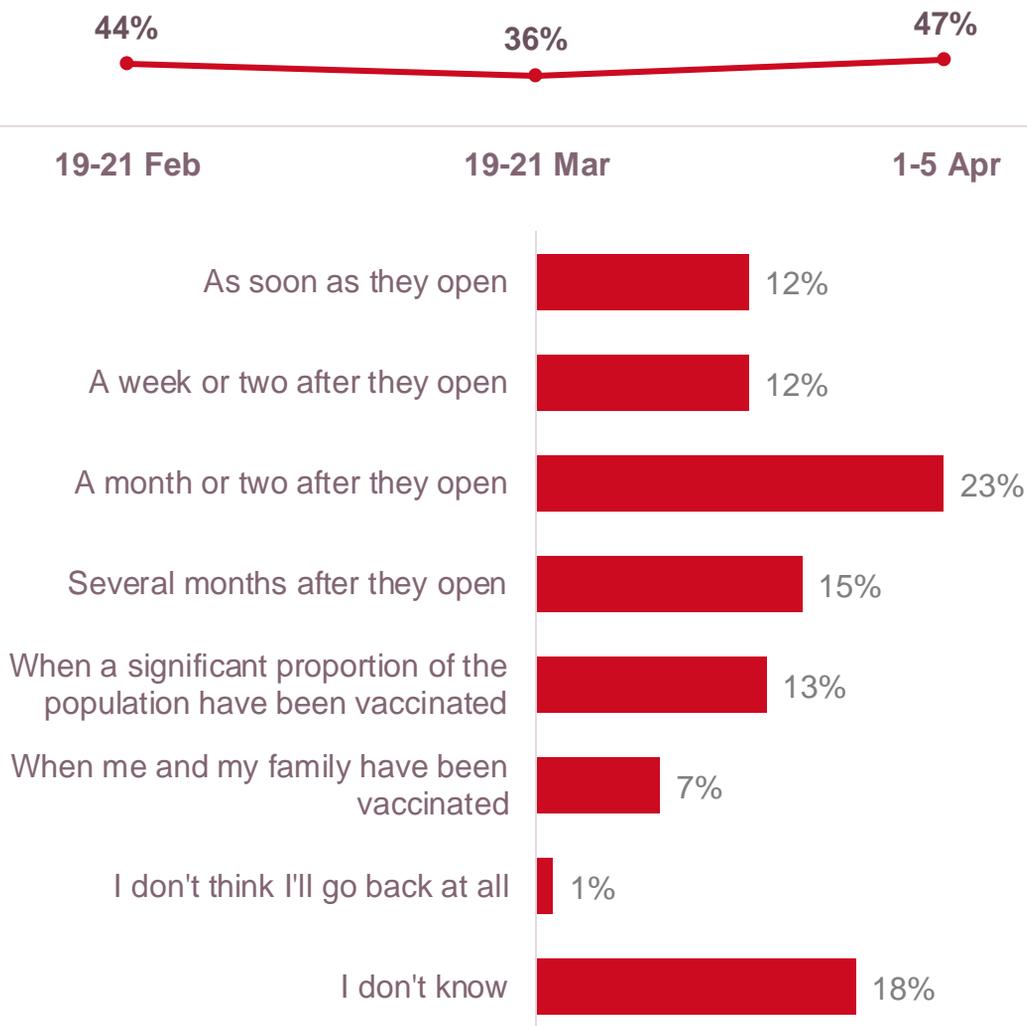


Almost half expect to return to outdoor leisure attractions relatively soon

How soon do you expect to return to the following places? Outdoor leisure attractions

Base: Those who used outdoor leisure attractions previously
(W40 1,750)

% As soon as they open – Within a month or two



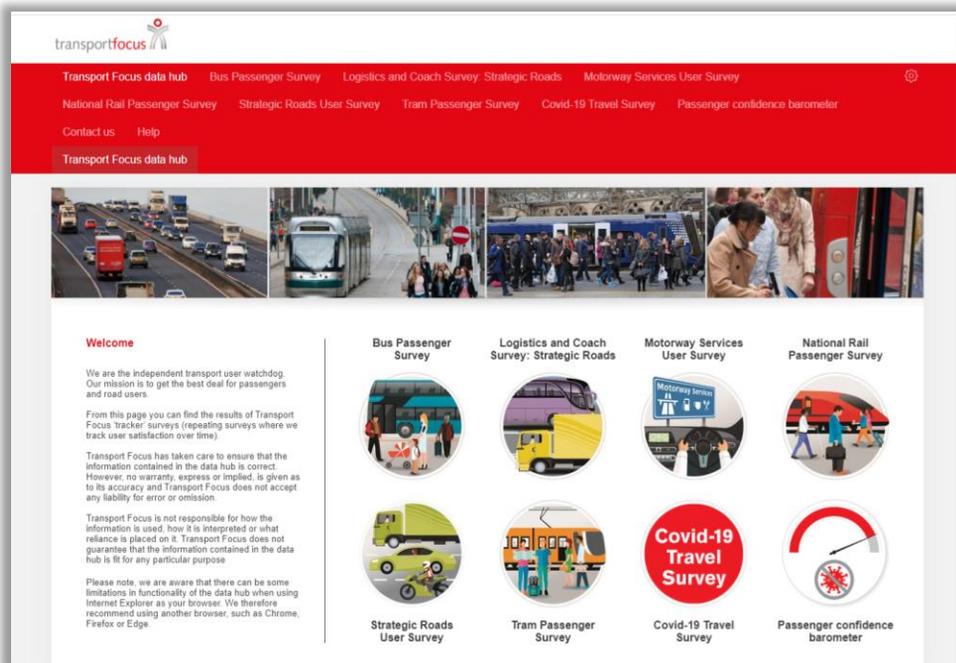
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The data is available for anyone to view at:

www.transportfocus.org.uk/data-hub

You can access the survey by clicking on 'Covid-19 Travel Survey'



Please note:

Data from new waves of the survey is uploaded and made available on each Friday morning. The survey may be unavailable on the hub on Thursday afternoon while the upload of new data takes place.

Survey method and sample breakdown – week 40

- c.2000 online interviews per wave. Using Yonder Consulting omnibus.
- Nationally representative of Great British population – not all respondents are passengers on public transport.
- Those who have provided a response are excluded from the subsequent wave of research.
- Fieldwork repeated every weekend. Wave 40 fieldwork: 1-5 April
- The analysis of attitudinal questions excludes responses from those who don't have an opinion or who say that the question is not applicable to them.

Sample size by age groups and gender

	TOTAL	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Male	Female
Wave 40	2016	225	338	328	354	310	461	985	1031

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 40	171	78	233	167	179	155	94	190	293	282	174