



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 44

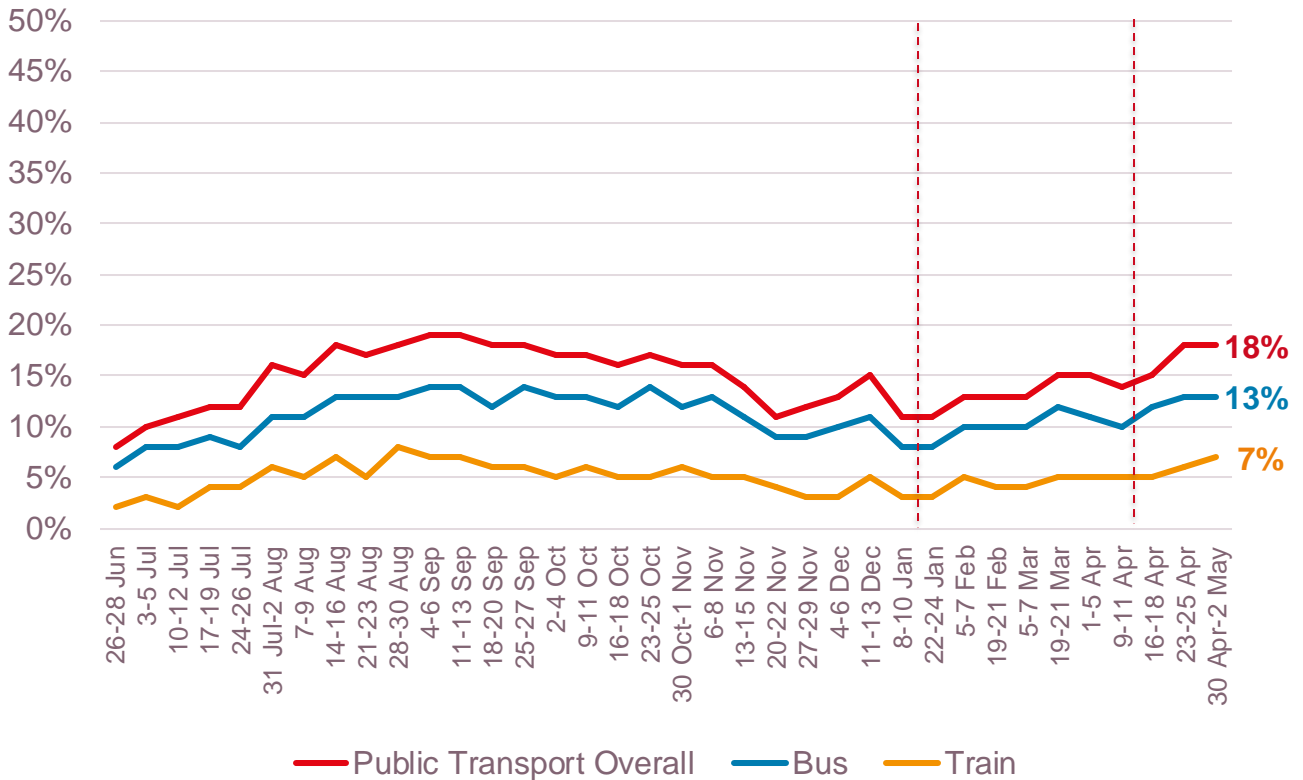
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 44

The proportion of people using public transport is increasing slowly

Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

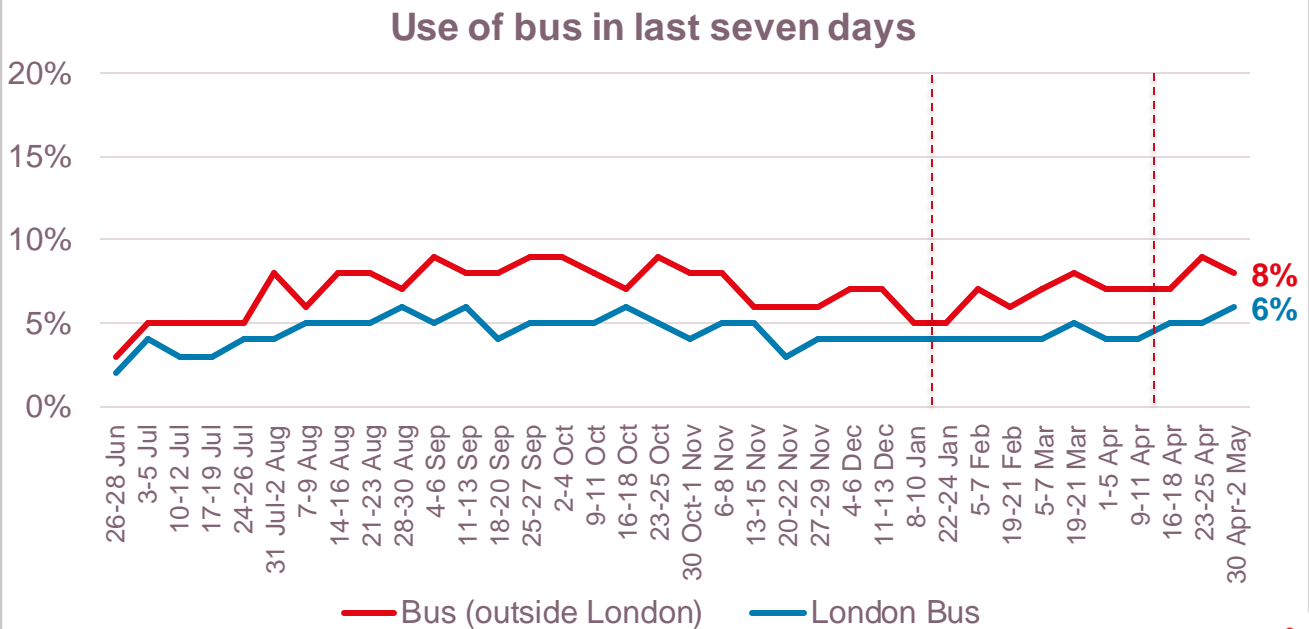
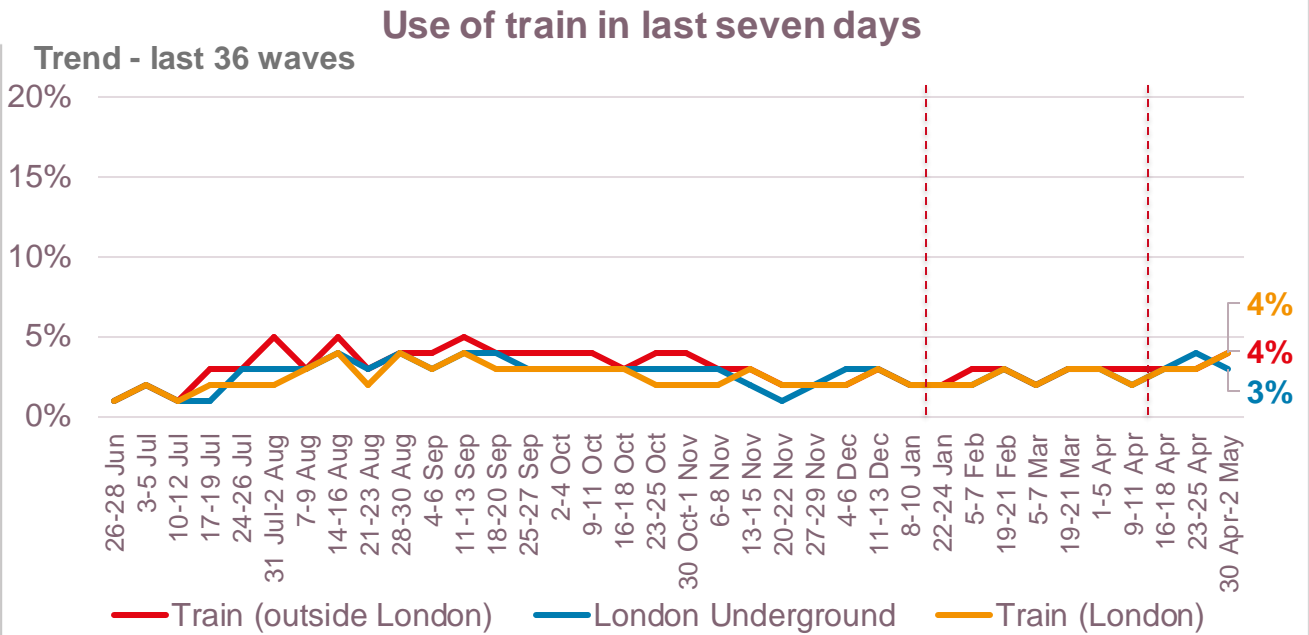
Trend - last 36 waves



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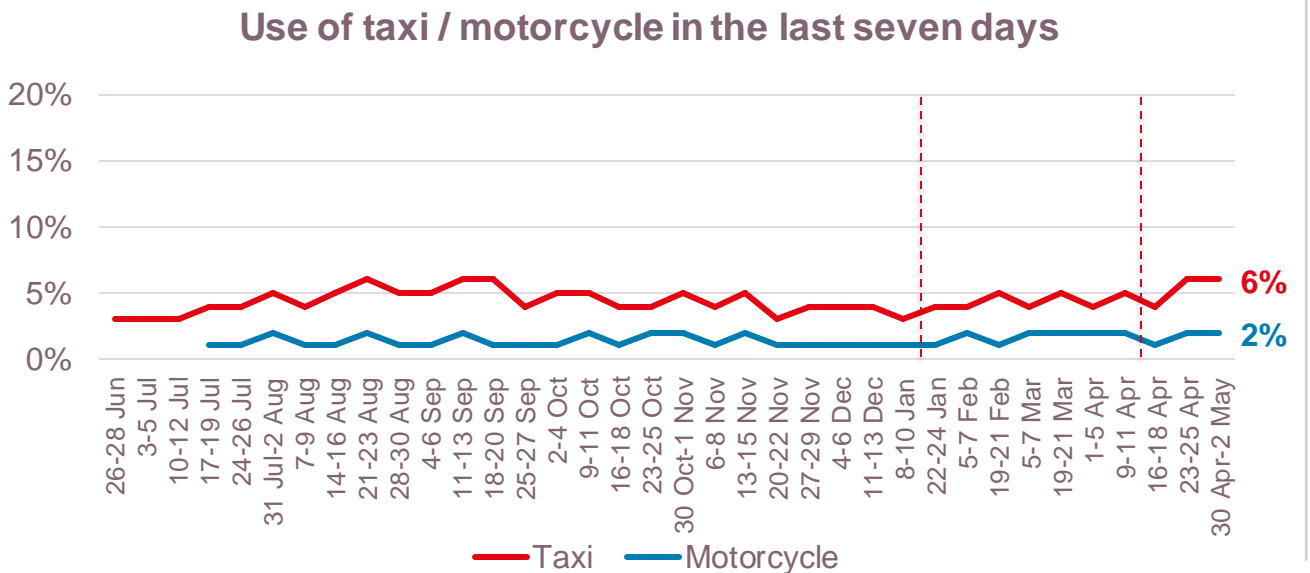
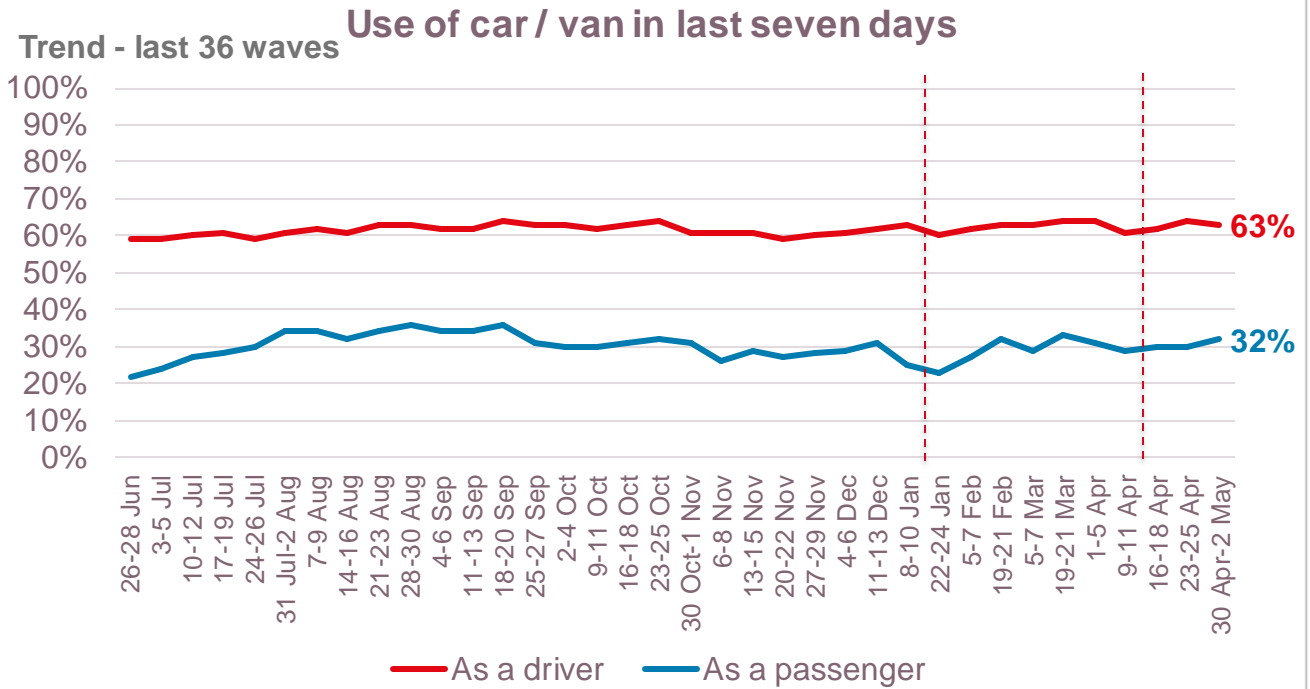
There has been a small increase in the proportions who have used trains and buses



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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 44

Road use has increased slightly



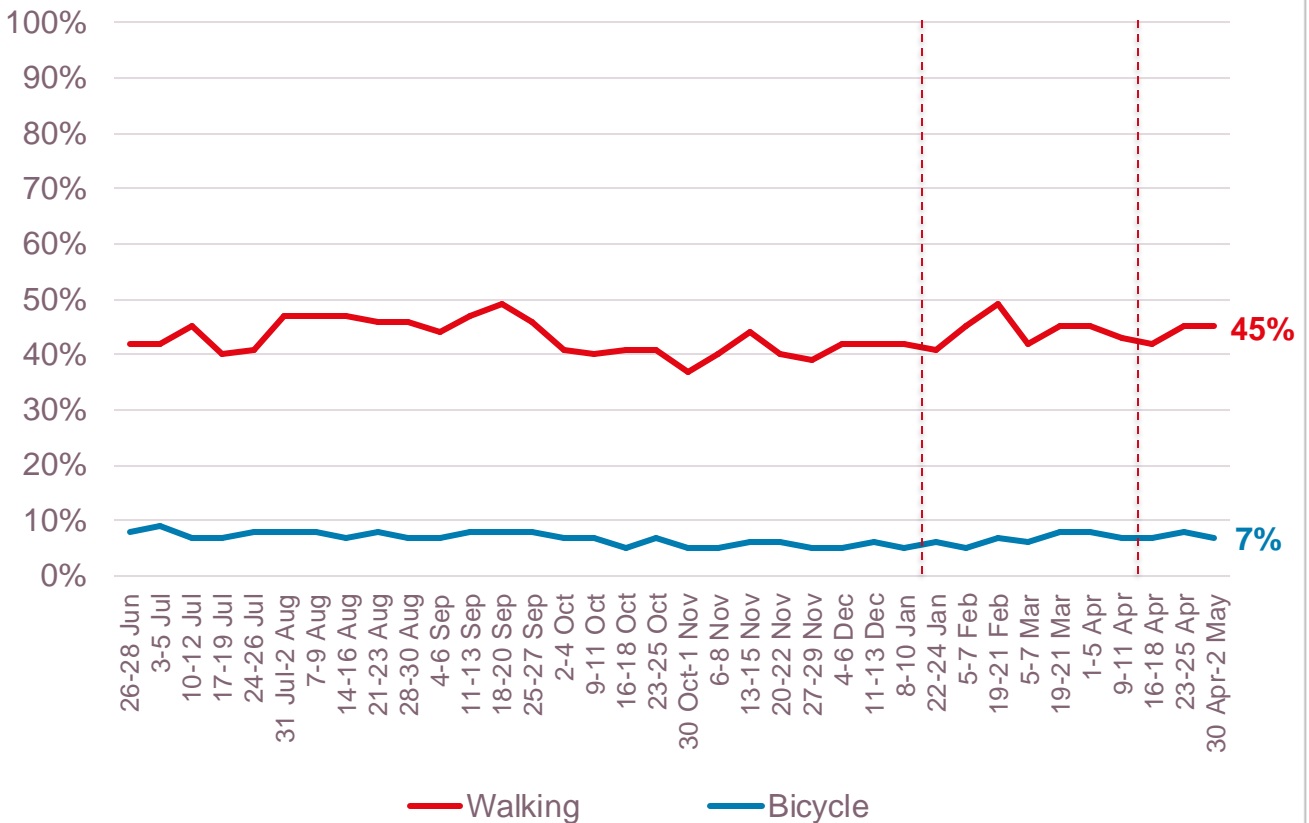
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 44

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

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

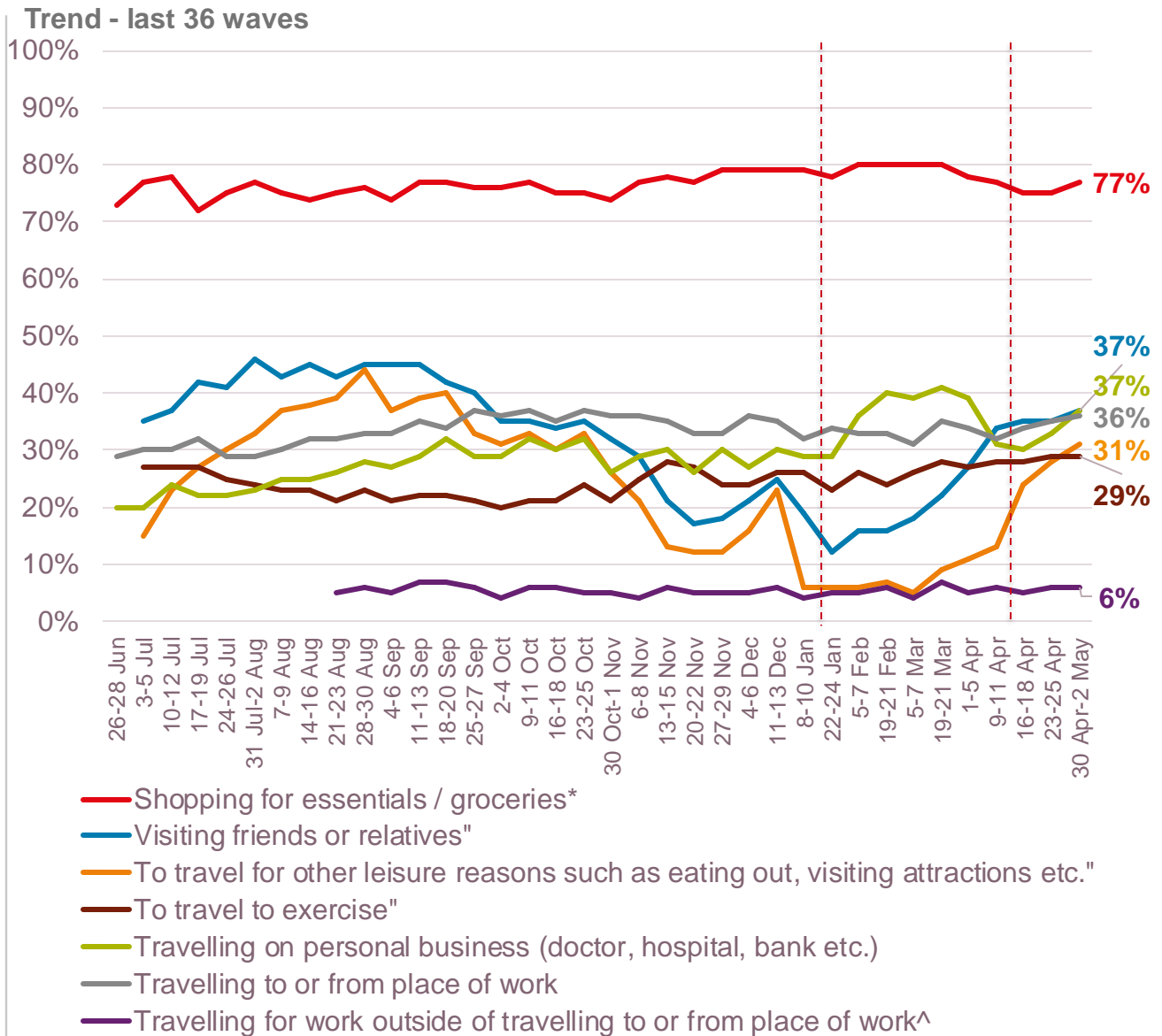


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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 44

Increasing proportions are making journeys for various reasons; particularly for leisure reasons such as eating out

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days

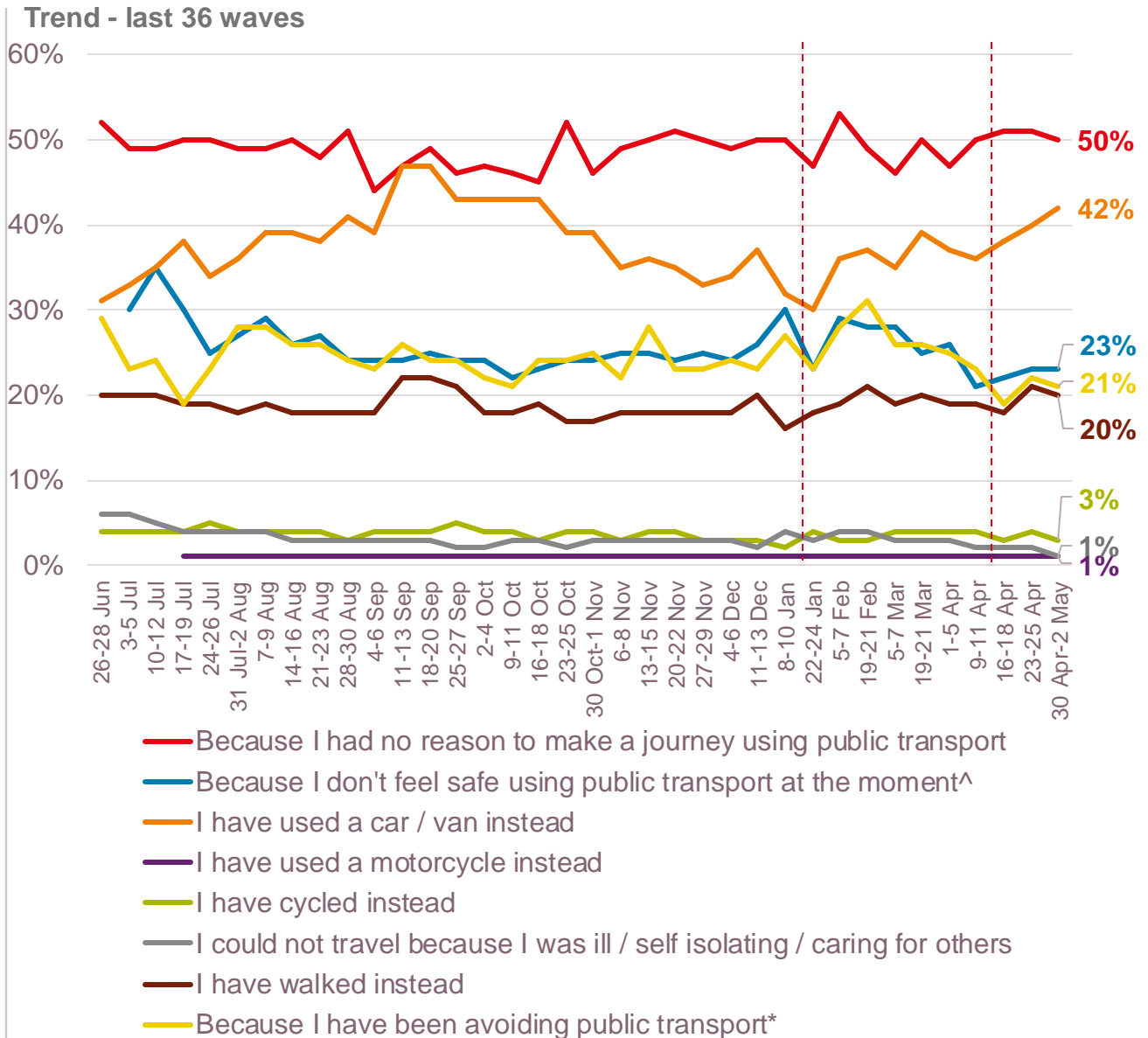


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 " data shown from week 10 (3-5 July) only as significant text changes made from this week onwards
 ^ New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)

Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 44

Increasing proportions have used a car or van to make journeys rather than using public transport

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days



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 * Wording amended at week 10 (3-5 July) and at week 13 (24-26 July)
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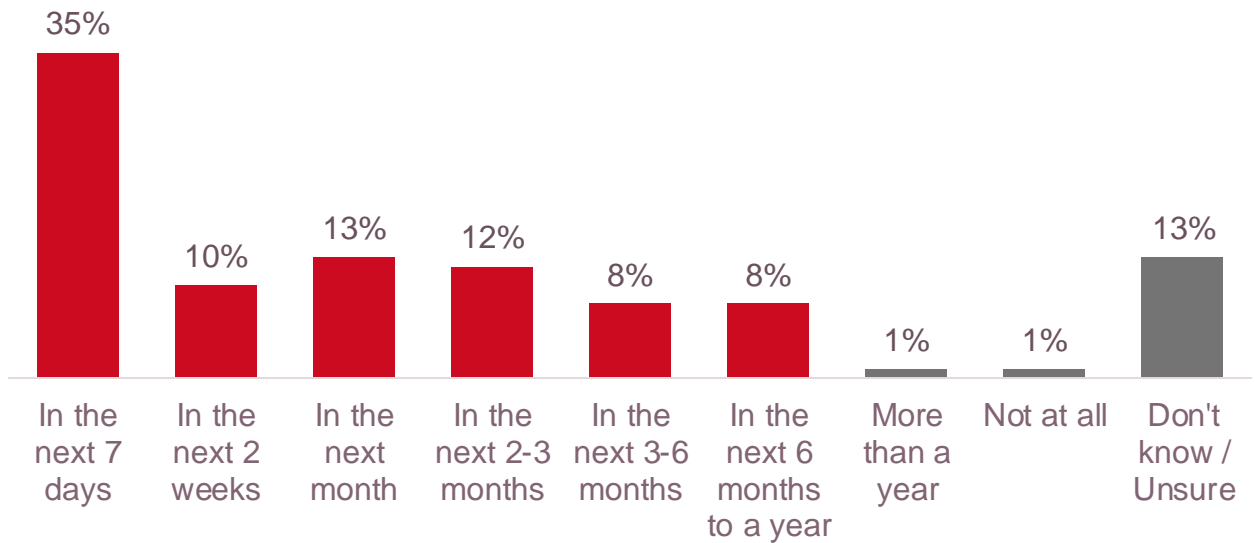


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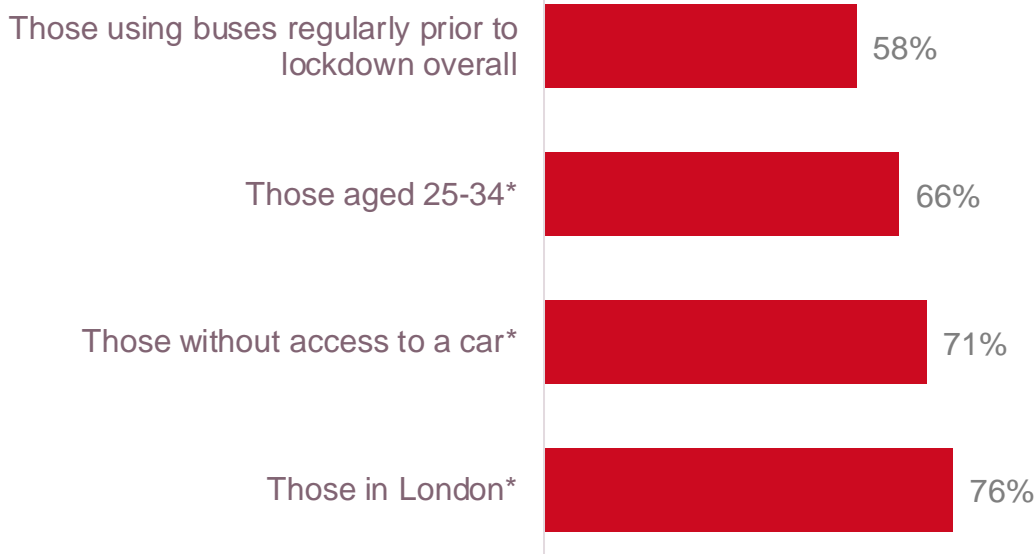
Three in five of those who previously used buses regularly will do so in the next month

Anticipated future use of bus

All using bus a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 713



% In the next month or sooner



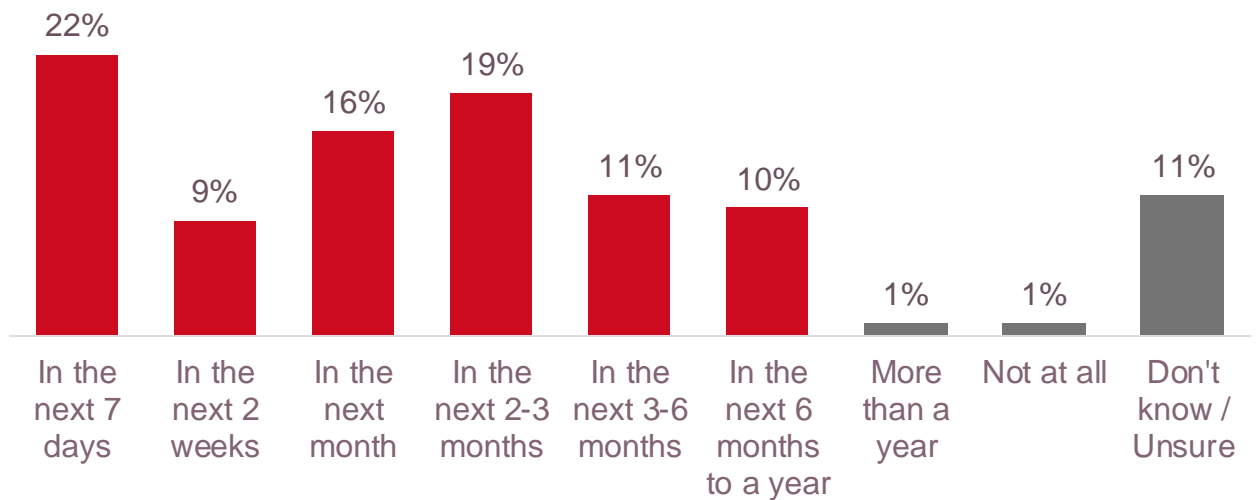
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 44

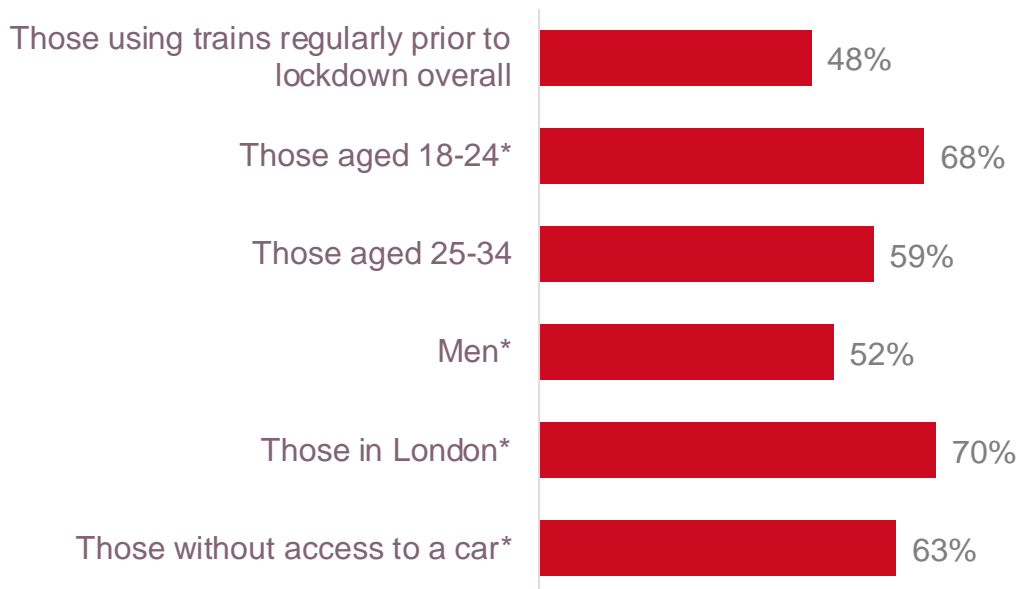
Half of those who previously used trains regularly will do so in the next month

Anticipated future use of train

All using trains at least a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 501



% In the next month or sooner



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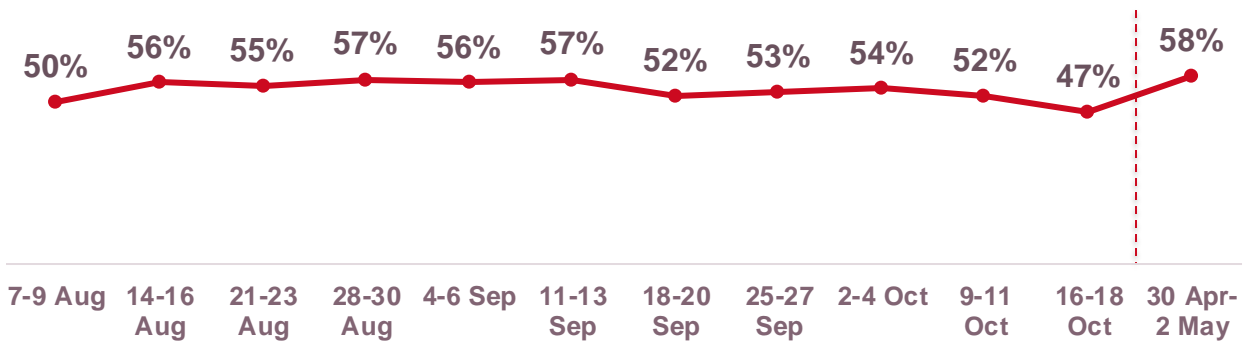
Travel during Covid-19: omnibus week 44

The proportion of those who regularly used buses or trains before lockdown, who say that they will use a bus or train in the next month has risen to levels previously seen last summer

Anticipated future use of bus*; lead-in time

All using bus a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 715

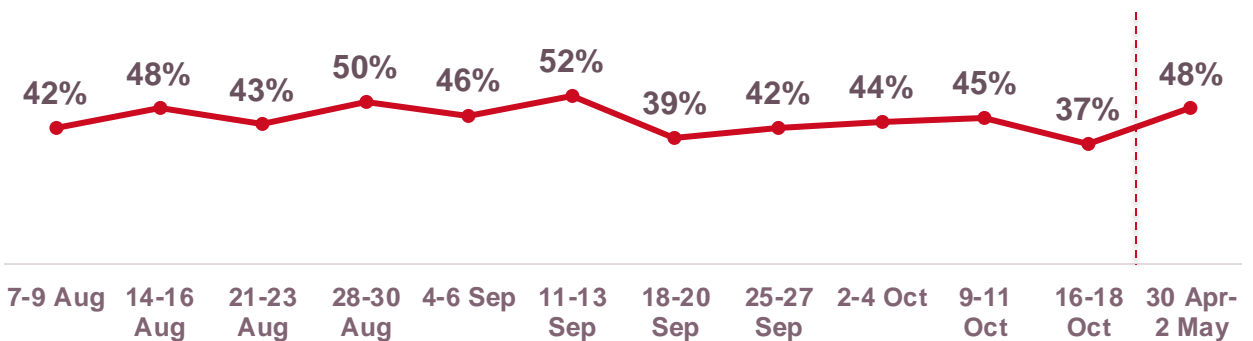
% in the next month or sooner



Anticipated future use of train*; lead-in time

All using trains at least a few times in a typical month prior to lockdown – 461

% in the next month or sooner



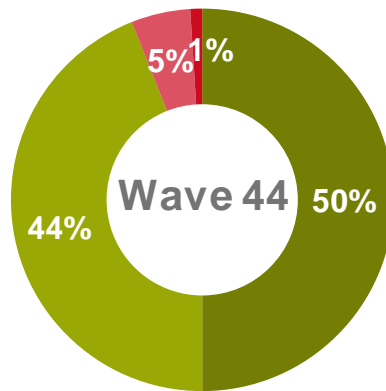
*Previously asked between waves 15 and 25

----- Represents break in fieldwork

Nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

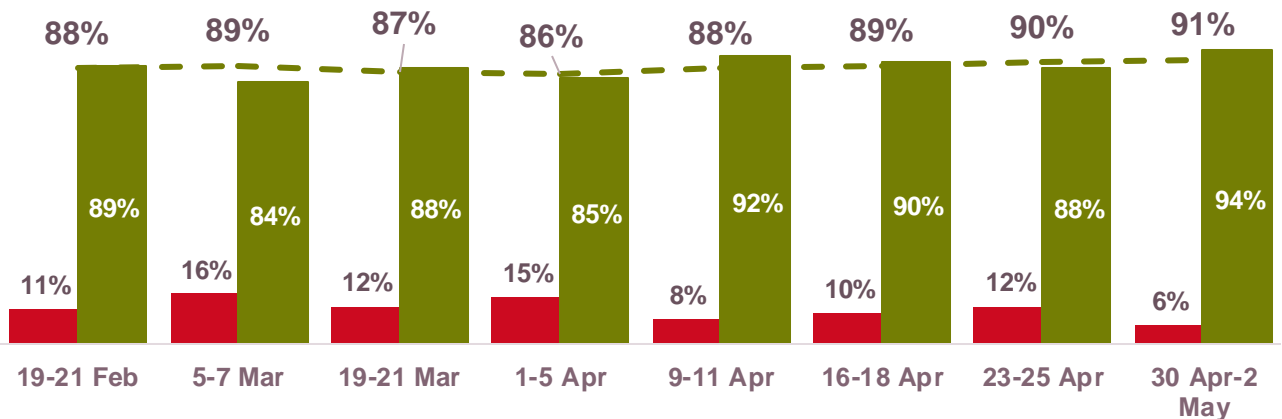
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?

Base: All making journeys by train, W44 – 139



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

Trend - last eight waves



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

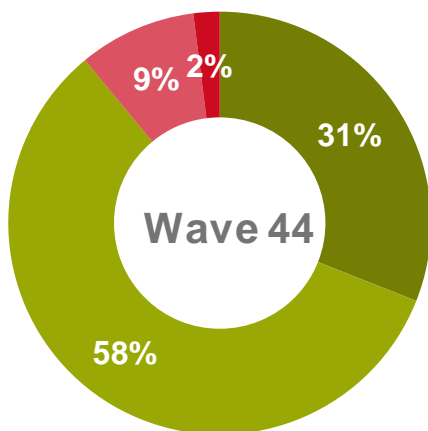
■ Very / Fairly safe

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

Almost nine in ten of those making bus journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

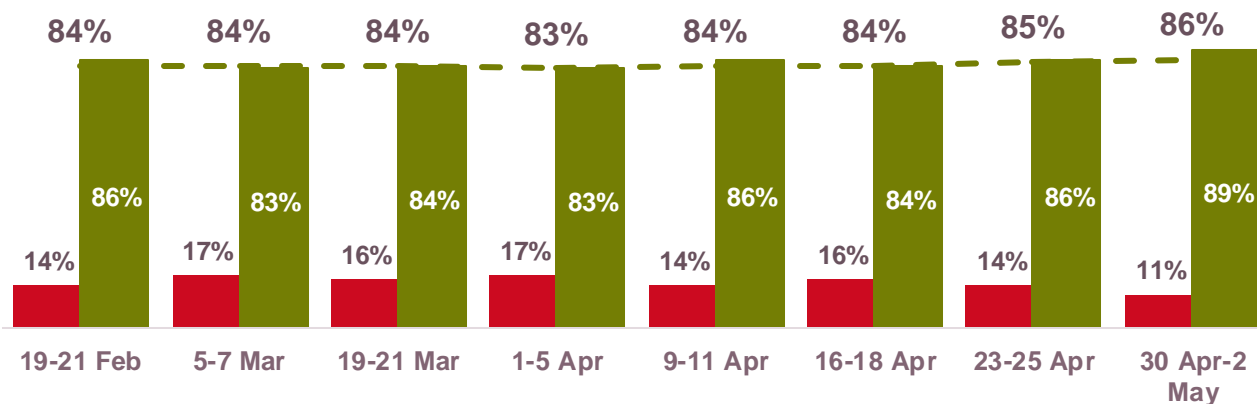
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?

Base: All making journeys by bus, W44 – 260



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Trend - last eight waves



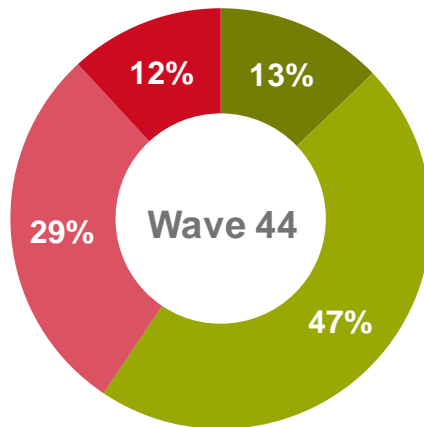
■ % Not very / Not at all safe

■ Very / Fairly safe

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

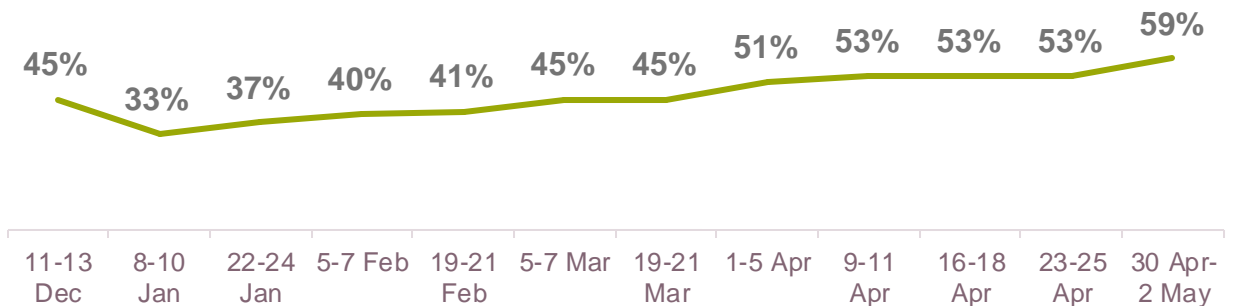
Three in five of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

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, W44 – 1,877



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

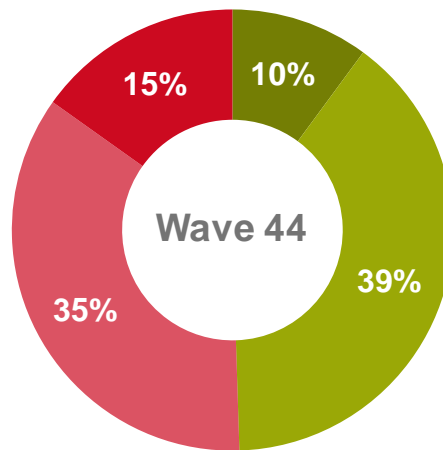
Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



Half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

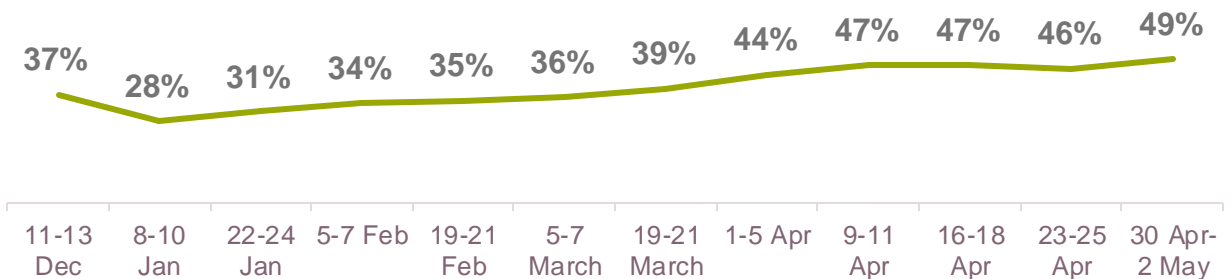
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by bus?

Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by bus, W44 – 1,756



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 ■ Fairly safe
 ■ Not very safe
 ■ Not at all safe

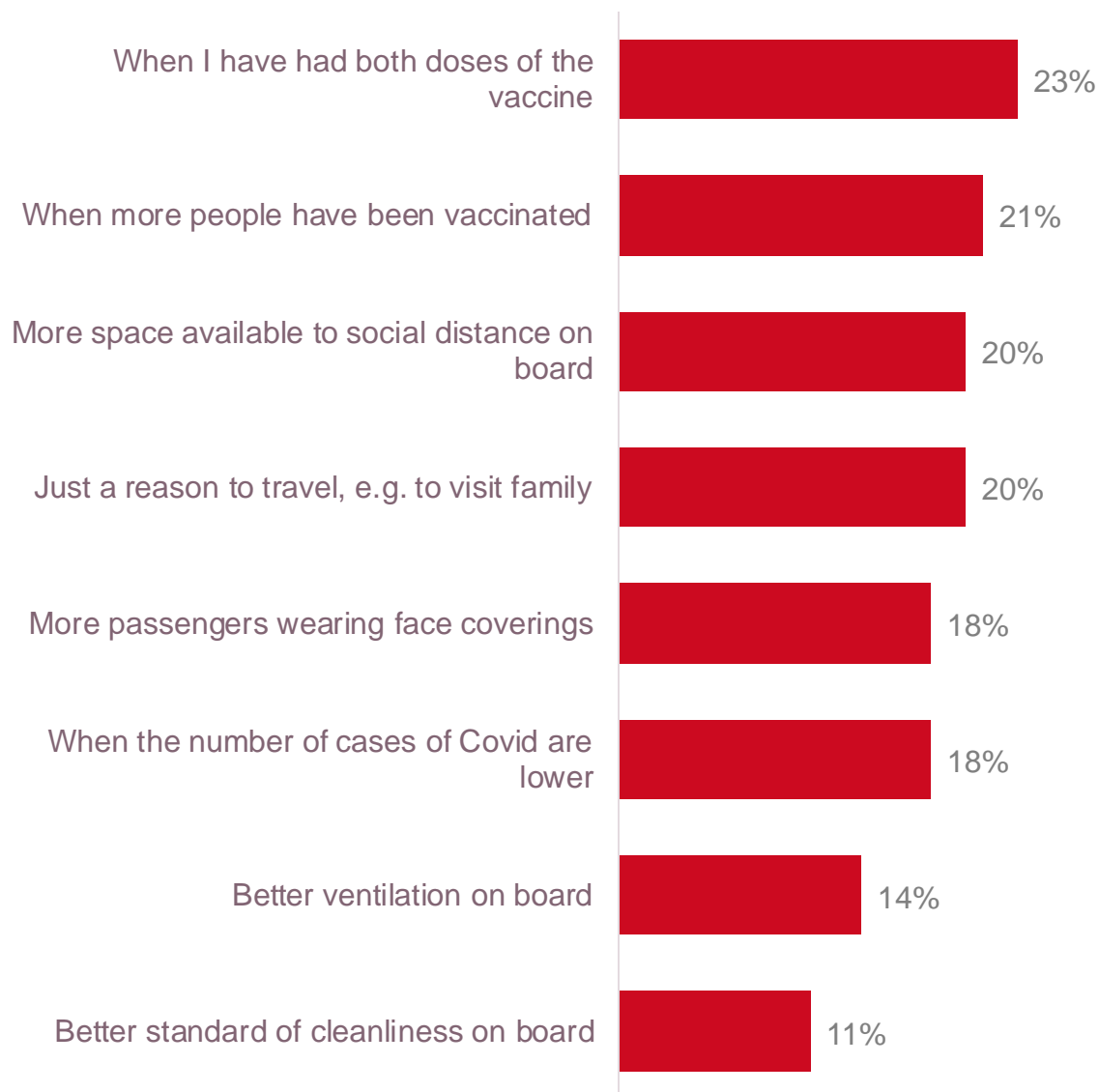
Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



When provided with a list of factors, people say having both doses of the vaccine is most likely to prompt them to use a train

Which of the following would be most likely to encourage you to make a journey by train – top 8

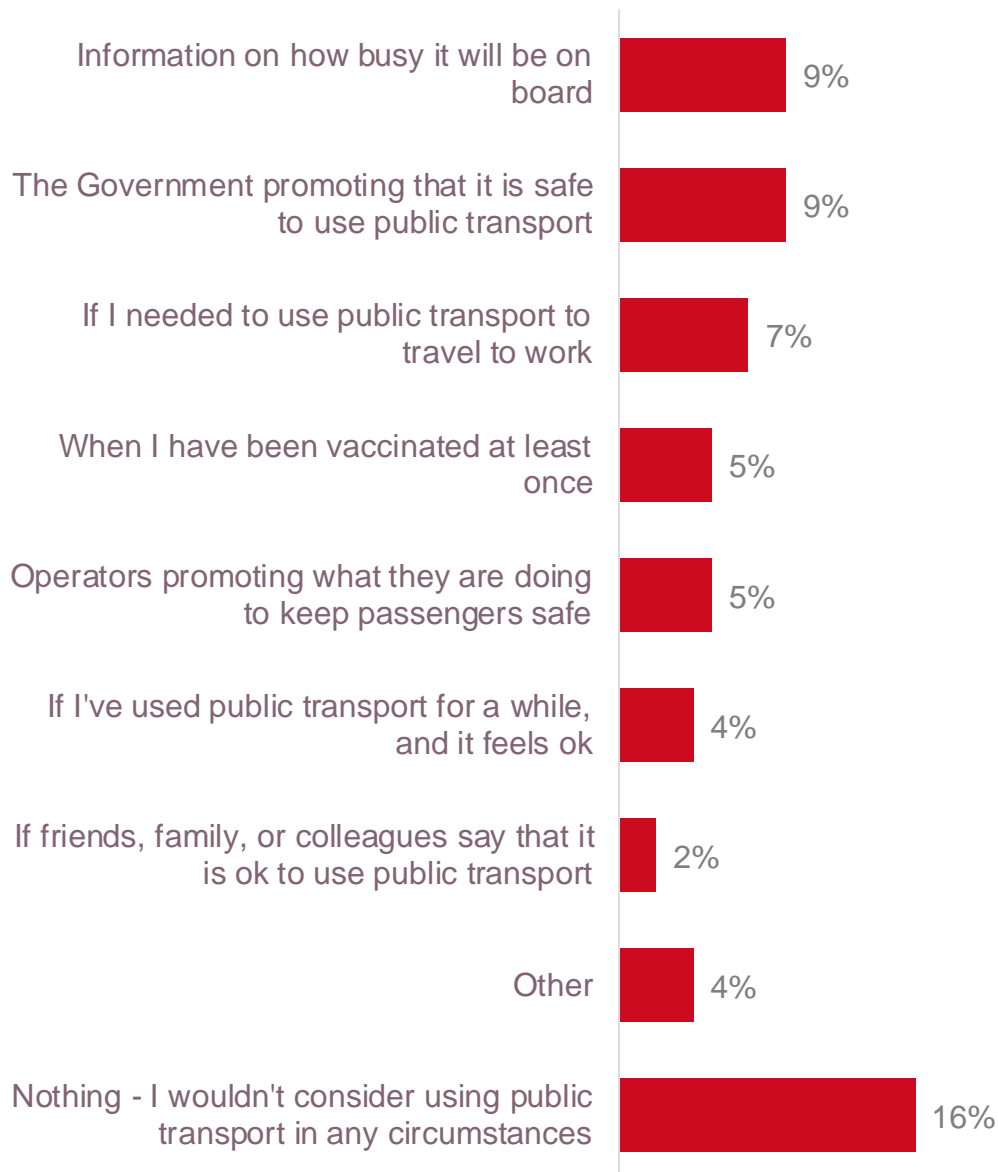
Base: Those who have not used a train in the last 7 days - 1,877



Less than one in five say that nothing would encourage them to make a journey by train

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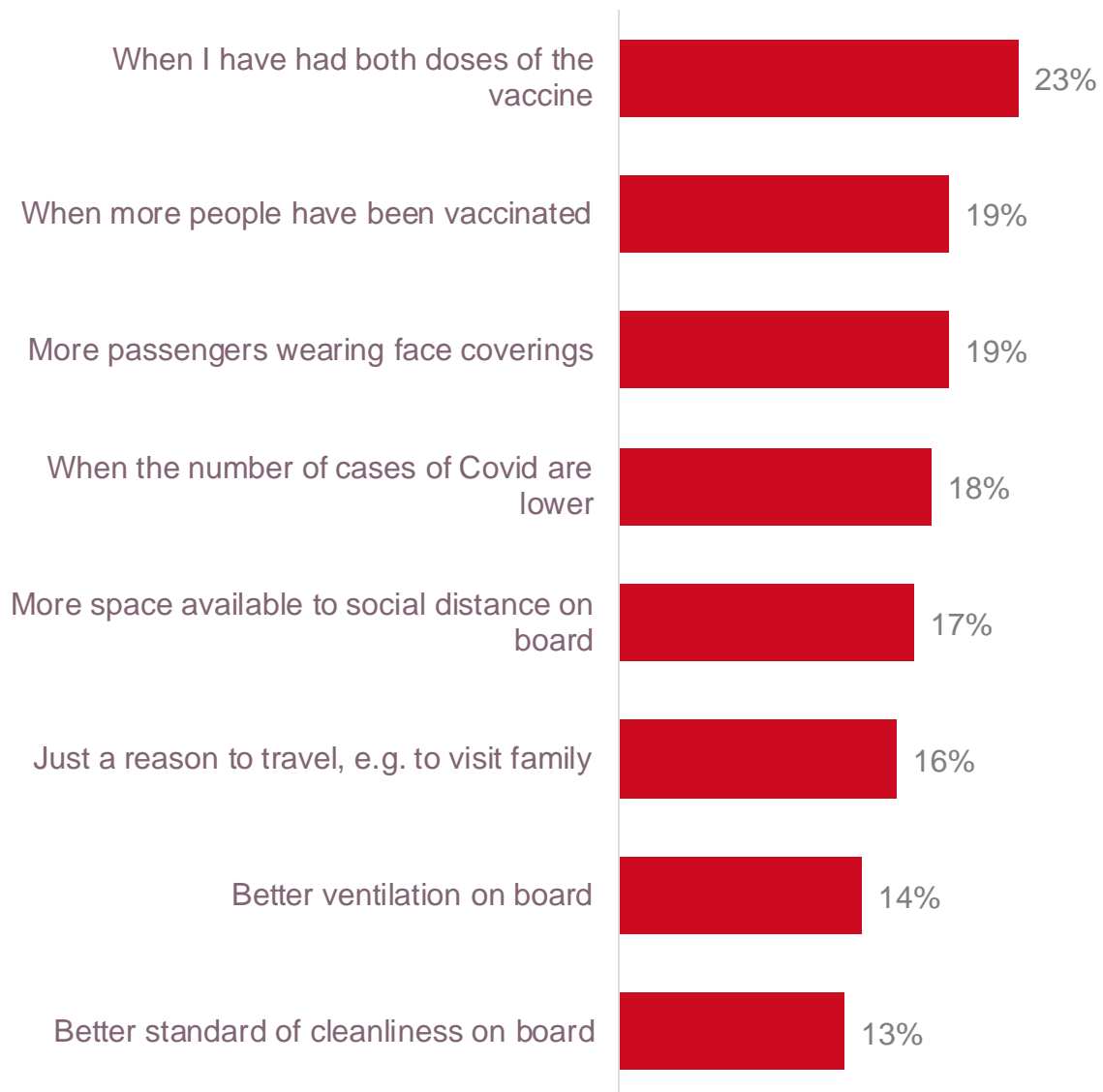
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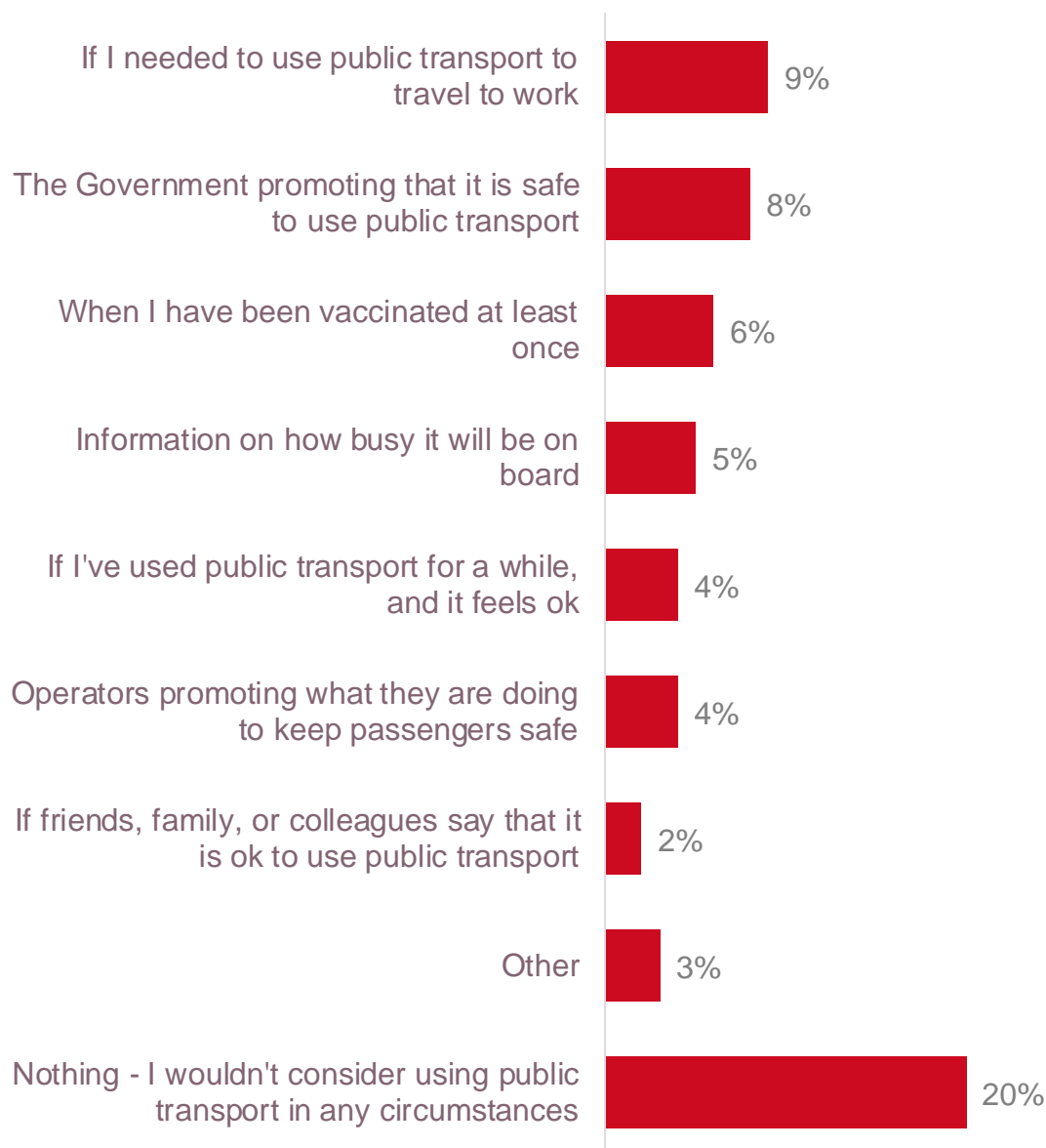
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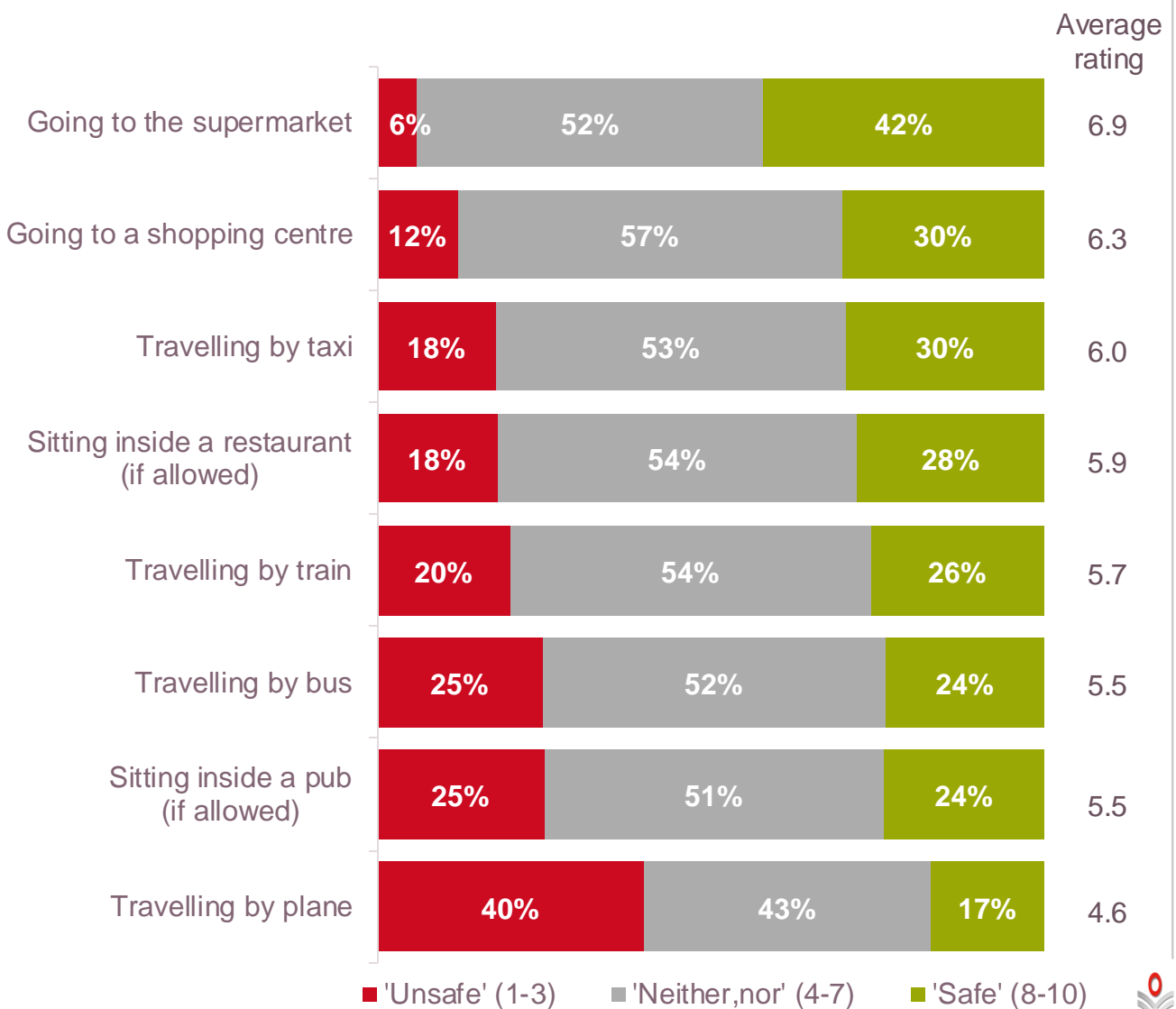
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Around a quarter consider travelling on a bus or train to be safe. Similar proportions say the same regarding being inside a pub or restaurant.

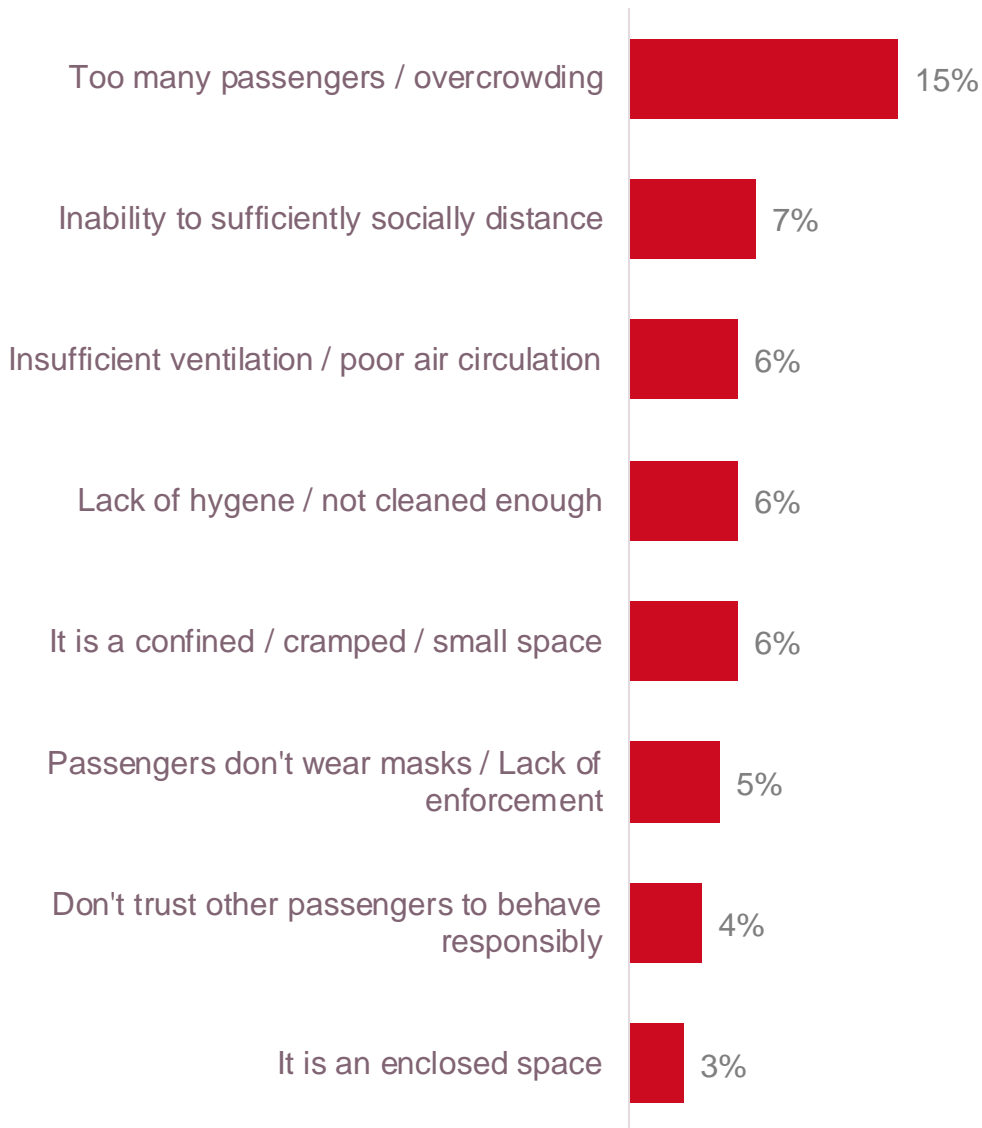
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very unsafe and 10 is very safe, how safe do you consider the following activities?

Base: W44 2,016



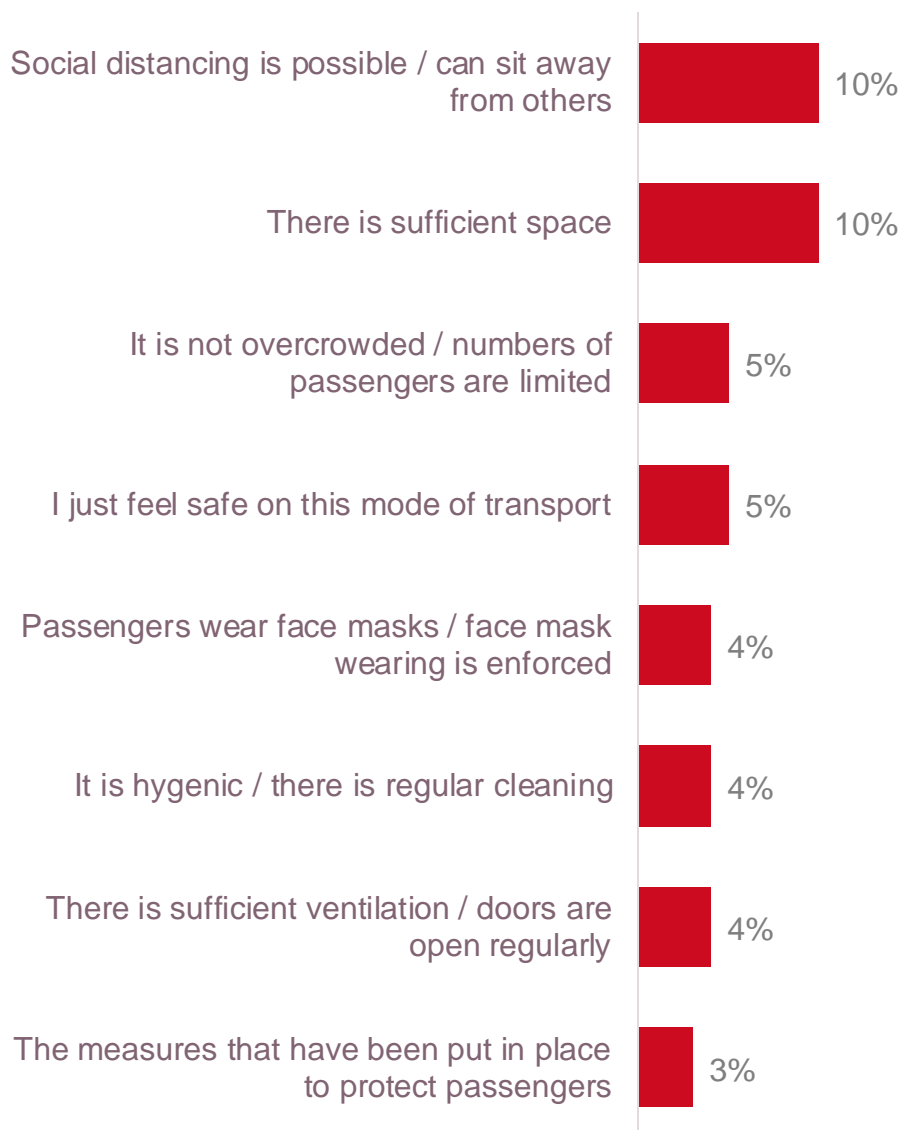
When asked why they feel that trains are less safe than other places people are most likely to mention aspects related to social distancing

If you consider trains to be more or less safe than undertaking other activities, why do you feel this way?
– top 8 coded responses



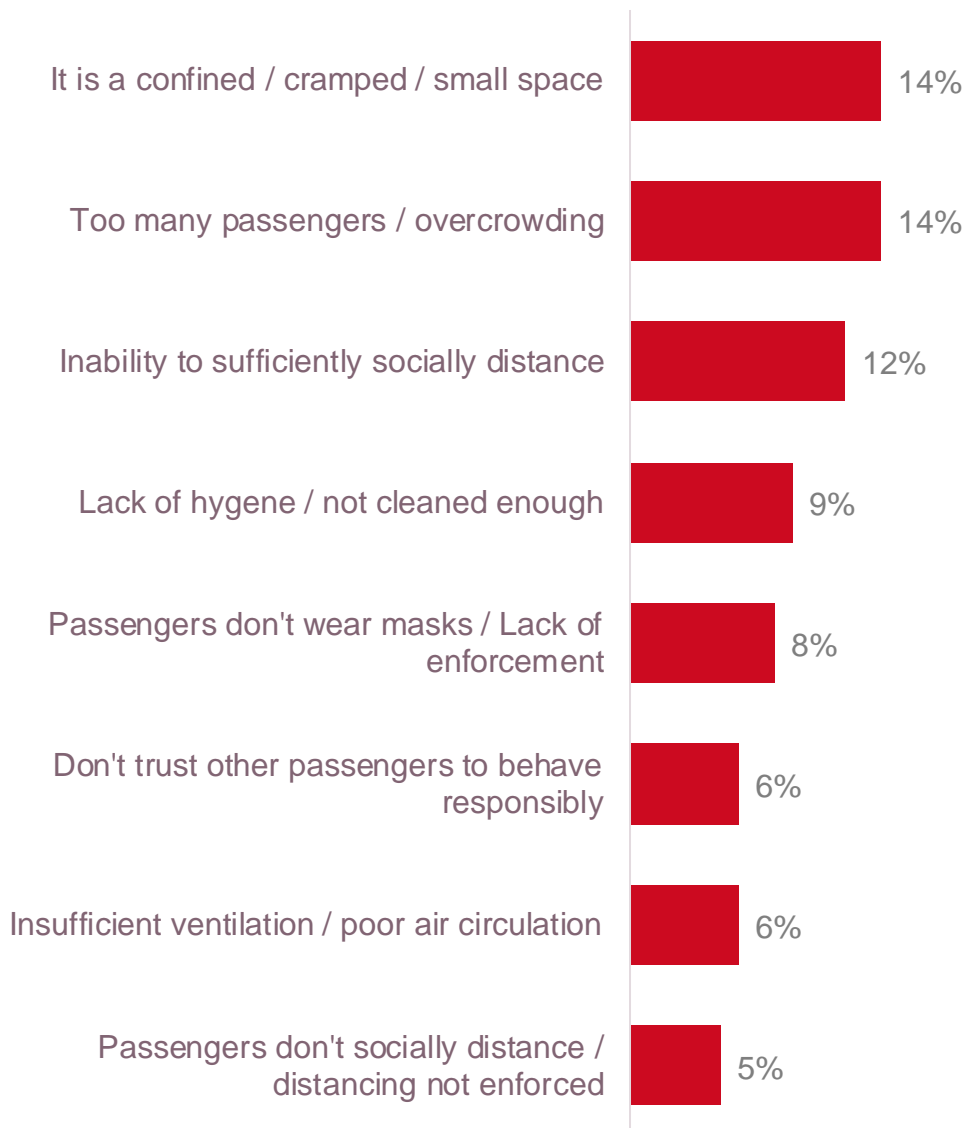
Those who think that trains are more safe than other places are most likely to say that they do so because they can socially distance on this mode of transport

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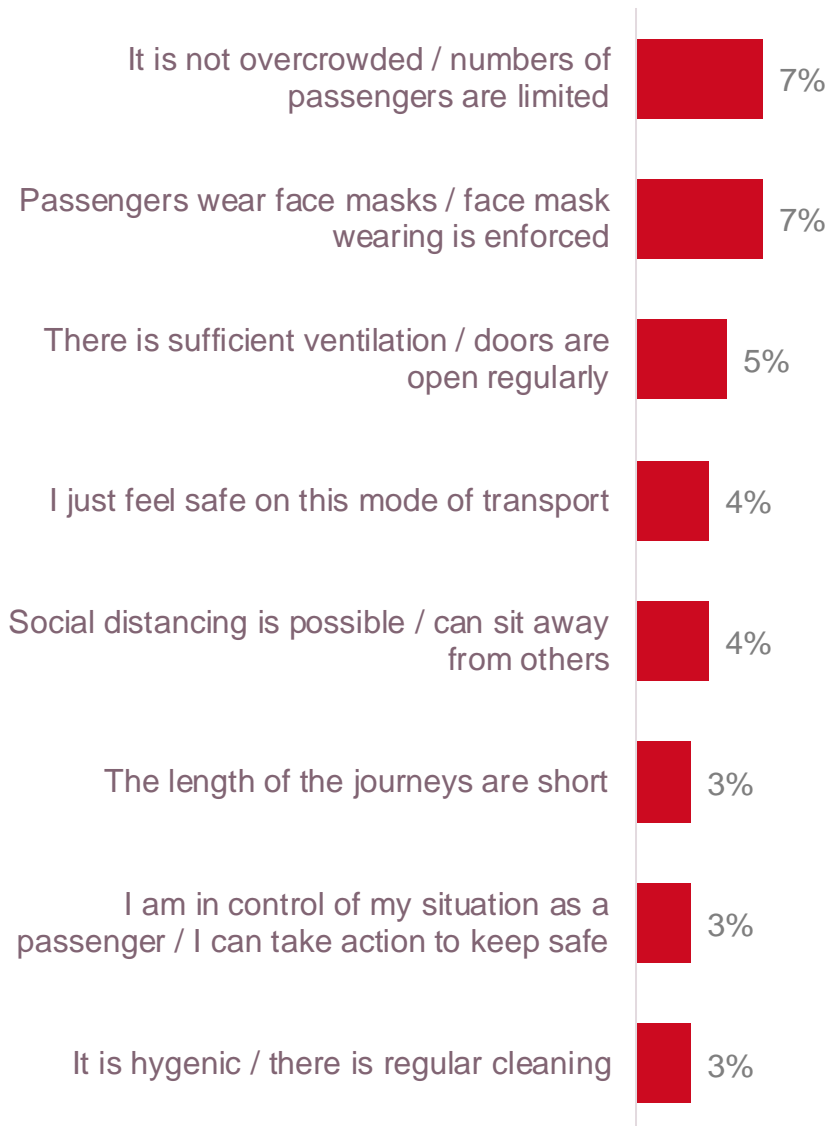
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Those who think that buses are more safe than other places are most likely to say that they do so because buses are not over-crowded and face-mask wearing is enforced

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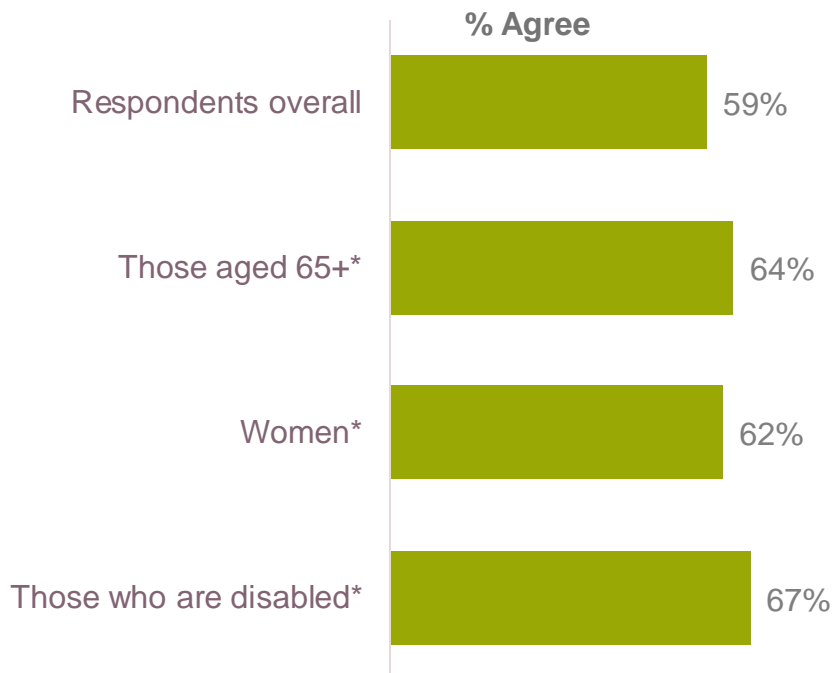
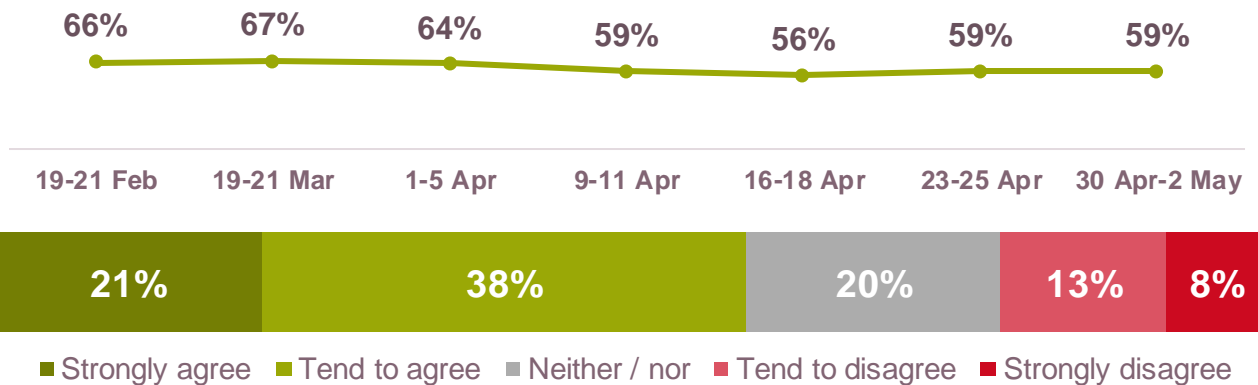


For more than half Coronavirus is a major concern. Those who are older and more vulnerable are more likely than others to agree.

Coronavirus is a major concern for me

Base: W44 1,990

% Agree



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

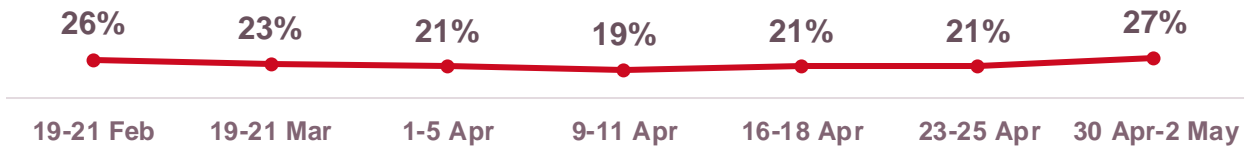
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Two in five think that enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport. More than a quarter disagree.

Enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

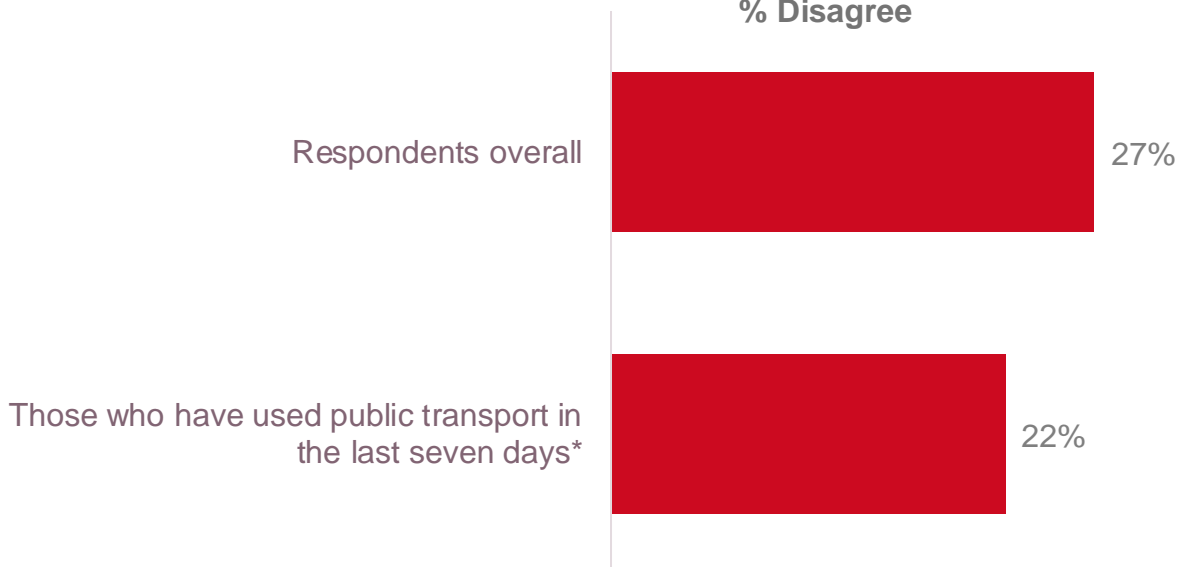
Base: W44 1,674

% Disagree



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

% Disagree



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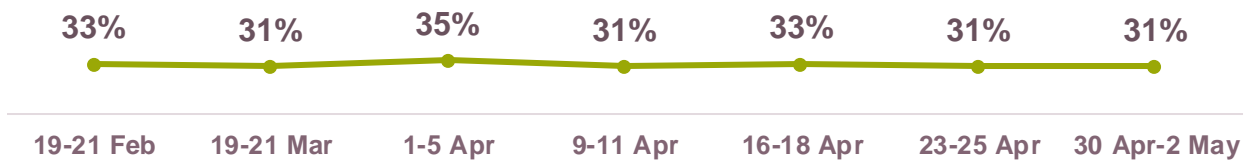
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Three in ten say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

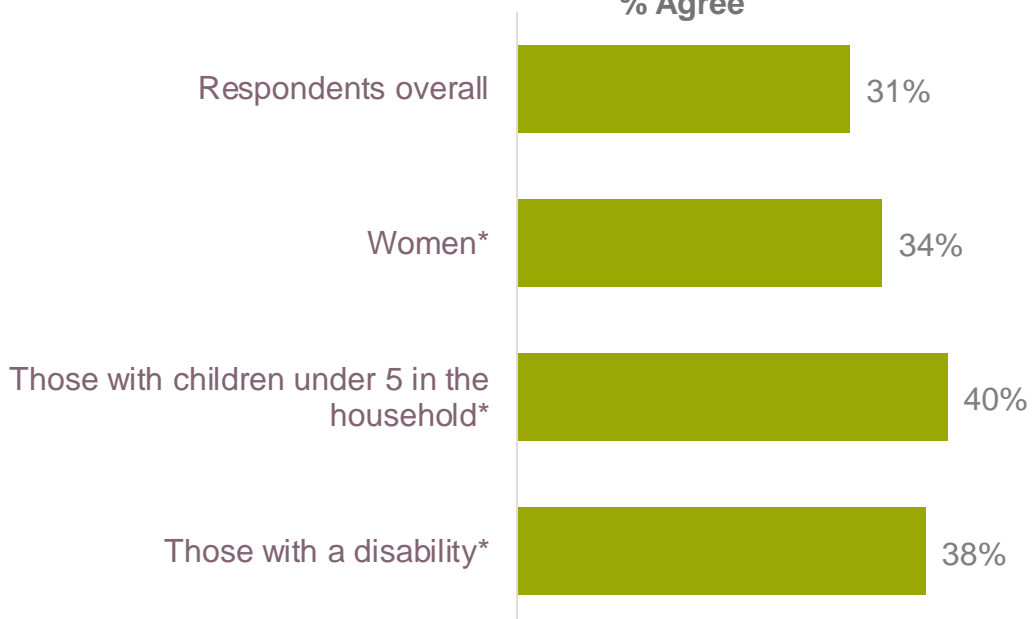
Base: W44 1,876

% Agree



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% Agree



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More than three quarters have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W44 1,995

% Agree

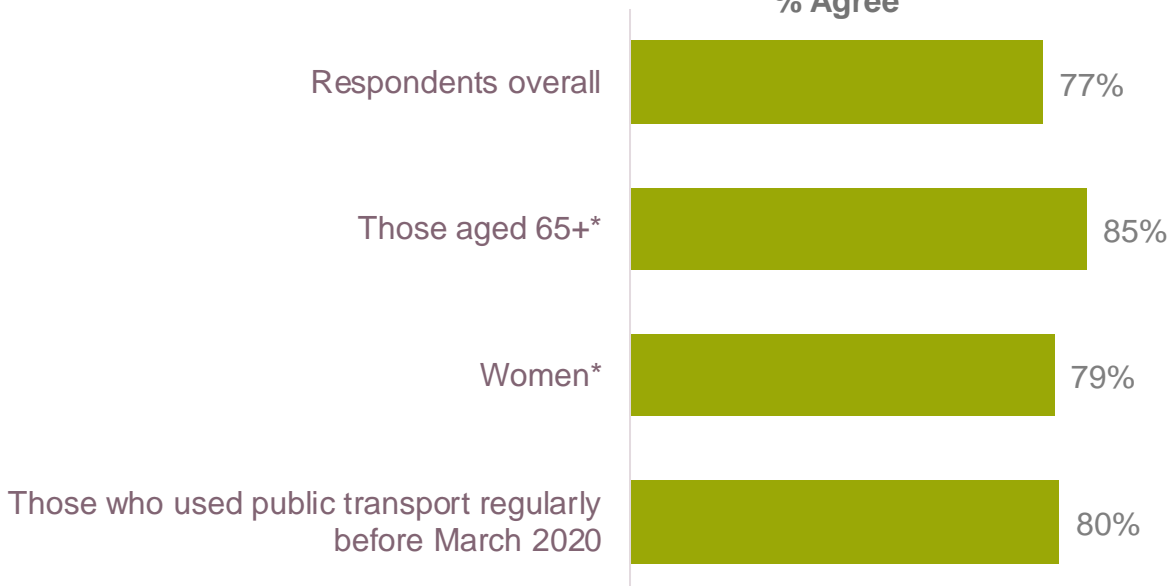


19-21 Feb 19-21 Mar 1-5 Apr 9-11 Apr 16-18 Apr 23-25 Apr 30 Apr-2 May



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

% Agree



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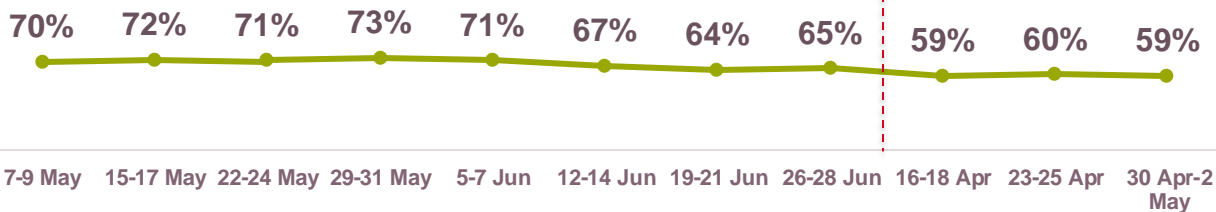
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Three in five say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

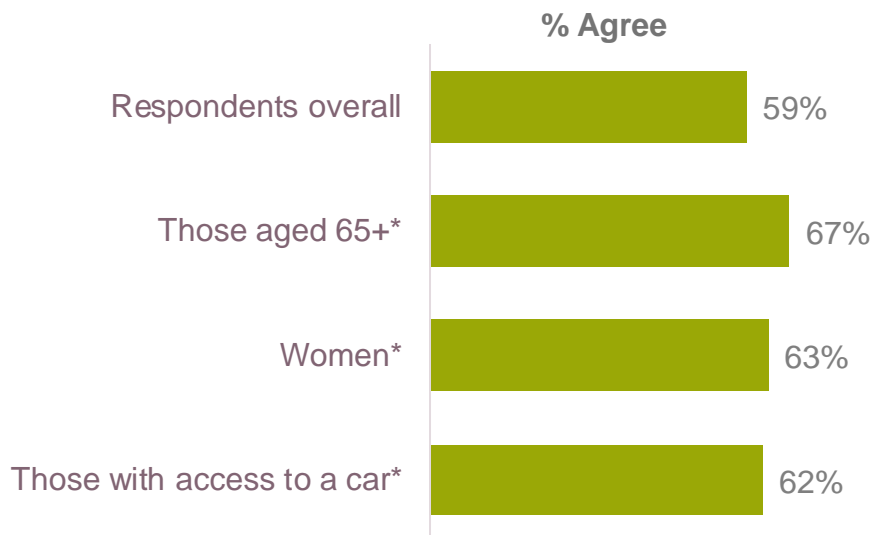
I won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place[^]

Base: W44 1,833

% Agree



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



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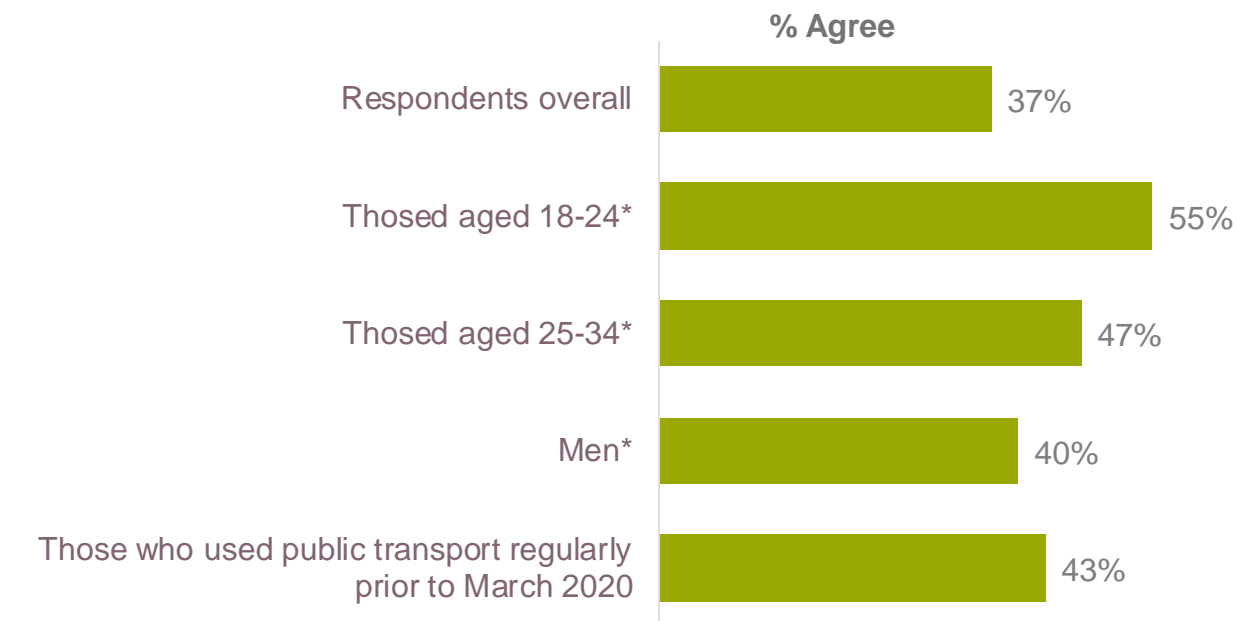
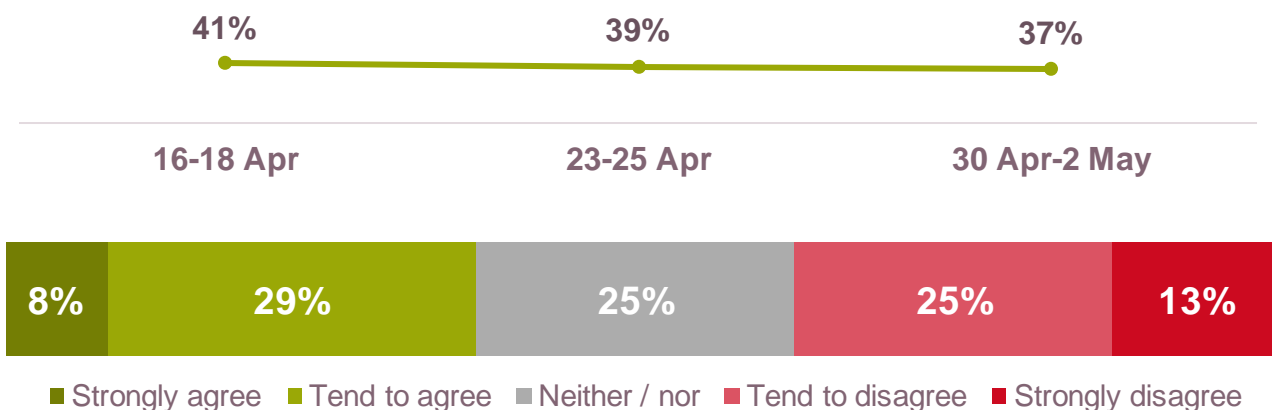
[^] Statement previously asked between waves 1 and 9 (1st May – 28 Jun 2020)

----- Represents the break in fieldwork

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Less than two in five say that as long as passengers are wearing face coverings, relaxing the social distancing on public transport makes sense to them

As long as passengers are wearing face coverings, relaxing the social distancing on public transport makes sense to me
 Base: W44 1,904



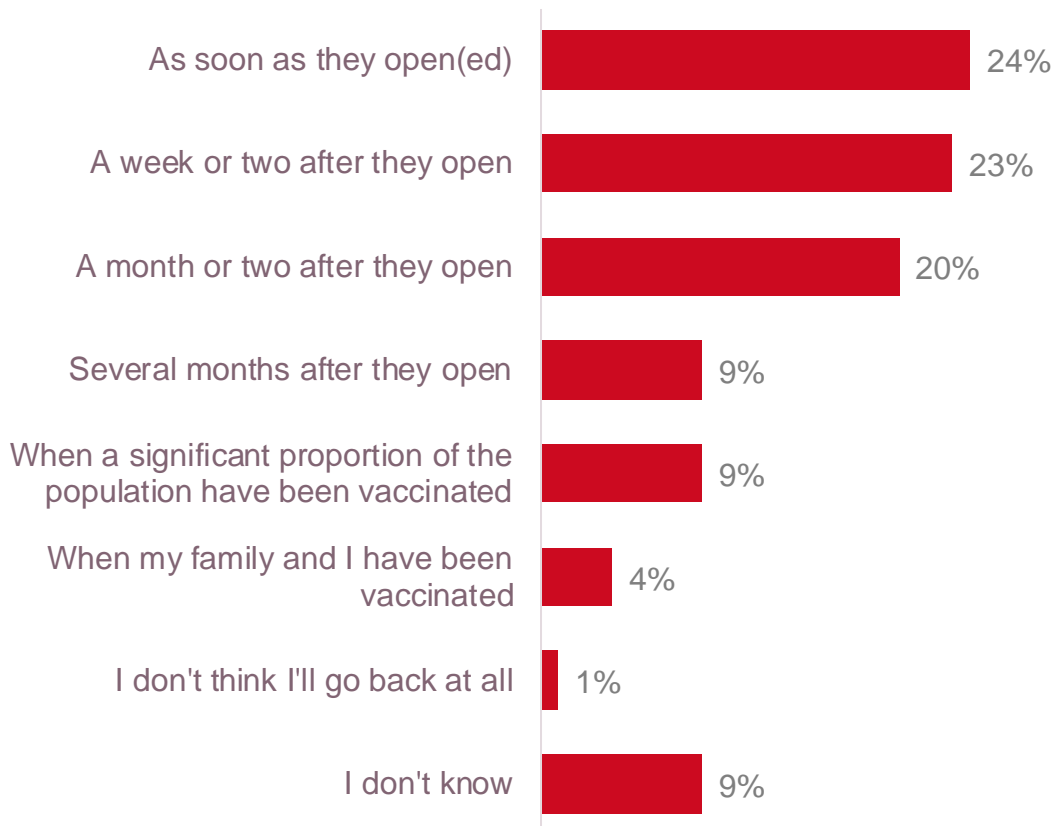
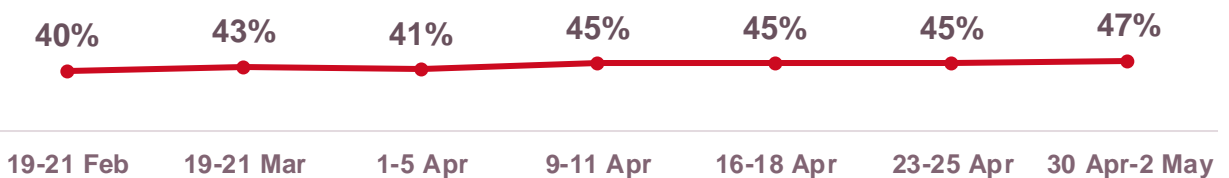
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A quarter expect to return to shopping centres/department stores as soon as restrictions are lifted

How soon did you or do you expect to return to the following places? Shopping centre / Department store
 Base: Those who used shopping centres previously (W44 1,961)

% Within a week or two – As soon as they open(ed)

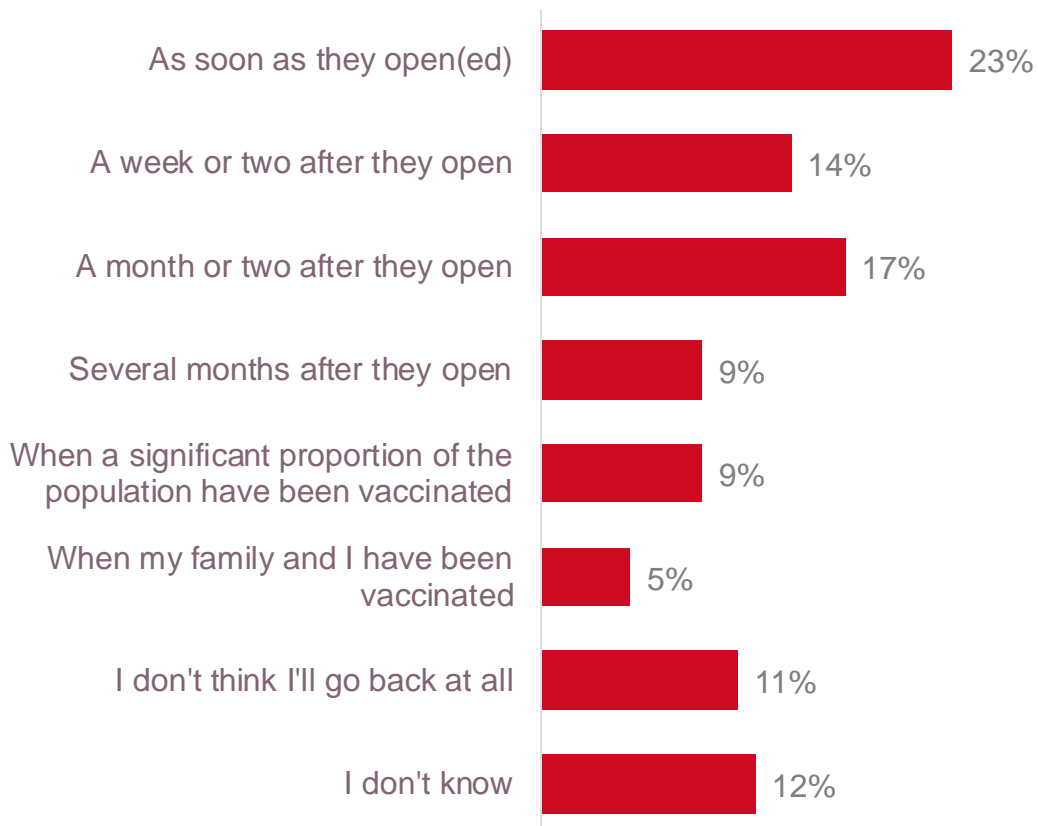
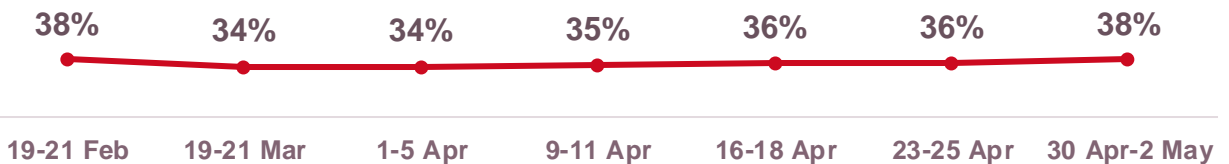


Almost a quarter expect to return to gyms as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used gyms previously (W44 825)

% Within a week or two – As soon as they open(ed)

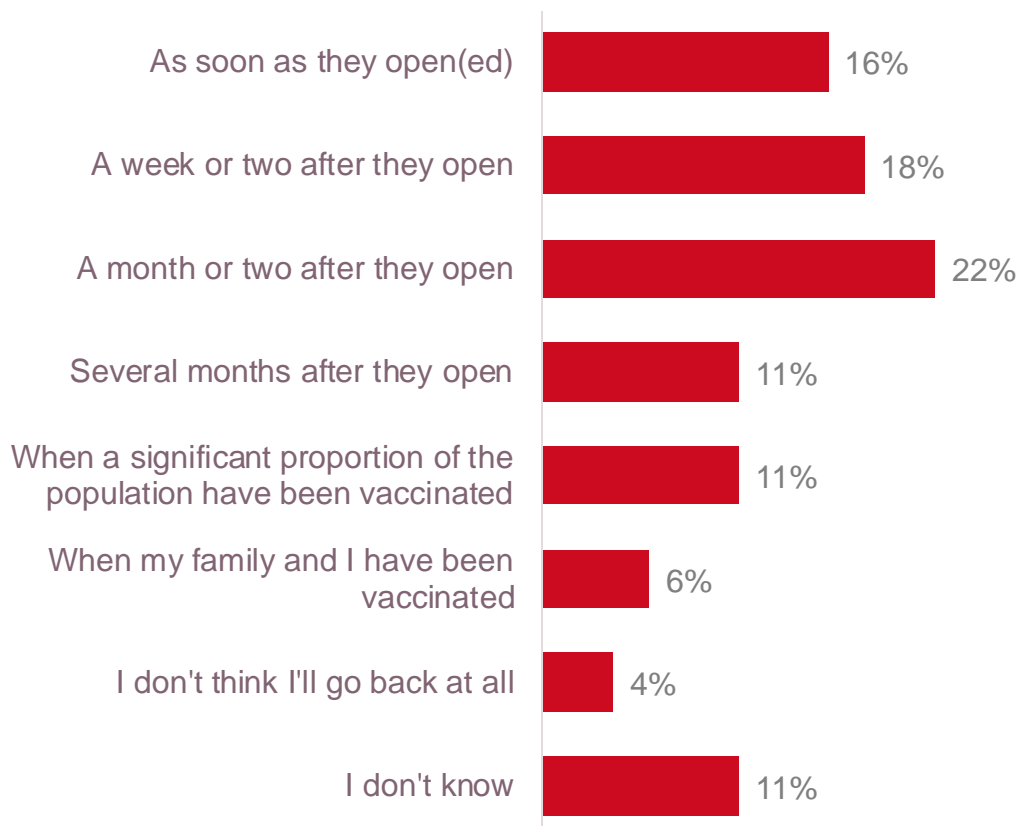
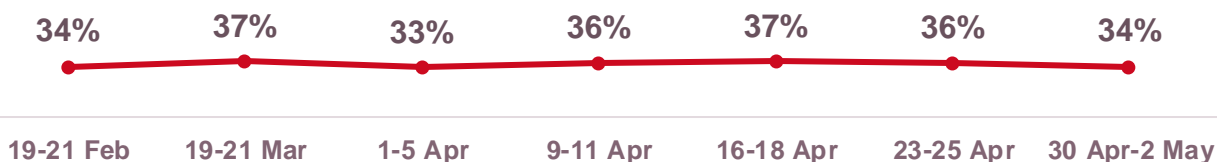


Almost one in five expect to return to pubs as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

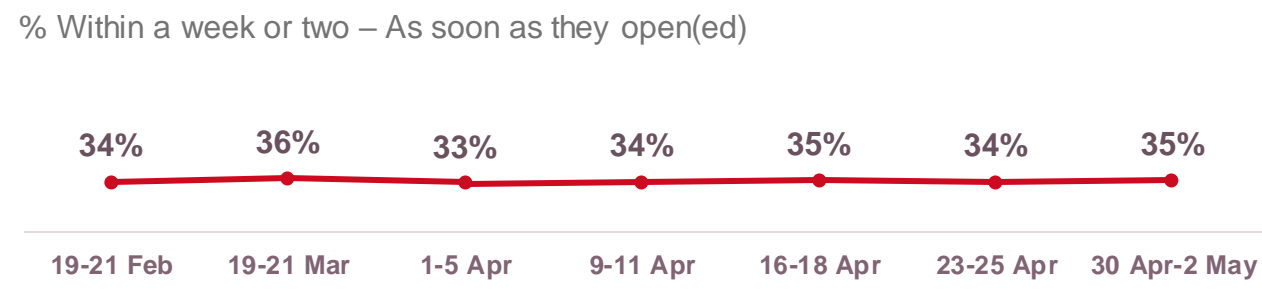
Base: Those who used pubs previously (W44 1,677)

% Within a week or two – As soon as they open(ed)



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

How soon did you or do you expect to return to the following places? Restaurants
 Base: Those who used restaurants previously (W44 1,918)

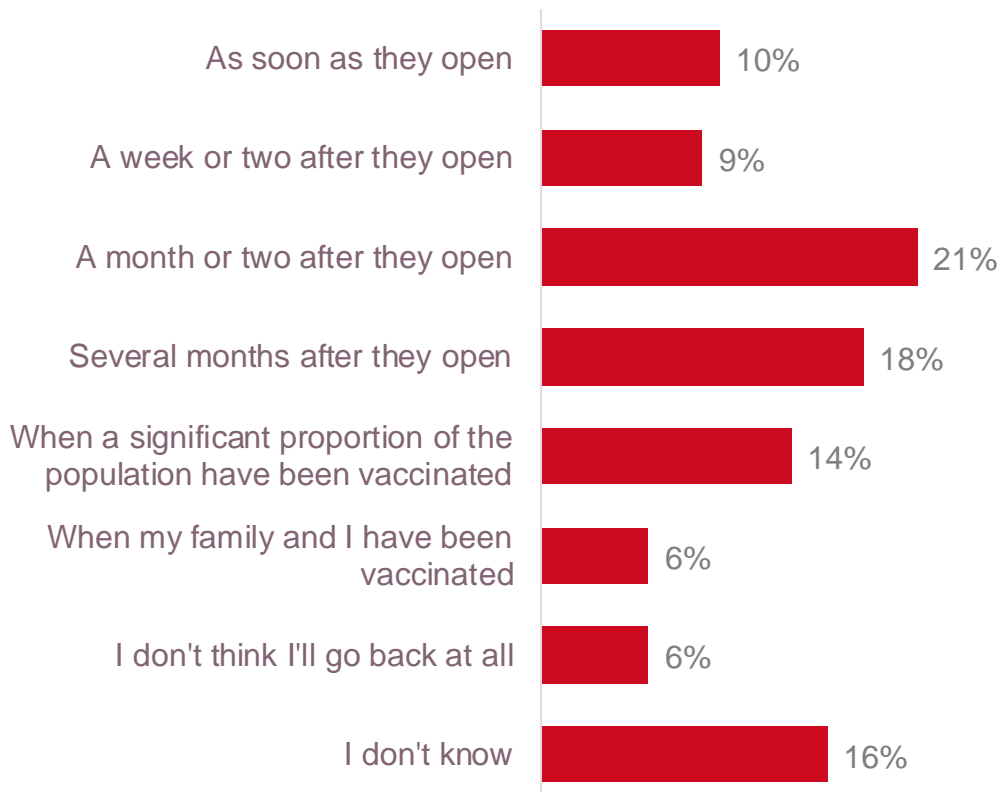


One in ten expect to return to cinemas or theatres as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used cinemas or theatres previously
(W44 1,698)

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

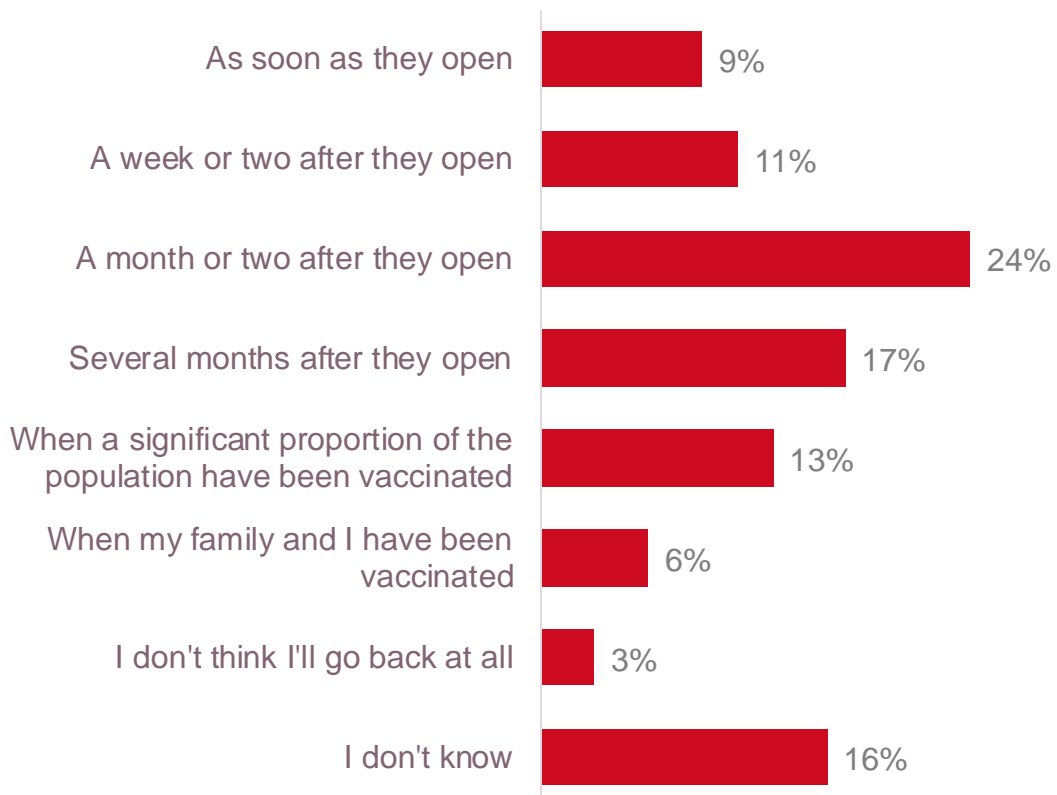
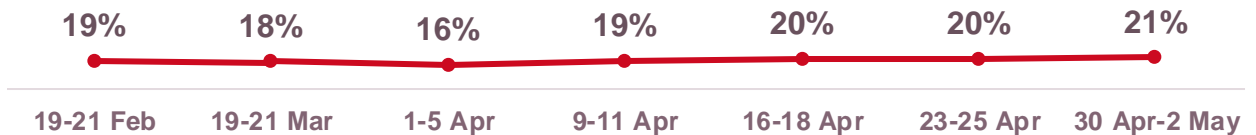


One in ten expect to return to indoor leisure attractions as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used indoor leisure attractions previously
(W44 1,761)

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

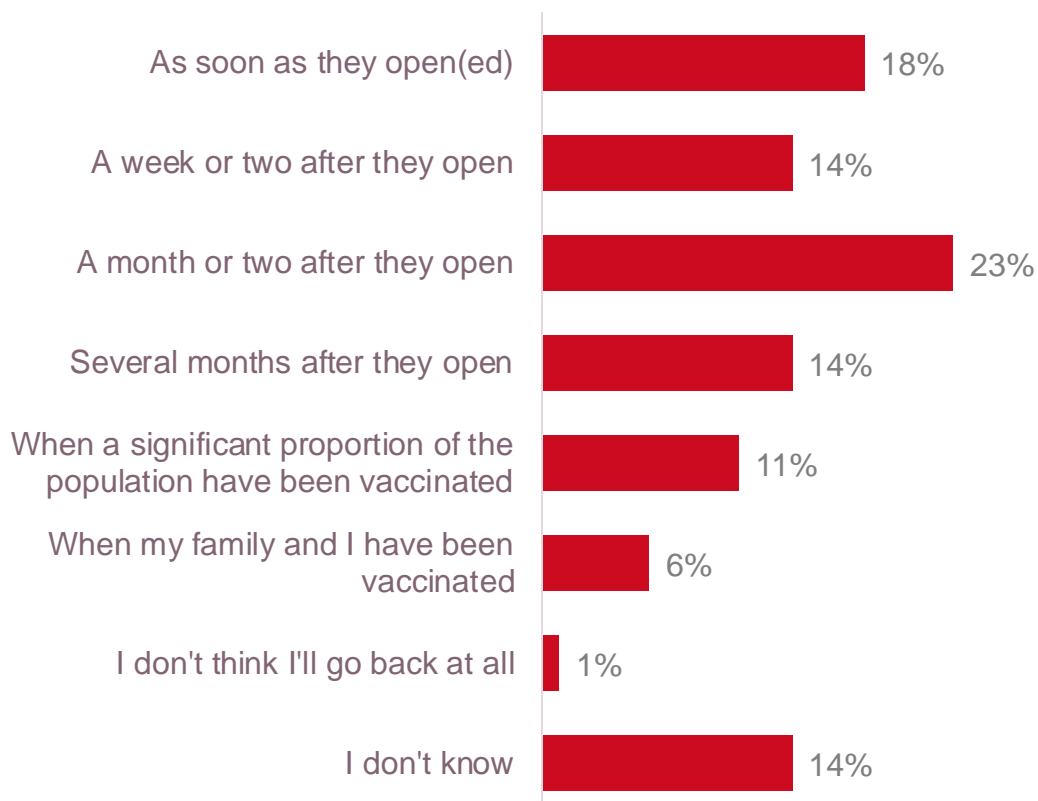
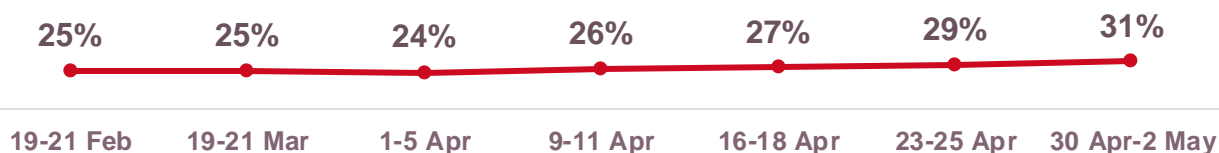


Three in ten expect to return to outdoor leisure attractions within a week or two or sooner

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

Base: Those who used outdoor leisure attractions previously (W44 1,780)

% Within a week or two – As soon as they open(ed)



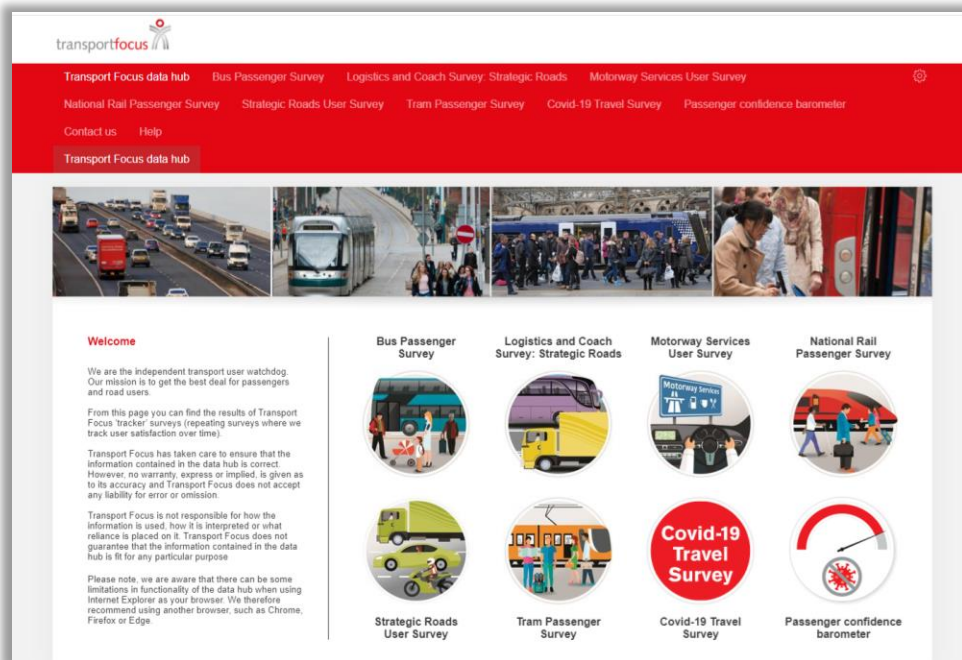
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The data is available for anyone to view at:

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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 44

- 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 44 fieldwork: 30 April – 2 May
- 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 44	2,024	234	367	316	339	332	436	972	1,052

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 44	204	85	205	173	170	149	119	190	261	279	189