



# Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 45

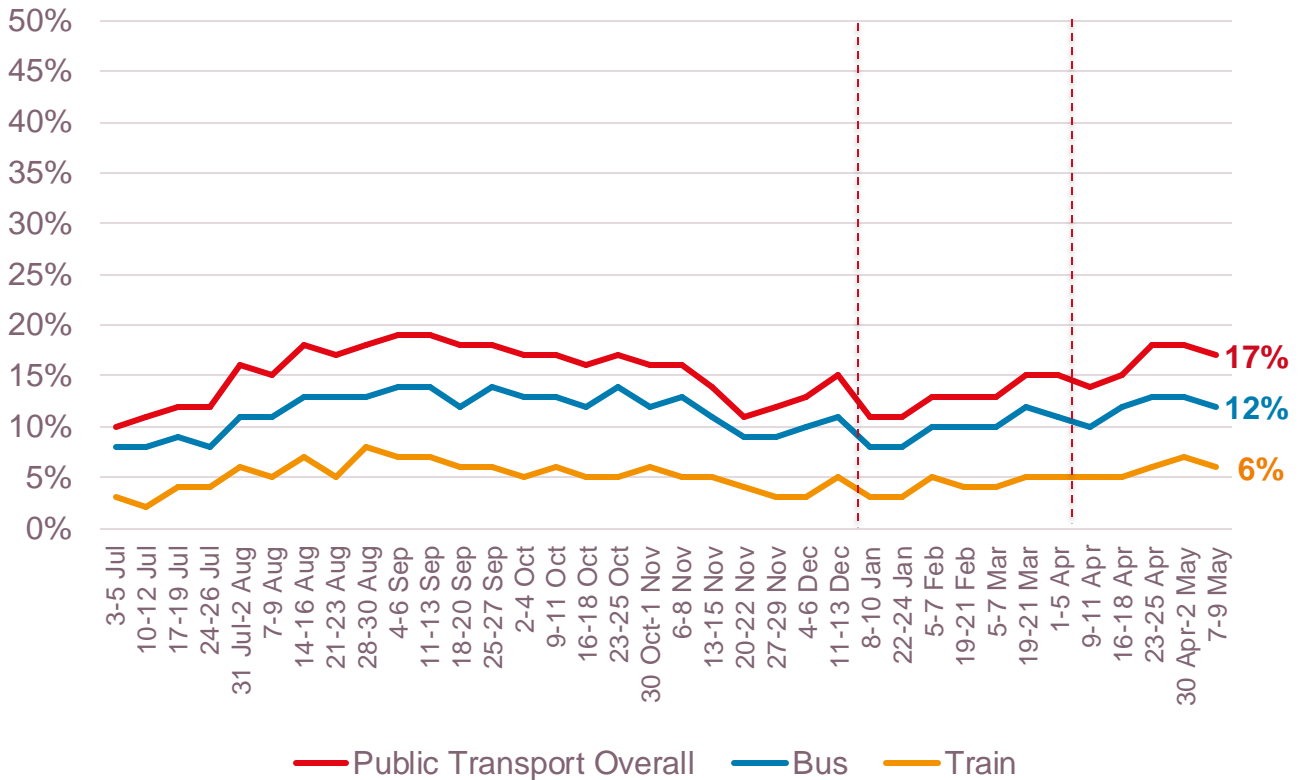
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# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 45

## The proportion of people using public transport has fallen marginally

### Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

Trend - last 36 waves

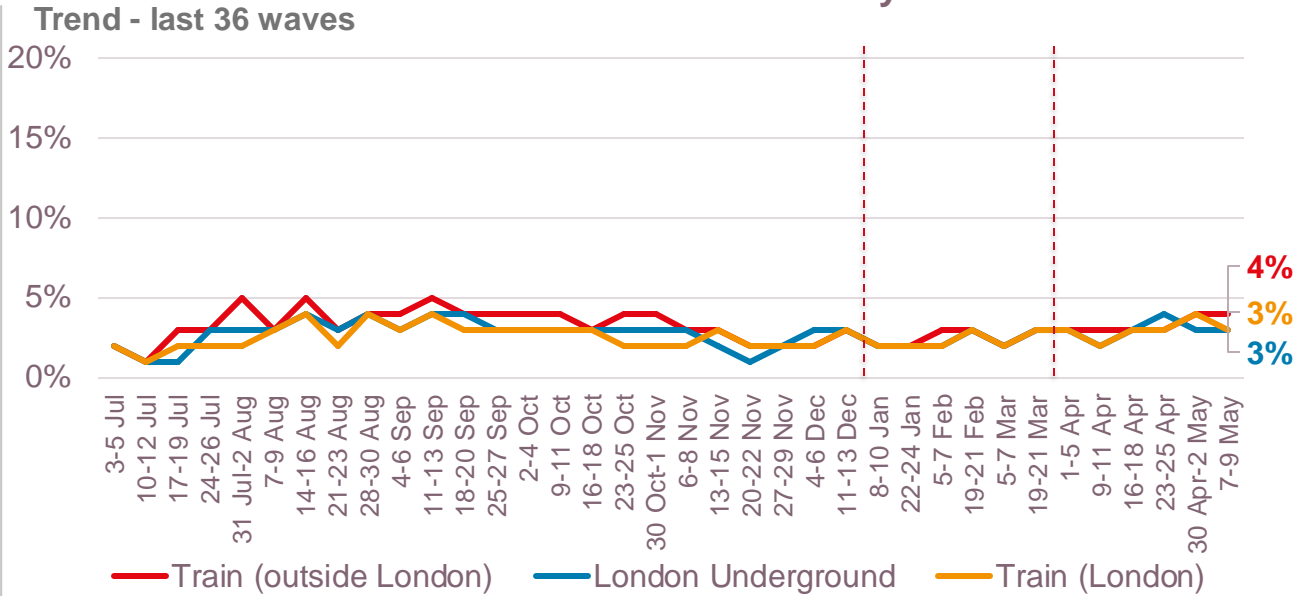


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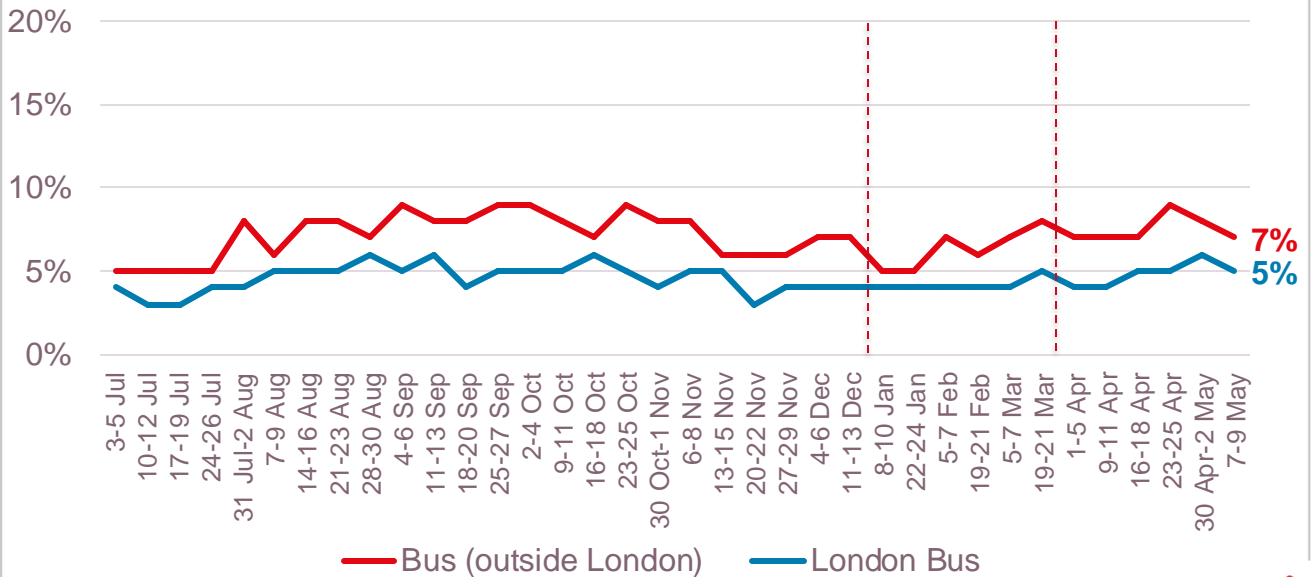
# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 45

There has been a small decrease in the proportions who have used buses

## Use of train in last seven days



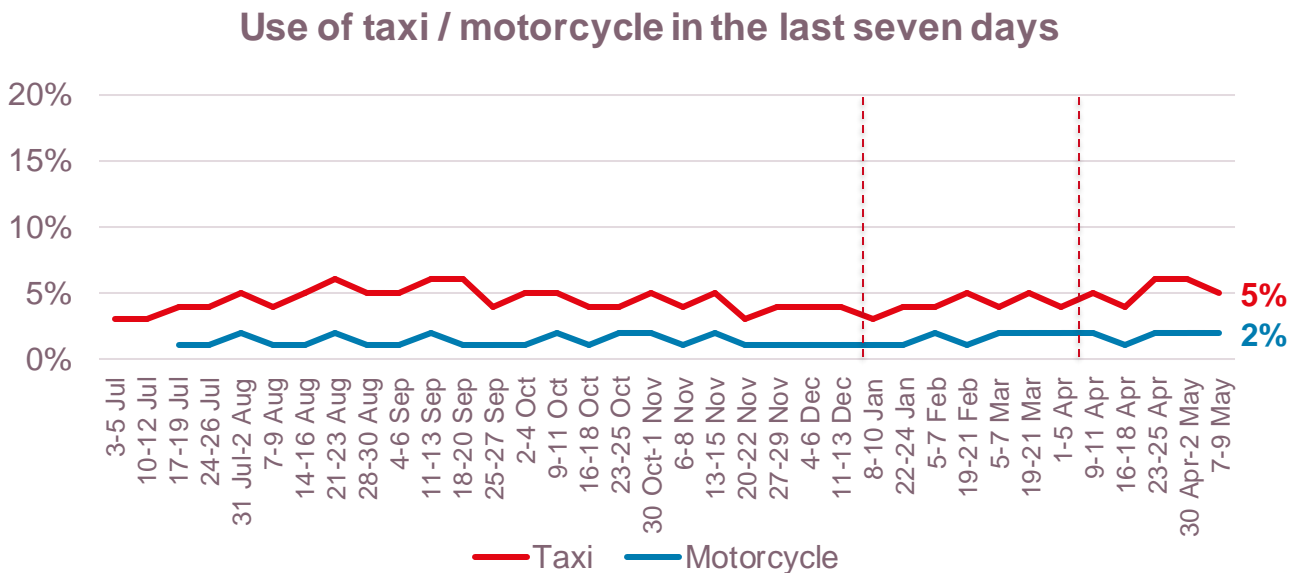
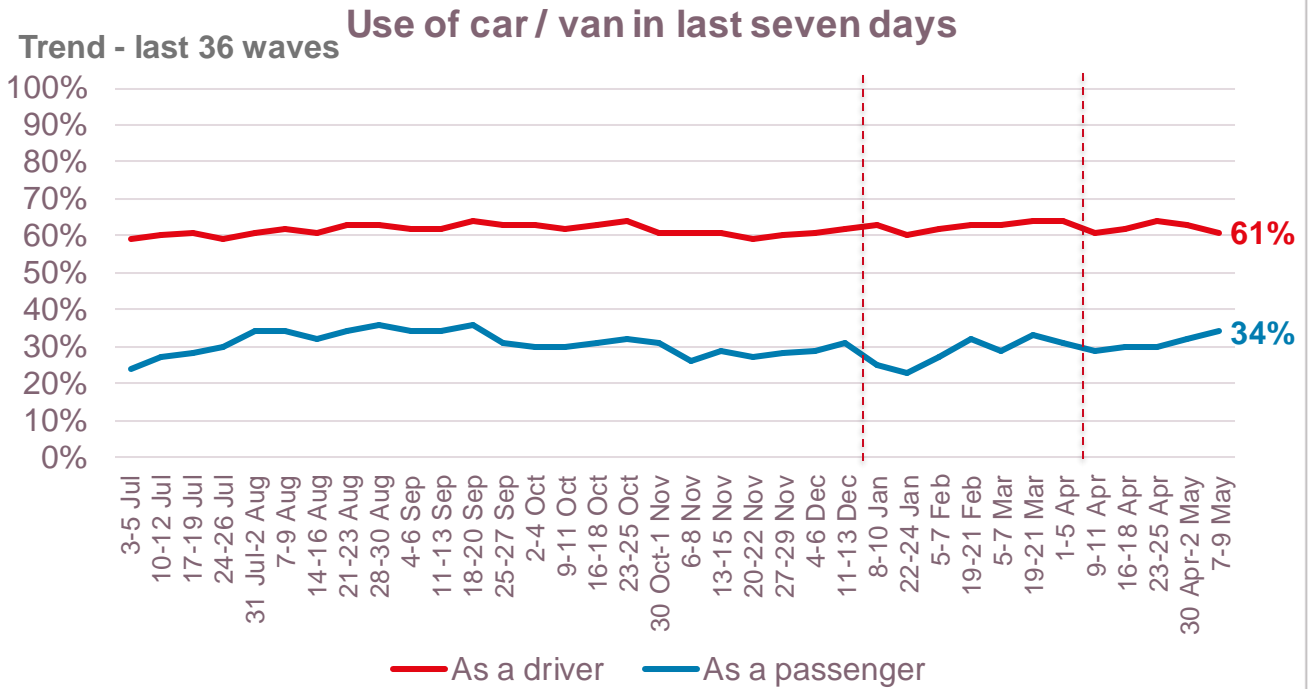
## Use of bus in last seven days



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## Road use is consistent



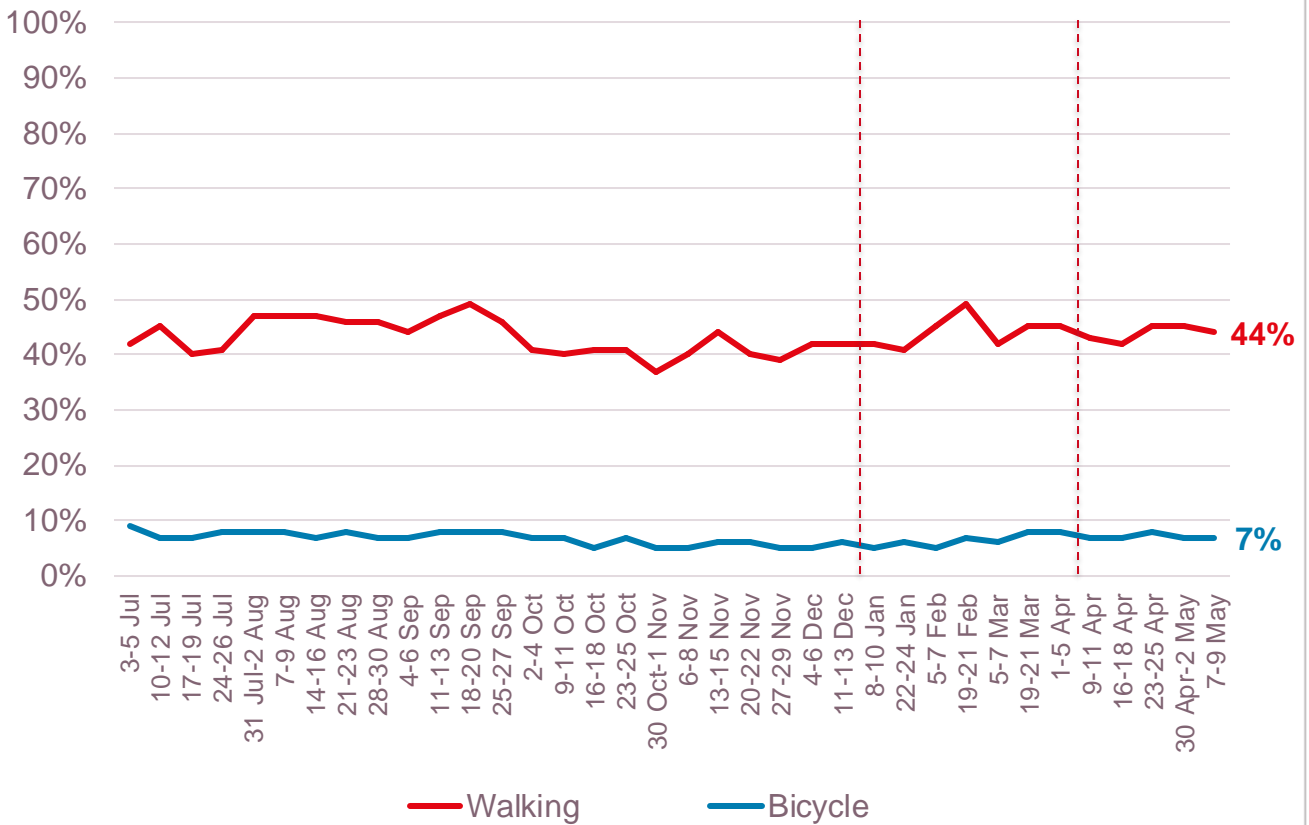
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## More than two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have cycled

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

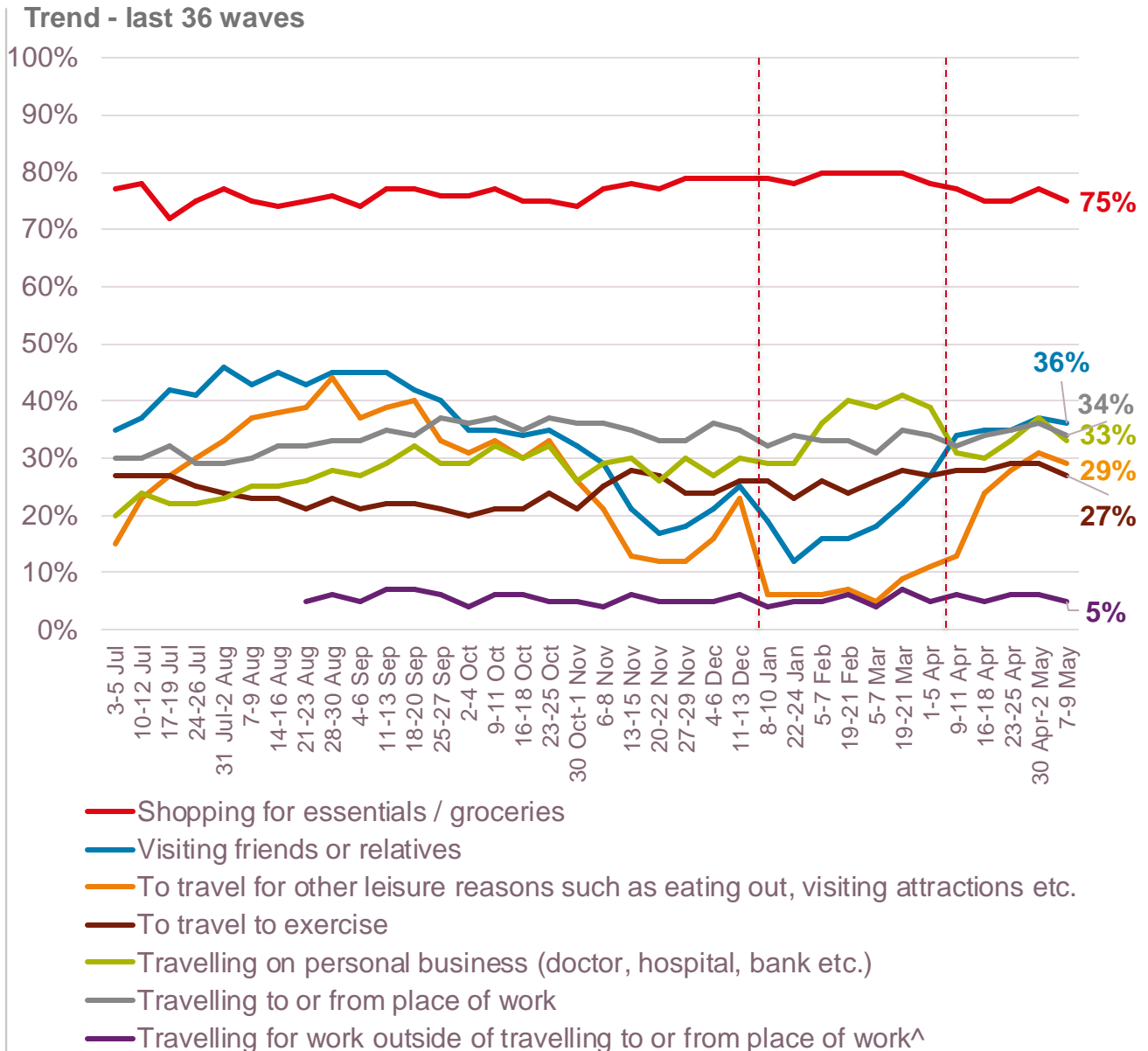


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Perhaps because of the previous Bank Holiday weekend there has been a small decrease in people making journeys for various reasons

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days



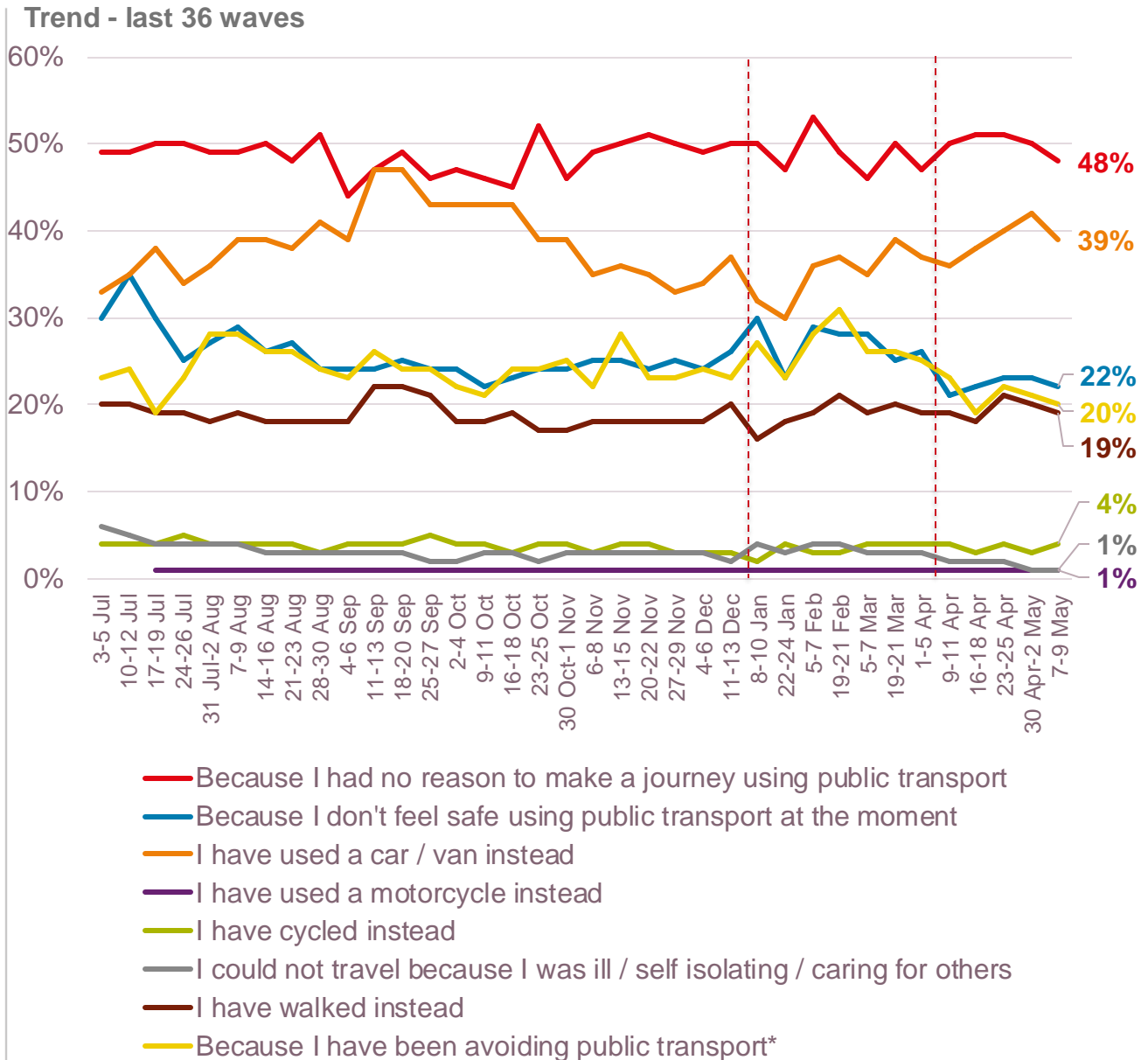
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^ New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)

# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 45

Around one in five have been avoiding public transport, or haven't used public transport because they don't feel safe to do so

## Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days



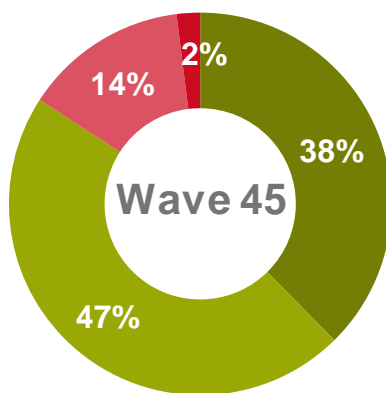
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\* Wording amended at week 13 (24-26 July)

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

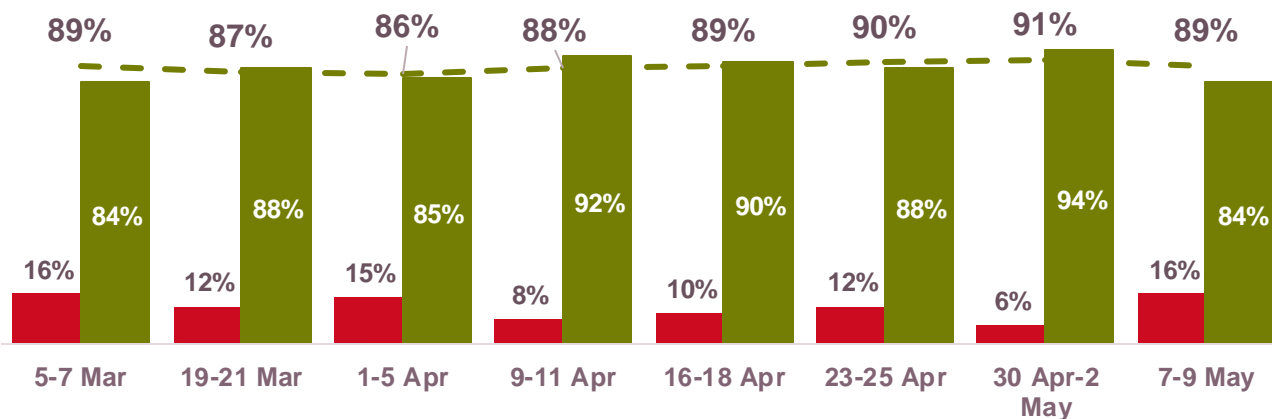
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?

Base: All making journeys by train, W45 – 130



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

## Trend - last eight waves



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

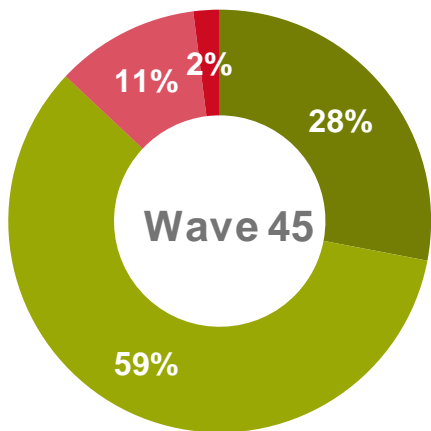
■ Very / Fairly safe

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



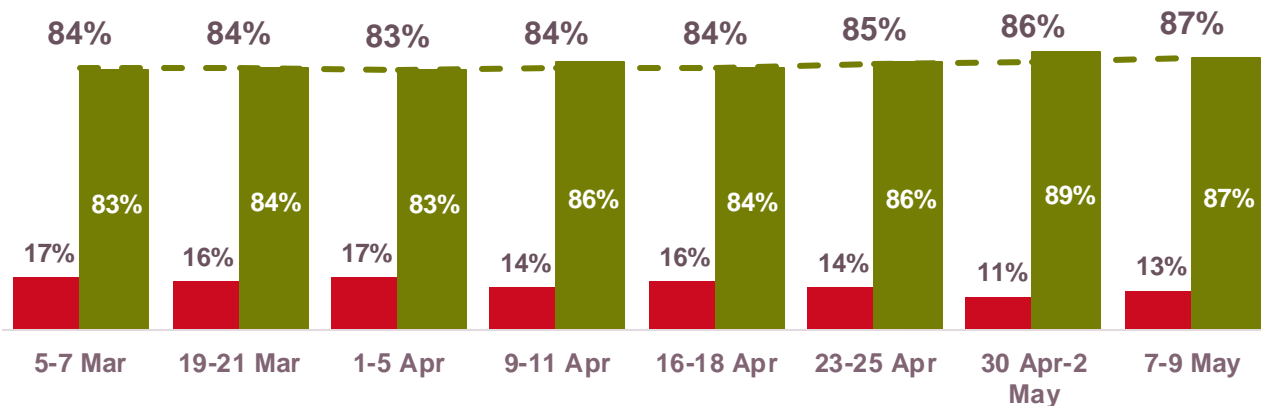
# Almost nine in ten of those making bus journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?  
 Base: All making journeys by bus, W45 – 247



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

## Trend - last eight waves

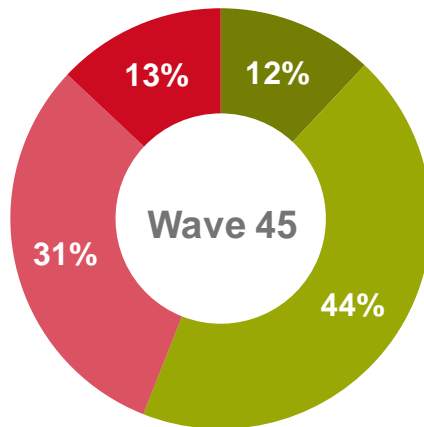


■ % Not very / Not at all safe  
 ■ Very / Fairly safe  
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# More than half of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

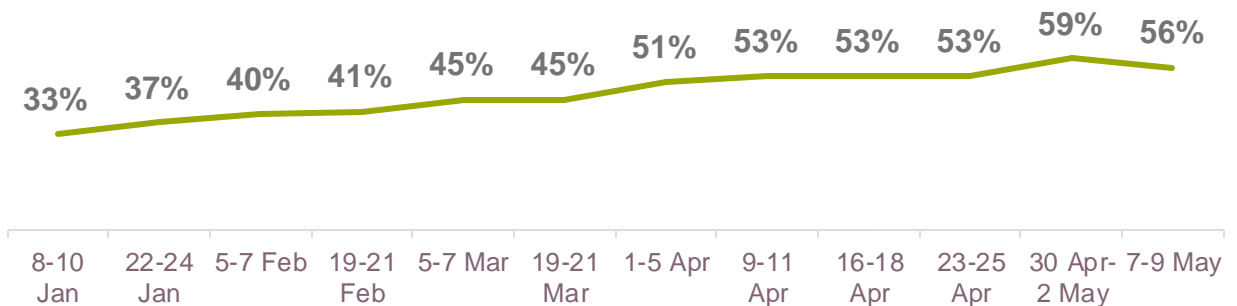
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by train?

Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by train, W45 – 1,862



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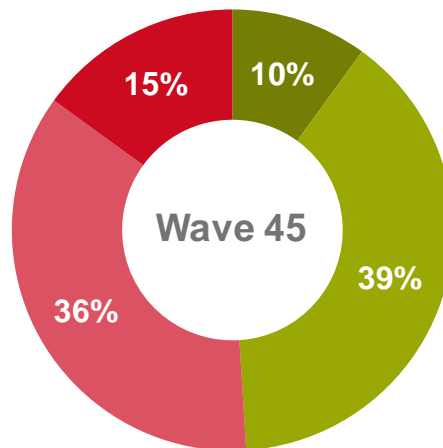
Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



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

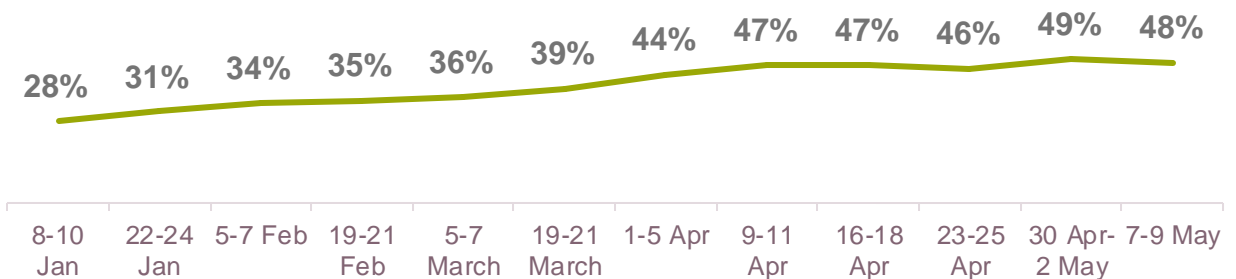
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Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by bus, W45 – 1,745



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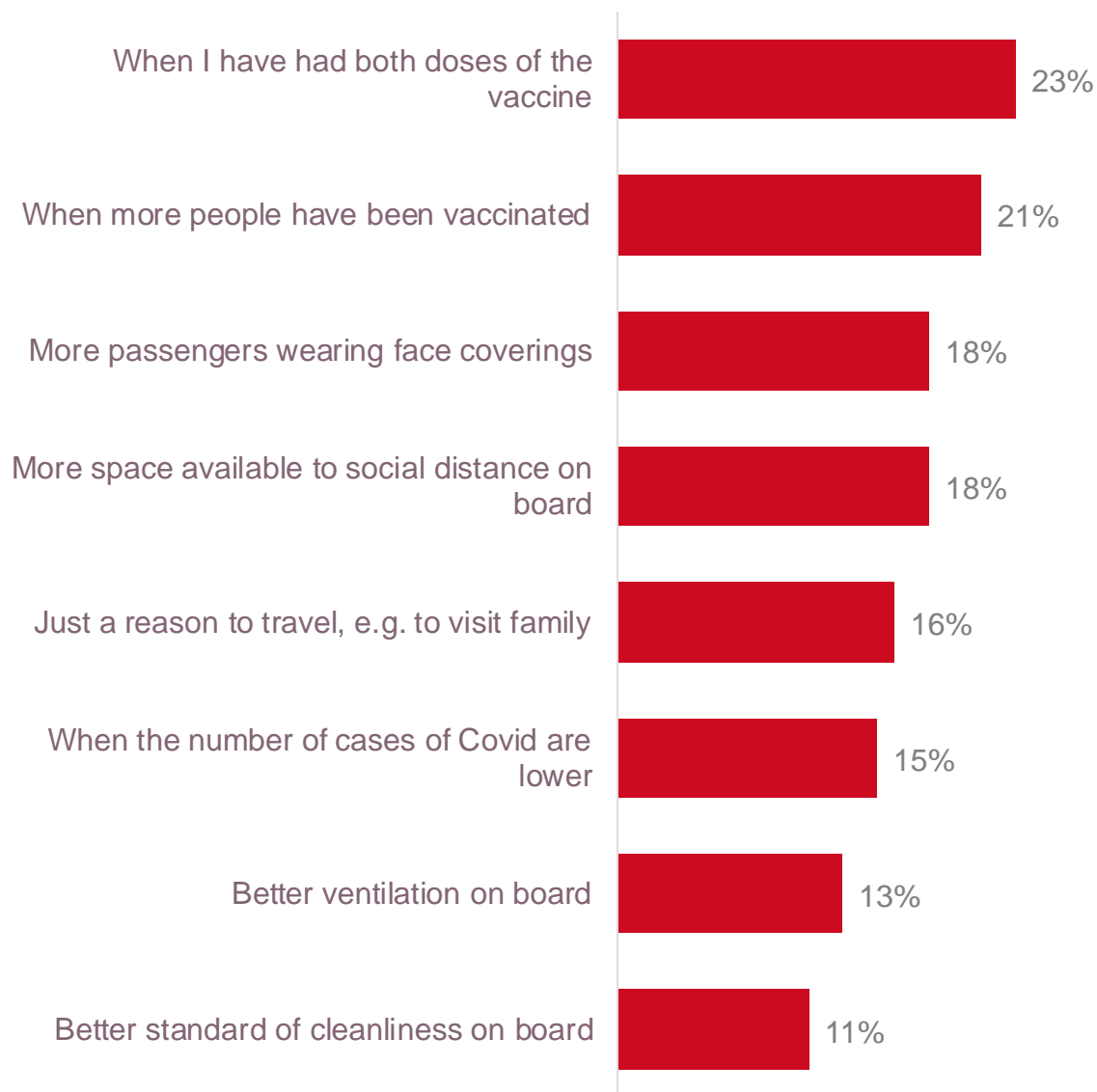
## Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



## 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

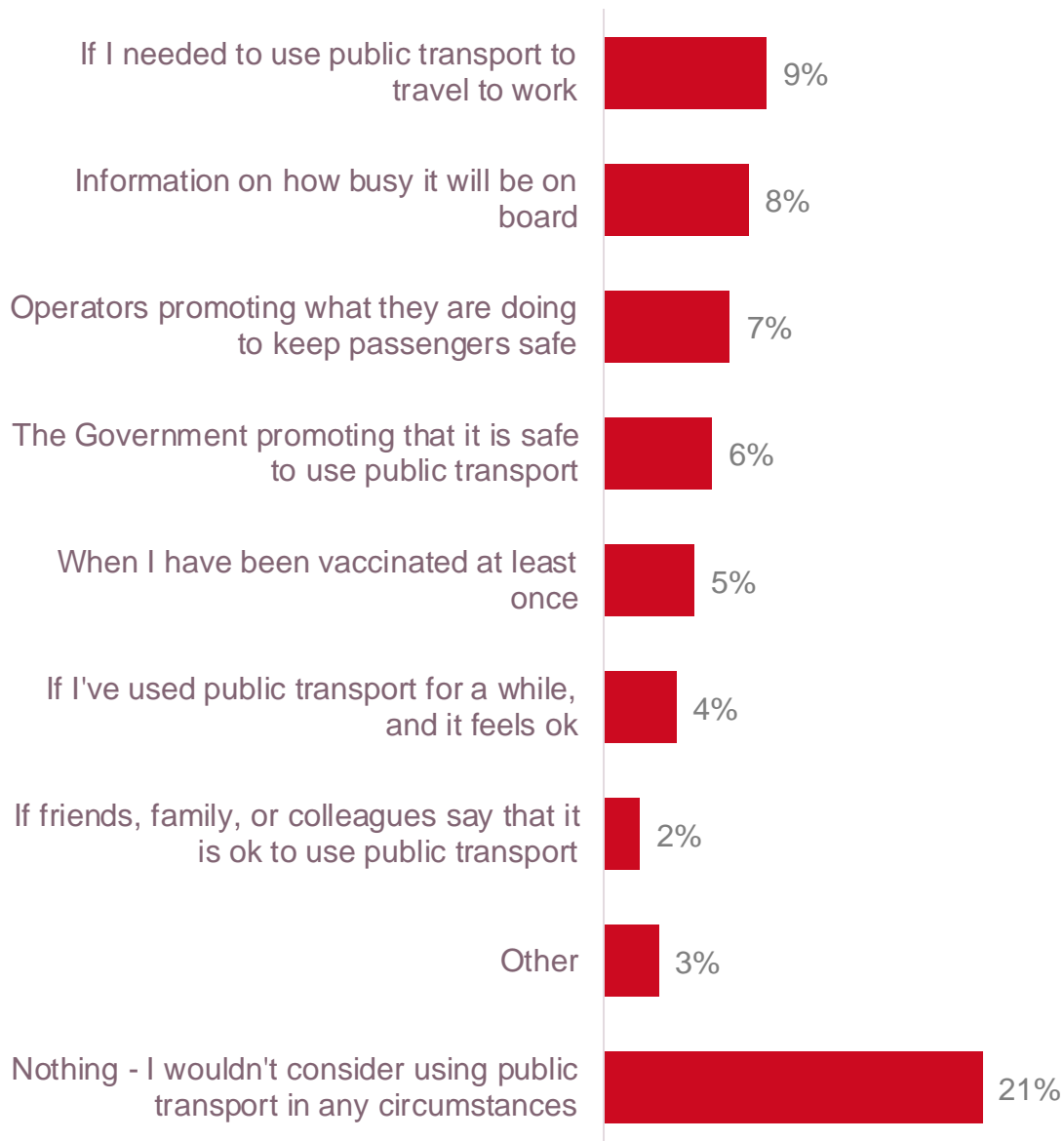
Base: Those who have not used a train in the last 7 days - 1,862



# One in five say that nothing would encourage them to make a journey by train

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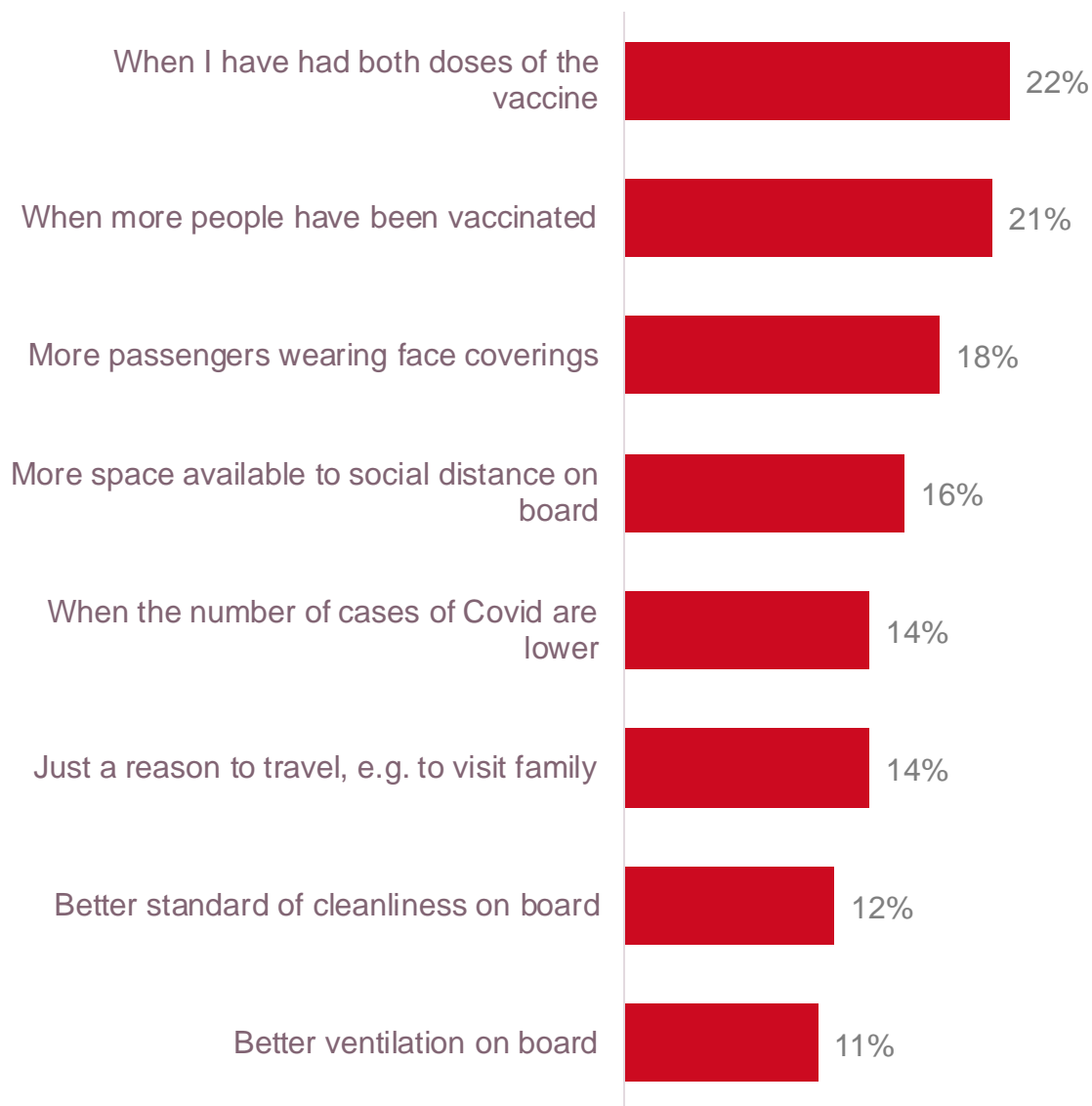
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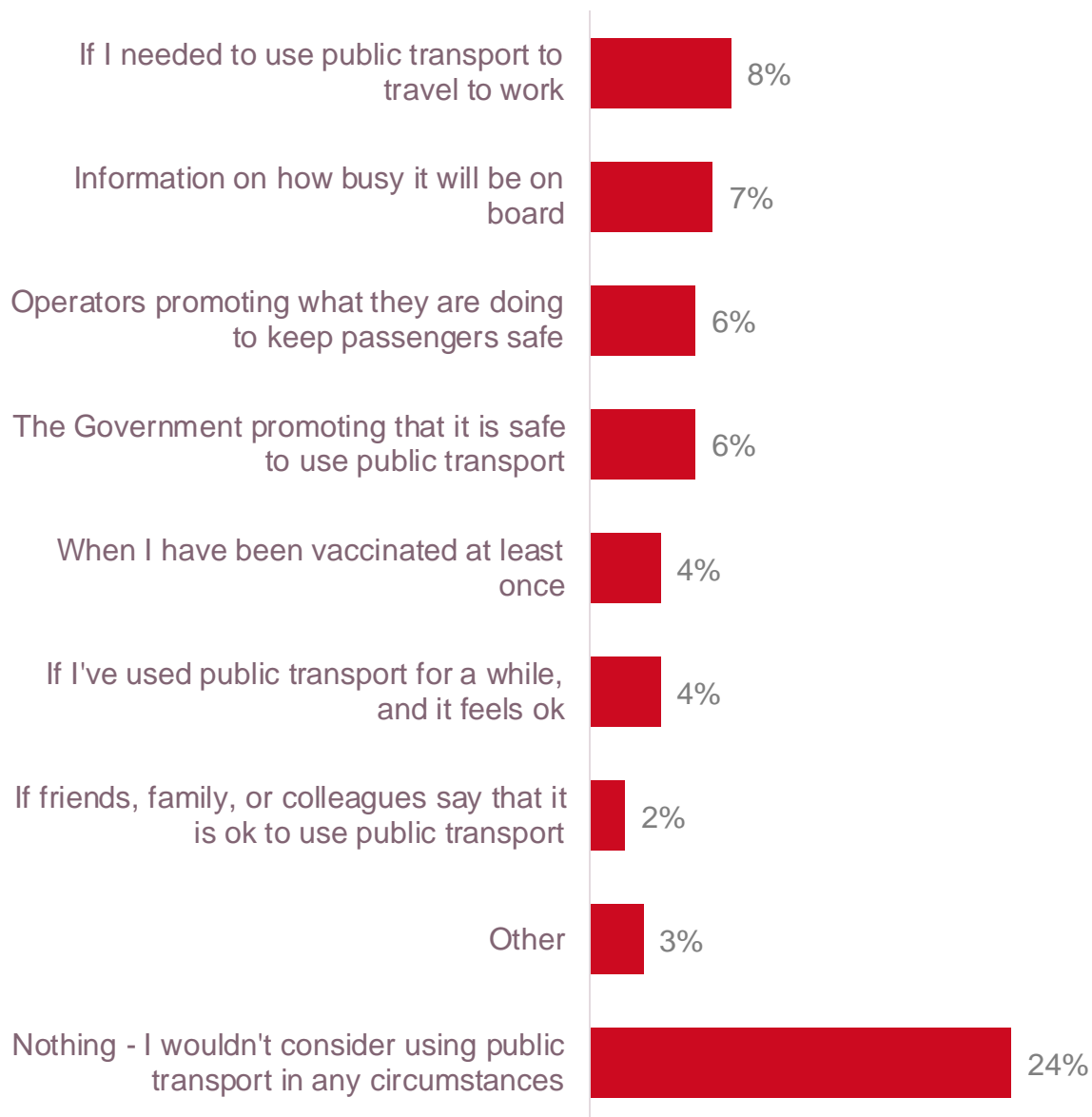
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# A quarter say that nothing would encourage them to make a journey by bus

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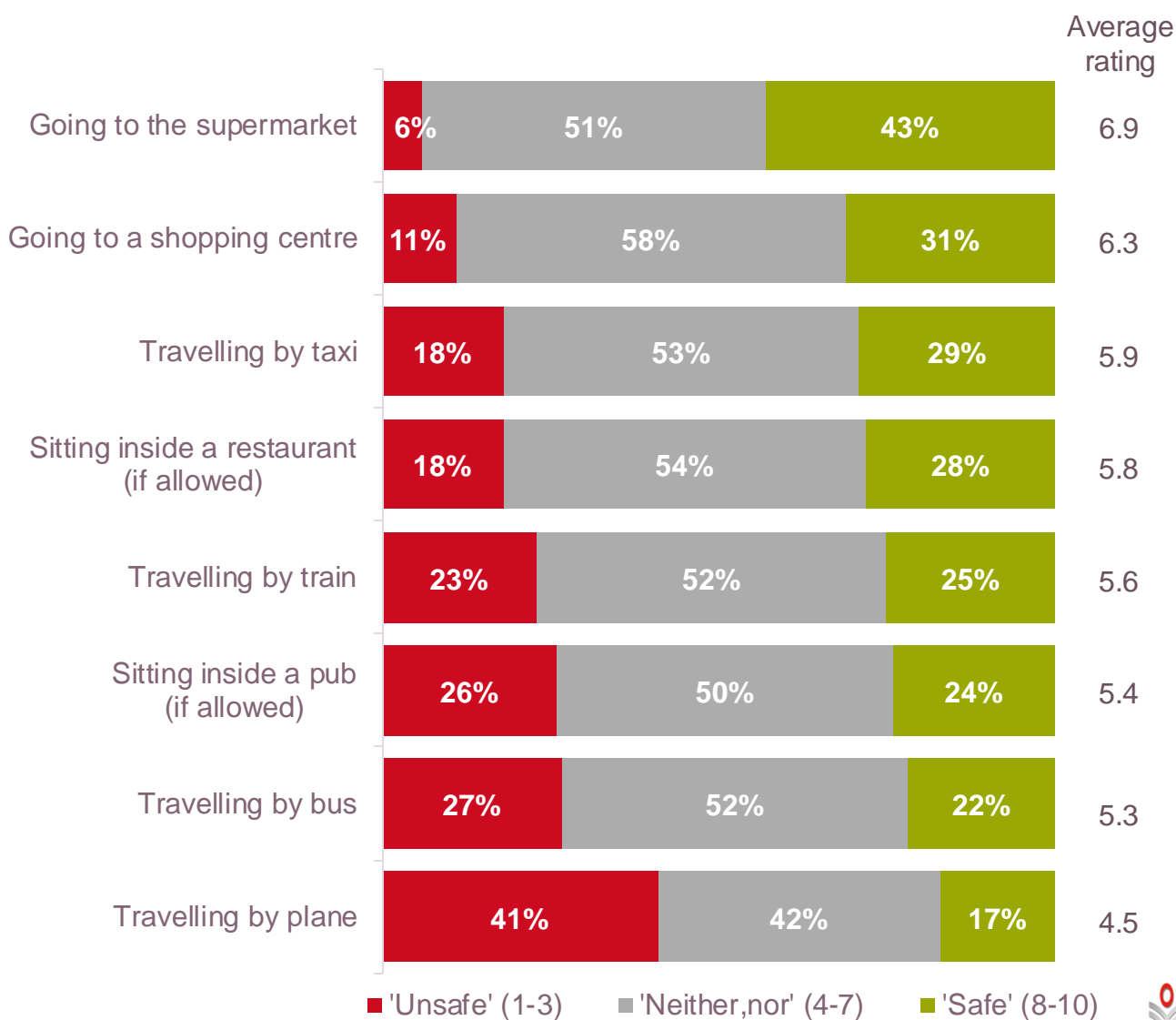
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## Around a quarter consider travelling on a train to be safe, and slightly fewer say the same about making a journey by bus

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: W45 1,992



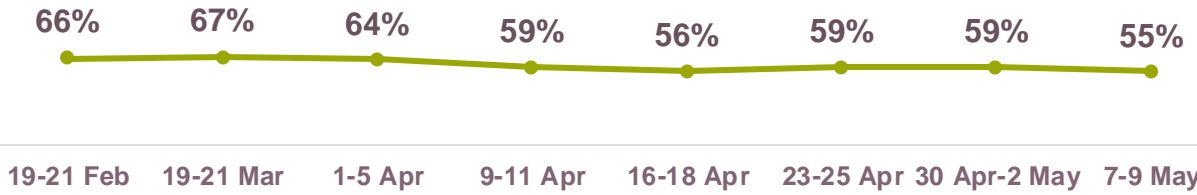


# For more than half Coronavirus is a major concern. Those who have a disability are more likely than others to agree.

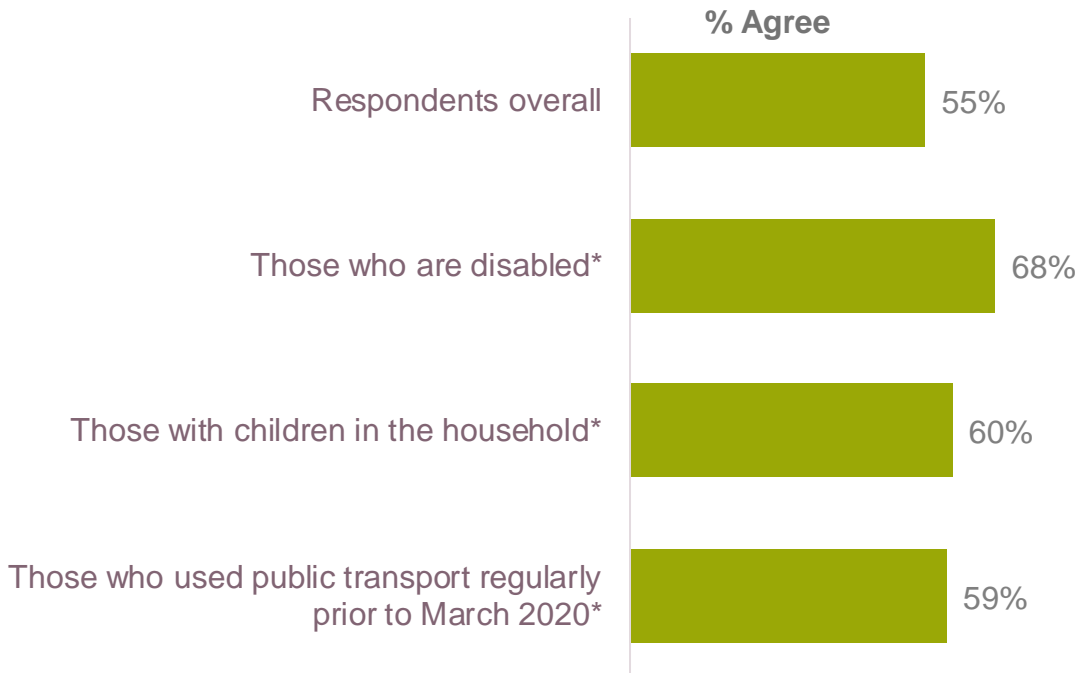
## Coronavirus is a major concern for me

Base: W45 1,957

% Agree



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



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

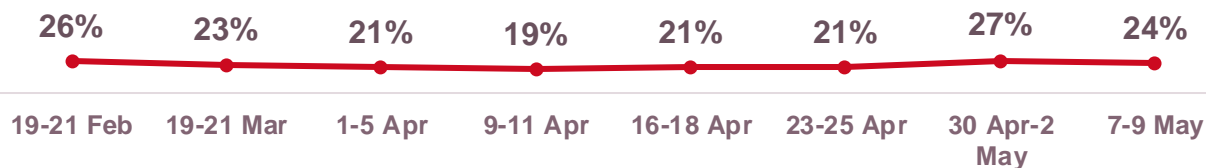
\* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

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

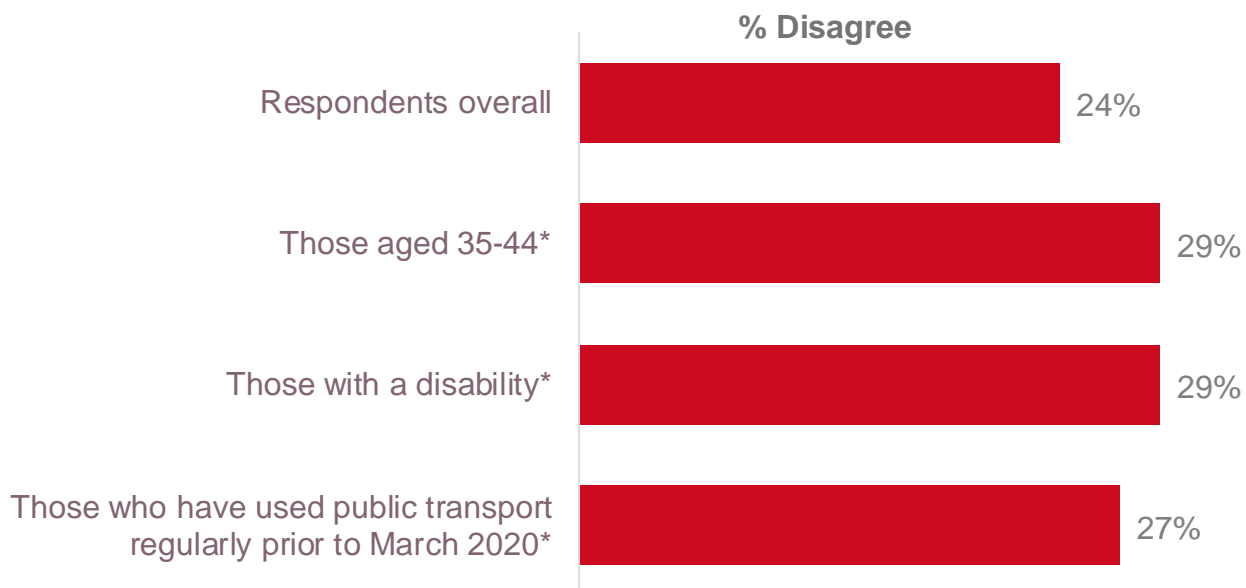
## Enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

Base: W45 1,562

% Disagree



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



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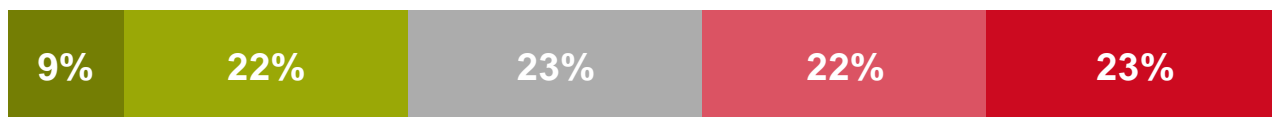
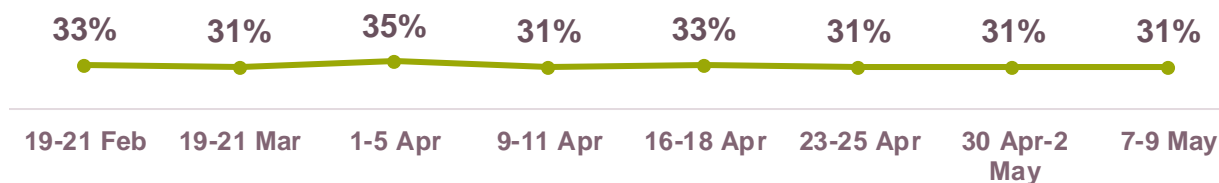
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# Three in ten say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

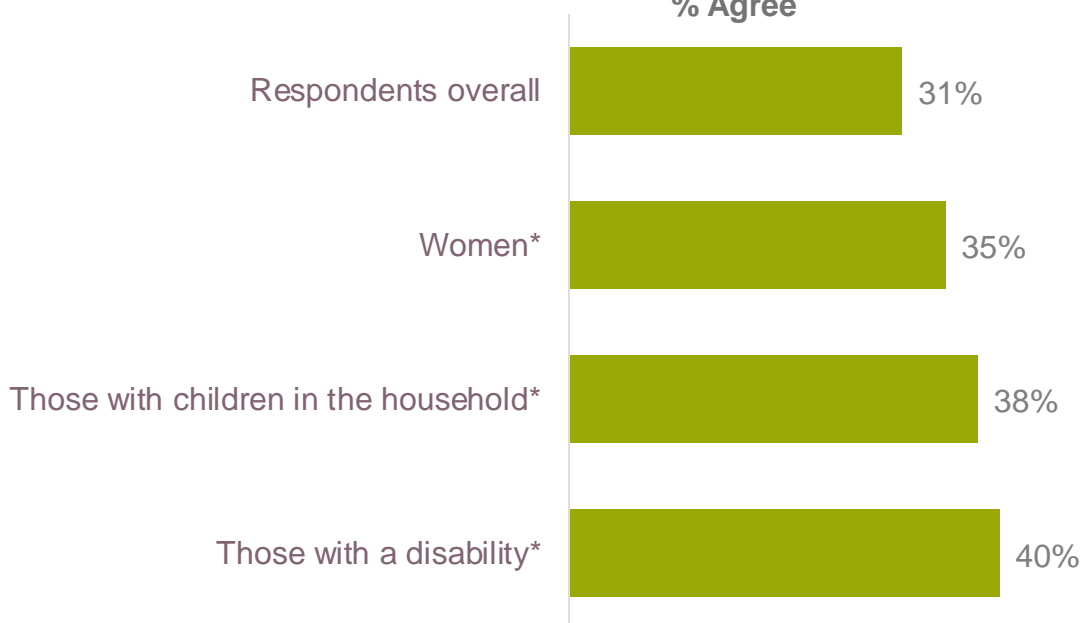
Base: W45 1,782

% Agree



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

% Agree



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# Three quarters have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W45 1,953

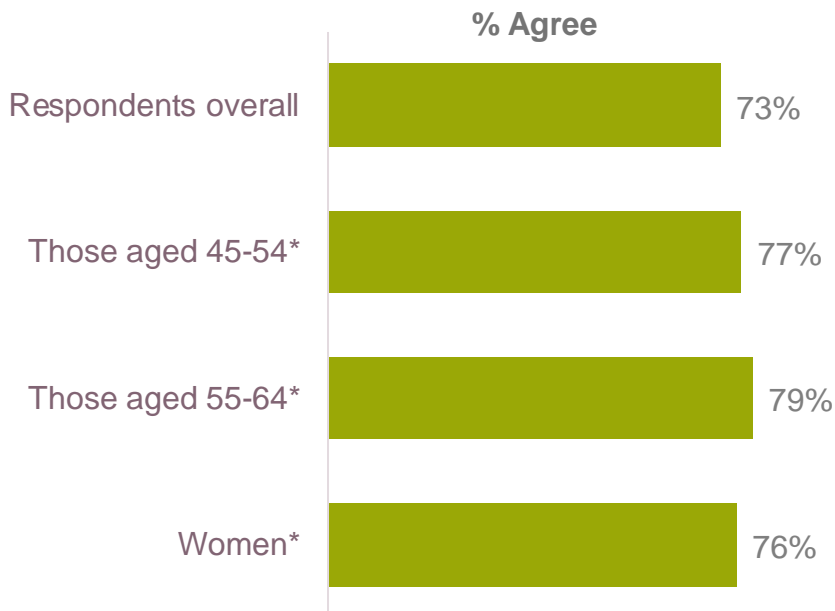
% Agree



19-21 Feb 19-21 Mar 1-5 Apr 9-11 Apr 16-18 Apr 23-25 Apr 30 Apr-2 May 7-9 May



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



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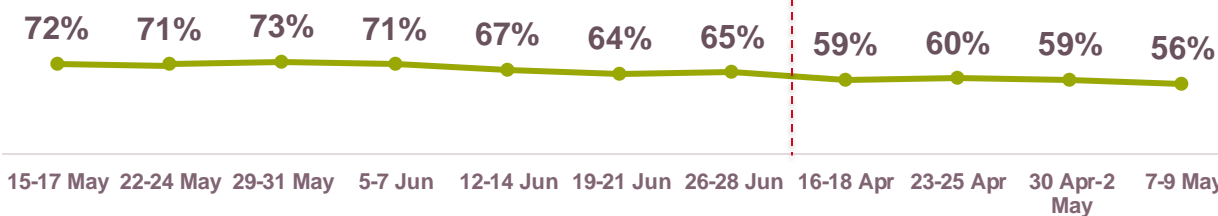
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# Less than three in five say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

I won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place<sup>^</sup>

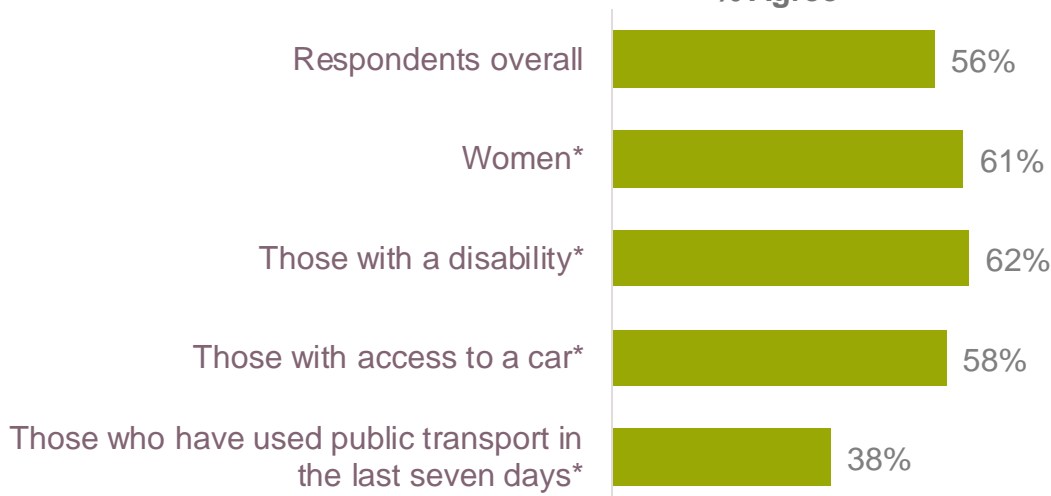
Base: W45 1,739

% Agree



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

% Agree



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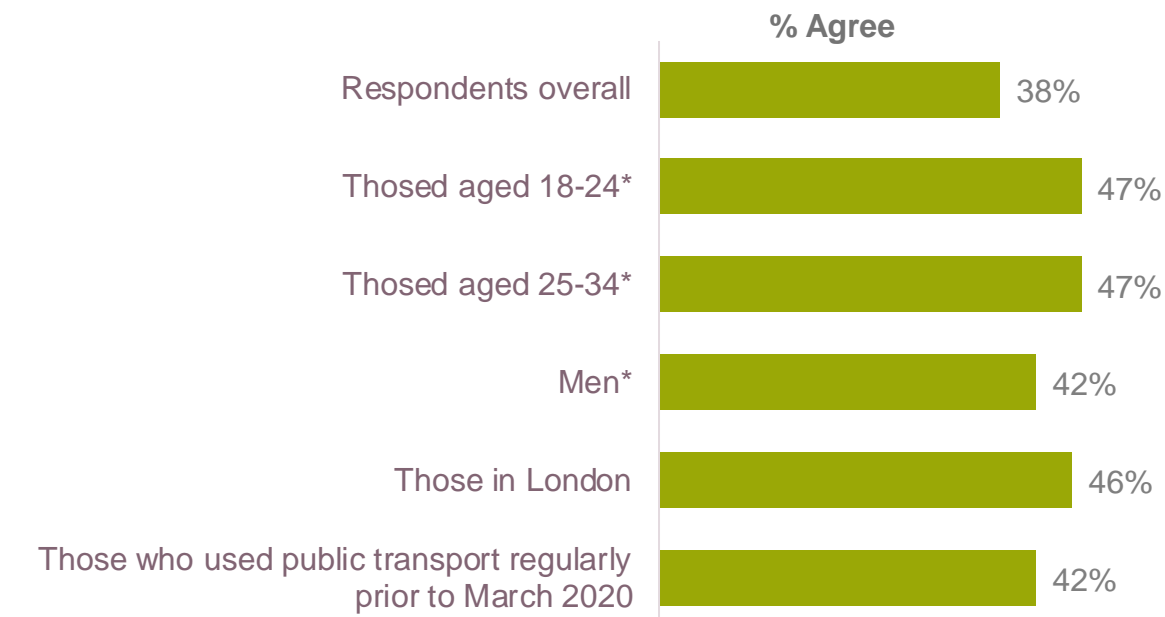
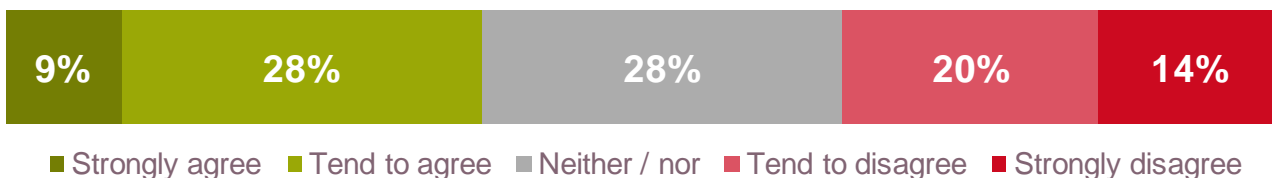
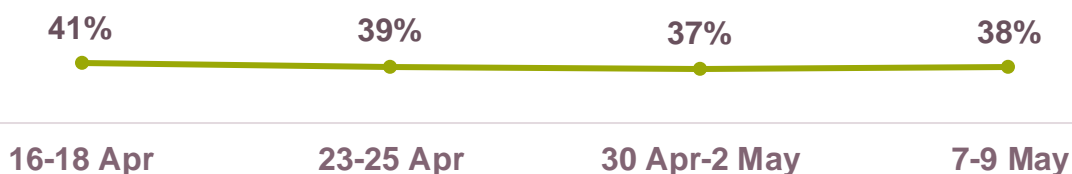
<sup>^</sup> Statement previously asked between waves 1 and 9 (1<sup>st</sup> May – 28 Jun 2020)

----- 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: W45 1,840



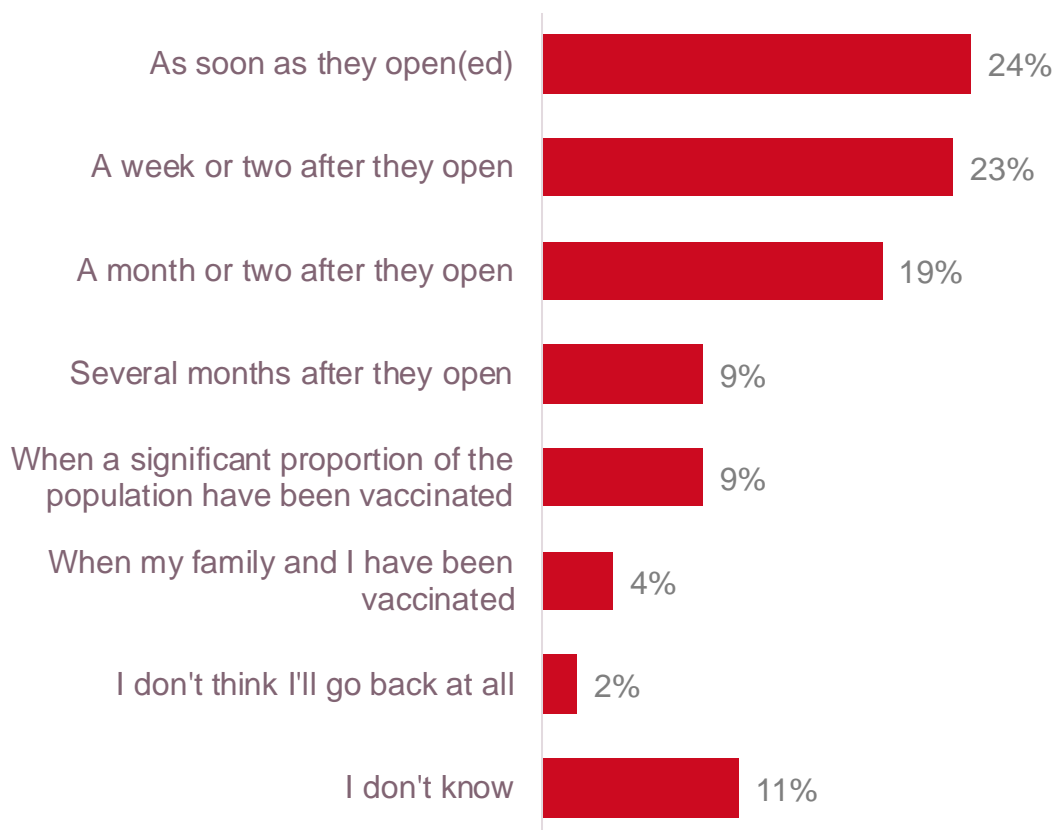
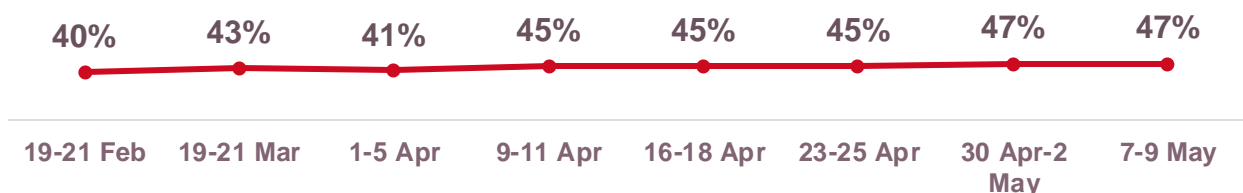
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# A quarter expect to return to shopping centres/department stores as soon as restrictions are lifted

**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 (W45 1,917)

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

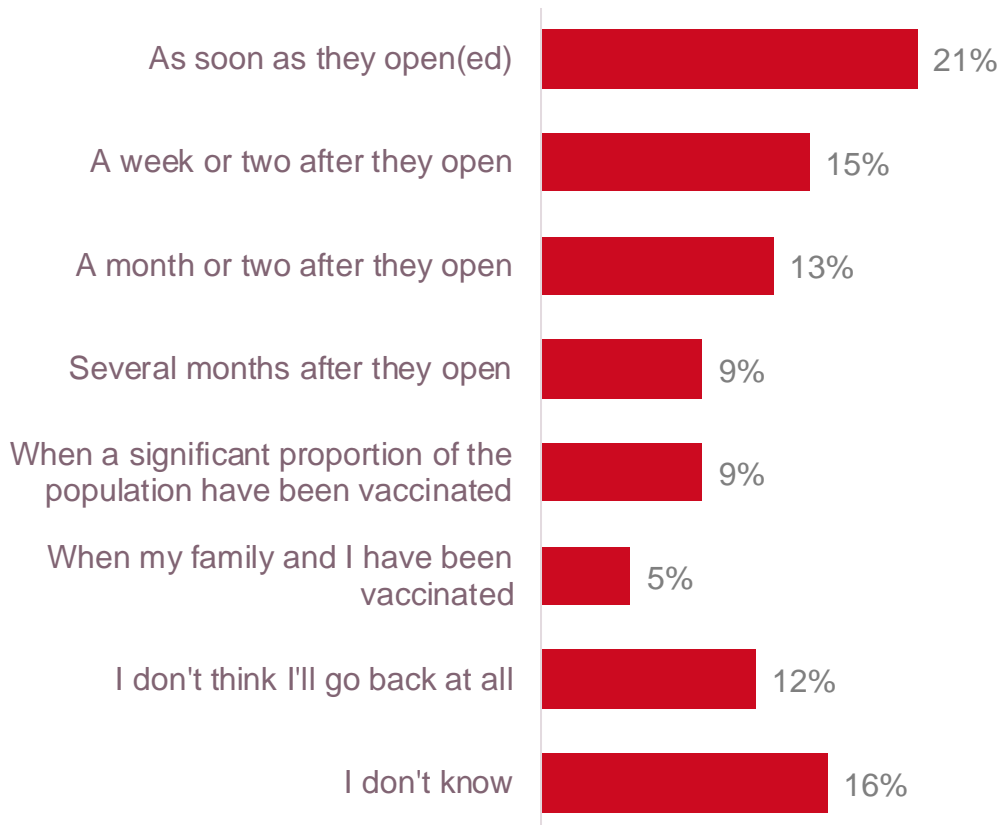
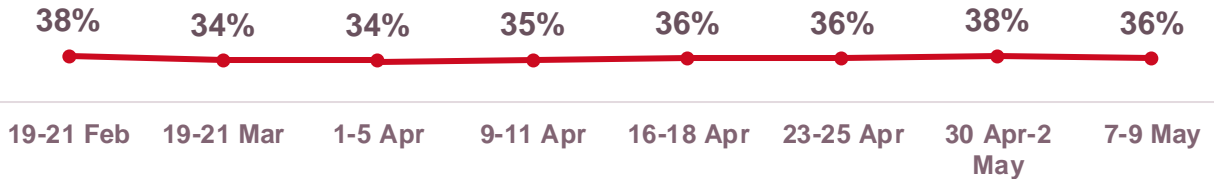


# One in five expect to return to gyms as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used gyms previously (W45 756)

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



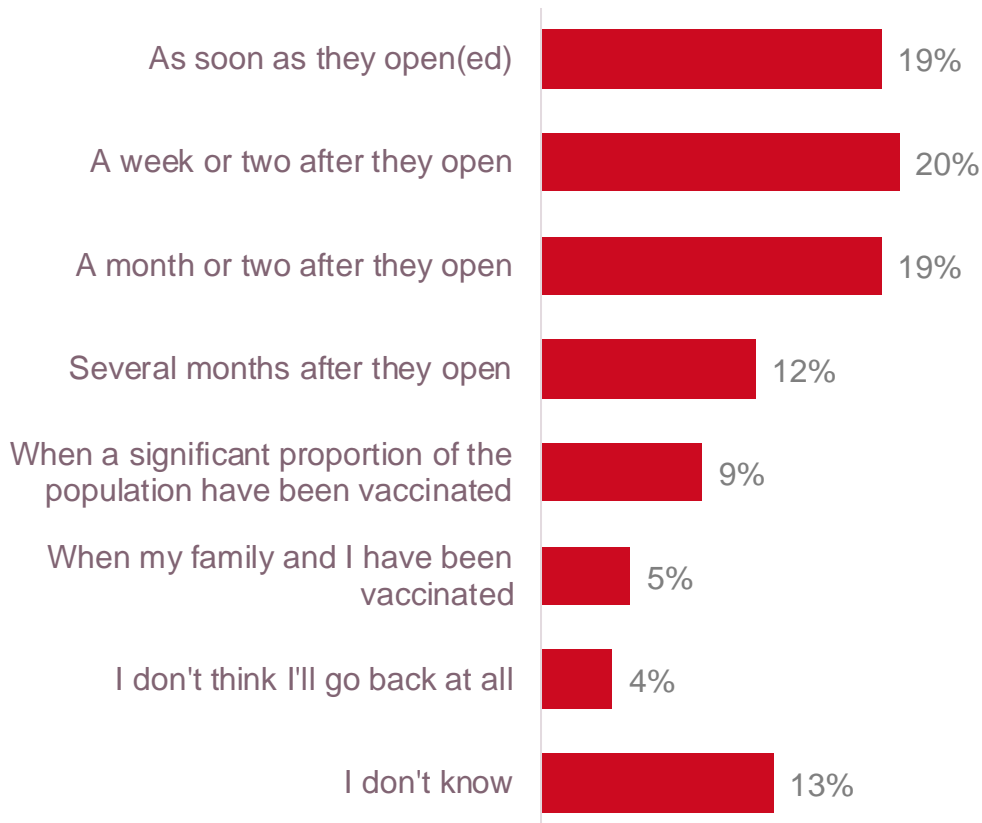
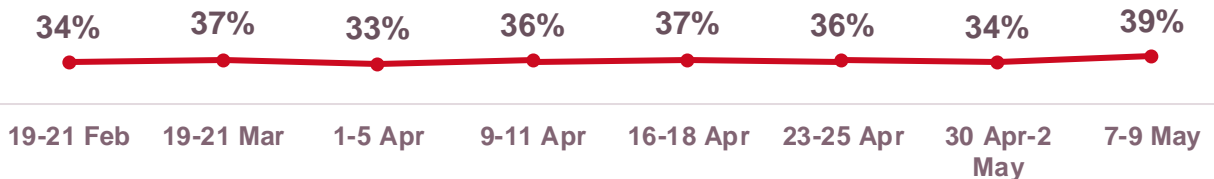


# One in five expect to return to pubs as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used pubs previously (W45 1,613)

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

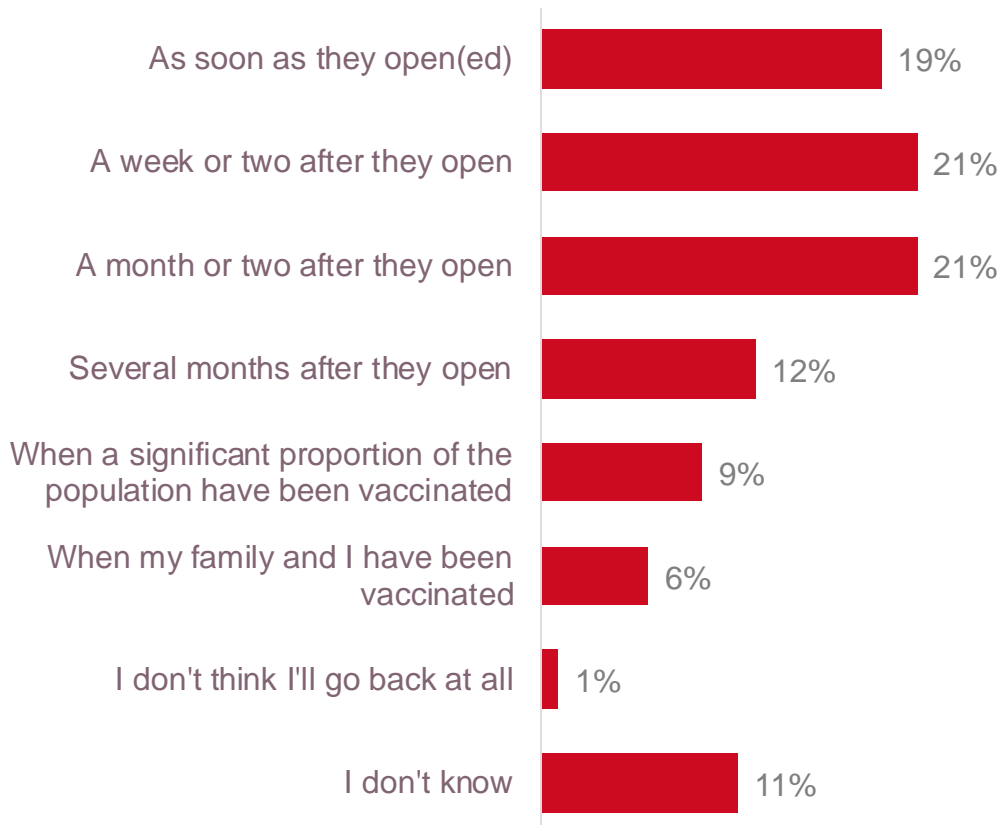
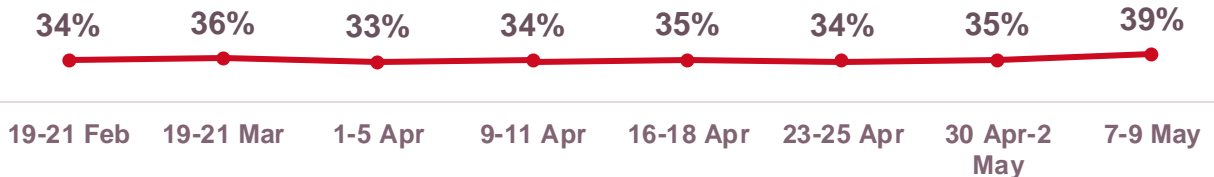


# One in five expect to return to restaurants as soon as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used restaurants previously (W45 1,887)

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

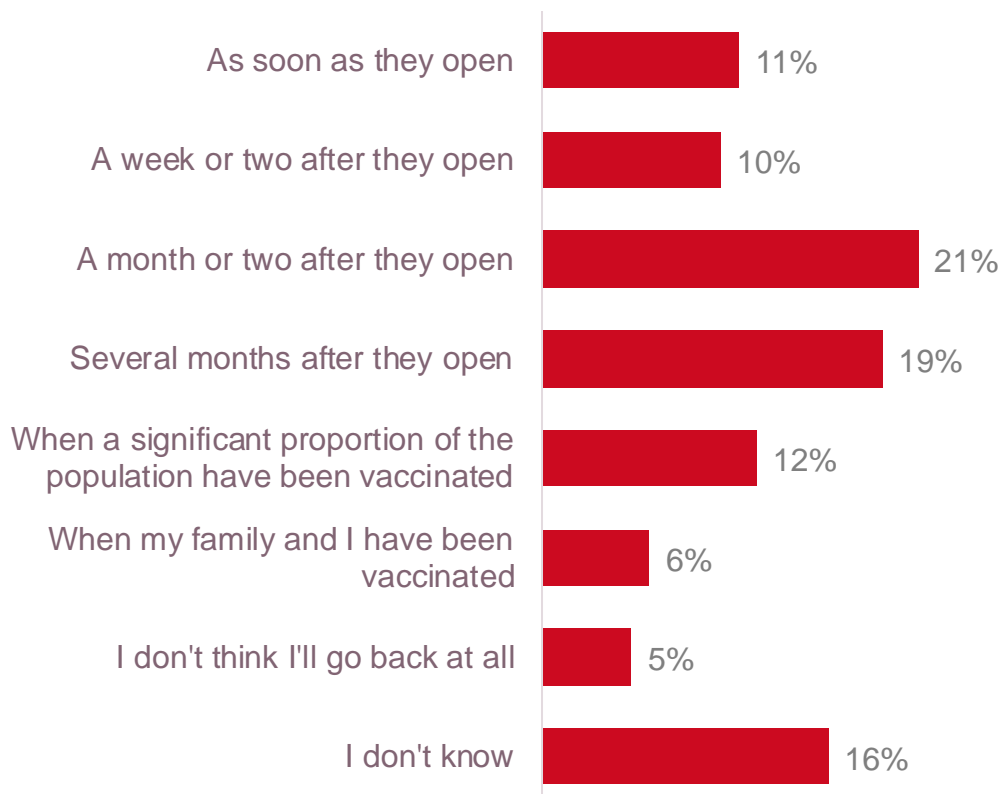
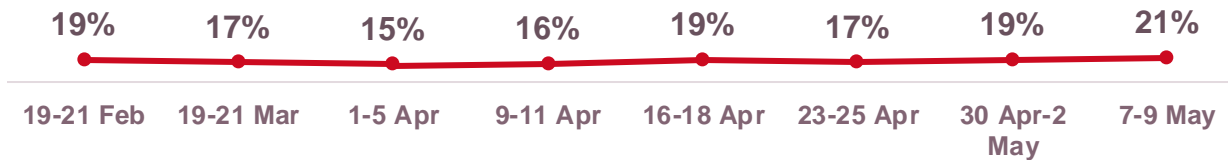


# One in ten expect to return to cinemas or theatres as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used cinemas or theatres previously  
(W45 1,651)

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

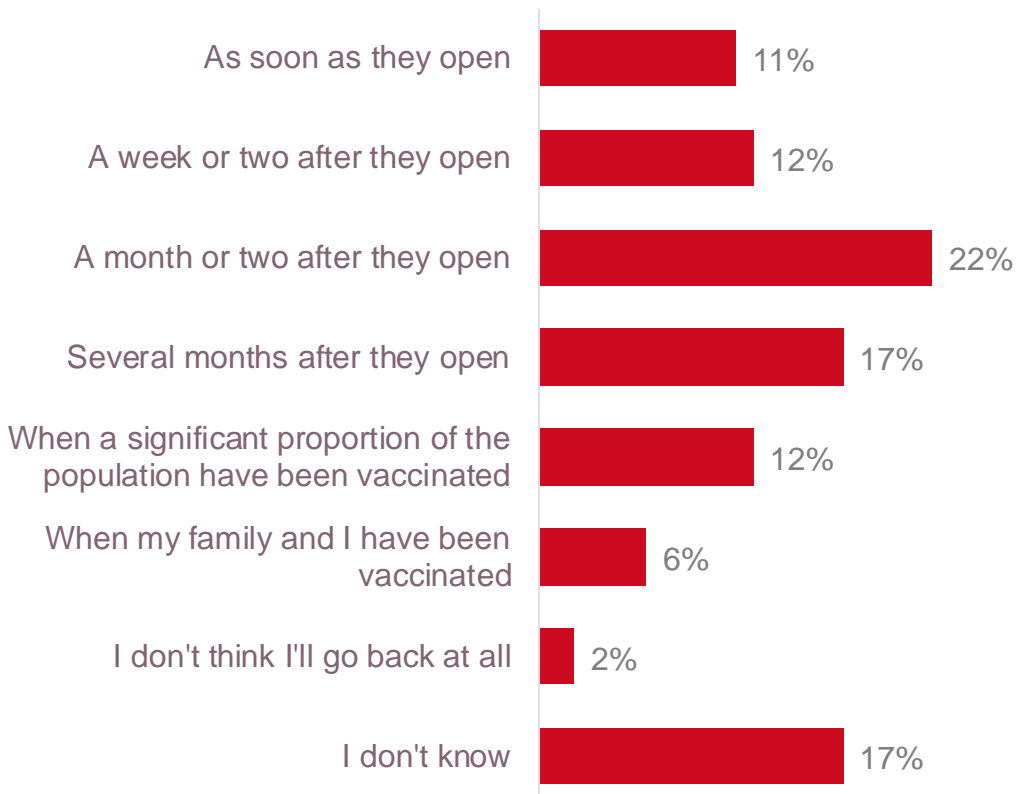
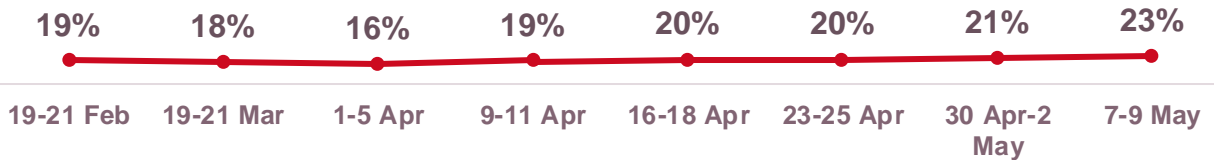


# One in ten expect to return to indoor leisure attractions as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used indoor leisure attractions previously  
(W45 1,689)

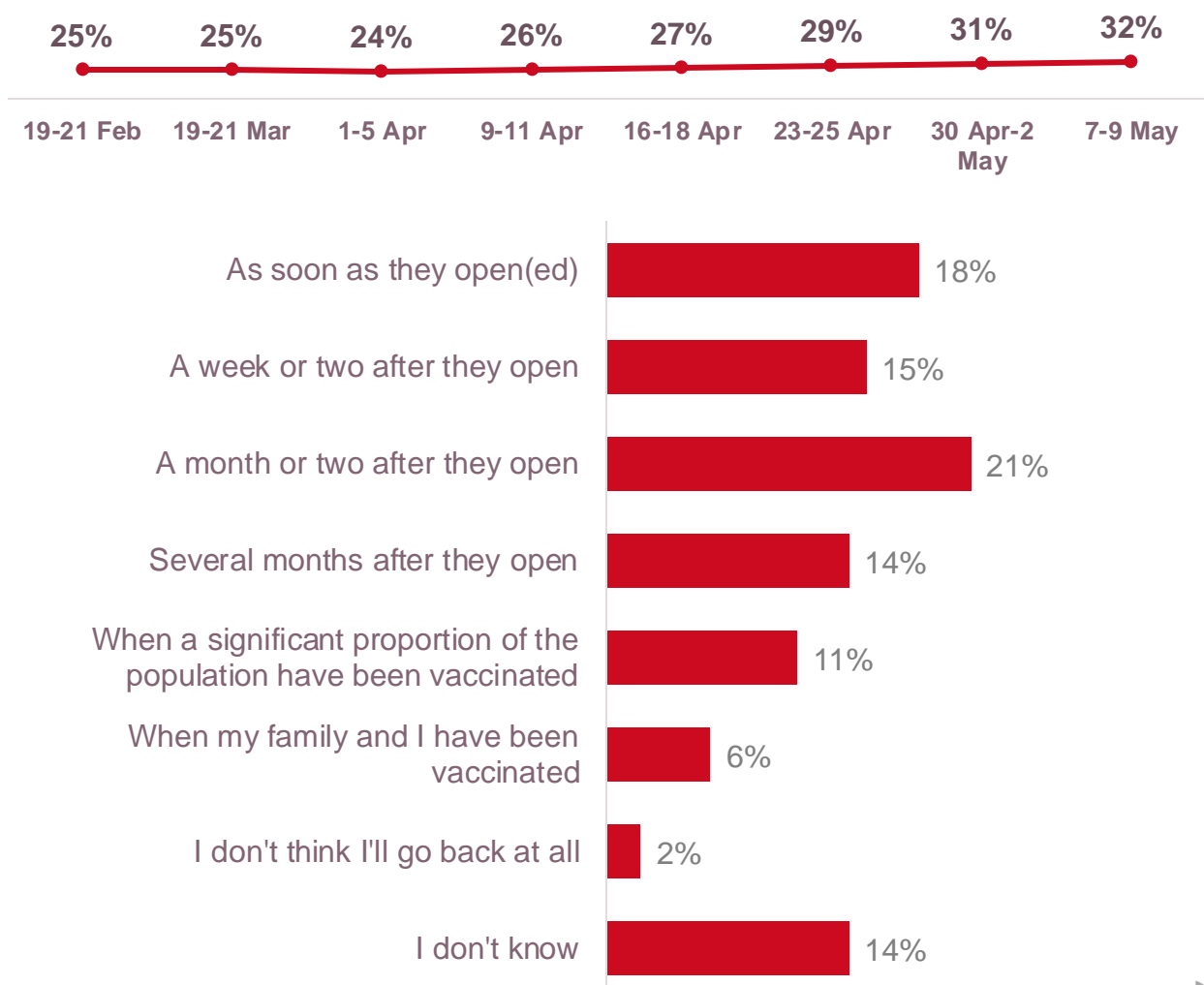
% Within a week or two – As soon as they open



# 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 (W45 1,745)

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



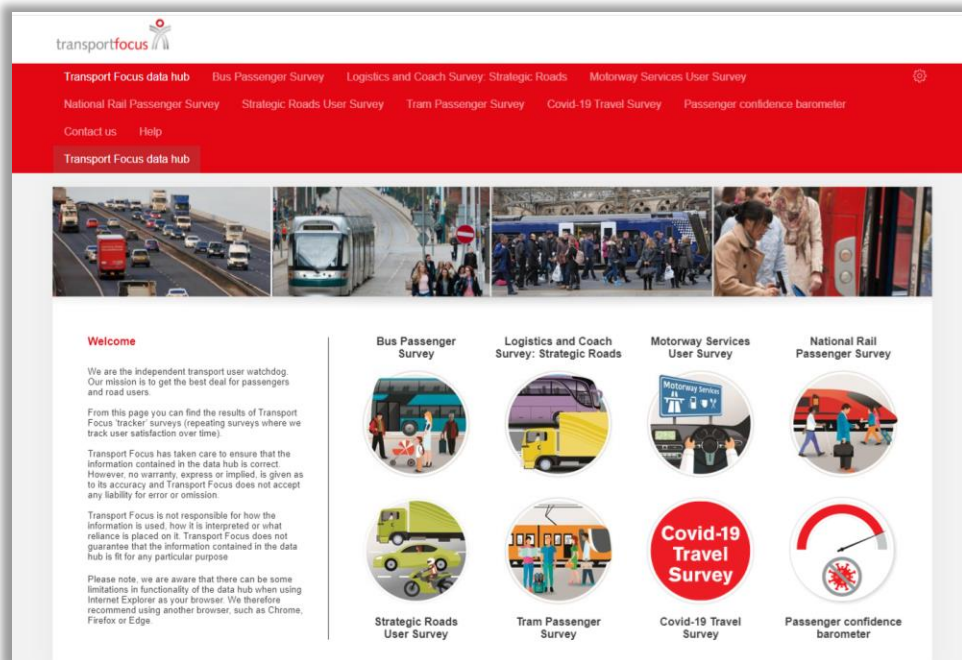
# Transport Focus Data Hub

All the results from this wave and previous waves of this research are available for your own analysis on the Transport Focus Data Hub.

The data is available for anyone to view at:

[www.transportfocus.org.uk/data-hub](http://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 45

- 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 45 fieldwork: 7 – 9 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 45	2,016	228	359	338	362	300	429	984	1,032

## Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 45	163	91	224	182	186	137	102	190	294	273	174