



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 46

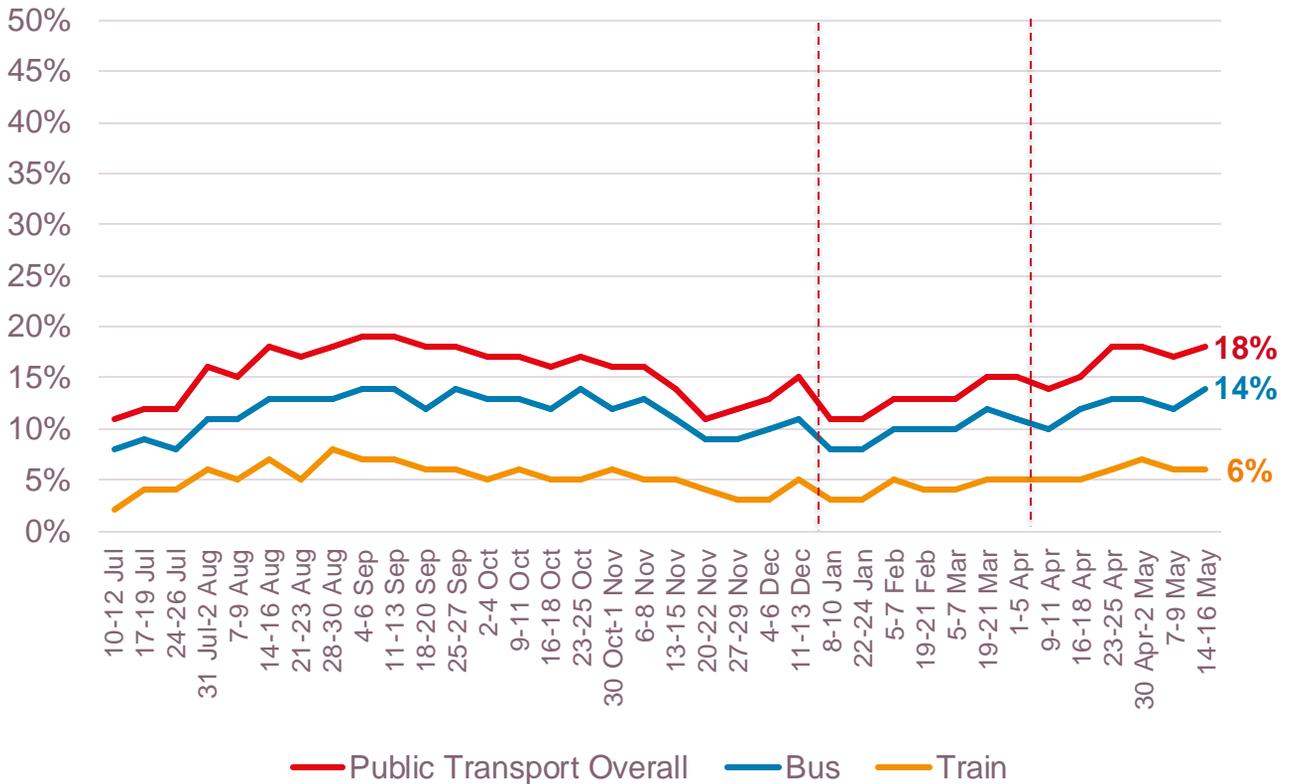
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The proportion of people using public transport is increasing

Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

Trend - last 36 waves

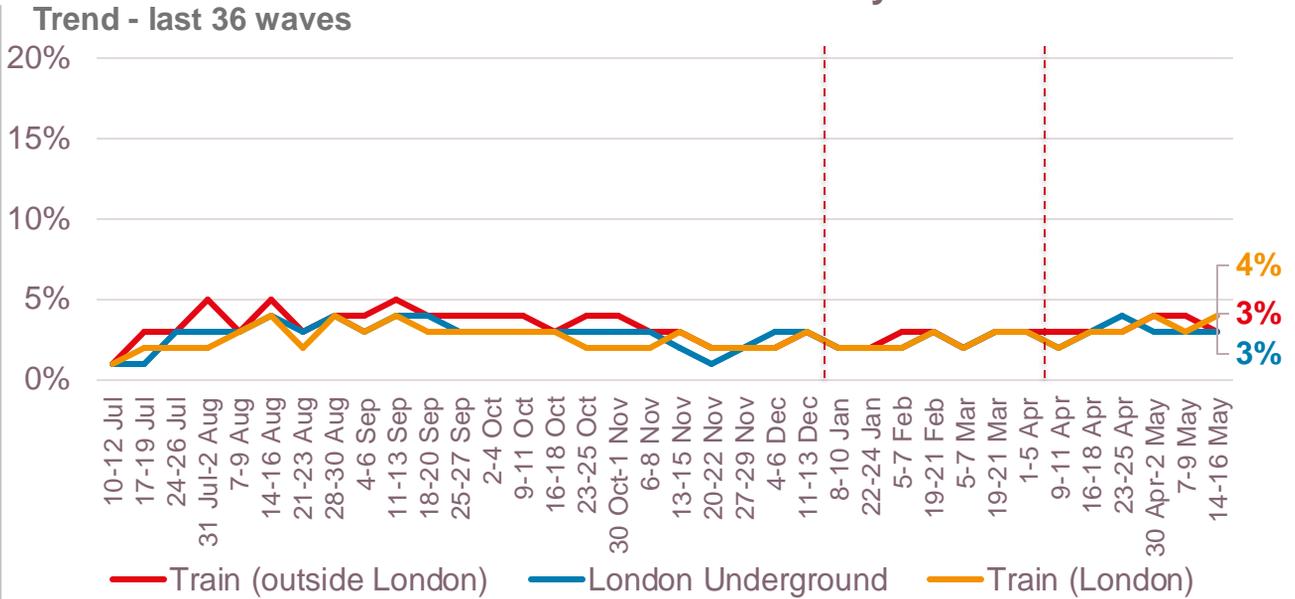


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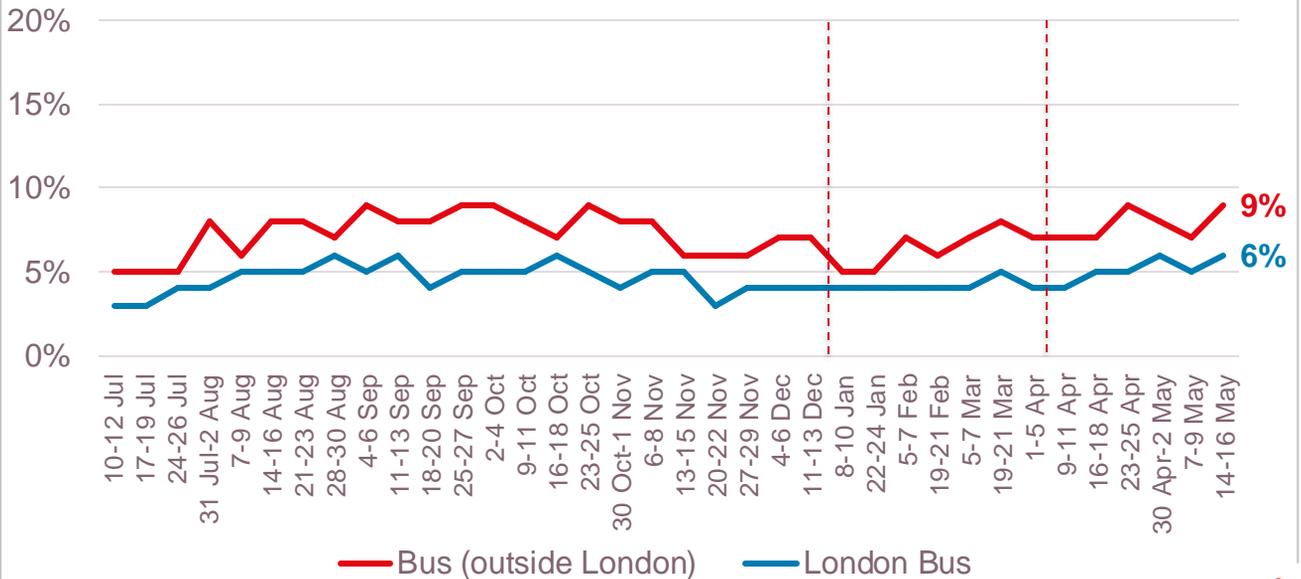
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There has been an increase in the proportion who have used a bus

Use of train in last seven days



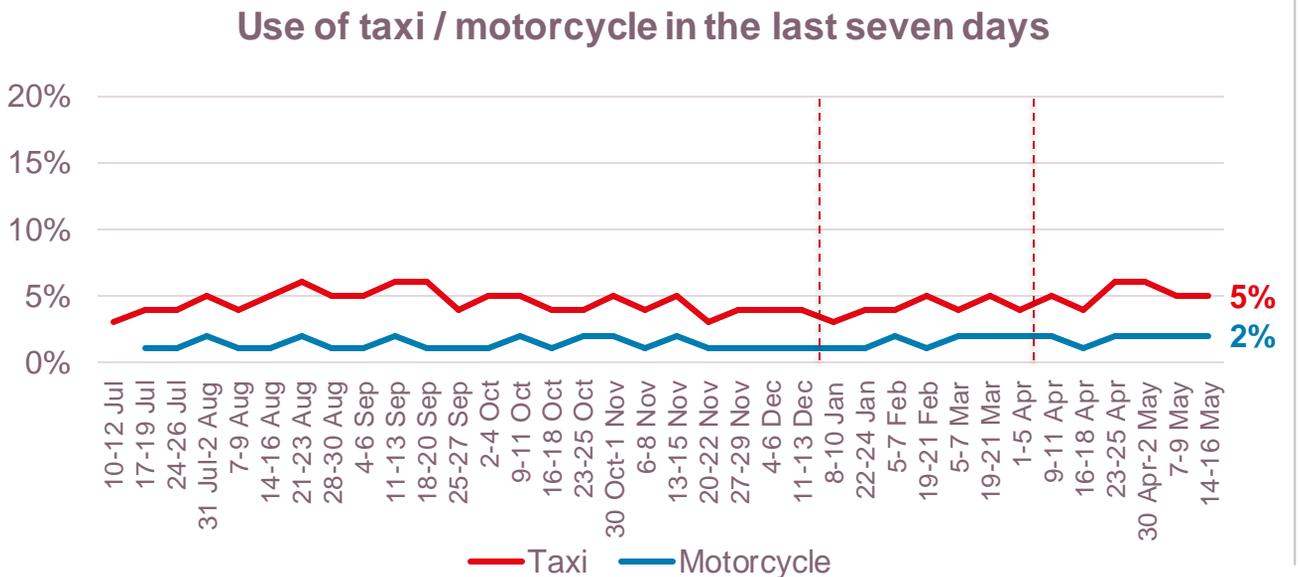
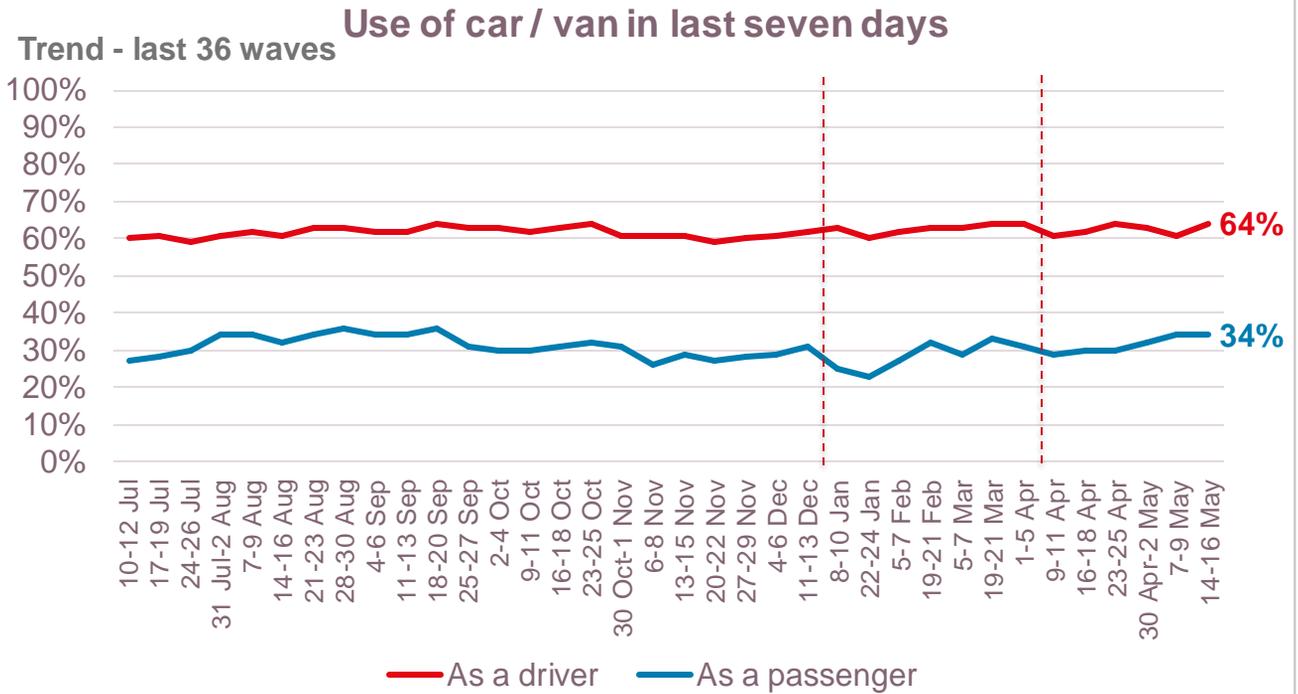
Use of bus in last seven days



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Road use is consistent



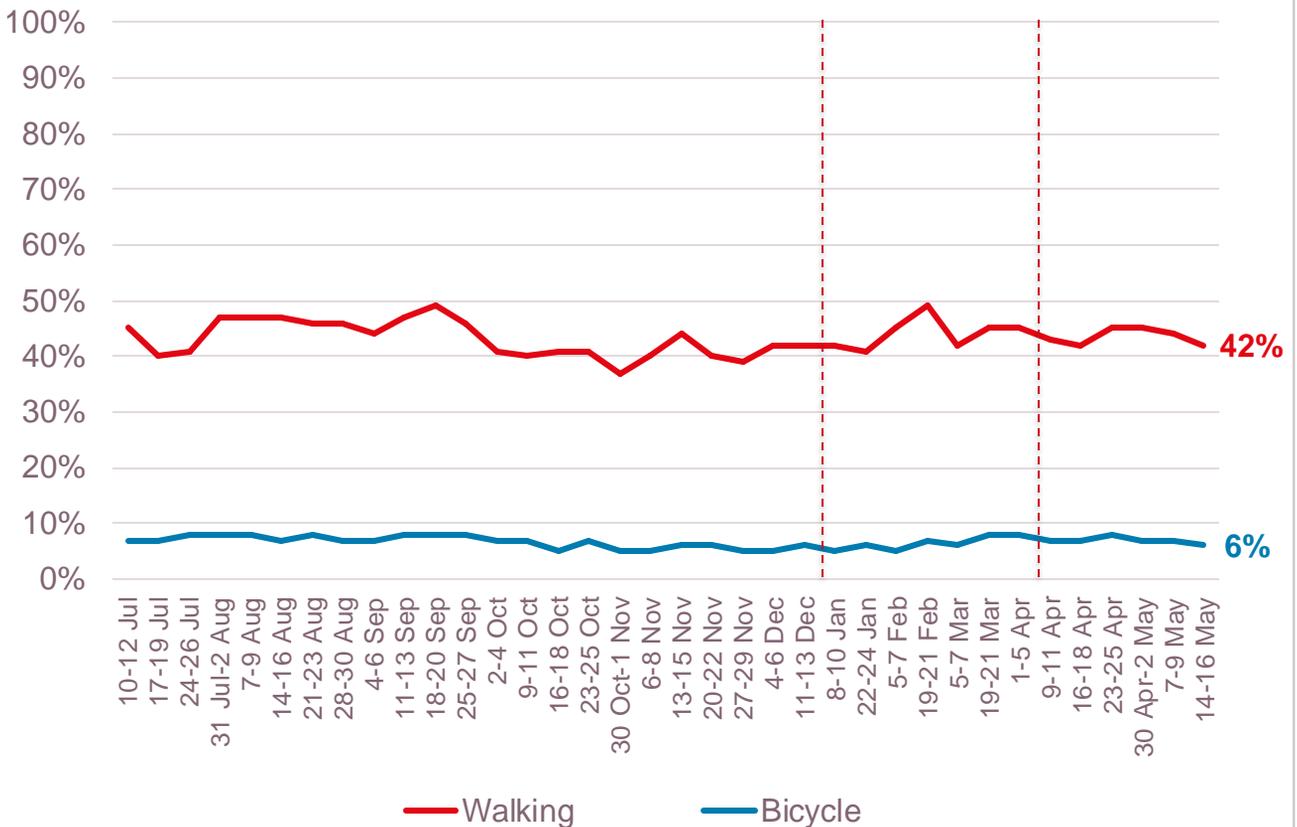
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More than two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have cycled

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

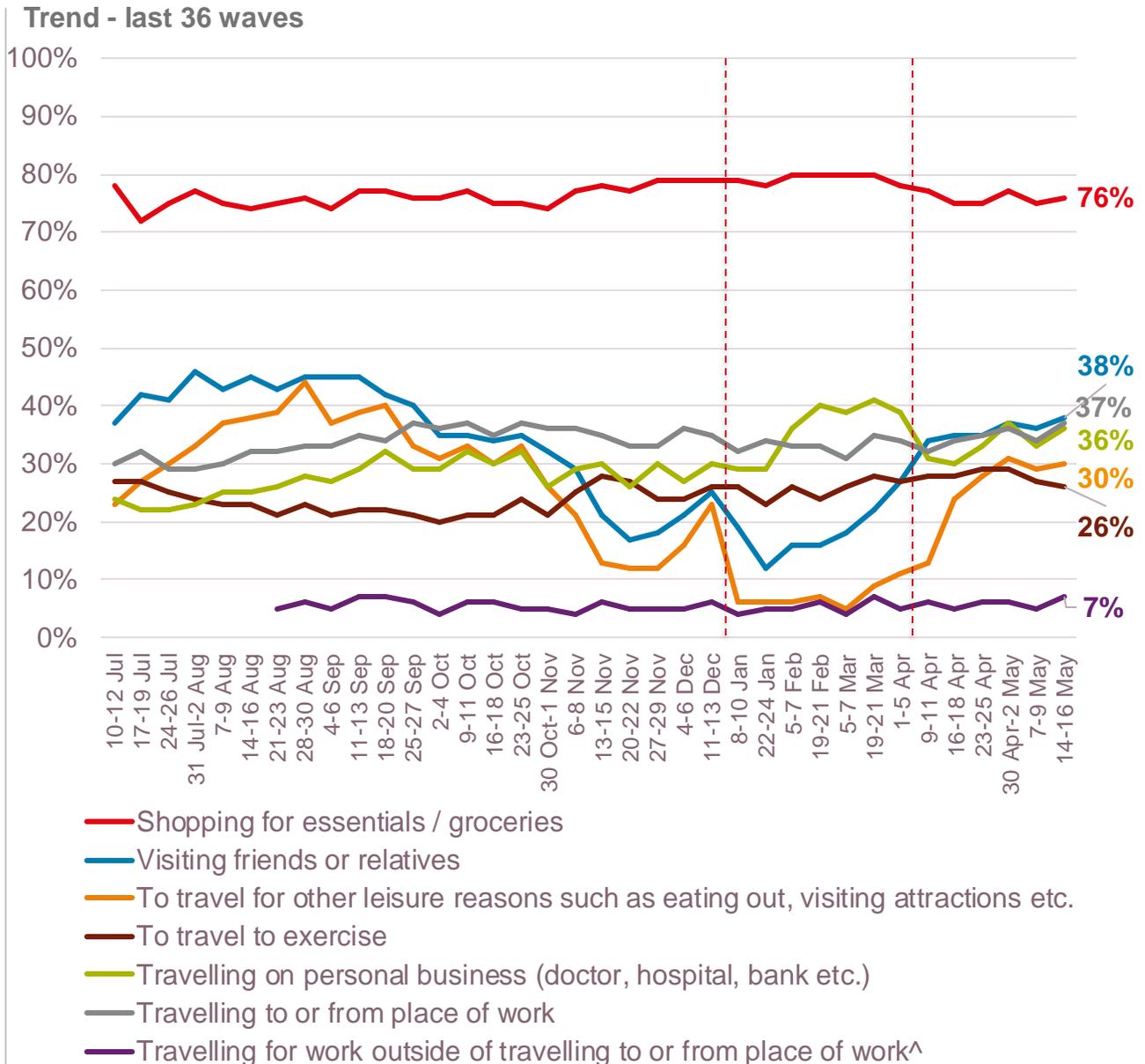


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Journeys made to visit friends or relatives and journeys made to or from a place of work have increased

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days



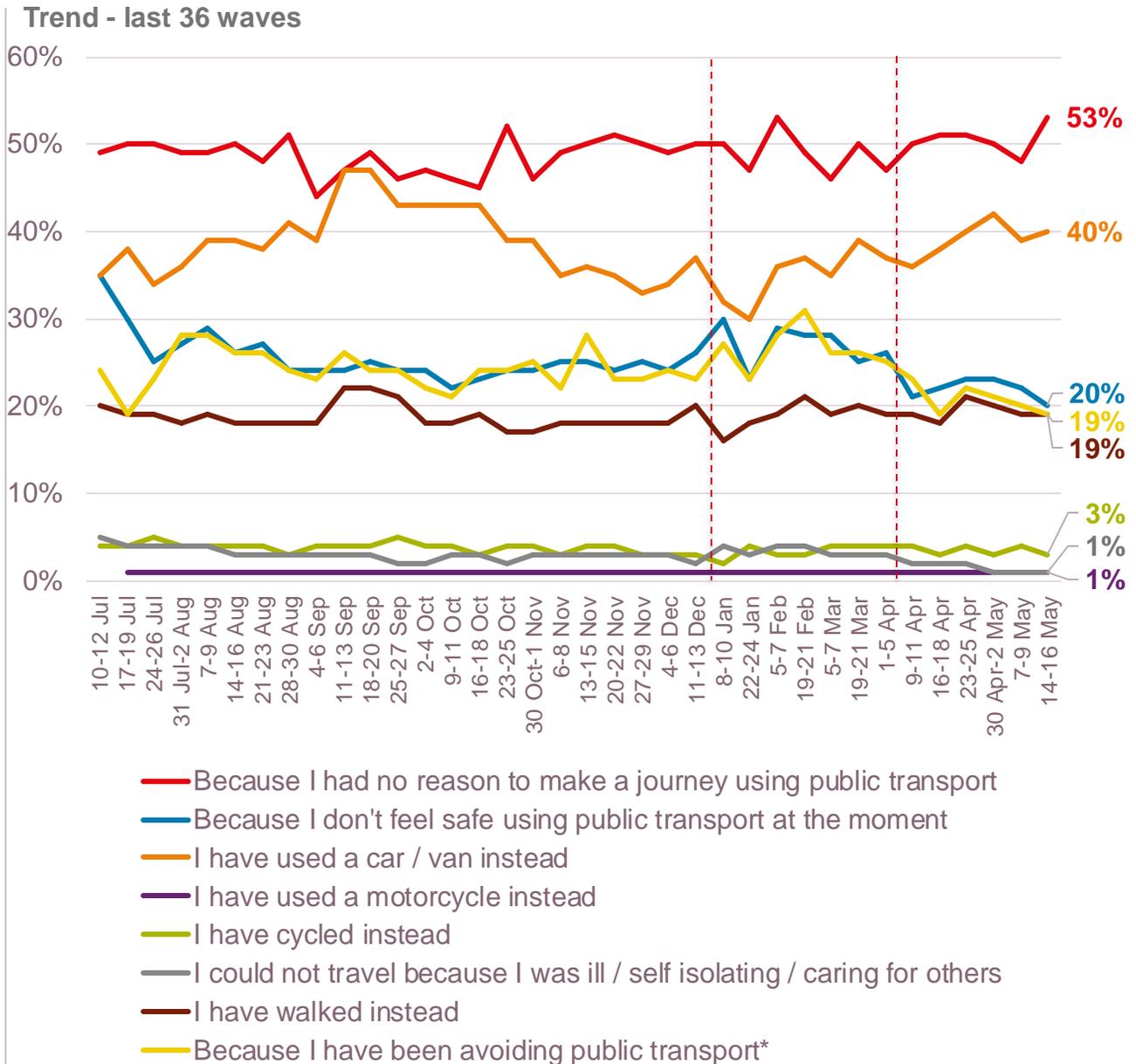
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^ New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)

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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



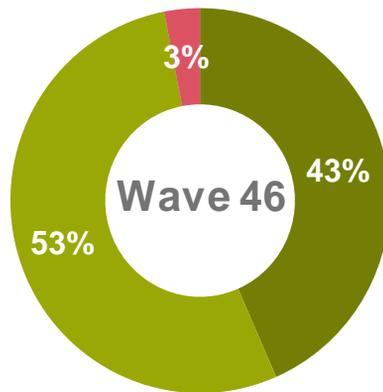
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* Wording amended at week 13 (24-26 July)

More than nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days felt safe doing so

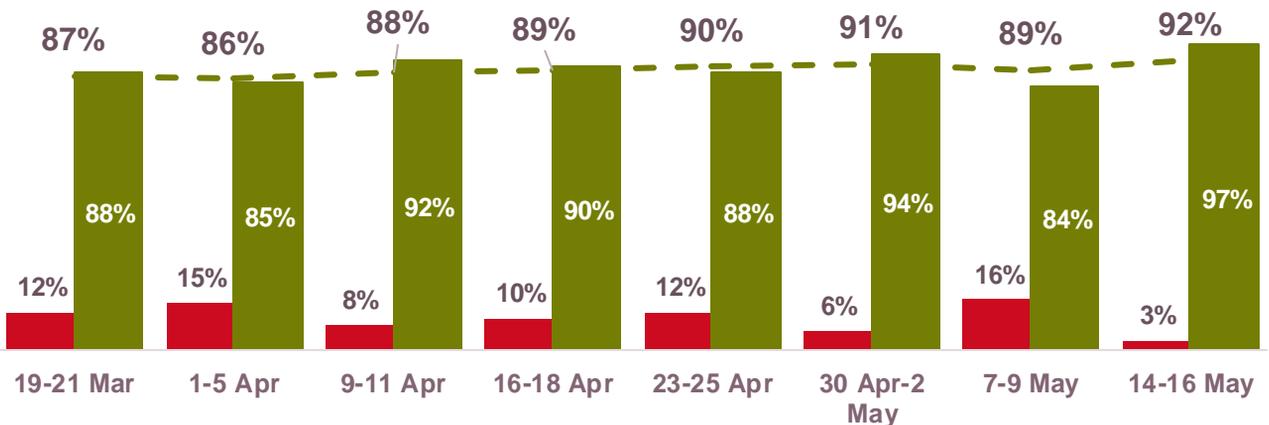
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using trains?

Base: All making journeys by train, W46 – 122



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

Trend - last eight waves



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

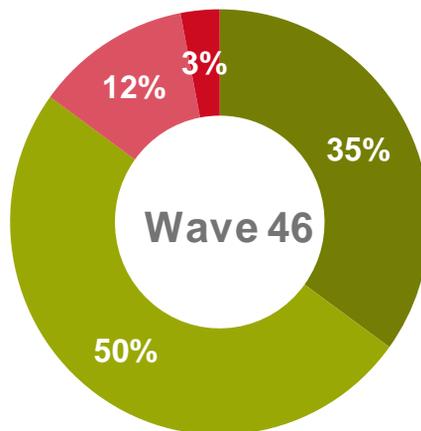
■ Very / Fairly safe

- - - % 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

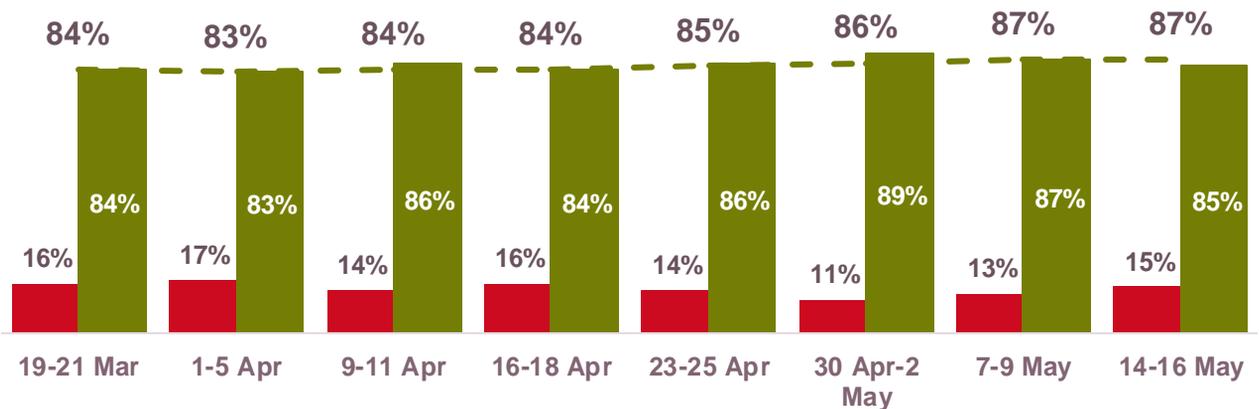
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, how safe do you feel at the moment when using buses?

Base: All making journeys by bus, W46 – 272



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

Trend - last eight waves



■ % Not very / Not at all safe

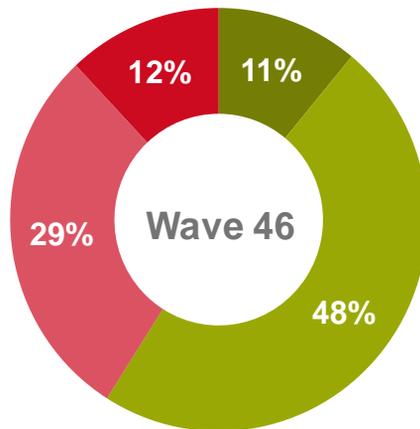
■ Very / Fairly safe

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

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

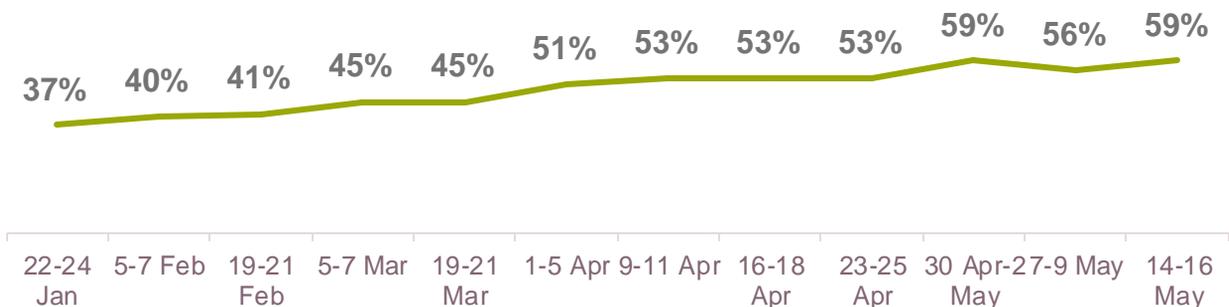
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, if you had to make a journey at the moment, how safe would you feel making a journey by train?

Base: All *excluding* those making journeys by train, W46 – 1,893



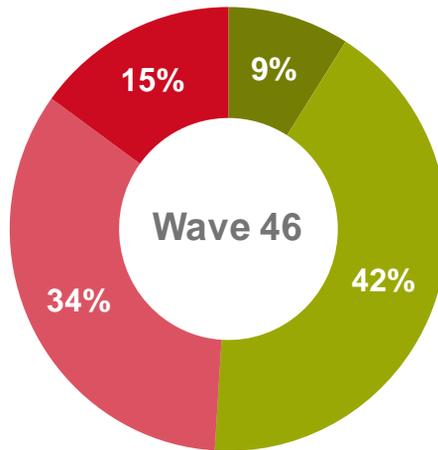
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Trend - % safe – last twelve waves



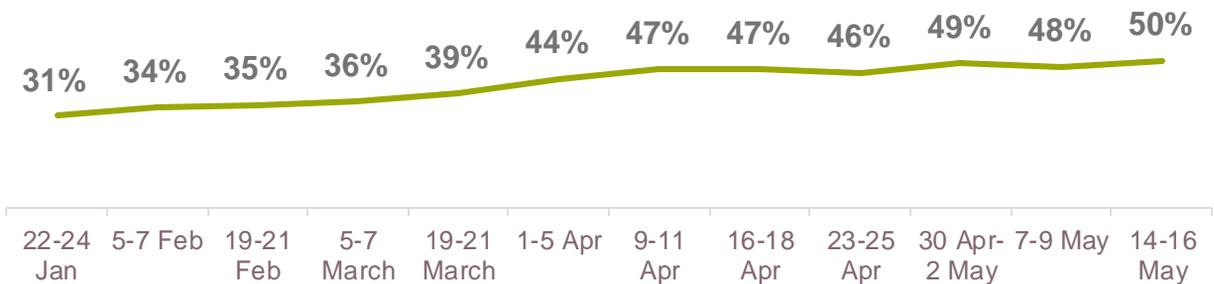
Half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

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, W46 – 1,743



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

Trend - % safe – last twelve waves

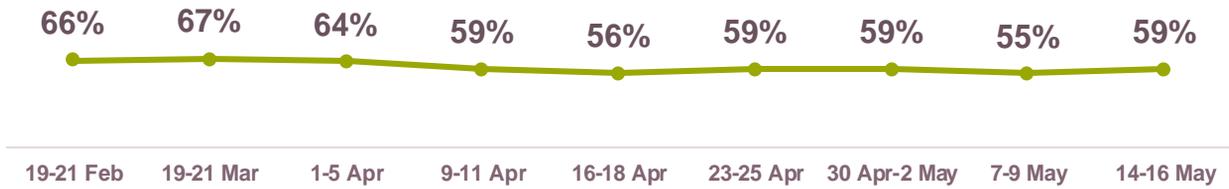


For three in five Coronavirus is a major concern. Those who have a disability are more likely than others to agree.

Coronavirus is a major concern for me

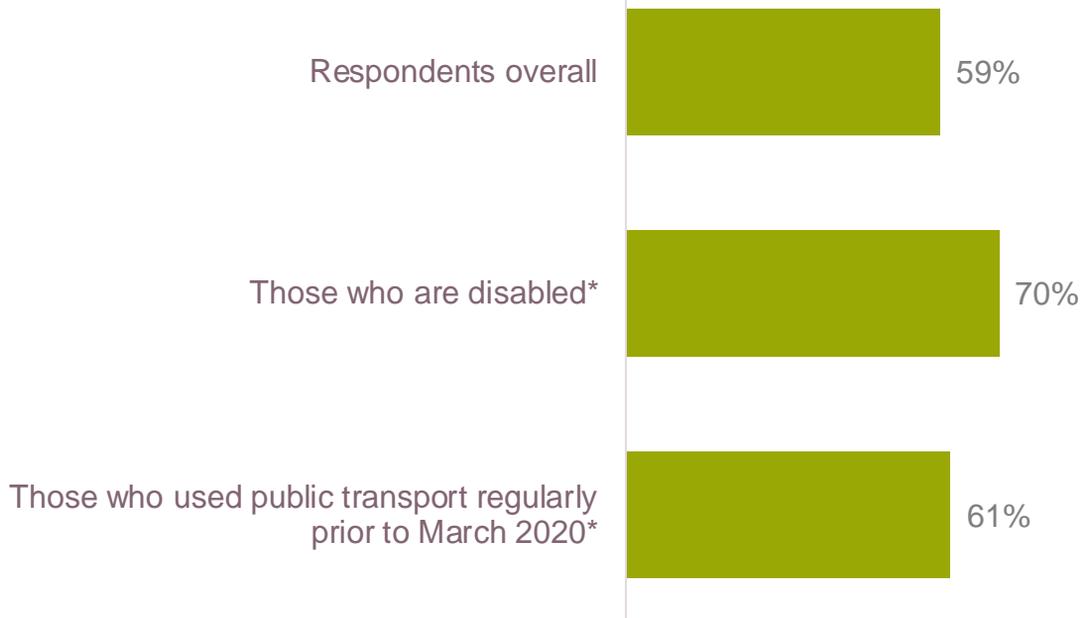
Base: W46 1,989

% Agree



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

% Agree



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

Half think that enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport. One in five disagree.

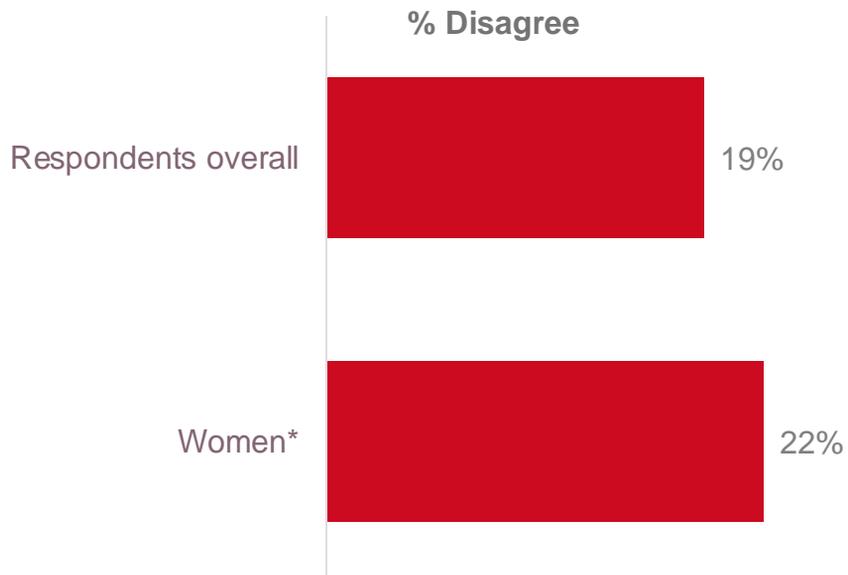
Enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

Base: W46 1,596

% Disagree



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



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

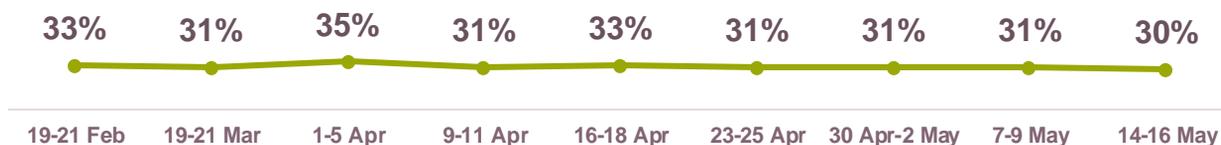
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Three in ten say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

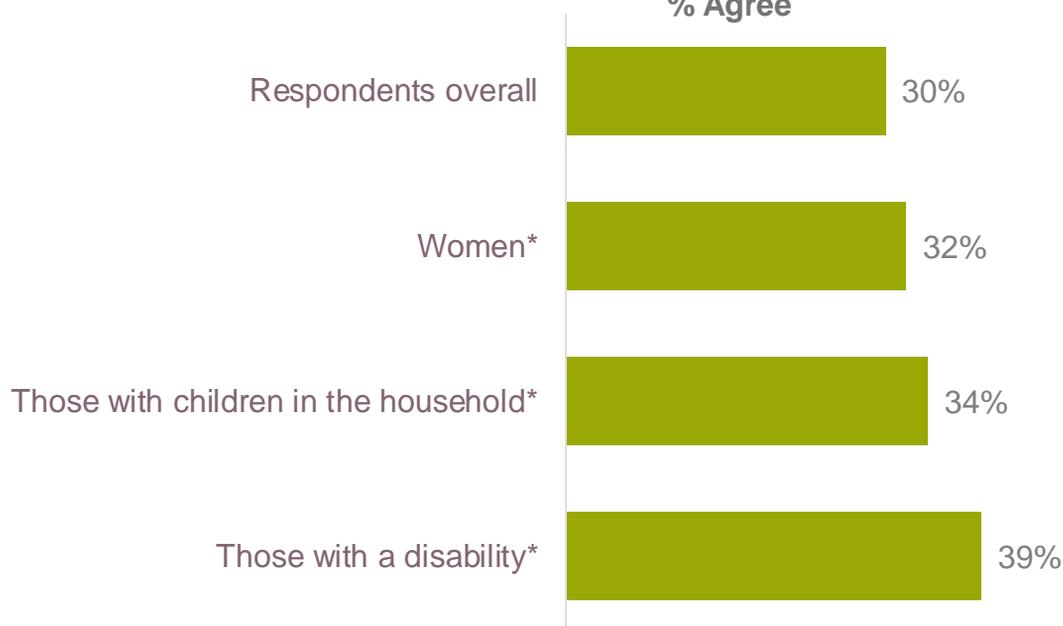
Base: W46 1,859

% Agree



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

% Agree



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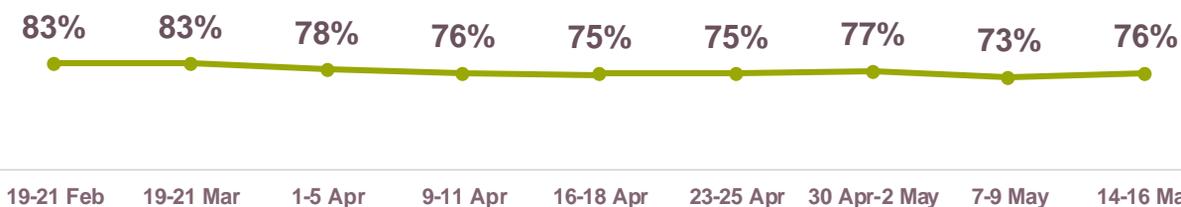
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Three quarters have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

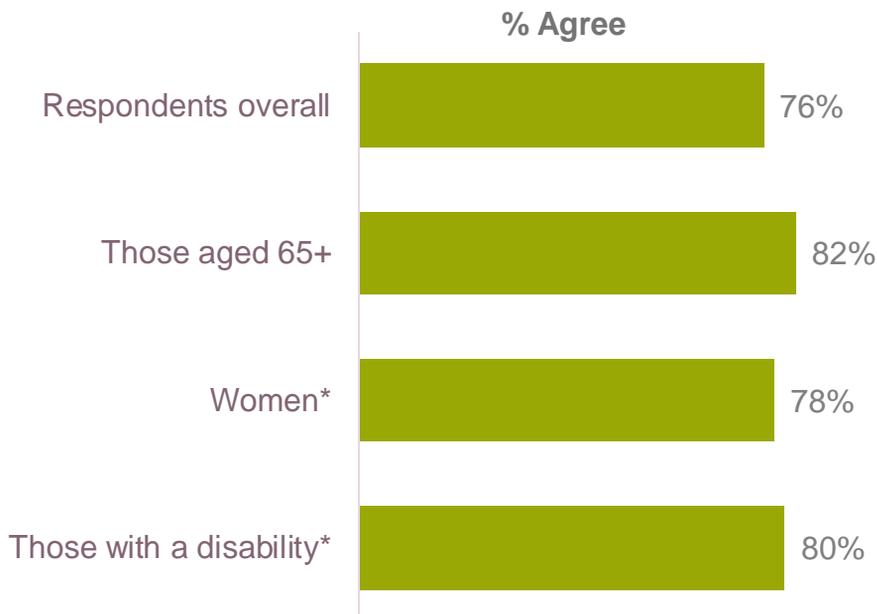
I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W46 1,981

% Agree



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



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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[^]

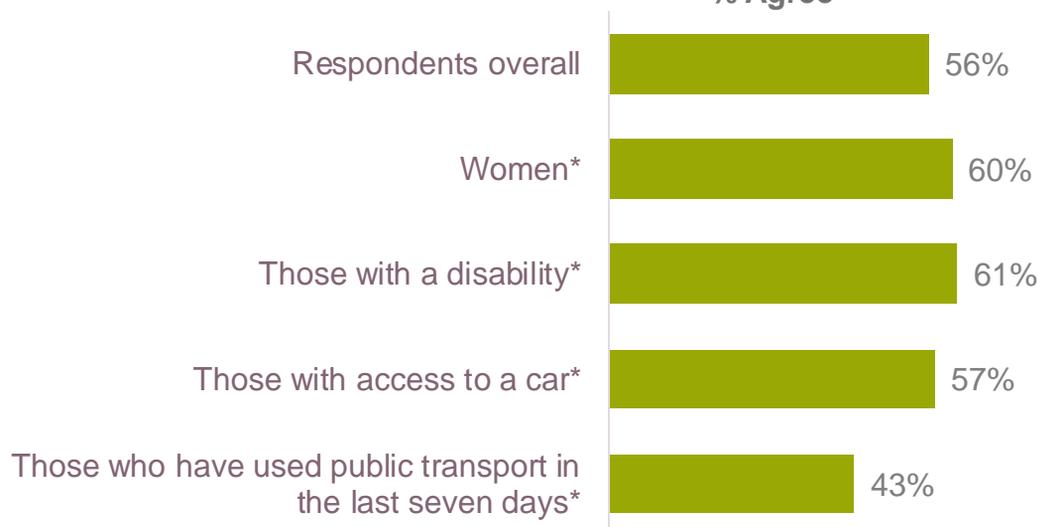
Base: W46 1,795

% Agree



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

% Agree



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

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

--- Represents the break in fieldwork

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Almost half 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: W46 1,889



16-18 Apr 23-25 Apr 30 Apr-2 May 7-9 May 14-16 May



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

% Agree



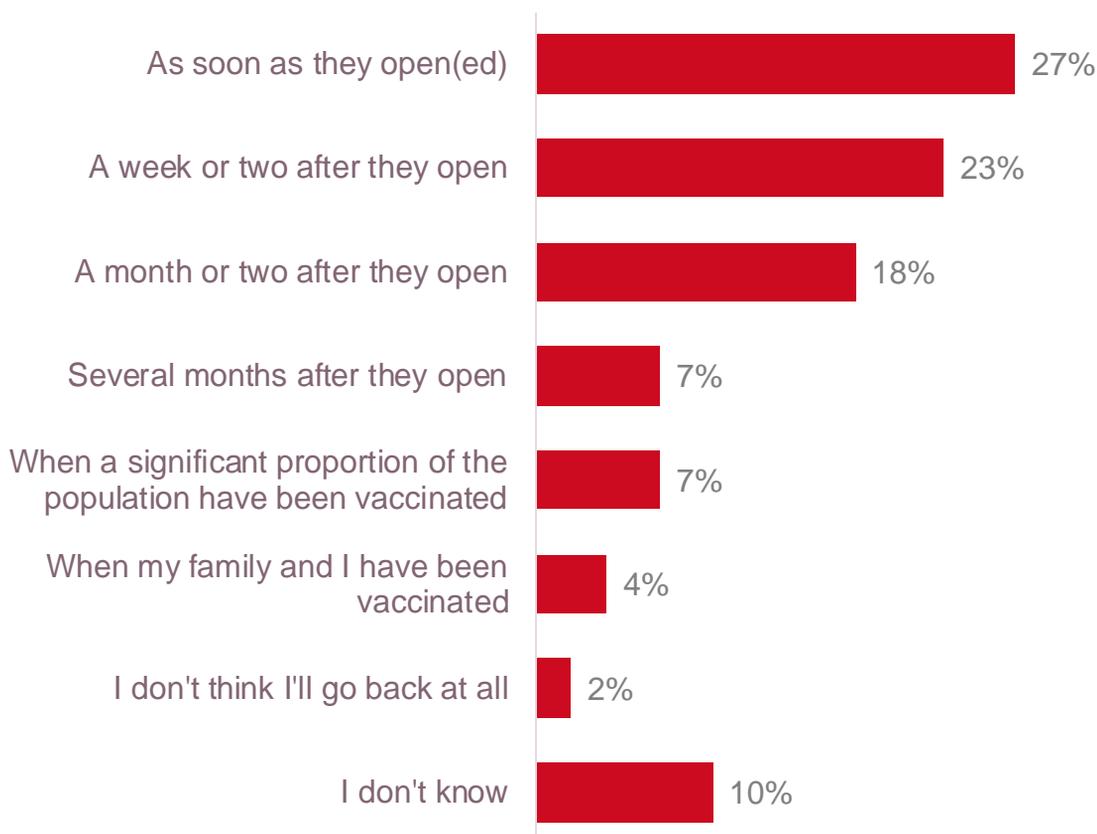
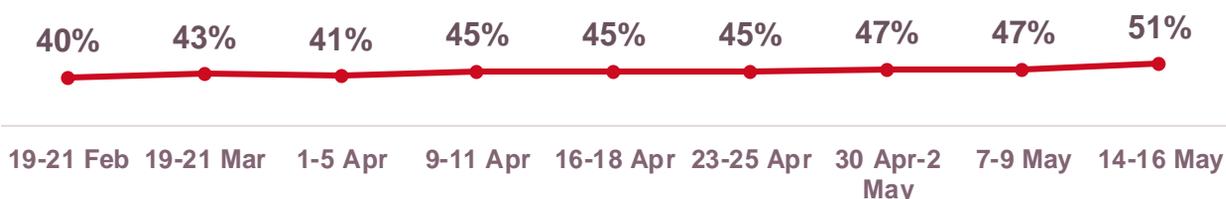
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More than a quarter expect to return to shopping centres/department stores as soon as restrictions are lifted

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 (W46 1,962)

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

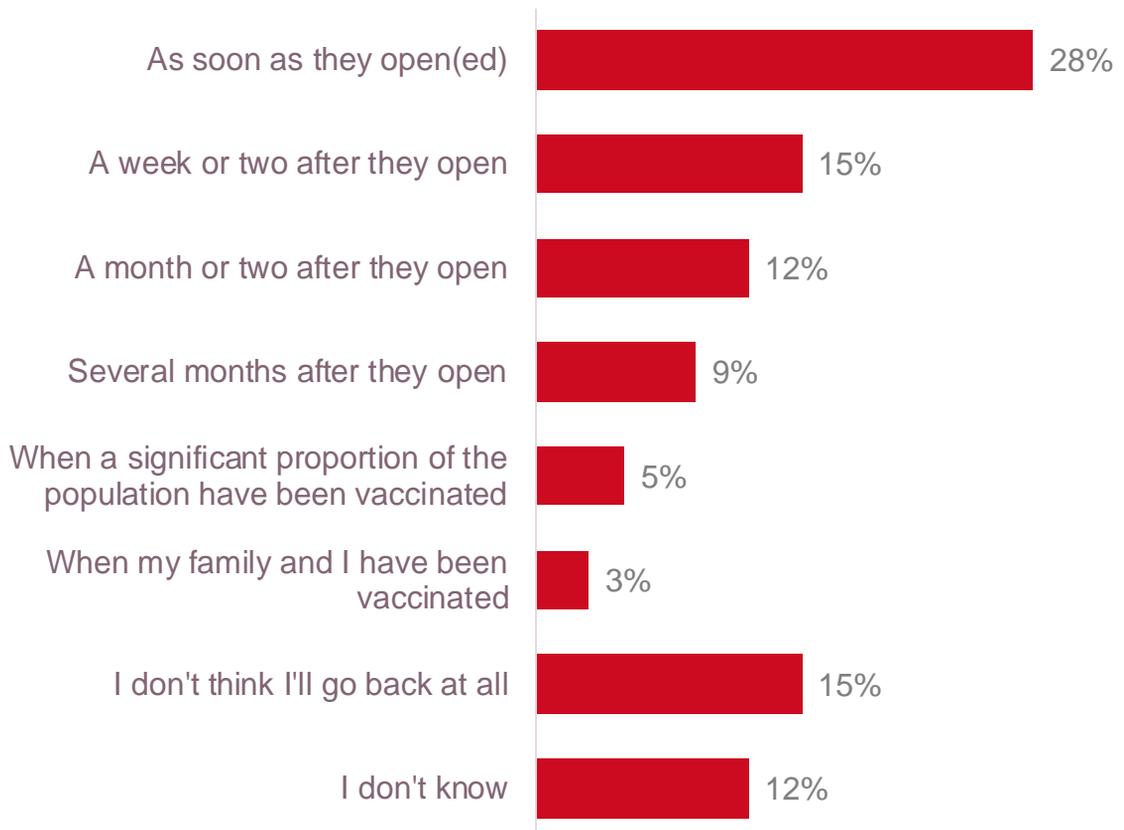
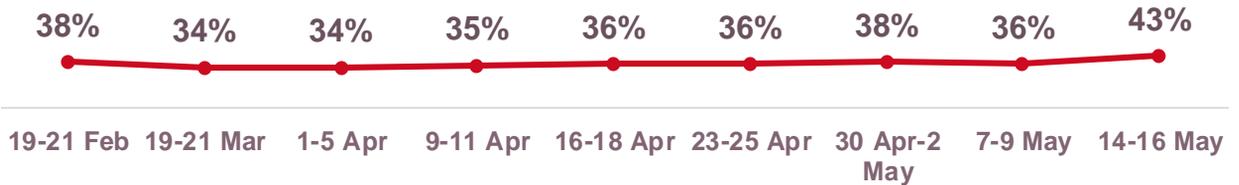


More than a quarter expect to return to gyms as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used gyms previously (W46 757)

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

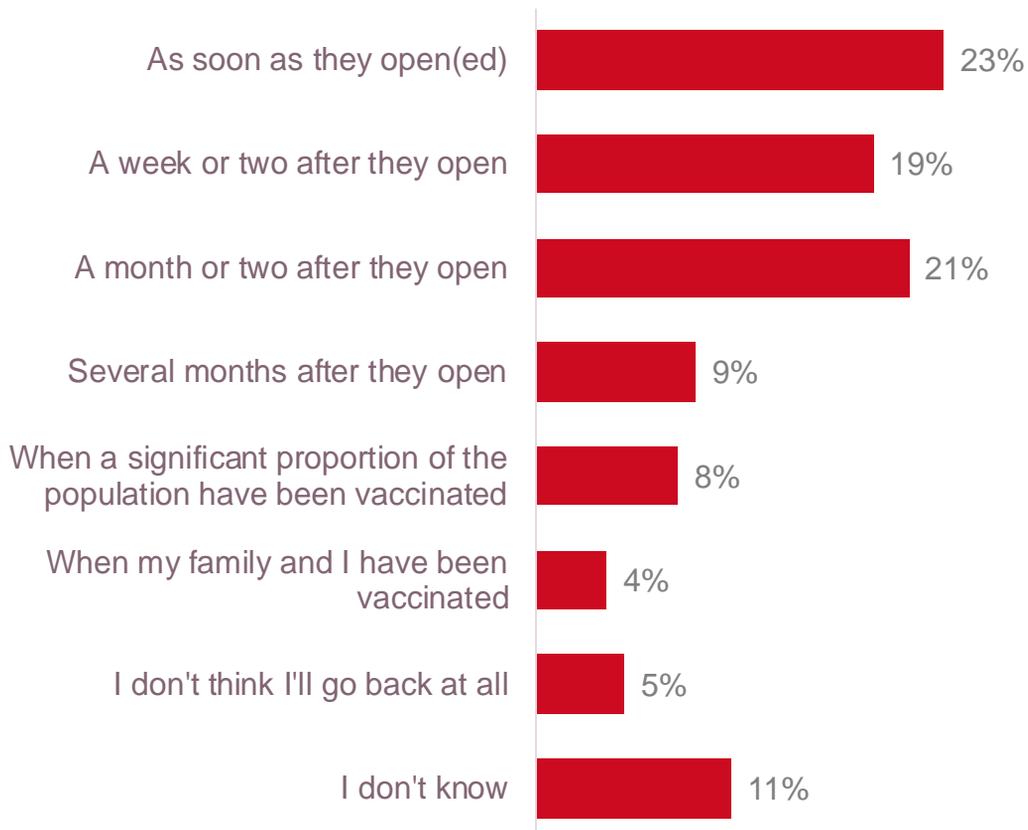
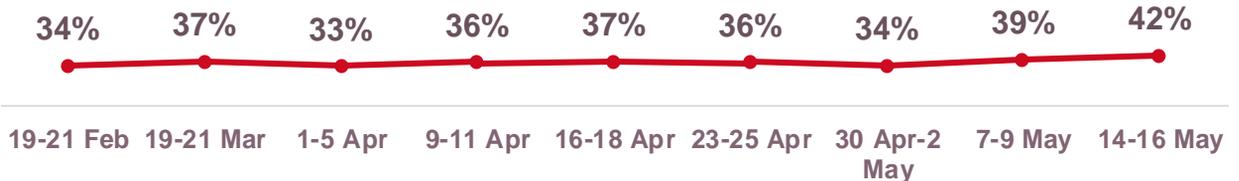


One in five expect to return to pubs as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used pubs previously (W46 1,644)

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

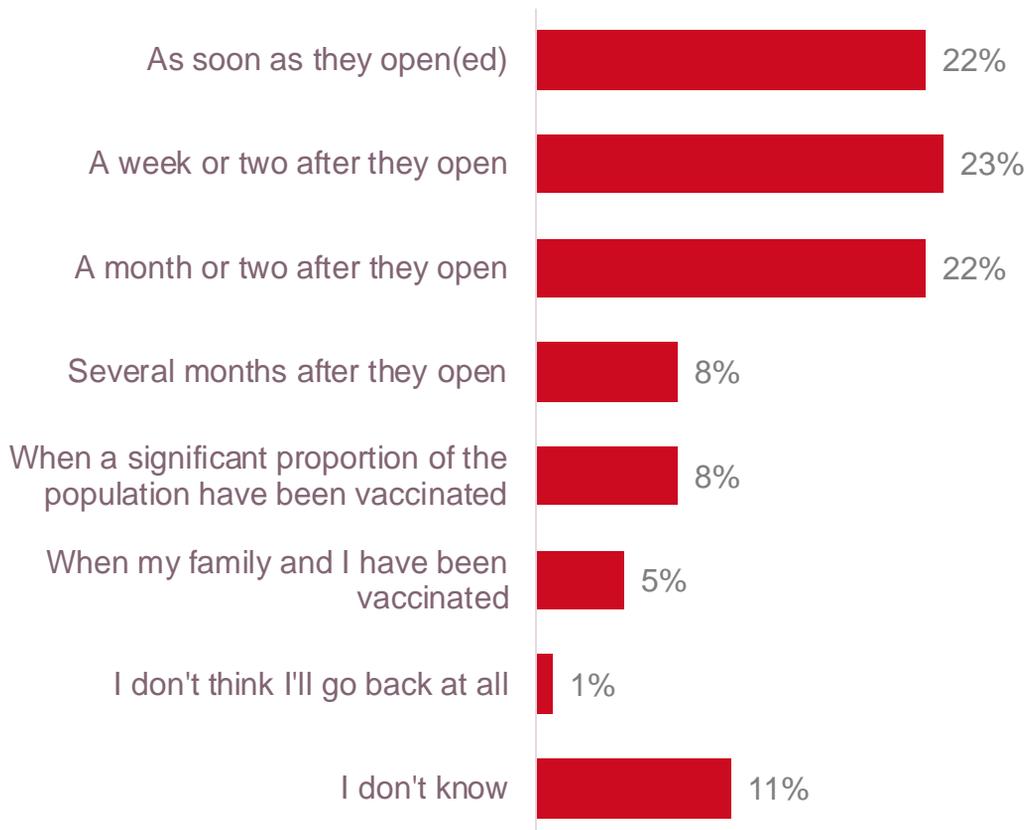
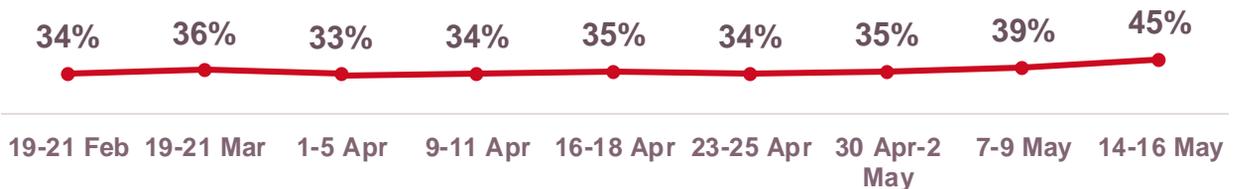


One in five expect to return to restaurants as soon as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used restaurants previously (W46 1,930)

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

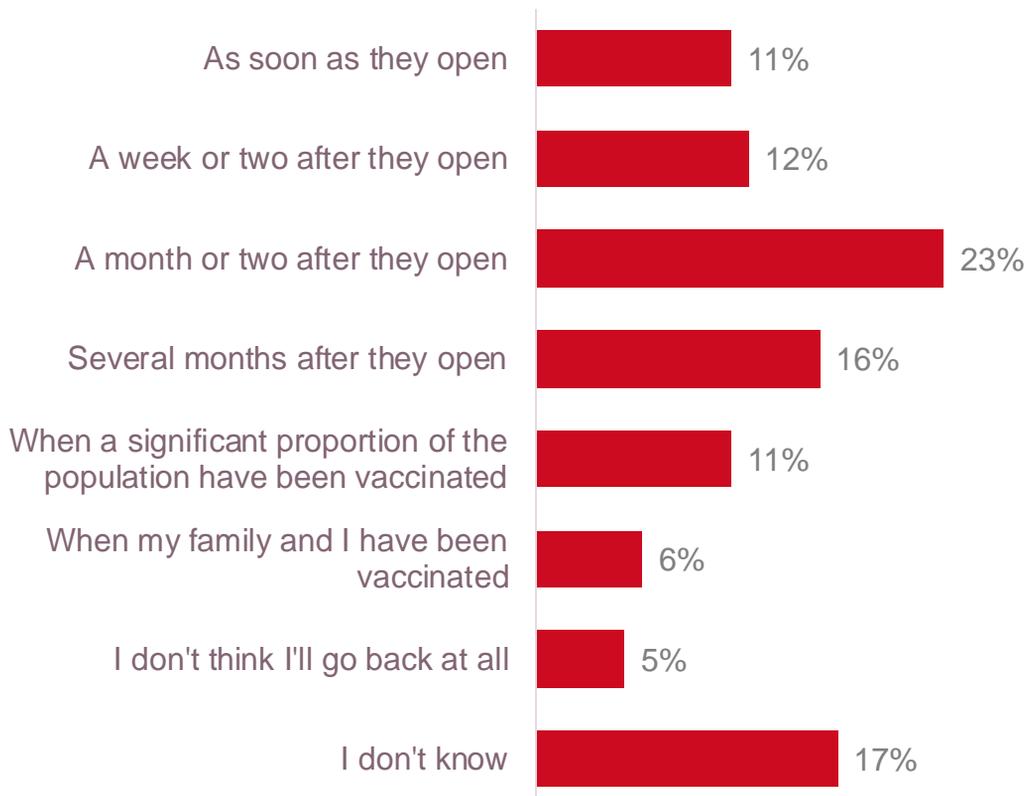


One in ten expect to return to cinemas or theatres as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used cinemas or theatres previously
(W46 1,717)

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

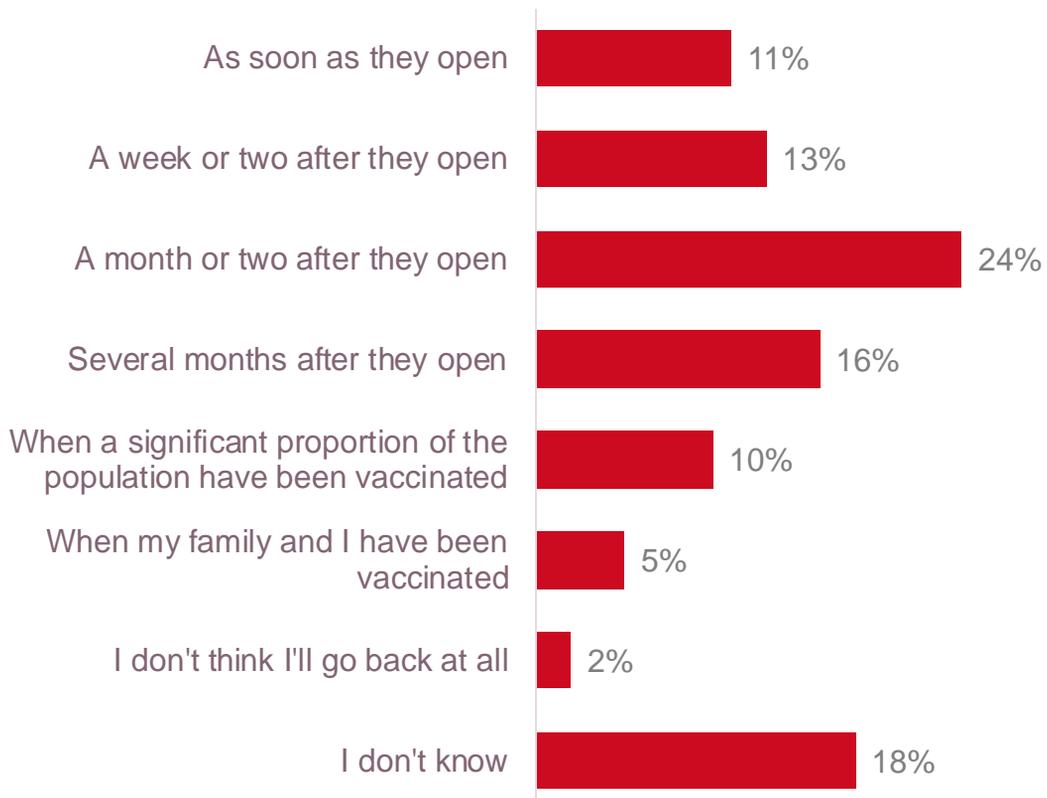


One in ten expect to return to indoor leisure attractions as soon as restrictions are lifted

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

Base: Those who used indoor leisure attractions previously
(W46 1,721)

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

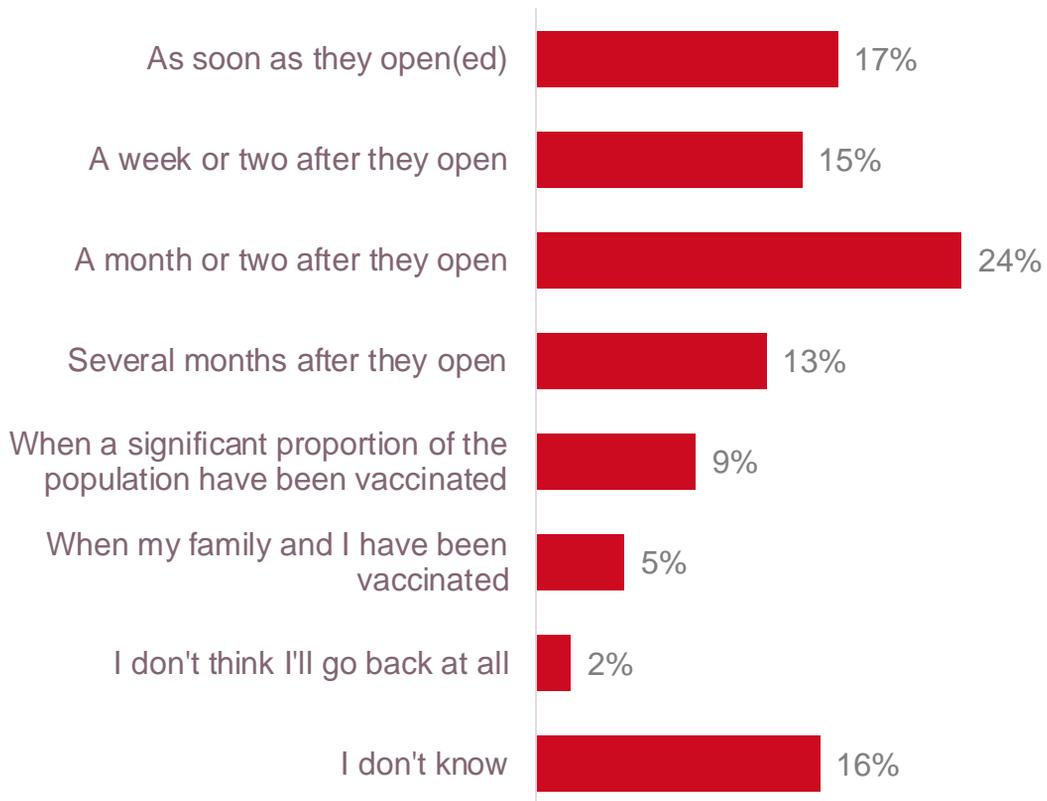


A third expect to return to outdoor leisure attractions within a week or two or sooner

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 (W46 1,740)

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



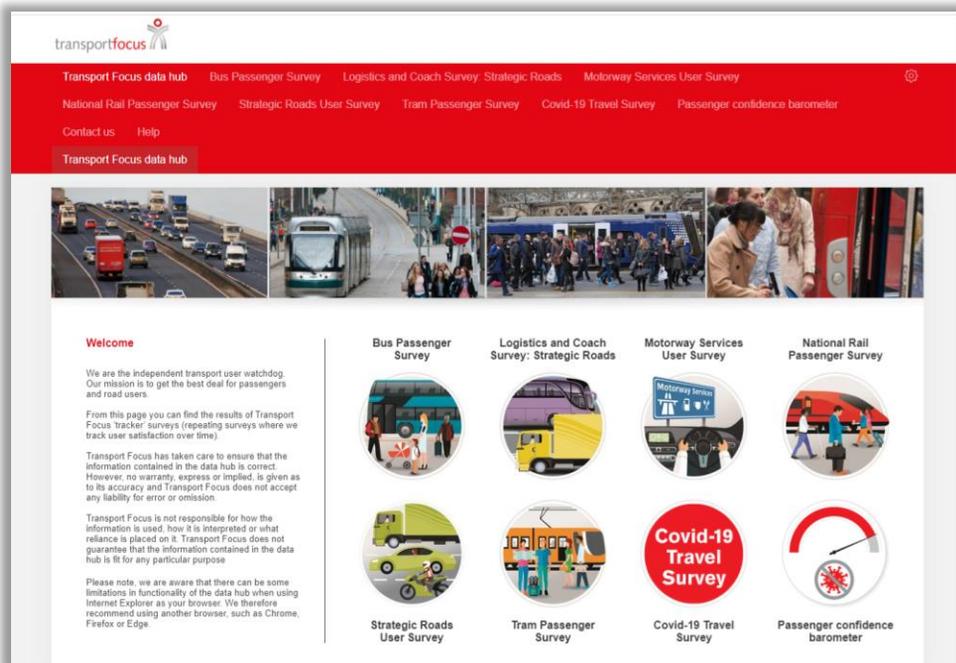
Transport Focus Data Hub

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

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 46

- 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 46 fieldwork: 14 – 16 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 46	2,032	221	281	325	356	333	516	977	1,055

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 46	155	91	215	184	198	144	89	185	290	291	190