



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 51

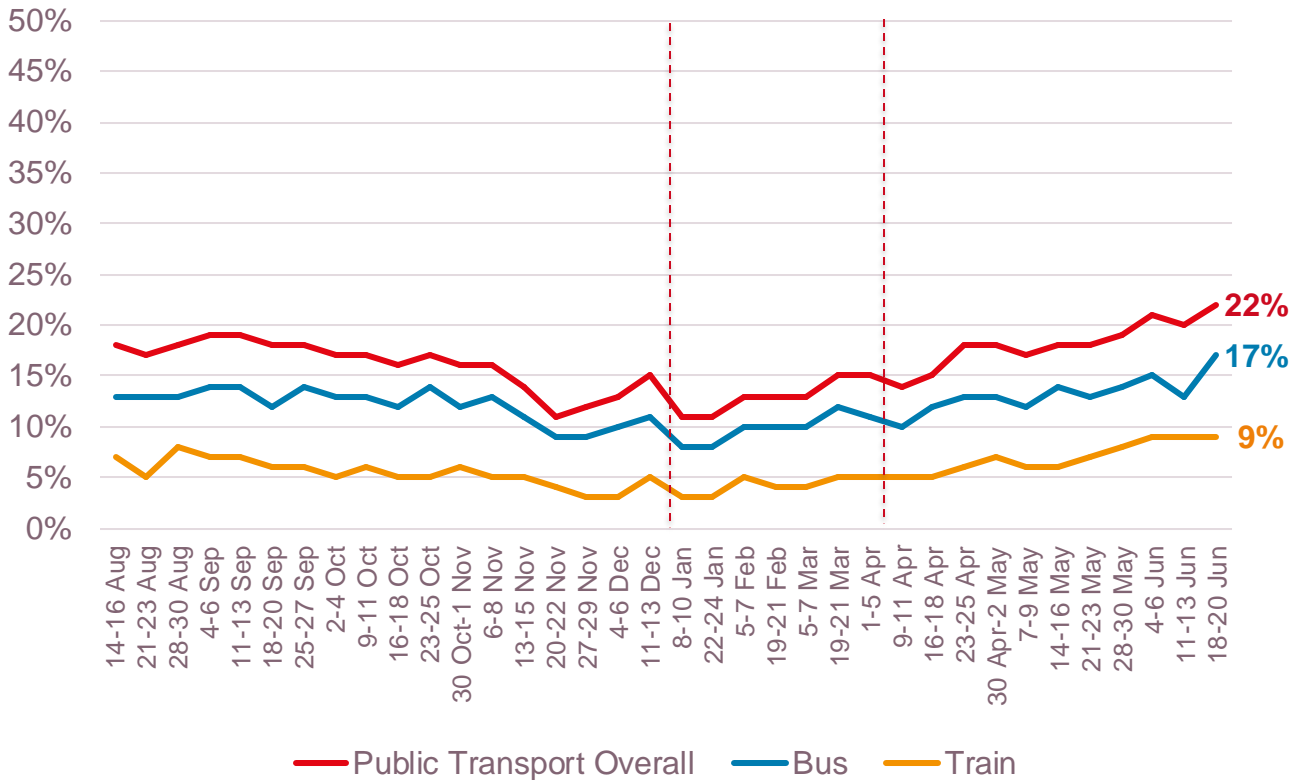
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 51

Use of public transport, and particularly of buses, has increased over the last seven days

Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

Trend - last 36 waves

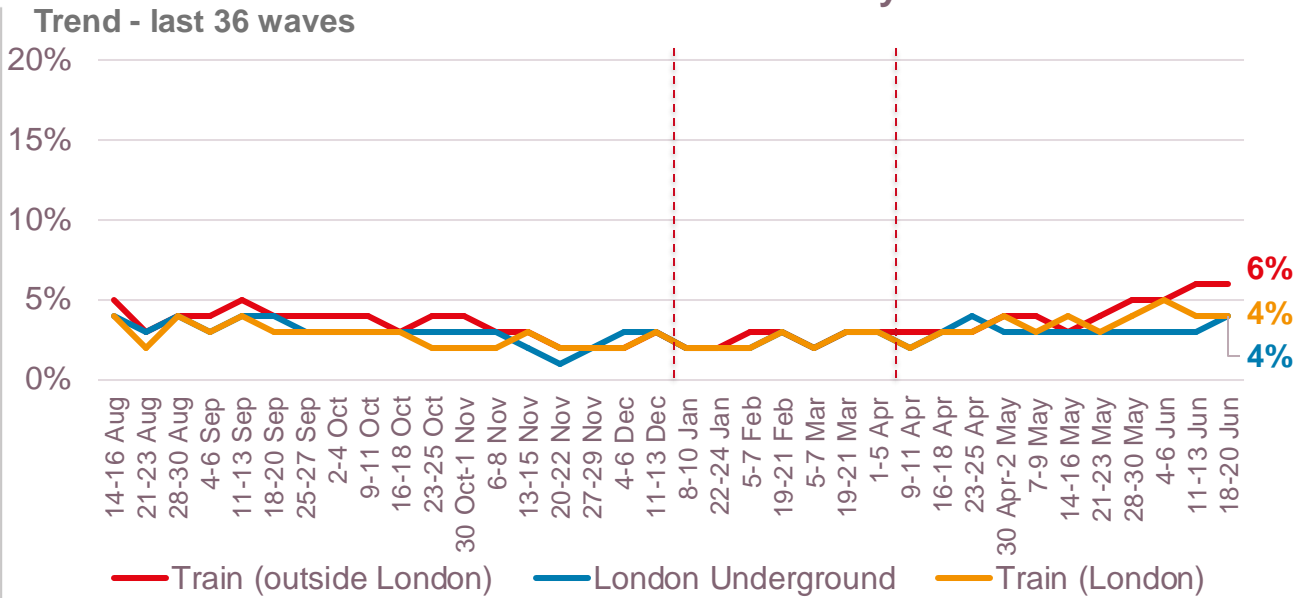


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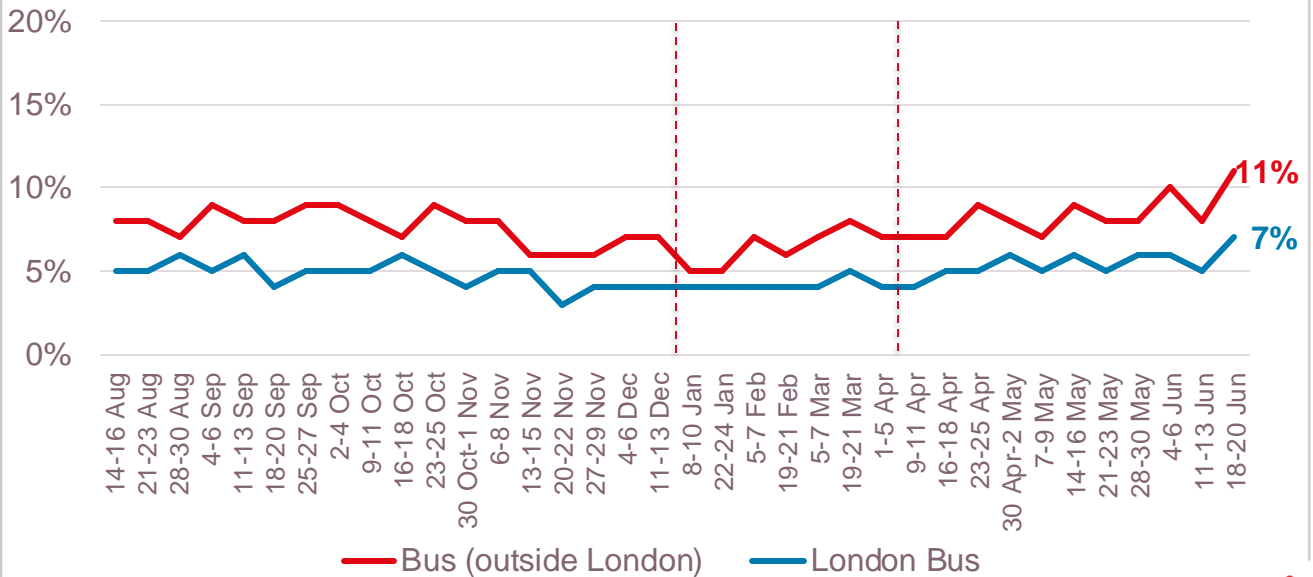
Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 51

The proportion who have used a bus in the last seven days has increased

Use of train in last seven days



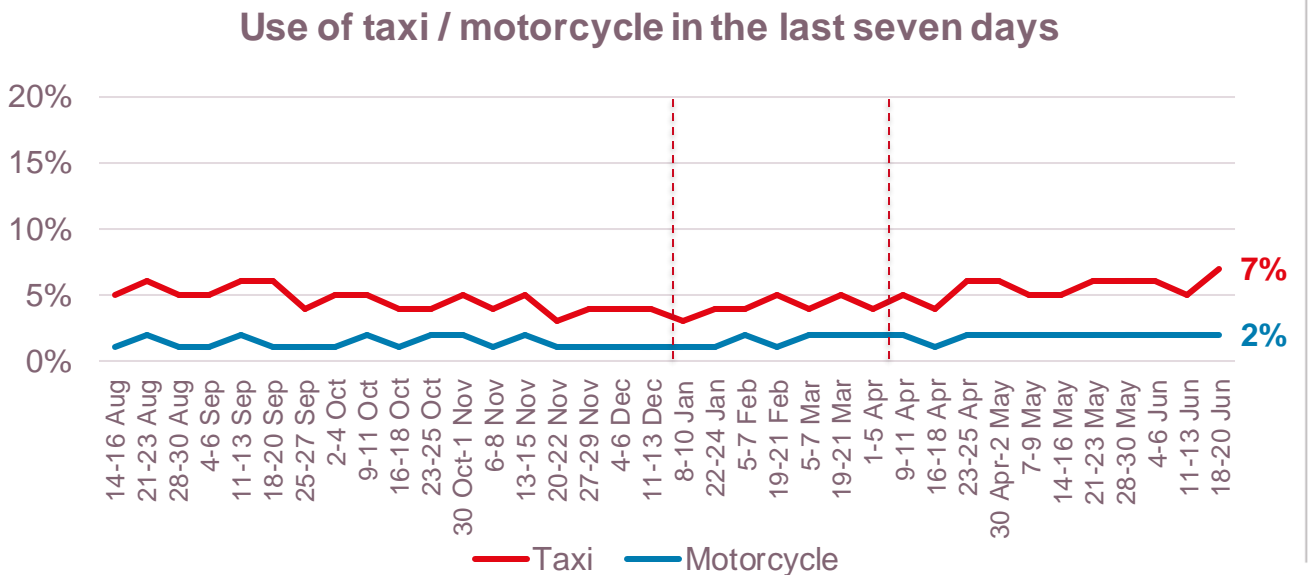
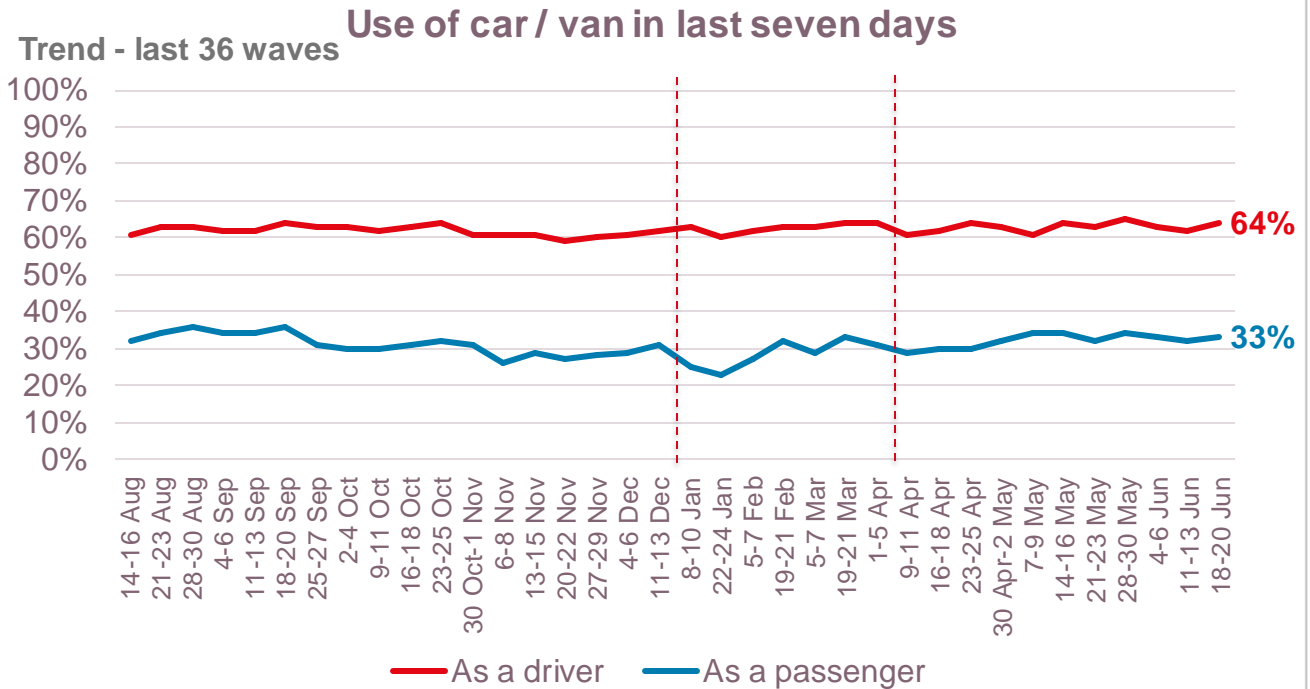
Use of bus in last seven days



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Road use is largely consistent, though increasing proportions have used a taxi recently



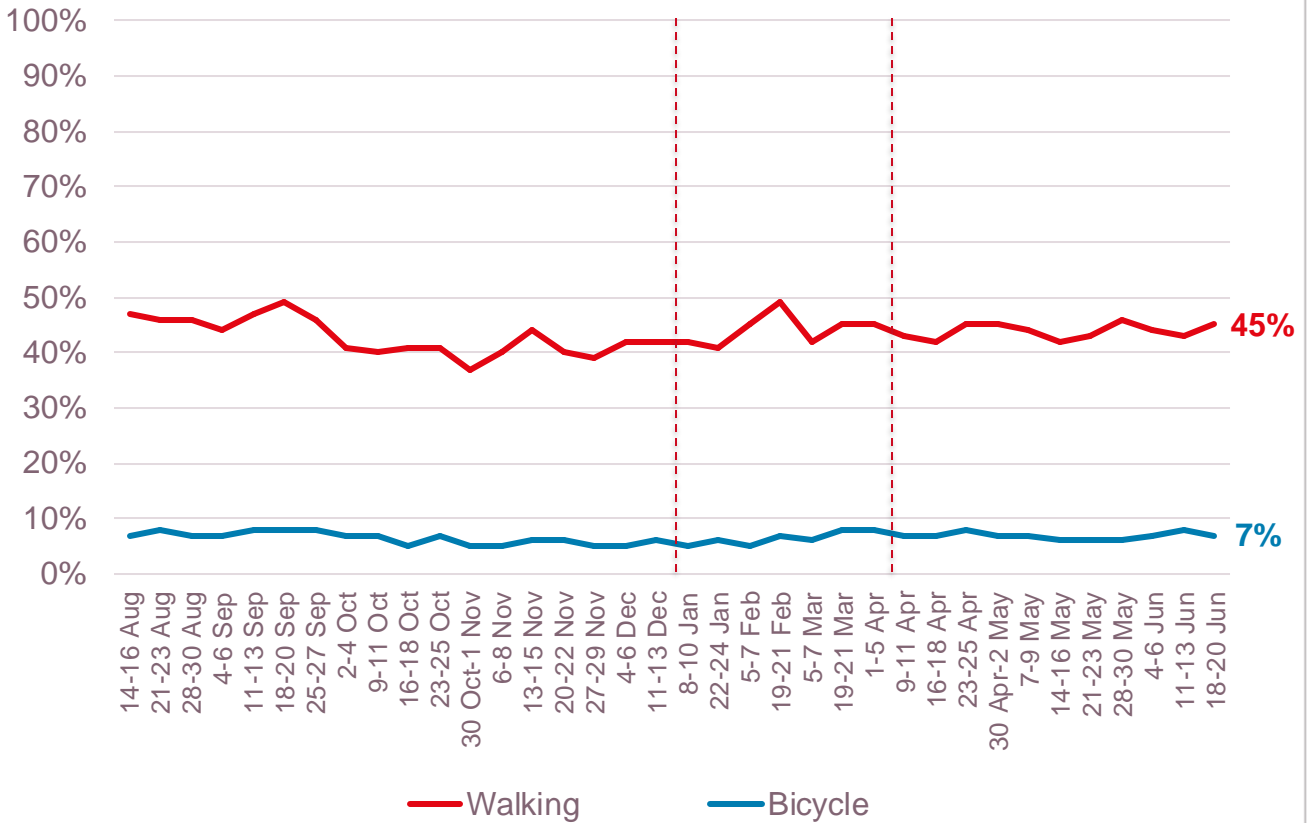
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More than two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have cycled

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

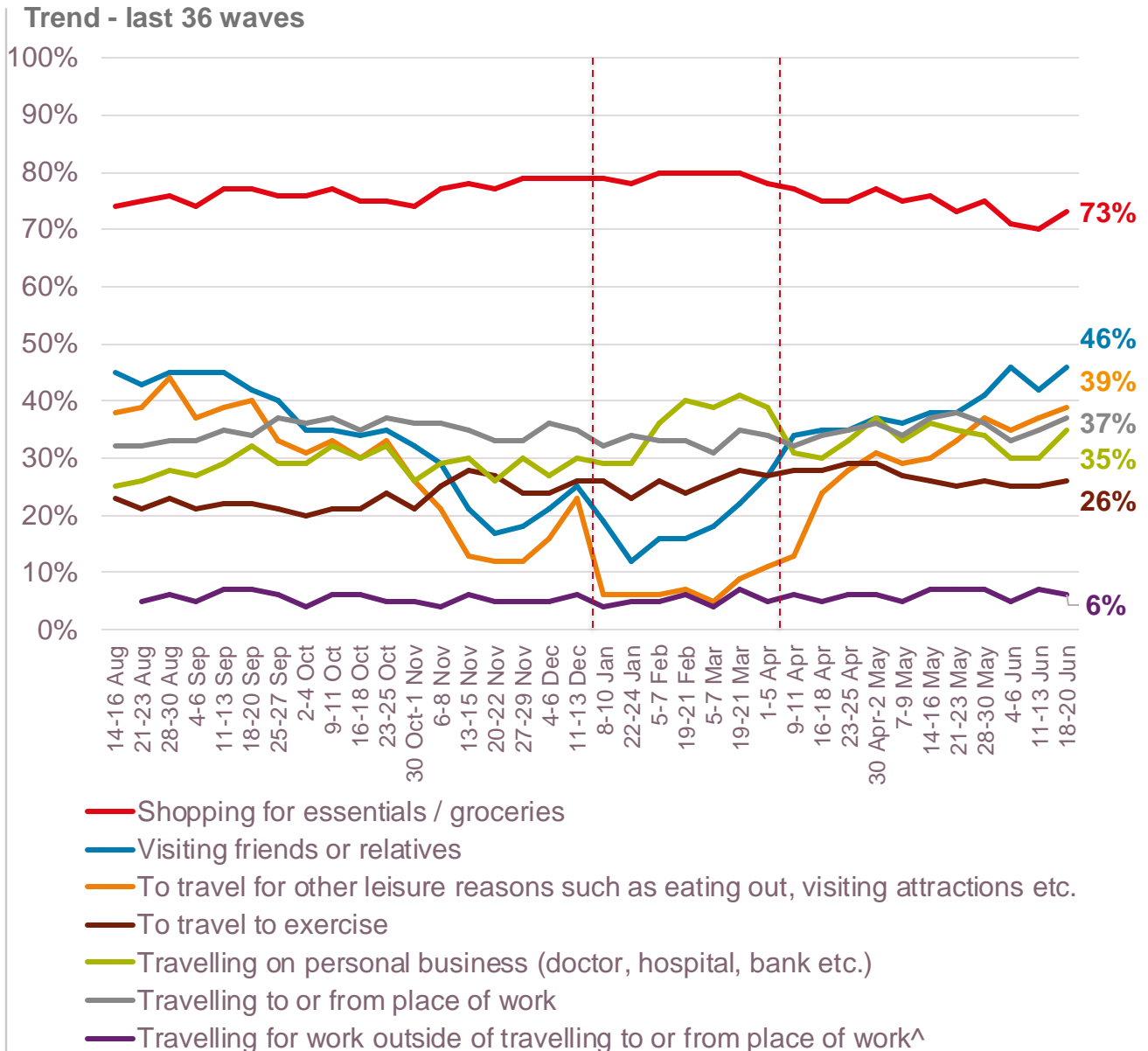


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Increasing proportions have made journeys for leisure reasons or to travel to or from work

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days



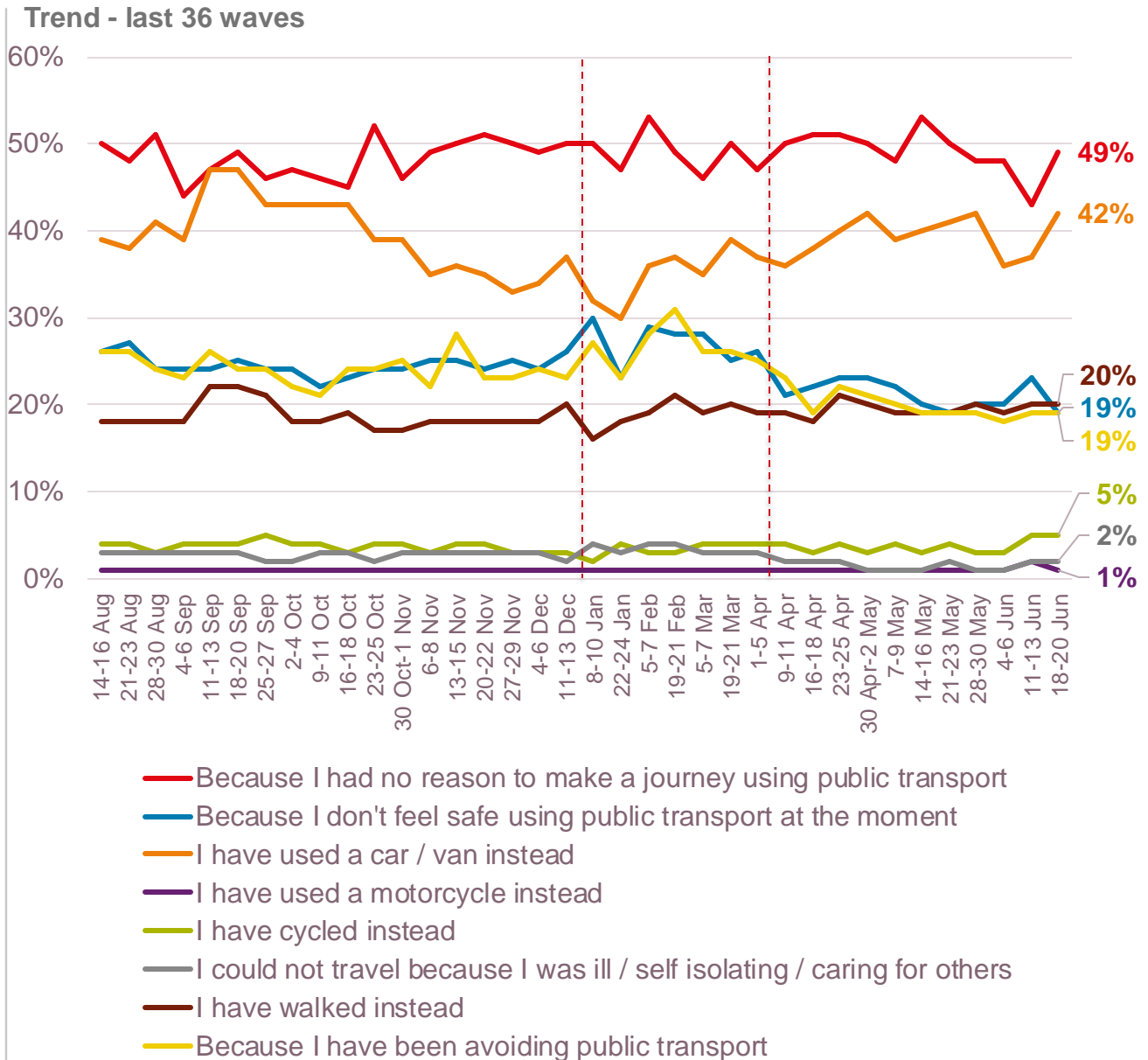
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[^] New code added at week 17 (21-23 August)

Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 51

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

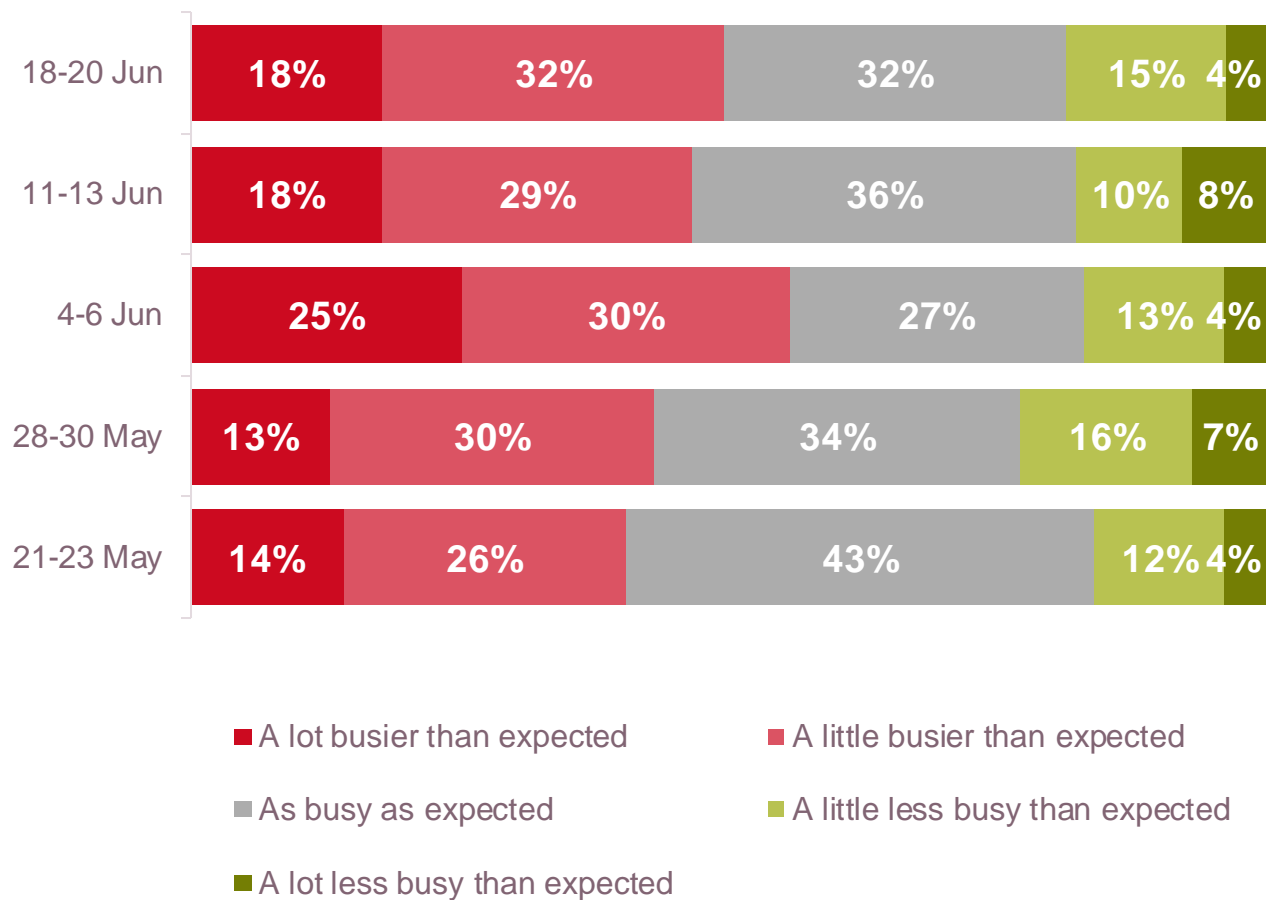
Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days



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Half of those who have used a train in the last seven days found it to be busier than they expected

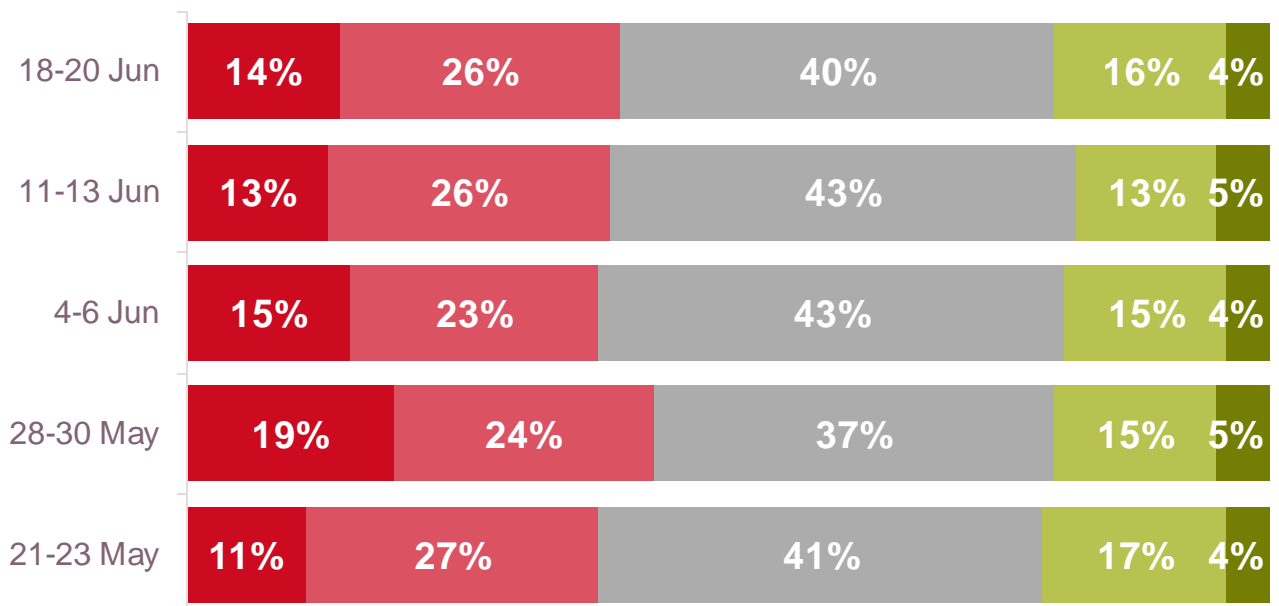
On the last occasion that you made a journey by train, was it..?
 Base: All making journeys by train. W51 - 167



Two in five of those who have used a bus in the last seven days found it to be busier than they expected

On the last occasion that you made a journey by bus, was it..?

Base: All making journeys by bus. W51 - 355



- A lot busier than expected
- A little busier than expected
- As busy as expected
- A little less busy than expected
- A lot less busy than expected

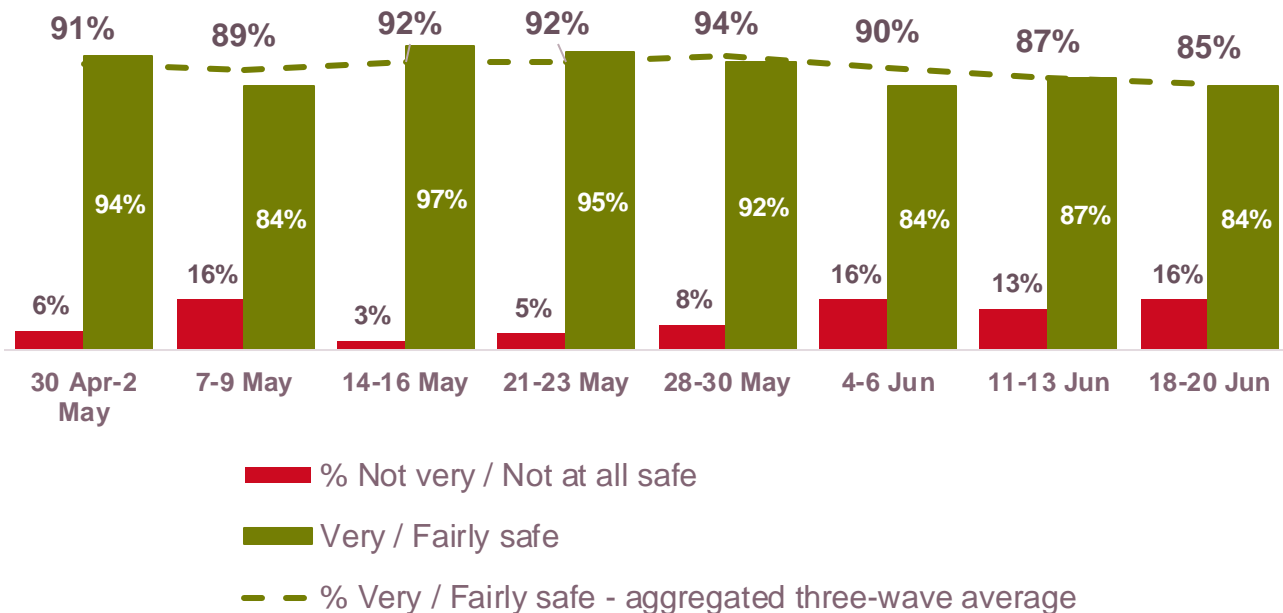
Decreasing proportions of those making train journeys in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

Base: All making journeys by train, W51 – 167



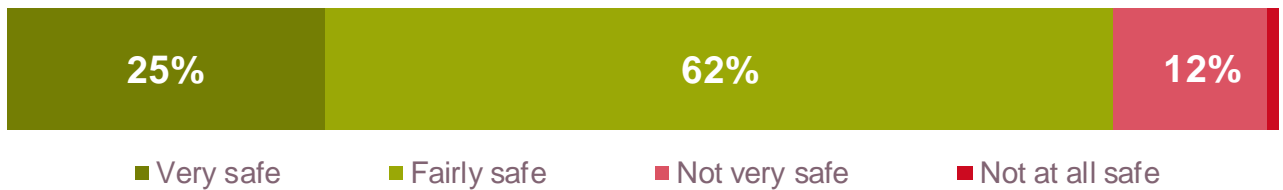
Trend - last eight waves



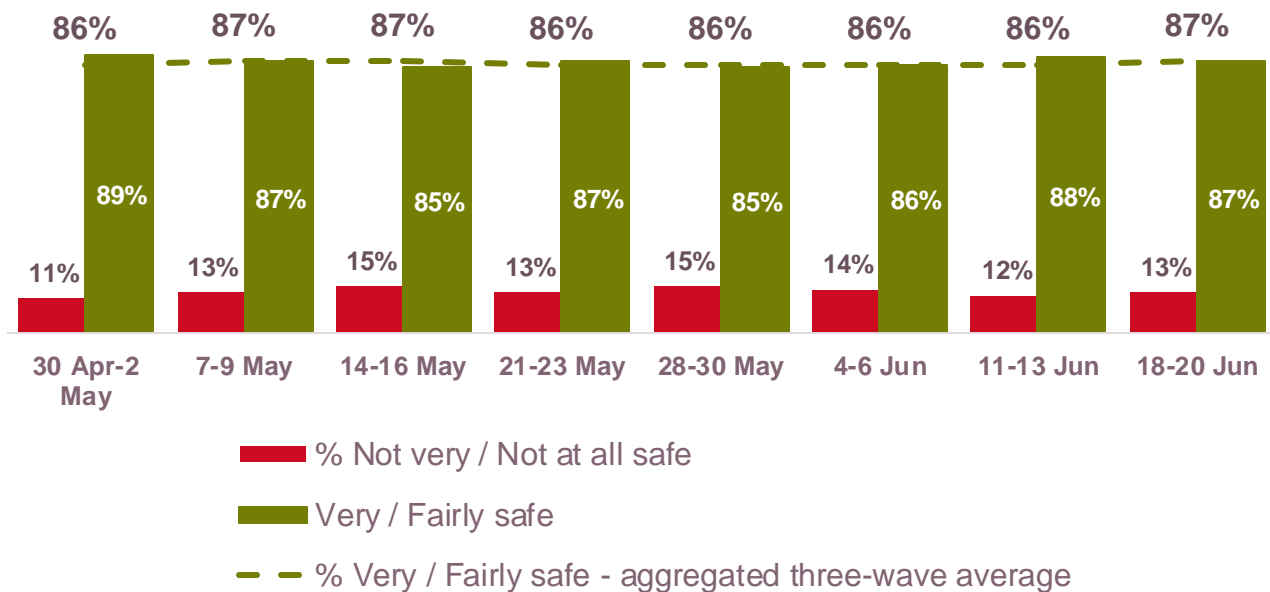
Almost nine in ten of those making bus journeys in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

Base: All making journeys by bus, W51 – 355



Trend - last eight waves



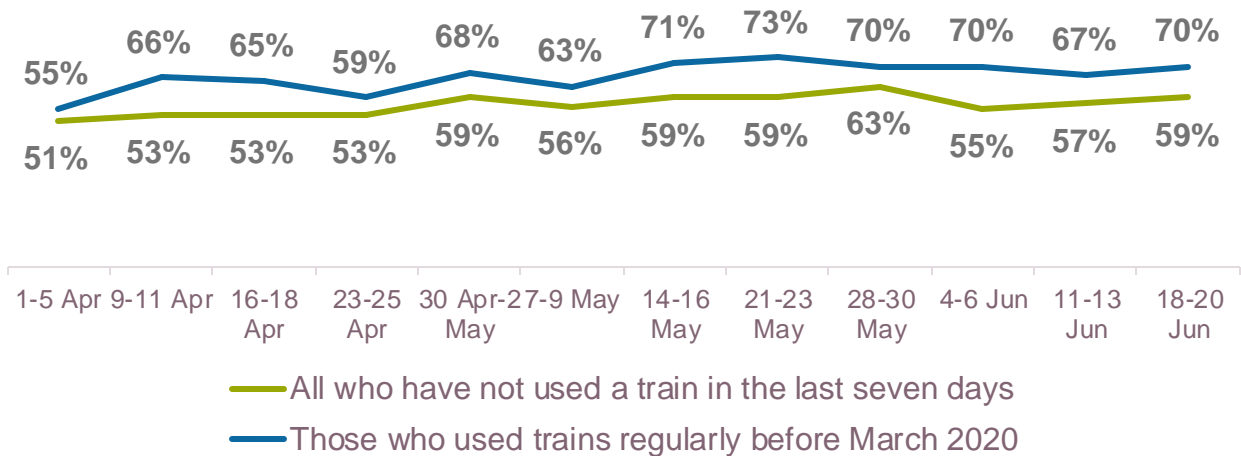
Almost three in five of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

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, W51 – 1,843



Trend - last twelve waves



Base: All who used trains regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (375)

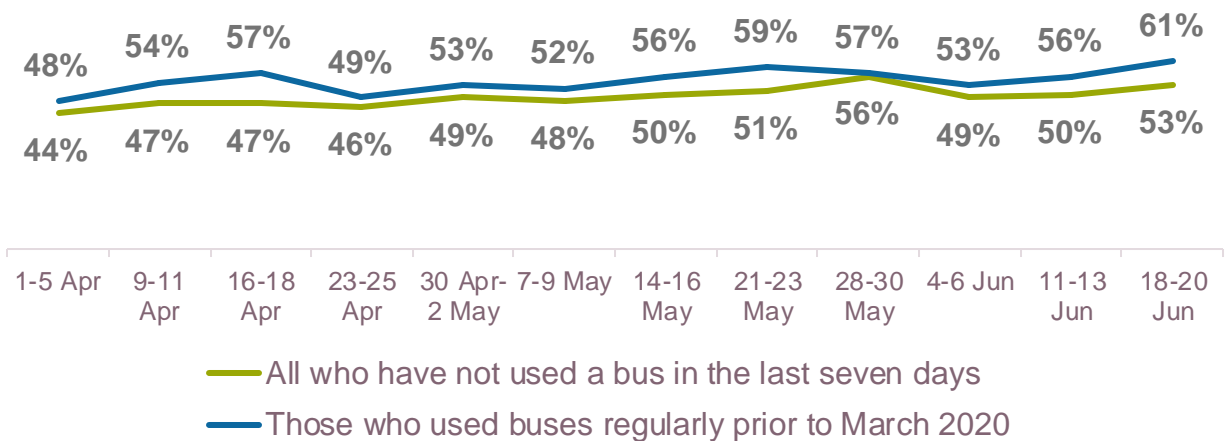
More than half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

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, W51 – 1,655



Trend - last twelve waves

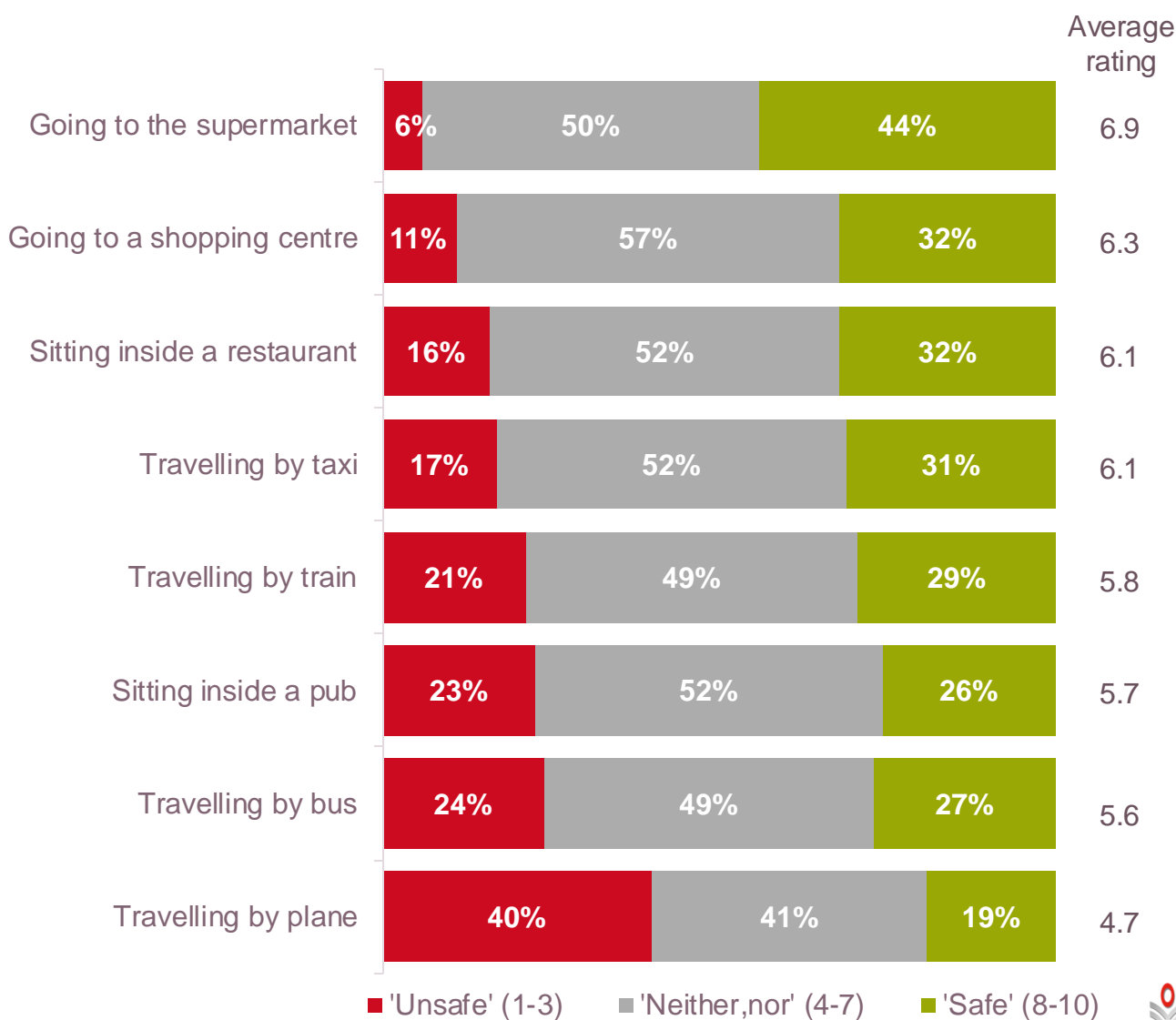


Base: All who used buses regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (428)

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

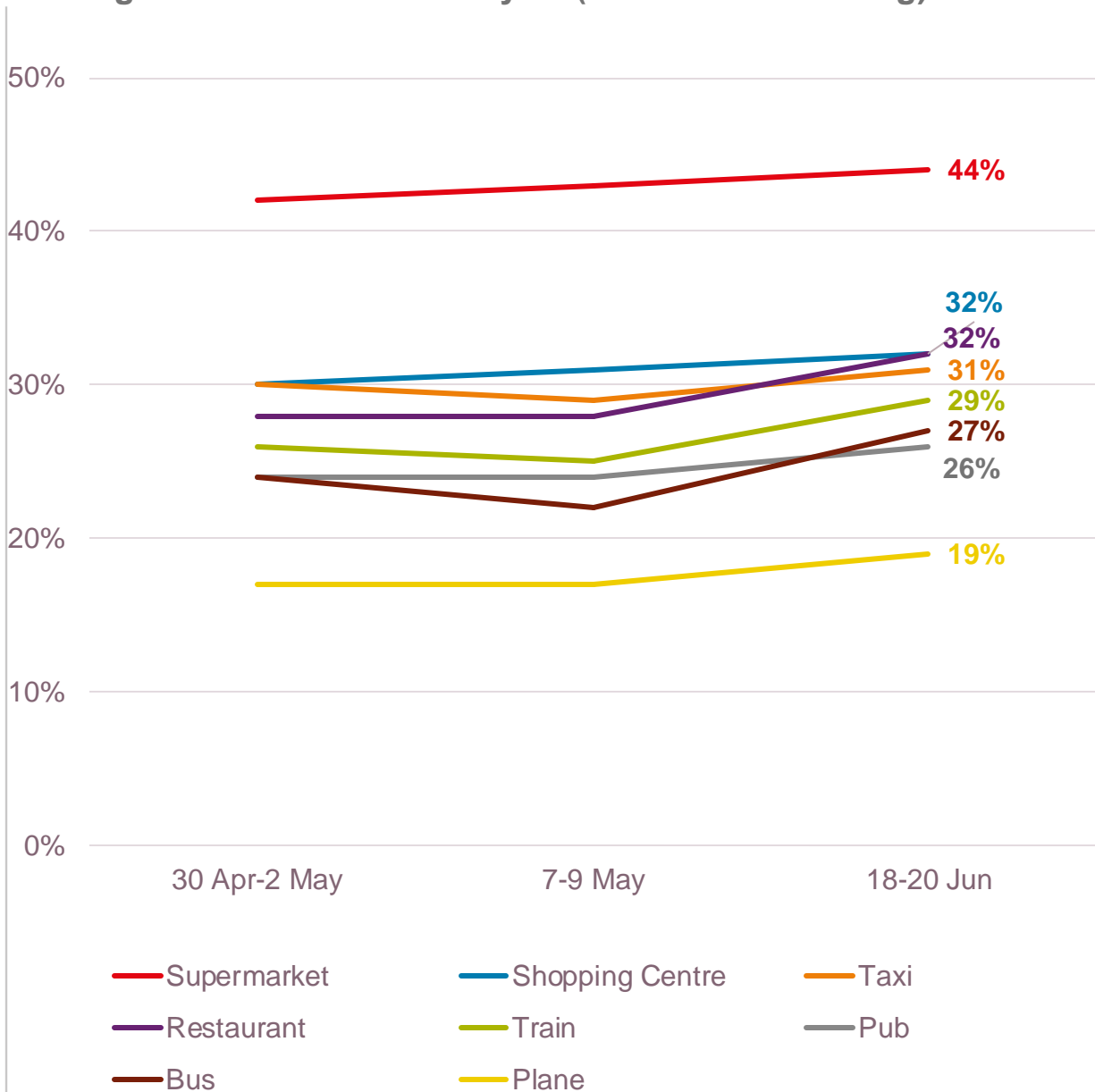
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very unsafe and 10 is very safe, how safe do you consider the following activities?

Base: W51 2,010



Since the end of April, people are increasingly likely to rate various activities as 'safe', including travelling by train or by bus

Ratings of sector – trend analysis (% 'Safe' – 8-10 rating)



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: W51 1,979

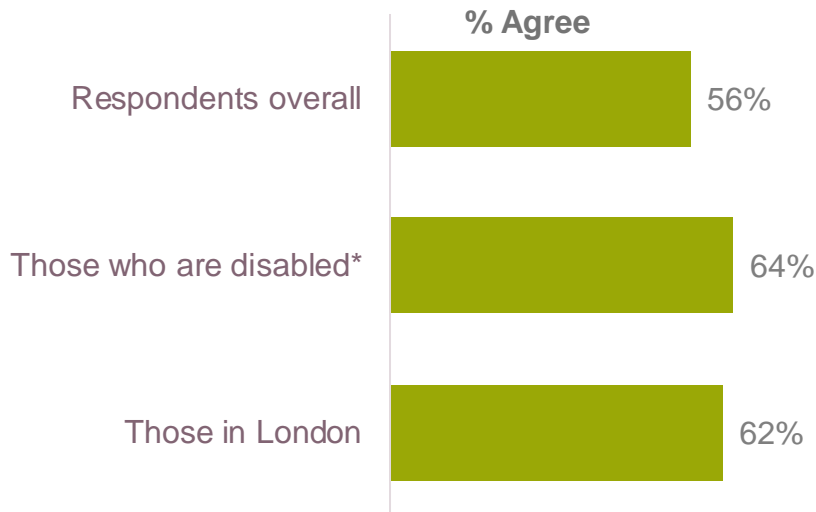
% Agree



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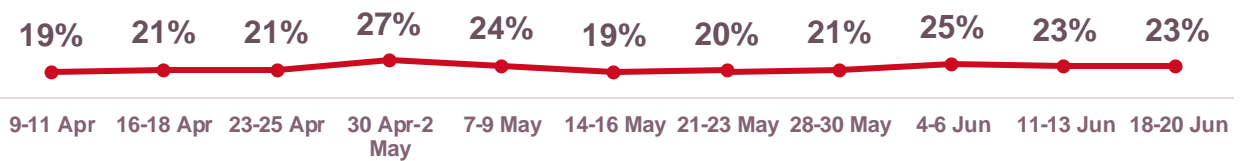
* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

Almost half think that enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport. Almost a quarter disagree.

Enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

Base: W51 1,679

% Disagree



NO NOTABLE SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES BY SUB-GROUP

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

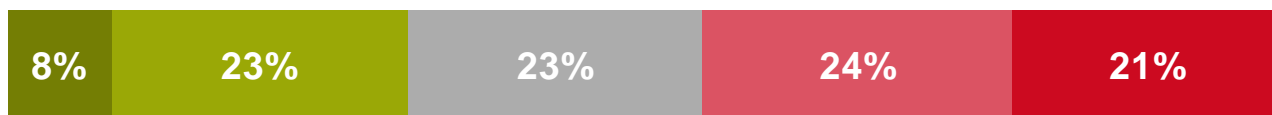
I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

Base: W51 1,844

% Agree

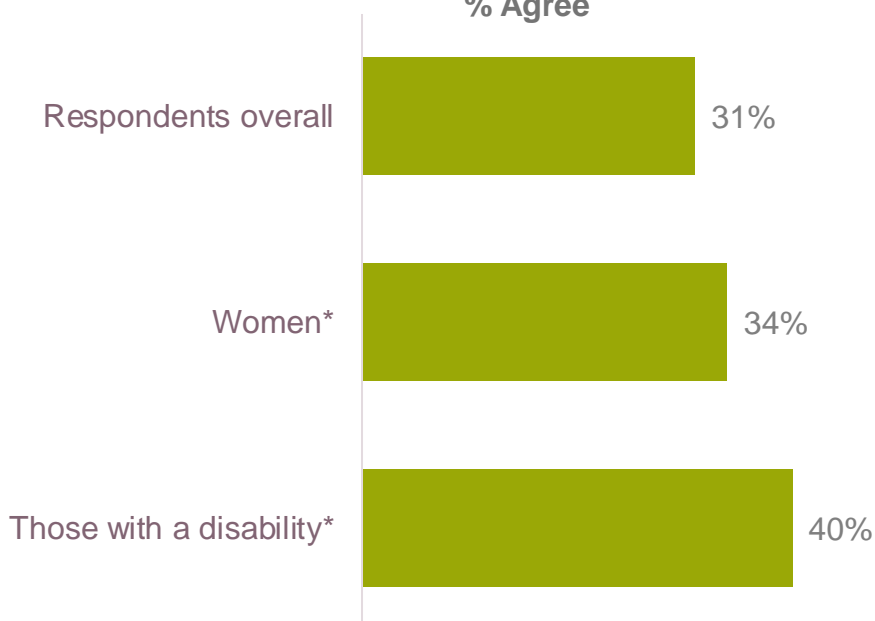
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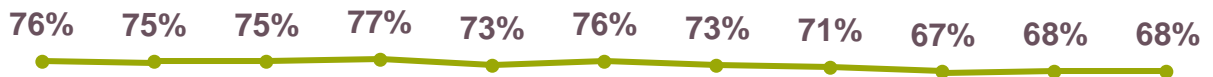
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More than two-thirds have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

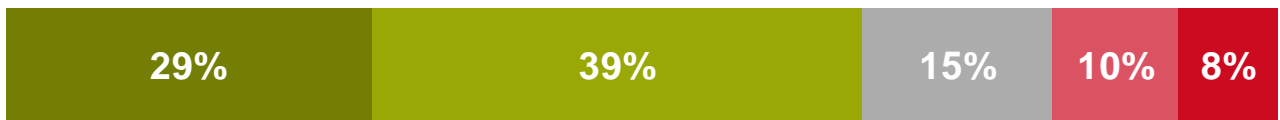
I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W51 1,982

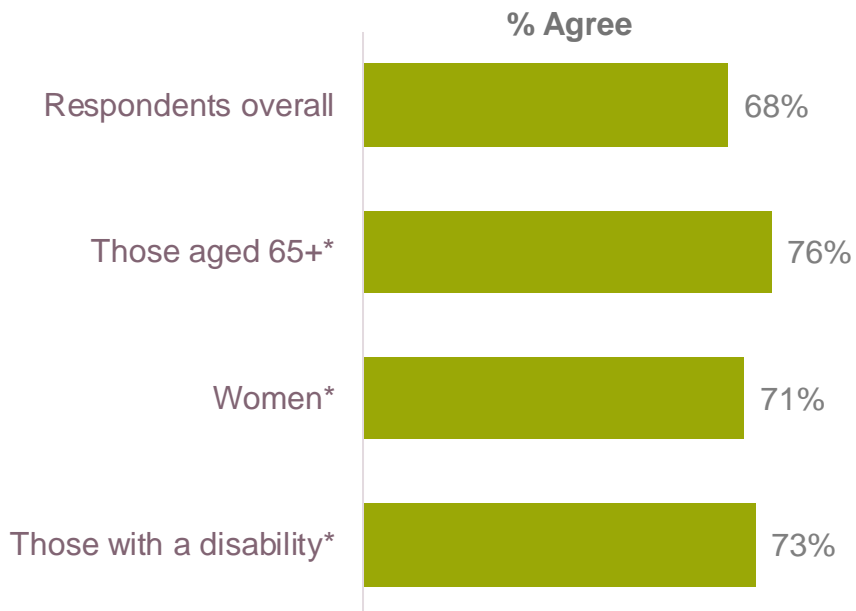
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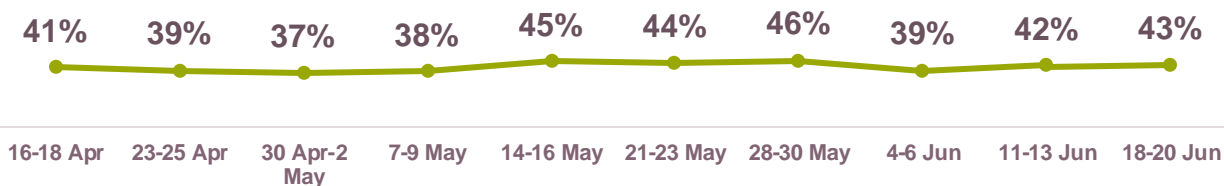
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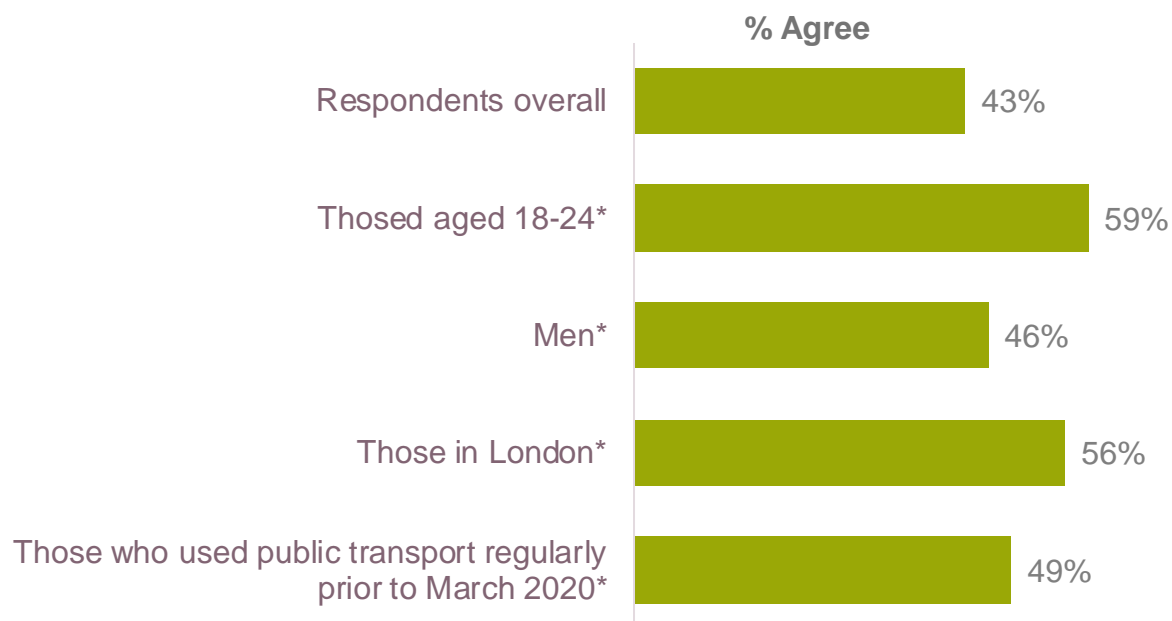
Two in five say that as long as passengers are wearing face coverings, relaxing the social distancing on public transport makes sense to them

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

Base: W51 1,875



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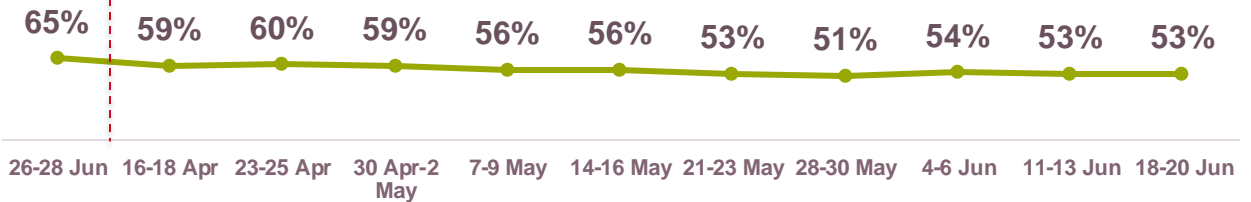
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More than half say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

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

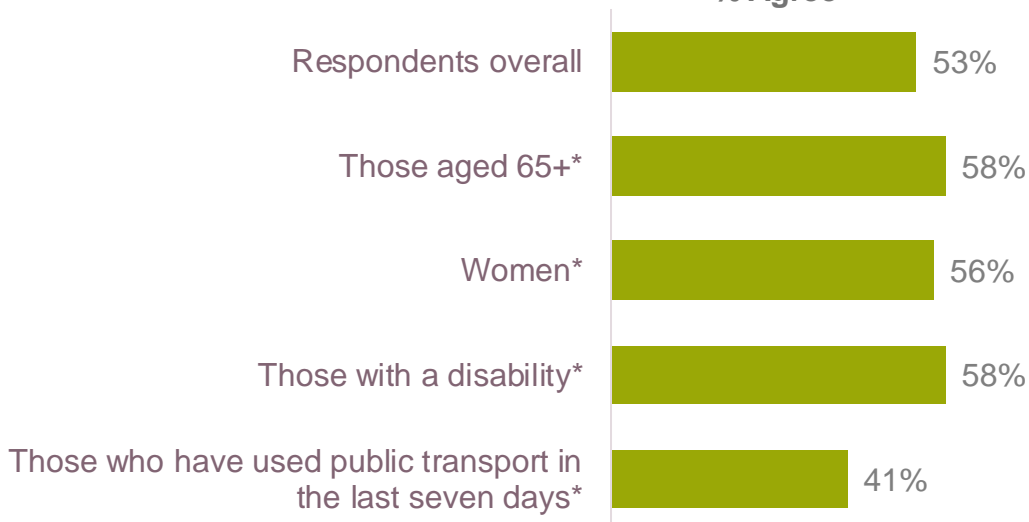
Base: W51 1,804

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

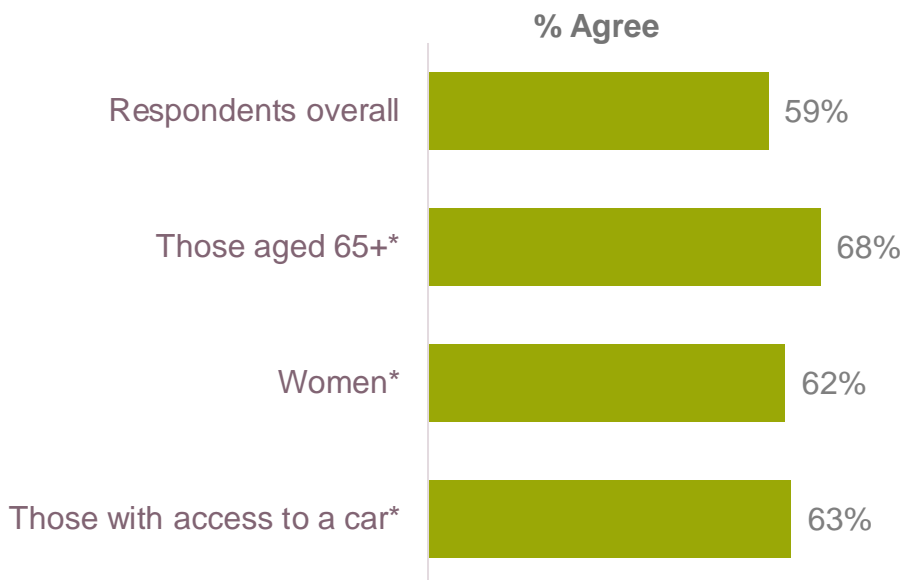
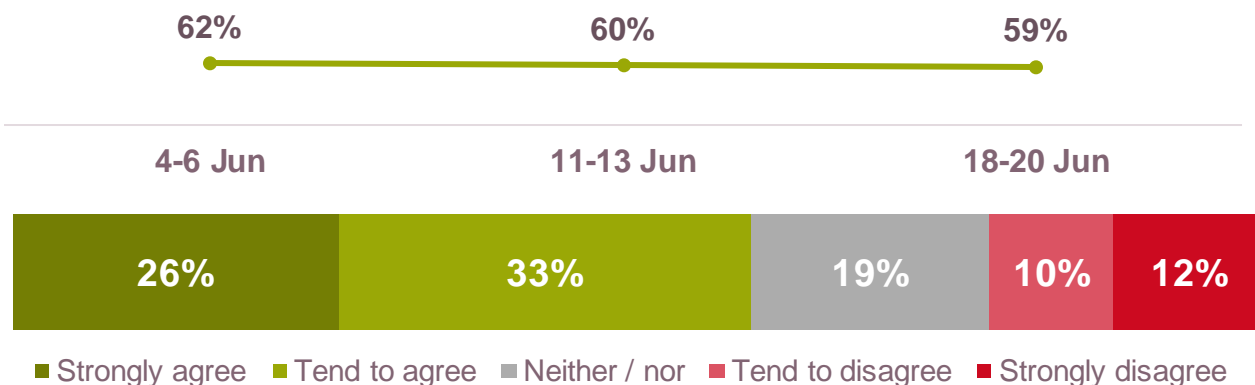
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Three in five say that they won't use public transport unless passengers are required to wear face coverings

I won't use public transport unless passengers are required to wear face coverings

Base: W51 1,821



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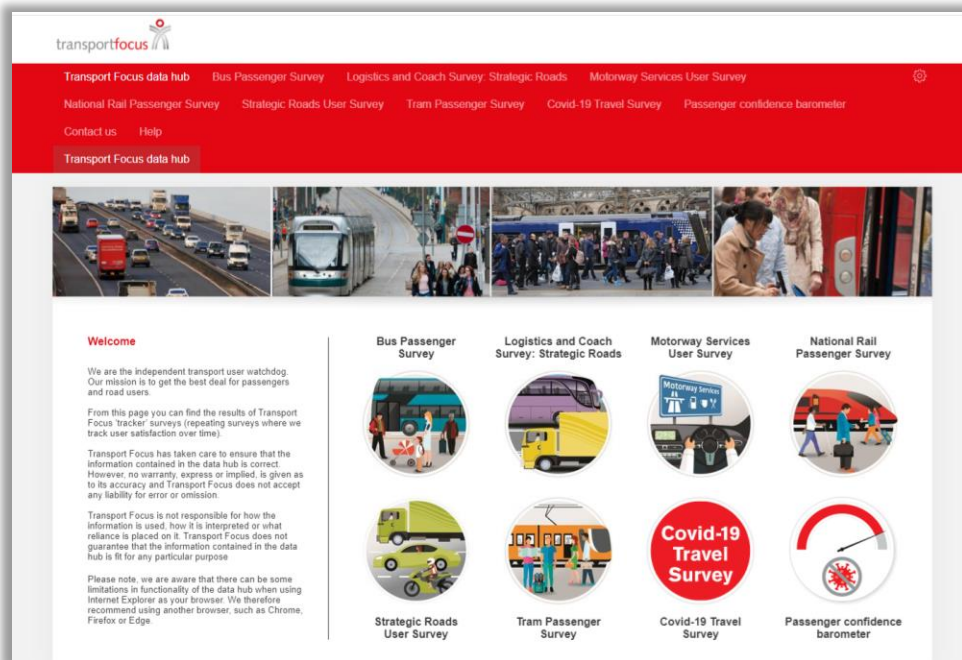
Transport Focus Data Hub

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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 51

- 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 51 fieldwork: 18 – 20 June
- 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 51	2,022	228	320	317	353	309	495	965	1,037

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 51	170	93	217	169	185	152	94	205	287	266	184