



# Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 53

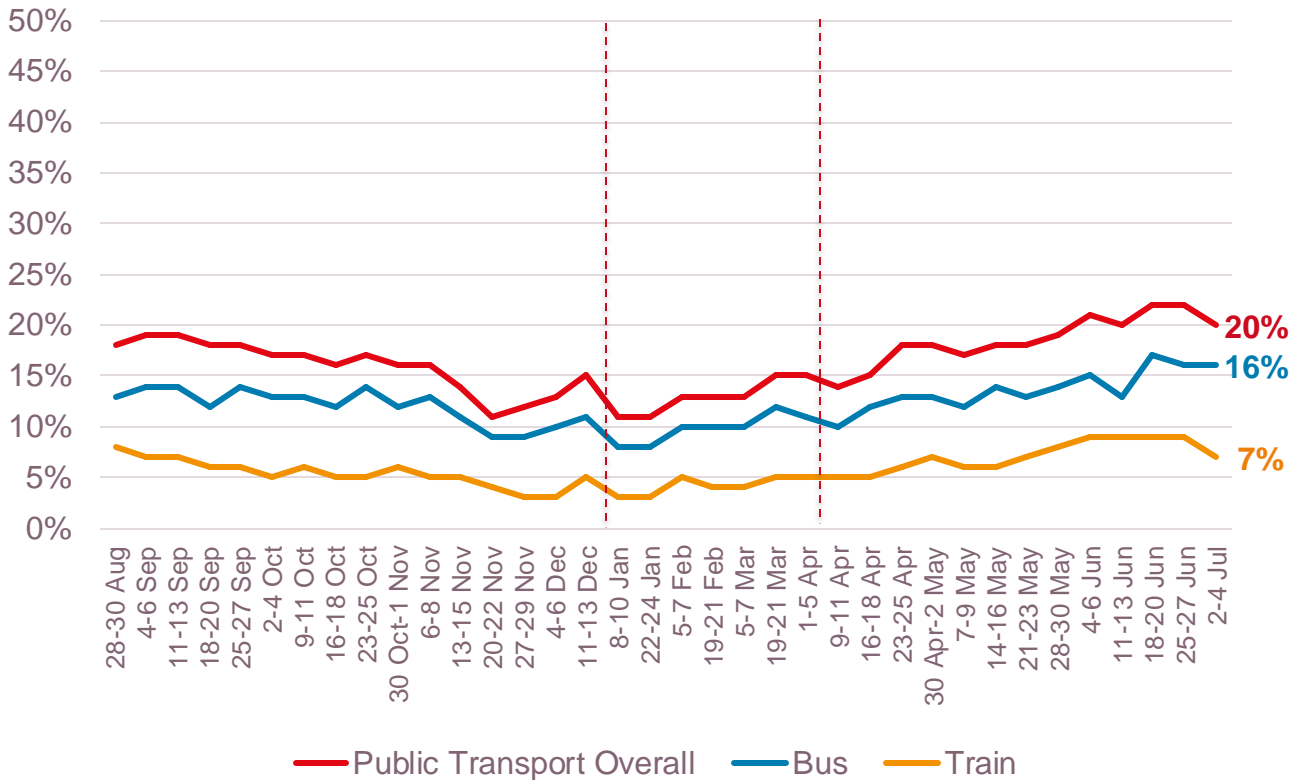
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# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 53

## Use of public transport has fallen slightly

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

Trend - last 36 waves

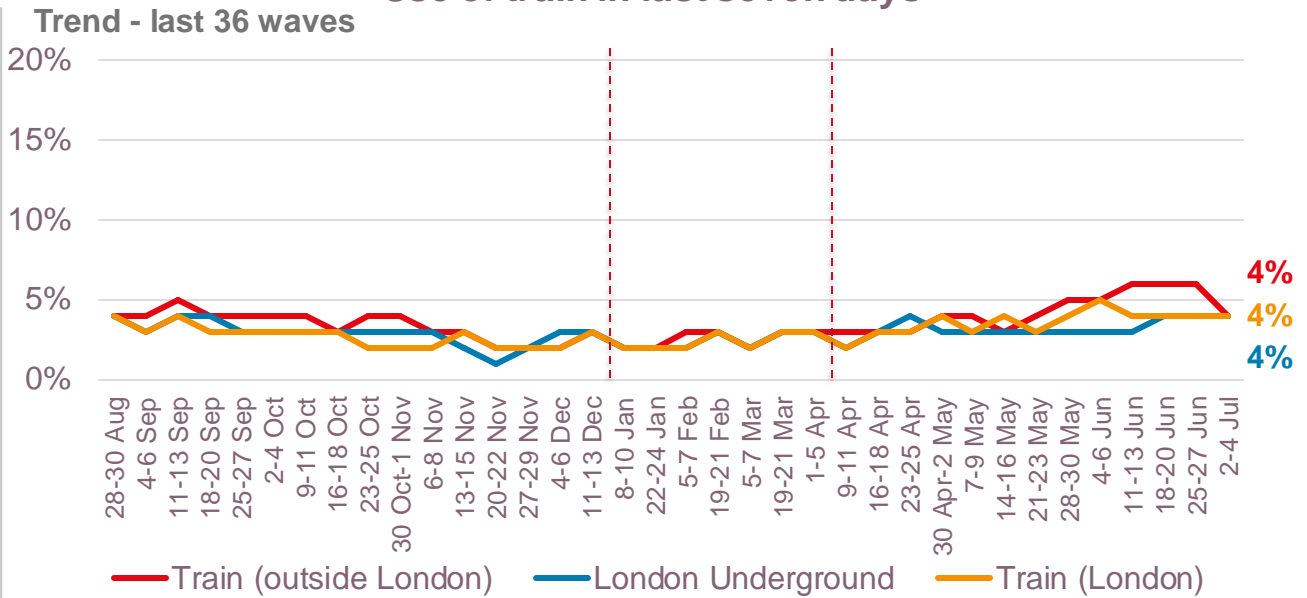


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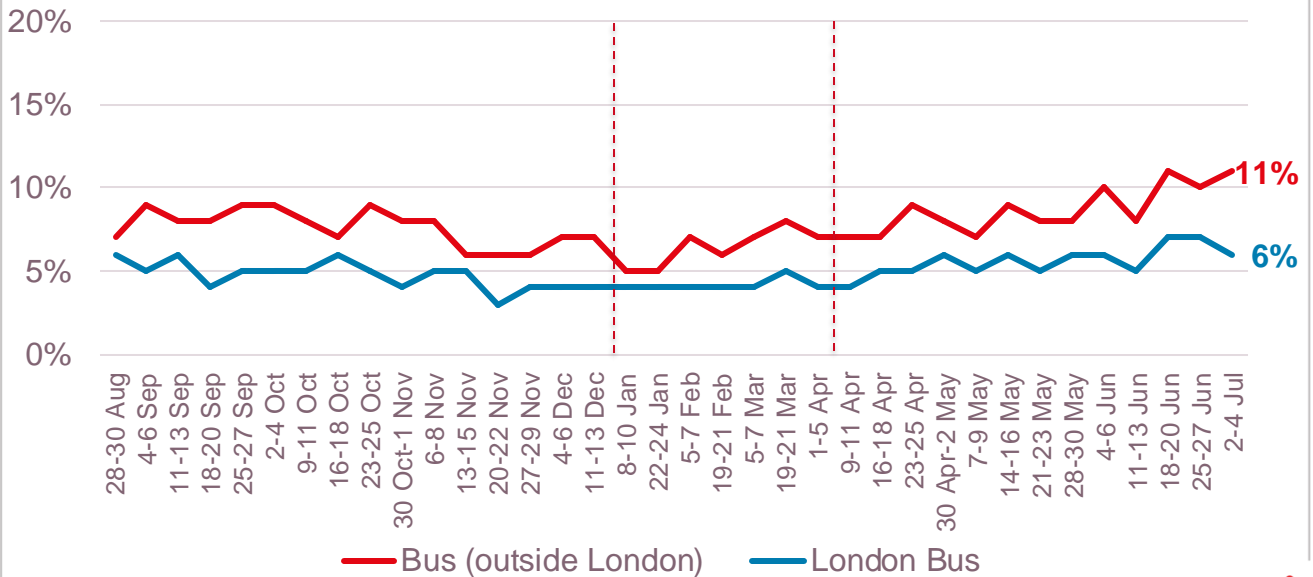
# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 53

The proportion who have used a train outside London or a London Bus has fallen slightly

## Use of train in last seven days



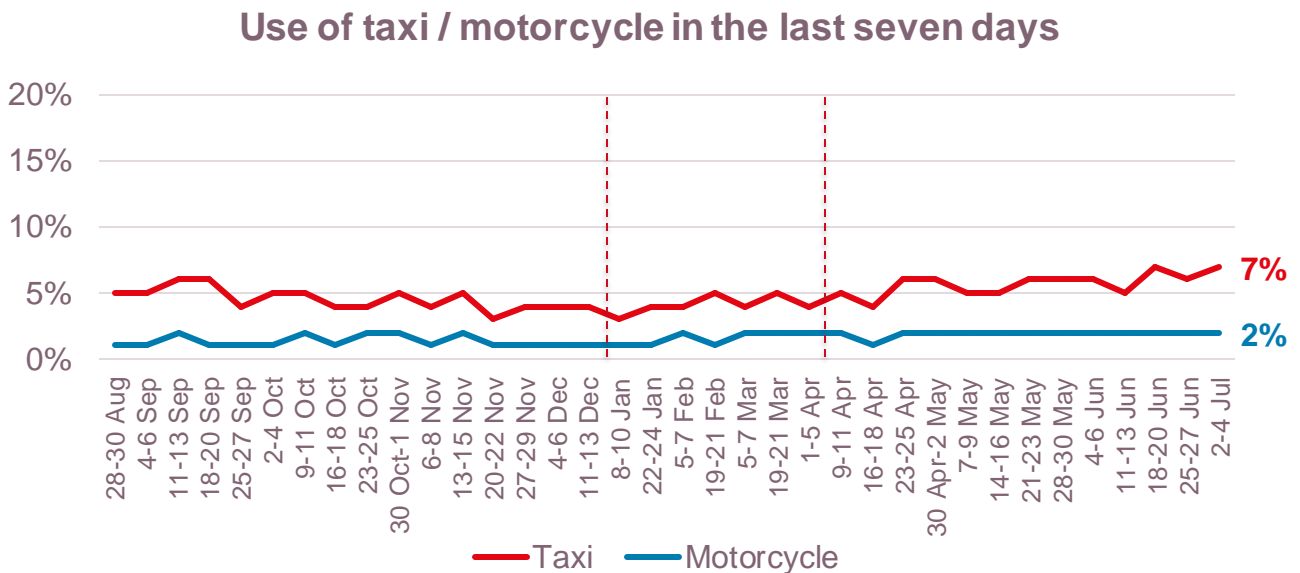
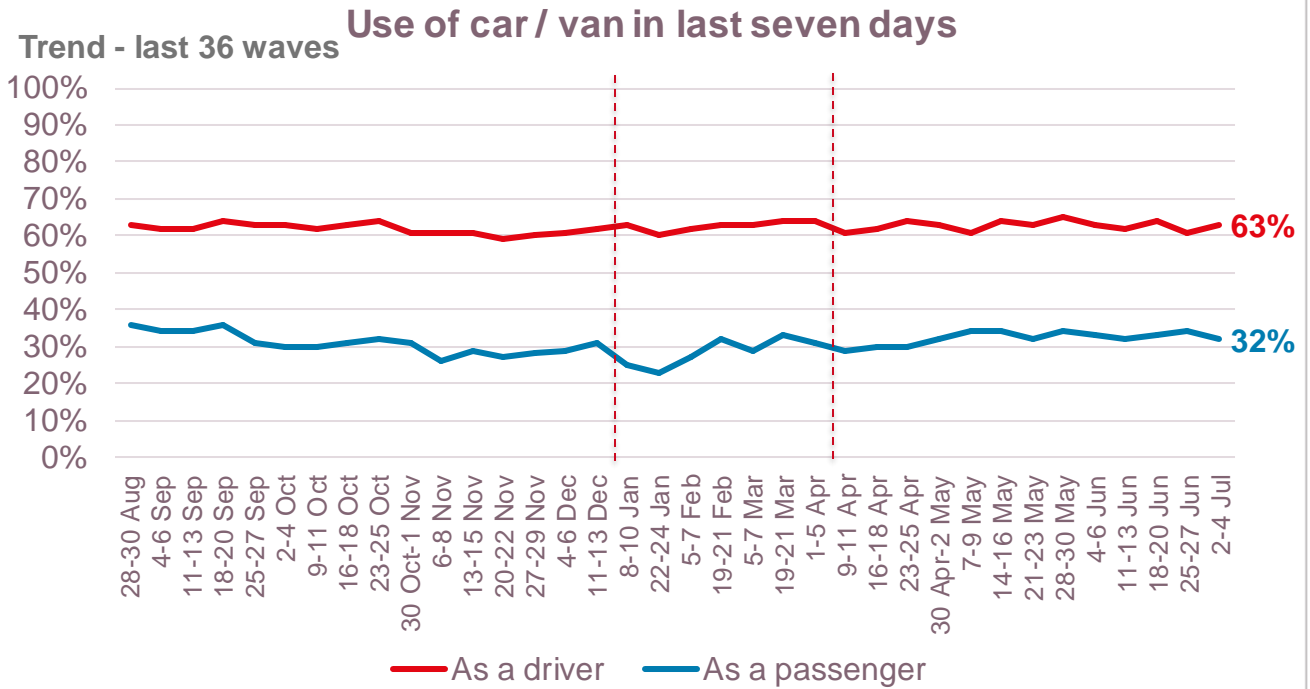
## Use of bus in last seven days



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## Road use is largely consistent



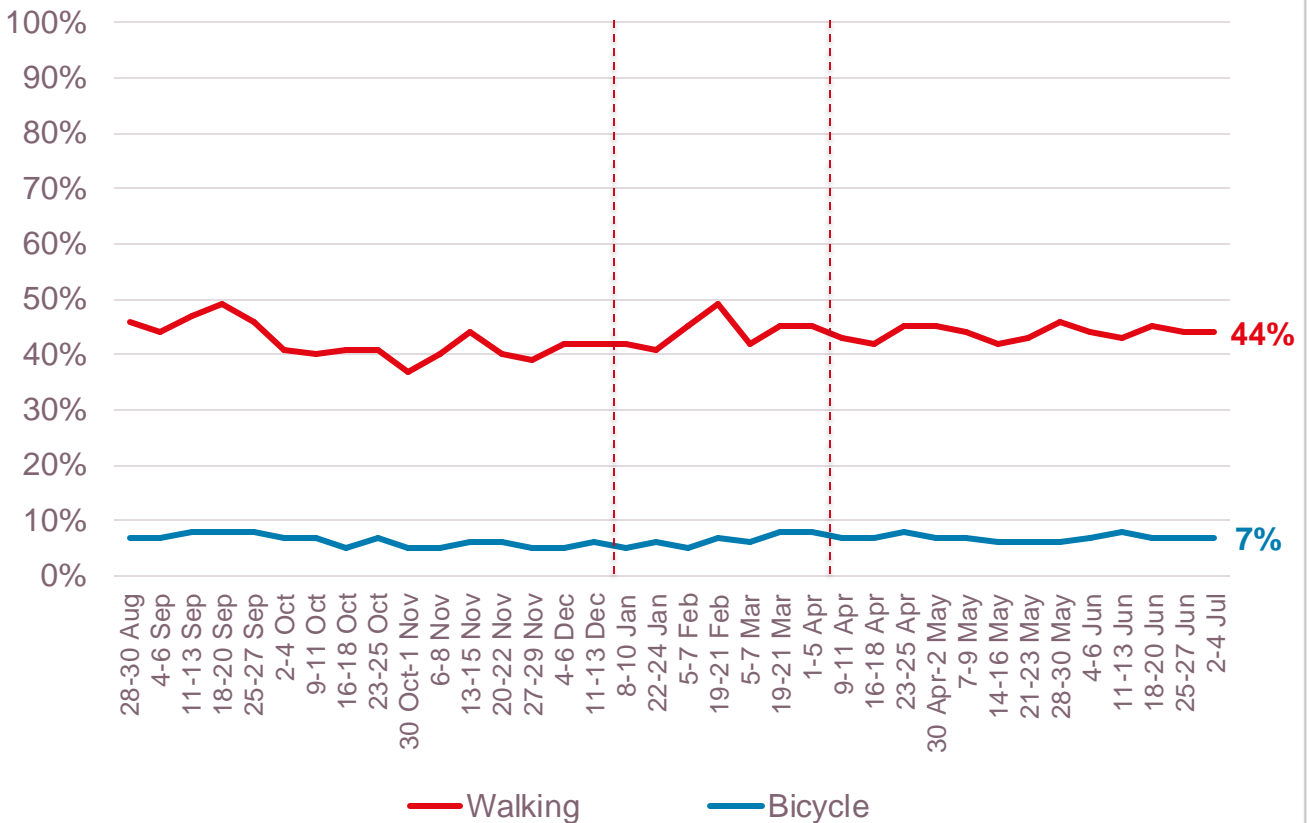
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## More than two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have cycled

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

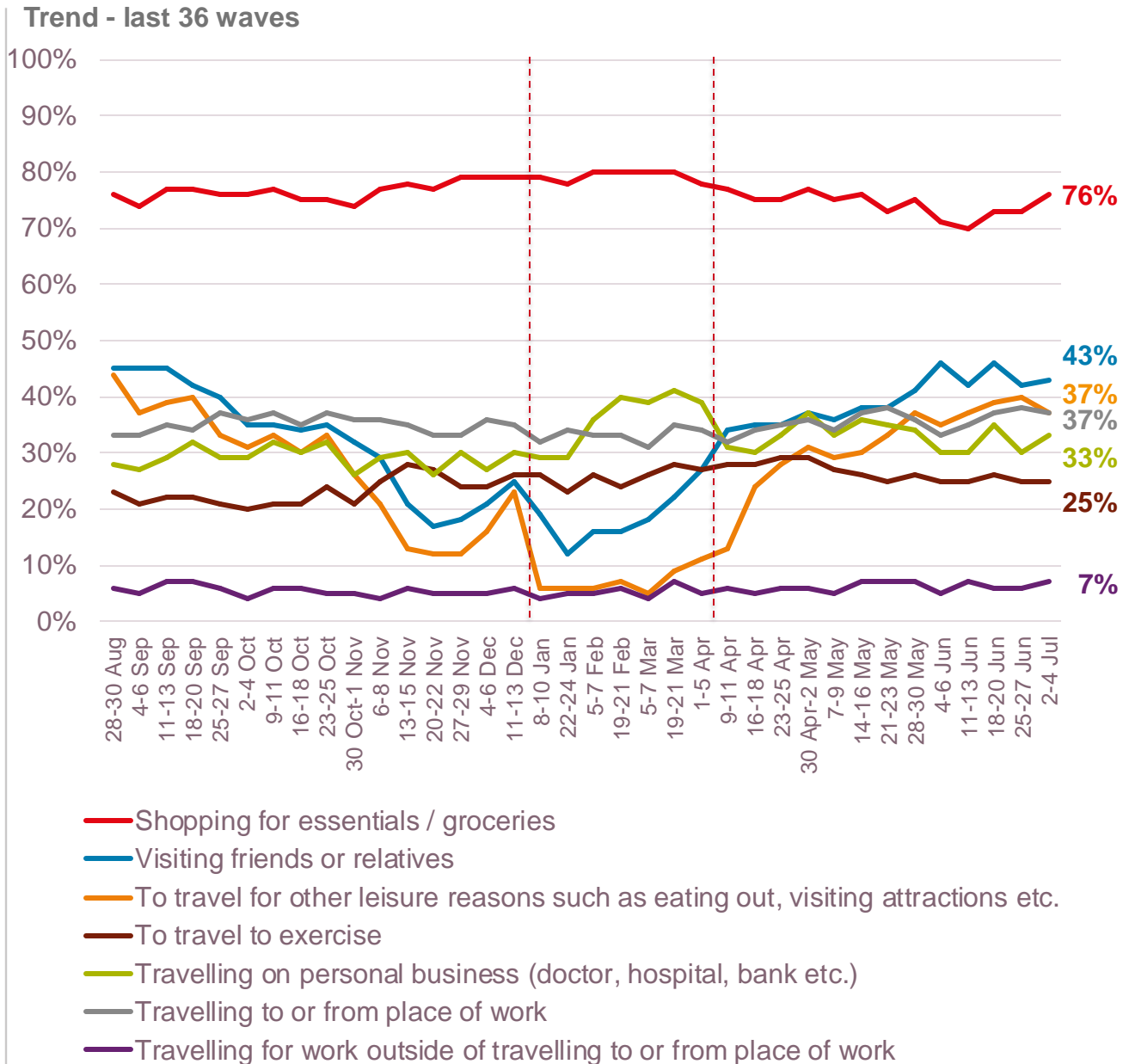


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Almost two in five have made journeys for leisure reasons or to travel to or from work

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days

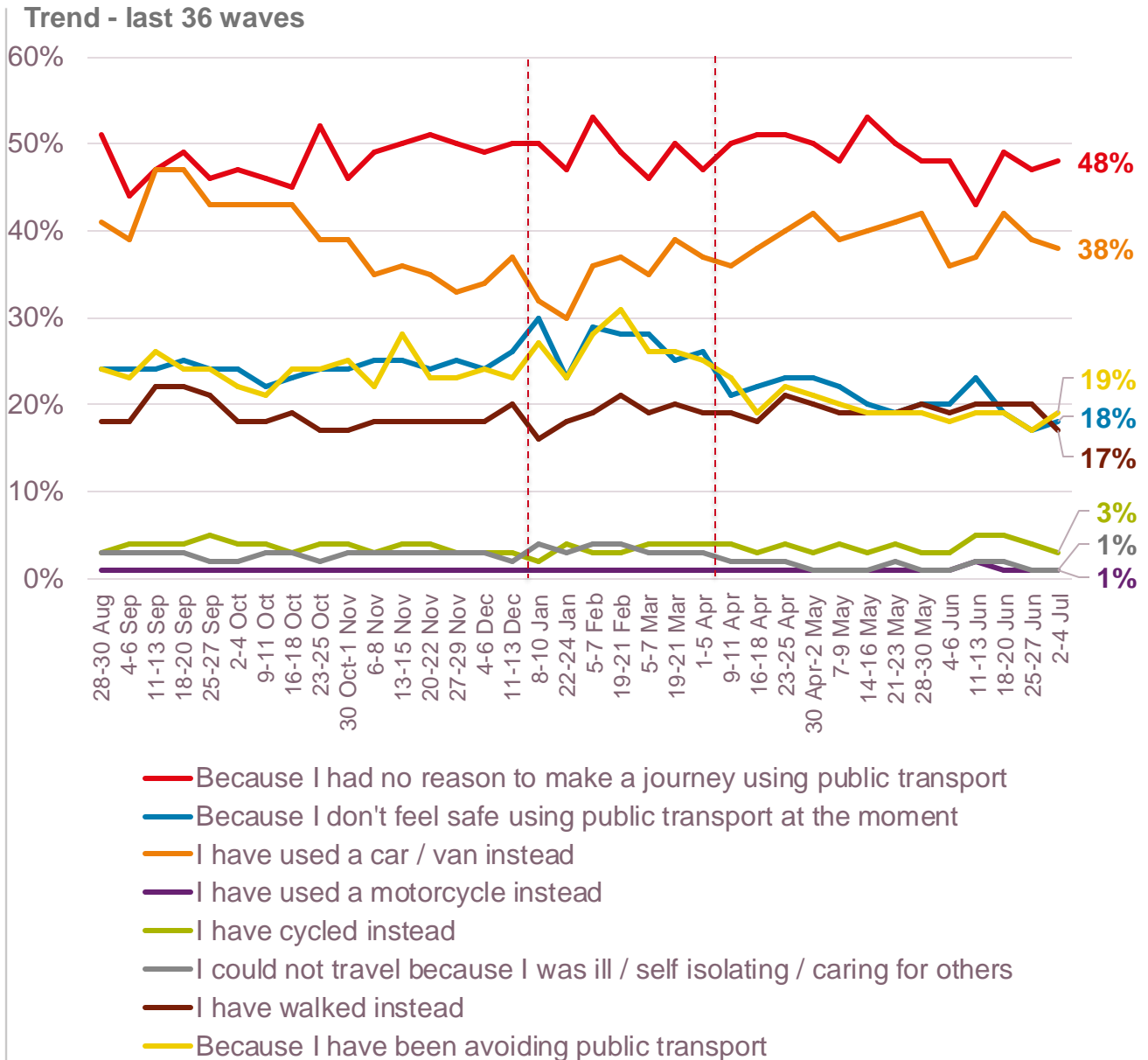


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# Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 53

Less than 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

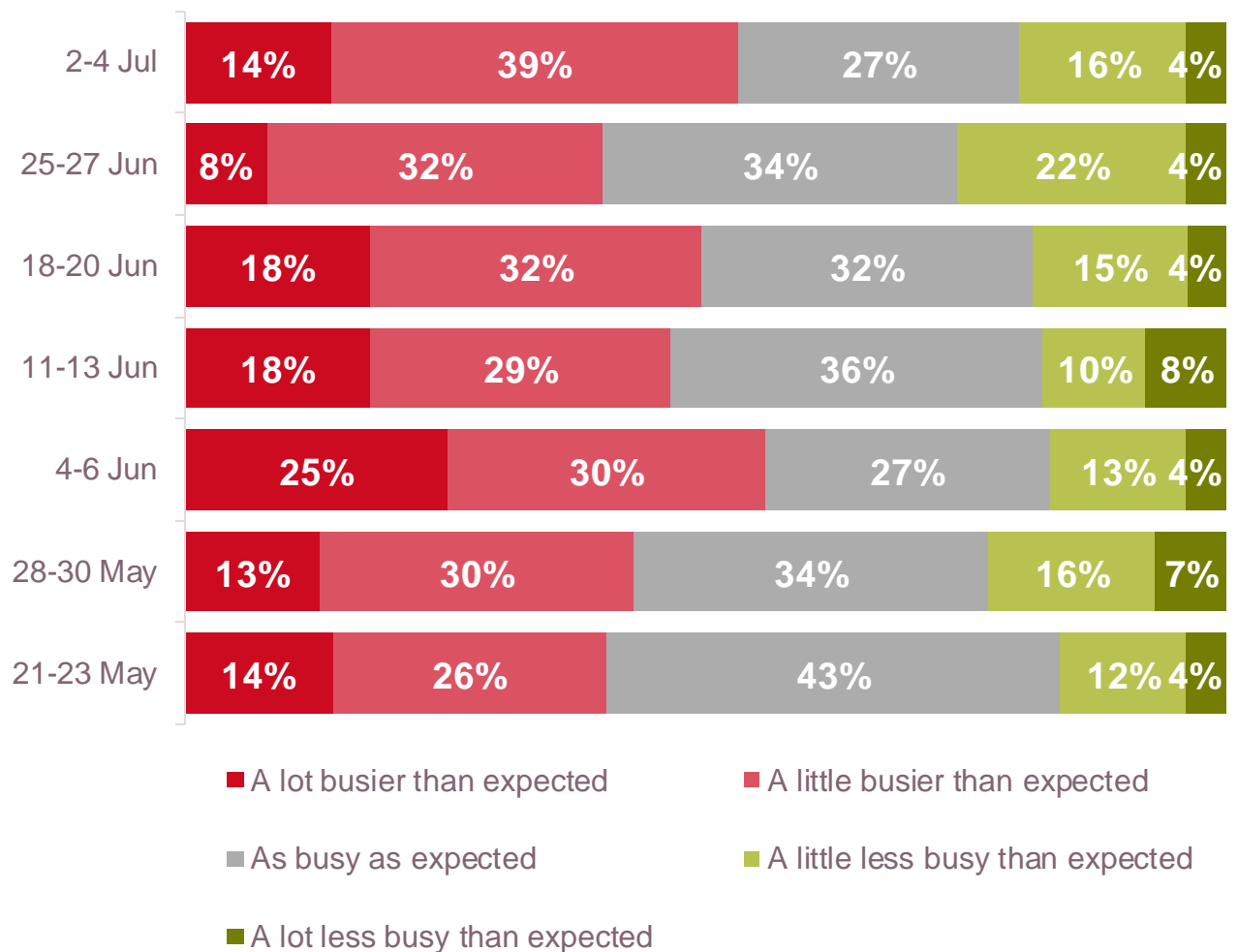


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Base: All making journeys by train. W53 - 141

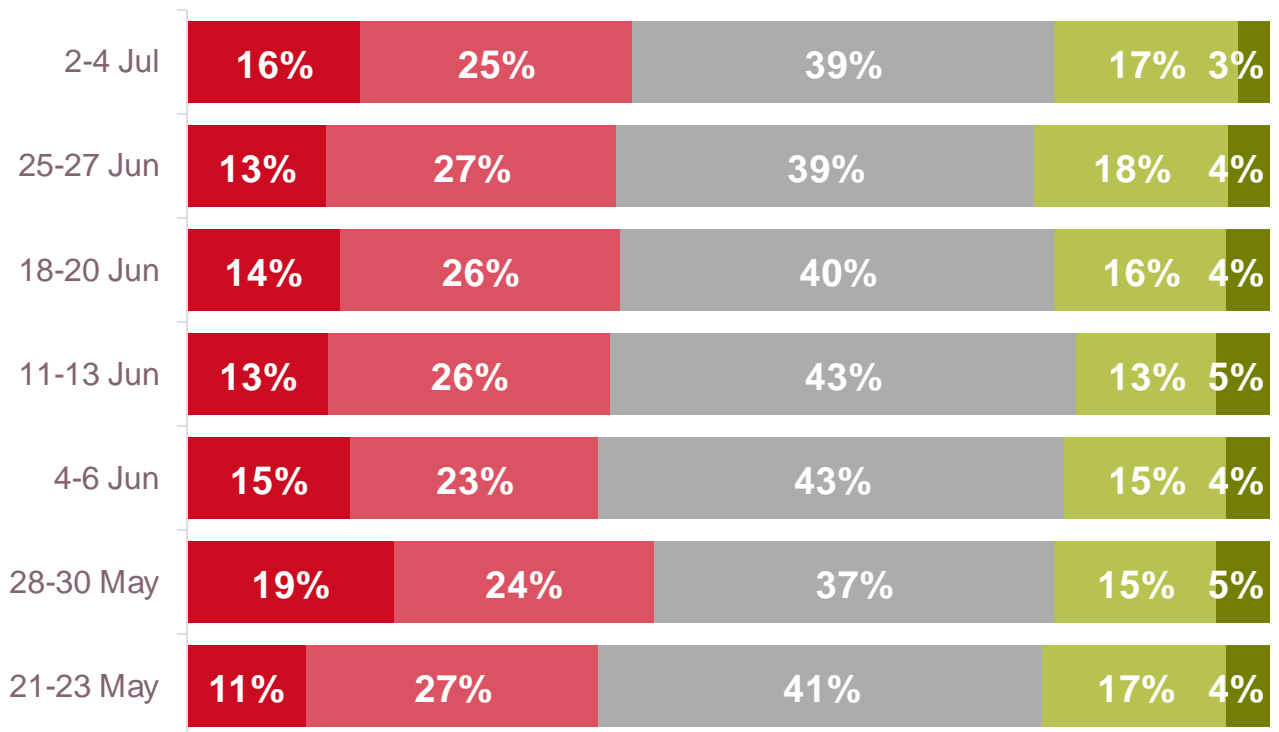




# Two in five of those who have used a bus in the last seven days found it to be busier than they expected

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

Base: All making journeys by bus. W53 - 318



- 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

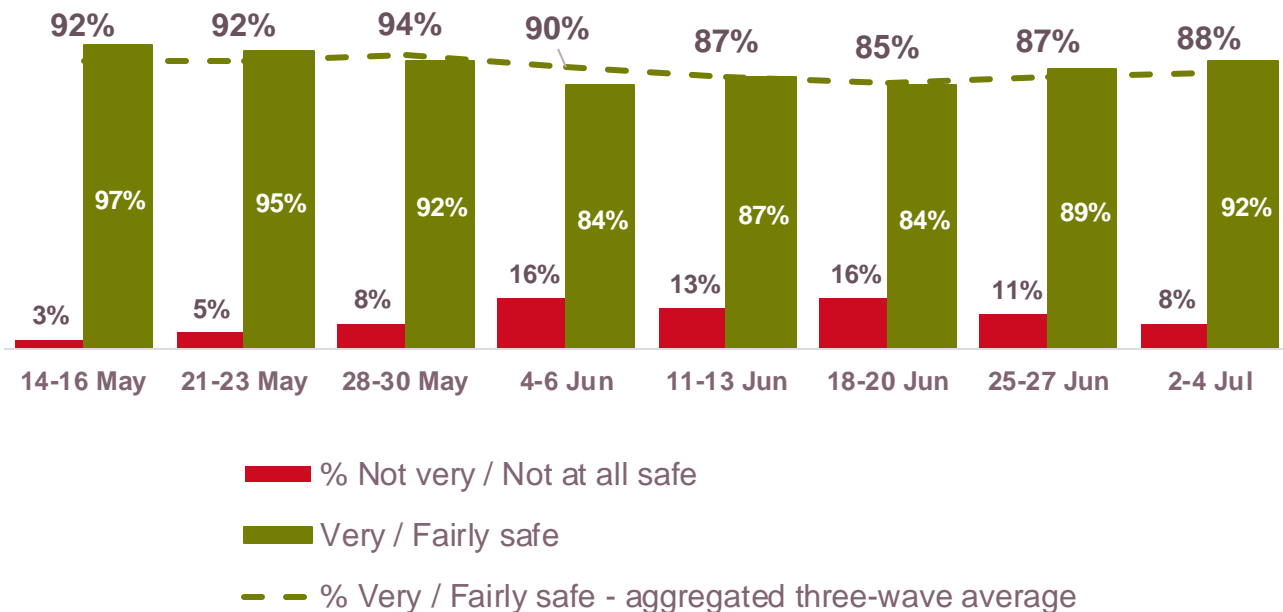
# Around nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

Base: All making journeys by train, W53 – 141



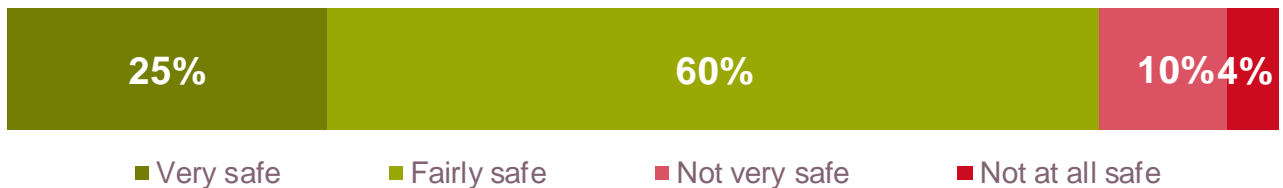
## Trend - last eight waves



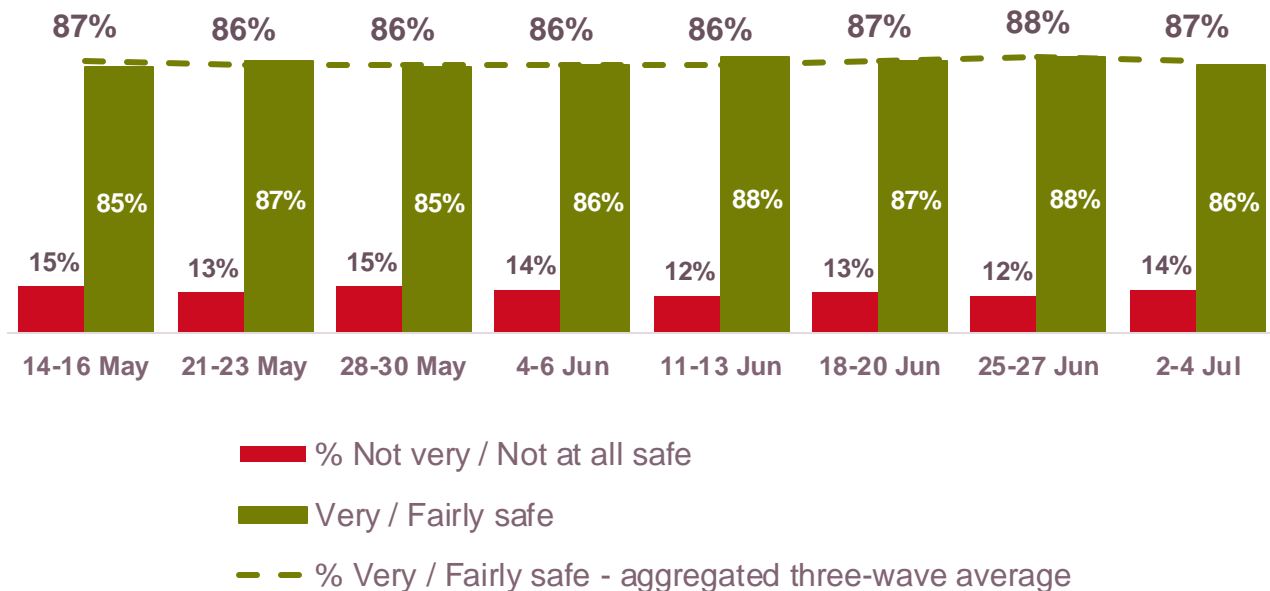
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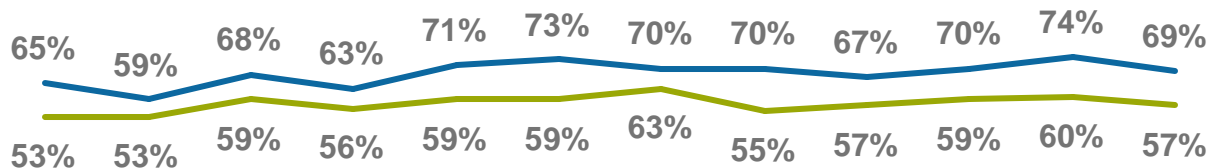
# Less than three in five of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

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, W53 – 1,857



## Trend - last twelve waves



— All who have not used a train in the last seven days  
 — Those who used trains regularly before March 2020

Base: All who used trains regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (307)

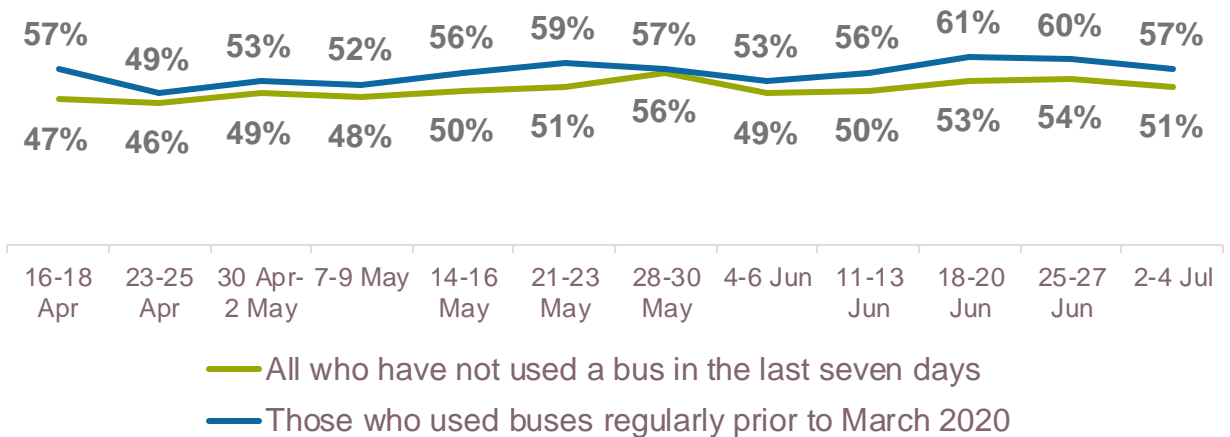
# Half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

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, W53 – 1,680



## Trend - last twelve waves



Base: All who used buses regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (408)

# 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: W53 1,974

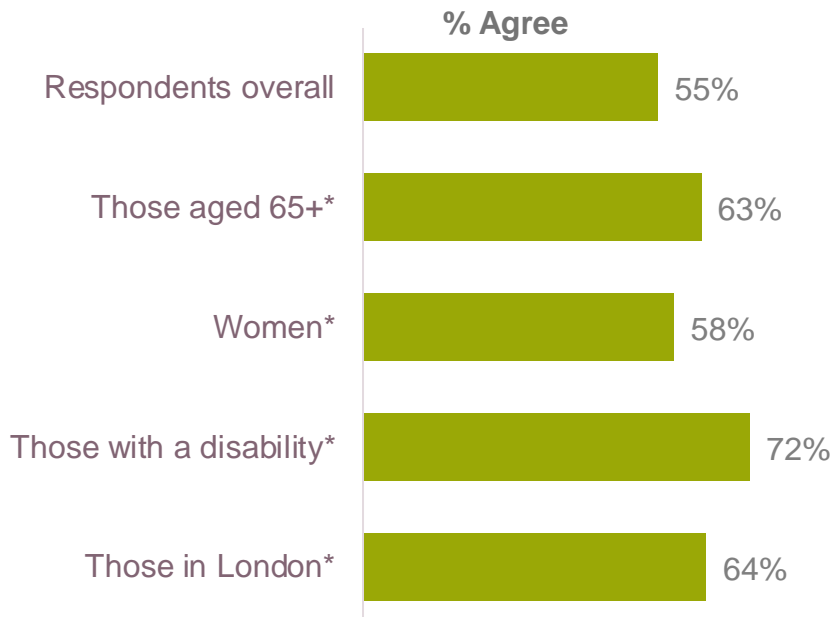
% Agree



16-18 Apr 23-25 Apr 30 Apr-2 May 7-9 May 14-16 May 21-23 May 28-30 May 4-6 Jun 11-13 Jun 18-20 Jun 25-27 Jun 2-4 Jul



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



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

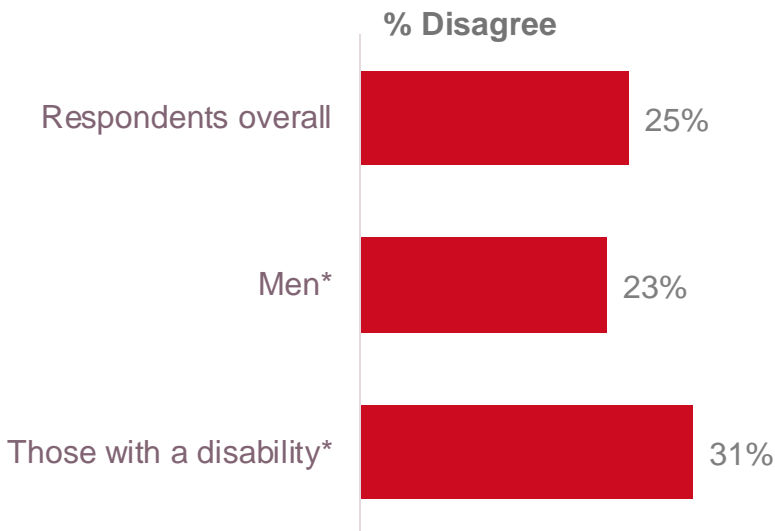
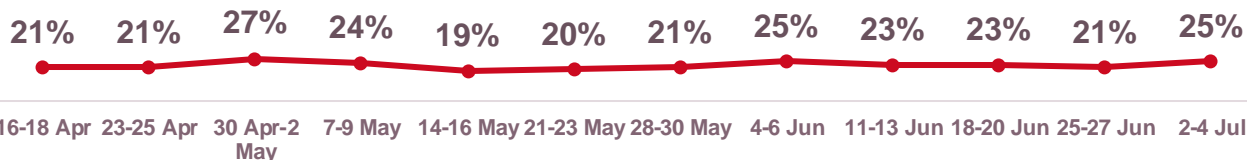
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# Less than half think that enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport. A quarter disagree.

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

Base: W53 1,627

% Disagree



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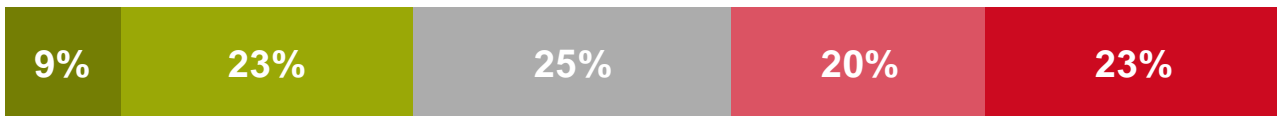
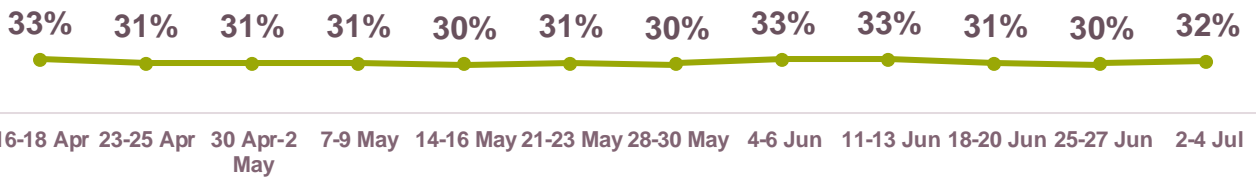
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# A third say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

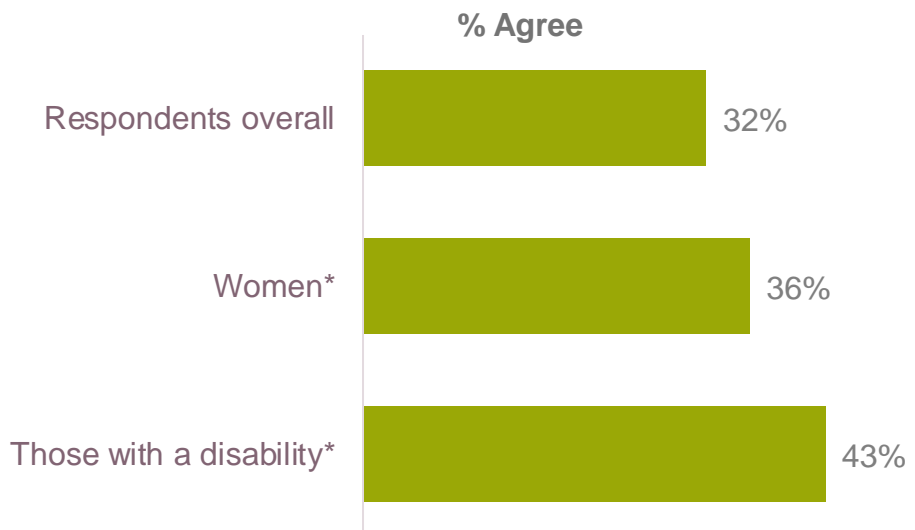
I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

Base: W53 1,836

% Agree



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



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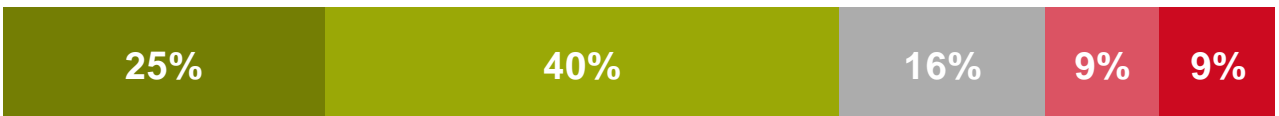
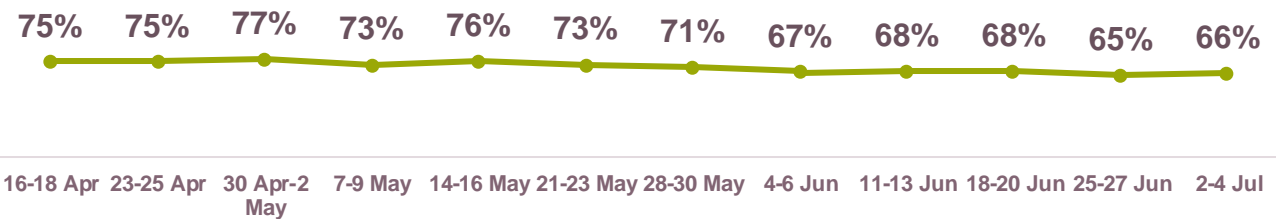


# Slowly decreasing proportions have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

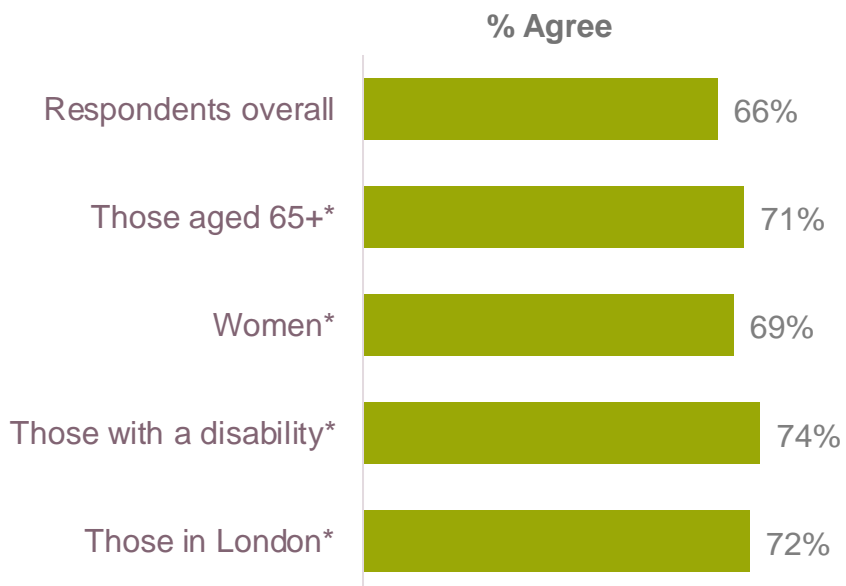
I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W53 1,958

% Agree



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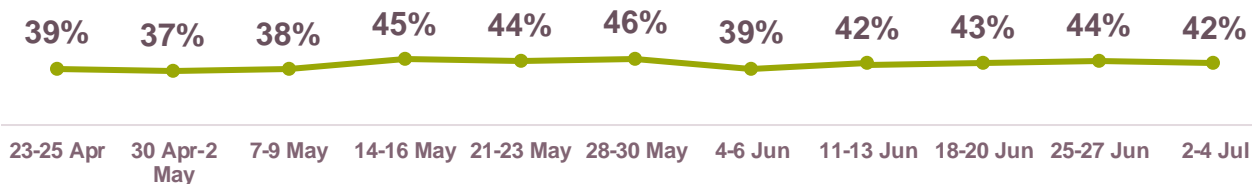
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# Around two in five say that as long as passengers are wearing face coverings, relaxing the social distancing on public transport makes sense to them

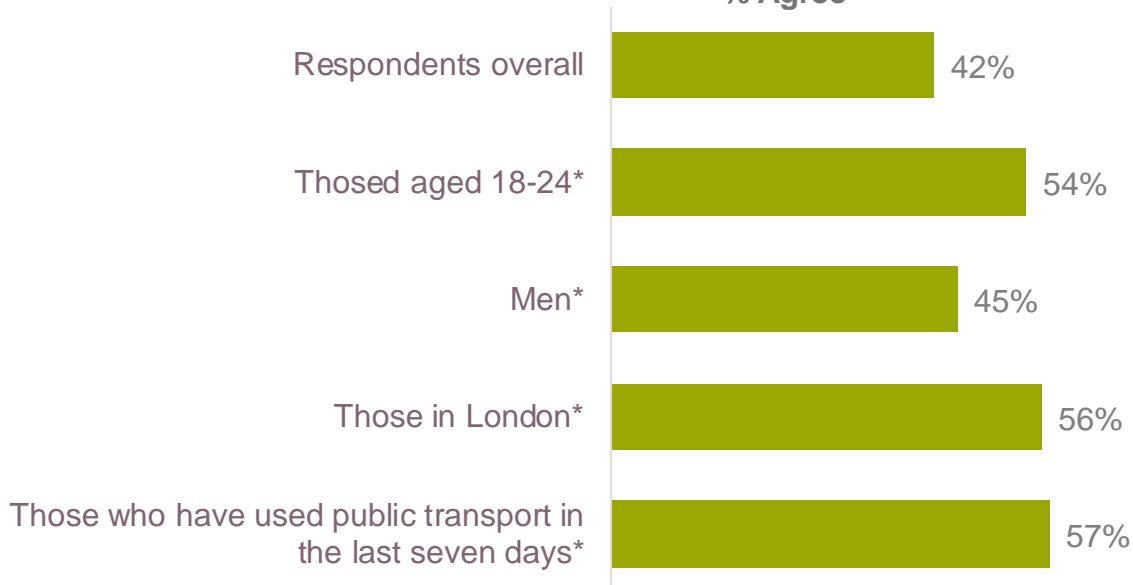
As long as passengers are wearing face coverings, relaxing the social distancing on public transport makes sense to me

Base: W53 1,850



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 ■ Neither / nor 
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 ■ Strongly disagree

### % Agree



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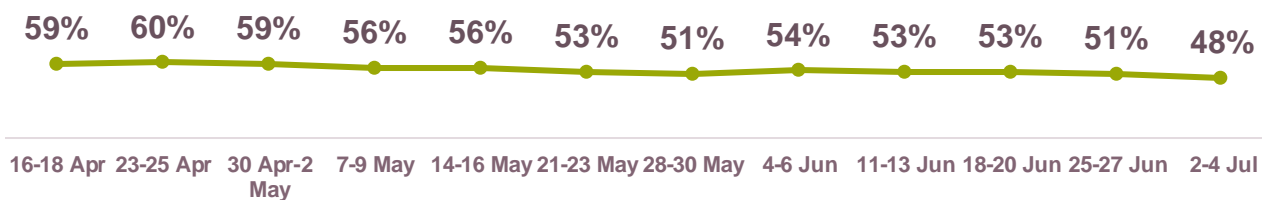
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# Slowly decreasing proportions say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

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

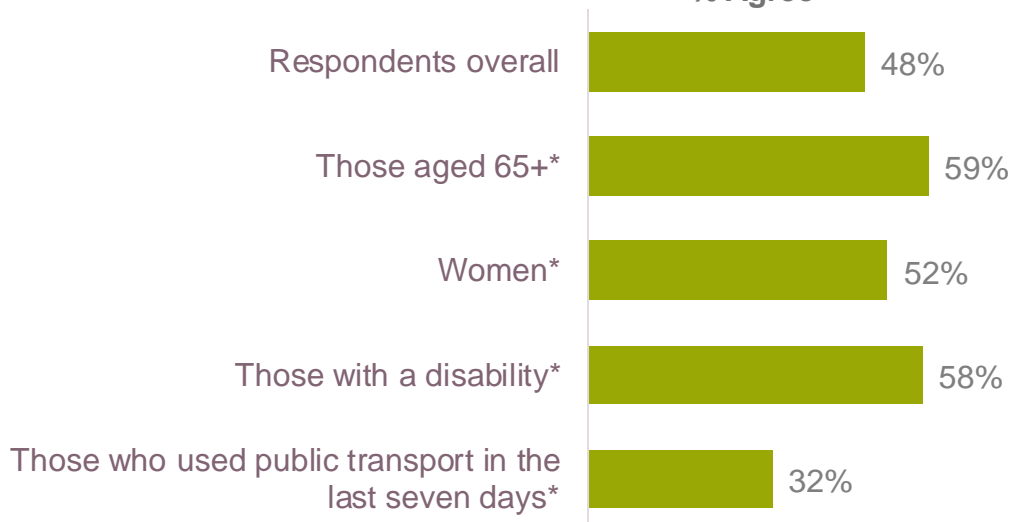
Base: W53 1,798

% Agree



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% Agree



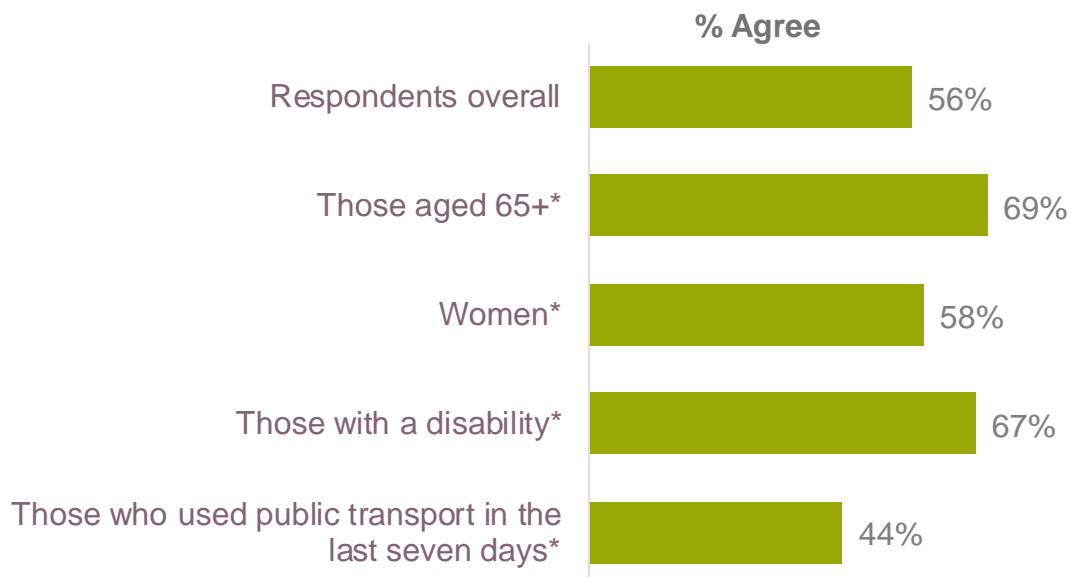
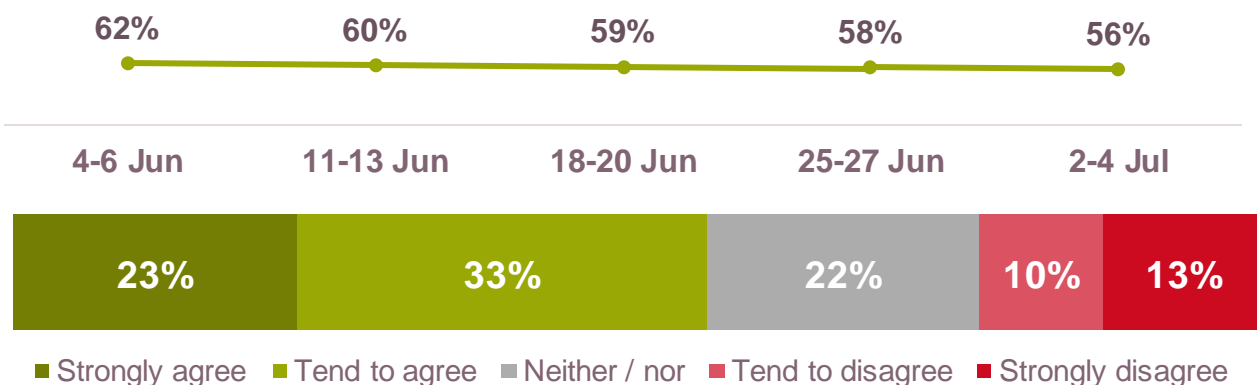
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# Slowly decreasing proportions say that they won't use public transport unless passengers are required to wear face coverings

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

Base: W53 1,816



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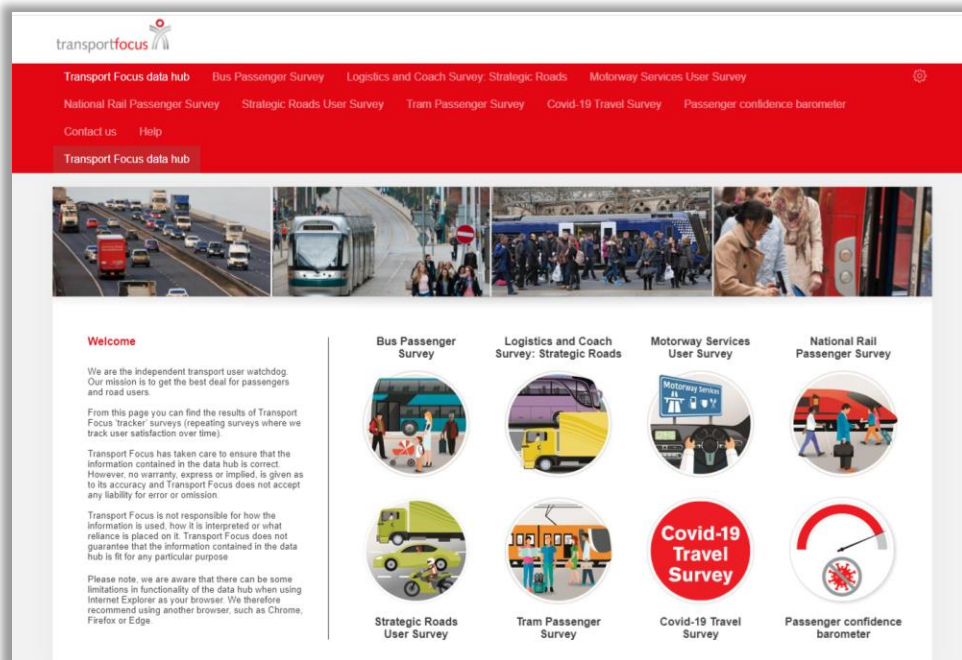
# Transport Focus Data Hub

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 53

- 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 53 fieldwork: 2 – 4 July
- 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
<b>Wave 53</b>	2,018	230	351	342	337	291	467	988	1,030

## Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
<b>Wave 53</b>	182	74	236	164	169	163	105	192	245	305	183