



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 56

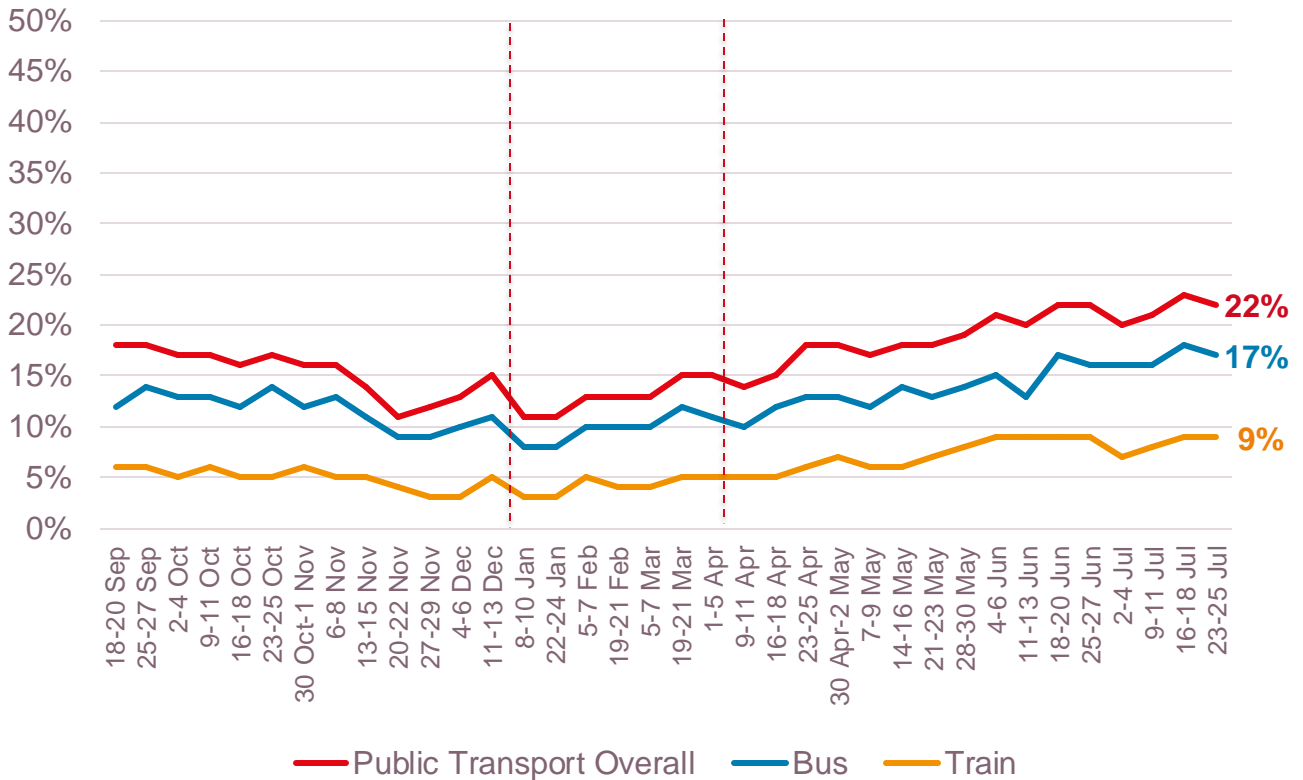
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 56

Use of public transport is stable

Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

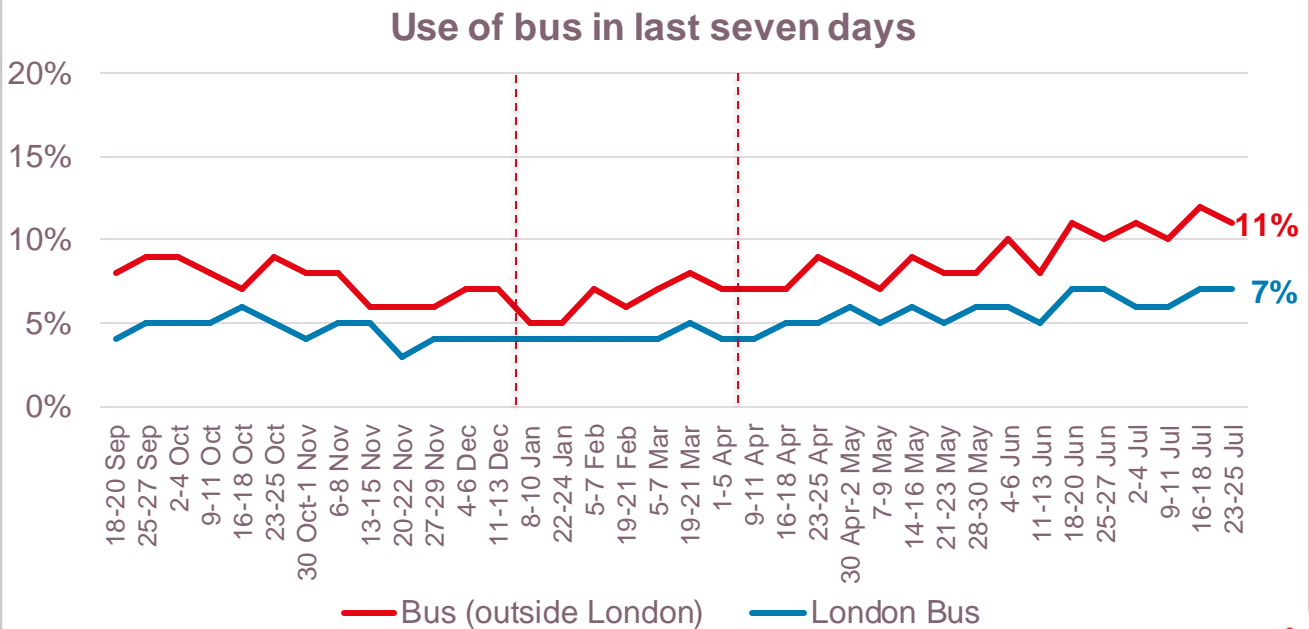
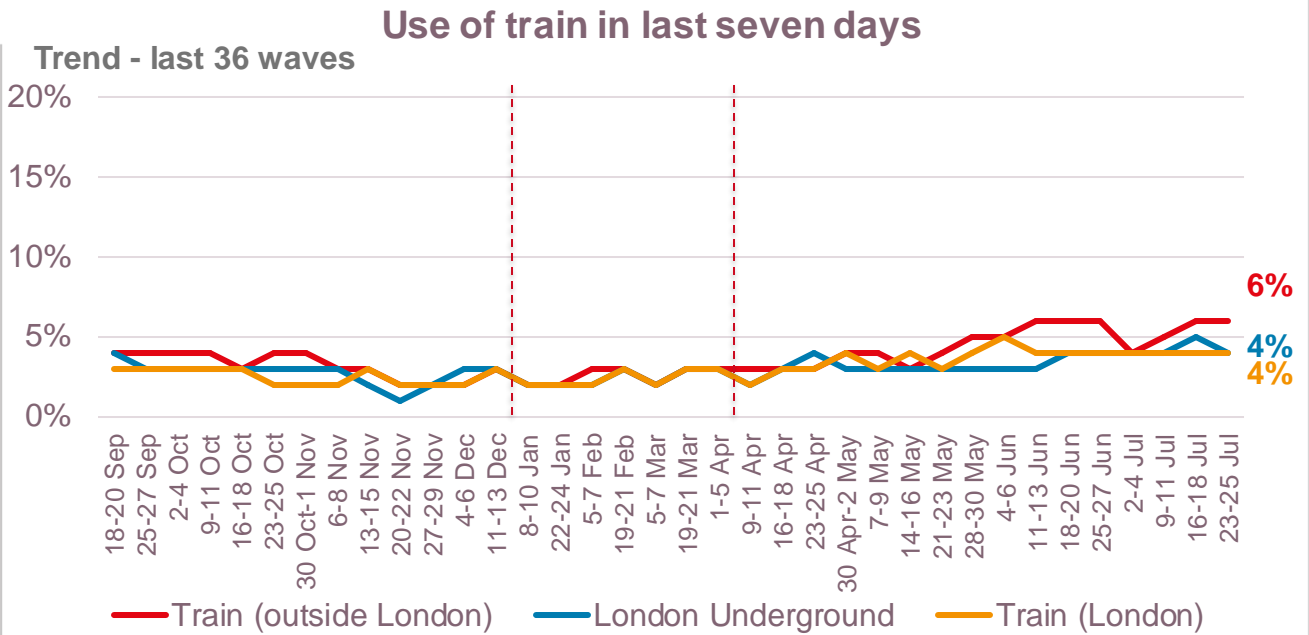
Trend - last 36 waves



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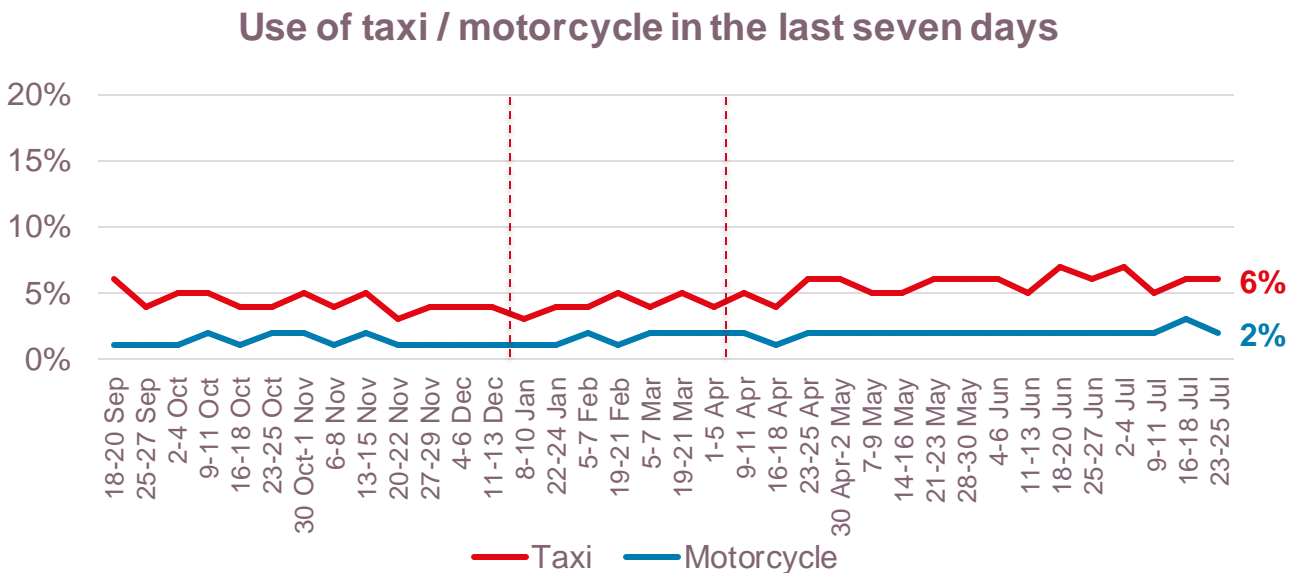
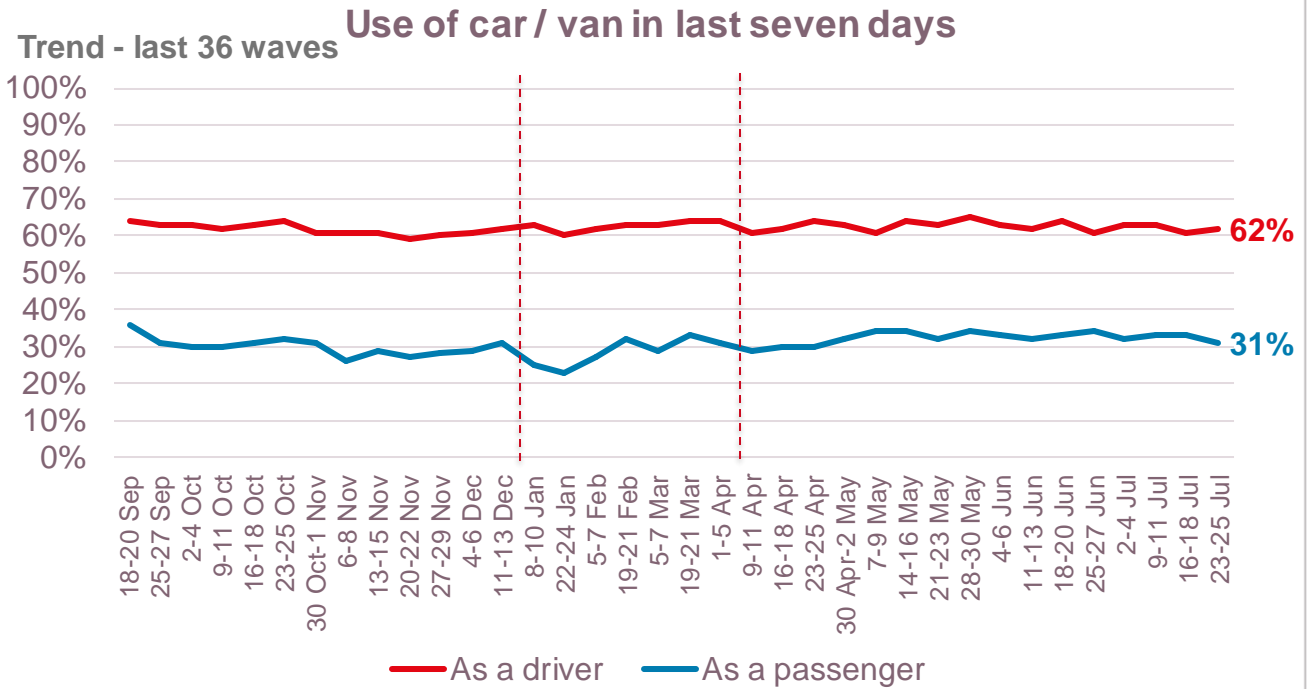
Relatively consistent proportions have used trains and buses



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Road use is largely consistent



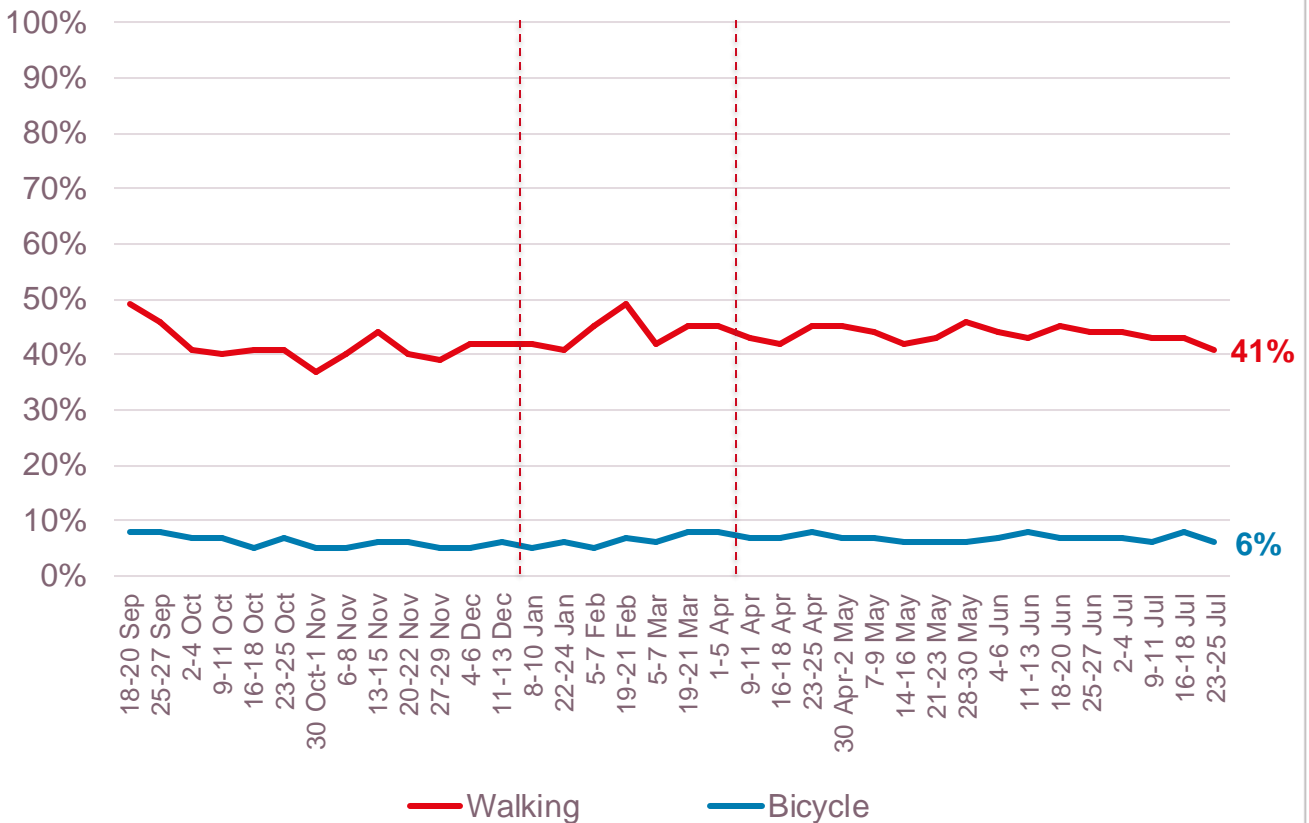
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Two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have cycled

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

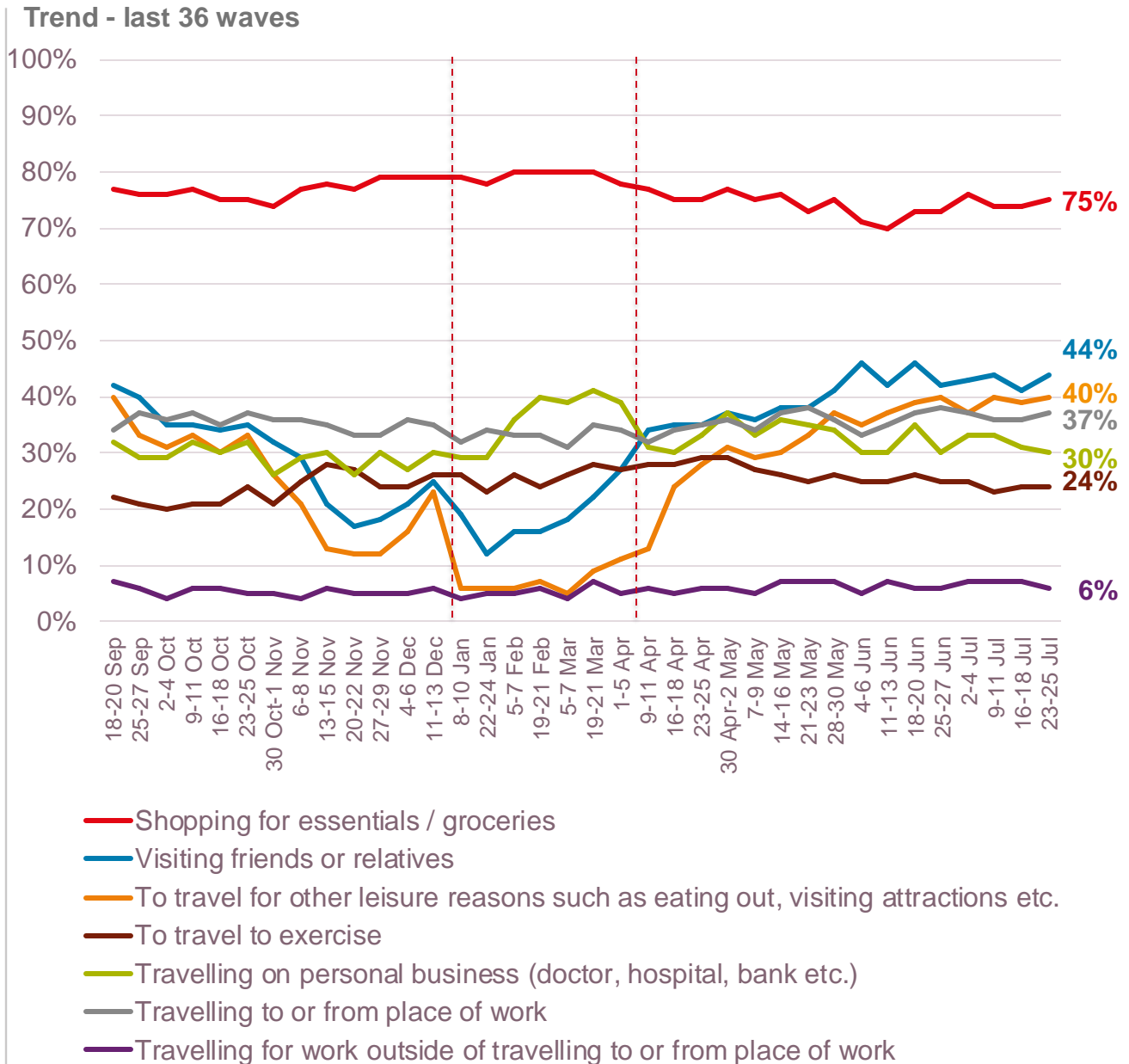


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Two in five have made journeys for leisure reasons, while less than two in five have made journeys to travel to or from work

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days

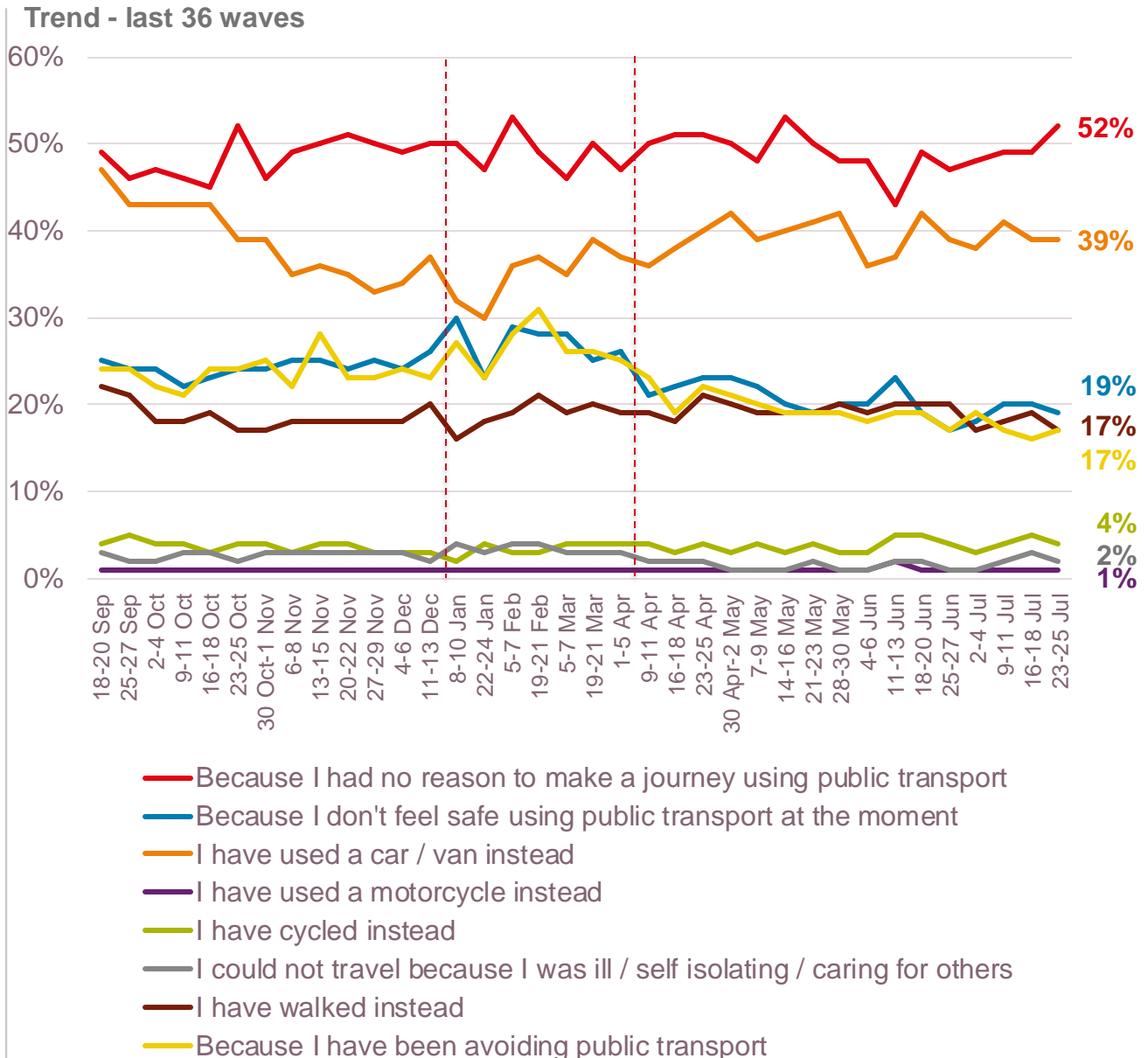


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One in five haven't used public transport because they don't feel safe to do so, while fewer have been avoiding doing so

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days

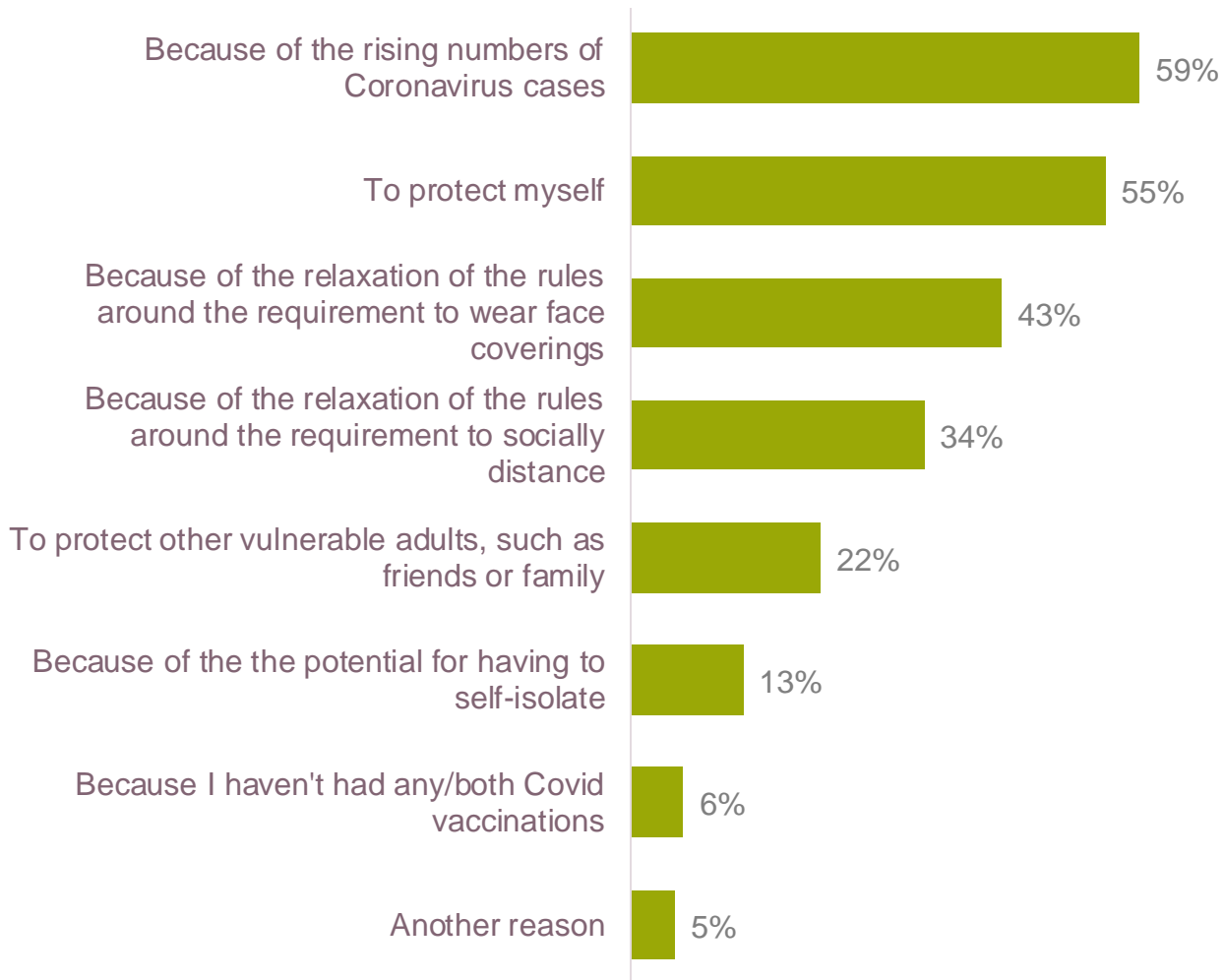


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Three in five of those who have been avoiding using public transport, and/or do not feel safe to do so, say they feel this way because of rising case numbers

Which of the following reasons best describes why you have been avoiding using public transport and/or you don't feel safe using public transport at the moment?*

Base: All those who have not used public in the last seven days because they have been avoiding doing so and/or they don't feel safe using public transport at the moment (415)

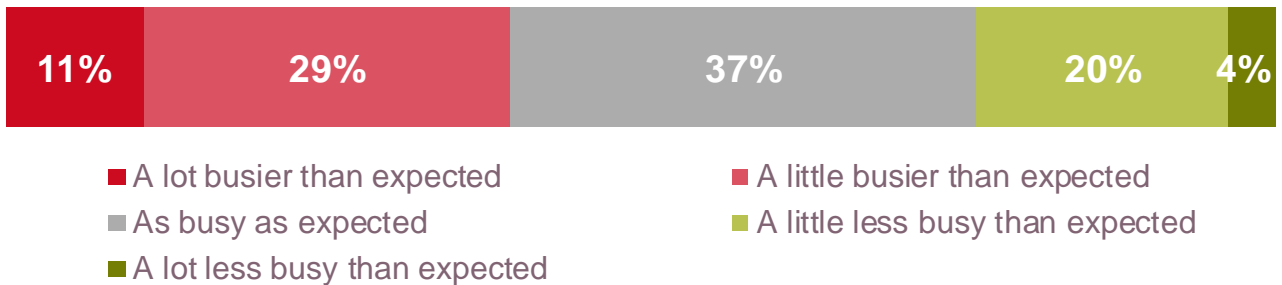


* Respondents prompted to select up to three reasons only

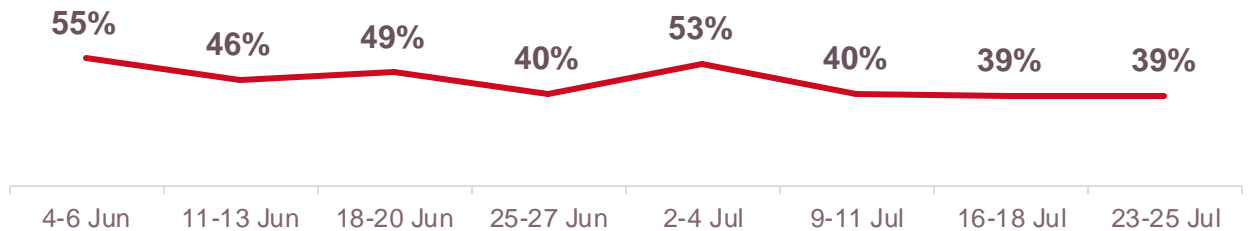
Two in five of those who have used a train in the last seven days found it to be busier than they expected

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

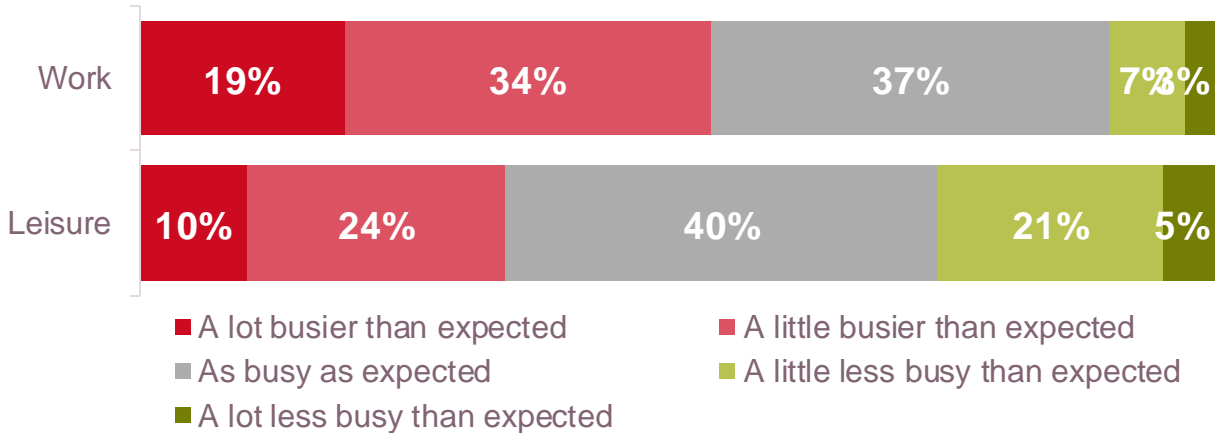
Base: All making journeys by train. W56 - 172



Trend - % busier (last eight waves)



Perception of busyness by journey purpose – W55+W56 combined*

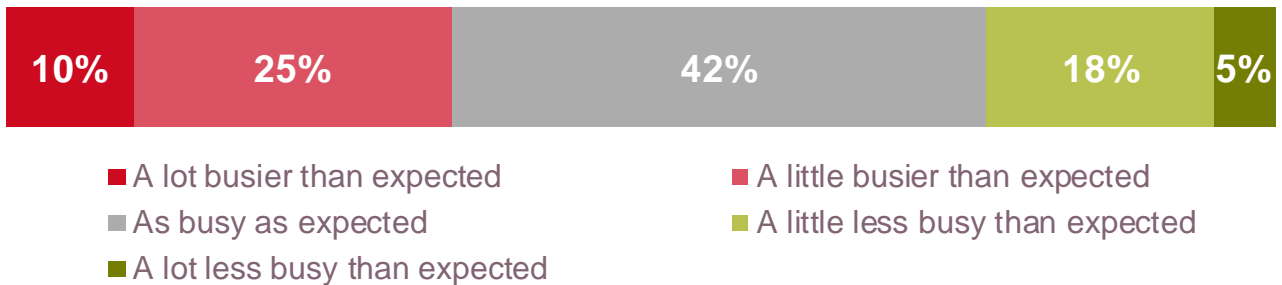


*Base: Those who used trains between 9 and 25 July to make journeys for work (95), for leisure (198)

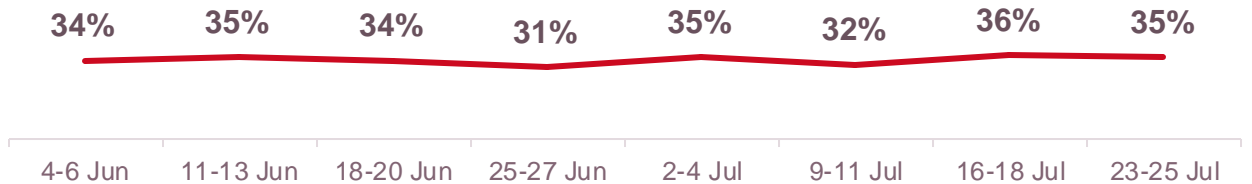
More than a third of those who have used a bus outside London in the last seven days found it to be busier than they expected

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

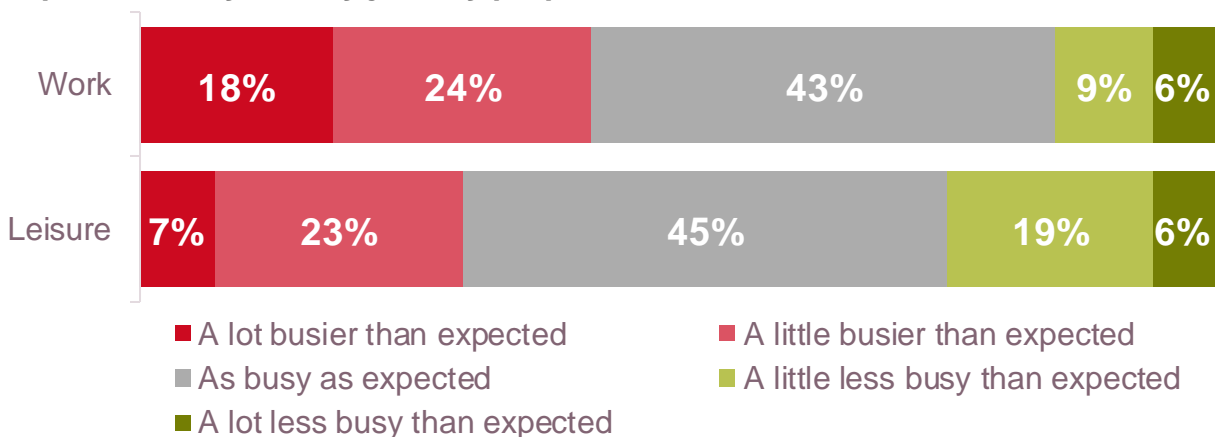
Base: All making journeys by bus outside London. W56 – 211



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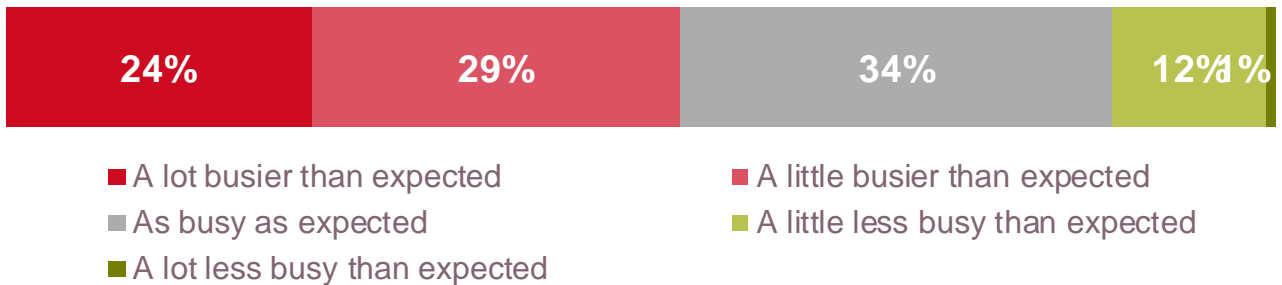


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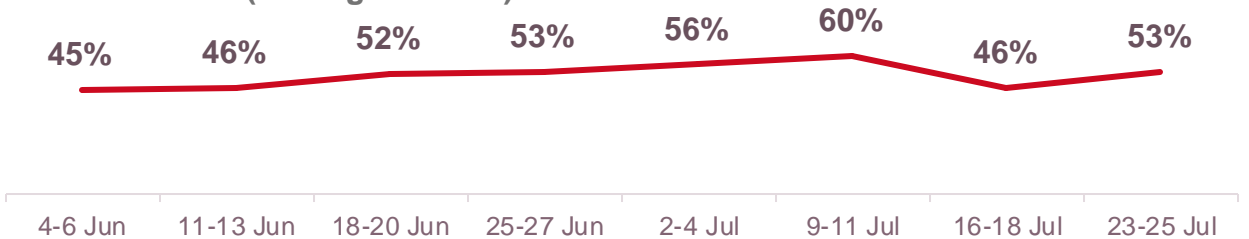
Around half of those who have used a London bus in the last seven days found it to be busier than they expected

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

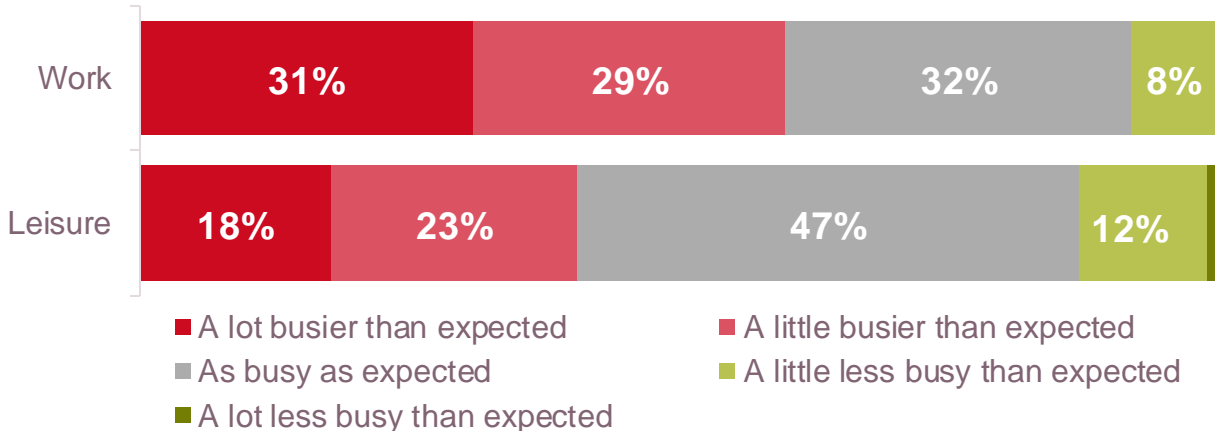
Base: All making journeys by London bus. W56 - 143



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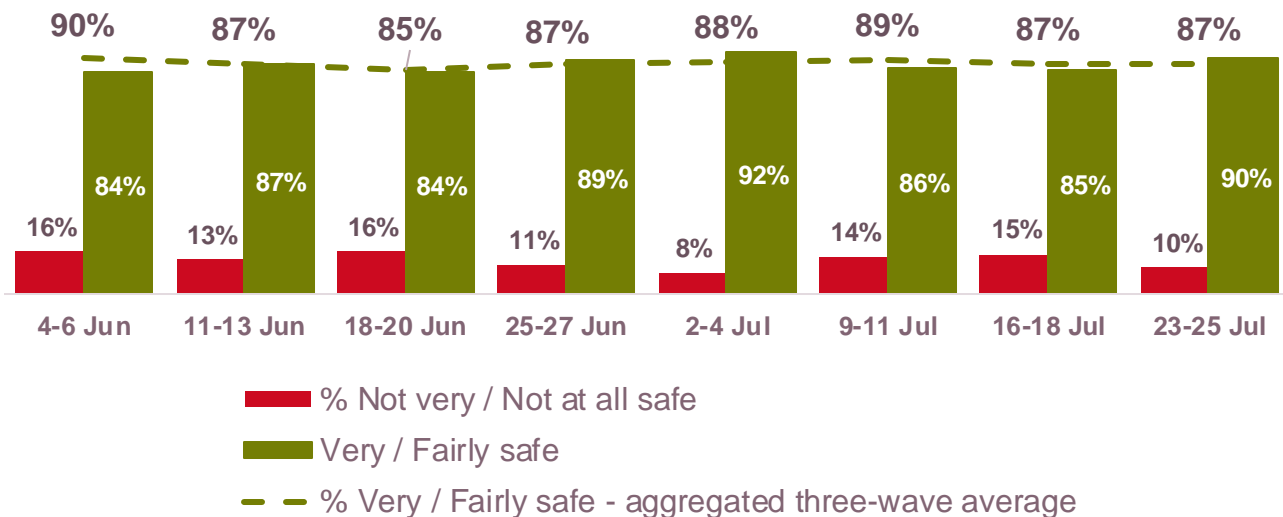
Around nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

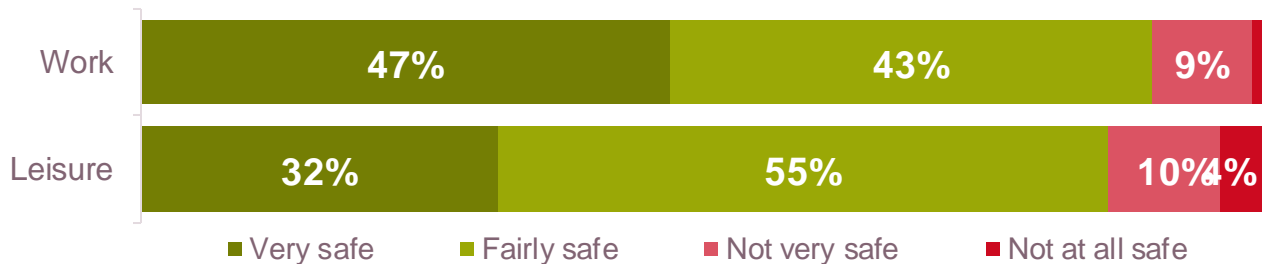
Base: All making journeys by train, W56 – 172



Trend - last eight waves



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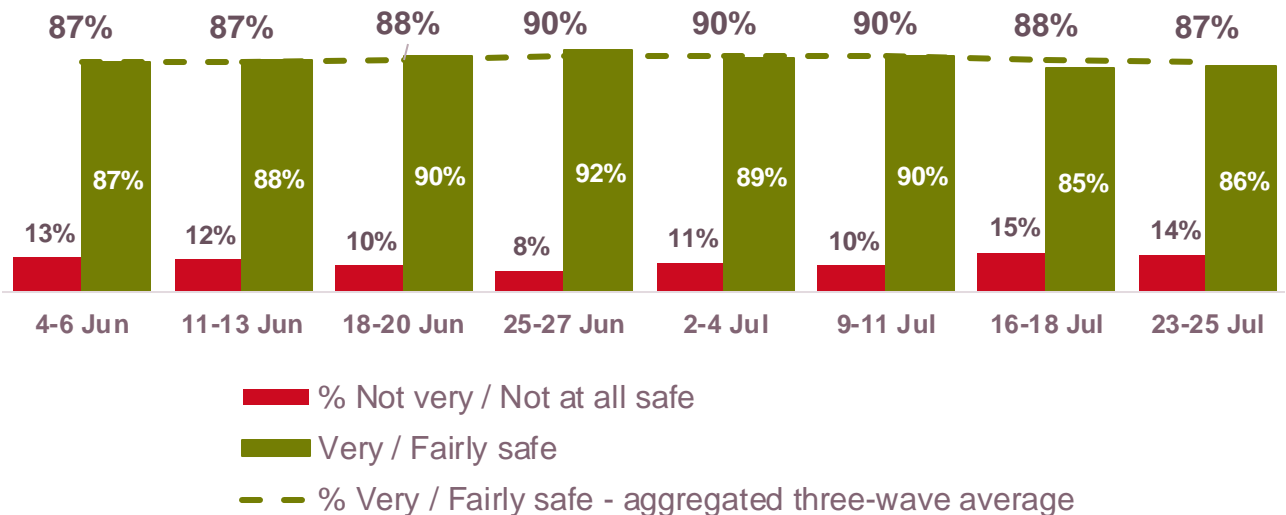
Almost nine in ten of those making journeys by bus outside London in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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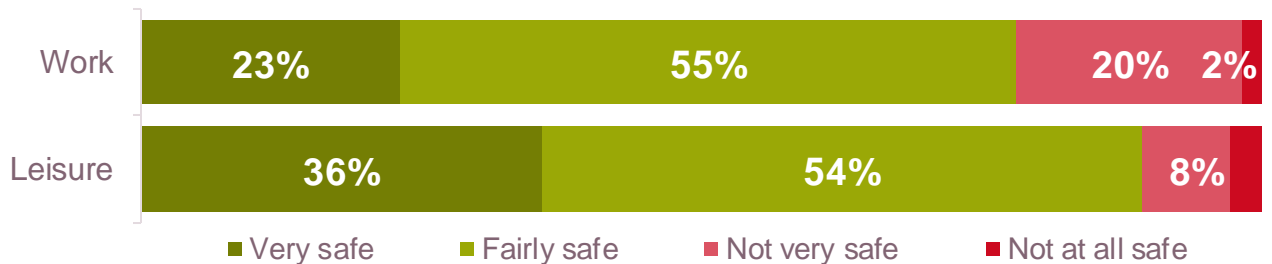
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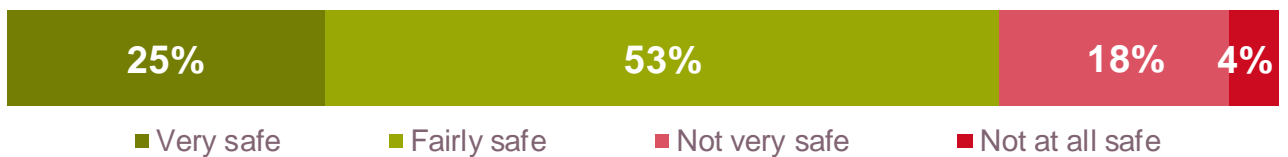


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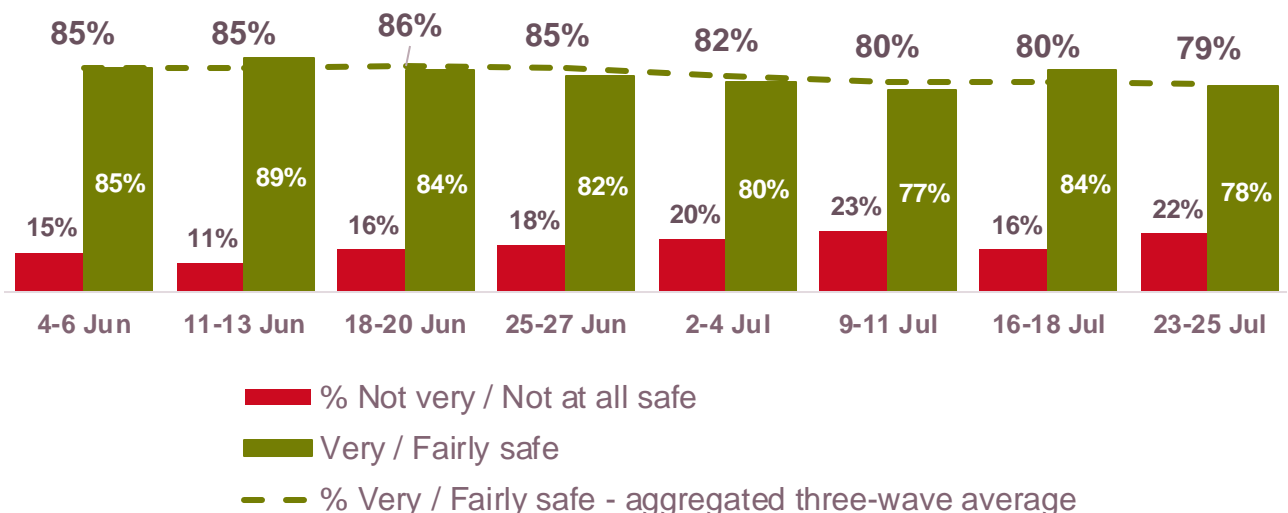
Around four in five of those making journeys by bus in London in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

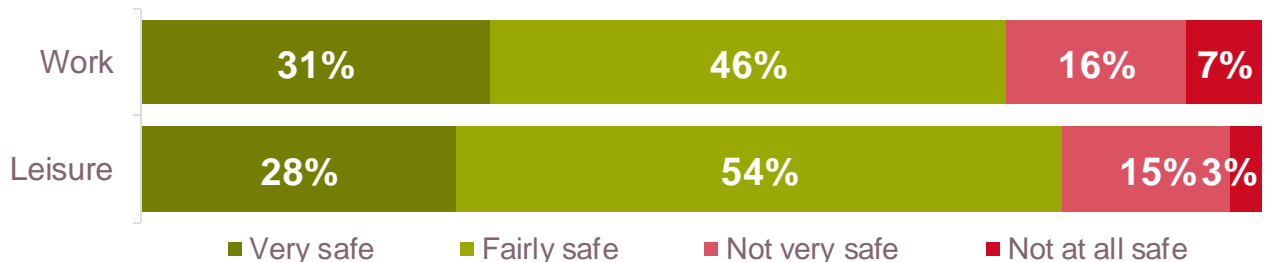
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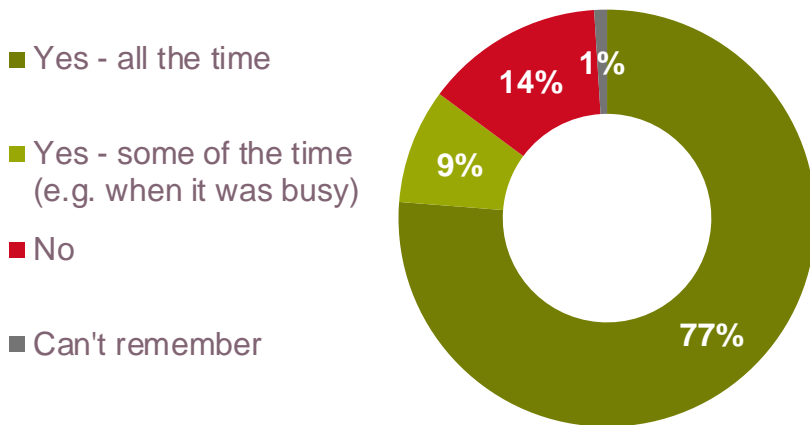


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The vast majority of those who used a bus or train in the last seven days wore a face covering for the whole of their journey

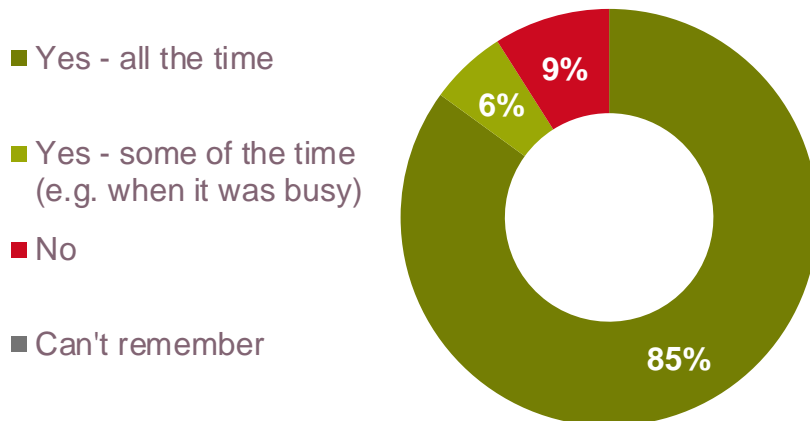
On your most recent train journey did you wear a face covering?

Base: All making journeys by train, (172)



On your most recent bus journey did you wear a face covering?

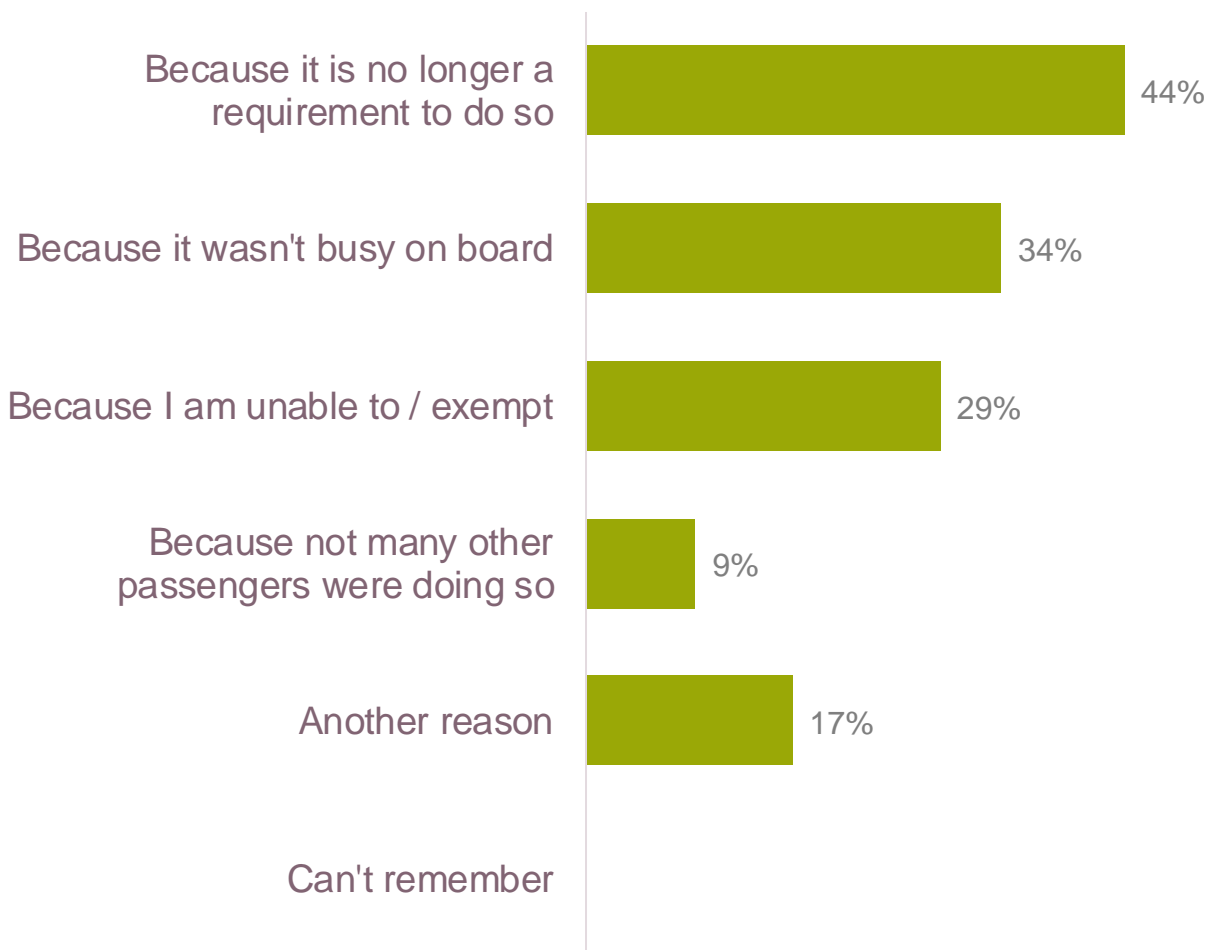
Base: All making journeys by bus (340)



More than two in five bus users did not wear a face covering at least some of the time because in England it is no longer a requirement to do so

Why did you choose not to wear a face covering [all the time] on your most recent bus journey?

Base: All who did not wear a face covering at least some of the time on their most recent bus journey (56)*



*Caution: Small base

Results for train users not shown due to very small base

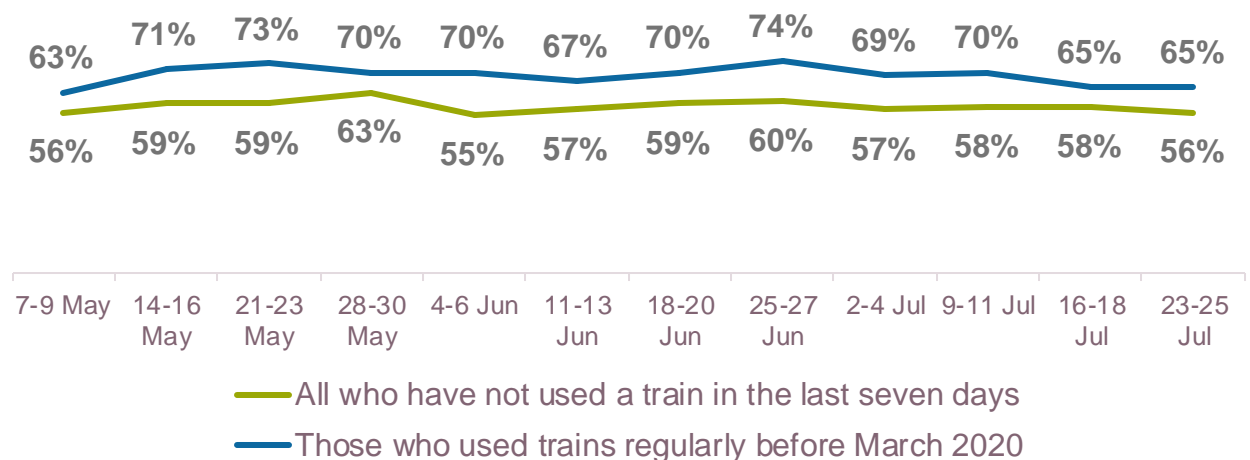
Less than three in five of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

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, W56 – 1,835



Trend - last twelve waves



Base: All who used trains regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (376)

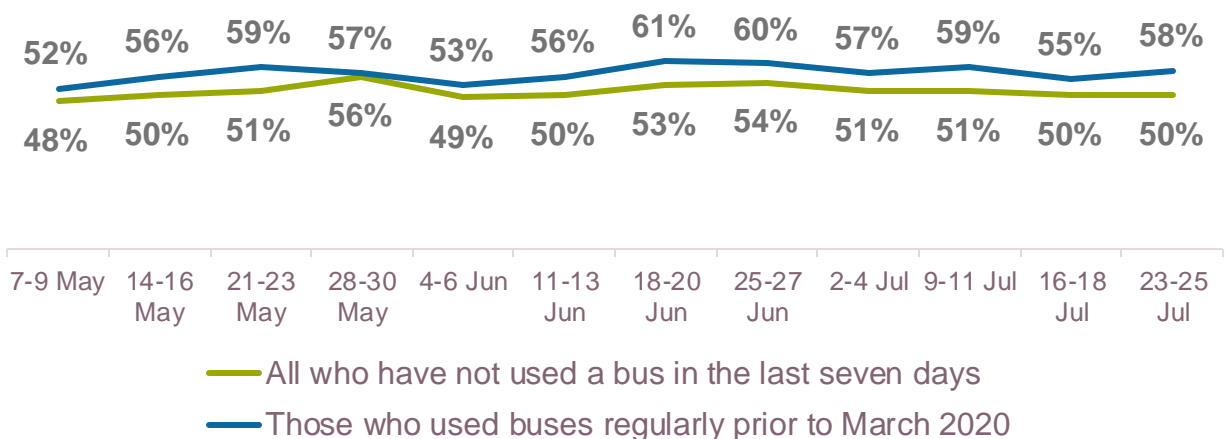
Half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

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, W56 – 1,667



Trend - last twelve waves

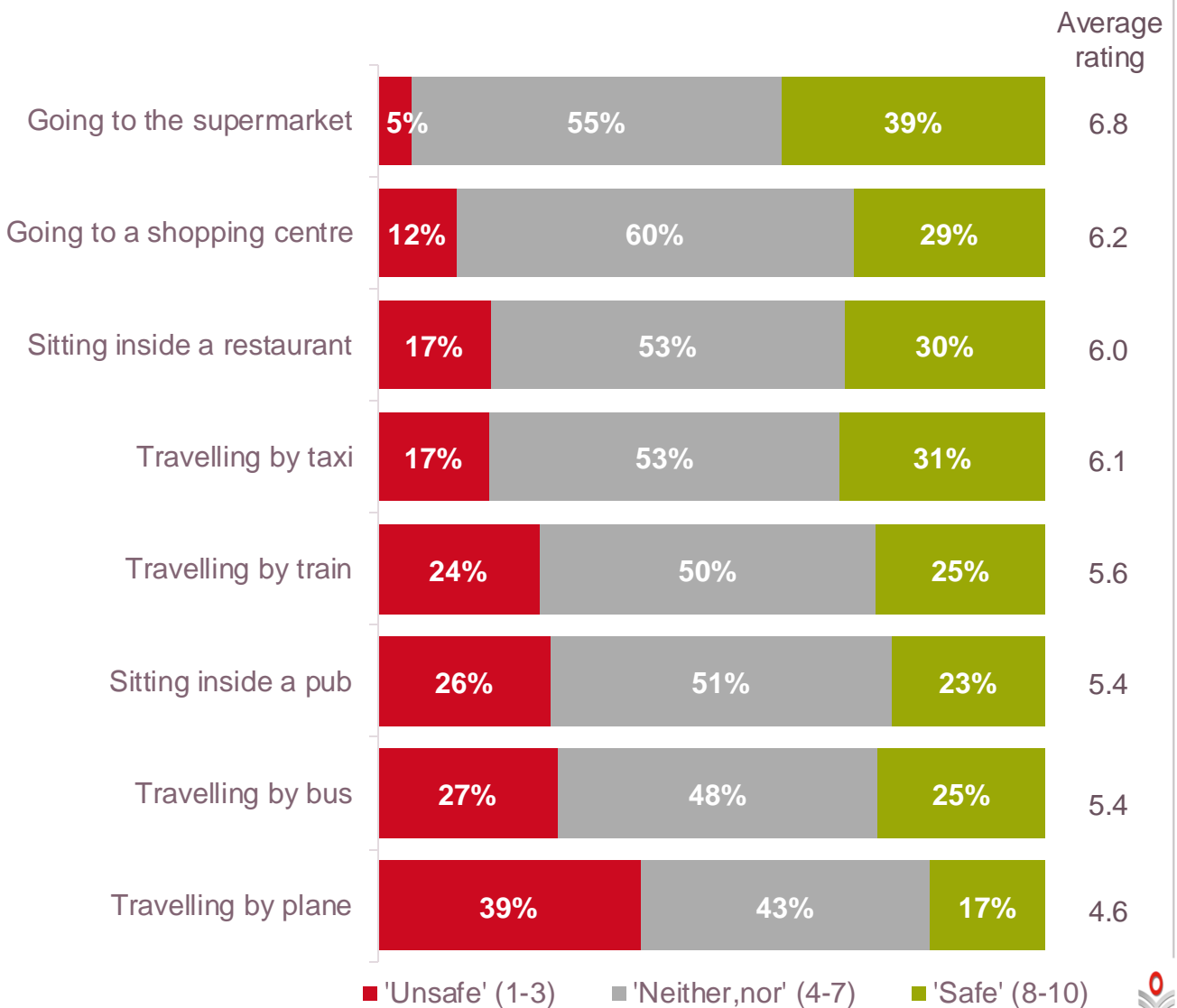


Base: All who used buses regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (436)

Around a quarter consider travelling on a train or a bus to be 'safe', while almost the same proportions consider these activities to be 'unsafe'. Similar proportions say the same regarding sitting inside a pub.

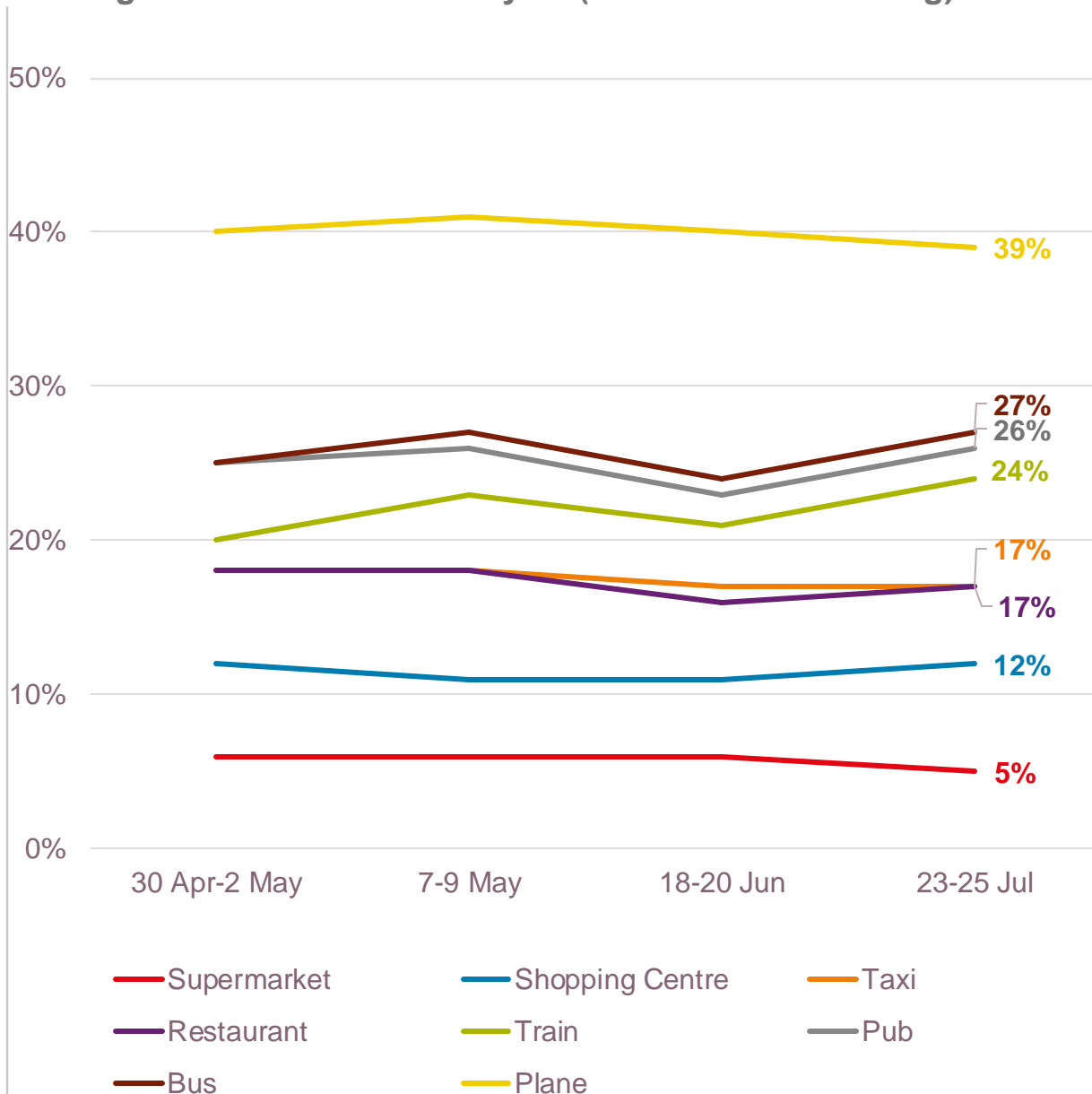
Specifically in relation to coronavirus, on a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is very unsafe and 10 is very safe, how safe do you consider the following activities?

Base: W56 2,007



Compared with results from the end of June the proportion of those who consider trains, buses and pubs to be 'unsafe' has increased more sharply than for other sectors

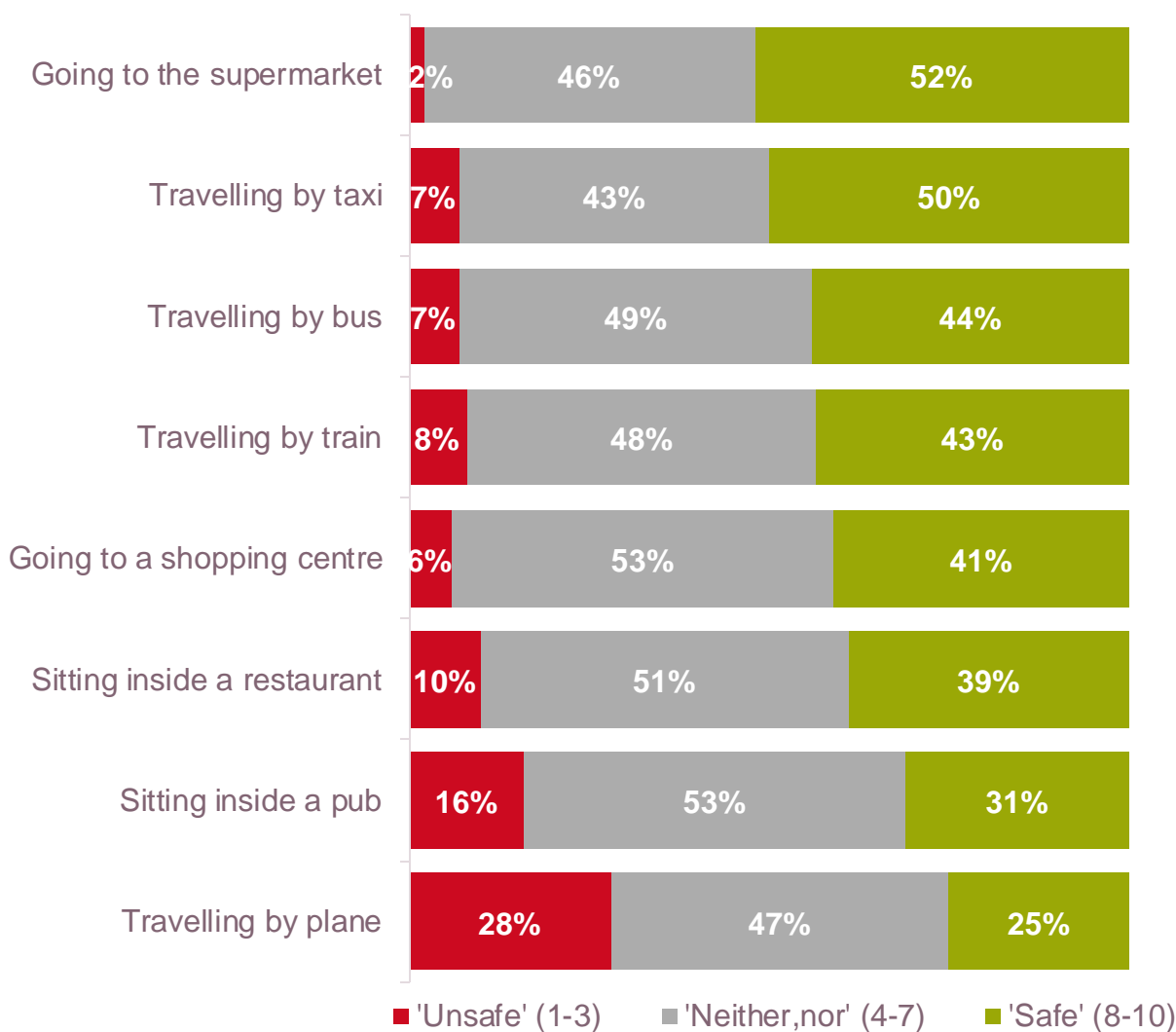
Ratings of sector – trend analysis (% 'Unsafe' – 1-3 rating)



Compared with people in general, those who used public transport in the last seven days are more likely than others to consider travelling on a bus or train to be safe. More than two in five say this in each case.

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: All those who used public transport in the last seven days (443)



For a 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: W56 1,974

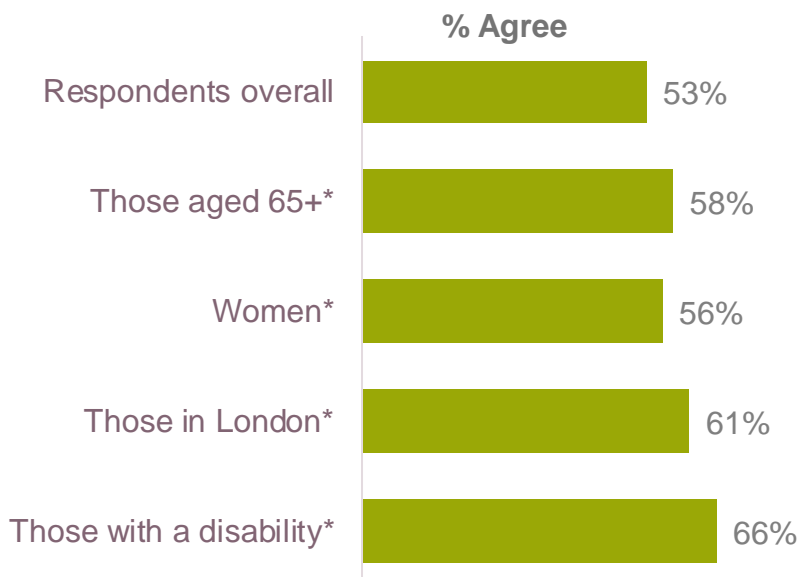
% Agree



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



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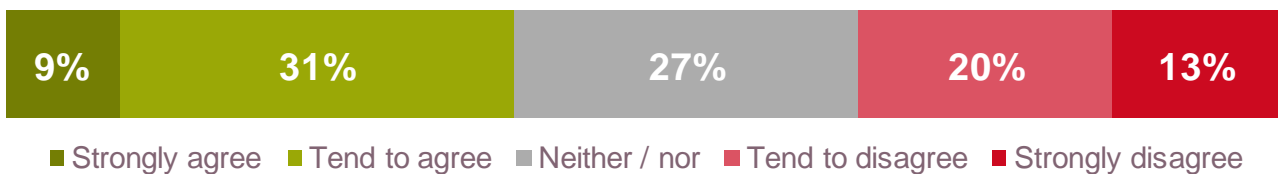
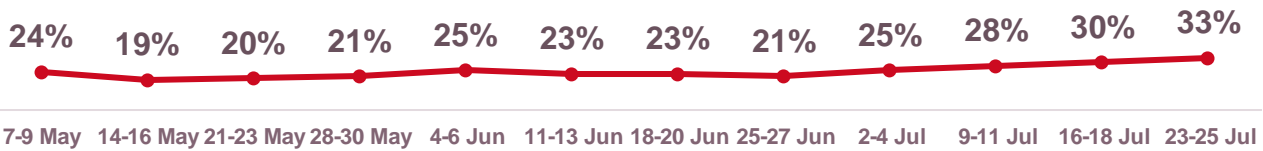
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Increasing proportions do not feel that enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

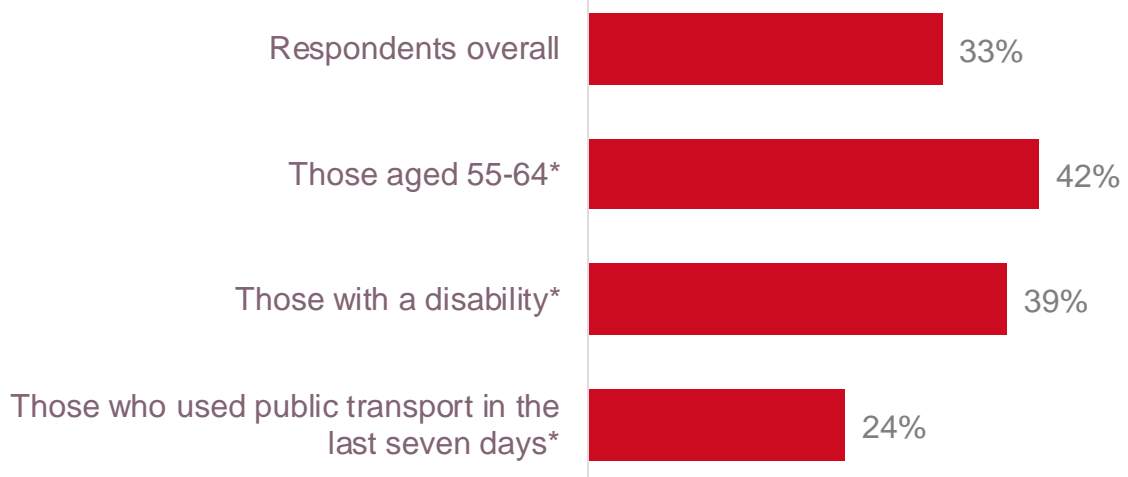
Enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport

Base: W56 1,693

% Disagree



% Disagree



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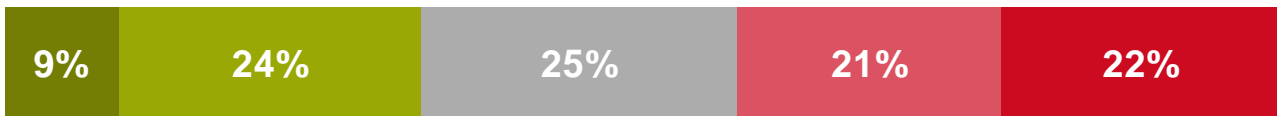
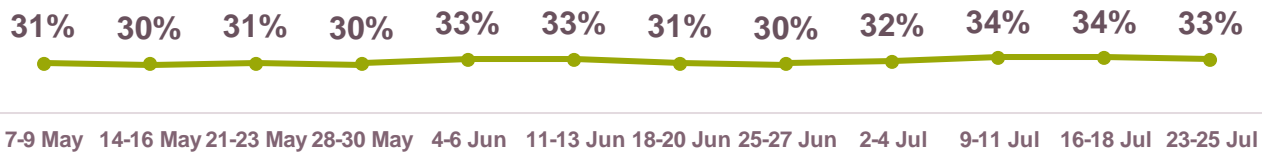
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A third say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

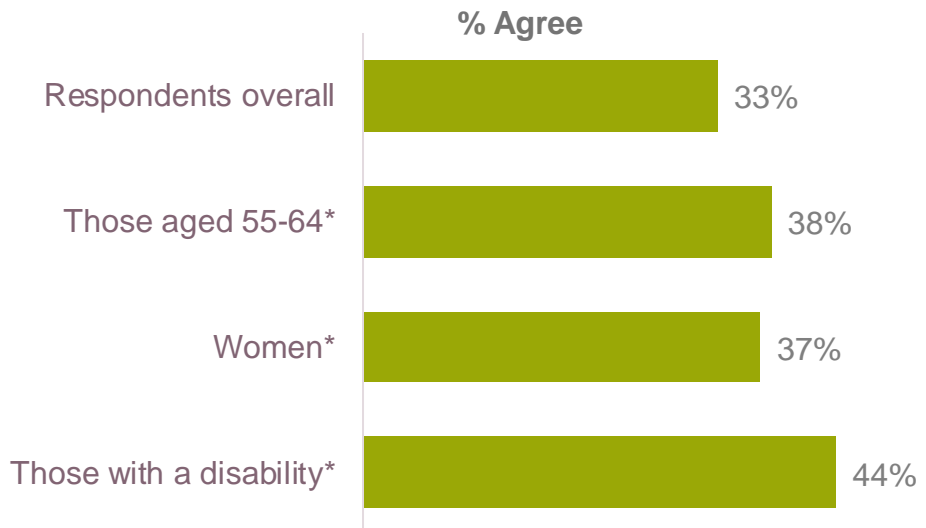
I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

Base: W56 1,829

% Agree



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



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

I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W56 1,961

% Agree

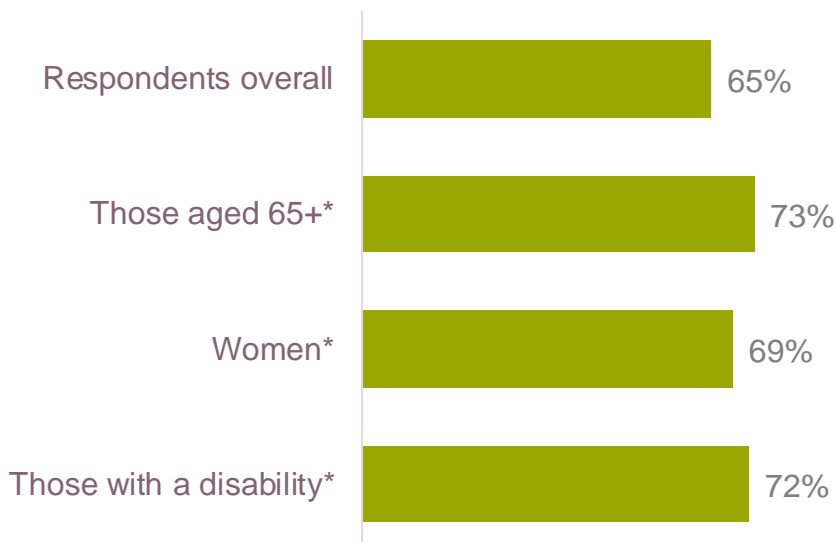


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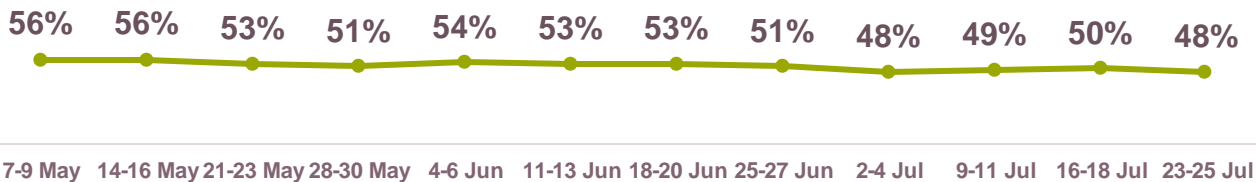
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Just less than half say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

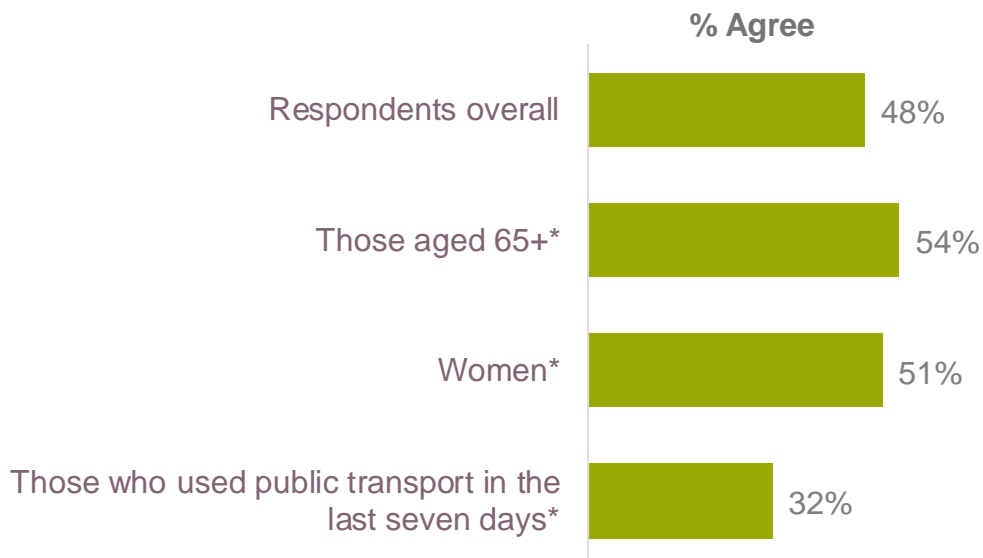
I won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

Base: W56 1,784

% Agree



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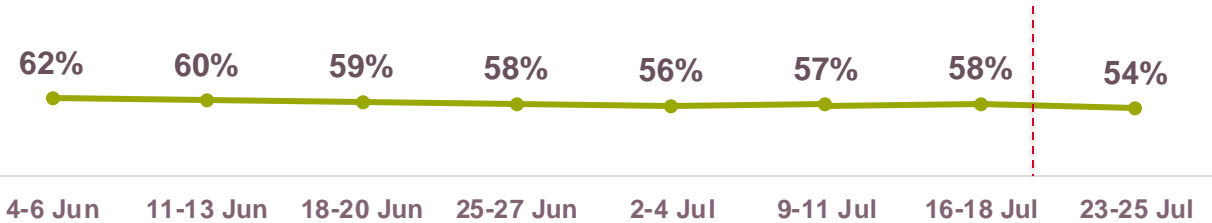
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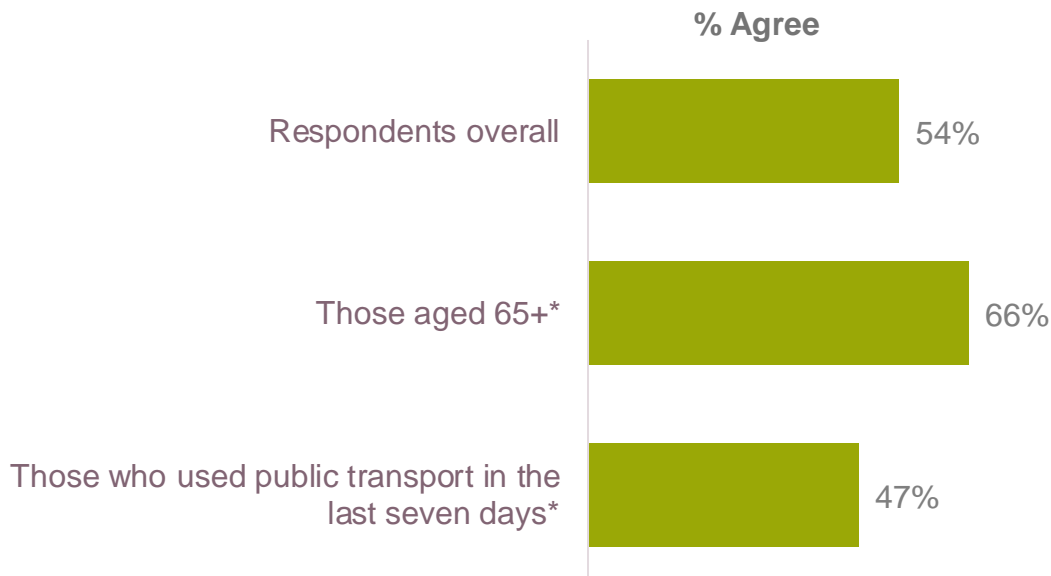
More than half say that they won't use public transport unless passengers are required to wear face coverings

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

Base: W56 1,808



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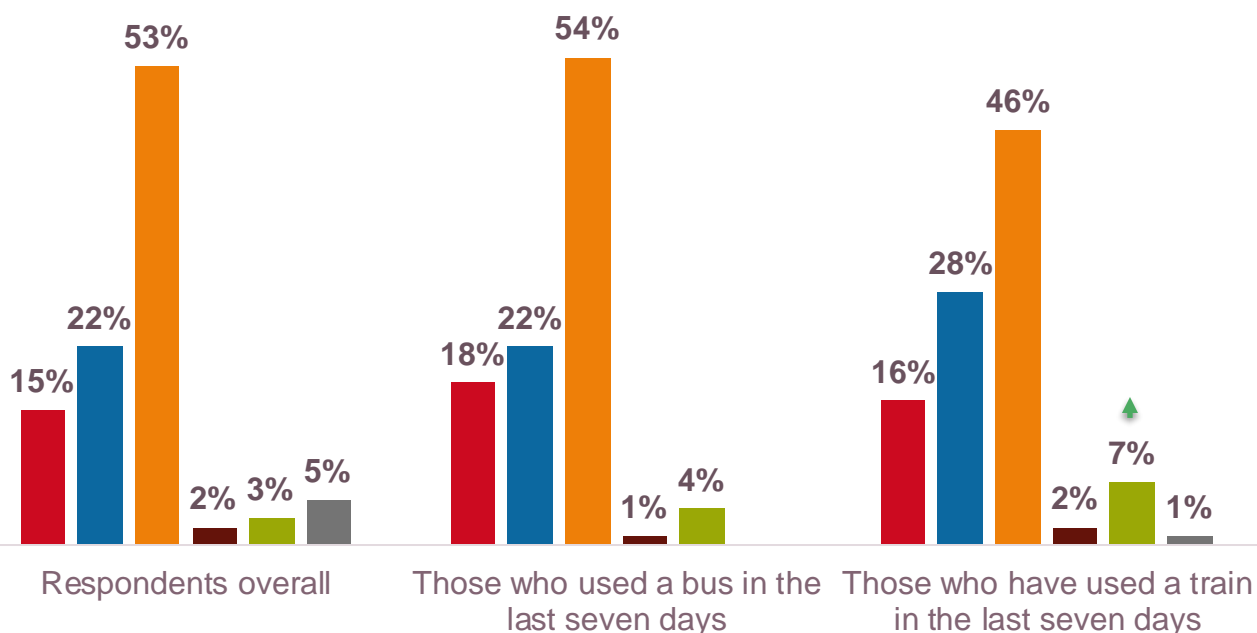
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Legal requirement to wear a face covering on public transport in England dropped on the 19th July

More than half say that they will always wear a face covering on public transport, even if it is not a requirement to do so

Thinking about your future use of public transport, which of the following statements best applies to you..?



- I will only wear a face covering on public transport if it is a requirement to do so
- I will sometimes wear a face covering on public transport, even if it is not a requirement to do so (e.g. when it is crowded on board)
- I will always wear a face covering on public transport, even if it is not a requirement to do so
- I am unable to/exempt from wearing a face covering
- I won't wear a face covering
- I don't know

Base: Respondents overall – 2,007. Those using a bus – 340. Those using a train - 172

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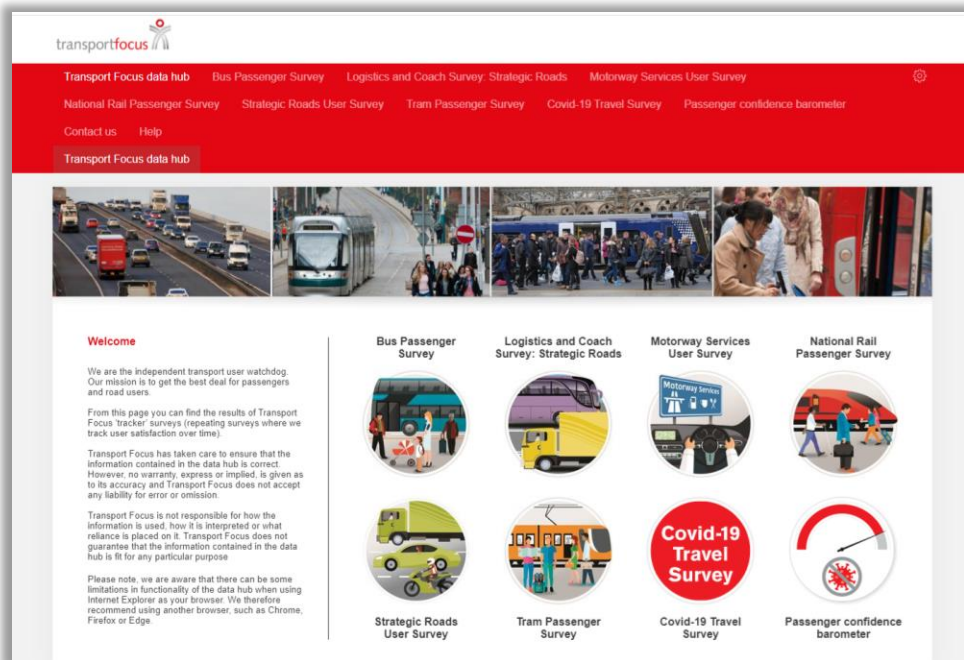
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Please note:

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 56

- 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 56 fieldwork: 23 – 25 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 |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|-------|--------|
| Wave 56 | 2,024 | 236 | 363 | 321 | 314 | 329 | 461 | 1,012 | 1,012 |

Sample size by region

| | Scotland | North East | North West | Yorks & Humber | West Midlands | East Midlands | Wales | Eastern | London | South East | South West |
|----------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------|---------|--------|------------|------------|
| Wave 56 | 166 | 78 | 225 | 164 | 199 | 160 | 101 | 198 | 295 | 276 | 162 |