



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 57

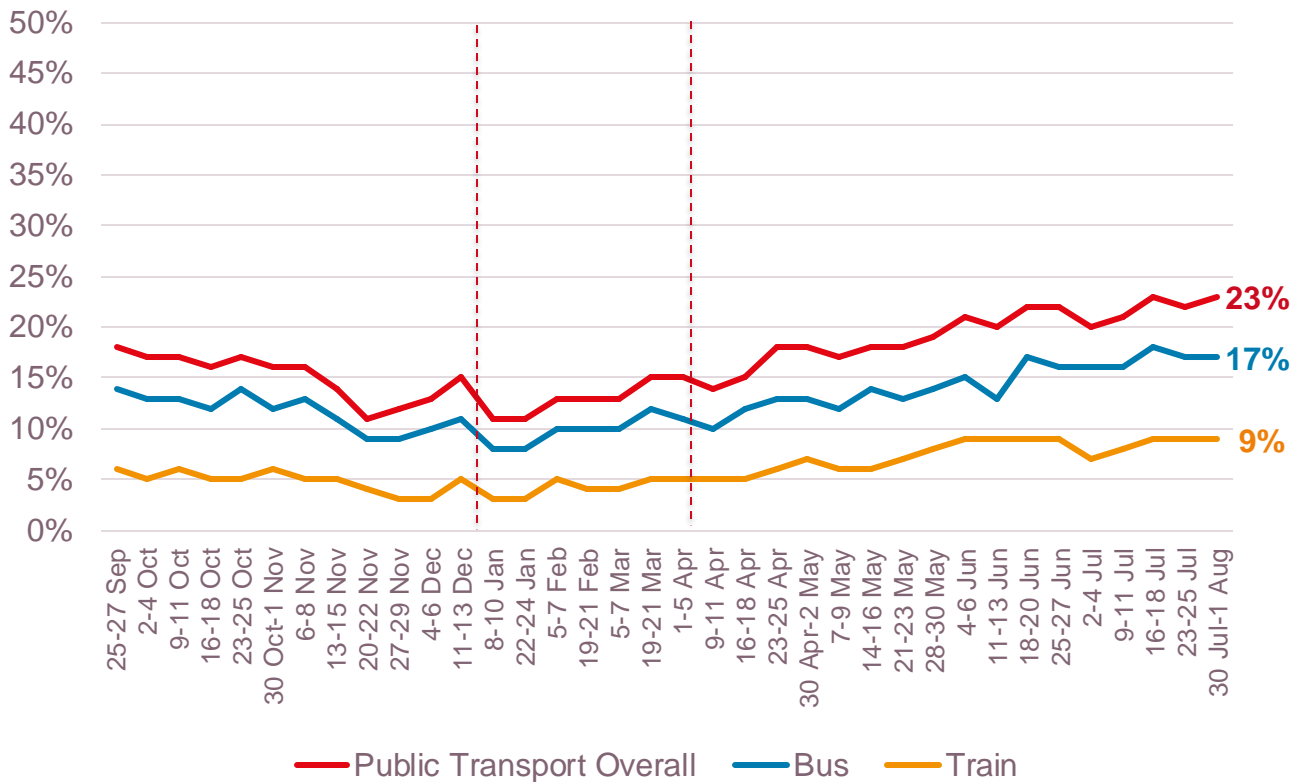
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 57

Use of public transport is fairly stable

Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

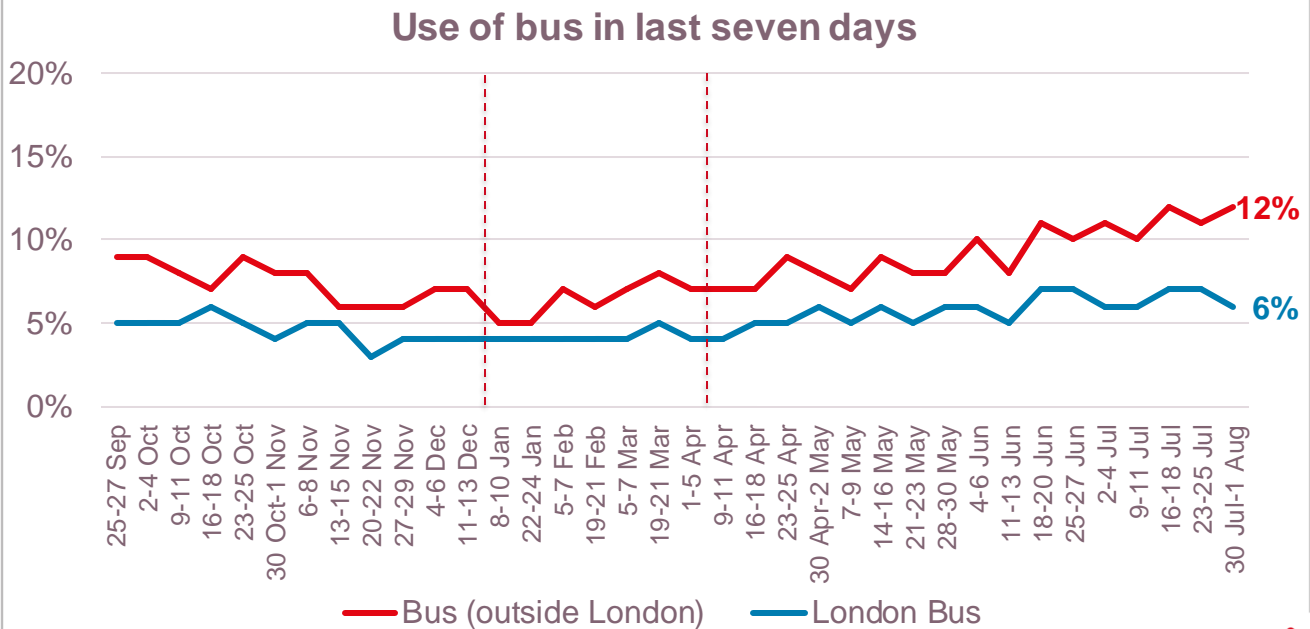
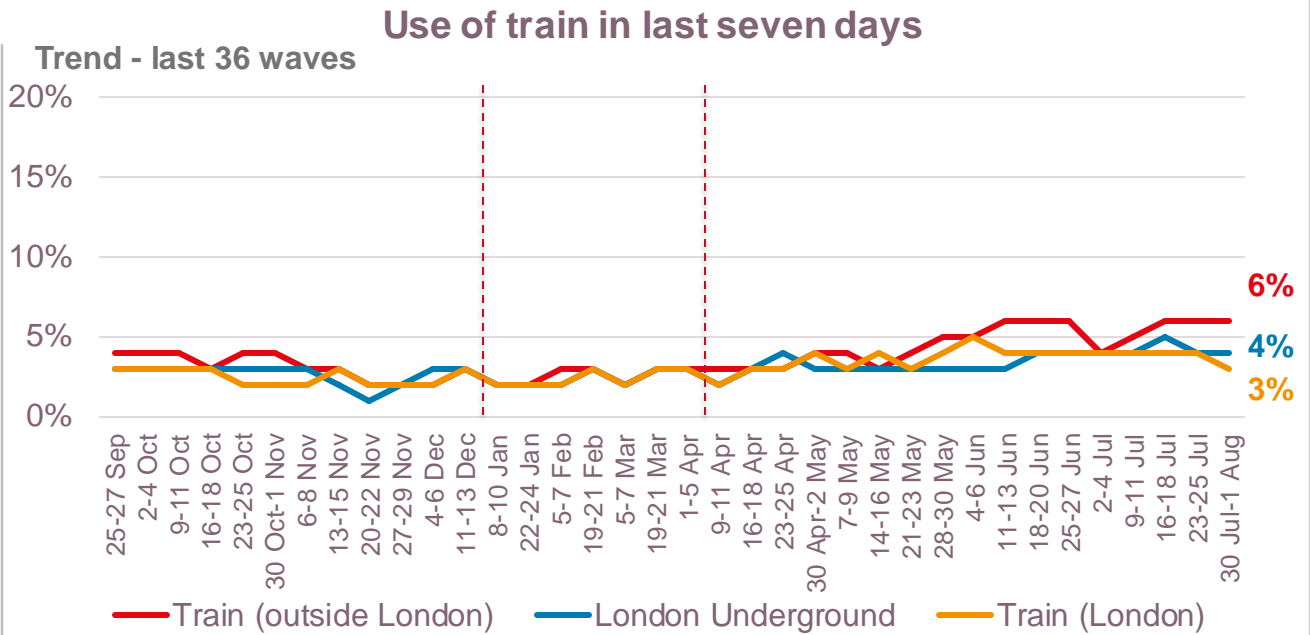
Trend - last 36 waves



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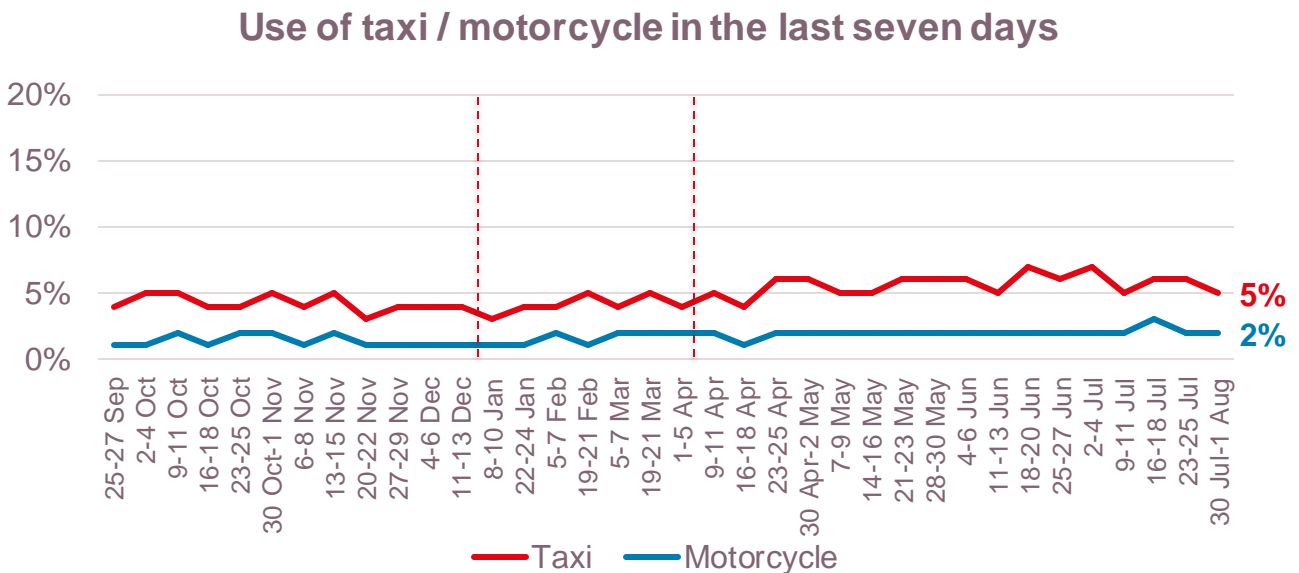
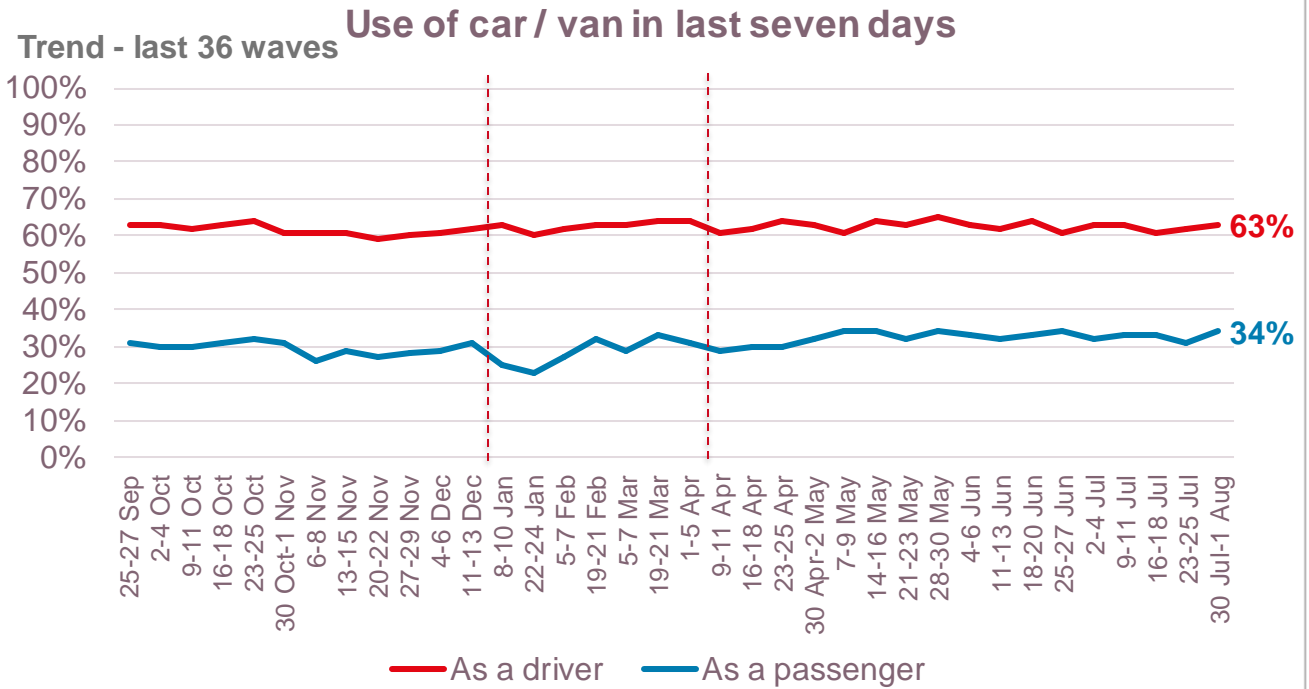
Increasing proportions have been using buses outside London since the start of May this year



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Road use is largely consistent



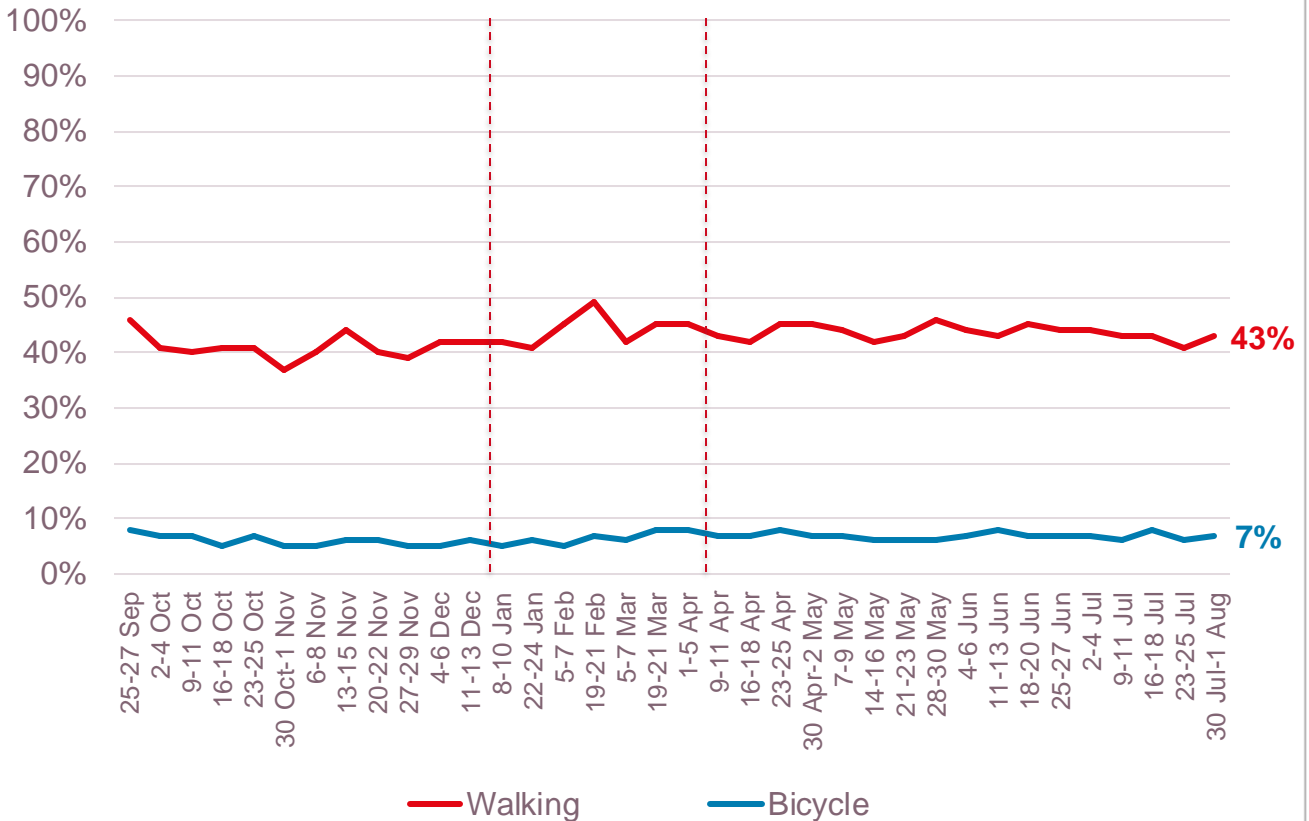
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Two in five have made journeys on foot

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

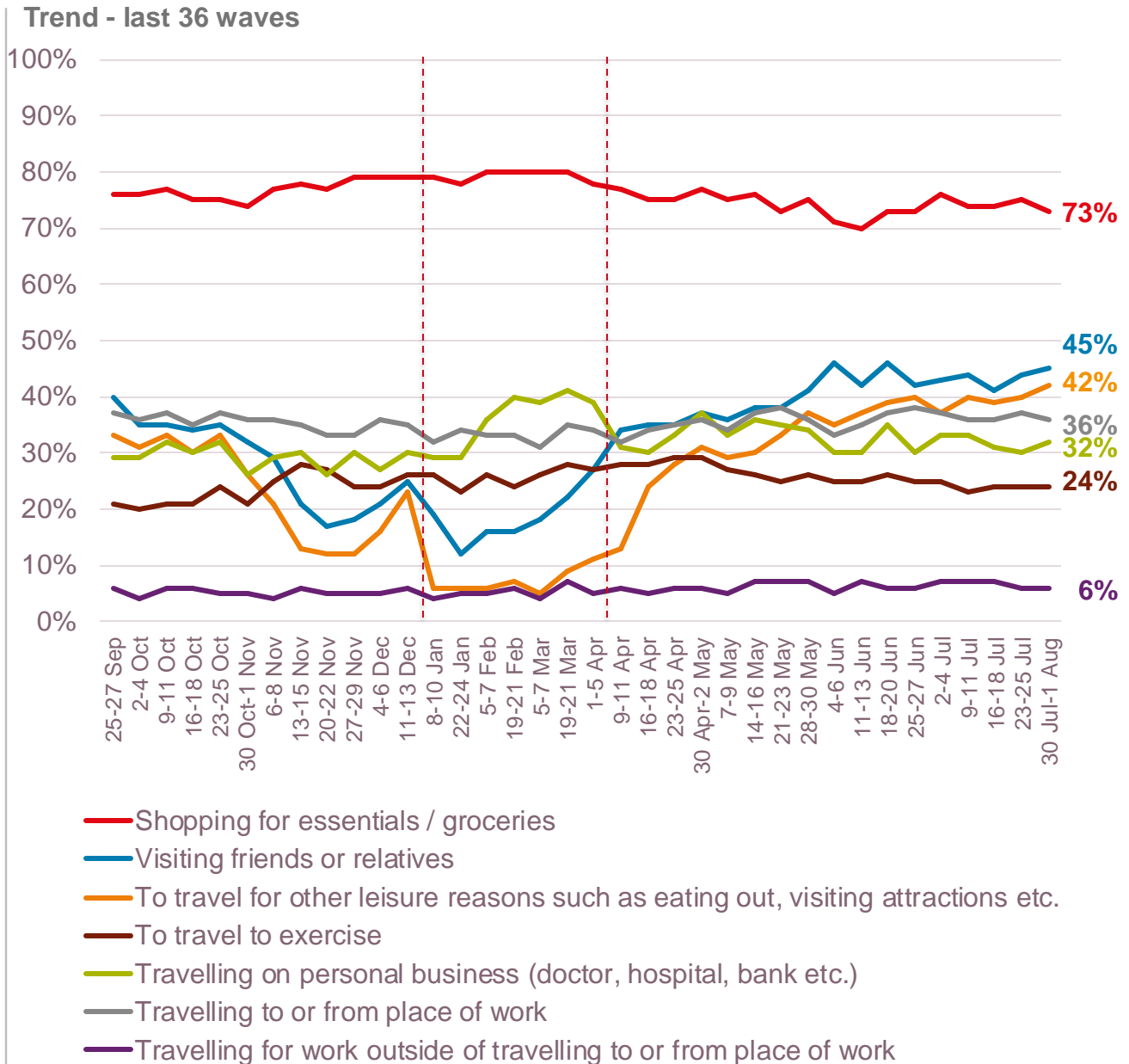


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Increasing proportions have been making journeys for leisure reasons such as eating out or visiting attractions

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days

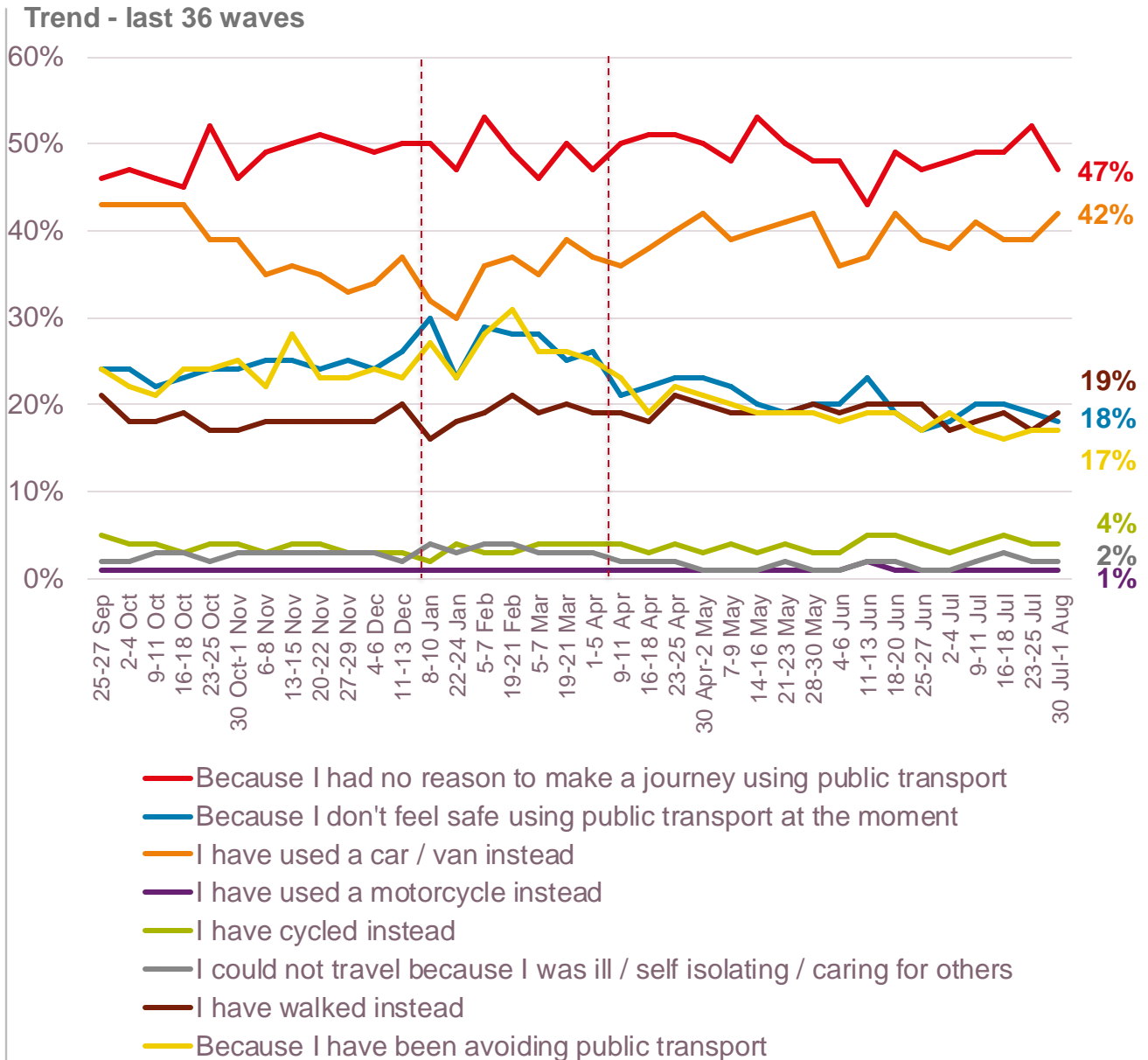


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One in five haven't used public transport because they don't feel safe to do so, while fewer have had no reason to use public transport

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days

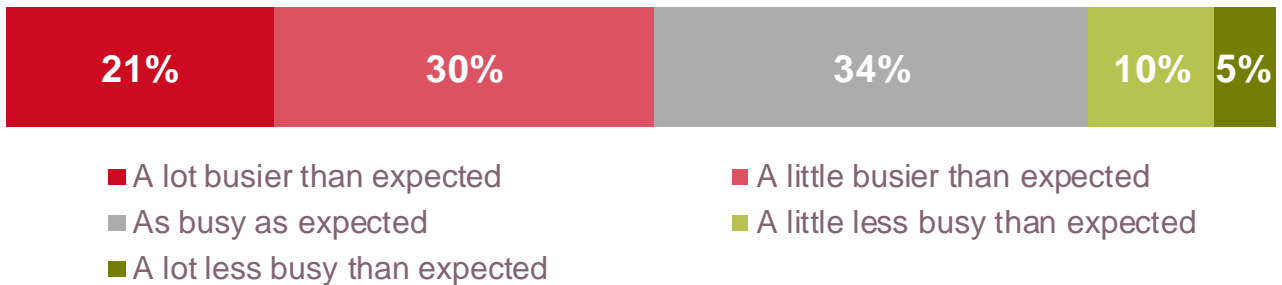


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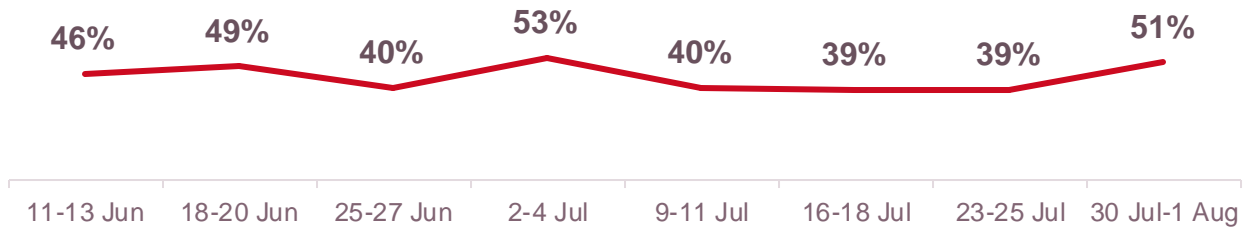
Increasing levels of those taking recent train journeys finding them busier than expected

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

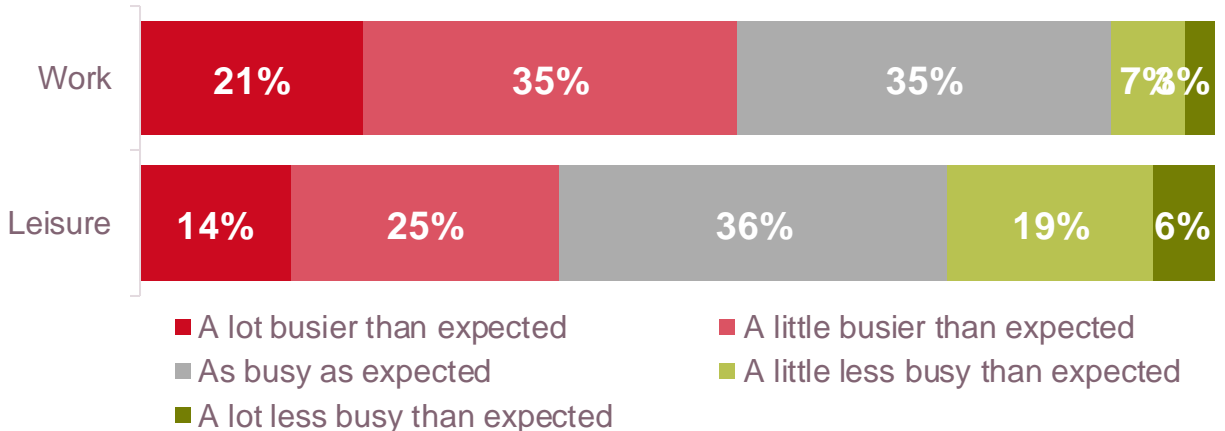
Base: All making journeys by train. W57 - 193



Trend - % busier (last eight waves)



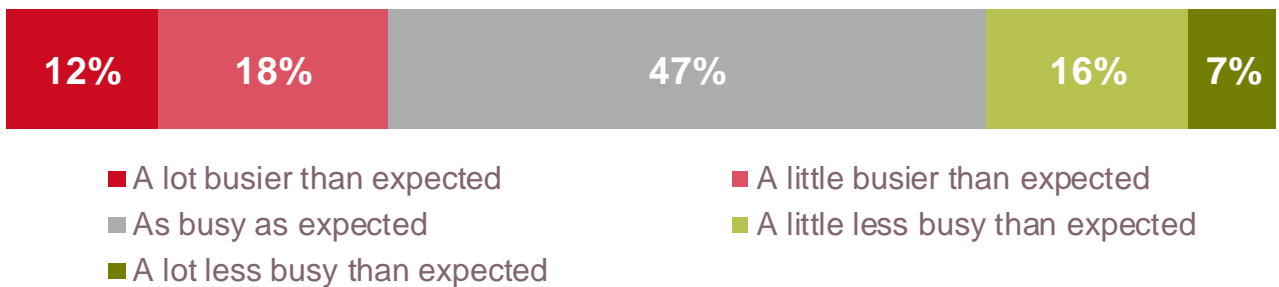
Perception of busyness by journey purpose – W56+W57 combined*



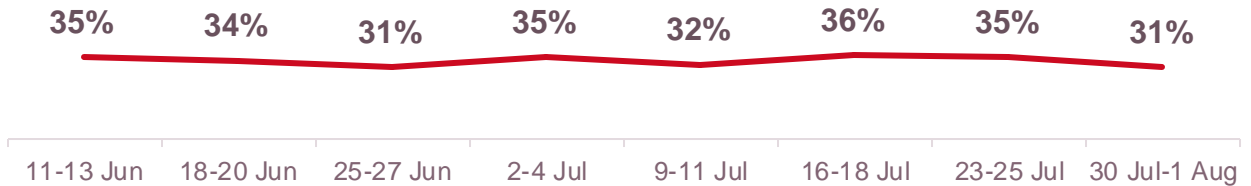
*Base: Those who used trains between 23 July and 1 August to make journeys for work (113), for leisure (200)

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

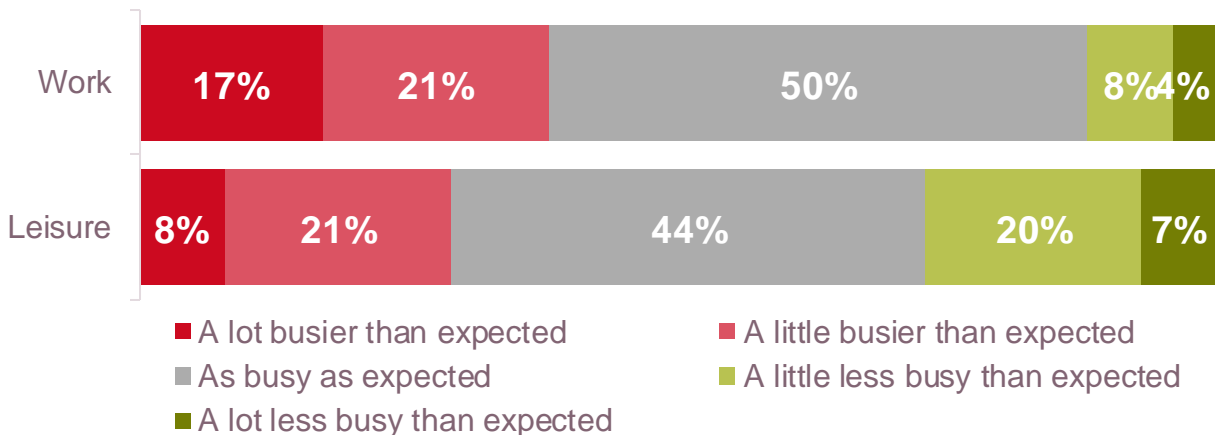
On the last occasion that you made a journey by bus, was it..?
 Base: All making journeys by bus outside London. W57 – 239



Trend - % busier (last eight waves)



Perception of busyness by journey purpose – W56+W57 combined*

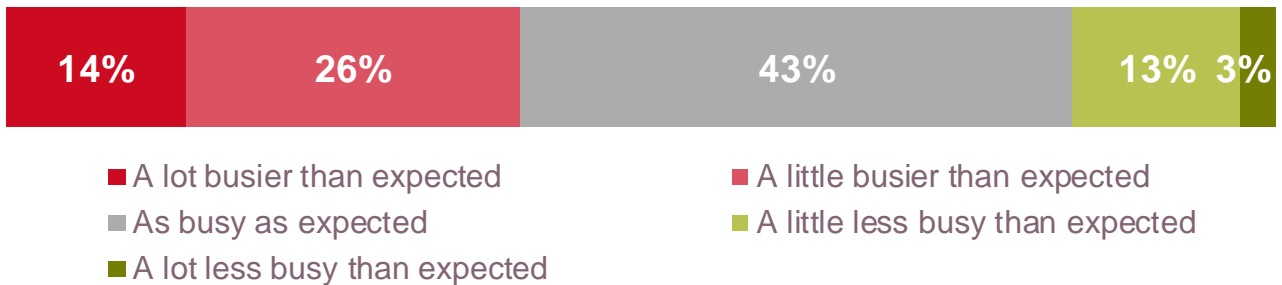


*Base: Those who used buses outside London between 23 July and 1 August to make journeys for work (114), for leisure (263)

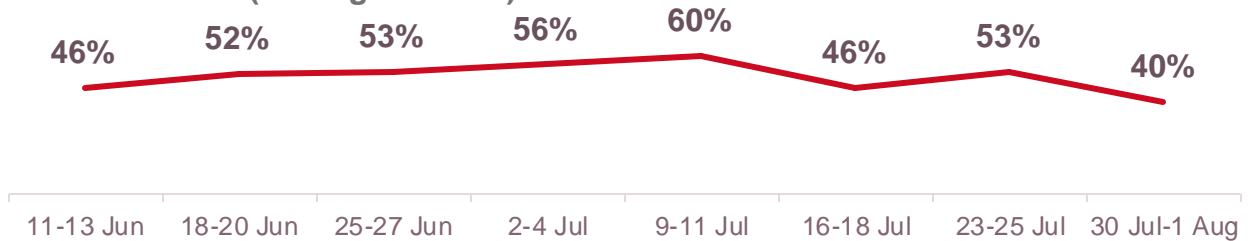
Two in five of those who have used a London bus in the last seven days found it to be busier than they expected

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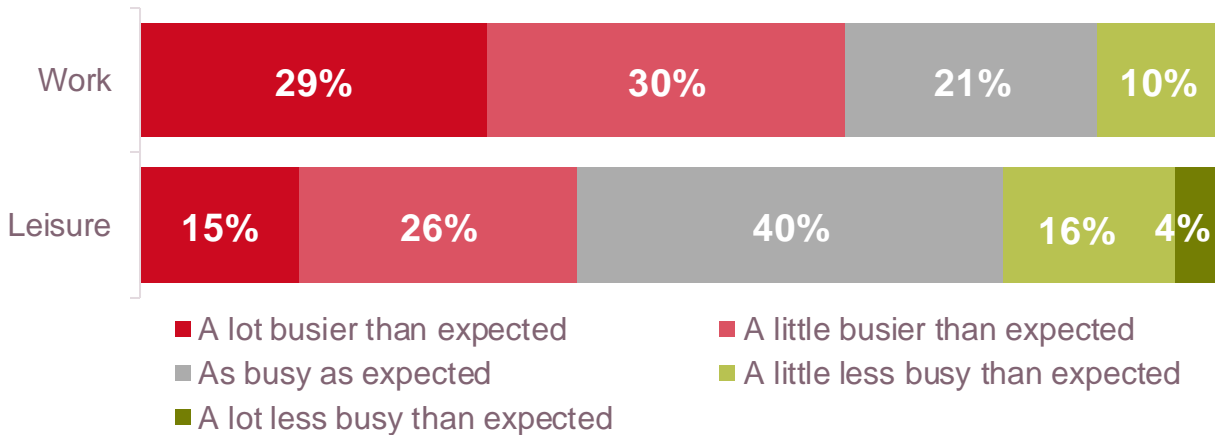
Base: All making journeys by London bus. W57 - 129



Trend - % busier (last eight waves)



Perception of busyness by journey purpose – W56+W57 combined*



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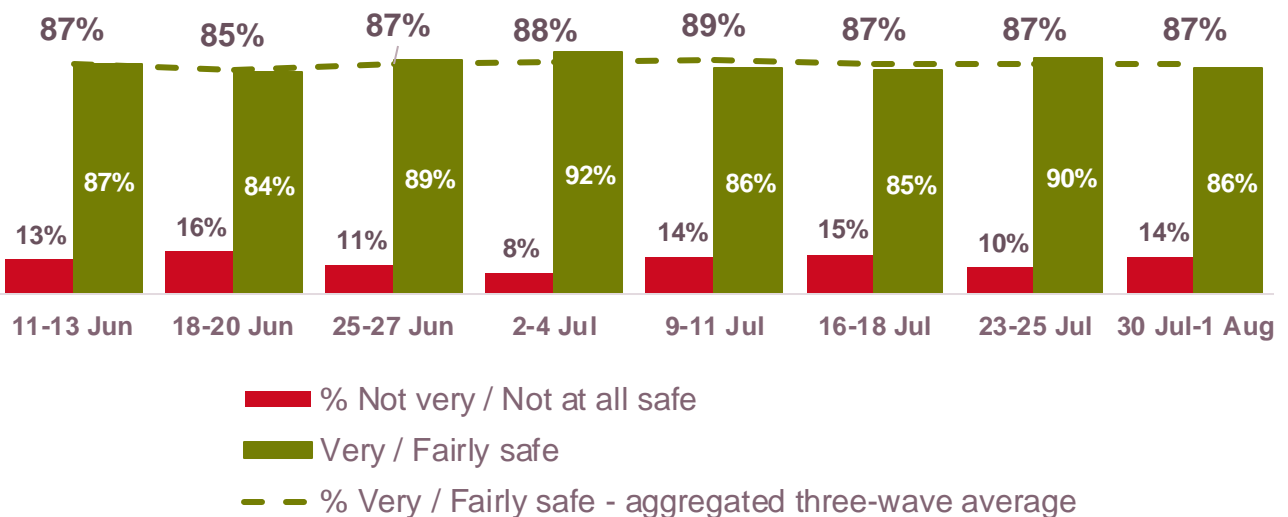
Around nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

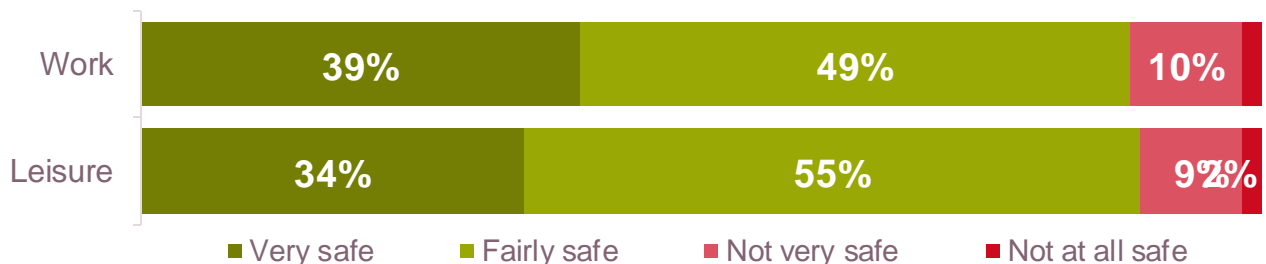
Base: All making journeys by train, W57 – 193



Trend - last eight waves



Perception of safety by journey purpose – W56+W57 combined*



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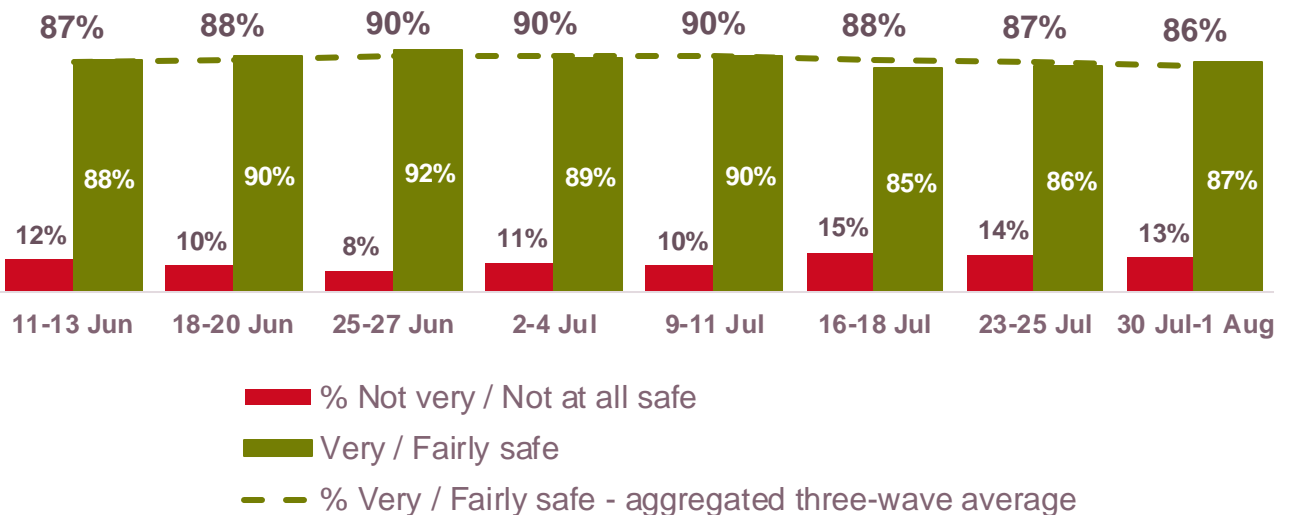
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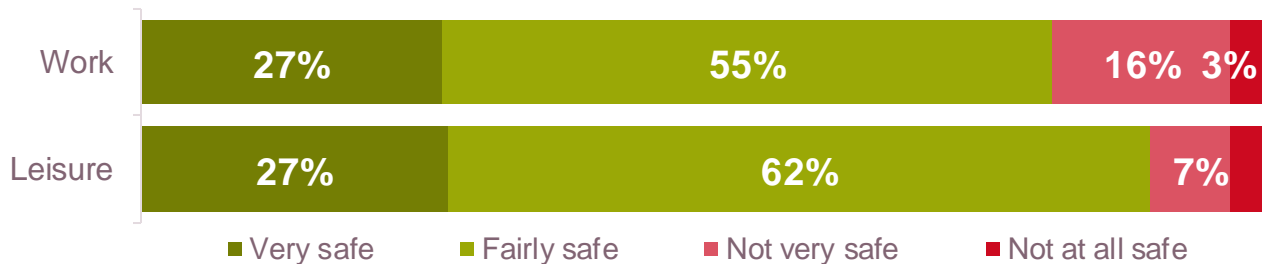
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Trend - last eight waves



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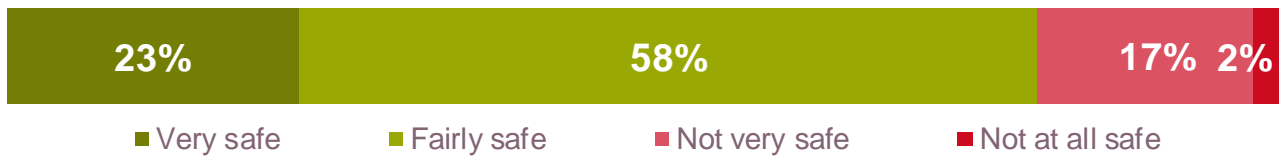


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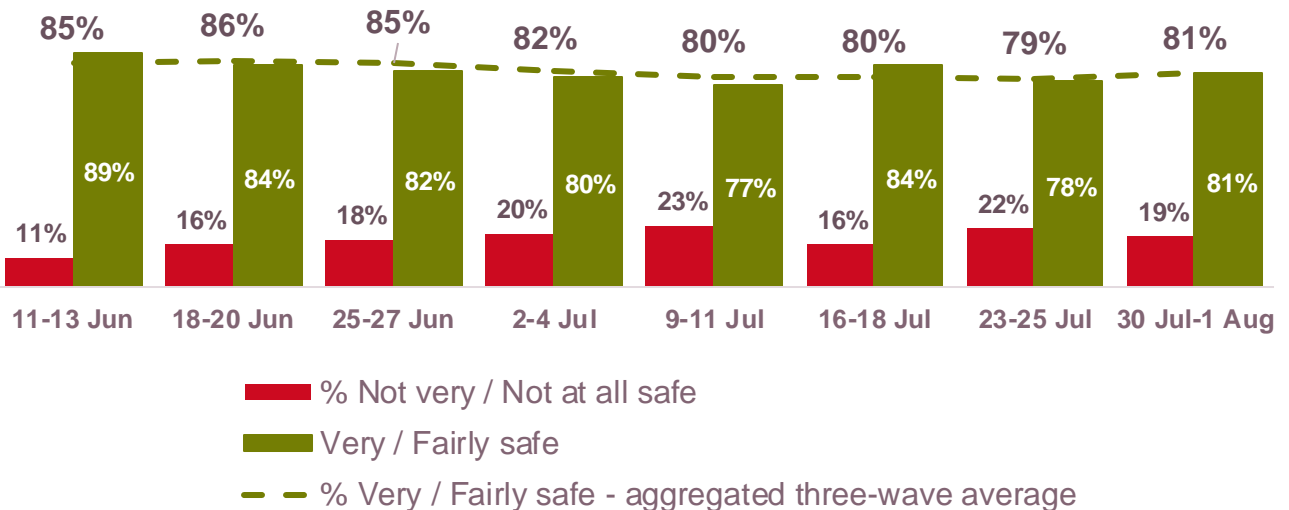
Four in five of those making journeys by bus in London in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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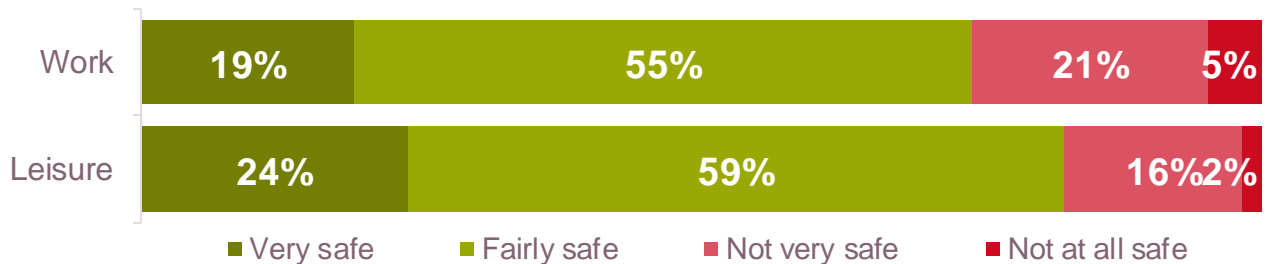
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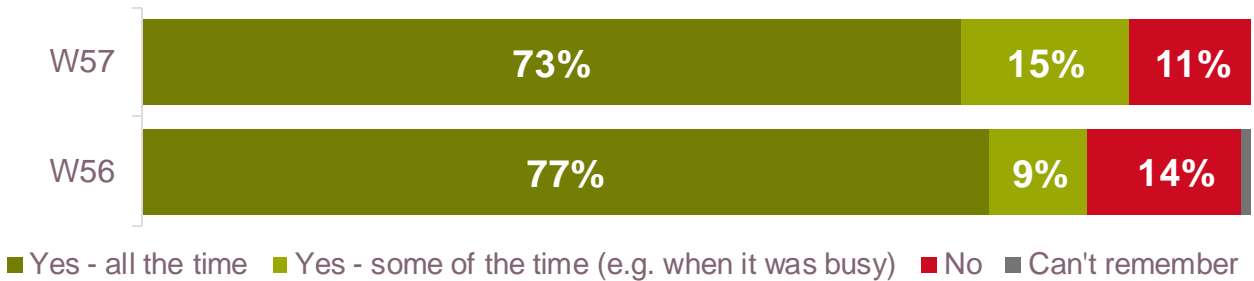
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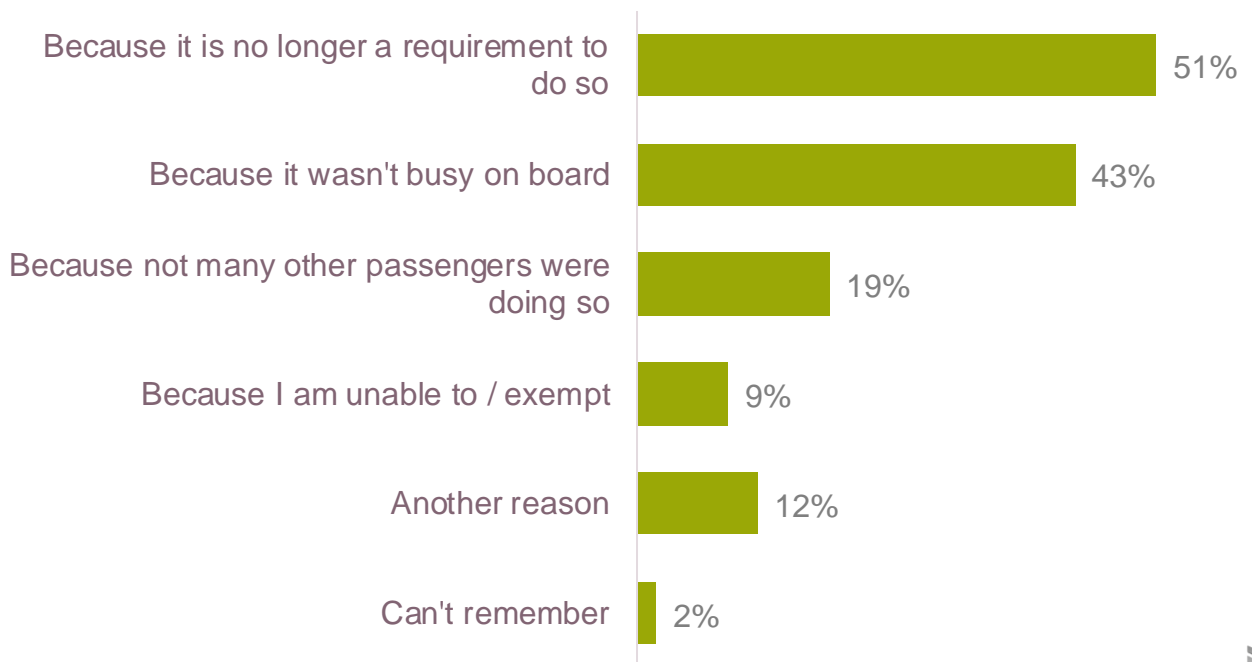
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Three quarters of those who used a train in the last seven days wore a face covering for the whole of their journey

On your most recent train journey did you wear a face covering?
 Base: All making journeys by train (193)



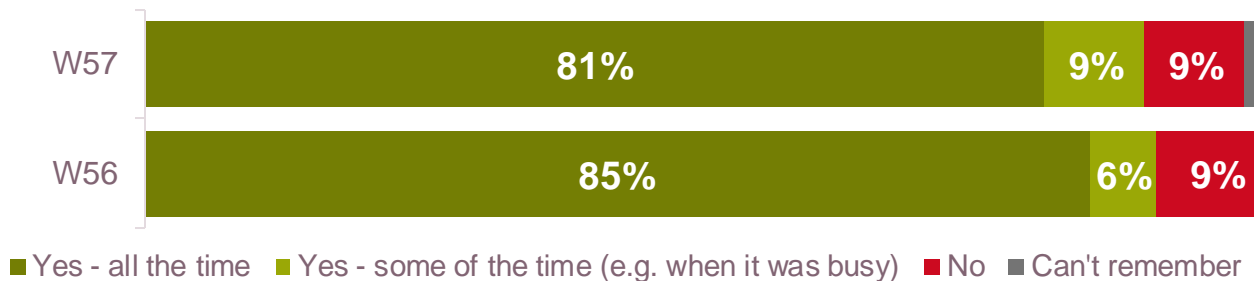
Why did you choose not to wear a face covering [all the time] on your most recent bus journey?
 Base: All who did not wear a face covering at least some of the time on their most recent train journey – W56+W57 combined (87)



Four in five of those who used a bus in the last seven days wore a face covering for the whole of their journey

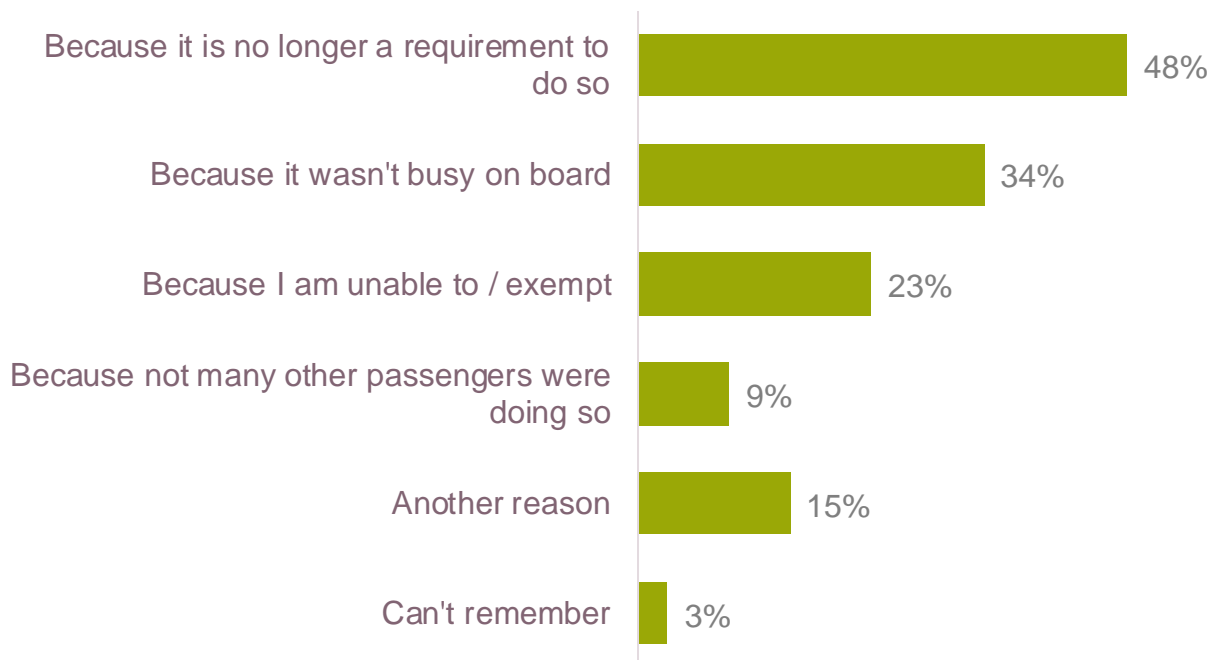
On your most recent bus journey did you wear a face covering?

Base: All making journeys by bus (356)



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 – W56+W57 combined (124)



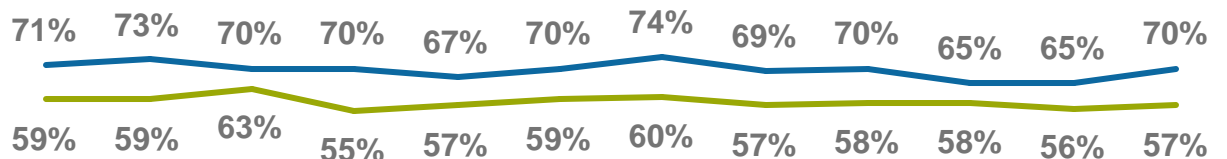
Almost three in five of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

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, W57 – 1,822



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 (365)

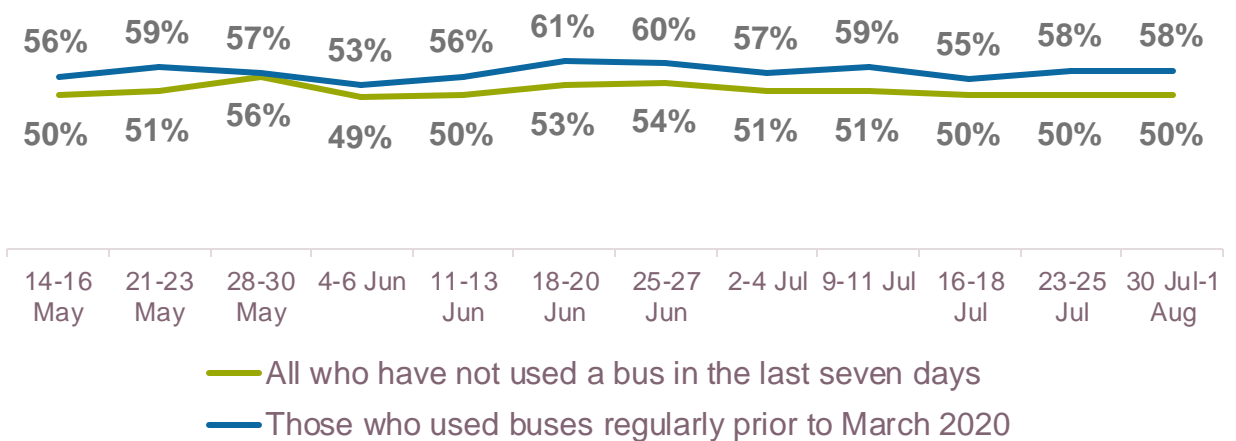
Half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

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, W57 – 1,659



Trend - last twelve waves



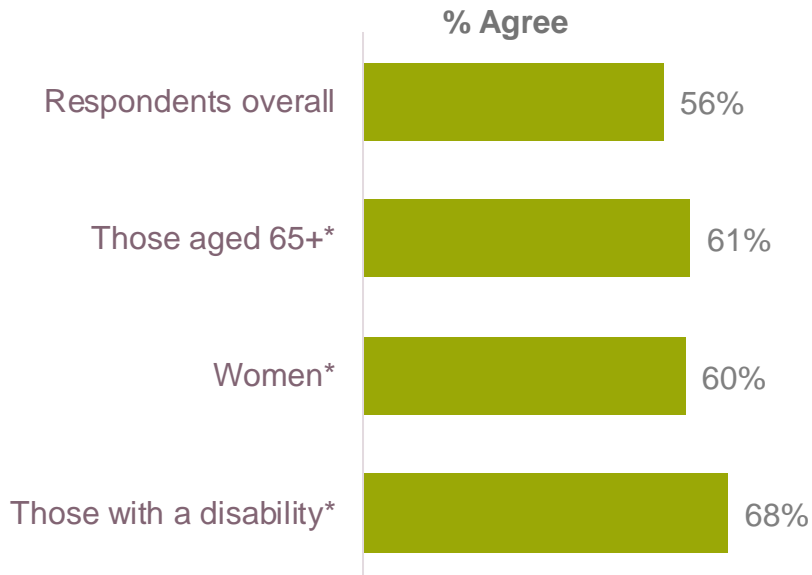
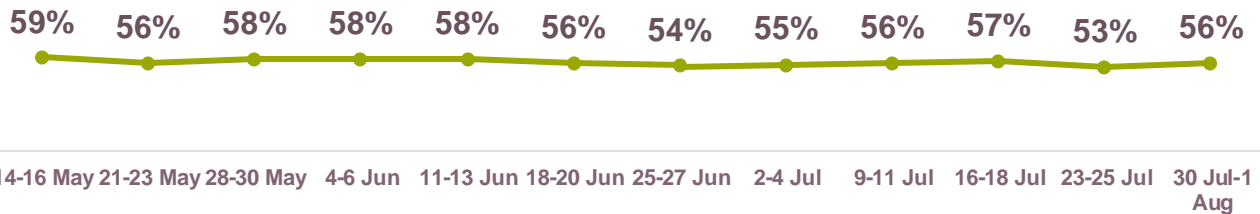
Base: All who used buses regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (408)

For over 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: W57 1,985

% Agree



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

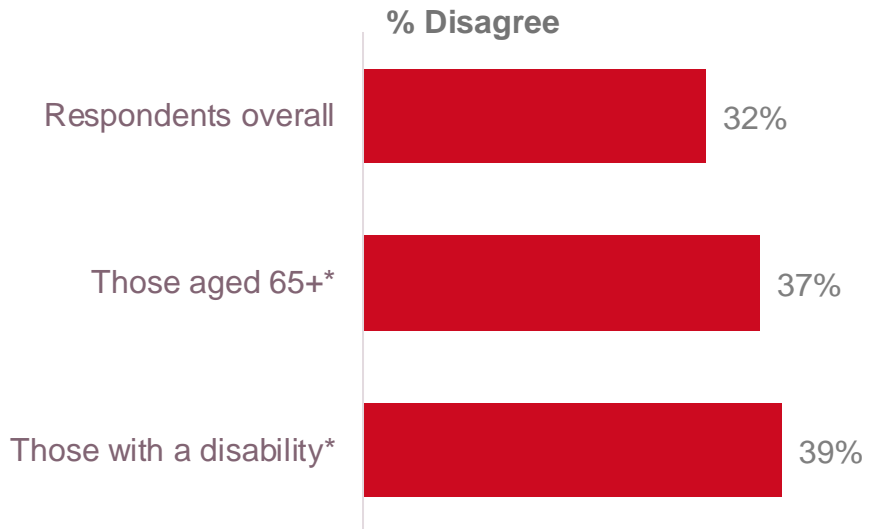
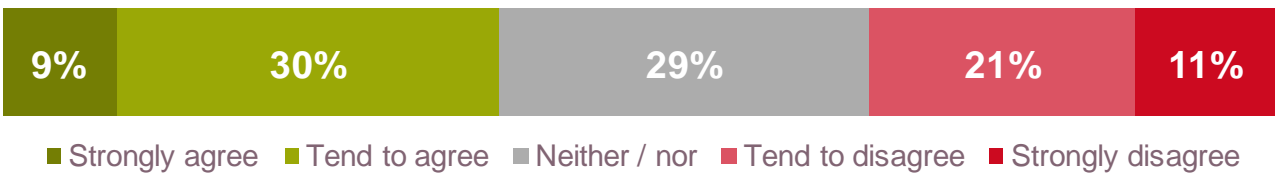
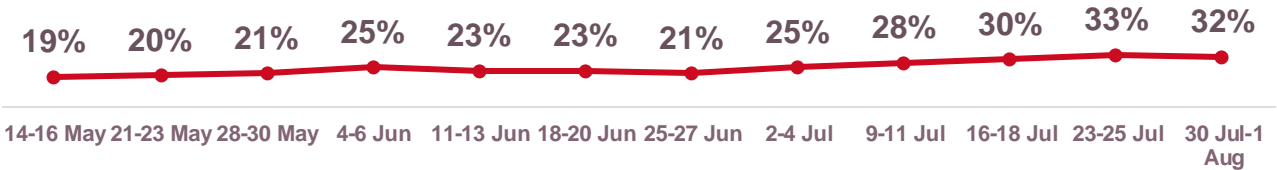
* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

Over one in four 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: W57 1,720

% Disagree



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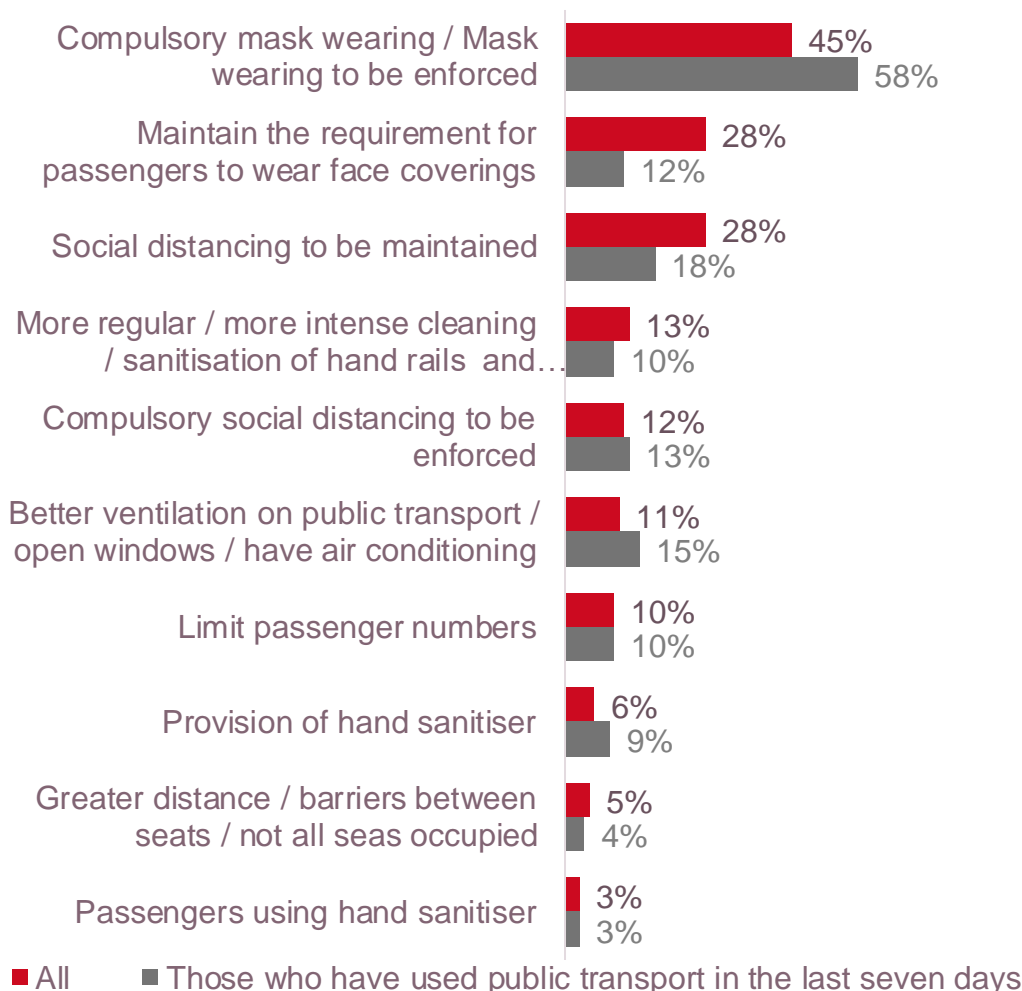
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Almost half who do not think enough is being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport would like to see mask wearing to be enforced. Those who have used public transport in the last seven days are more likely than others to take this view

What types of things would you most like to see being done to ensure coronavirus safety on public transport? (top 10 responses)

Base: All those who do not think enough is being done to ensure Coronavirus safety on public transport (537).

Those who have used public transport in the last seven days – 124



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

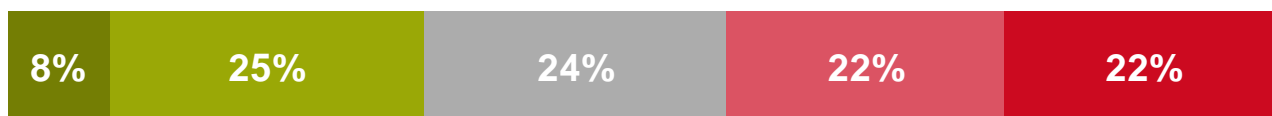
I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

Base: W57 1,862

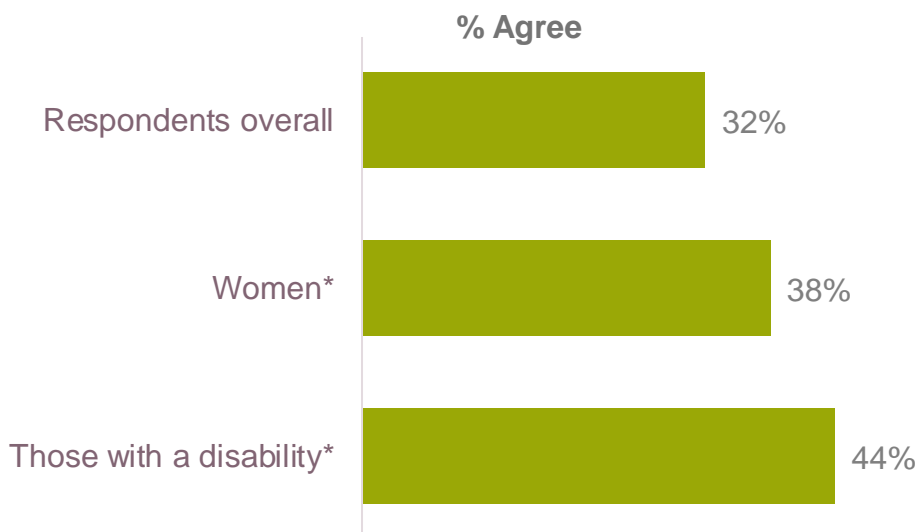
% Agree



14-16 May 21-23 May 28-30 May 4-6 Jun 11-13 Jun 18-20 Jun 25-27 Jun 2-4 Jul 9-11 Jul 16-18 Jul 23-25 Jul 30 Jul-1 Aug



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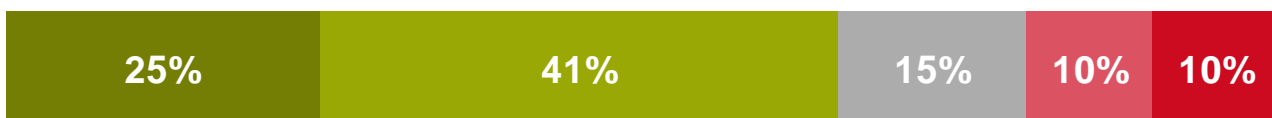
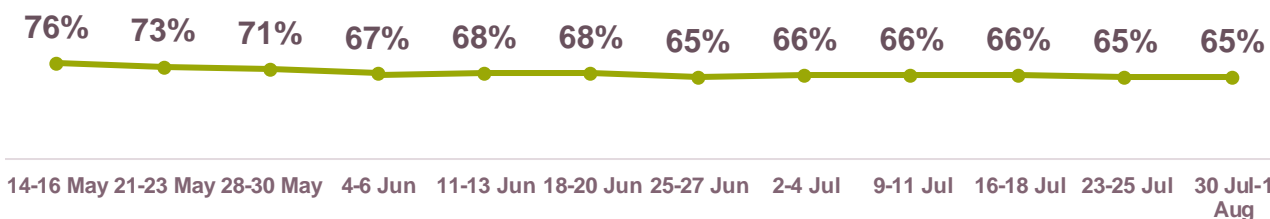
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Around two-thirds have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

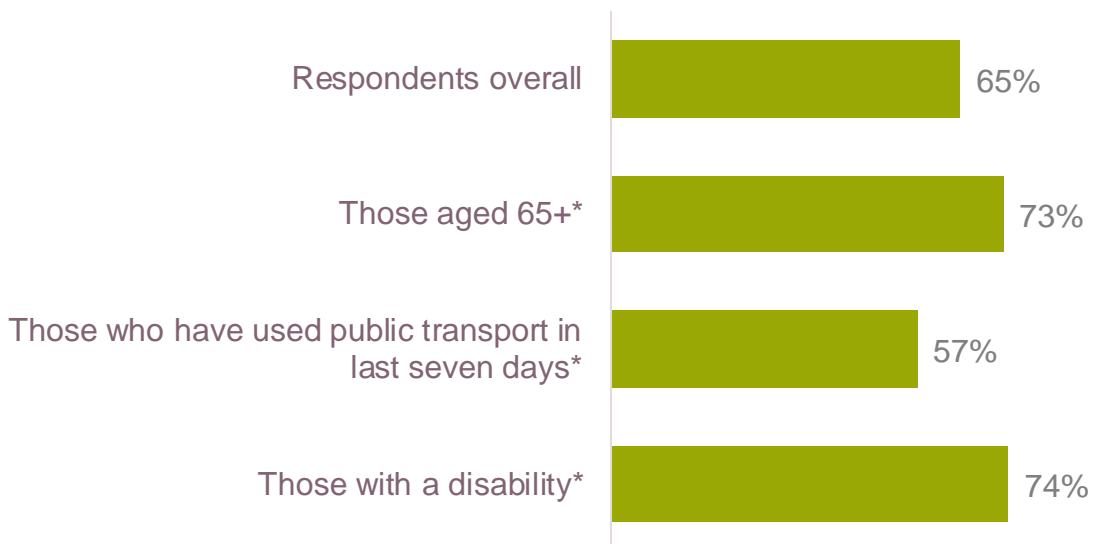
Base: W57 1,974

% Agree



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% Agree



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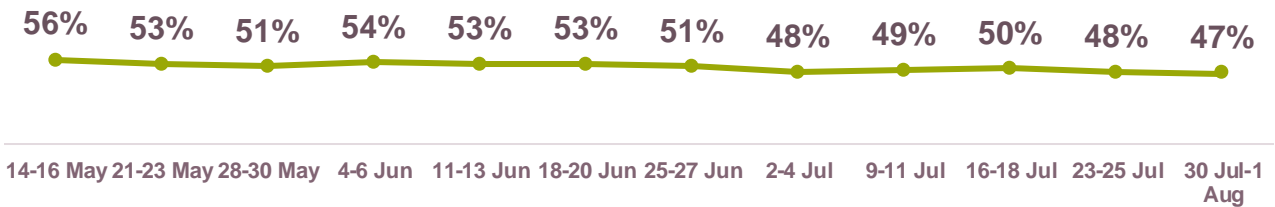
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Just over two in five say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

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

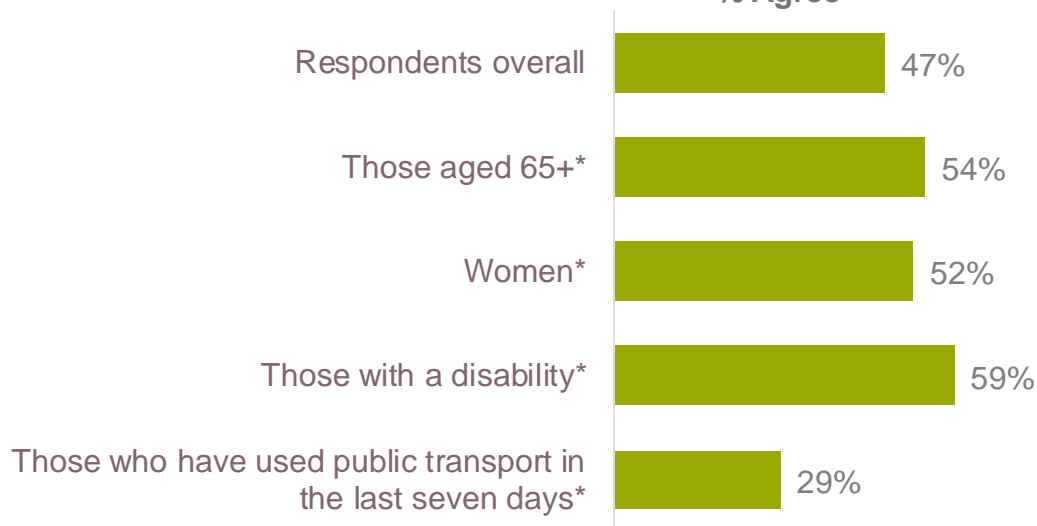
Base: W57 1,853

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% Agree



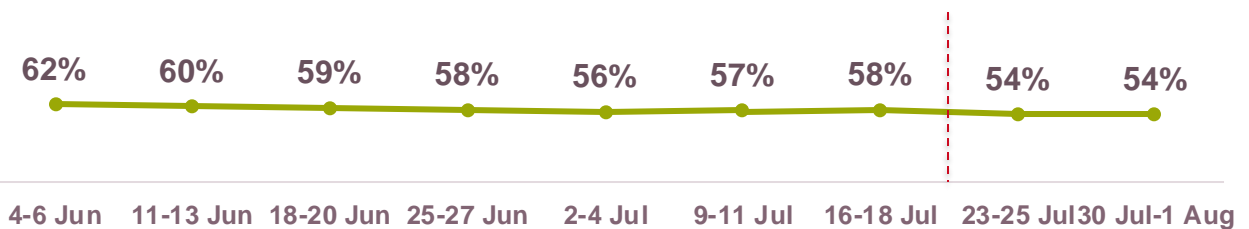
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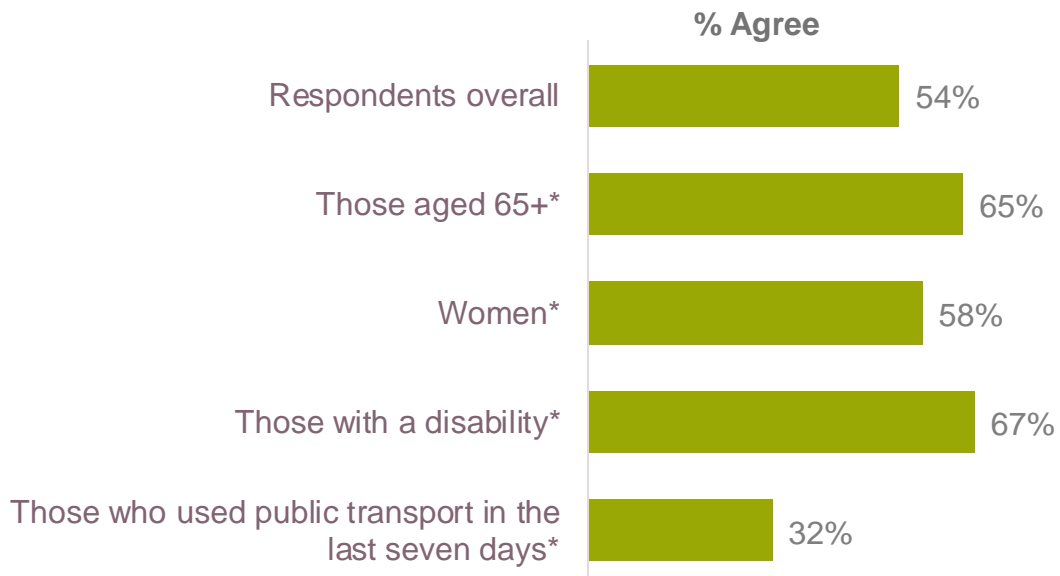
Half say that they won't use public transport unless passengers are required to wear face coverings

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

Base: W57 1,866



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

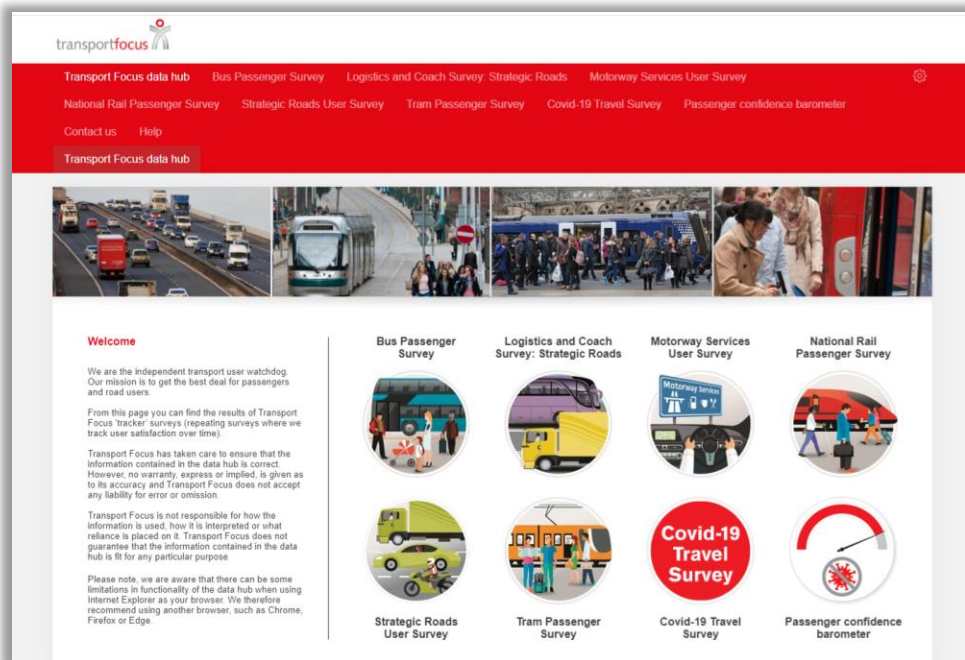
Transport Focus Data Hub

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 57

- 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 57 fieldwork: 30 July – 1 August
- 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 57	2,030	214	376	327	365	302	446	1,022	1,008

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 57	161	88	229	162	180	161	106	210	299	271	163