



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 58

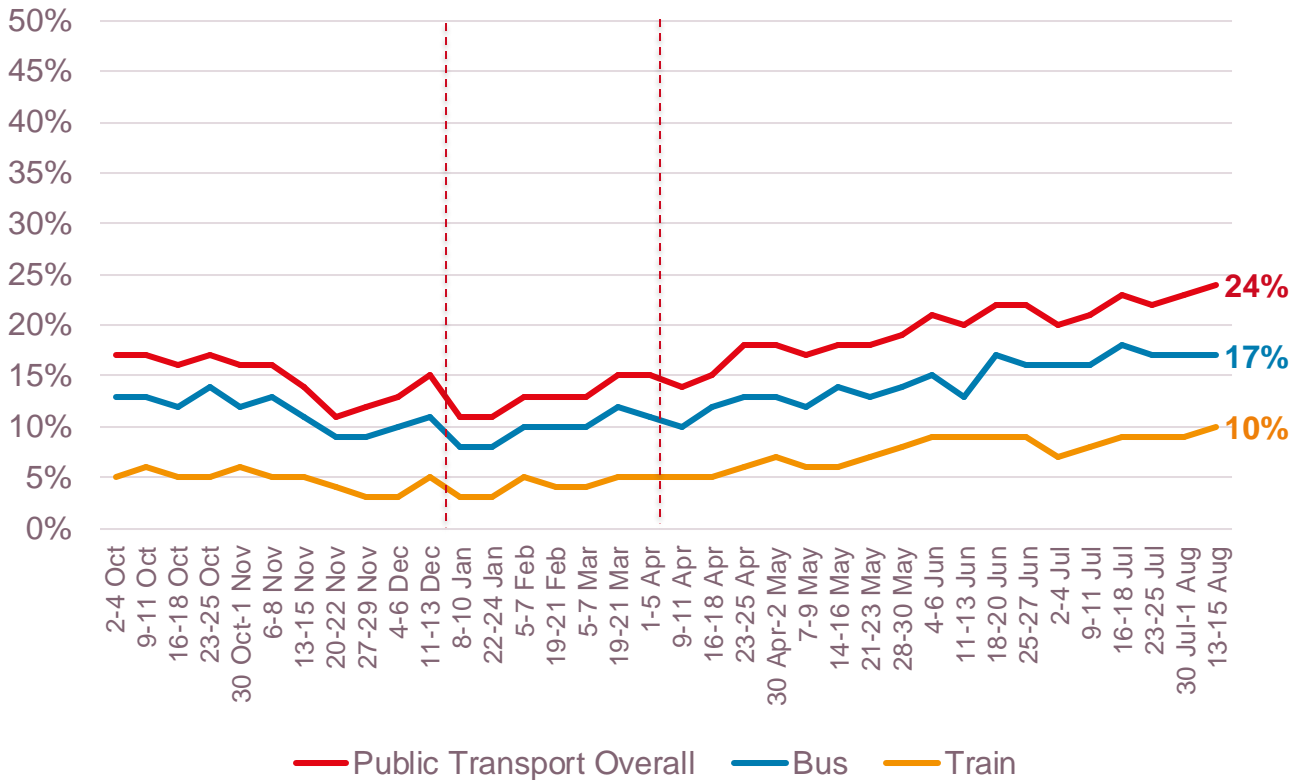
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Use of public transport has increased

Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

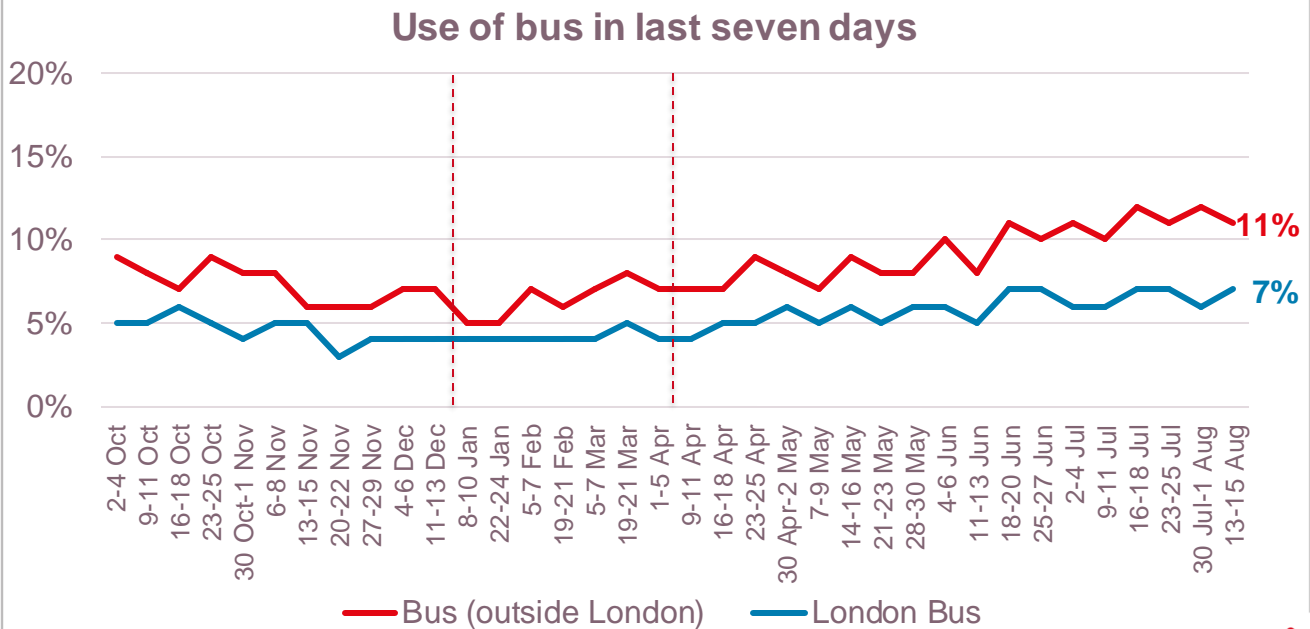
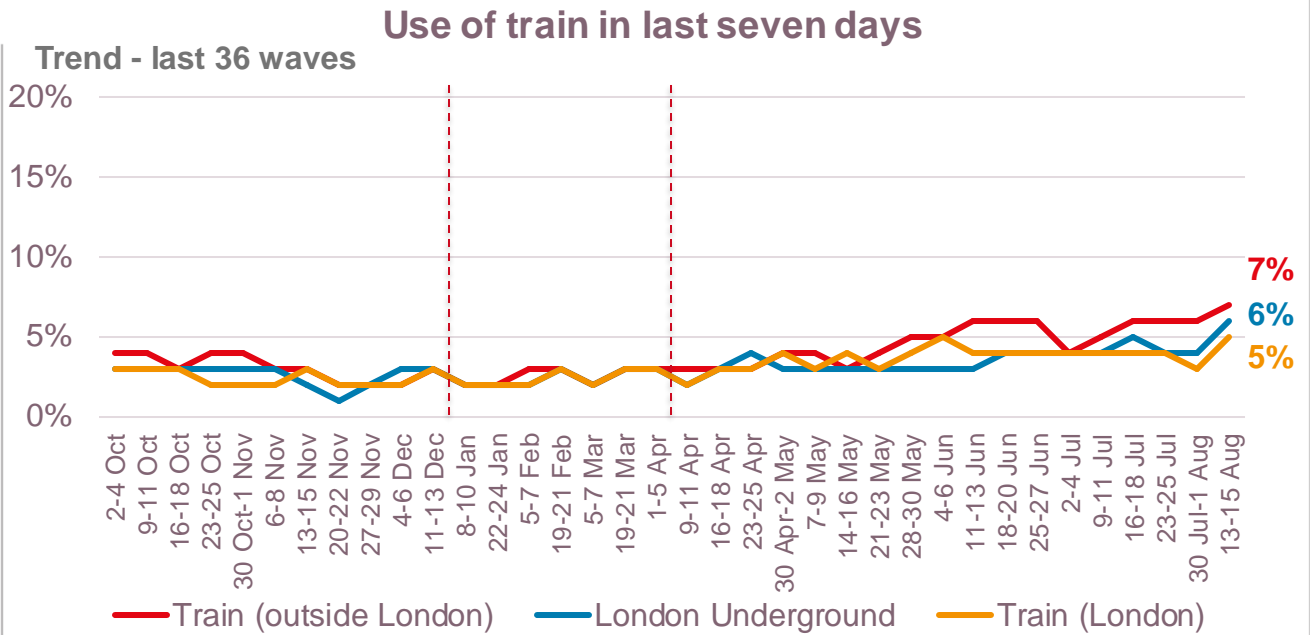
Trend - last 36 waves



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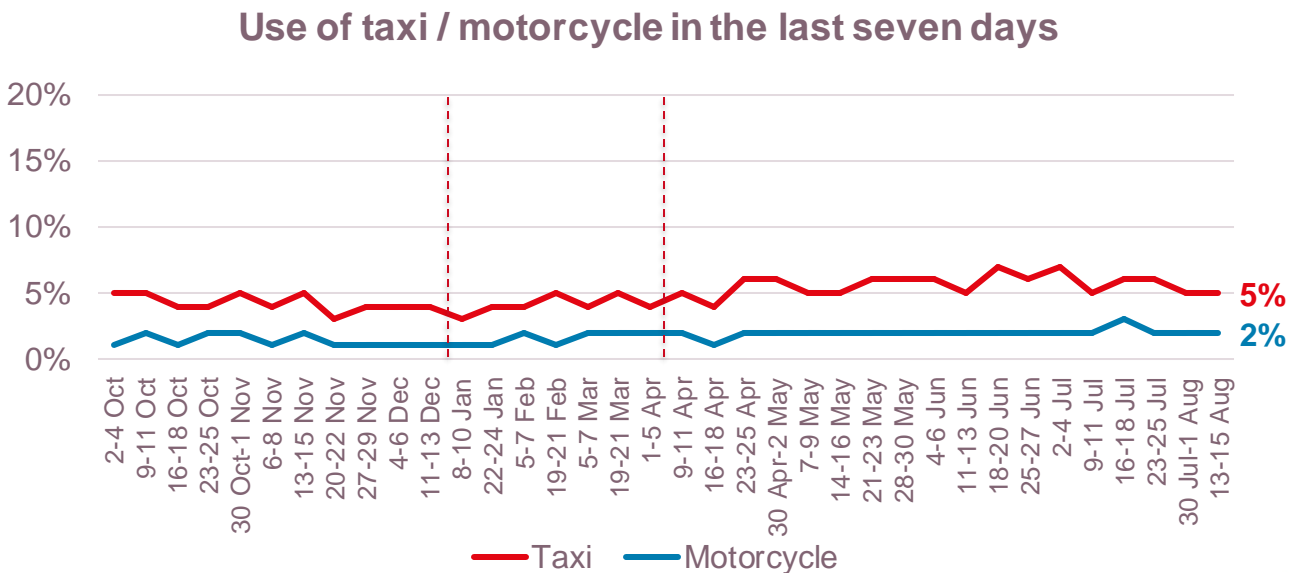
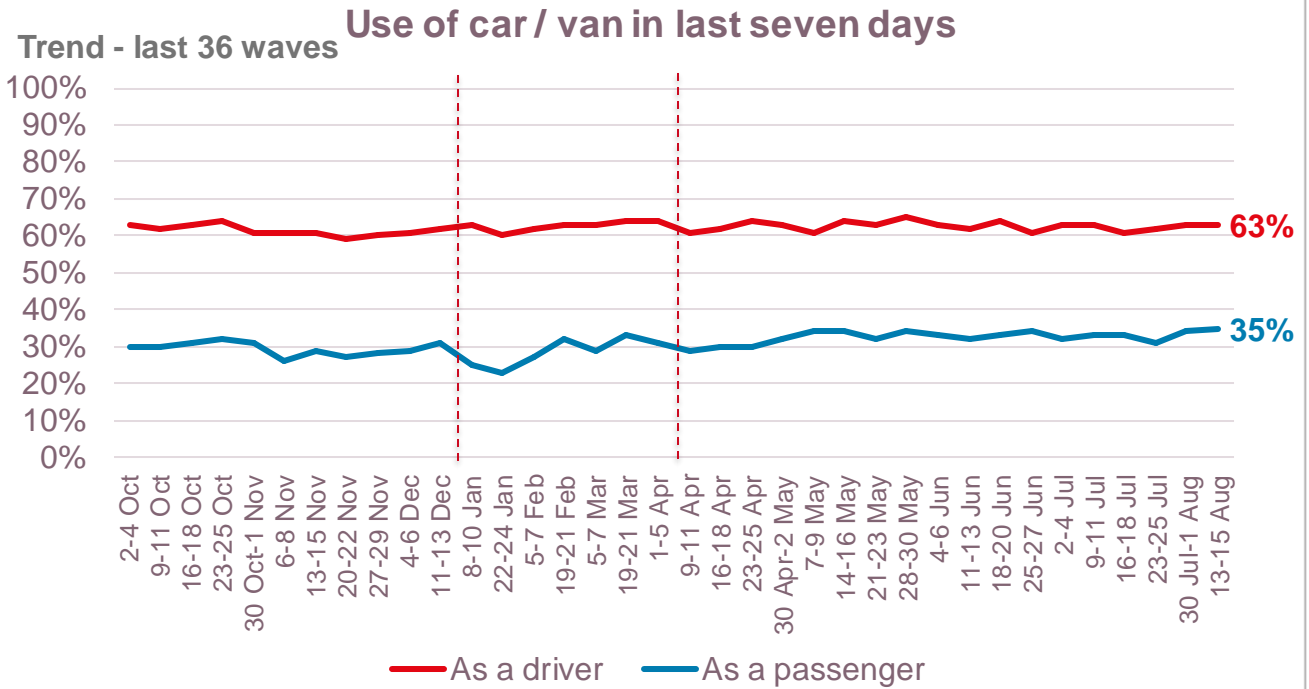
Use of trains, both in and outside London have increased recently



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Road use is largely consistent



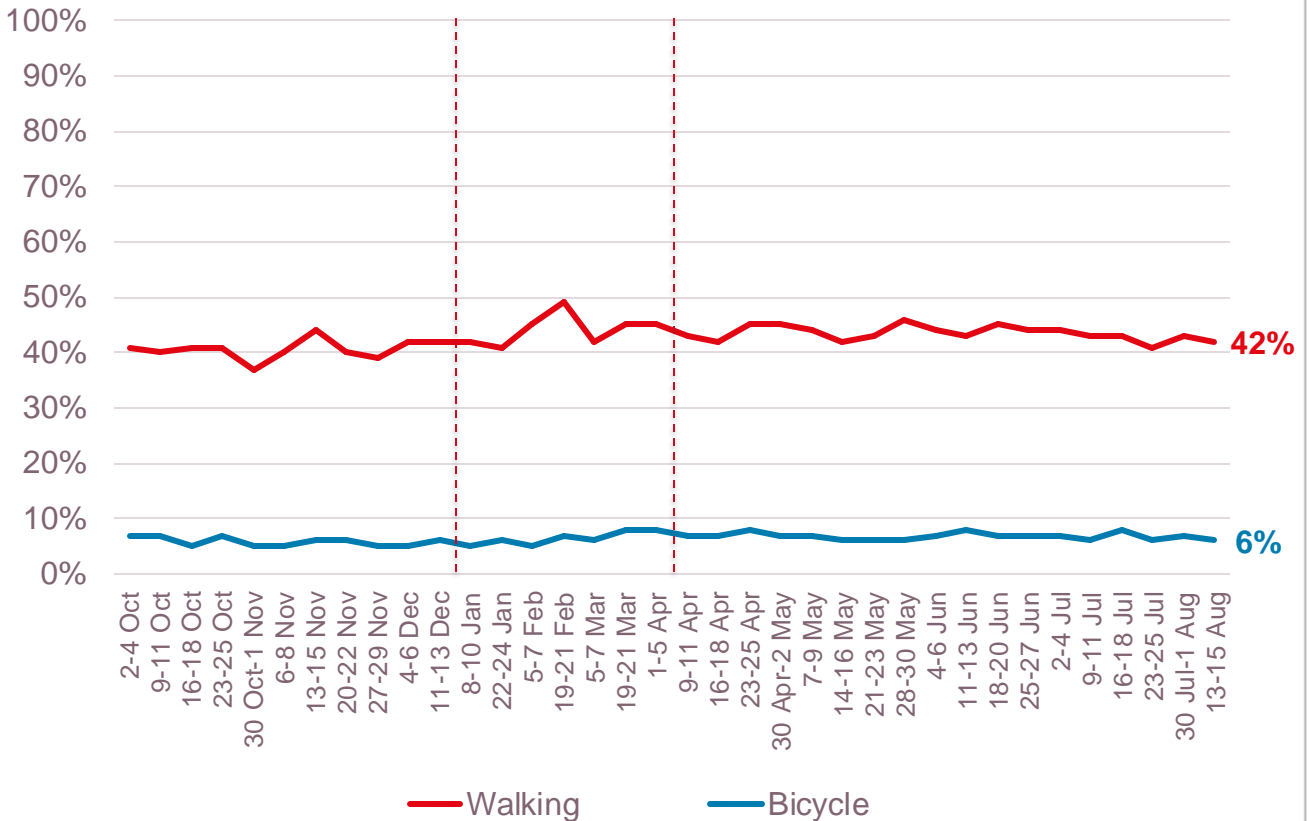
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Two in five have made journeys on foot, while fewer have cycled

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

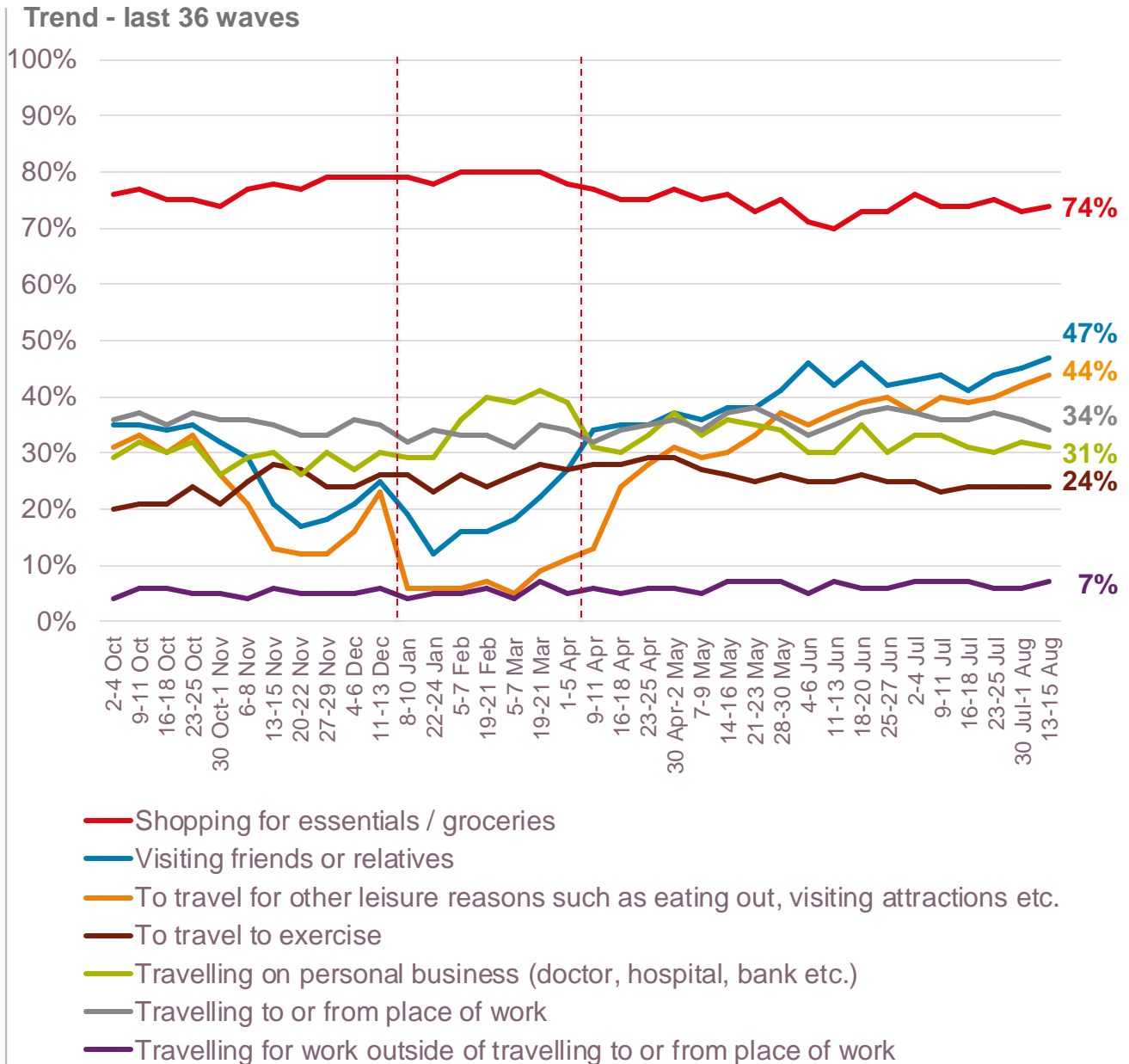


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Increasing proportions have been making journeys for leisure reasons such as eating out or visiting attractions, or for visiting friends or relatives

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days

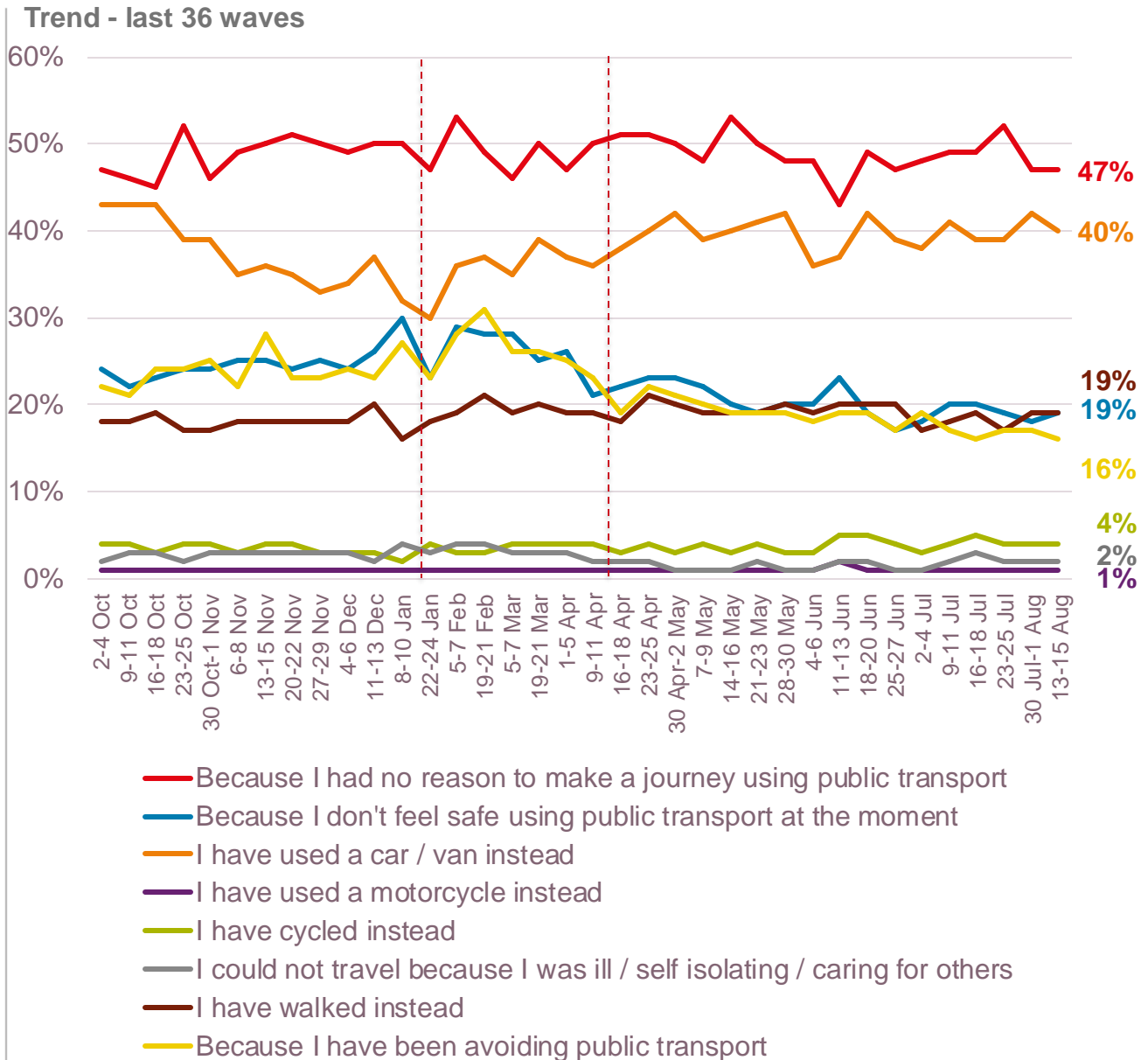


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One in five haven't used public transport because they don't feel safe to do so, while fewer have been avoiding doing so

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days



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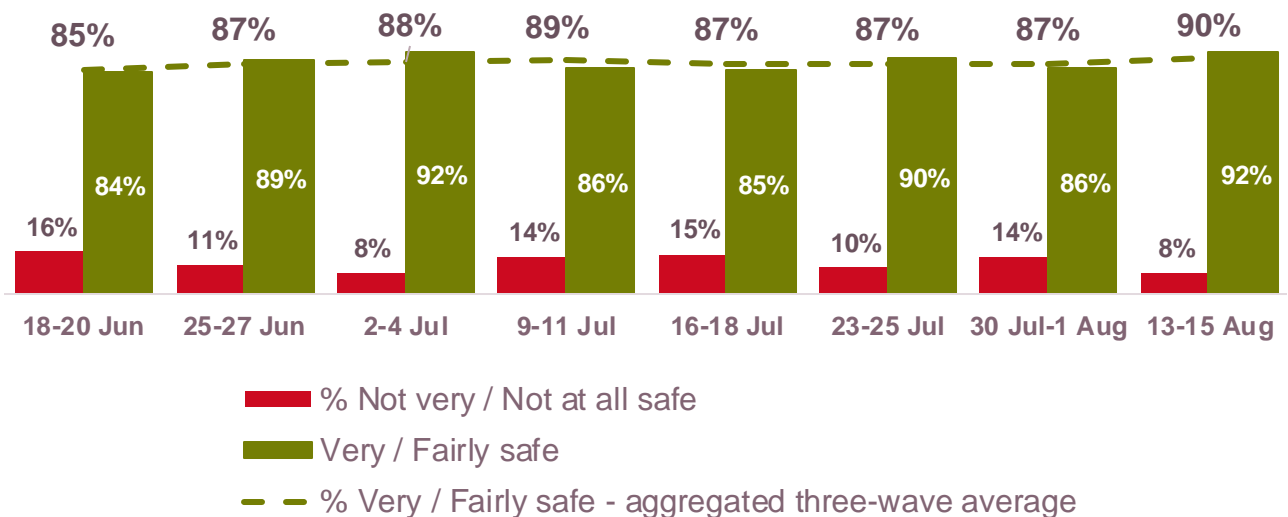
Around nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

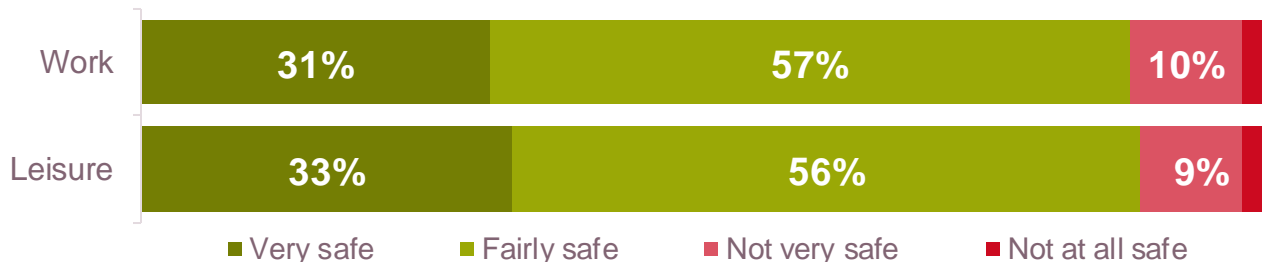
Base: All making journeys by train, W58 – 213



Trend - last eight waves



Perception of safety by journey purpose – W57+W58 combined*



*Base: Those who used trains between 23 July and 1 August + those making journeys between 6-15 August to make journeys for work (105), for leisure (244)

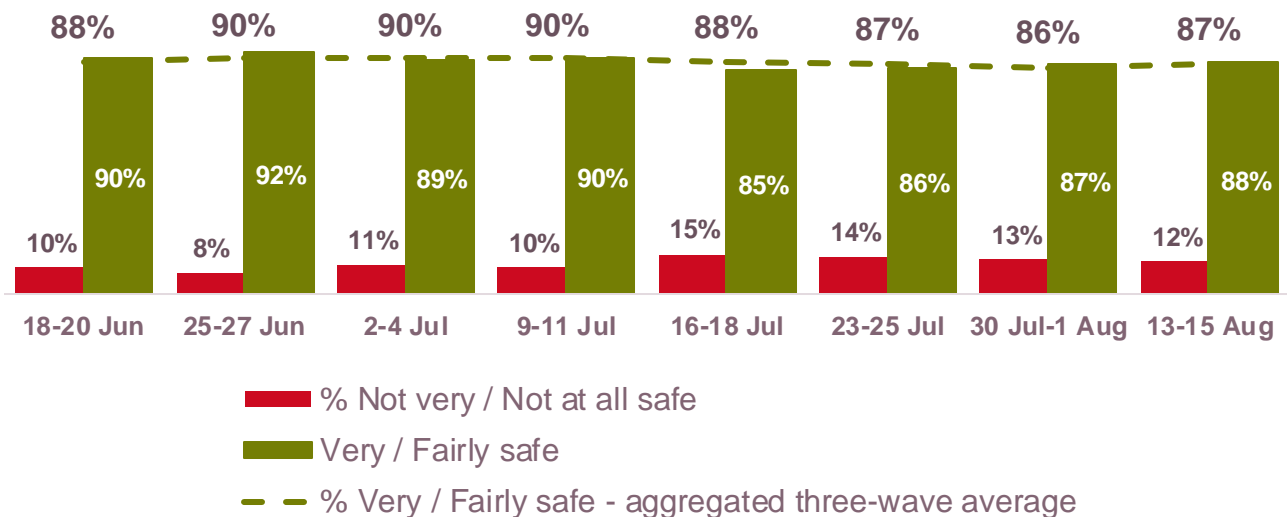
Almost nine in ten of those making journeys by bus outside London in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

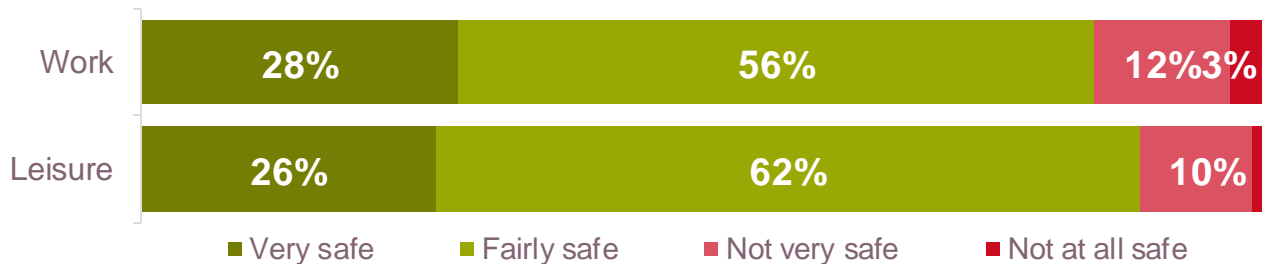
Base: All making journeys by bus outside London, W58 – 218



Trend - last eight waves



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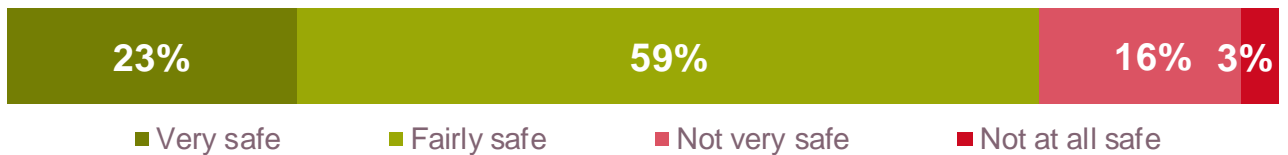


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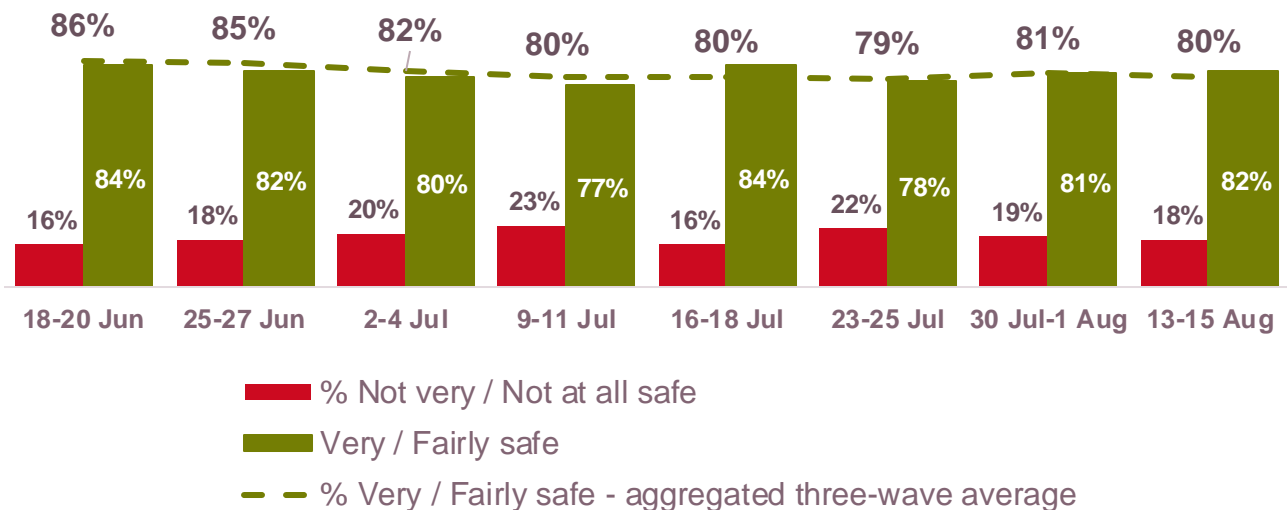
Four in five of those making journeys by bus in London in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

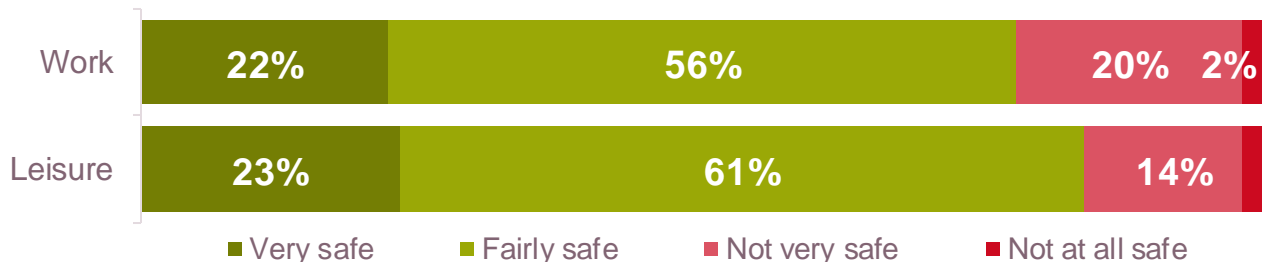
Base: All making journeys by London Bus, W58 – 144



Trend - last eight waves



Perception of safety by journey purpose – W57+W58 combined*

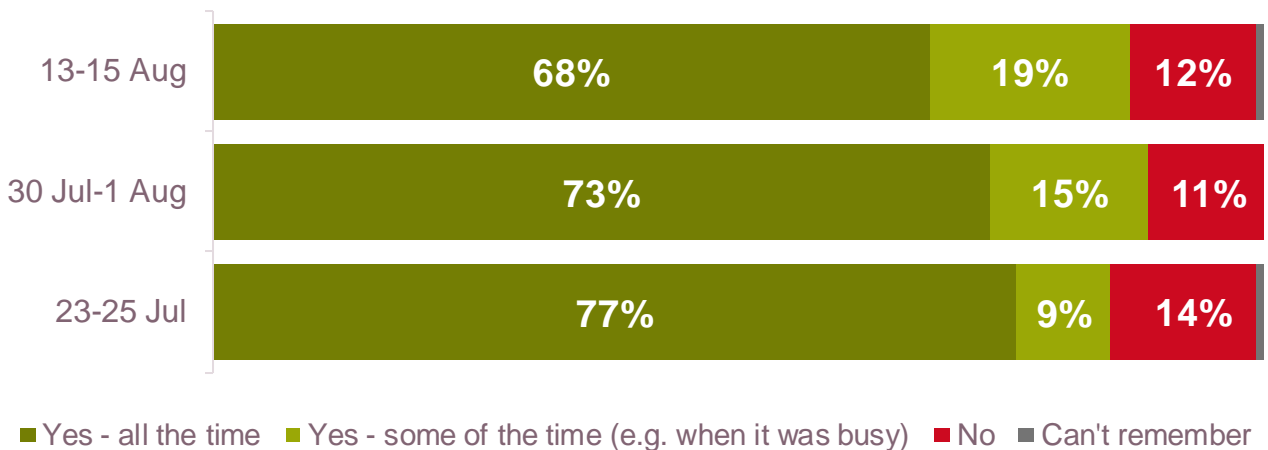


*Base: Those who used London buses between 23 July and 1 August + those making journeys between 6-15 August to make journeys for work (77), for leisure (141)

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

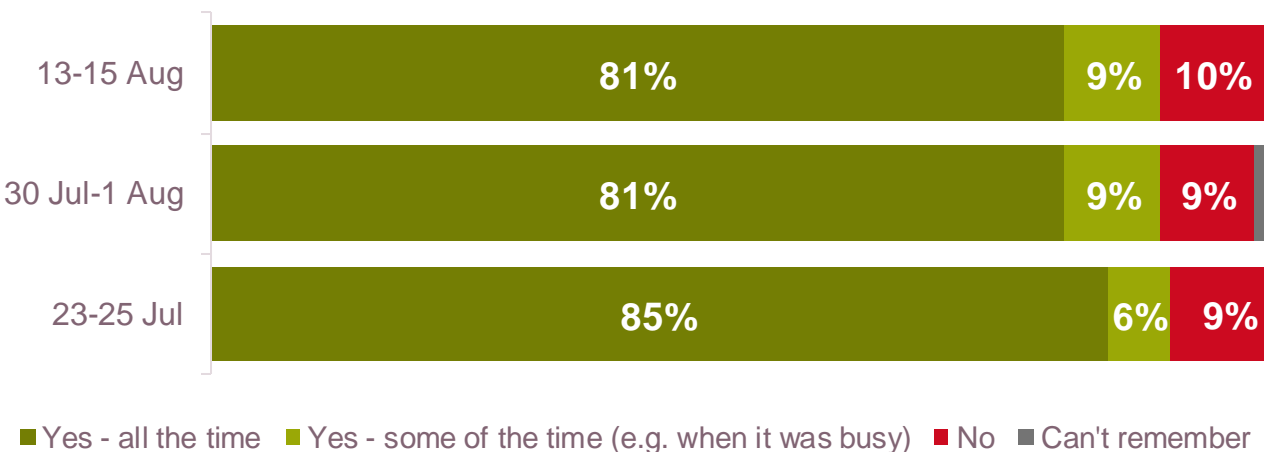
On your most recent train journey did you wear a face covering?

Base: All making journeys by train (213)



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

Base: All making journeys by bus (350)



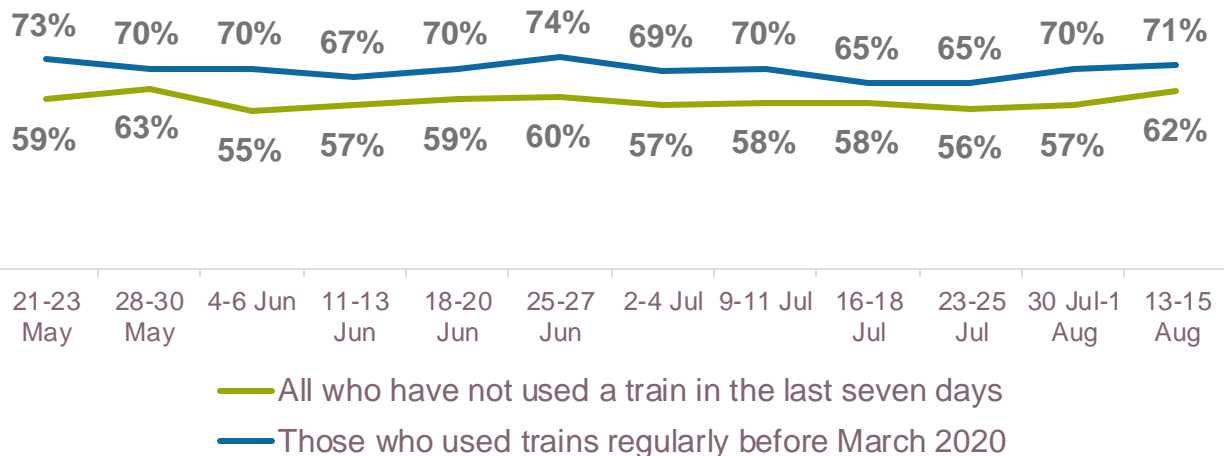
Three in five of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

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, W58 – 1,845



Trend - last twelve waves



Base: All who used trains regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (369)

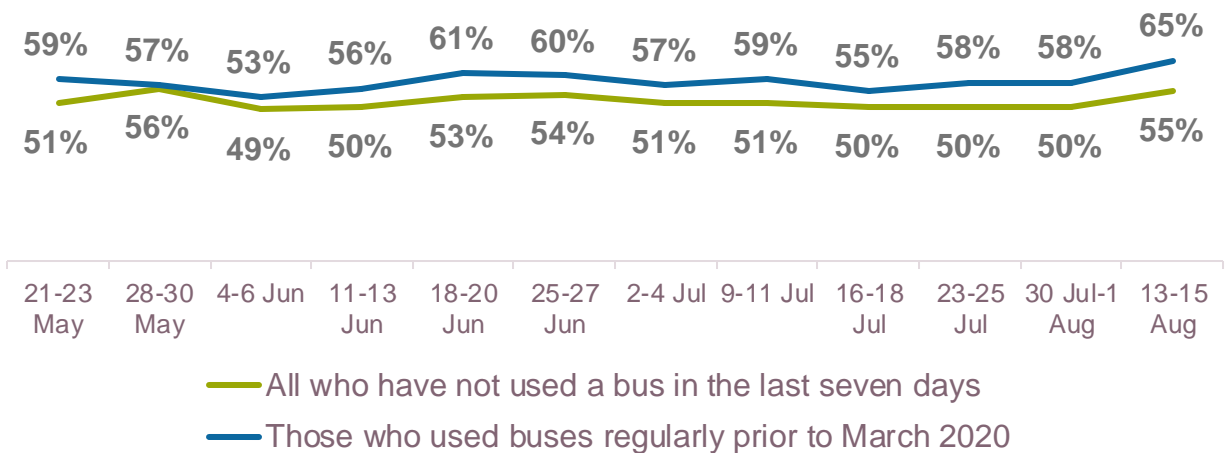
More than half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

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, W58 – 1,708



Trend - last twelve waves



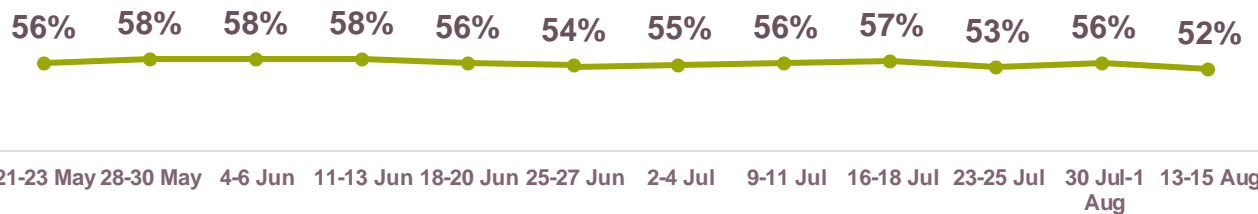
Base: All who used buses regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (414)

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

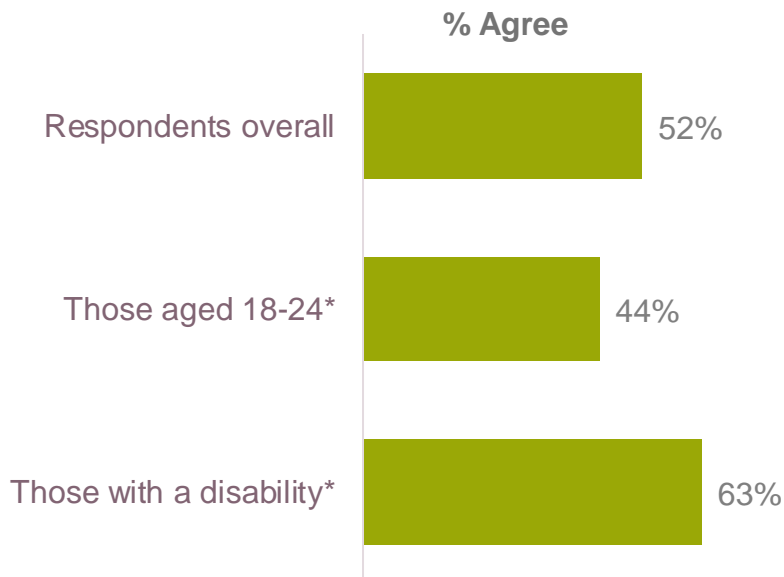
Coronavirus is a major concern for me

Base: W58 2,022

% Agree



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



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

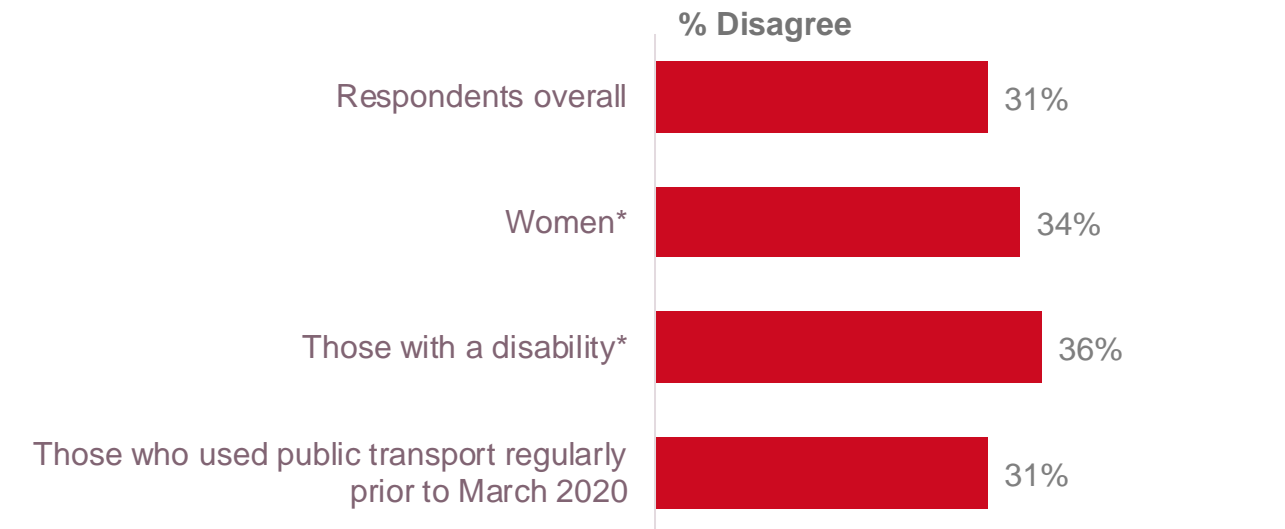
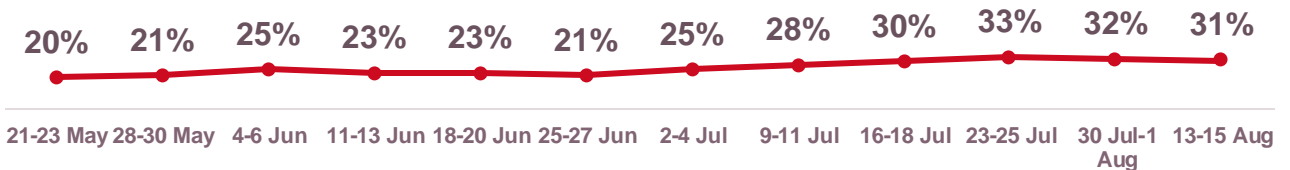
* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

Three in ten 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: W58 1,752

% Disagree



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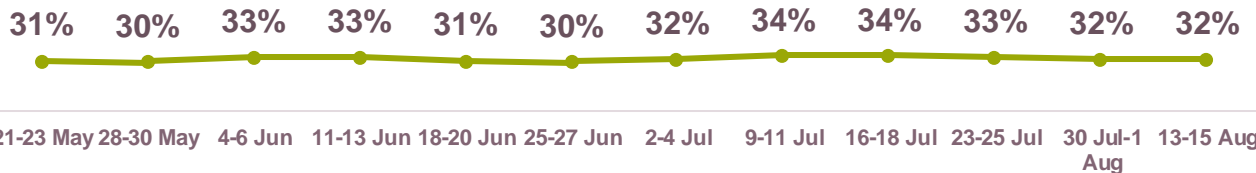
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A third say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

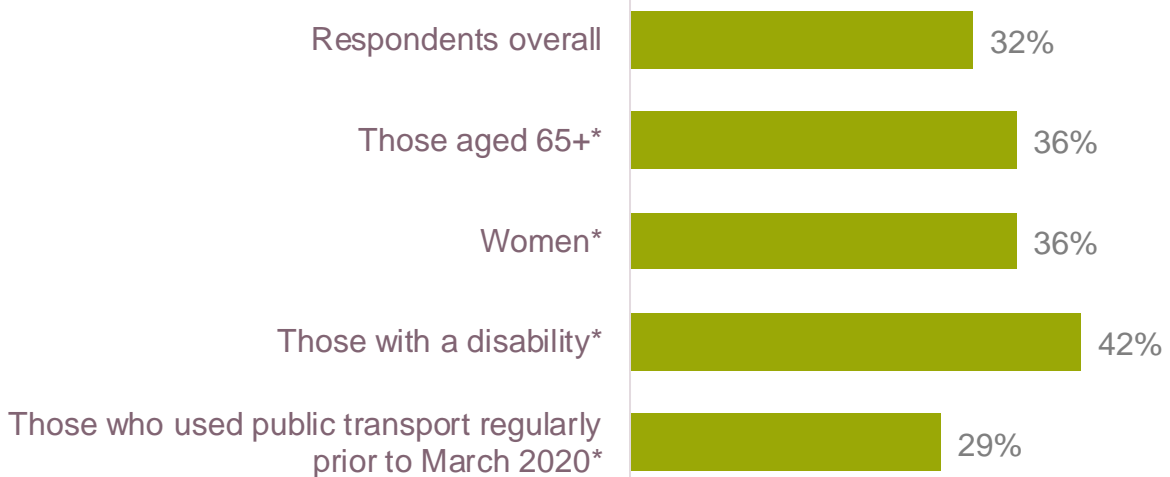
Base: W58 1,888

% Agree



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

% Agree



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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: W58 2,006

% Agree

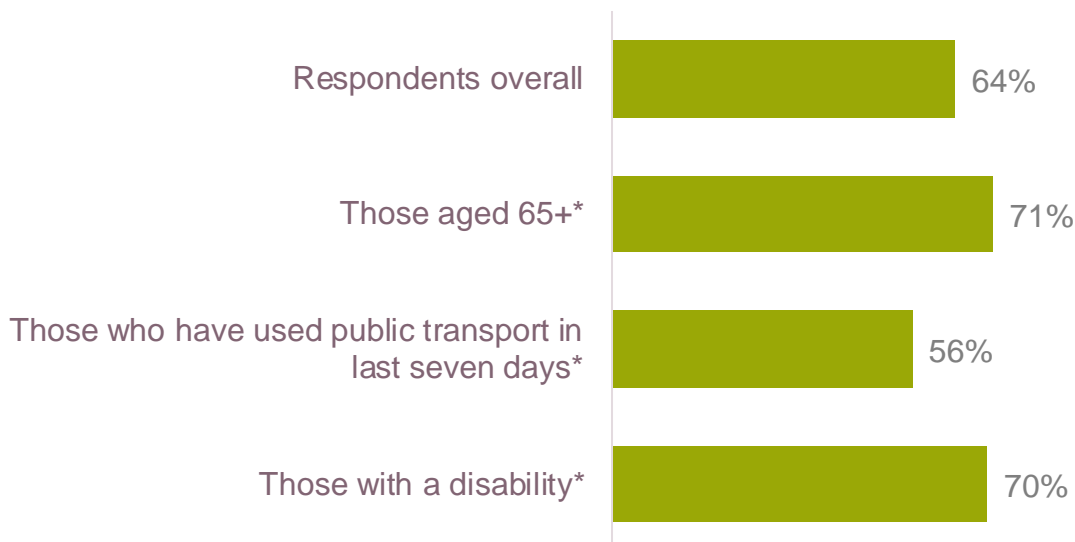
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21-23 May 28-30 May 4-6 Jun 11-13 Jun 18-20 Jun 25-27 Jun 2-4 Jul 9-11 Jul 16-18 Jul 23-25 Jul 30 Jul-1 Aug 13-15 Aug



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

% Agree



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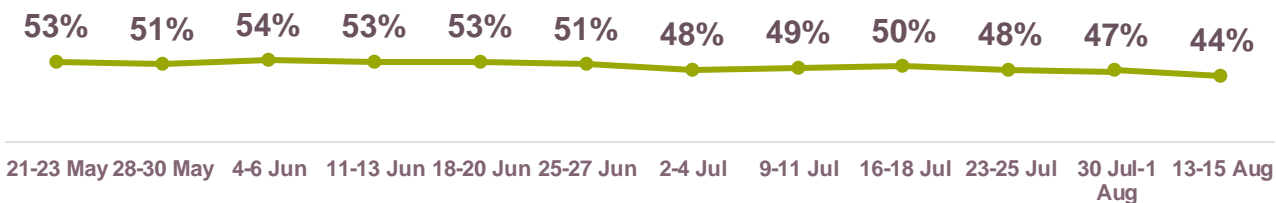
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Just over two in five say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

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

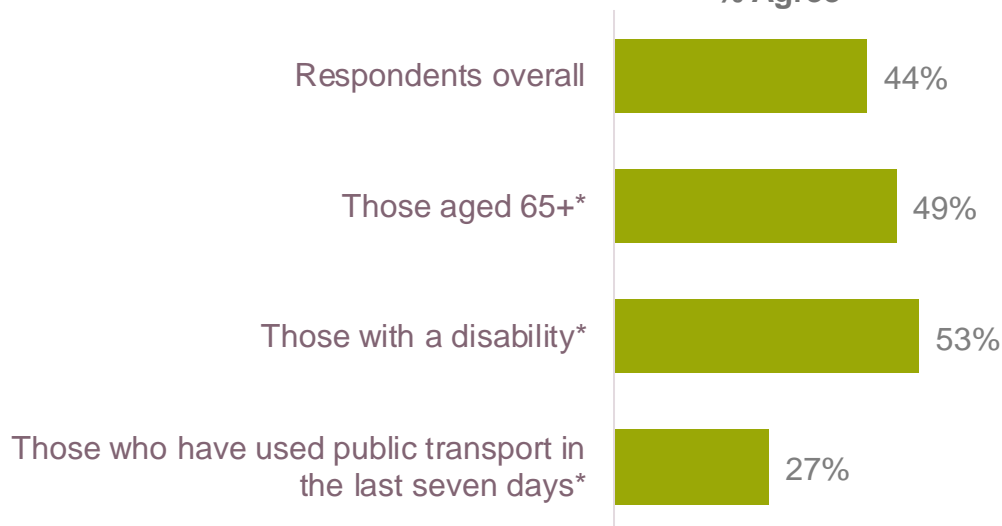
Base: W58 1,855

% Agree



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

% Agree



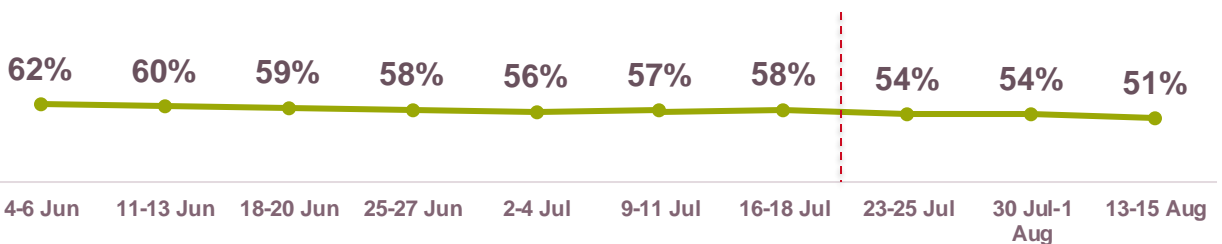
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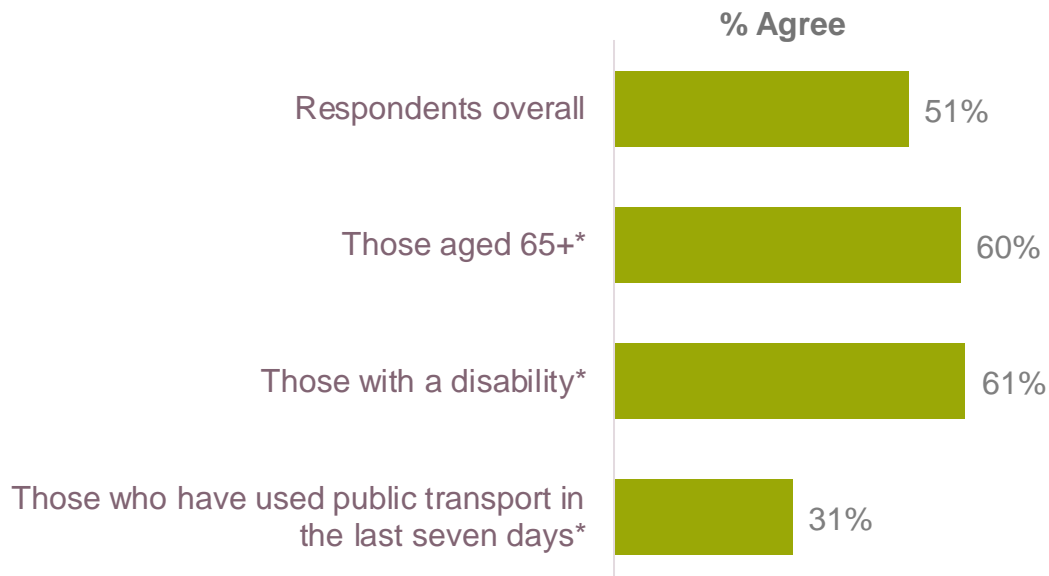
Half say that they won't use public transport unless passengers are required to wear face coverings

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

Base: W58 1,881



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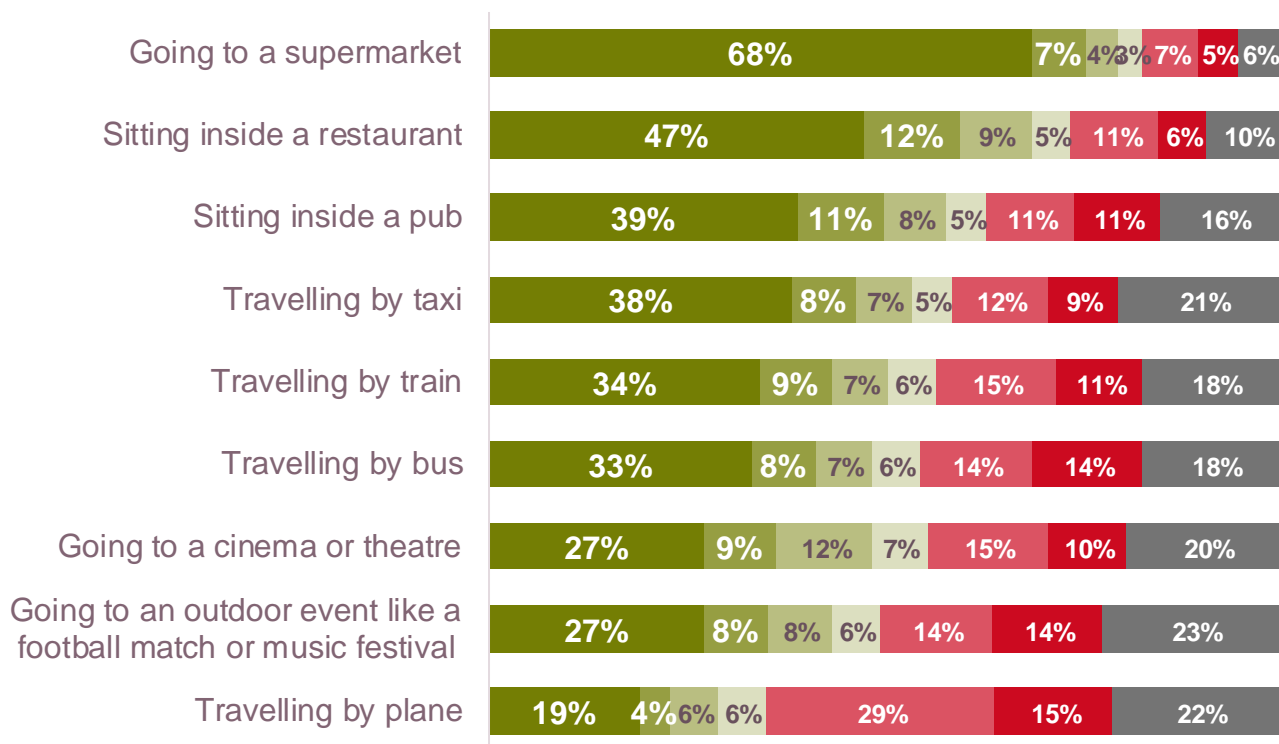
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Legal requirement to wear a face covering on public transport in England dropped on the 19th July

Around a third feel current feel as comfortable using buses and trains now as they did before the pandemic, while a further one in five expect to feel this comfortable doing so within the next 6 months

When do you think you will feel as comfortable doing each of the following activities as you felt before the Covid-19 pandemic?

Base: W58 2,058



- Now - I am already as comfortable as I was before the pandemic
- In the next month
- In the next 2-3 months
- In the next 3-6 months
- More than 6 months
- Never
- I don't know

Those who used buses or trains regularly prior to March 2020 are more likely than others to feel as comfortable using trains or buses now as they did before the pandemic

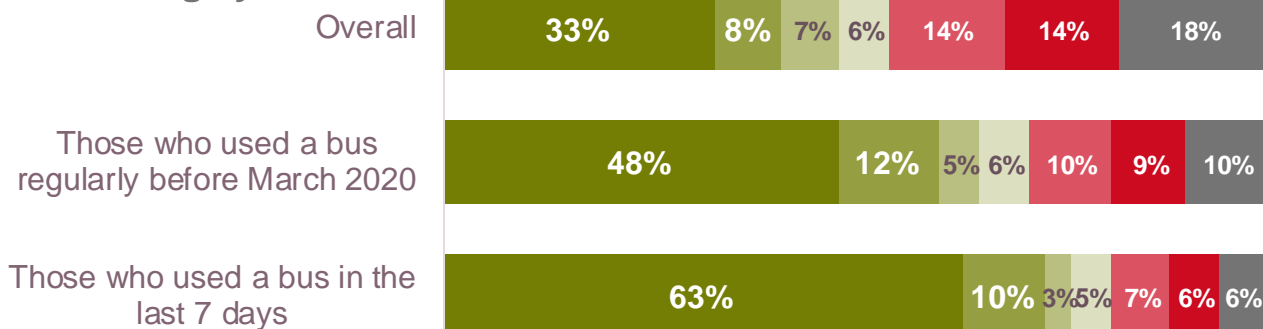
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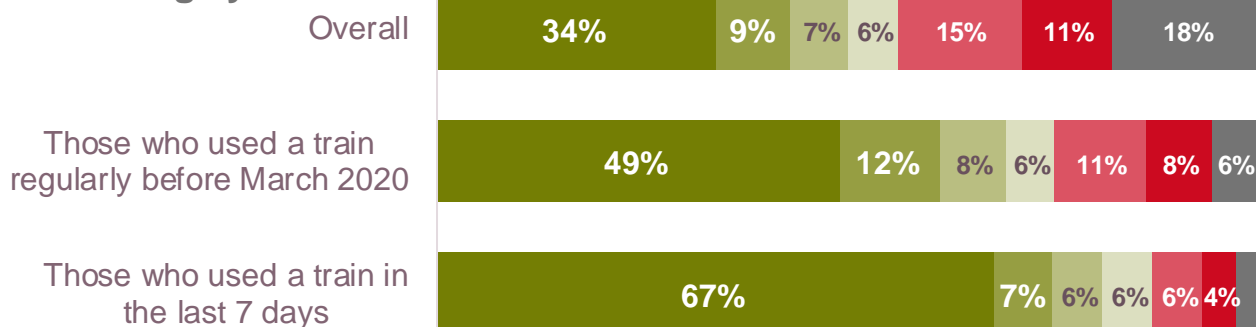
Previous bus / train users (717 / 529)

Those who have used a bus / train in the last 7 days (350 / 213)

Travelling by bus



Travelling by train



- Now - I am already as comfortable as I was before the pandemic
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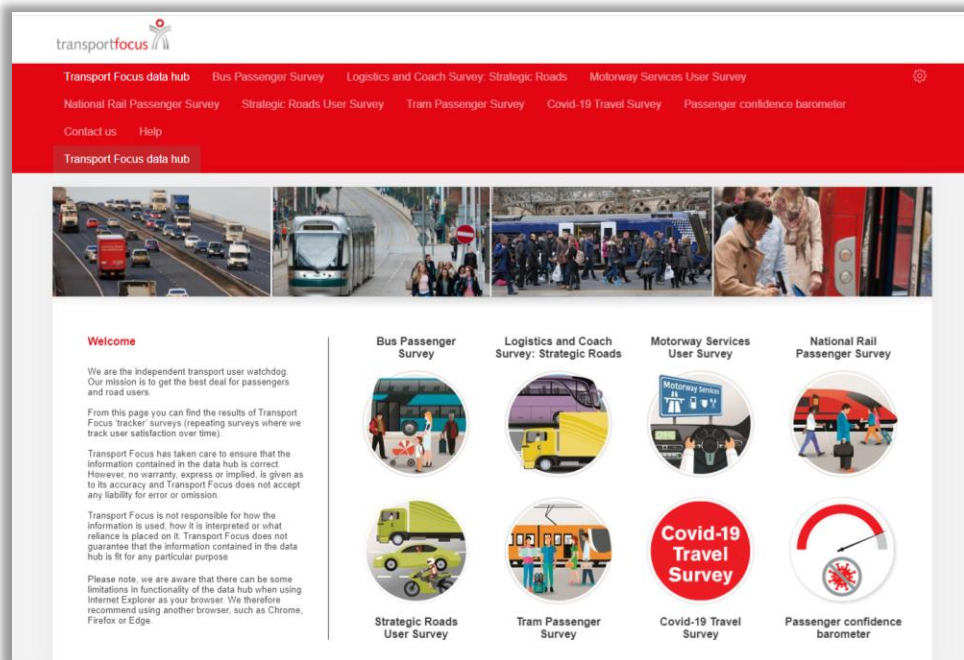
Transport Focus Data Hub

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

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 58

- 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 58 fieldwork: 13-15 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 58 | 2,080 | 223 | 380 | 348 | 360 | 327 | 442 | 1,017 | 1,063 |

Sample size by region

| | Scotland | North East | North West | Yorks & Humber | West Midlands | East Midlands | Wales | Eastern | London | South East | South West |
|----------------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------|---------|--------|------------|------------|
| Wave 58 | 192 | 83 | 218 | 182 | 197 | 138 | 109 | 209 | 300 | 291 | 161 |