



Travel during Covid-19

Tracking research - wave 64

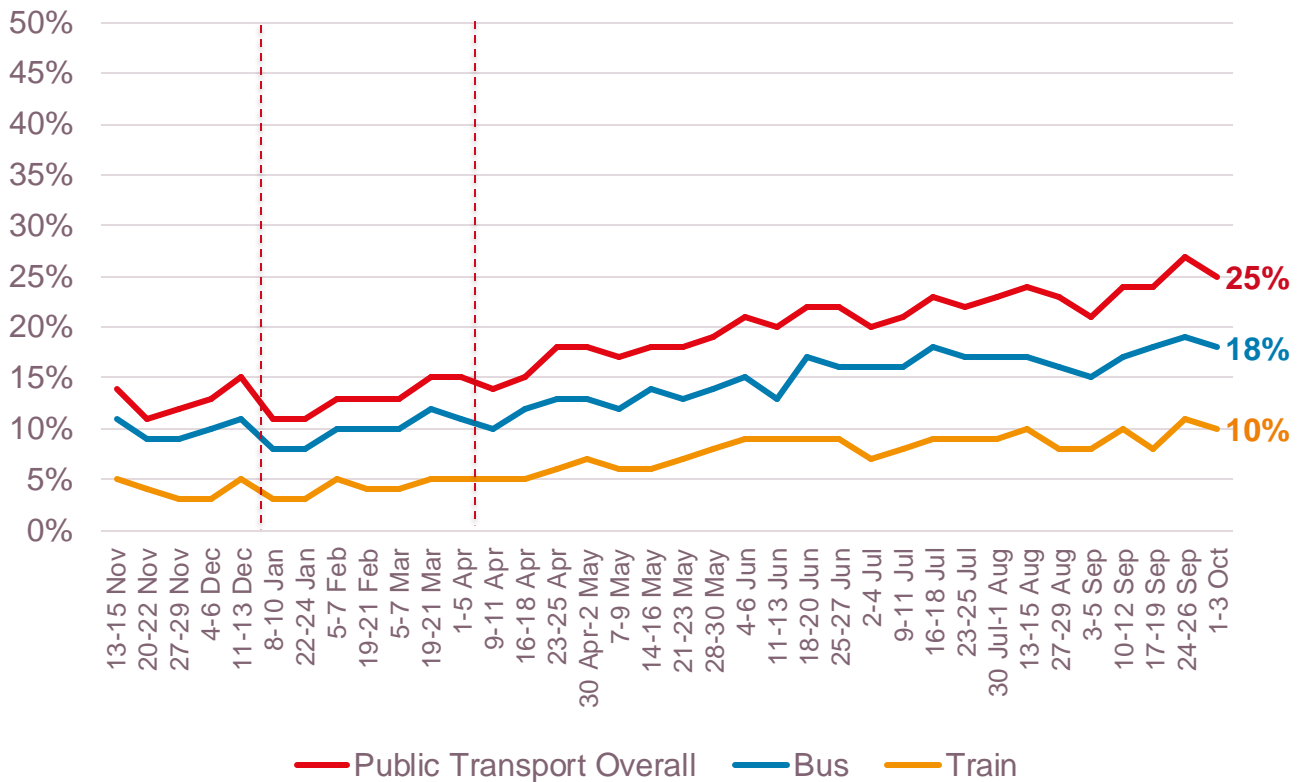
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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 64

A quarter have used public transport in the last seven days

Use of public transport in last seven days – Great Britain

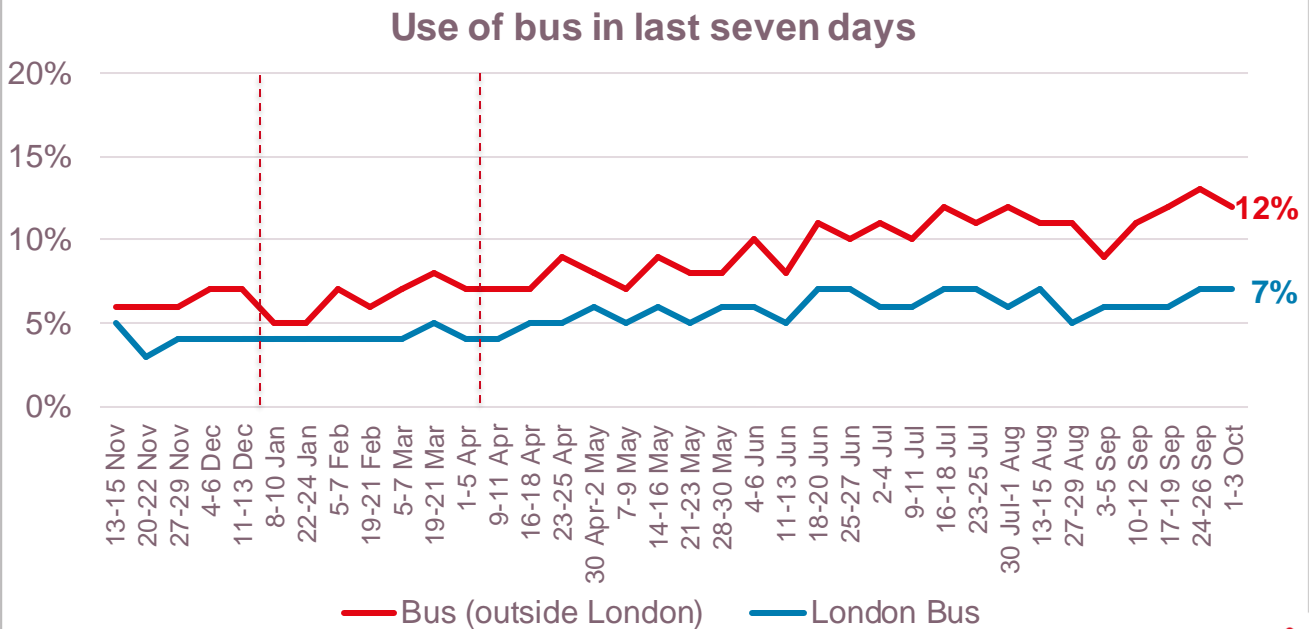
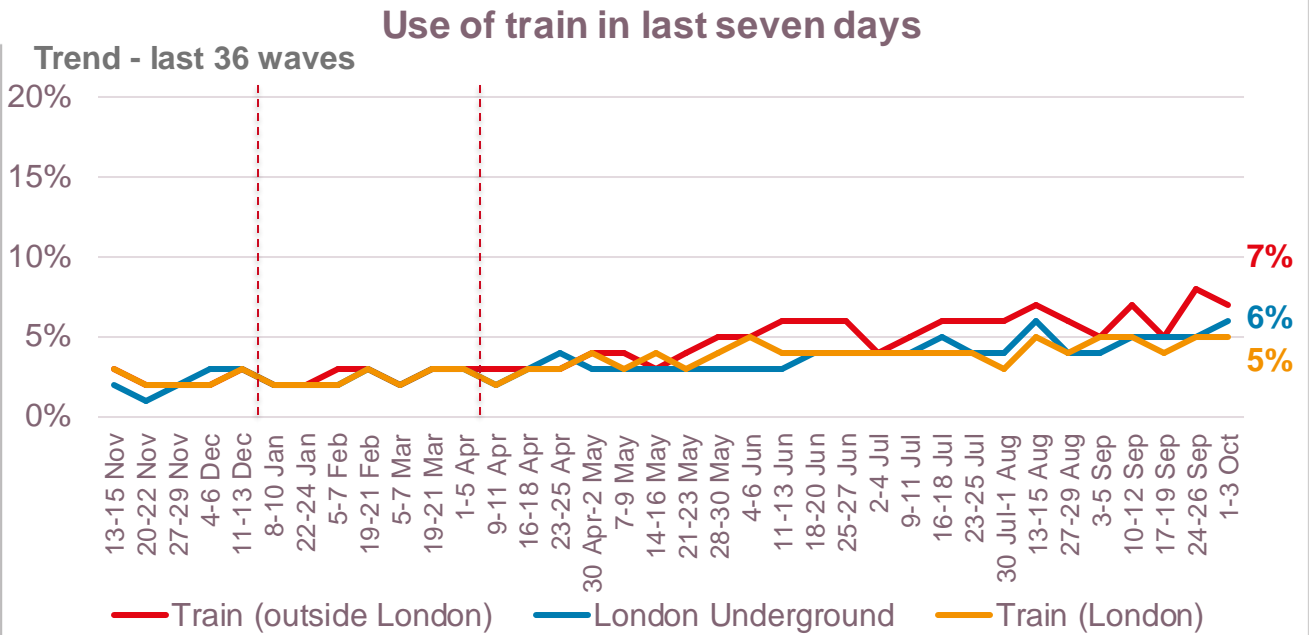
Trend - last 36 waves



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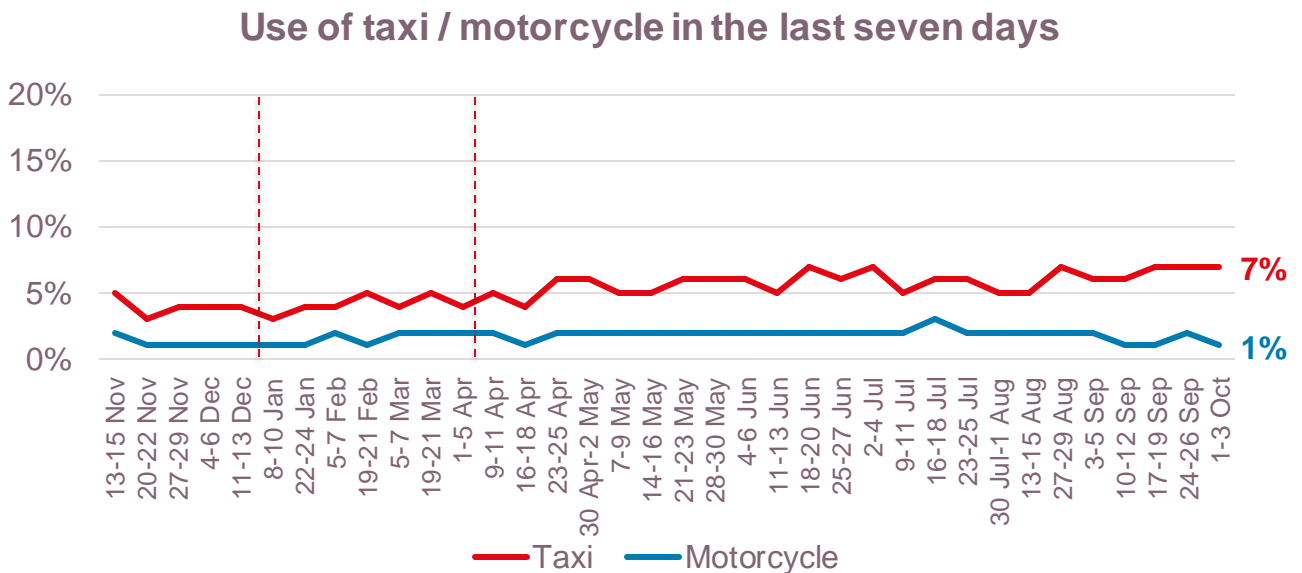
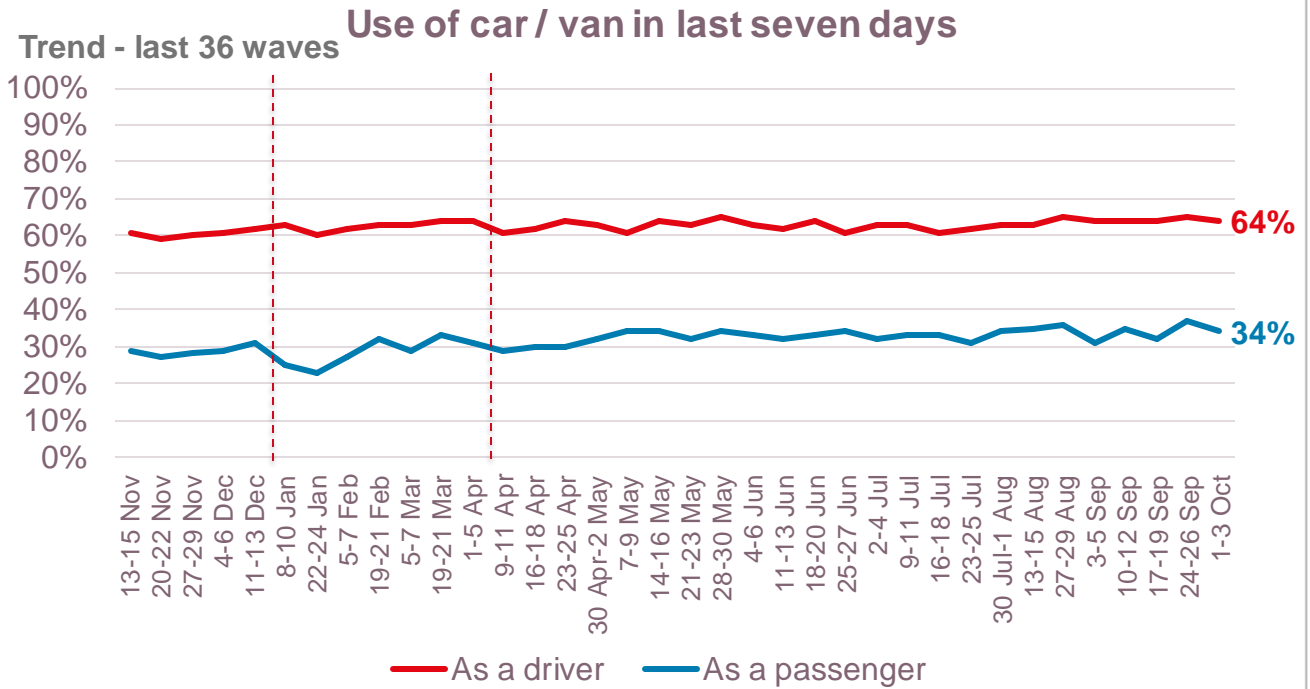
Use of trains and buses is relatively consistent



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Road use is relatively consistent



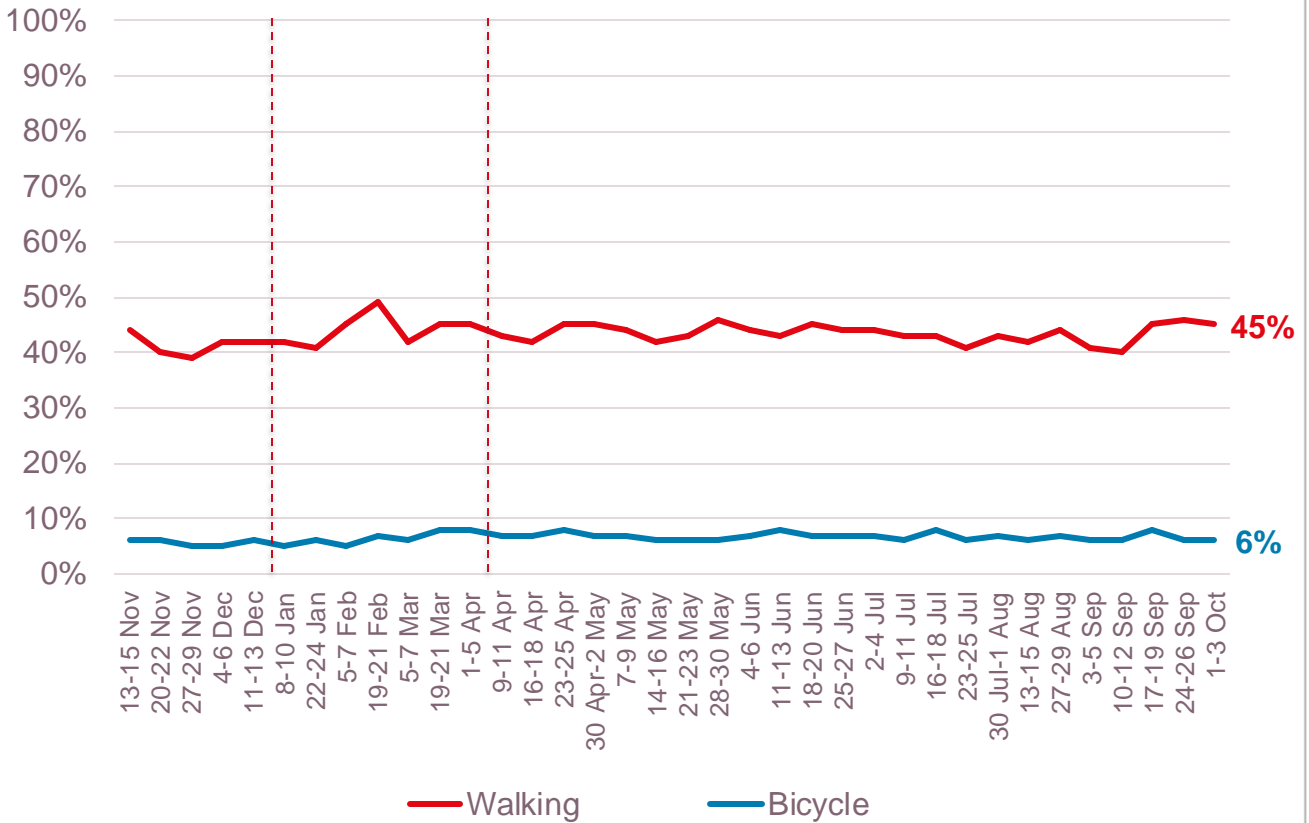
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Active travel has increased. More than two in five made journeys on foot, while fewer cycled.

Use of other modes of transport in the last seven days

Trend - last 36 waves

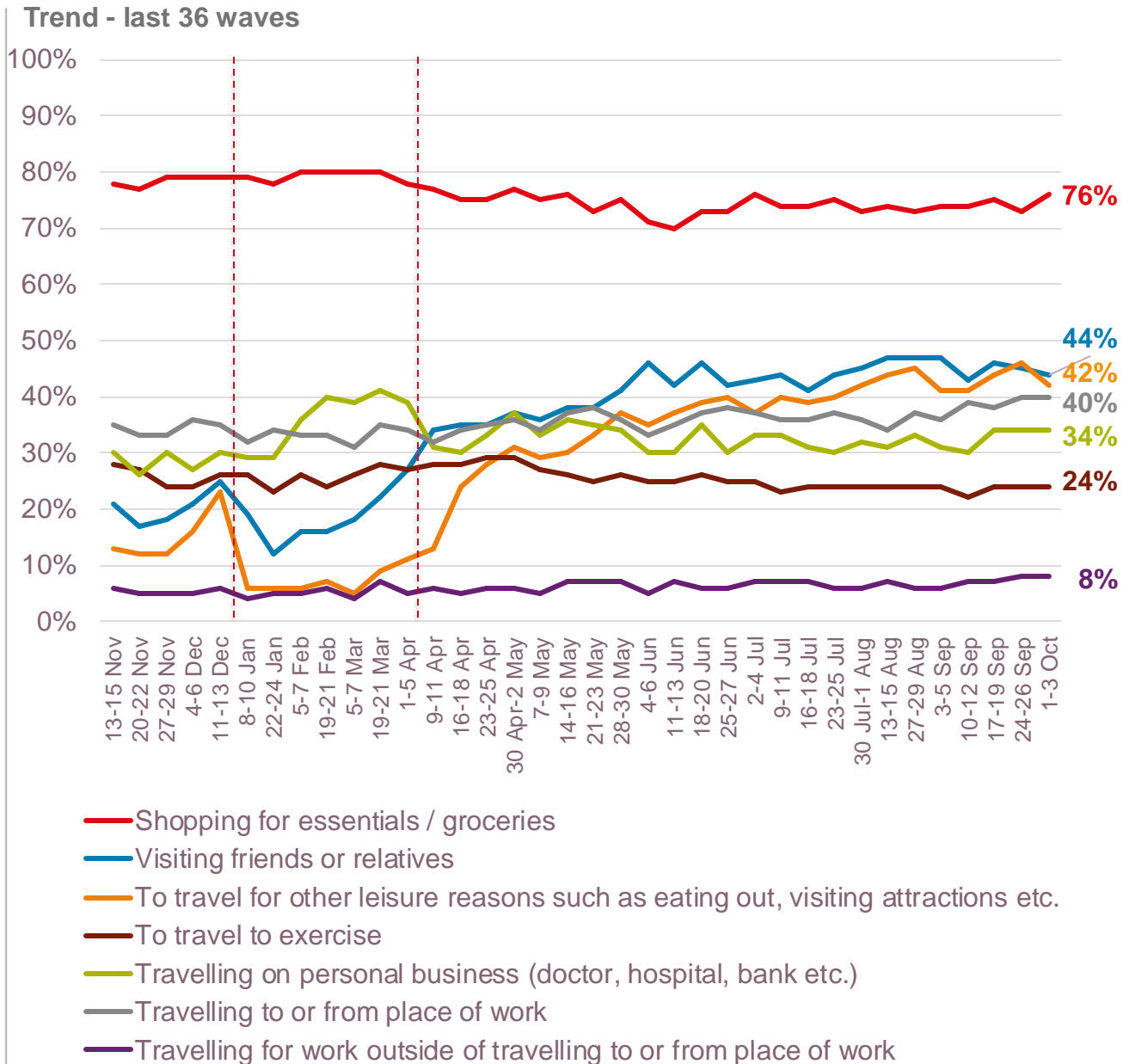


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Travel during Covid-19: omnibus wave 64

Increasing proportions have been making journeys to or from work in the last seven days

Reasons for making journeys in the last seven days

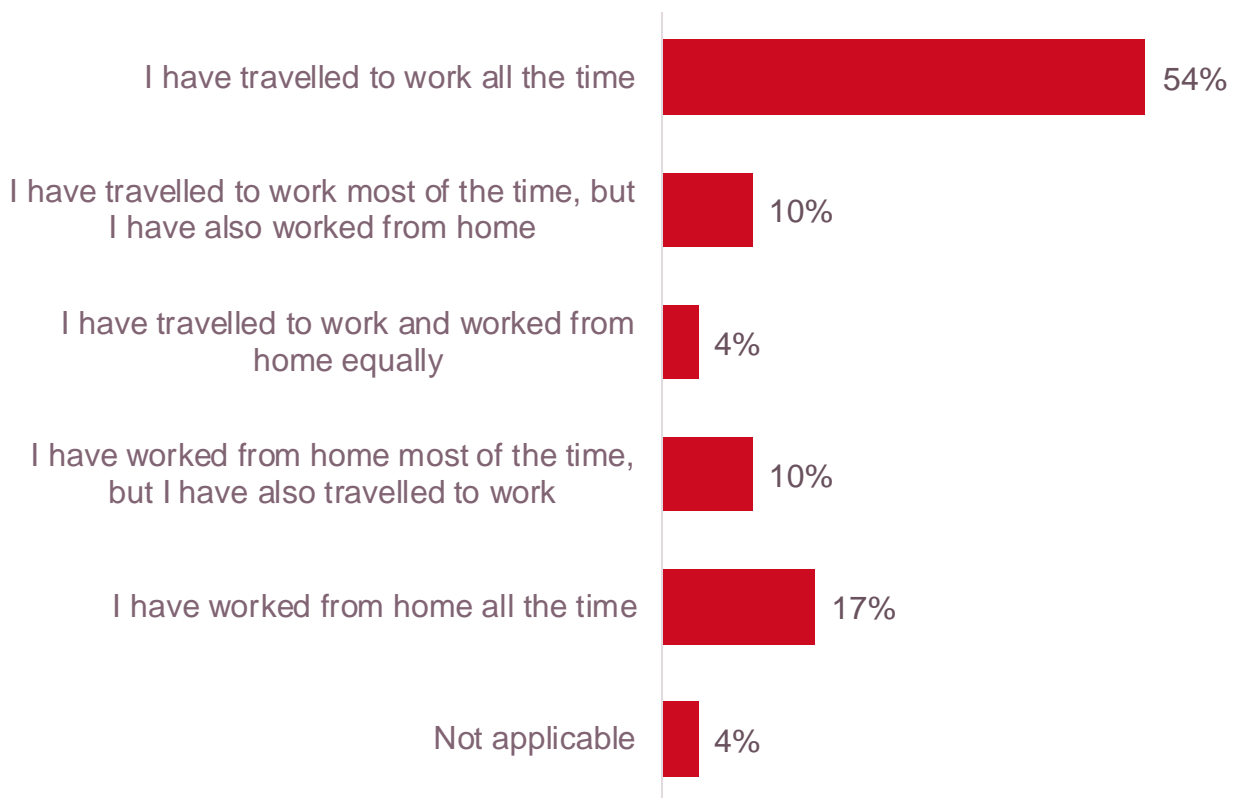


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More than half of those who are working have travelled to work and have not worked from home over the last seven days

Which of the following best describes the extent to which you travelled to work or worked from home in the last seven days?

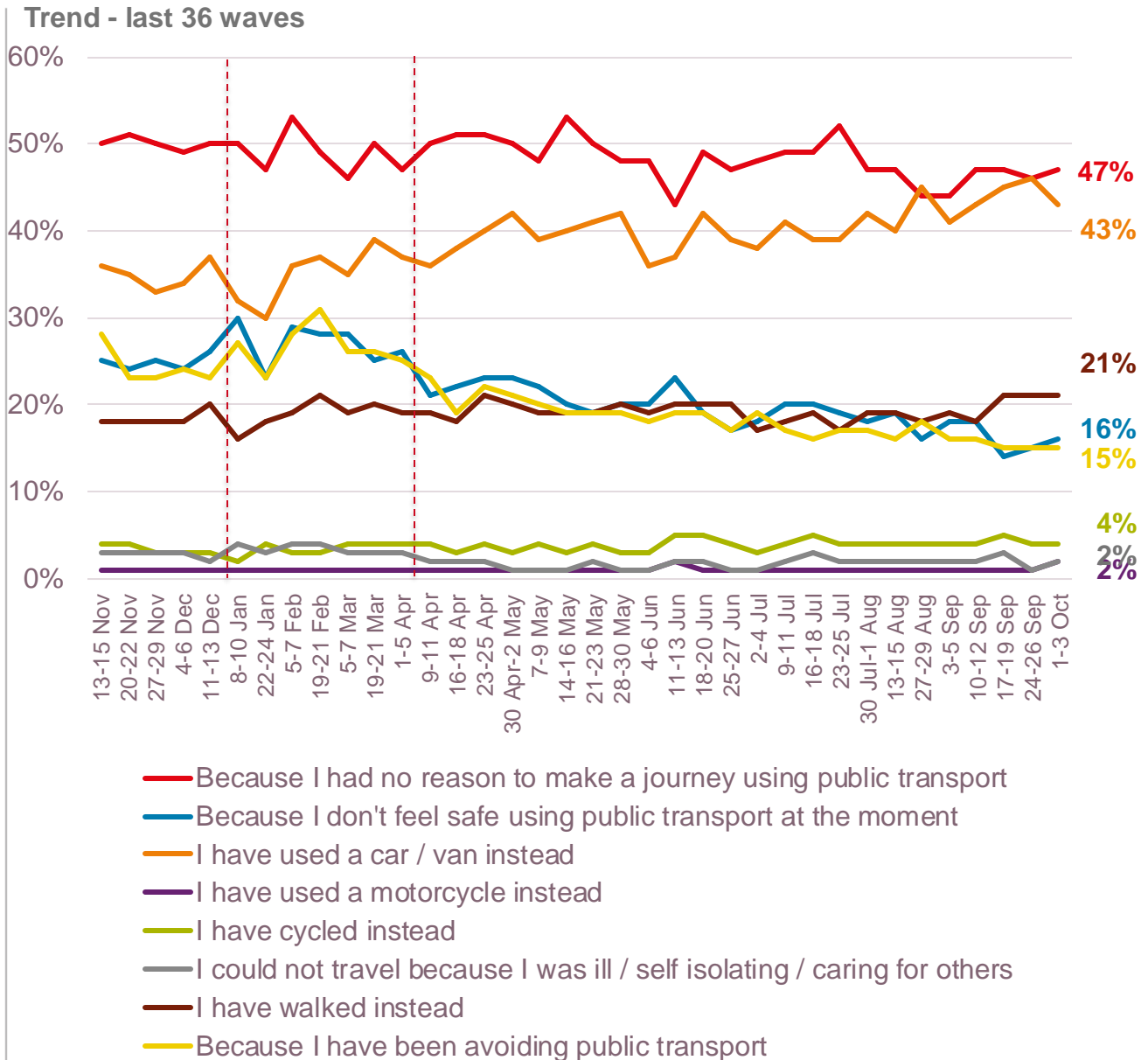
Base: All working full/part time (1,151)



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Decreasing proportions of those who have not used public transport say that they have been avoiding doing so or that they don't feel safe to do so

Reasons public transport not used in the last seven days



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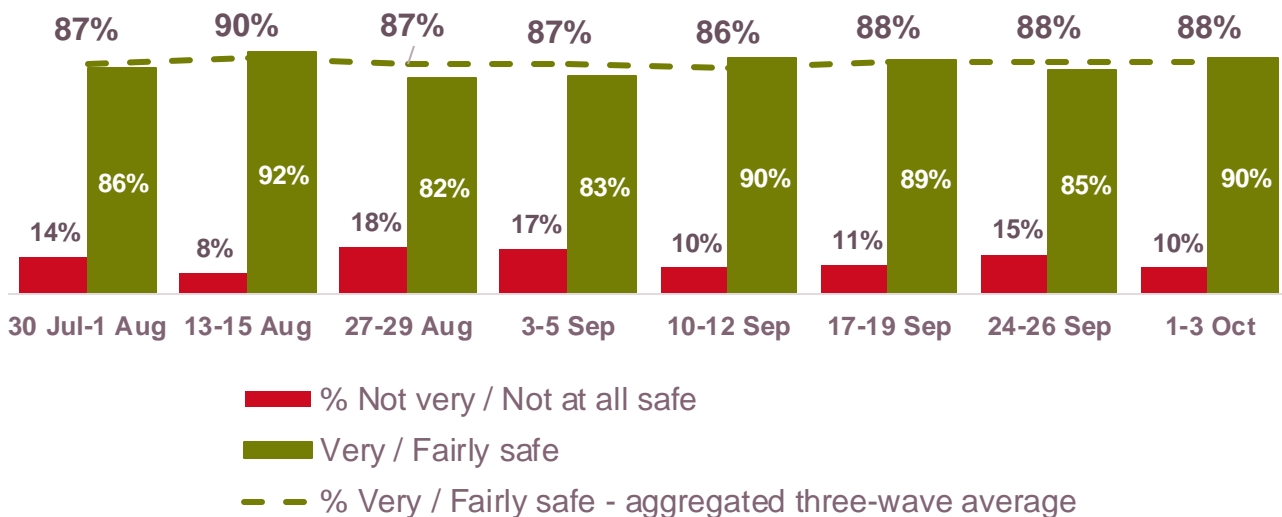
Almost nine in ten of those making train journeys in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

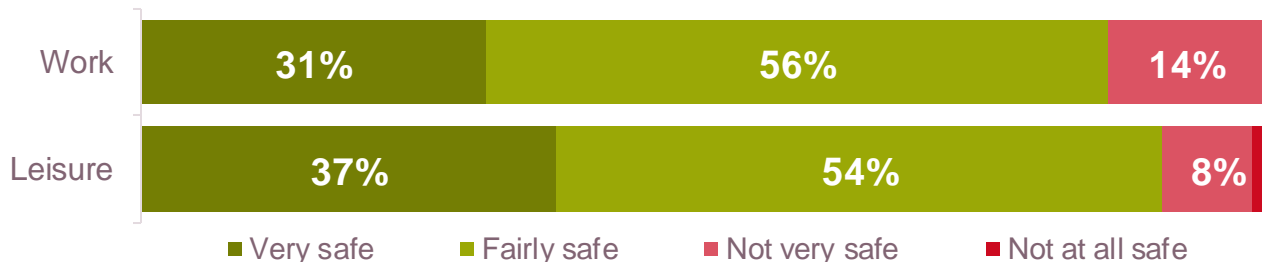
Base: All making journeys by train, W64 – 207



Trend - last eight waves



Perception of safety by journey purpose – W63+W64 combined*



*Base: Those who used trains between 17 September–3 October to make journeys for work (135), for leisure (224)

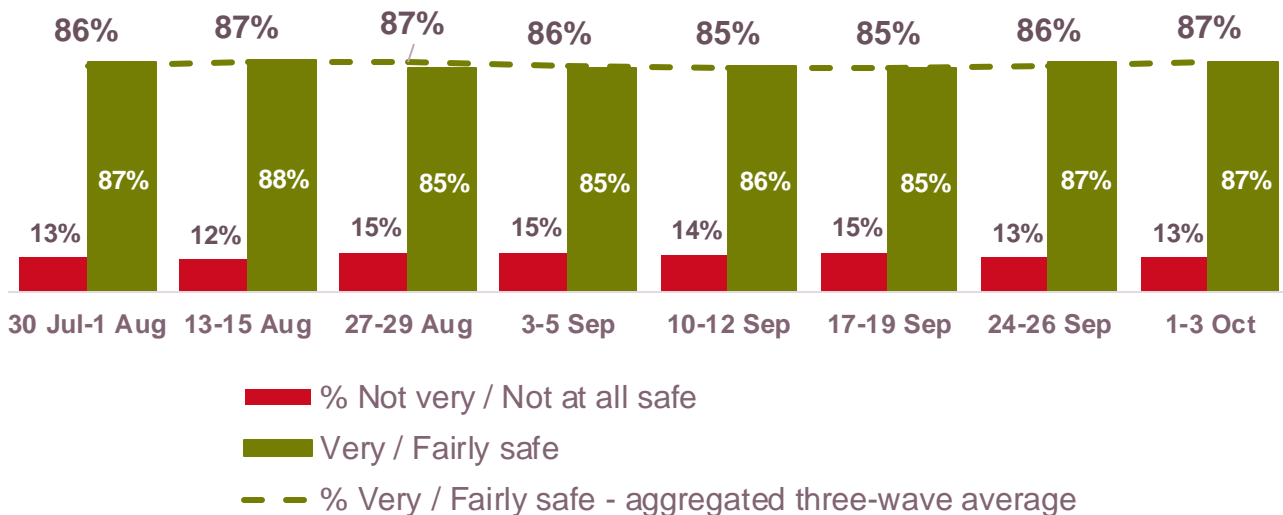
Almost nine in ten of those making journeys by bus outside London in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

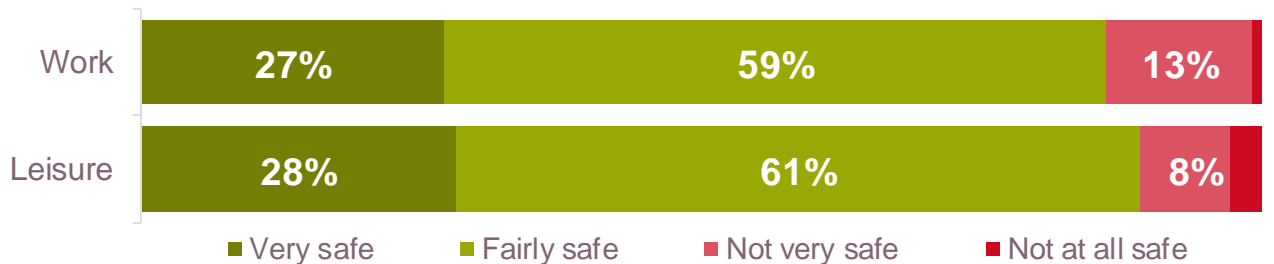
Base: All making journeys by bus outside London, W64 – 275



Trend - last eight waves



Perception of safety by journey purpose – W63+W64 combined*

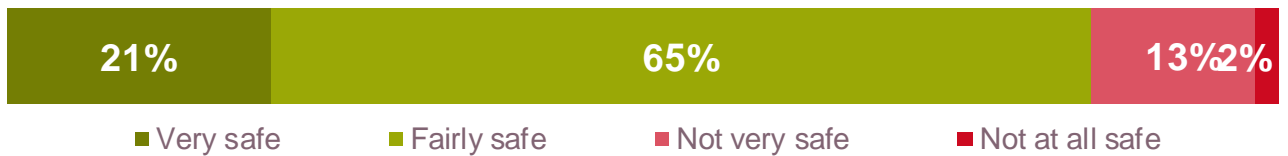


*Base: Those who used buses outside London between 17 September-03 October to make journeys for work (152), for leisure (264)

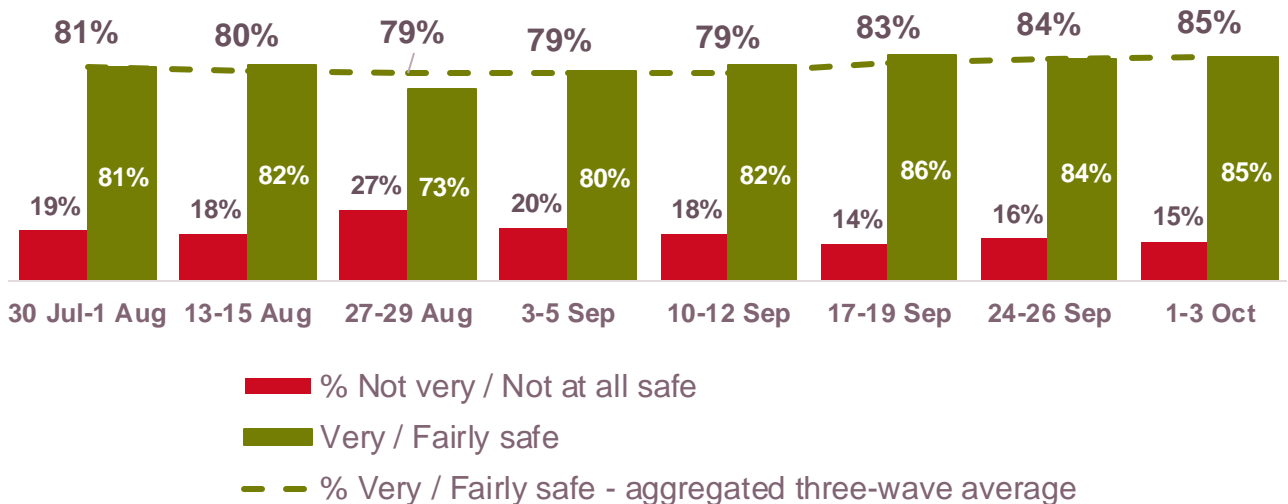
More than four in five of those making journeys by bus in London in the last seven days say that they felt safe doing so

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

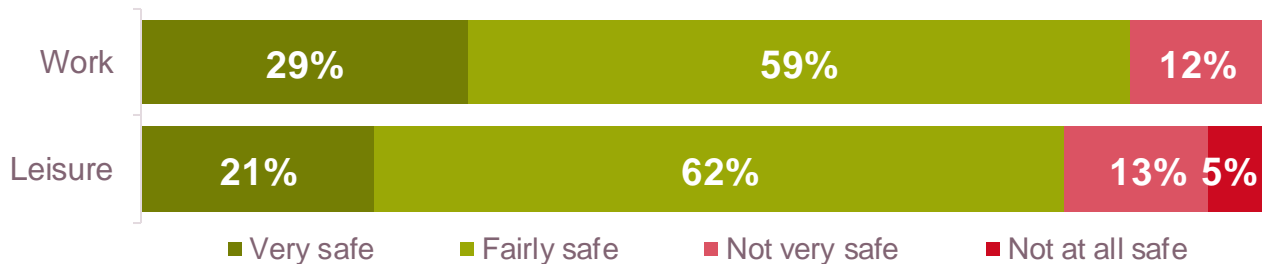
Base: All making journeys by London Bus, W64 – 155



Trend - last eight waves



Perception of safety by journey purpose – W63+W64 combined*

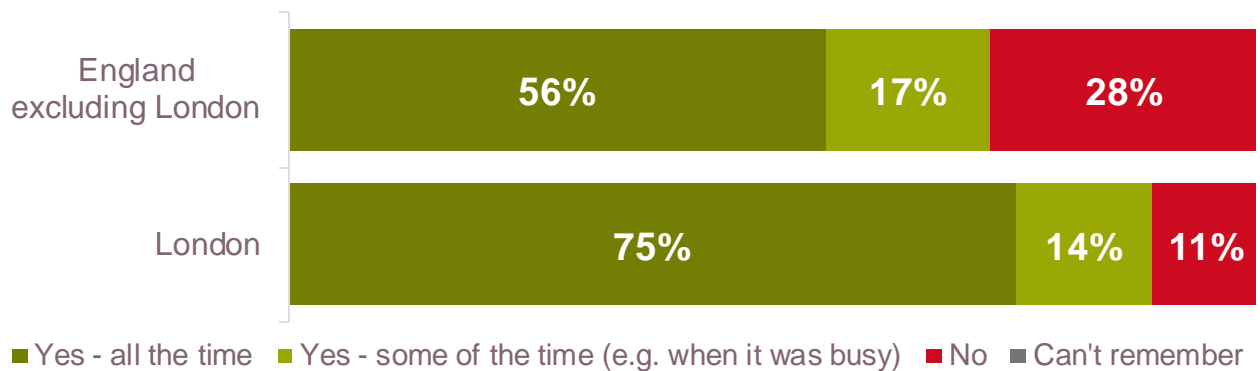


*Base: Those who used London buses between 17 September-3 October to make journeys for work (109), for leisure (126)

The majority of those who used a train or a bus in the last seven days say that they wore a face covering all the time on their journey

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

Base: All making journeys by train (waves 63-64 aggregated)

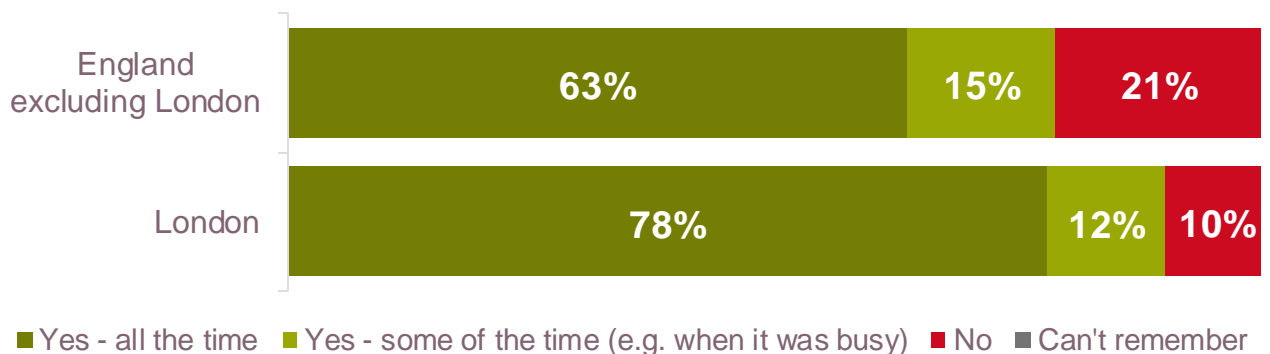


Base: Those making journeys by train between 17 September – 3 October.

England (ex London) 233, London 156. Wales / Scotland breakdown not shown due to low base size

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

Base: All making journeys by bus (waves 63-64 aggregated)



Base: Those making journeys by bus between 17 September – 3 October.

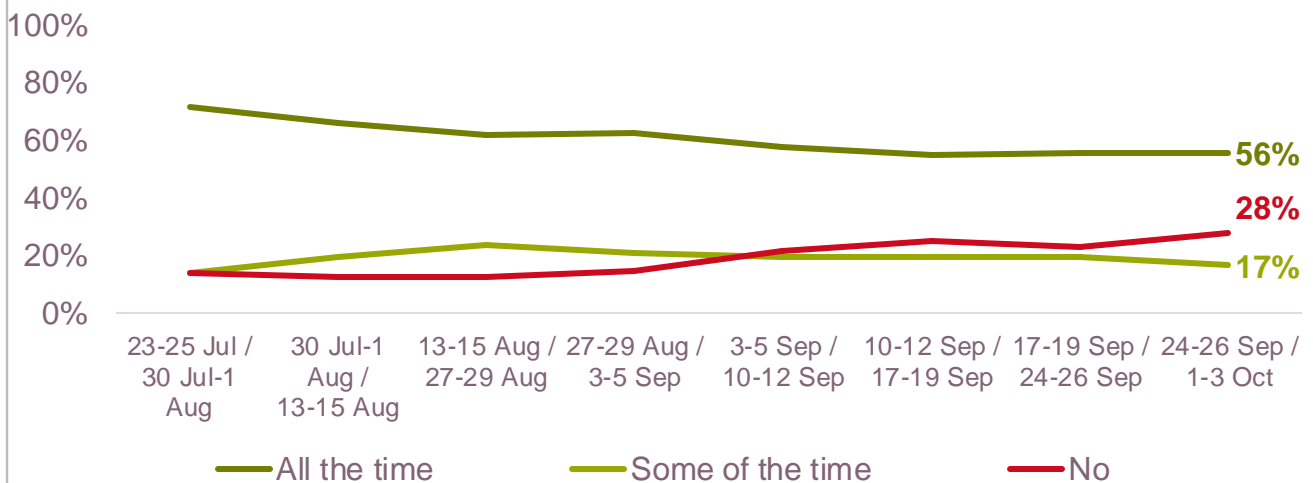
England (ex London) 402, London 266. Wales / Scotland breakdown not shown due to low base size

The proportion of those in England (excluding London) who used a train or a bus in the last seven days that say that they wore a face covering all the time on their journey is declining

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

Base: All making journeys by train in England (excluding London).

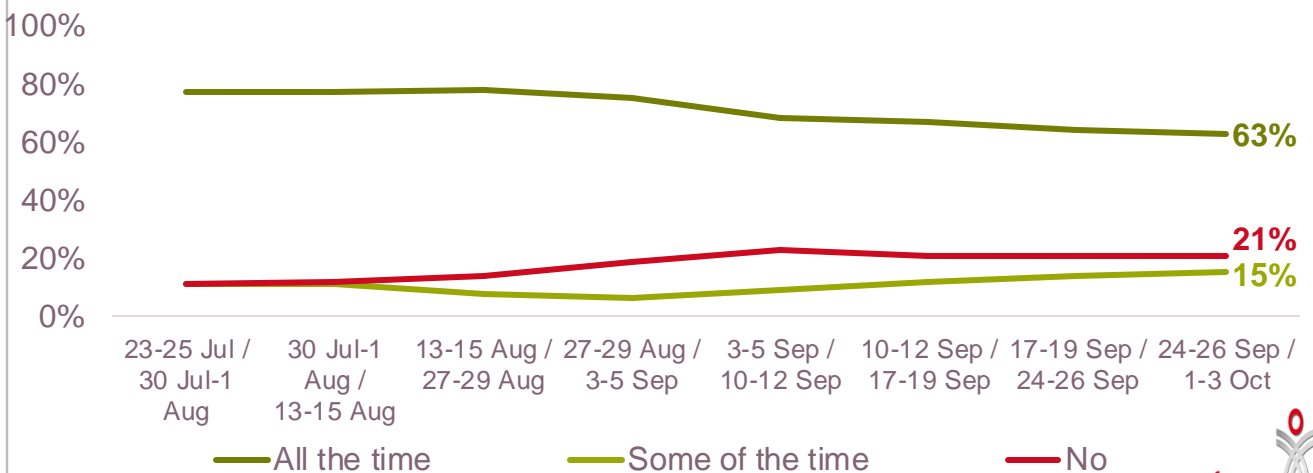
Waves 63-64 aggregated - 233



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

Base: All making journeys by bus in England (excluding London).

Waves 63-64 aggregated - 402



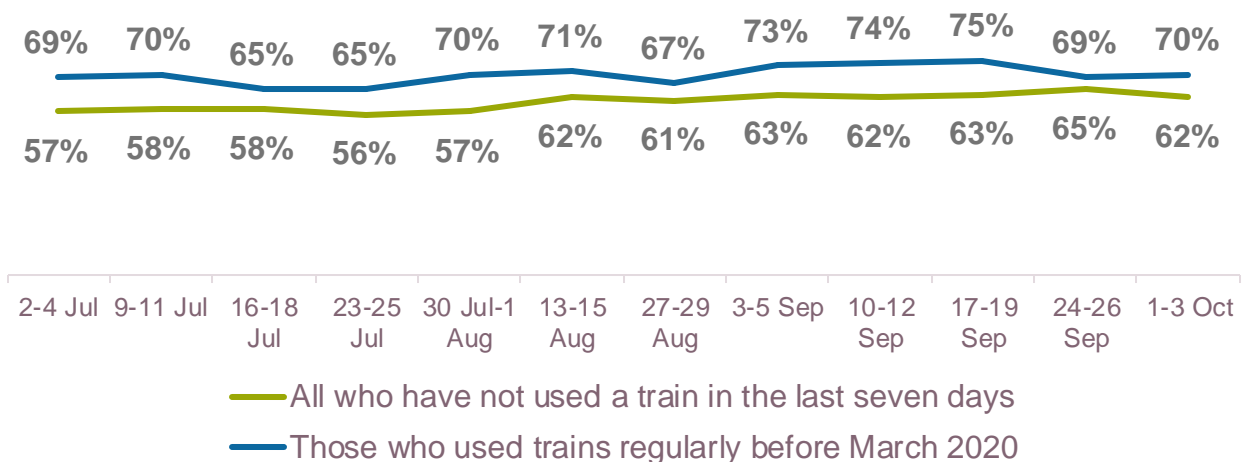
More than three in five of those who have not used a train in the last seven days say that they would feel safe doing so

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 (1,786)



Trend - last twelve waves



Base: All who used trains regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (328)

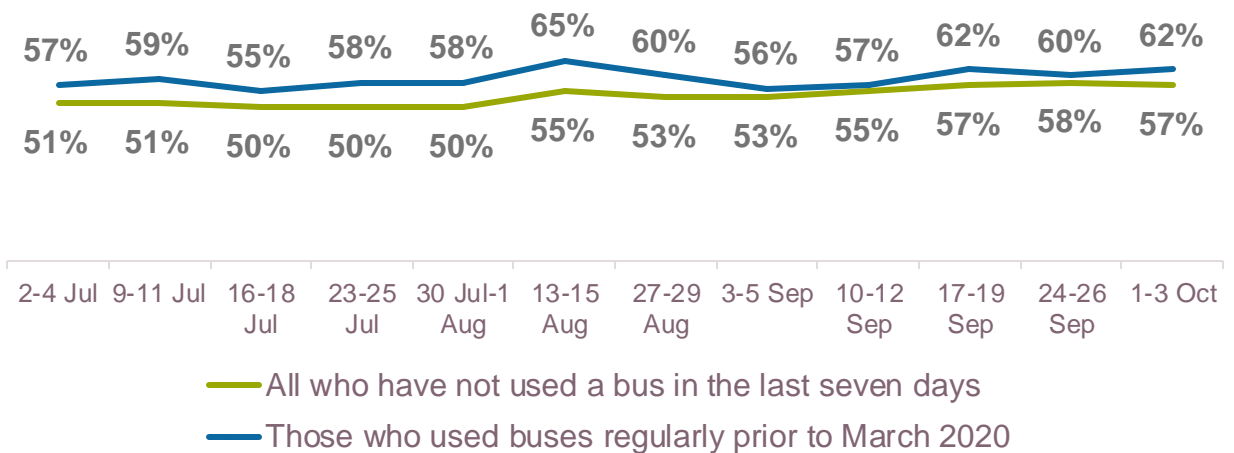
More than half of those who have not used a bus in the last seven days say they would feel safe doing so

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 (1,610)



Trend - last twelve waves



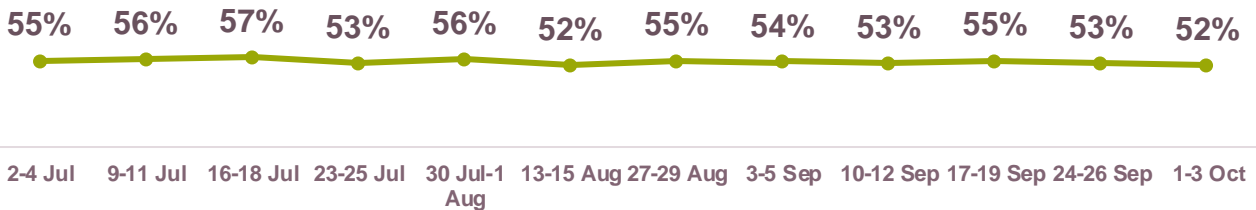
Base: All who used buses regularly before March 2020, but have not done so in the last seven days (387)

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

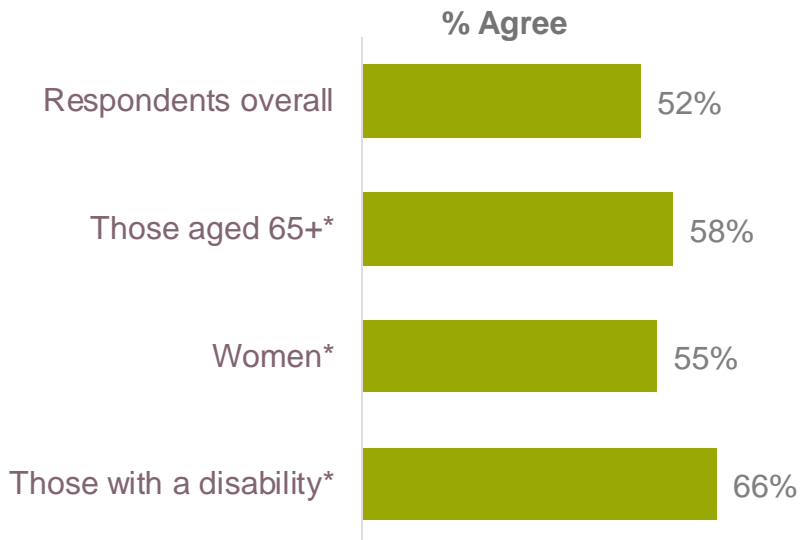
Coronavirus is a major concern for me

Base: W64 1,947

% Agree



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



Base excludes don't know/not applicable answers

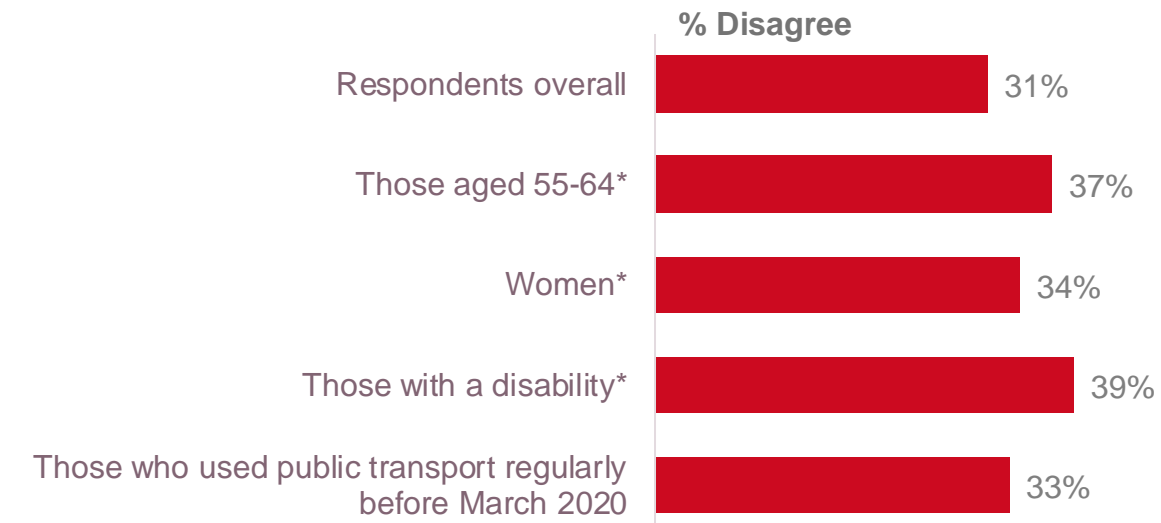
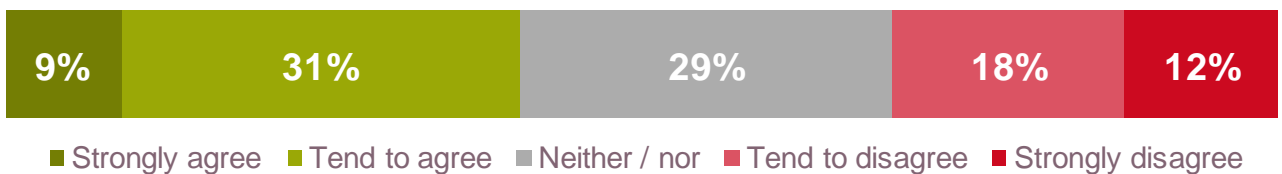
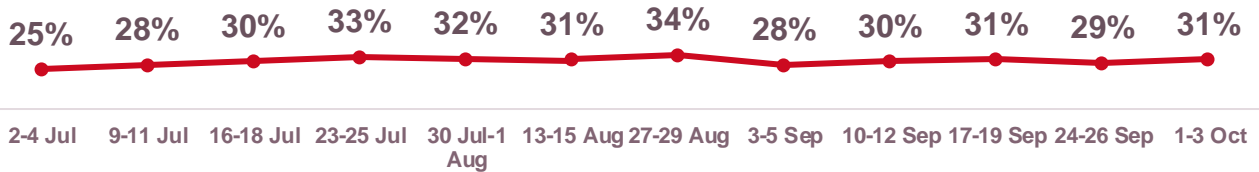
* Denotes statistically significant difference from respondents overall

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: W64 1,688

% Disagree



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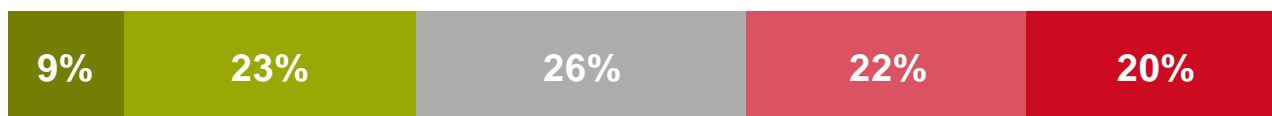
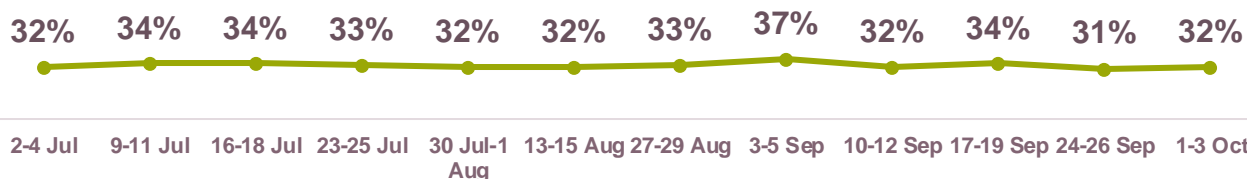
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Three in ten say that they will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

I will never again feel completely comfortable on public transport

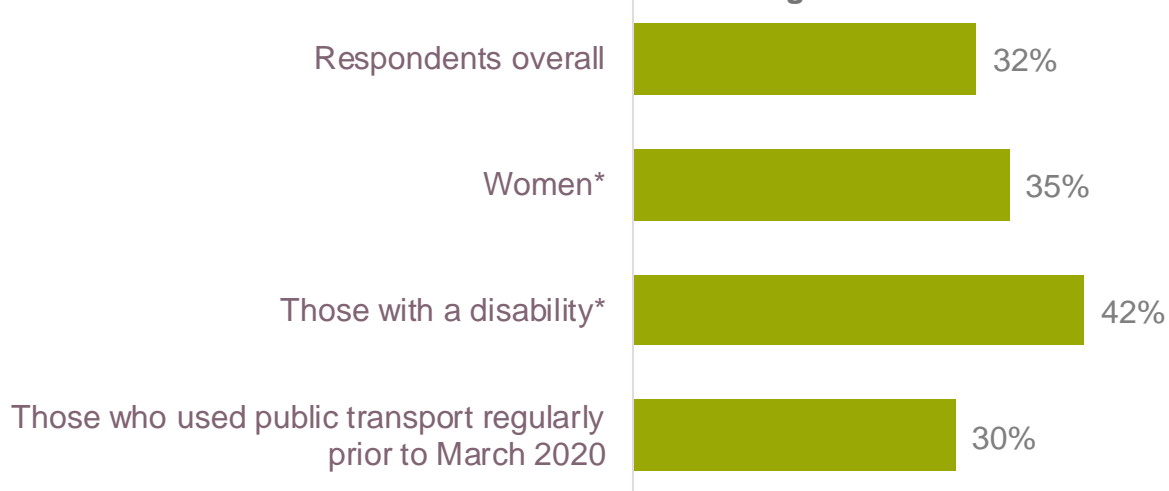
Base: W64 1,831

% Agree



■ Strongly agree
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 ■ Neither / nor
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 ■ Strongly disagree

% Agree



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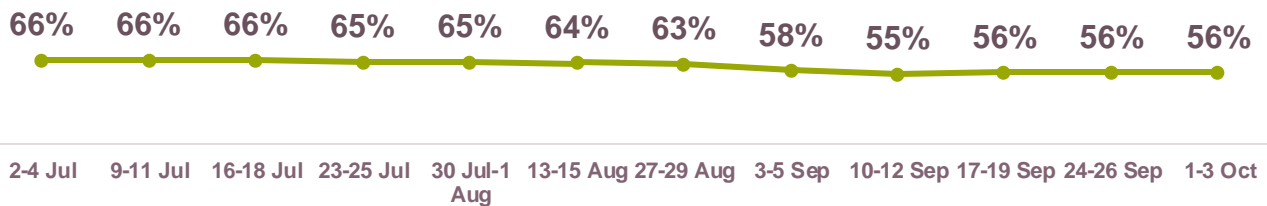
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Less than three in five have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

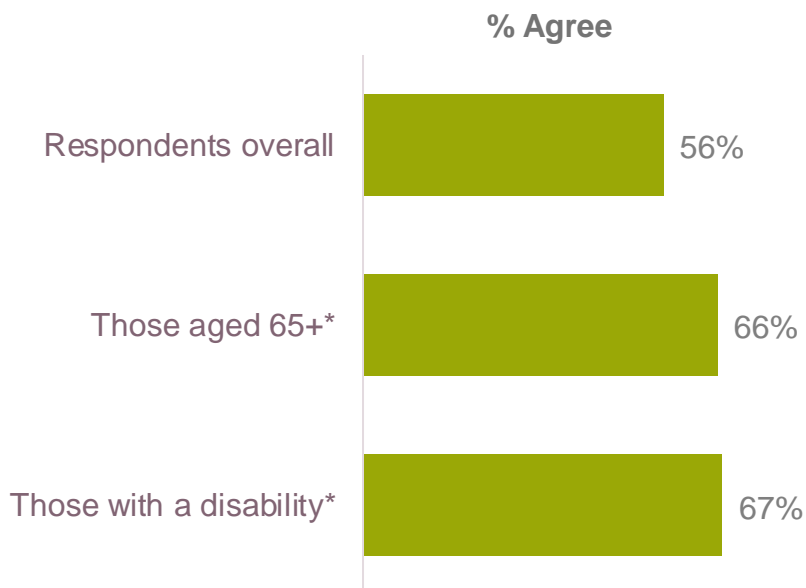
I have been avoiding unnecessary activities due to the coronavirus

Base: W64 1,937

% Agree



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



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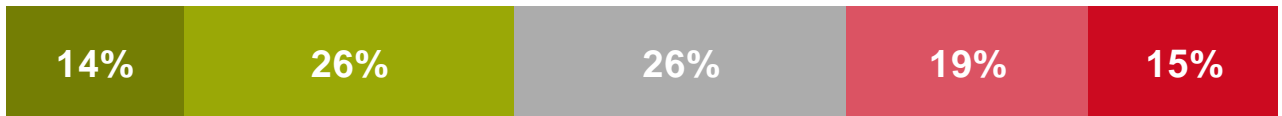
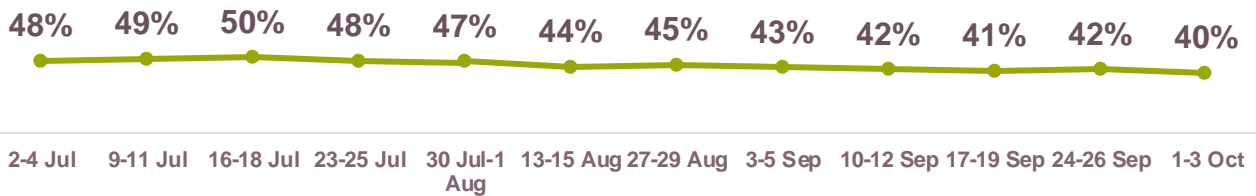
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Two in five say that they won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place

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

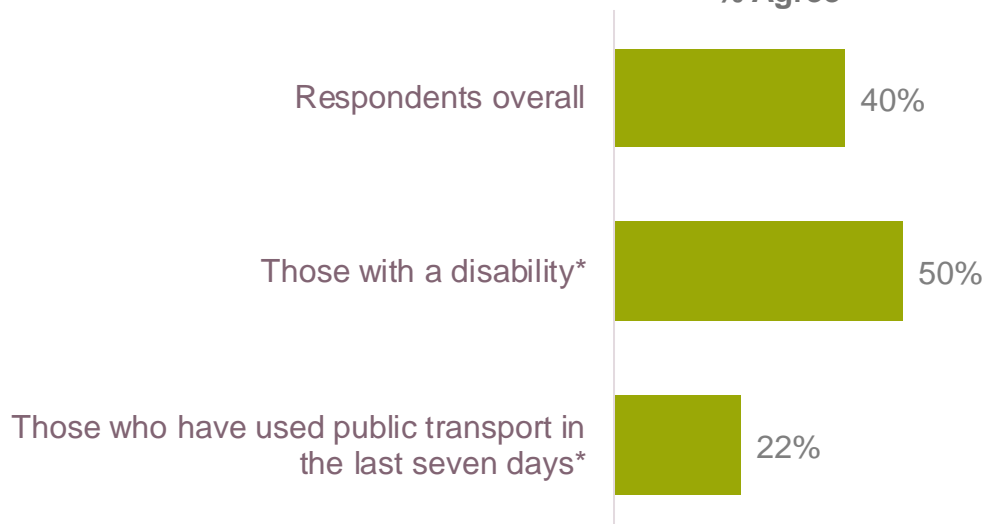
Base: W64 1,825

% Agree



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 ■ Neither / nor
 ■ Tend to disagree
 ■ Strongly disagree

% Agree



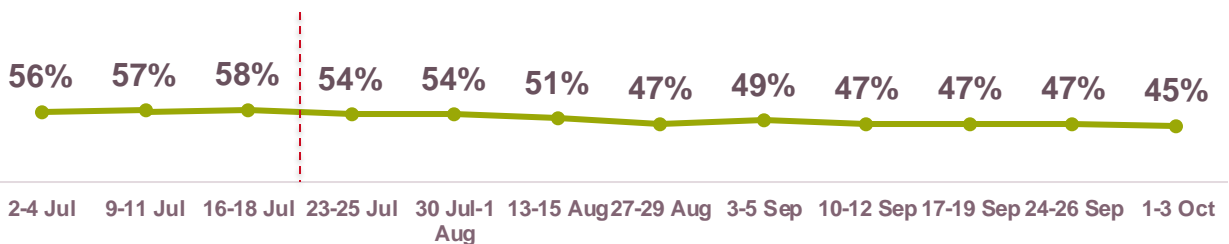
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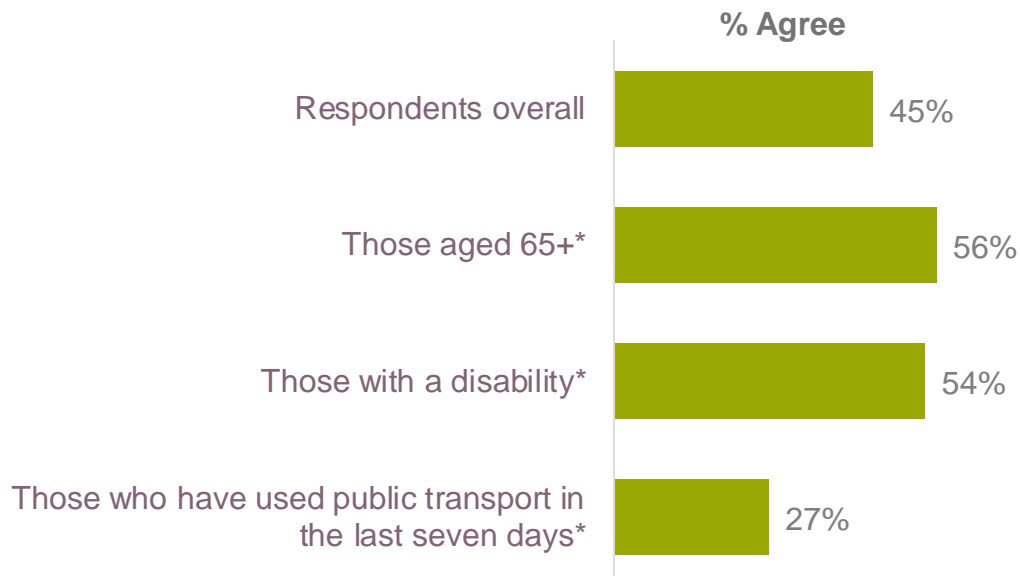
Less than half say that they won't use public transport unless passengers are required to wear face coverings

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

Base: W64 1,836



■ Strongly agree
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 ■ Neither / nor
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 ■ Strongly disagree



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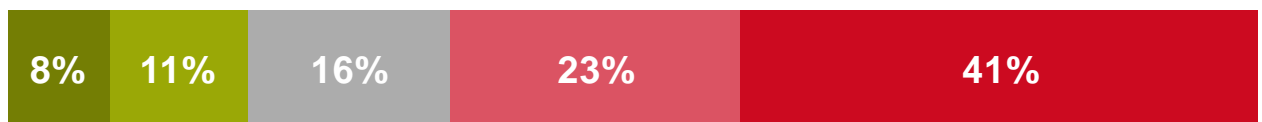
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Legal requirement to wear a face covering on public transport in England dropped on the 19th July

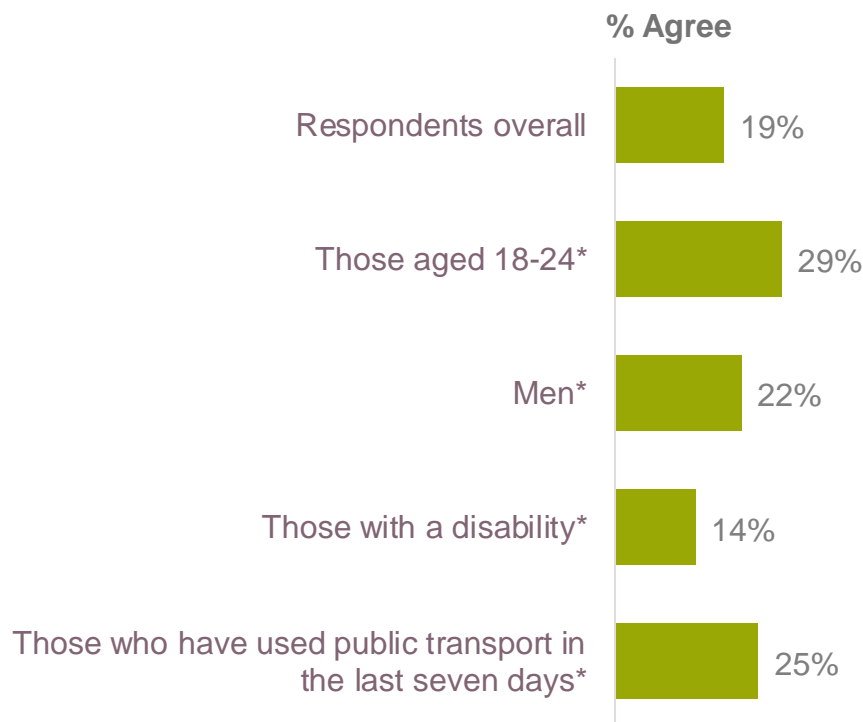
One in five say that they would feel comfortable sitting next to someone is not wearing a face covering on a busy train or bus. 64 per cent take the opposite view

I would feel comfortable sitting next to someone who is not wearing a face covering on a busy train or bus

Base: W64 1,905



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



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Half say that they would feel comfortable sitting next to someone on a busy train or bus who is wearing a face covering

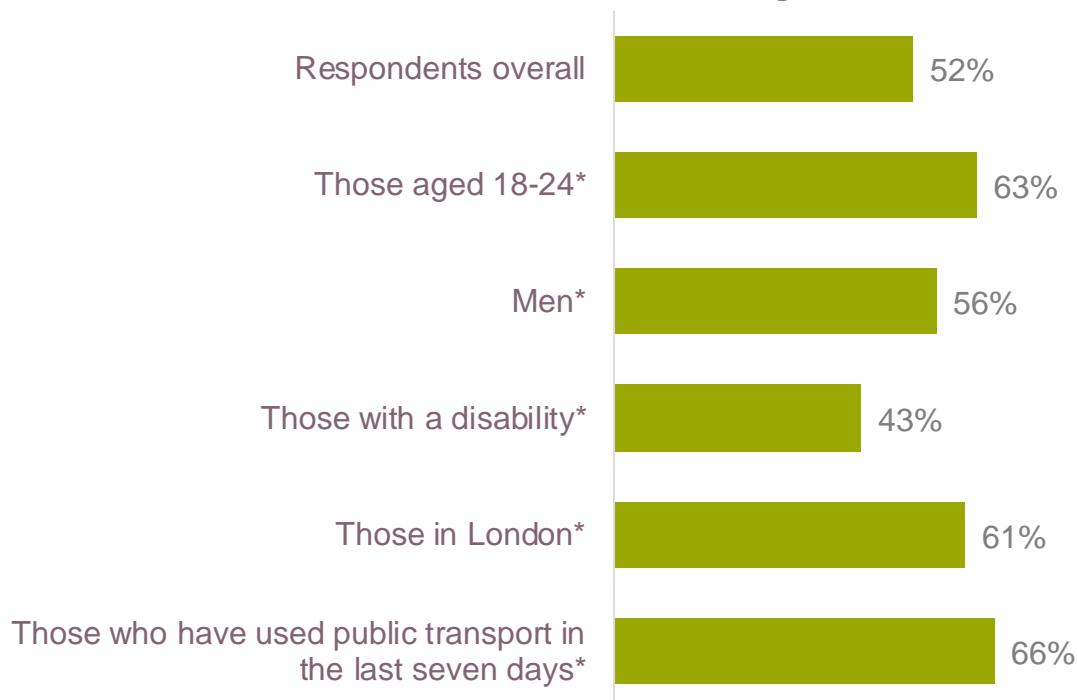
I would feel comfortable sitting next to someone who is wearing a face covering on a busy train or bus

Base: W64 1,891



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% Agree



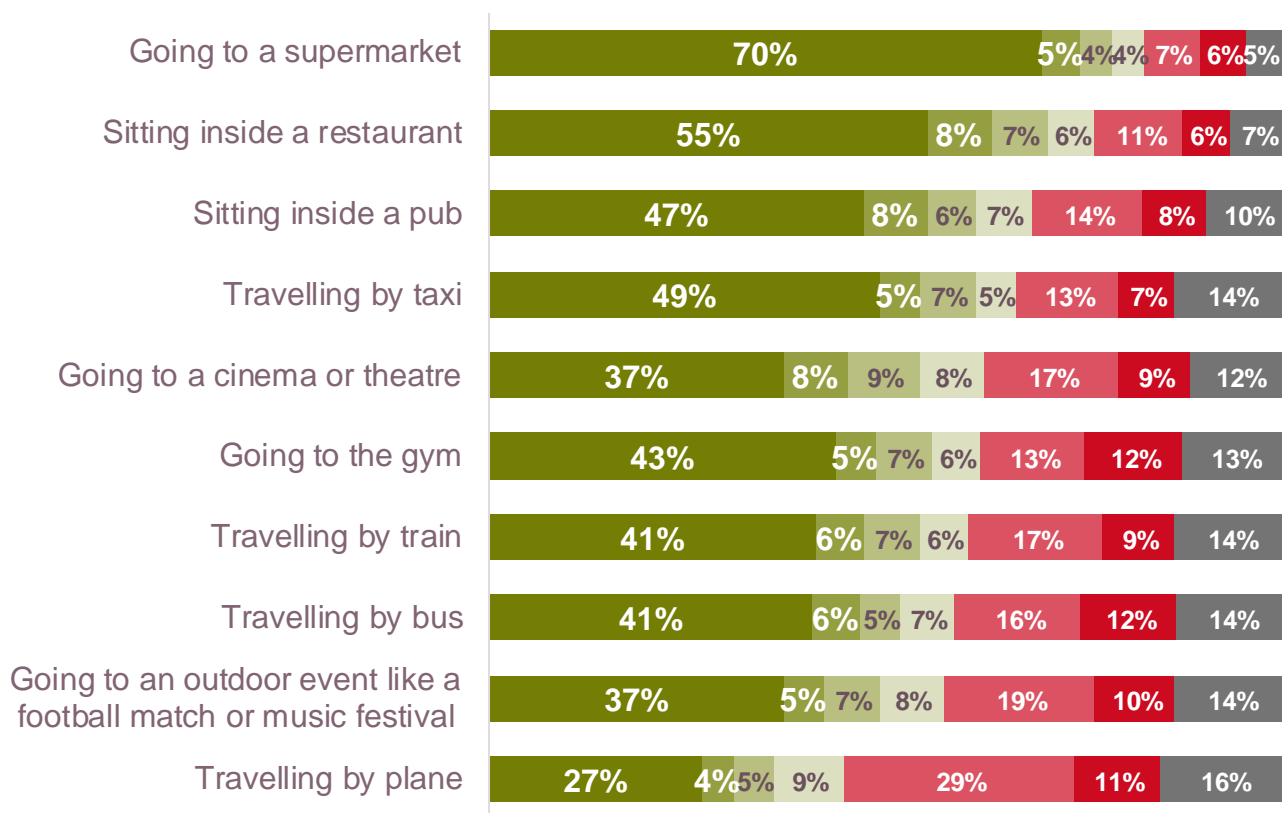
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Two in five currently feel as comfortable using buses and trains now as they did before the pandemic, while a further one in five or more expect to feel as comfortable doing so within the next 6 months

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

Base: W64 ranges from 974 (gym) to 1,982 (supermarket) as excludes not applicable

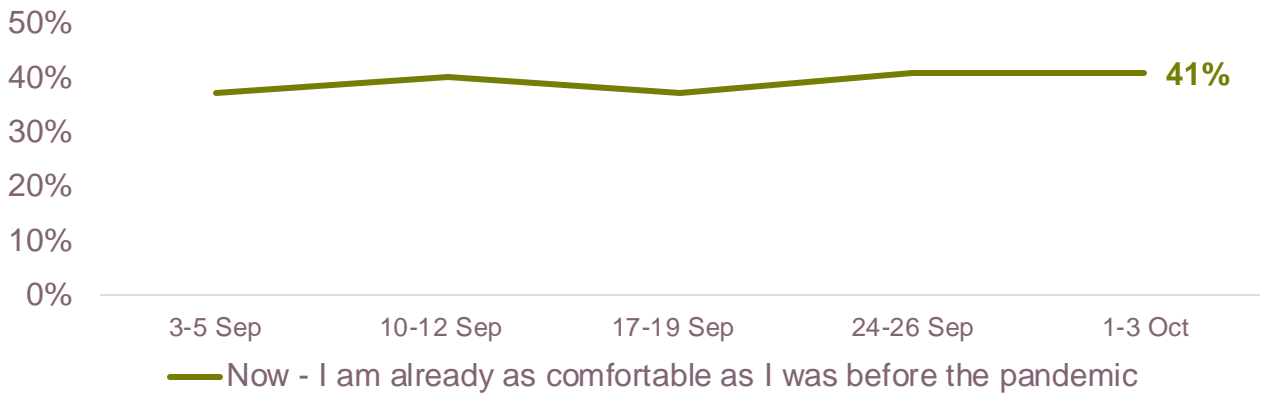


- Now - I am already as comfortable as I was before the pandemic
- In the next month
- In the next 2-3 months
- In the next 3-6 months
- More than 6 months
- Never
- I don't know

Two in five say that they currently feel as comfortable using a bus or a train as they did before the pandemic

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

Base: W64 Overall – 1,791



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

Base: W64 Overall – 1,808



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

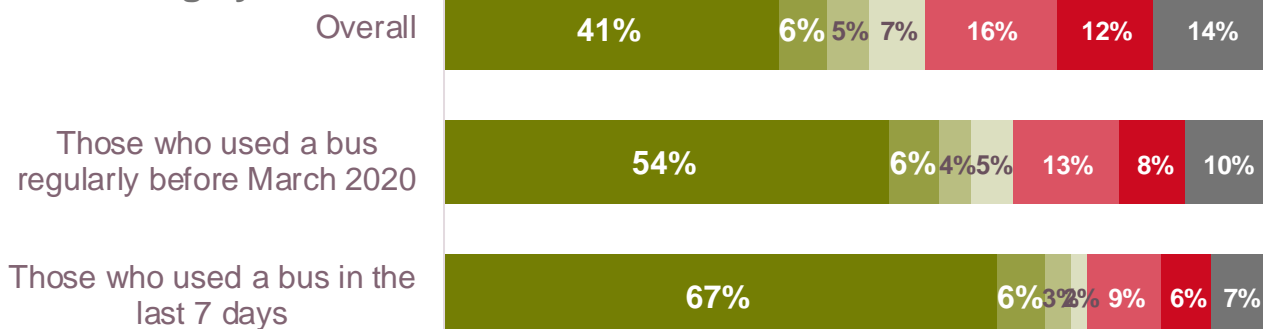
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Base: W64 Overall – 1,791 / 1,808

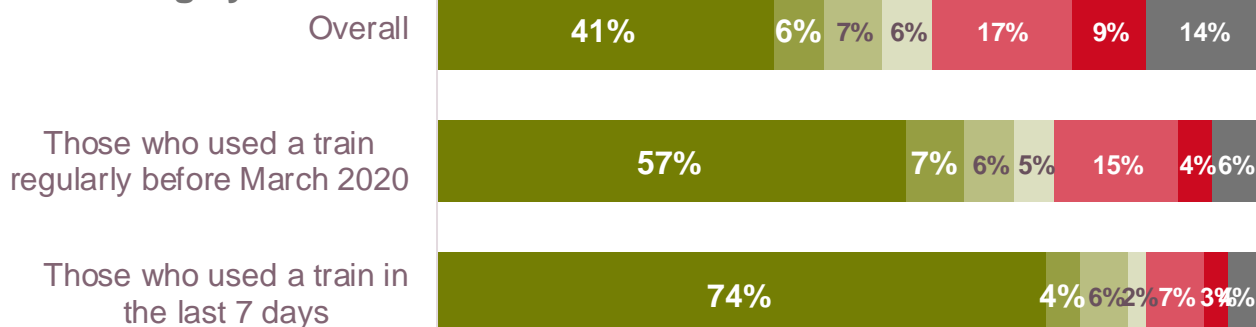
Previous bus / train users (726 / 496)

Those who have used a bus / train in the last 7 days (383 / 206)

Travelling by bus



Travelling by train



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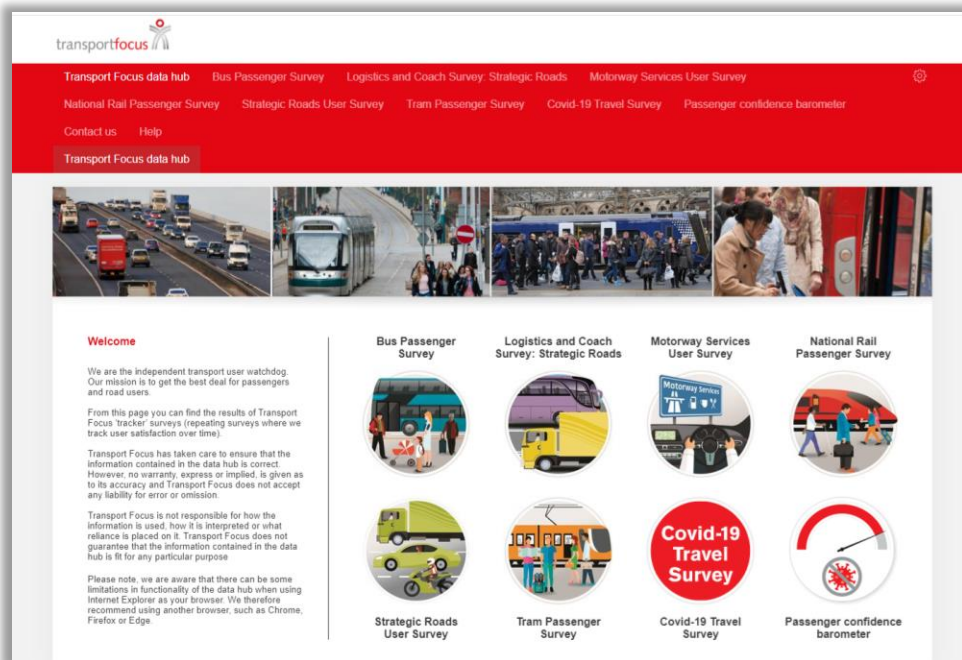
Transport Focus Data Hub

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 64

- 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 64 fieldwork: 1-3 October
- 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 64	2,012	209	334	340	359	326	444	987	1,025

Sample size by region

	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
Wave 64	167	85	208	156	193	163	96	180	316	281	167