

Introduction

Since September 2021, the Rail User Survey has asked passengers in Great Britain about travelling by rail and how satisfied they were overall with their most recent train journey and with aspects such as value for money, punctuality and cleanliness.

This report shows the results for the 15 train companies where we have a sufficient sample size over seven successive 12-wave periods from October 2021 to August 2023. This data is also used to produce the four-weekly <u>reports</u> we publish showing how satisfied passengers in Great Britain were with their most recent train journey at an overall level.

Further details on how we carried out this survey are available on page 25.







Overall satisfaction by 12-wave periods

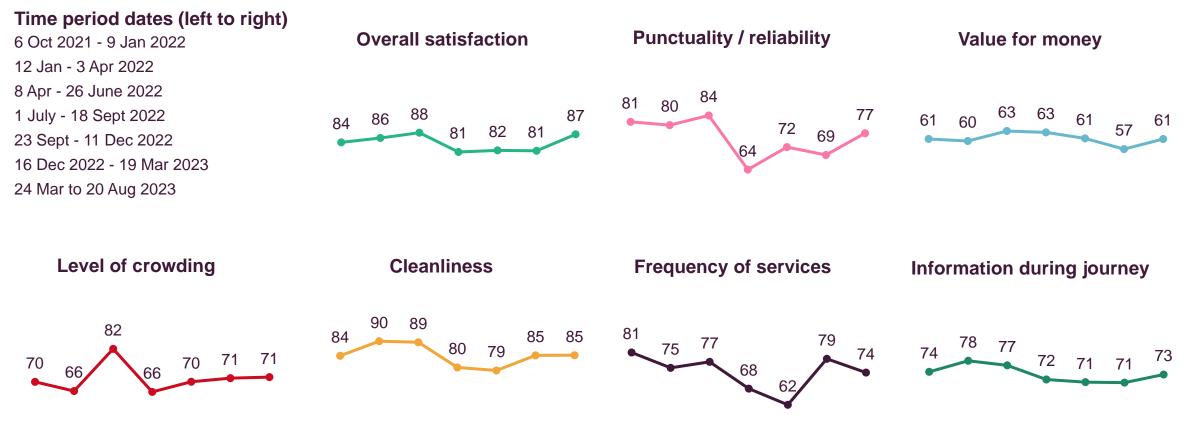
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Sample sizes: Avanti West Coast 153, 171, 100, 124, 111, 105, 133; East Midlands Railway 161, 143, 120, 121, 116, 106, 114; Great Western Railway 327, 286, 187, 214, 243, 259, 265; Greater Anglia 244, 238, 147, 136, 135, 142, 173; London North Eastern Railway 257, 170, 126, 144, 117, 121, 152; London Overground 214, 189, 120, 133, 118, 94, 147; Northern 379, 341, 219, 250, 256, 259, 289; ScotRail 330, 286, 163, 200, 191, 190, 224; South Western Railway 435, 409, 211, 285, 254, 220, 270; Southeastern 417, 392, 228, 245, 203, 191, 223; Southern 318, 328, 183, 174, 177, 170, 192; TfL Rail 224, 259, 169, 157, 143, 125, 76; Thameslink 219, 218, 117, 139, 141, 142, 149; Transport for Wales 103, 113, 77, 89, 69, 83, 81; West Midlands Railway 155, 161, 83, 89, 107, 103, 122.



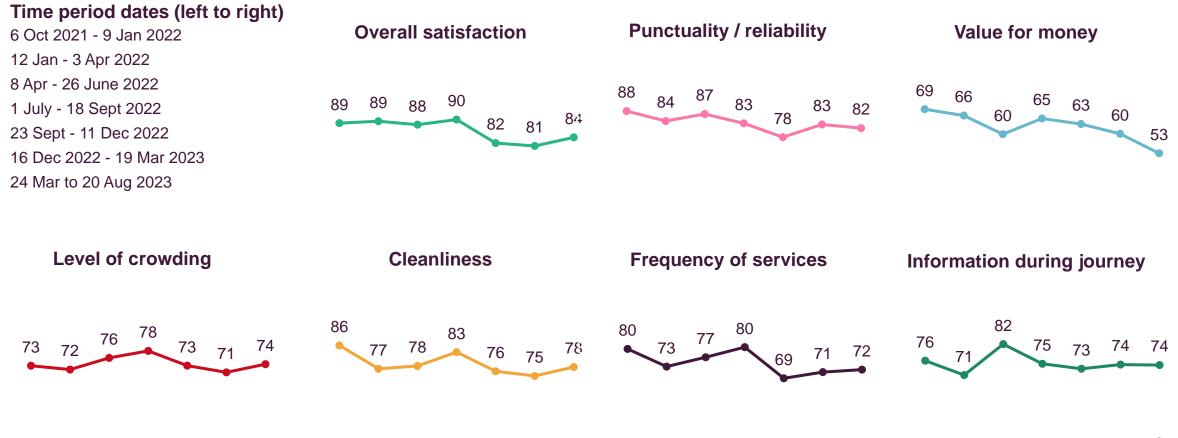
Avanti West Coast Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



Sample sizes: overall satisfaction; 153, 171, 100, 111, 124, 105, and 133; punctuality/reliability; 153, 171, 100, 111, 123, 105, and 132; value for money; 152, 167, 99, 108, 123, 104, and 129; level of crowding; 152, 169, 100, 110, 123, 104, and 132; cleanliness; 153, 170, 100, 111, 124, 105, and 132; frequency of services; 152, 170, 99, 110, 122, 104, and 132; information during journey 149, 167, 100, 110, 121, 104, and 130.



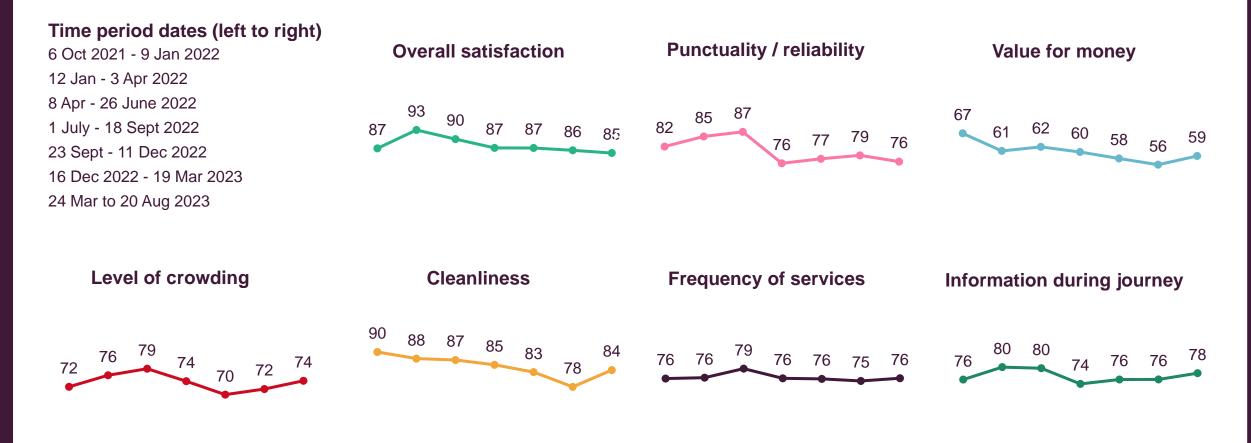
East Midlands Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



Sample sizes: overall satisfaction 161, 143, 120, 116, 121, 106, and 114; punctuality/reliability 161, 142, 120, 116, 121, 106, and 113; value for money 161, 142, 120, 116, 121, 106, and 113; level of crowding 161, 141, 120, 116, 121, 105, and 113; cleanliness 161, 142, 120, 115, 121, 106, and 113; frequency of services 160, 141, 117, 115, 120, 106, and 111; information during journey 158, 139, 115, 108, 119, 105, and 110.

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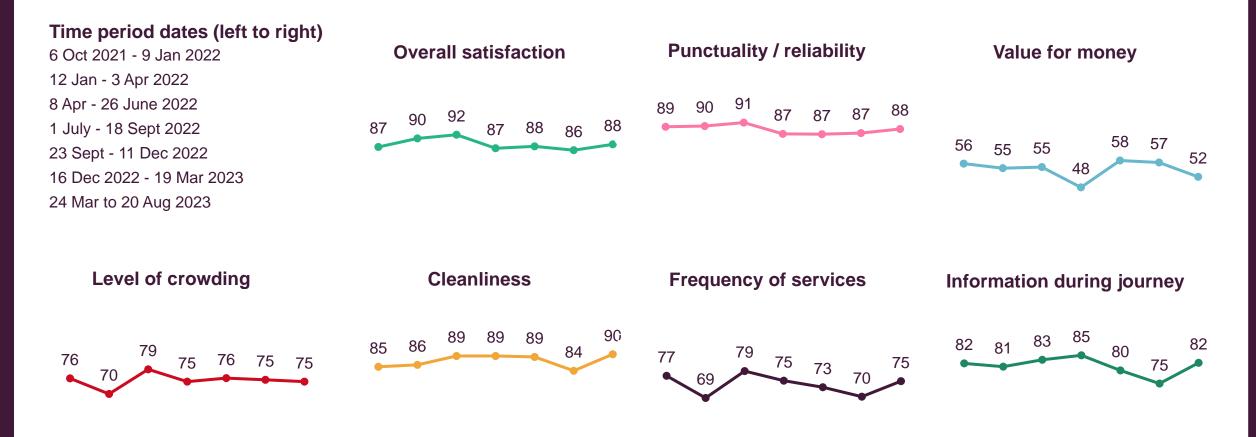
Great Western Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



Sample sizes: overall satisfaction 327, 286, 187, 243, 214, 259, and 265; punctuality/reliability 325, 286, 187, 243, 214, 258, and 265; value for money 325, 283, 186, 240, 213, 259, and 262; level of crowding 325, 286, 187, 241, 214, 259, and 263; cleanliness 327, 285, 186, 243, 214, 258, and 265; frequency of services 323, 285, 187, 243, 212, 256, and 263; information during journey 315, 274, 180, 232, 200, 250, and 258.

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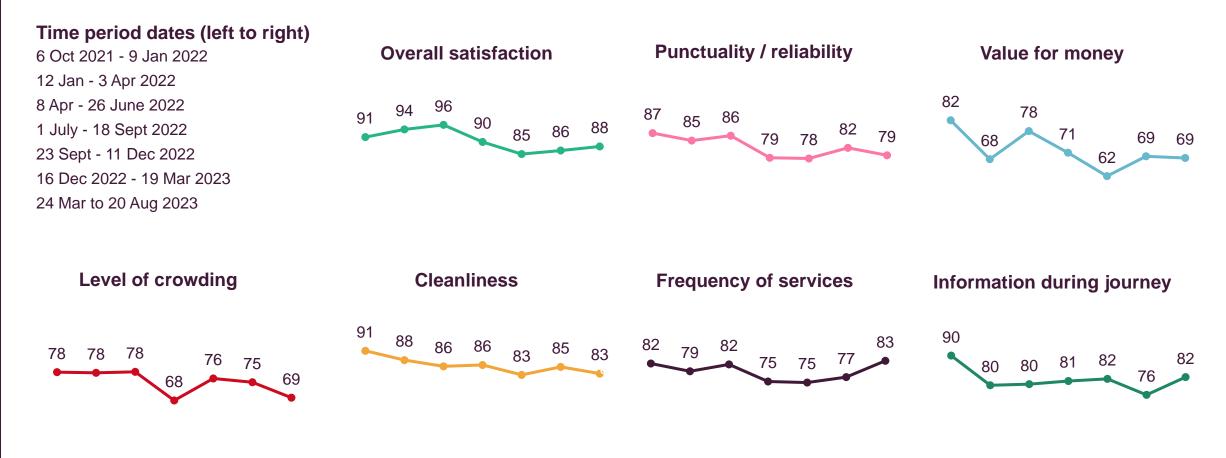
Greater Anglia Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



Sample sizes: overall satisfaction 244, 238, 147, 135, 136, 142, and 173; punctuality/reliability 244, 238, 147, 134, 136, 142, and 173; value for money 231, 232, 142, 133, 134, 140, and 169; level of crowding 244, 238, 147, 134, 135, 142, and 173; cleanliness 244, 237, 147, 134, 136, 142, and 173; frequency of services 241, 237, 145, 134, 134, 141, and 173; information during journey 240, 232, 141, 133, 131, 138, and 169.



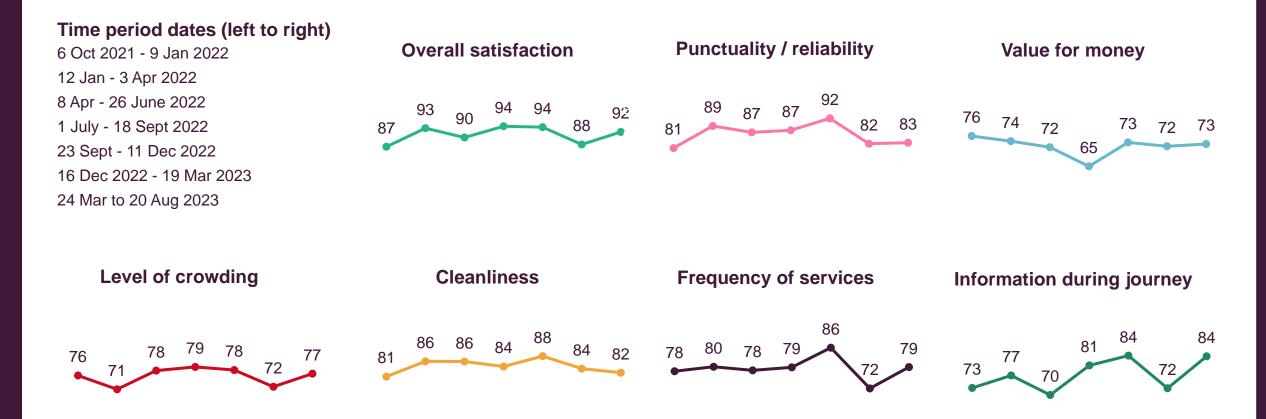
London North Eastern Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



Sample sizes: overall satisfaction 257, 170, 126, 117, 144, 121, and 152; punctuality/reliability 256, 170, 126, 117, 144, 121, and 152; value for money 253, 166, 124, 117, 142, 120, and 148; level of crowding 255, 170, 126, 117, 144, 121, and 152; cleanliness 255, 170, 126, 117, 144, 121, and 152; frequency of services 253, 166, 121, 117, 144, 119, and 152; information during journey 247, 168, 125, 115, 142, 121, and 148.



London Overground Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

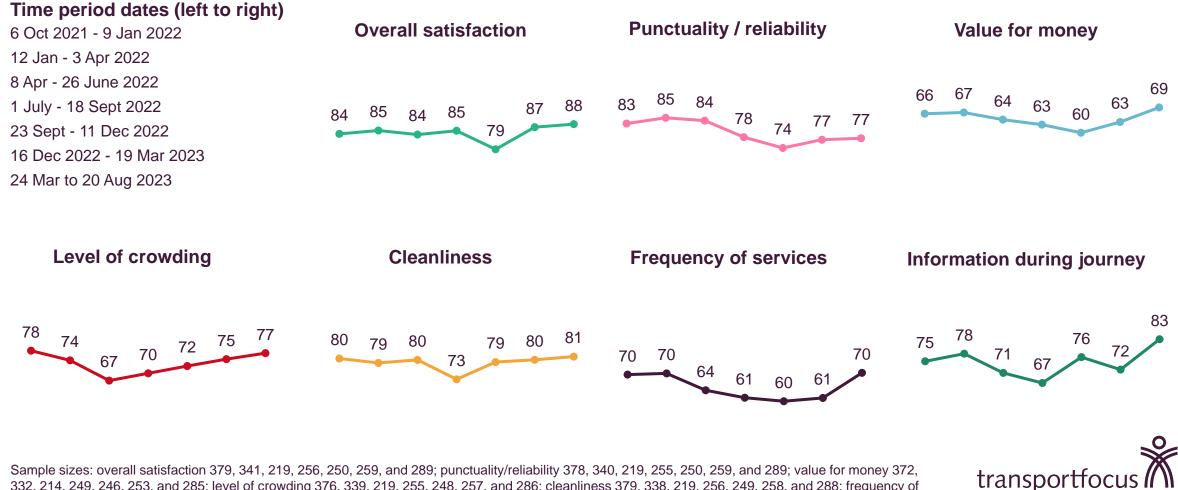


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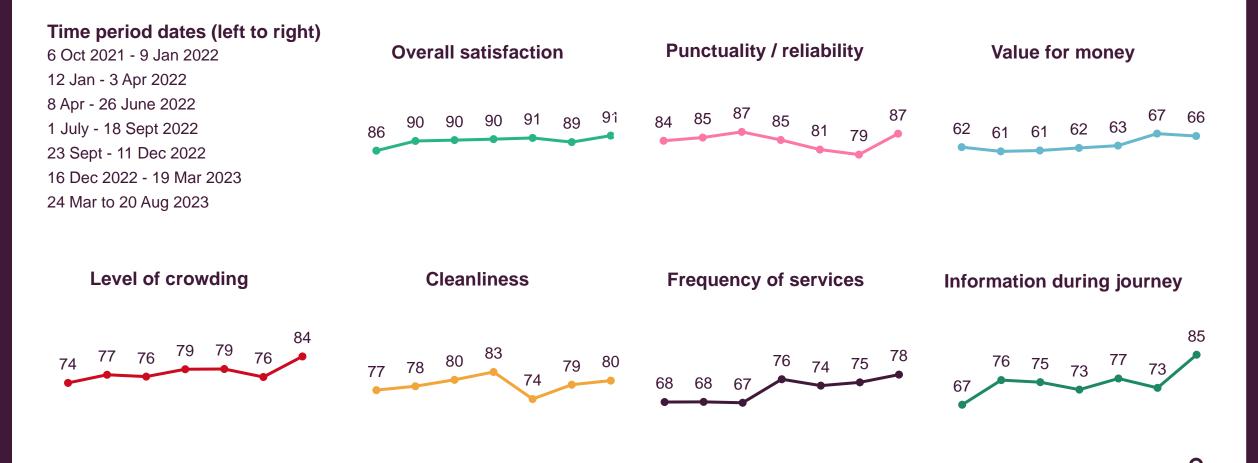
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Northern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



332, 214, 249, 246, 253, and 285; level of crowding 376, 339, 219, 255, 248, 257, and 286; cleanliness 379, 338, 219, 256, 249, 258, and 288; frequency of services 376, 339, 217, 252, 248, 256, and 288; information during journey 368, 330, 211, 242, 236, 246, and 275.

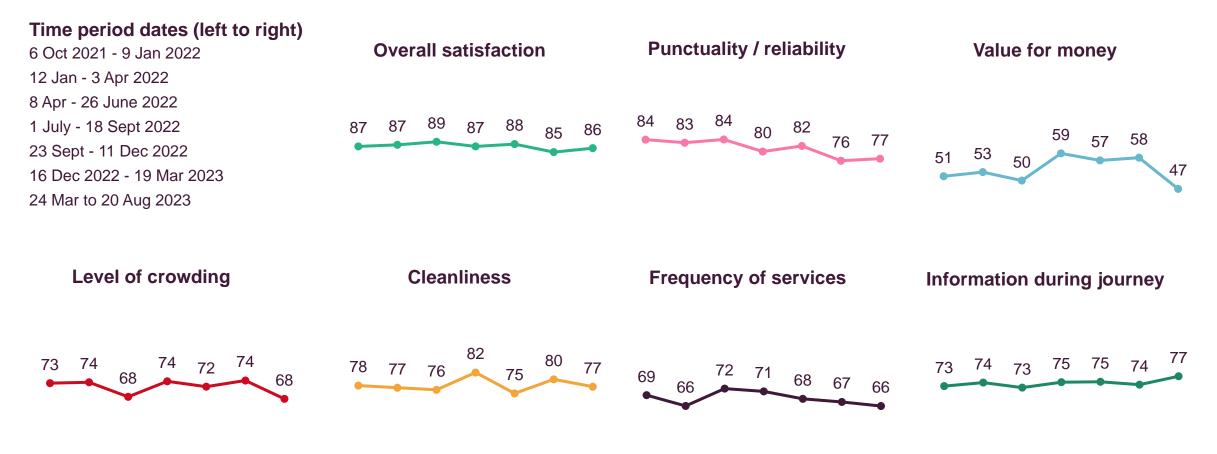
ScotRail Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



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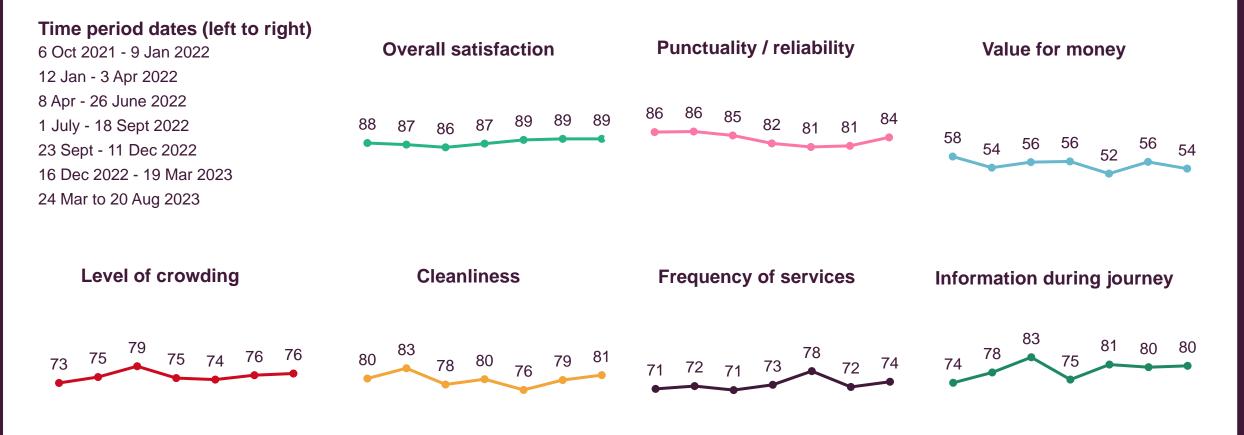
South Western Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



Sample sizes: overall satisfaction 435, 409, 211, 254, 285, 220, and 270; punctuality/reliability 435, 408, 211, 254, 284, 220, and 270; value for money 407, 396, 197, 240, 273, 214, and 259; level of crowding 433, 406, 210, 253, 283, 220, and 267; cleanliness 434, 408, 211, 254, 283, 220, and 269; frequency of services 432, 408, 211, 253, 283, 220, and 269; information during journey 423, 392, 202, 242, 268, 210, and 264.



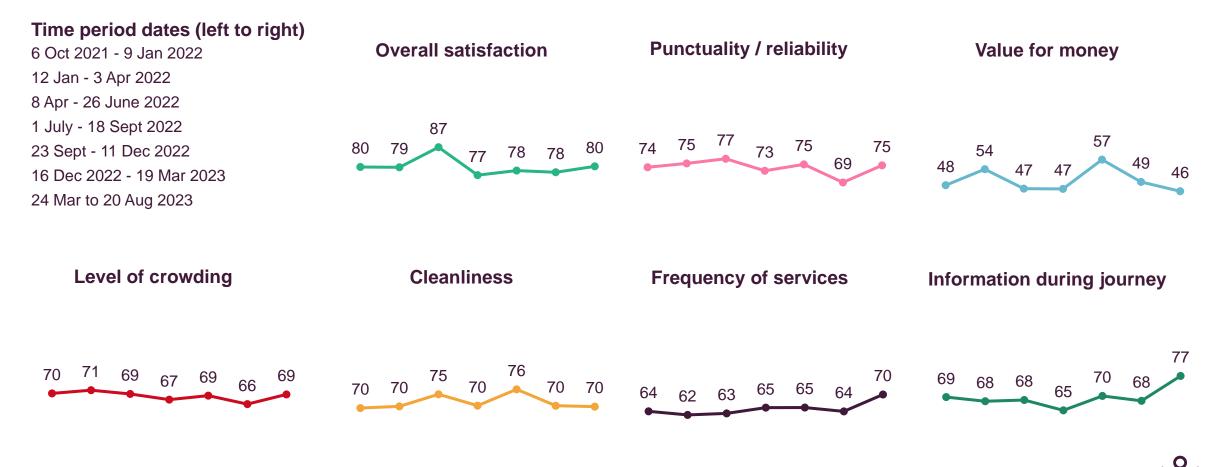
Southeastern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



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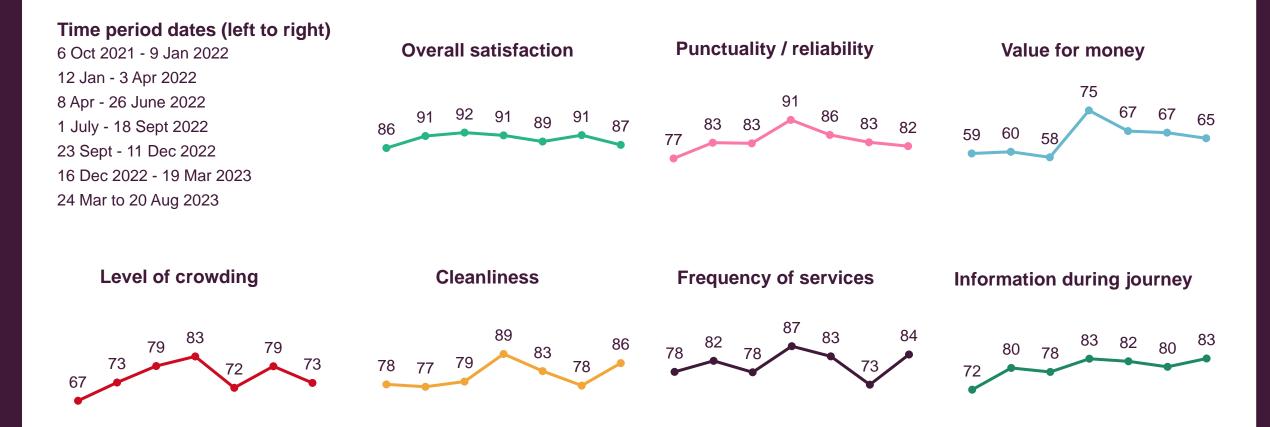
Southern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



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TfL Rail/Elizabeth line Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

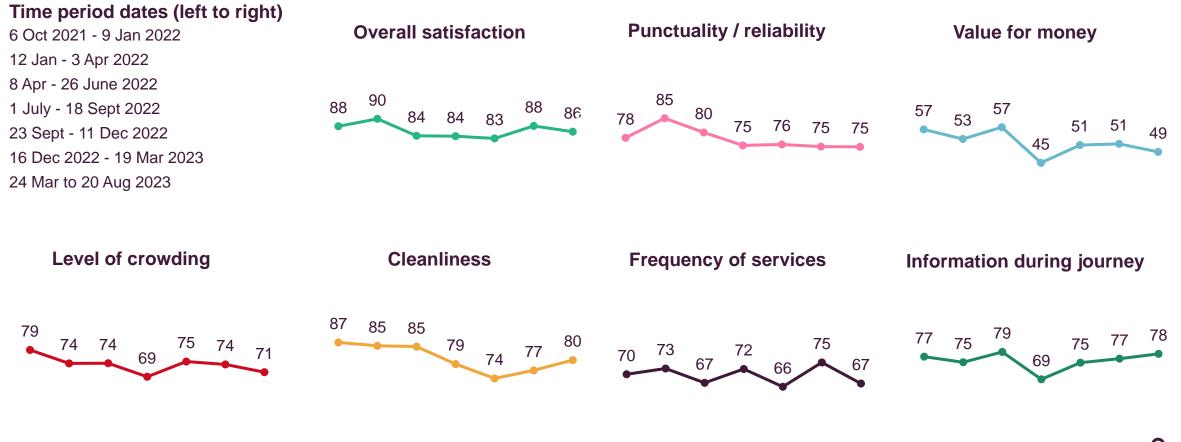


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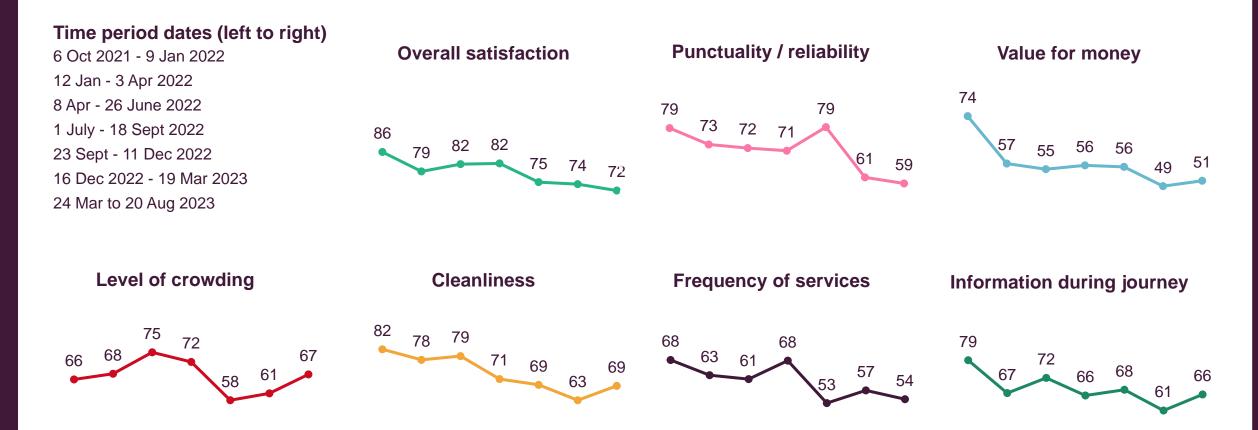
Thameslink Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods



Base sizes: overall satisfaction 219, 218, 117, 141, 139, 142, and 149; punctuality/reliability 219, 218, 117, 141, 139, 142, and 148; value for money 213, 212, 110, 134, 128, 136, and 144; level of crowding 218, 217, 117, 140, 137, 141, and 148; cleanliness 219, 218, 117, 141, 136, 141, and 149; frequency of services 218, 218, 117, 141, 139, 140, and 149; information during journey 210, 209, 115, 134, 126, 133, and 145.



Transport for Wales Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

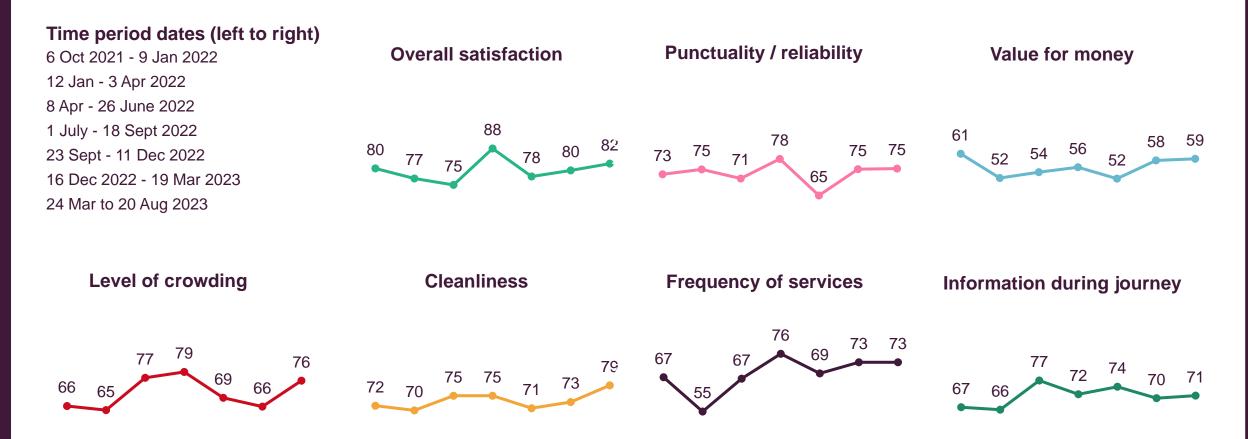


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West Midlands Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods*



Sample sizes: overall satisfaction 155, 161, 83, 107, 89, 103, and 122; punctuality/reliability 155, 161, 83, 107, 89, 103, and 122; value for money 153, 160, 79, 105, 87, 101, and 120; level of crowding 155, 160, 83, 107, 88, 103, and 122; cleanliness 153, 161, 83, 107, 89, 103, and 122; frequency of services 155, 161, 83, 107, 89, 103, and 122; information during journey 149, 148, 78, 102, 84, 97, and 115.

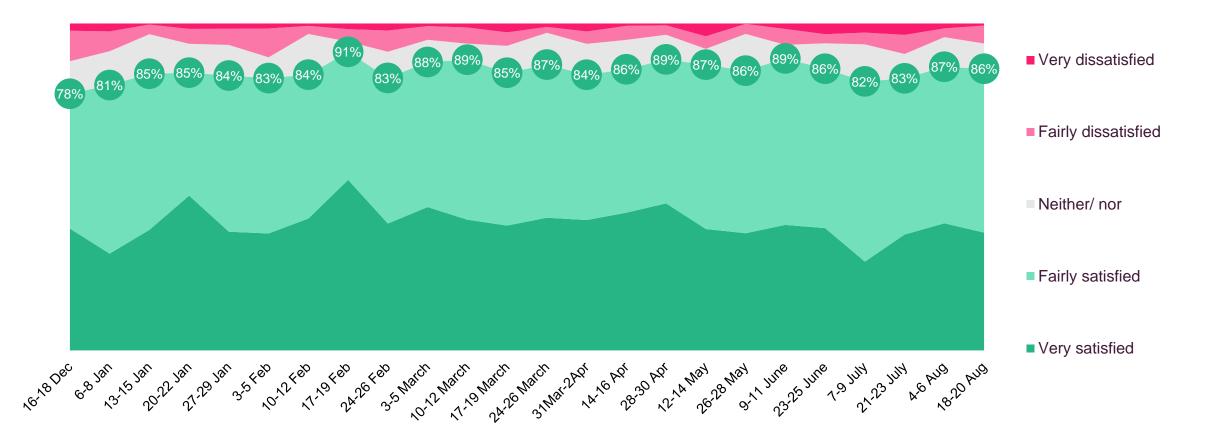


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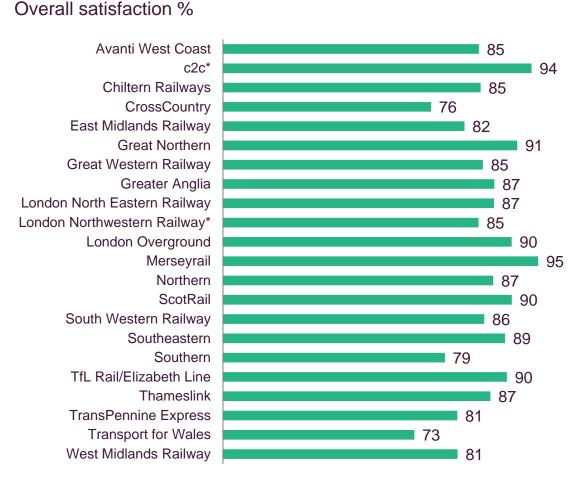
Overall satisfaction across all train operators (December 2022 to August 2023)



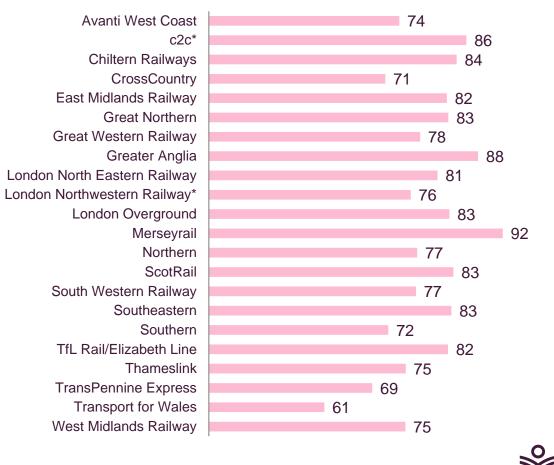
Satisfaction questions are based on the most recent train journey made within seven days of being surveyed. Sample size: ranges between 149 and 341 for the survey waves shown.



Overall journey satisfaction and punctuality/reliability (Dec 2022 to Aug 2023)



Satisfaction with punctuality/reliability %

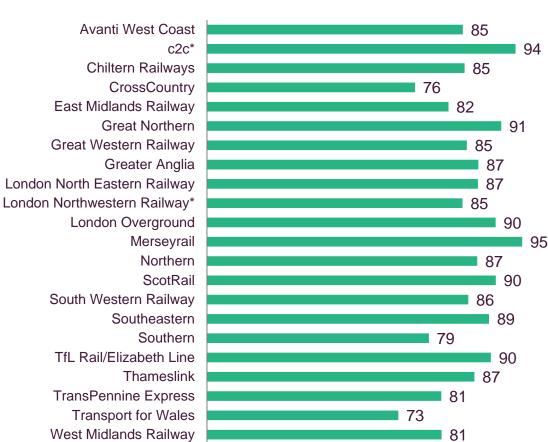


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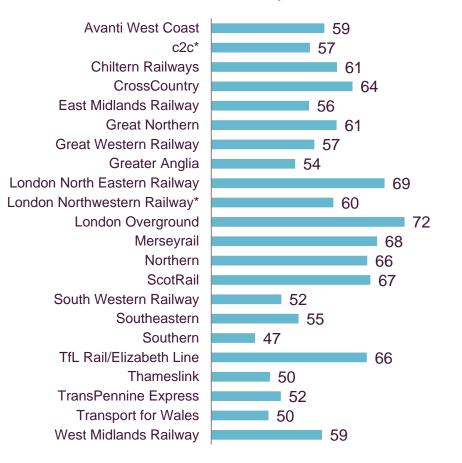
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Overall journey satisfaction and value for money (Dec 2022 to Aug 2023)



Overall satisfaction %

Satisfaction with value for money %



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Methodology

Transport Focus's Rail User Survey is run within Yonder Consulting's omnibus. In total approximately 2000 people per omnibus are screened to identify those who have made a rail journey in the last seven days and the purpose of the journey (excluding London Underground). Users then answer questions about satisfaction with their journey. Over the period of data in this report, the survey ran weekly up to March 2023 and every other week since April 2023. The omnibus is weighted to be nationally representative of the population of Great Britain. The analysis of satisfaction questions excludes those who say that the question is not applicable. The questions asked are on the next slide.

The omnibus survey asks questions about a variety of matters from a range of client organisations. Not all those interviewed through Yonder Consulting's omnibus are users of public transport. Numbers may not add up to 100 per cent, due to rounding.



Appendix 1: questionnaire wording

(Questions included in this report in bold)

Q Thinking about this most recent journey you made by train, how satisfied or dissatisfied were you with?

- a. This train journey overall
- b. The information on how busy the train would be before travelling
- c. The cleanliness of the inside of the train
- d. Helpfulness and attitude of staff
- e. Overall satisfaction with the station
- f. Punctuality/reliability (i.e. the train departing / arriving on time)
- g. Frequency of the trains on that route
- h. Length of time the journey was scheduled to take

- i. Level of crowding on the train
- j. The behaviour of other passengers
- k. Provision of information during the journey
- I. Comfort of the seats
- m. Value for money of your ticket
- n. Reliability of the internet connection
- o. Overall satisfaction with the train
- p. Your personal security during your journey

Answer options: Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied, Fairly dissatisfied, Very dissatisfied, Not applicable, except for 'This train journey overall' which does not have 'not applicable'



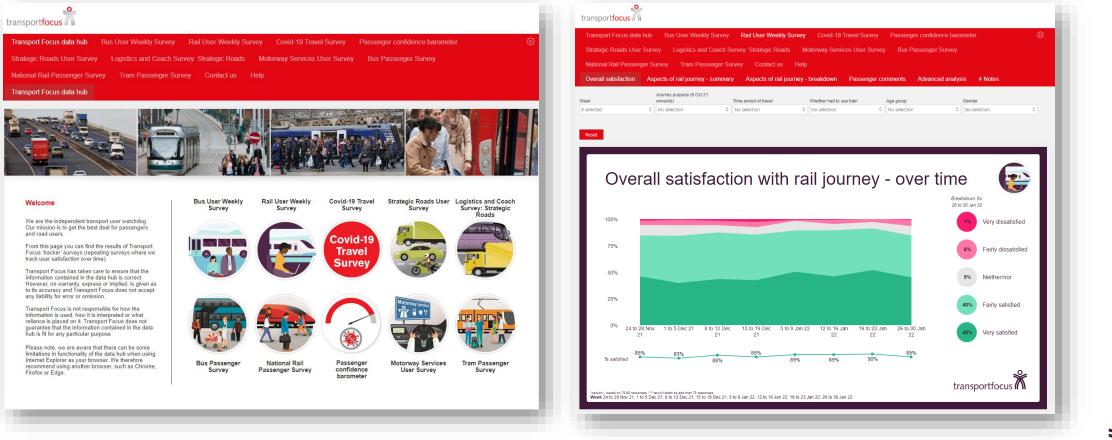
Appendix 2: base sizes for 24-wave period: December 2022 to August 2023 (pages 22 and 23)

| Train operating company sample sizes | Overall satisfaction | Punctuality | Value for money |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Avanti West Coast | 238 | 237 | 233 |
| c2c | 86 | 86 | 84 |
| Chiltern Railways | 105 | 104 | 101 |
| CrossCountry | 136 | 136 | 133 |
| East Midlands Railway | 220 | 219 | 219 |
| Great Northern | 168 | 168 | 159 |
| Great Western Railway | 524 | 523 | 521 |
| Greater Anglia | 315 | 315 | 309 |
| London North Eastern Railway | 273 | 273 | 268 |
| London Northwestern Railway | 100 | 100 | 98 |
| London Overground | 241 | 241 | 228 |
| Merseyrail | 125 | 124 | 104 |
| Northern | 548 | 548 | 538 |
| ScotRail | 414 | 413 | 413 |
| South Western Railway | 490 | 490 | 473 |
| Southeastern | 414 | 414 | 374 |
| Southern | 362 | 360 | 335 |
| TfL Rail/Elizabeth Line | 201 | 198 | 177 |
| Thameslink | 291 | 290 | 280 |
| TransPennine Express | 126 | 126 | 126 |
| Transport for Wales | 164 | 163 | 159 |
| West Midlands Railway | 225 | 225 | 221 |



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