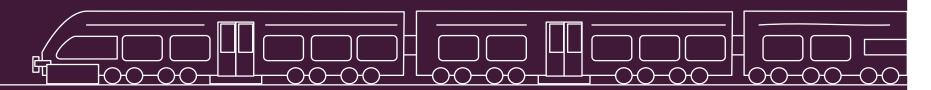


Introduction



Our Rail User Survey regularly asks a representative sample of 2000 people across Great Britain about their public transport use. Those who used rail in the last seven days are asked about their overall satisfaction with their most recent rail journey and with aspects such as value for money, punctuality and cleanliness.

This report shows:

 The results for the main 22 train companies on overall satisfaction and satisfaction with six key aspects of the journey. The results are for 24 waves of the survey (16 February to 15 September 2024). Trends in overall satisfaction and satisfaction with the same six key aspects for 15 train companies with sufficient response numbers. These trends are shown for consecutive 12 waves of the survey.

Our Rail User Survey is also used to produce the <u>reports</u> we publish every four weeks showing how satisfied passengers in Great Britain were with their most recent train journey.

Further details about the methodology and the sample sizes for each train operating company are at the end of the report.







Summary of satisfaction by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 16 February to 15 September 2024

| | Overall satisfaction | Punctuality / reliability | Frequency of trains on route | Level of crowding | Cleanliness | Information during journey | Value for money |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Avanti West Coast | 83 | 70 | 74 | 68 | 78 | 76 | 57 |
| c2c | 94 | 80 | 71 | 78 | 76 | 83 | 48 |
| Chiltern Railways | 89 | 87 | 77 | 81 | 82 | 84 | 63 |
| CrossCountry | 73 | 67 | 66 | 49 | 69 | 68 | 46 |
| East Midlands Railway | 87 | 78 | 73 | 70 | 77 | 82 | 55 |
| Great Northern | 90 | 77 | 66 | 77 | 85 | 84 | 60 |
| Great Western Railway | 84 | 77 | 76 | 71 | 83 | 81 | 55 |
| Greater Anglia | 89 | 86 | 77 | 77 | 89 | 83 | 60 |
| London North Eastern Railway | 88 | 78 | 80 | 65 | 83 | 77 | 61 |
| London Northwestern Railway | 87 | 79 | 79 | 81 | 84 | 81 | 64 |
| London Overground | 89 | 83 | 81 | 75 | 85 | 81 | 71 |
| Merseyrail | 94 | 88 | 88 | 84 | 87 | 91 | 74 |
| Northern | 85 | 71 | 69 | 73 | 78 | 79 | 60 |
| ScotRail | 90 | 82 | 71 | 73 | 79 | 78 | 63 |
| South Western Railway | 87 | 78 | 74 | 71 | 75 | 80 | 51 |
| Southeastern | 88 | 82 | 74 | 69 | 79 | 80 | 46 |
| Southern | 83 | 75 | 69 | 73 | 72 | 78 | 50 |
| TfL Rail/Elizabeth Line | 90 | 86 | 85 | 68 | 85 | 86 | 69 |
| Thameslink | 82 | 69 | 71 | 69 | 76 | 80 | 46 |
| TransPennine Express | 84 | 77 | 75 | 71 | 82 | 78 | 62 |
| Transport for Wales | 85 | 73 | 66 | 67 | 75 | 78 | 57 |
| West Midlands Railway | 81 | 72 | 71 | 70 | 70 | 79 | 54 |

Score relatively high compared with other TOCS

Score relatively average compared with other TOCS

Score relatively low compared with other TOCS



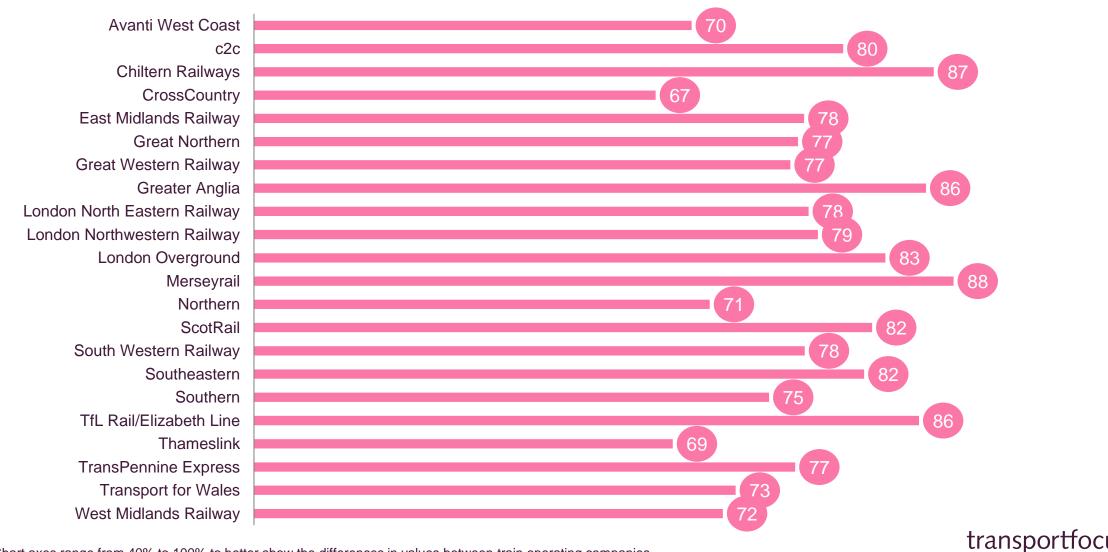
Overall journey satisfaction by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 16 February to 15 September 2024



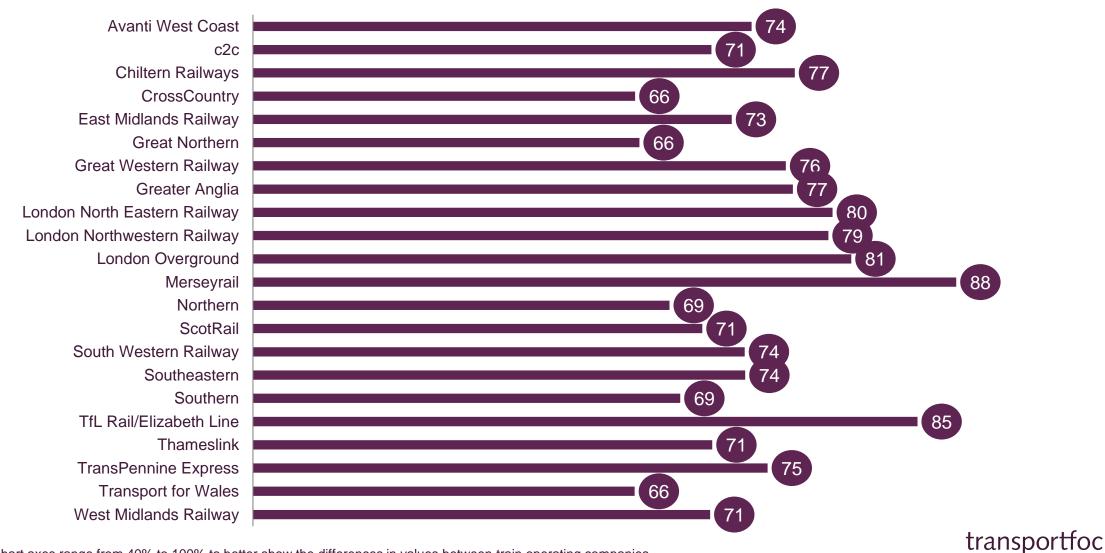
Satisfaction with punctuality/reliability by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 16 February to 15 September 2024



Satisfaction with frequency of trains on route by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 16 February to 15 September 2024



Satisfaction with level of crowding by train company

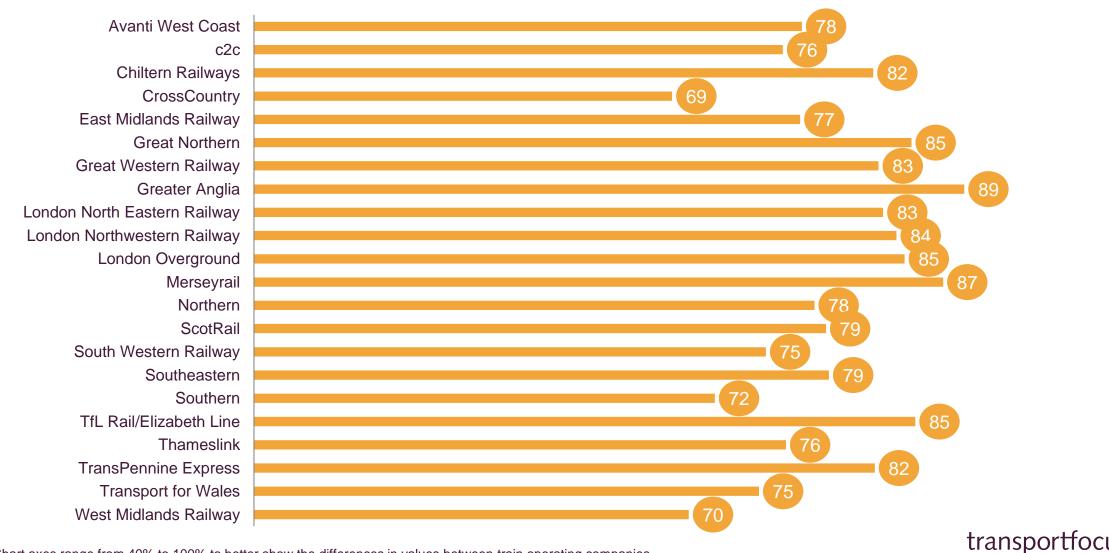
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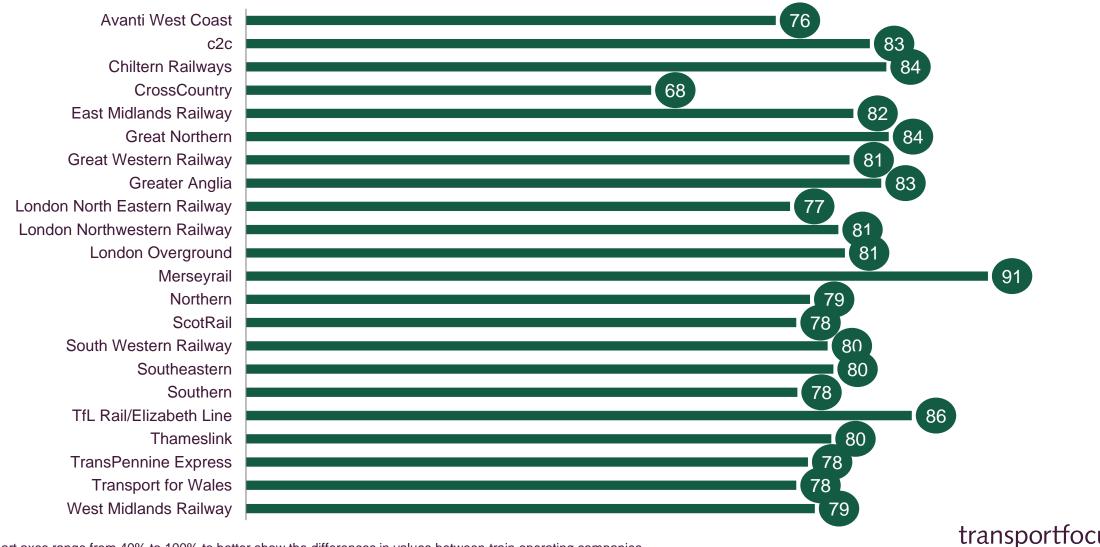
Satisfaction with cleanliness by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 16 February to 15 September 2024



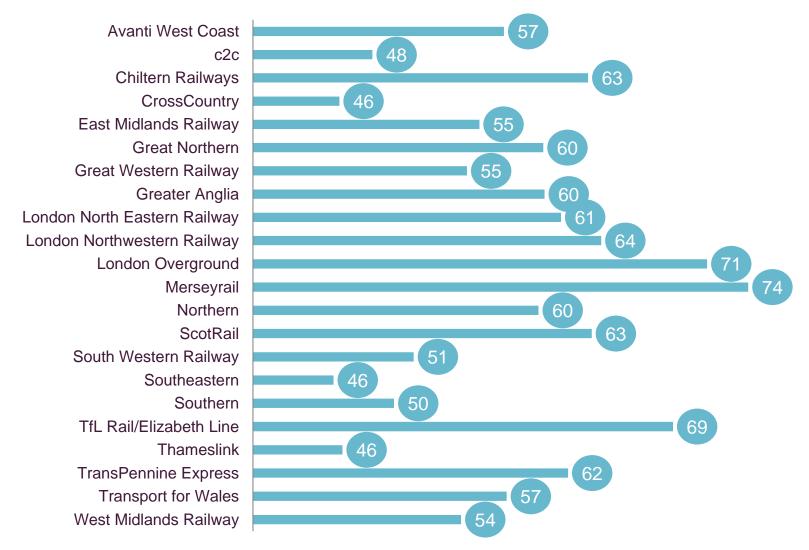
Satisfaction with information during the journey by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 16 February to 15 September 2024



Satisfaction with value for money by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 16 February to 15 September 2024









Satisfaction over time by train company

Transport Focus's Rail User Survey has been running around two and a half years. This allows us to see the trends in passenger satisfaction over time.

The charts in this section show overall satisfaction and satisfaction with six journey aspects for 15 train companies where we have sufficient sample sizes (where generally more than 75 per data point) over eight distinct 12-survey-wave periods:

- 8 Apr 26 June 2022
- 1 July 18 Sept 2022
- 23 Sept -11 Dec 2022
- 16 Dec 2022 19 March 2023
- 26 Mar to 20 Aug 2023
- 1 Sept 2023 4 Feb 2024
- 16 Feb 23 June 2024
- 28 June 15 September 2024



Overall satisfaction by 12-wave periods

8 Apr-26 June 2022, 1 July-18 Sept 2022, 23 Sept-11 Dec 2022, 16 Dec 2022-19 Mar 2023, 26 Mar-20 Aug 2023, 1 Sept 2023-4 Feb 2024, 16 Feb -23 June 2024 and 28 June-15 Sept 2024

| Avanti West Coast | East Midlands Railway | Great Western Railway | Greater Anglia | |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 88 87 87 84 82 85 81 82 81 | 88 90 82 81 ⁸⁴ 83 ⁸⁸ 86 | ⁹⁰ 87 87 86 85 83 83 84 | 92 87 88 86 88 88 ⁹¹ 88 | |
| London Nth East Railway | London Overground | Northern | ScotRail | |
| 96 90 85 86 88 89 92 82 | 90 94 94 88 92 92 88 89 | 84 85 87 88 86 83 | 90 90 91 89 91 92 87 | |
| South Western Railway | Southeastern | Southern | TfL Rail/Elizabeth line | |
| | | | | |
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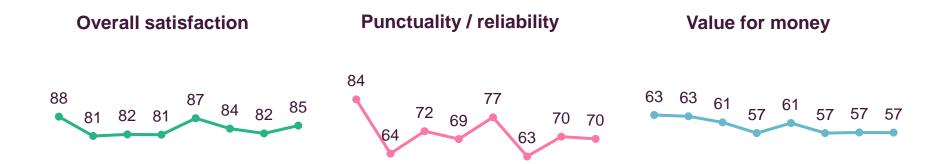
Sample sizes: Avanti West Coast 100, 124, 111, 105, 133, 178, 181, 175; East Midlands Railway 120, 121, 116, 106, 114, 127, 143, 126; Great Western Railway 187, 214, 243, 259, 265, 278, 275, 281; Greater Anglia 147, 136, 135, 142, 173, 151, 179, 198; London North Eastern Railway 126, 144, 117, 121, 152, 145, 129, 173; London Overground 120, 133, 118, 94, 147, 154, 149, 149; Northern 219, 250, 256, 259, 289, 306, 281, 307; ScotRail 163, 200, 191, 190, 224, 234, 249, 259; South Western Railway 211, 285, 254, 220, 270, 281, 304, 355; Southeastern 228, 245, 203, 191, 223, 246, 262, 256; Southern 183, 174, 177, 170, 192, 184, 192, 220; TfL Rail/Elizabeth Line 169, 157, 143, 125, 76, 96, 90, 84; Thameslink 117, 139, 141, 142, 149, 181, 169, 210; Transport for Wales 77, 89, 69, 83, 81, 95, 114, 106; West Midlands Railway 83, 89, 107, 103, 122, 132, 126, 115;

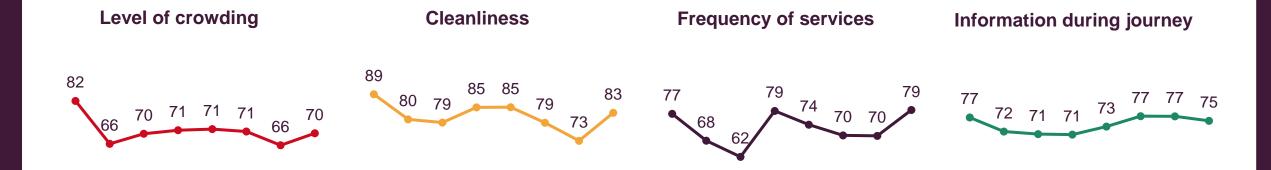


Avanti West Coast Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

Time period dates (left to right)

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East Midlands Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

Time period dates (left to right)

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Overall satisfaction



Punctuality / reliability



Value for money



Level of crowding



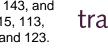
Cleanliness



Frequency of services





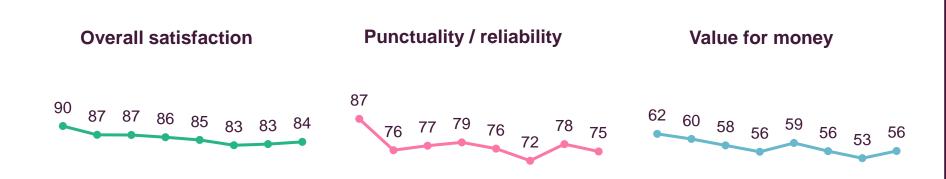


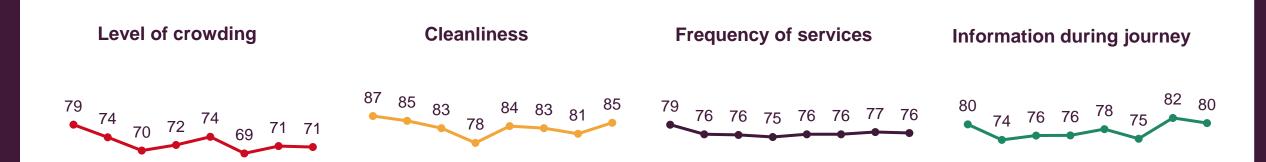


Great Western Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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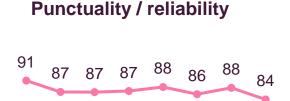


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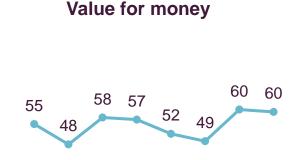
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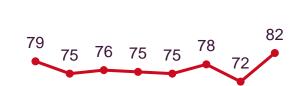
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Overall satisfaction 92 87 88 86 88 88 91 8



Frequency of services

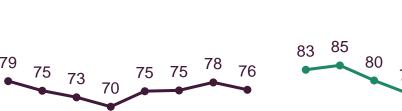




Level of crowding



Cleanliness







London North Eastern Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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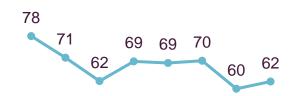
Overall satisfaction 96



Punctuality / reliability



Value for money



Level of crowding



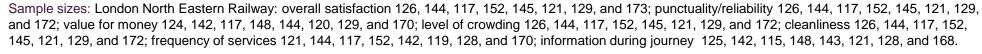
Cleanliness



Frequency of services









London Overground Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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Overall satisfaction



Punctuality / reliability



Value for money



Level of crowding



Cleanliness



Frequency of services







Northern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

Time period dates (left to right)

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Overall satisfaction 4 85 87 88 86 8



Punctuality / reliability



Value for money





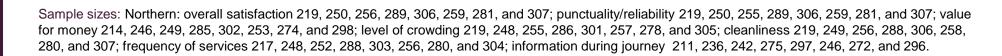
Cleanliness



Frequency of services







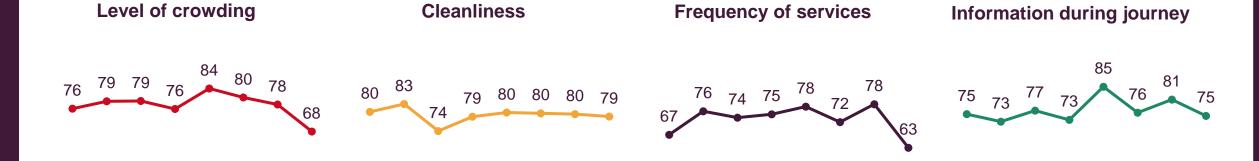


ScotRail Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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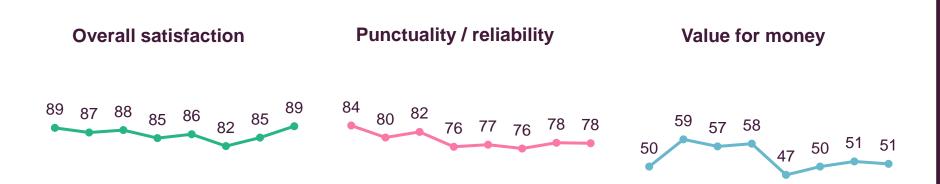


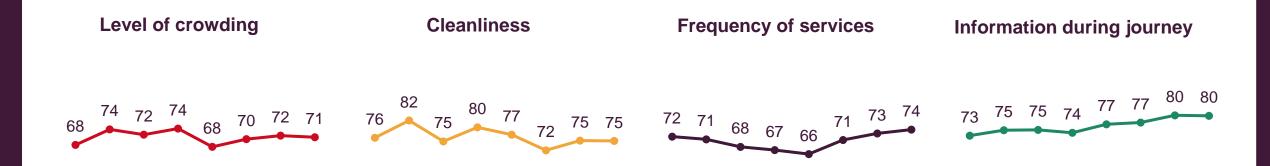


South Western Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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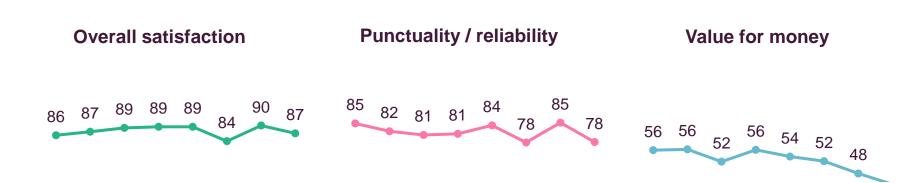


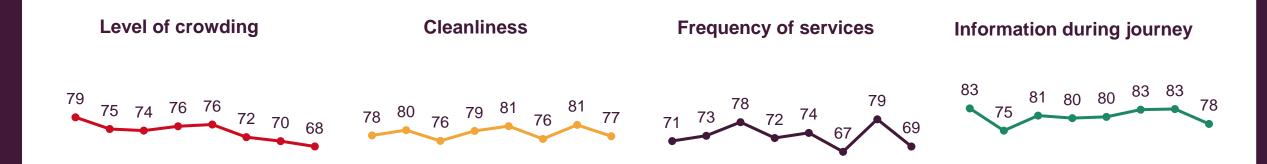


Southeastern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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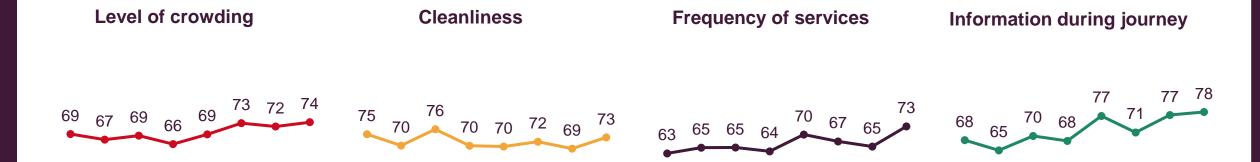


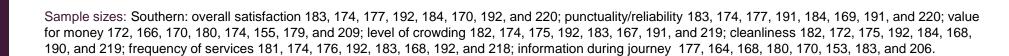
Southern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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Overall satisfaction Punctuality / reliability Value for money 87 77 78 78 80 80 82 83 77 73 75 75 72 73 77 49 46 48 46 52







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

Time period dates (left to right)

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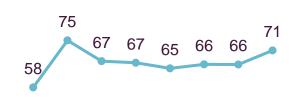
Overall satisfaction



Punctuality / reliability



Value for money



Level of crowding



Cleanliness



Frequency of services



Information during journey



Sample sizes: TfL Rail/Elizabeth Line: overall satisfaction 169, 157, 143, 76, 96, 125, 90, and 84; punctuality/reliability 168, 156, 142, 75, 96, 123, 90, and 84; value for money 153, 143, 133, 63, 79, 114, 82, and 78; level of crowding 168, 156, 143, 76, 96, 125, 89, and 84; cleanliness 168, 155, 143, 76, 96, 125, 90, and 84; frequency of services 166, 157, 143, 76, 96, 125, 90, and 84; information during journey 158, 149, 138, 75, 95, 116, 88, and 81.



^{*} Some base sizes are below 100, which would be the ideal minimum for analysis.

Thameslink Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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Overall satisfaction



Punctuality / reliability



Value for money



Level of crowding



Cleanliness



Frequency of services







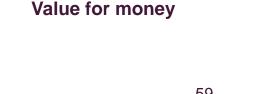
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Overall satisfaction 82 82 83 75 74 - 76





Level of crowding



Cleanliness



Frequency of services



Information during journey



Base sizes: Transport for Wales: overall satisfaction 77, 89, 69, 81, 95, 83, 114, and 106; punctuality/reliability 77, 89, 69, 81, 95, 82, 114, and 106; value for money 76, 86, 68, 79, 94, 80, 113, and 105; level of crowding 77, 87, 67, 81, 94, 81, 114, and 106; cleanliness 77, 89, 67, 80, 95, 82, 114, and 106; frequency of services 77, 89, 69, 81, 95, 82, 113, and 105; information during journey 70, 88, 63, 75, 91, 77, 112, and 101.

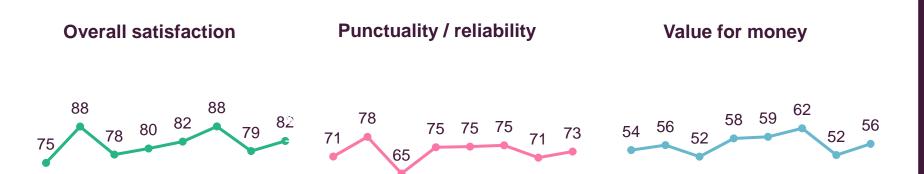


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West Midlands Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods*

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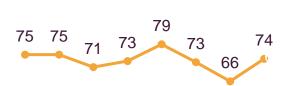
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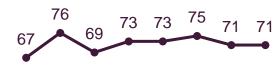
Level of crowding



Cleanliness



Frequency of services



Information during journey



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Methodology

Transport Focus's Rail User Survey is run within Yonder Consulting's omnibus. 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). Those that have then answer questions about satisfaction with their journey.

The survey has been run:

- weekly from 24 May 2024;
- every other week between 14 April 2023 and 12
 May 2024; and
- twice weekly between September 2021 and 2 April 2023.

Yonder Consulting's 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 that are asked are on the next slide.

Numbers may not add up to 100 per cent, due to rounding.



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
- 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'



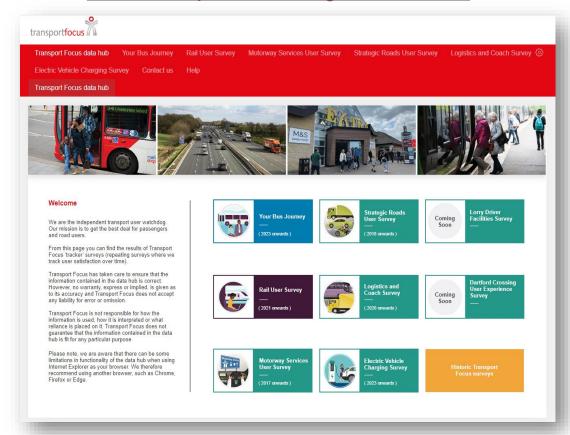
Base sizes for 24-wave period: 16 February to 16 September 2024

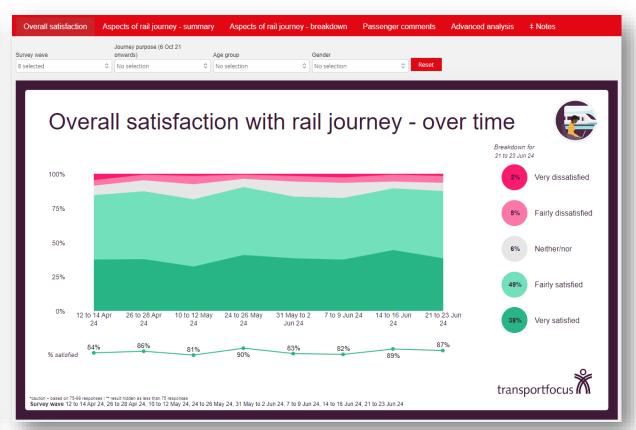
| Train operating company sample sizes | Overall satisfaction | Punctuality/ reliability | Frequency of services on that route | Level of crowding | Cleanliness inside the train | Information during the journey | Value for money |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Avanti West Coast | 356 | 354 | 355 | 355 | 356 | 351 | 353 |
| c2c | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 127 | 121 | 124 |
| Chiltern Railways | 118 | 118 | 117 | 118 | 118 | 114 | 114 |
| CrossCountry | 178 | 178 | 178 | 177 | 178 | 172 | 177 |
| East Midlands Railway | 269 | 269 | 269 | 269 | 268 | 264 | 269 |
| Great Northern | 176 | 176 | 176 | 174 | 175 | 171 | 165 |
| Great Western Railway | 556 | 555 | 551 | 553 | 555 | 544 | 553 |
| Greater Anglia | 377 | 377 | 377 | 377 | 377 | 368 | 375 |
| London North Eastern Railway | 302 | 301 | 298 | 301 | 301 | 296 | 299 |
| London Northwestern Railway | 121 | 121 | 121 | 121 | 121 | 116 | 120 |
| London Overground | 298 | 294 | 297 | 293 | 297 | 283 | 277 |
| Merseyrail | 161 | 161 | 161 | 160 | 161 | 156 | 149 |
| Northern | 588 | 588 | 584 | 583 | 587 | 568 | 572 |
| ScotRail | 508 | 508 | 506 | 500 | 508 | 480 | 507 |
| South Western Railway | 659 | 658 | 658 | 655 | 657 | 638 | 629 |
| Southeastern | 518 | 518 | 517 | 513 | 518 | 497 | 479 |
| Southern | 412 | 411 | 410 | 410 | 409 | 389 | 388 |
| TfL Rail | 174 | 174 | 174 | 173 | 174 | 169 | 160 |
| Thameslink | 379 | 378 | 376 | 379 | 378 | 363 | 360 |
| TransPennine Express | 185 | 185 | 184 | 183 | 185 | 177 | 184 |
| Transport for Wales | 220 | 220 | 218 | 220 | 220 | 213 | 218 |
| West Midlands Railway | 241 | 241 | 239 | 240 | 241 | 232 | 235 |



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