

### 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 (6 December to 25 May 2025).  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 6 December to 25 May 2025

	Overall satisfaction	Punctuality / Frequency of trains			Information during			
Maraayrail	93	reliability 89	on route 86	Level of crowding 81	Cleanliness	journey 88	Value for money	
Merseyrail					93		65	
TfL Rail/Elizabeth Line	92	82	83	69	86	86	73	
London North Eastern Railway	91	83	81	76	87	82	67	
London Overground	91	86	83	73	82	85	71	
ScotRail	91	87	77	82	80	80	61	
c2c	89	83	81	74	76	81	64	
Greater Anglia	89	86	74	76	83	83	50	
West Midlands Railway	87	78	71	69	77	80	55	
Southeastern	86	<del>  77</del>	70	68	75	78	46	
TransPennine Express	86	78	75	72	79	81	62	
Avanti West Coast	86	76	74	69	85	81	63	
Chiltern Railways*	86	<del> </del> 86	81	66	77	78	52	
London Northwestern Railway	86	78	68	66	77	78	54	
East Midlands Railway	86	81	75	65	76	79	58	
Great Northern	85	72	69	73	76	76	58	
Thameslink	84	72	76	71	77	80	44	
Great Western Railway	84	74	74	70	81	77	54	
South Western Railway	84	74	68	70	73	76	44	
Transport for Wales	84	71	60	70	79	80	50	
Northern	83	72	67	72	73	75	56	
Southern	80	74	64	69	70	75	41	
CrossCountry	75	73	62	48	66	70	47	

Score relatively high compared with other TOCS

Score relatively average compared with other TOCS

Score relatively low compared with other TOCS



<sup>\*</sup> Some base sizes are below 100, which would be the ideal minimum for analysis.

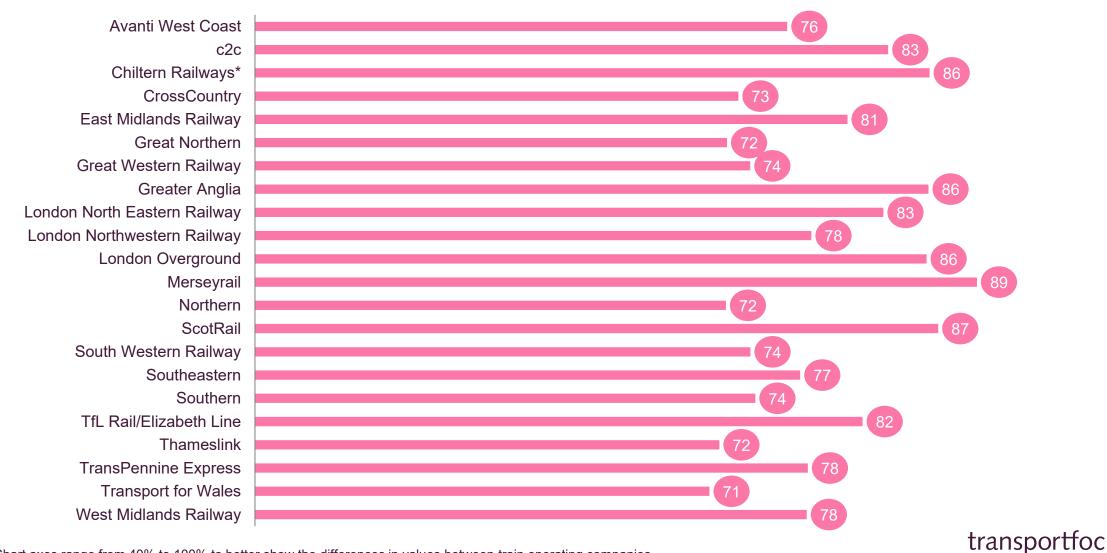
### Overall journey satisfaction by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 6 December to 25 May 2025



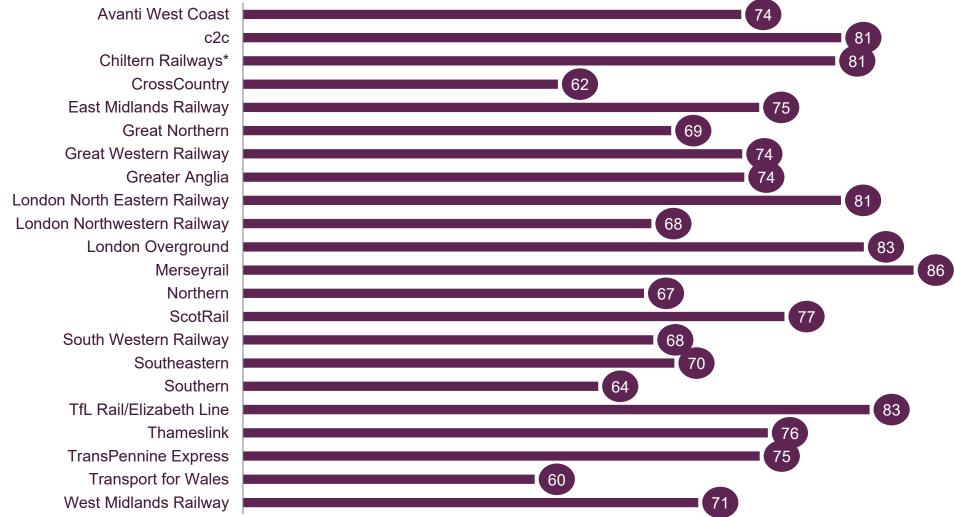
### Satisfaction with punctuality/reliability by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 6 December to 25 May 2025



### Satisfaction with frequency of trains on route by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 6 December to 25 May 2025





### Satisfaction with level of crowding by train company

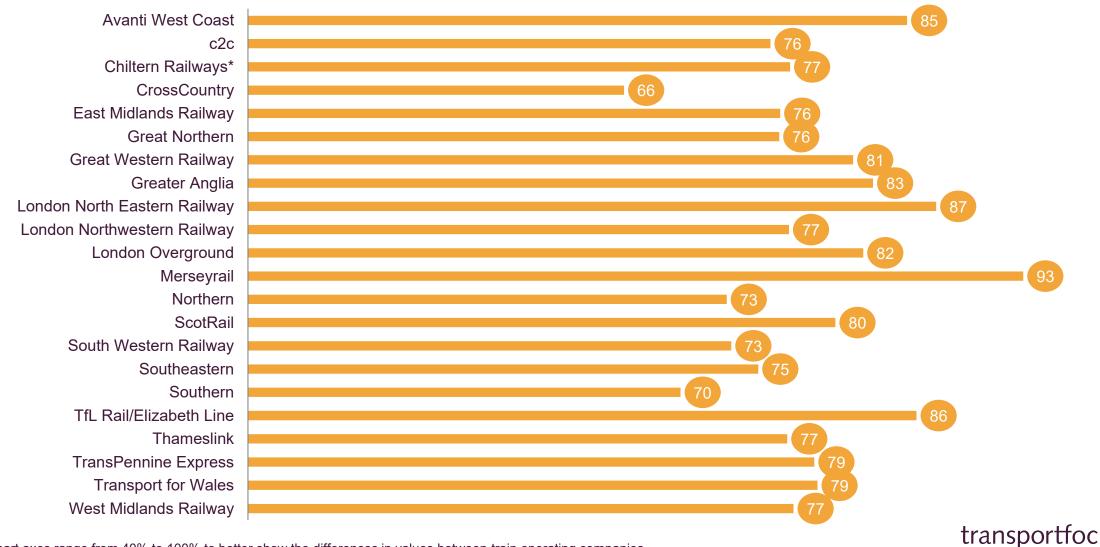
Over 24 survey waves from 6 December to 25 May 2025





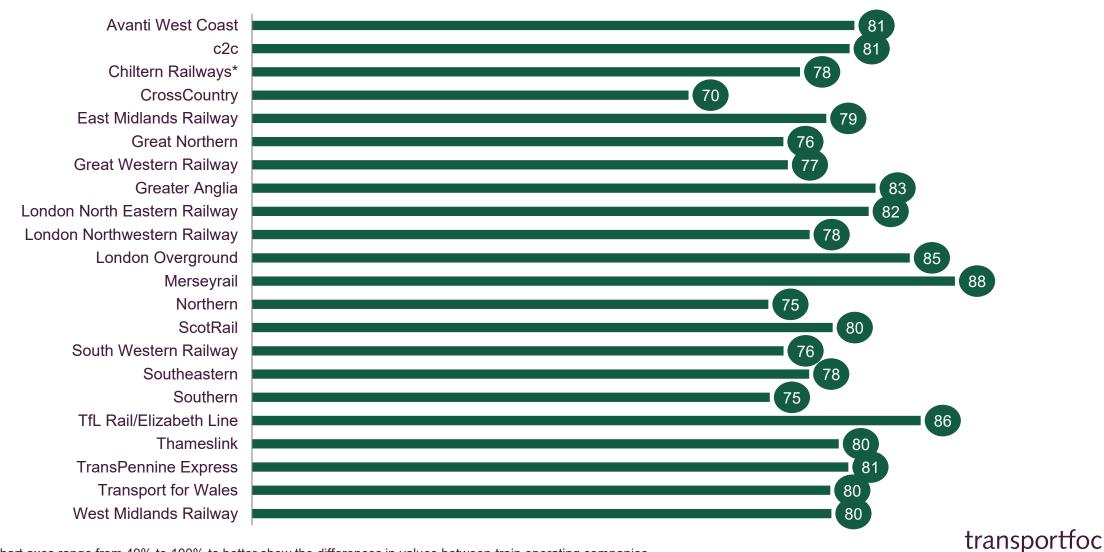
### Satisfaction with cleanliness by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 6 December to 25 May 2025



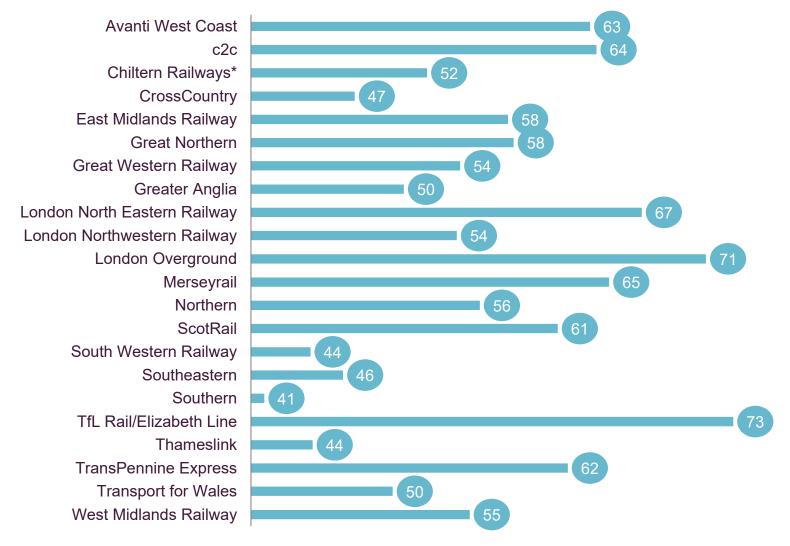
### Satisfaction with information during the journey by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 6 December to 25 May 2025



### Satisfaction with value for money by train company

Over 24 survey waves from 6 December to 25 May 2025









### 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:

- 16 December 2022 -19 March 2023
- 24 March 20 August 2023
- 1 September 2023 to 4 February 2024
- 16 February 23 June 2024
- 28 June 15 September 2024
- 20 September 8 December 2024
- 13 December 2024 9 March 2025
- 14 March 25 May 2025



### Overall satisfaction by 12-wave periods

16 Dec 2022 – 19 Mar 2023, 26 Mar – 20 Aug 2023, 1 Sep 2023 – 4 Feb 2024, 16 Feb – 23 Jun 2024, 28 Jun – 15 Sep 2024, 20 Sep – 8 Dec 2024, 13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025, 14 Mar – 25 May 2025

<b>Avanti West Coast</b>	Avanti West Coast East Midlands Railway		Greater Anglia		
87 84 82 85 85 84 89	81 84 83 88 86 86 84 87	86 85 83 83 84 84 <sup>86</sup> 83	86 88 88 <sup>91</sup> 88 <sup>90 92</sup> 85		
London Nth East Railway	London Overground	Northern	ScotRail		
86 88 89 92 94 92 90 82	88 92 92 88 89 88 89 93	87 88 86 83 81 86 76 81	89 91 92 87 88 92 89		
South Western Railway	Southeastern	Southern	TfL Rail/Elizabeth line		
85 86 82 85 89 84 85 78	89 89 84 90 87 86 84 89	78 80 80 82 83 83 <sub>79</sub> 81	91 87 86 89 88 95		
Thameslink	Transport for Wales	West Midlands Railway			
88 86 <sup>89</sup> 80 <sup>84</sup> 81 <sup>84</sup> 84	74 <sub>72</sub> <sup>76</sup> 83 88 81 82 85	80 82 88 82 82 86			

Sample sizes: Avanti West Coast 105, 133, 178, 181, 175, 211, 179, 186; East Midlands Railway 106, 114, 127, 143, 126, 135, 149, 139; Great Western Railway 259, 265, 278, 275, 281, 314, 278, 261; Greater Anglia 142, 173, 151, 179, 198, 193, 192, 161; London North Eastern Railway 121, 152, 145, 129, 173, 163, 156, 154; London Overground 94, 147, 154, 149, 160, 165, 146; Northern 259, 289, 306, 281, 307, 342, 332, 313; ScotRail 190, 224, 234, 249, 259, 272, 229, 230; South Western Railway 220, 270, 281, 304, 355, 318, 317, 276; Southeastern 191, 223, 246, 262, 256, 279, 264, 261; Southern 170, 192, 184, 192, 220, 219, 204, 190; TfL Rail/Elizabeth Line 125, 76, 96, 90, 84, 99, 118, 101; Thameslink 142, 149, 181, 169, 210, 177, 150, 165; Transport for Wales 83, 81, 95, 114, 106, 117, 89, 96; West Midlands Railway 103, 122, 132, 126, 115, 146, 131, 153.



# Avanti West Coast Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

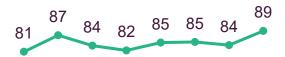
28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### **Overall satisfaction**



#### **Punctuality / reliability**



#### Value for money



#### Level of crowding



#### Cleanliness



#### Frequency of services









# **East Midlands Railway**Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar - 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun – 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### **Overall satisfaction**



#### Punctuality / reliability



#### Value for money



#### **Level of crowding**



#### **Cleanliness**



#### Frequency of services



#### Information during journey



Sample sizes: East Midlands Railway: overall satisfaction 106, 114, 127, 126, 135, 143, 149, and 139; punctuality/reliability 106, 113, 126, 126, 135, 143, 149, and 138; value for money 106, 113, 126, 126, 134, 143, 147, and 135; level of crowding 105, 113, 126, 126, 134, 149, and 138; cleanliness 106, 113, 127, 126, 135, 142, 149, and 137; frequency of services 106, 111, 127, 126, 135, 143, 148, and 138; information during journey 105, 110, 124, 123, 129, 141, 148, and 134.



## **Great Western Railway**Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

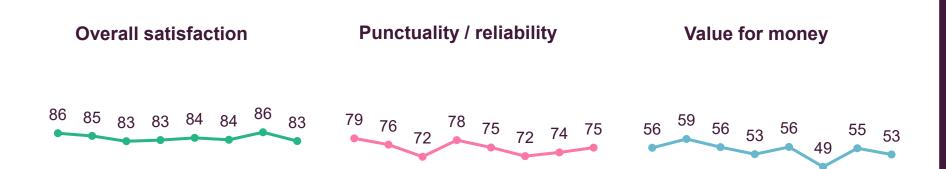
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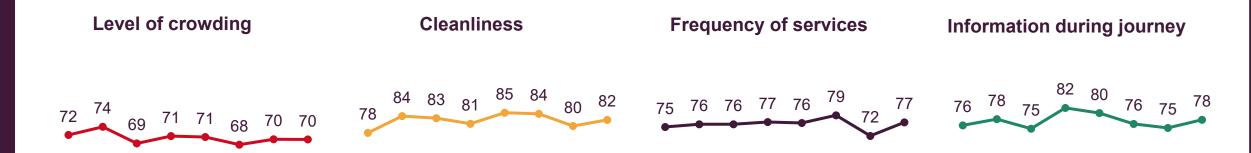
28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025





Sample sizes: Great Western Railway: overall satisfaction 259, 265, 278, 281, 314, 275, 278, and 261; punctuality/reliability 258, 265, 278, 281, 314, 274, 278, and 261; value for money 259, 262, 275, 279, 311, 274, 275, and 258; level of crowding 259, 263, 278, 279, 314, 274, 278, and 261; cleanliness 258, 265, 278, 281, 314, transportfocus 274, 278, and 261; frequency of services 256, 263, 276, 277, 314, 274, 276, and 260; information during journey 250, 258, 267, 276, 307, 268, 274, and 254.

# Greater Anglia Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun – 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### Overall satisfaction



#### **Punctuality / reliability**



#### Value for money



#### Level of crowding



#### Cleanliness



#### Frequency of services







# London North Eastern Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

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14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### **Overall satisfaction**



#### Punctuality / reliability



#### Value for money



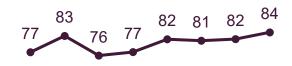
#### Level of crowding



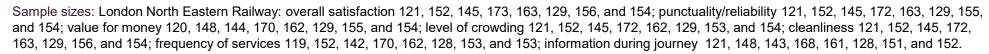
#### **Cleanliness**



#### Frequency of services









# London Overground Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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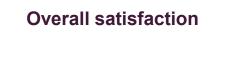
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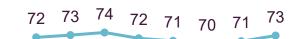




#### Punctuality / reliability



#### Value for money



#### Level of crowding



#### **Cleanliness**



#### Frequency of services







# Northern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

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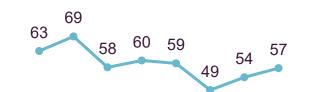
#### Overall satisfaction



#### **Punctuality / reliability**



#### Value for money



#### Level of crowding



#### **Cleanliness**



#### Frequency of services







# ScotRail Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### Overall satisfaction



#### **Punctuality / reliability**



#### Value for money



#### Level of crowding



#### **Cleanliness**



#### Frequency of services







## South Western Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### Overall satisfaction

#### Punctuality / reliability

#### Value for money







#### Level of crowding

#### **Cleanliness**

#### Frequency of services

#### Information during journey









Sample sizes: South Western Railway: overall satisfaction 220, 270, 281, 355, 318, 304, 317, and 276; punctuality/reliability 220, 270, 281, 354, 318, 304, 317, and 276; value for money 214, 259, 271, 338, 305, 291, 300, and 263; level of crowding 220, 267, 281, 354, 317, 301, 316, and 275; cleanliness 220, 269, 280, 354, 318, transportfocus 303, 317, and 276; frequency of services 220, 269, 280, 354, 318, 304, 317, and 273; information during journey 210, 264, 271, 344, 308, 294, 310, and 267.

# Southeastern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar - 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

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14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### **Overall satisfaction**

89 89 84 90 87 86 84 89

#### Punctuality / reliability

81 84 85 78 79 73 73

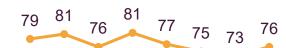
#### Value for money

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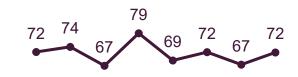
#### **Level of crowding**

## 76 76 72 70 68 69 67 69

#### **Cleanliness**

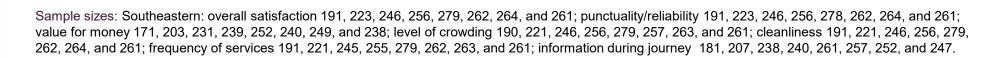


#### Frequency of services



#### Information during journey

80 80 83 83 78 76 78 79





# Southern Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

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1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

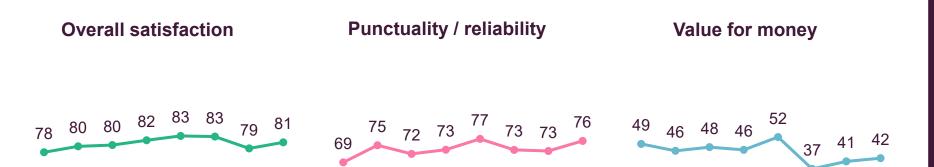
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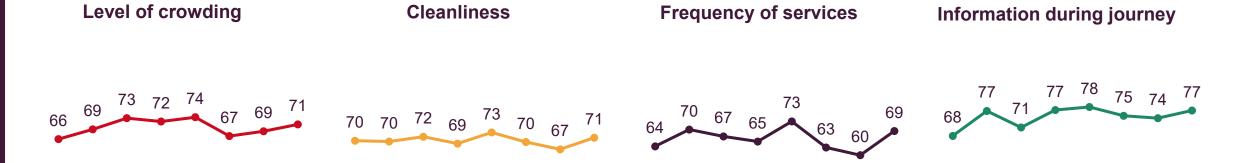
28 Jun – 15 Sep 2024

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13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025





Sample sizes: Southern: overall satisfaction 170, 192, 184, 220, 219, 192, 204, and 190; punctuality/reliability 169, 191, 184, 220, 219, 191, 204, and 190; value for money 155, 180, 174, 209, 209, 179, 188, and 184; level of crowding 167, 192, 183, 219, 218, 191, 203, and 190; cleanliness 168, 192, 184, 219, 218, 190, 204, and 190; frequency of services 168, 192, 183, 218, 219, 192, 202, and 189; information during journey 153, 180, 170, 206, 209, 183, 196, and 186.



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

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar - 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### **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 125, 76, 96, 84, 99, 90, 118, and 101; punctuality/reliability 123, 75, 96, 84, 98, 90, 118, and 101; value for money 114, 63, 79, 78, 89, 82, 106, and 94; level of crowding 125, 76, 96, 84, 96, 89, 118, and 101; cleanliness 125, 76, 96, 84, 98, 90, 118, and 101; frequency of services 125, 76, 96, 84, 98, 90, 118, and 101; information during journey 116, 75, 95, 81, 91, 88, 107, and 98.



<sup>\*</sup> Some base sizes are below 100, which would be the ideal minimum for analysis.

# Thameslink Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### Overall satisfaction



#### Punctuality / reliability



#### Value for money



#### **Level of crowding**



#### **Cleanliness**



#### Frequency of services







# **Transport for Wales**Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods\*

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar - 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun - 15 Sep 2024

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13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### **Overall satisfaction**



#### **Punctuality / reliability**



#### Value for money



#### Level of crowding



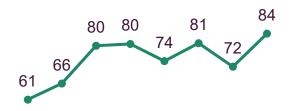
#### Cleanliness



#### Frequency of services



#### Information during journey



Sample sizes: Transport for Wales: overall satisfaction 83, 81, 95, 106, 117, 114, 89, and 96; punctuality/reliability 82, 81, 95, 106, 117, 114, 89, and 96; value for money 80, 79, 94, 105, 117, 113, 87, and 96; level of crowding 81, 81, 94, 106, 117, 114, 88, and 94; cleanliness 82, 80, 95, 106, 117, 114, 89, and 96; frequency of services 82, 81, 95, 105, 116, 113, 88, and 96; information during journey 77, 75, 91, 101, 111, 112, 87, and 94.



<sup>\*</sup> Some base sizes are below 100, which would be the ideal minimum for analysis.

# West Midlands Railway Satisfaction by 12-wave time periods\*

#### Time period dates (left to right)

16 Dec 2022 -19 Mar 2023

24 Mar – 20 Aug 2023

1 Sep 2023 to 4 Feb 2024

16 Feb - 23 Jun 2024

28 Jun – 15 Sep 2024

20 Sep - 8 Dec 2024

13 Dec 2024 – 9 Mar 2025

14 Mar - 25 May 2025

#### **Overall satisfaction**



#### Value for money







#### **Level of crowding**

#### **Cleanliness**

#### Frequency of services

#### Information during journey









Sample sizes: West Midlands Railway: overall satisfaction 103, 122, 132, 115, 146, 126, 131, and 153; punctuality/reliability 103, 122, 132, 115, 145, 126, 131, and 152; value for money 101, 120, 126, 110, 141, 125, 123, and 151; level of crowding 103, 122, 132, 115, 145, 125, 131, and 153; cleanliness 103, 122, 131, 115, 144, 126, 130, and 153; frequency of services 103, 122, 132, 114, 144, 125, 129, and 152; information during journey 97, 115, 127, 110, 139, 122, 126, and 149.



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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
- 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'



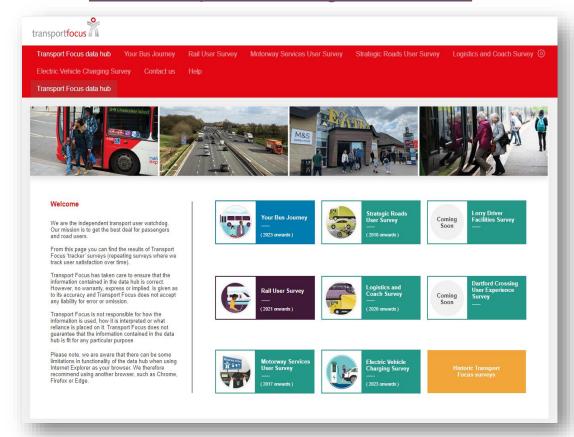
### Base sizes for 24-wave period: 6 December 2024 – 25 May 2025

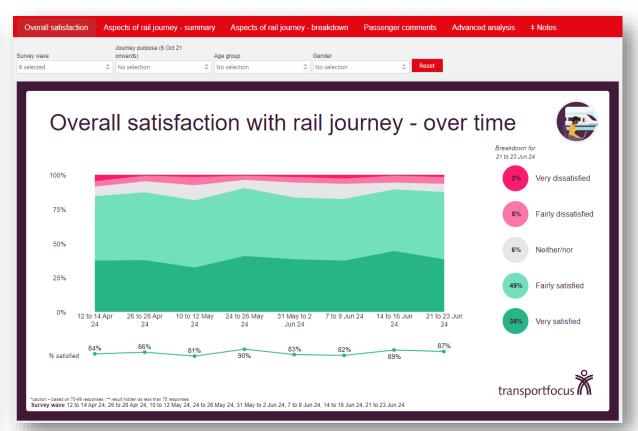
Train operating company sample sizes	Overall satisfaction	Punctuality/ reliability	Frequency of services on that route	Level of crowding	Cleanliness inside the train	Information during the journey	Value for money
Avanti West Coast	383	383	380	382	383	374	375
c2c	141	141	140	140	141	134	141
Chiltern Railways	96	96	96	96	96	93	92
CrossCountry	194	194	190	194	194	190	193
East Midlands Railway	295	294	293	294	293	289	289
Great Northern	152	152	152	152	152	143	149
Great Western Railway	558	558	555	558	558	544	552
Greater Anglia	365	365	364	365	365	358	360
London North Eastern Railway	318	317	314	315	318	311	317
London Northwestern Railway	148	148	147	148	148	144	146
London Overground	324	324	322	324	323	309	314
Merseyrail	166	166	166	165	166	158	147
Northern	674	673	672	667	673	639	653
ScotRail	481	479	476	472	481	452	479
South Western Railway	624	624	621	622	624	606	594
Southeastern	545	545	544	544	545	517	503
Southern	410	410	407	409	410	397	388
TfL Rail	224	224	224	224	223	210	205
Thameslink	321	321	320	321	321	314	302
TransPennine Express	179	179	178	178	179	169	177
Transport for Wales	194	194	193	191	194	190	192
West Midlands Railway	291	290	288	291	290	281	281



### Transport Focus Data Hub

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