

# Travel during Covid 19 tracking research - Week 1



#### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Travel patterns before outbreak

Before the outbreak 43% nationally used any public transport at least a few times per month and 80% used a car



## Under 25's and those in London had highest use of public transport before Covid 19

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Any use Public transport <b>43% total</b>	61%	46%	41%	39%	36%	41%
Any use of car <b>80% total</b>	70%	77%	71%	78%	86%	90%
Any public tr	ansport us	e by reg	jion			
East Mids Wales	South Eastern West		North Sou West Eas		Yorks & Humber Scotla	nd London
29% 32%	33% 33%	<b>6 34%</b>	38% 38	% 43%	43% 49%	<b>% 80%</b> 🔊
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#### **Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1**

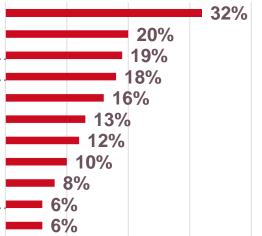
There is no single main prompt to future travel by public transport. Feeling safe is key

### 53% have not used public transport because they had no reason to and 39% were following government instructions

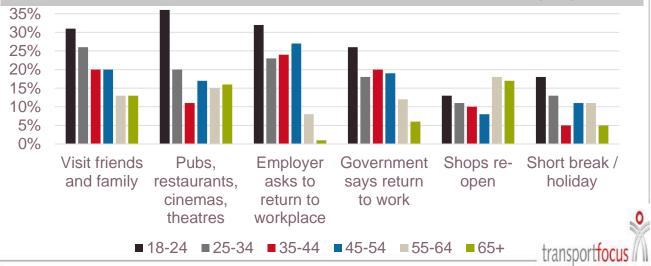
When those who previously used public transport and haven't in last 7 days will start to travel again....

Won't use for any reason until I feel safe
When can visit friends and family
When pubs, restaurants, cinemas,...
When employer asks me to return to...
When government says return to work
When more shops are able to re-open
Won't go back to work until I feel safe
When can go on a short break / holiday

When schools, colleges & universities re-...



Under 24's will travel for social reasons. Older groups more prompted by retail . Work reasons across all working ages



#### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Attitudes to using public transport after the lockdown is eased

Overall there is hesitance around resuming public transport use and some plans to change how they travel. People have expectations there will be measures in place to protect them when using public transport

Agreement (strongly + tend to agree) with statements

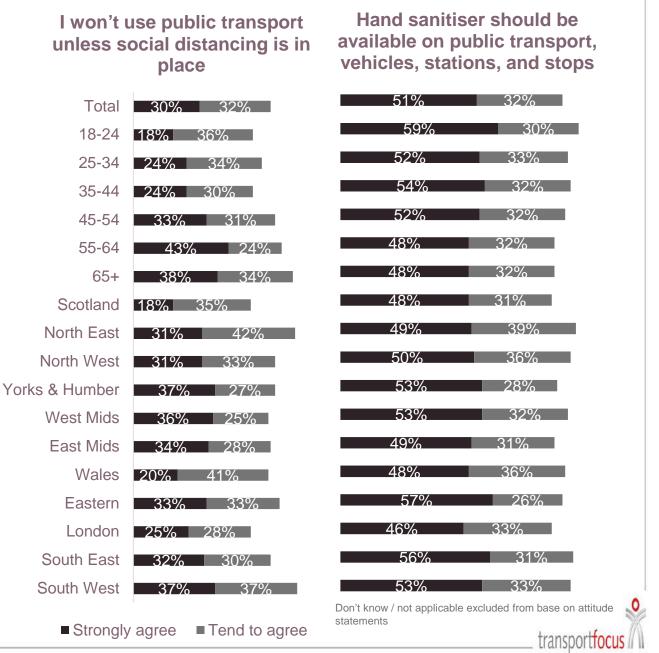
Hand sanitiser should be available on public transport, on vehicles, at stations, and at stops	83%	Once travel restrictions are relaxed, I will cycle and walk more rather than use public transport	51%
I won't use public transport unless social distancing is in place	62%	I expect to work from home more often in the future	40%
Once travel restrictions are relaxed, I will drive more rather than use public transport	60%	For my own and for others' safety I will be wearing a mask when I'm outside my home	38%
I wouldn't be happy using public transport unless passengers are required to wear masks	51%	As soon as travel restrictions are relaxed I'll be happy to travel by public transport again	24%

Don't know / not applicable excluded from base on attitude statements



#### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Social distancing & hand sanitiser

## In London there are lower expectations around social distancing and provision of hand sanitiser



### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Changing behaviour by age

Greater intention to switch to cycling and walking and to work from home more often among younger respondents. Intention to drive more is broadly consistent

Total agree (shown)	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Once travel restrictions are relaxed, I will drive more rather than use public transport	57%	64%	53%	62%	58%	61%
I expect to work from home more often in the future	46%	49%	42%	35%	27%	36%
Once travel restrictions are relaxed, I will cycle and walk more rather than use public transport	61%	62%	56%	44%	45%	40%

Current access to car impacts intentions. Although 29% of those without current access to a car intend to drive more in the future and 58% of this group will walk or cycle more rather than use public transport

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### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Changing behaviour by region

In all regions there is a high intention to switch from public transport. More working from home is anticipated across GB, but particularly in London where intention to cycle or walk is also highest

Once travel restrictions are relaxed, I will drive more rather than use public transport										
Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humb	West Mids	East Mids	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
57%	54%	64%	59%	60%	60%	62%	59%	53%	64%	58%

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more rather than use public transport	

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Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Humb	West Mids	East Mids	Wales	Eastern	London	South East	South West
39%	40%	38%	37%	41%	39%	39%	42%	48%	42%	34%

from base on attitude statements

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#### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Who is most comfortable in returning to public transport use?

18-24's are most comfortable in returning to public transport. People in Scotland and the West Midlands are the most likely, with those in the North West are least happy to return

As soon as travel restrictions are relaxed I'll be happy to travel by public transport again (total agreeing) Total 24%

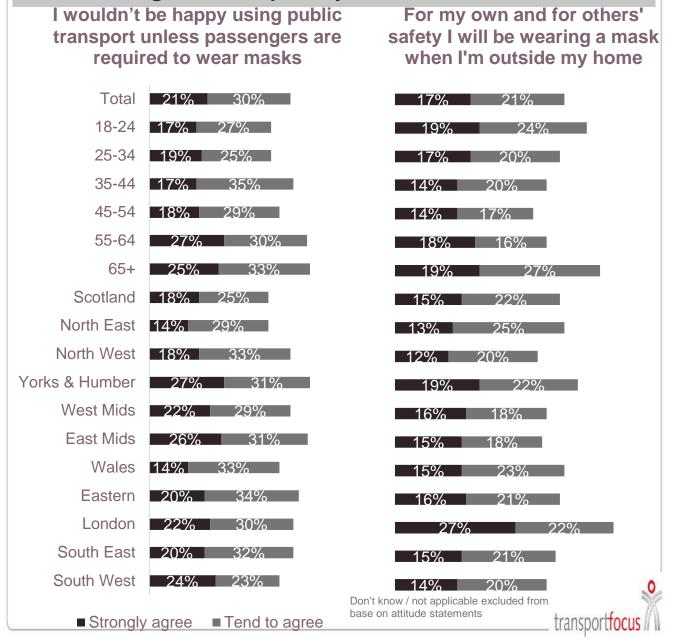
Age and	gender
18-24	40%
25-34	27%
35-44	28%
45-54	21%
55-64	19%
65+	16%
Male	28%
Female	21%

Region	)
Scotland	32%
North East	24%
North West	19%
Yorks & Humber	23%
West Mids	29%
East Mids	22%
Wales	23%
Eastern	20%
London	27%
South East	21%
South West	26% transportfocus

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#### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Mask wearing

Mask wearing intentions are strongest in London and among those aged 65+. Older people are also more in support of mask wearing to be compulsory



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#### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Who is most comfortable in returning to public transport use?

People who used public transport before the outbreak and those without vehicle access are feeling more comfortable about travelling again

As soon as travel restrictions are relaxed I'll be happy to travel by public transport again (+ agreeing) Total 24%

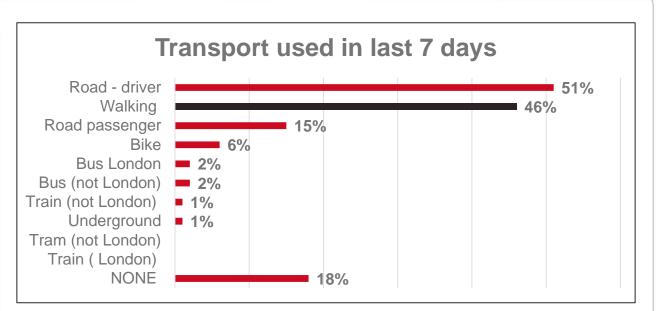
Disability				
Any disability	19%			
No disability				
Access to car				
Access to				
car No access to	22%			
car	31%			

Journeys ma modes before	
NET: Car	21%
NET: Bus	29%
NET: Train	35%
NET: Tram	30%
NET: Any public transport	31%
NET: London transport	30%

#### **Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1** How do you think travelling will be different when the lockdown is eased?

<i>"I believe there will be people who still won't want to be travelling far and going places after lockdown like myself and there will be others who will choose to travel more because of the lockdown."</i>	
	<i>"Maybe it will take a while for people to start trusting that transport is safe."</i>
<i>"I'm not sure; it will probably get busier than it ever has been as people are very eager to get out"</i>	
	"People will respect social distancing and be scared to sit next to each other on tube or bus or train. People will want to wear masks and gloves. Still prefer to travel by car than public transport."
"I'm hoping there will be a lessening of the "rush hour crush" as employers will hopefully know by now that their employees can both work from home effectively and can stagger start/finish times with no negative effects to the business. As someone who suffers bad anxiety, panic attacks, and claustrophobia this would be very welcome!"	
	"Roads will become more congested, with people using their own vehicles more often because of worries over using public transport (risky infection)."
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### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 In the last 7 days, there has been minimal travel by public transport

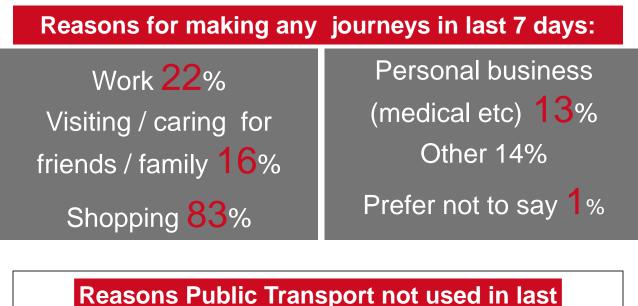


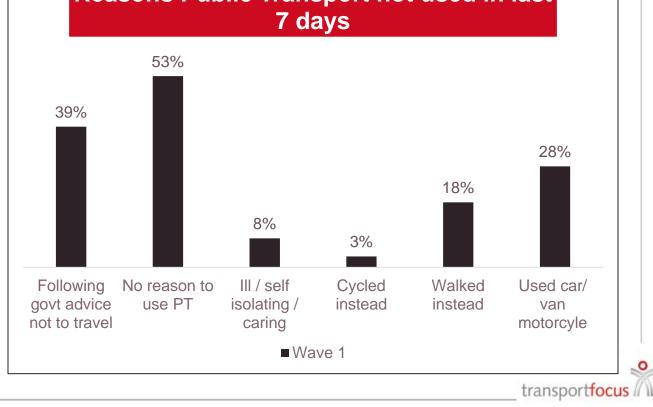
Satisfaction with these aspects of the individual public transport modes is being collected. Will be reported in future as journeys increase and sample size therefore permits

- Ease of finding service running
- Ease of finding special arrangements to keep safe
- Service frequency
- Ability to socially distance
- Cleanliness
- Staff availability
- Journey time

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#### Travel during Covid-19: Omnibus week 1 Reasons for making journeys and nonuse of public transport





#### METHOD

- 2000 online interviews per week, nationally representative of Great Britain population
- Fieldwork 1-3 May 2020
- Using Populus weekly Omnibus
- To be repeated each week

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