Public transport in Northern Ireland



Results from the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland (TSNI) 2015-2017



Key public transport facts





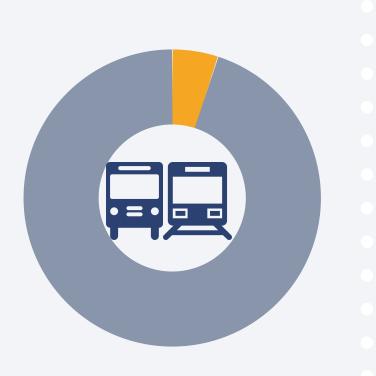


journeys per person per year

> miles travelled per person per year

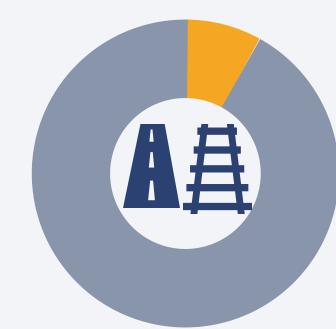
miles average journey length

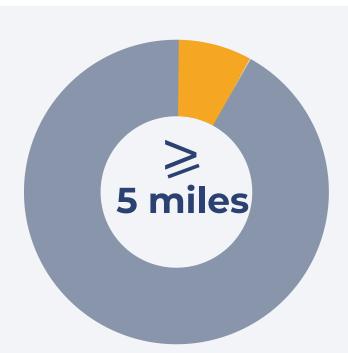
minutes per journey on average



5% of all journeys taken

8% of total distance travelled





8% of all journeys of 5 miles and over

Satisfaction with public transport +



75%*

said they were satisfied with their local public transport services

*of respondents who used public transport

What would encourage respondents to use public transport more often?+

Cheaper fares 25%



More frequent weekend services



More frequent 6% evening services

More destinations or routes



Purpose of public transport journeys



Education / Escort education

25%

Commuting / Business

17%

16%

9%

Leisure / Other

Shopping

Personal business

Other escort

Key urban-rural public transport facts*



of all journeys taken

of all

taken

53

33

journeys per person per year

miles travelled per person per year

miles average journey length

minutes per

journey on average

*Urban-rural information is based on the areas where the respondents live

Public transport in the TSNI

A public transport journey in the TSNI is one where public transport is the main mode in terms of distance. Public transport includes travel by Ulsterbus, Citybus/Metro, Other Bus, Northern Ireland Railways and Black Taxi. However, for questions marked with a "+", the term "public transport" is simply used in the survey question and is left to the respondents' interpretation. Distance figures include public transport journeys made as part of any journey.

Further definitions can be found in the In-depth report, available at the link below.

About this factsheet

Results in this factsheet refer to 2015-2017.

The next edition (for 2016-2018) will be published after the next in-depth results are released in early 2020.

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% of households

% of individual respondents

Note: "Don't know" responses are excluded from the analysis except where otherwise stated

Access to bus services



21%

At least once every 15 mins

At least once every 30 mins

31%

21%

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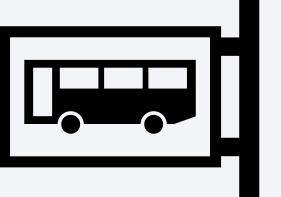
6%

At least once an hour

About 3 times a day

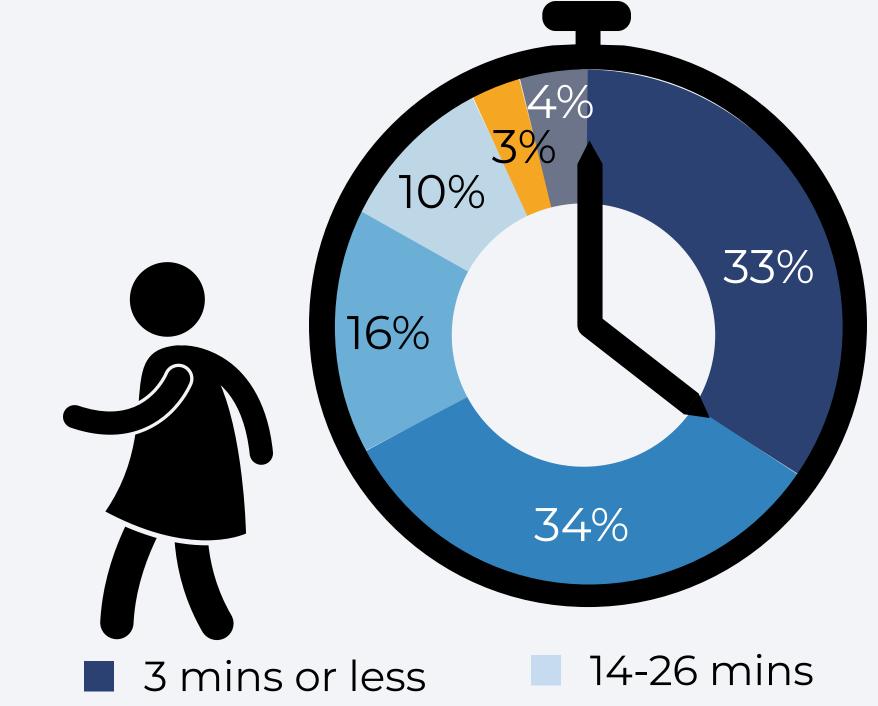
At least once a day Less than once a day

of households said they did not know how often they could get a bus









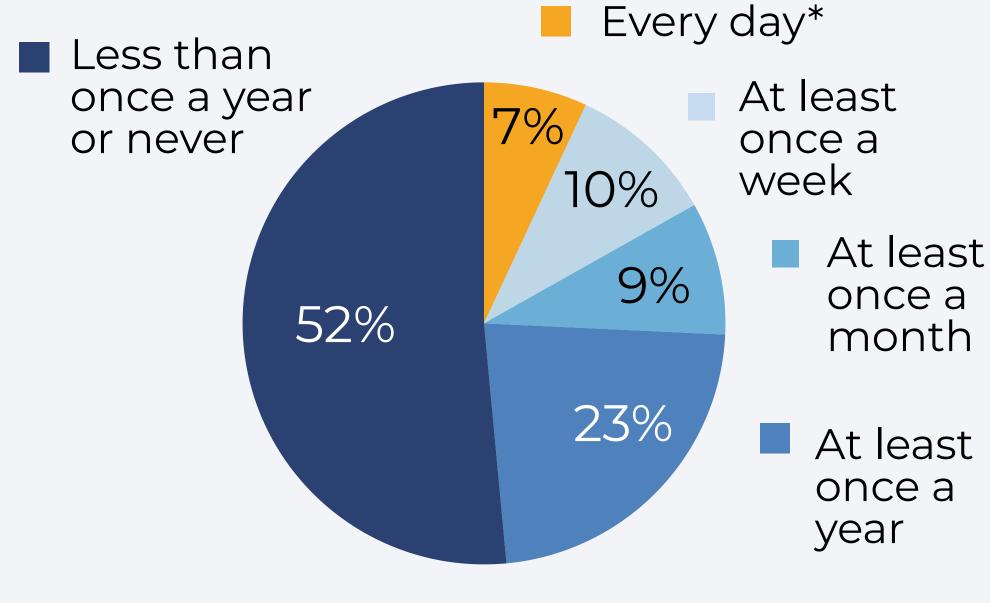
4-6 mins 27-43 mins

7-13 mins

44 mins +

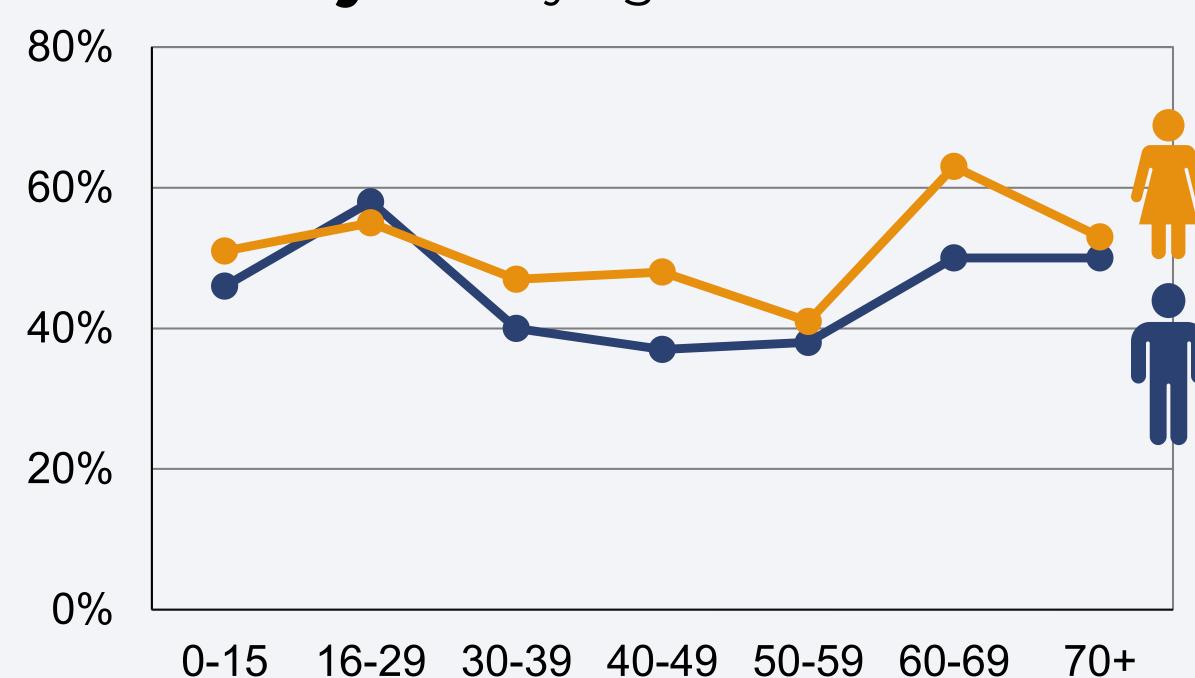
Frequency of bus use

30%



*Includes travelling by bus every working/school day but not weekends

% who travelled on a bus at least once a year by age and sex



Key urban-rural facts for bus travel*



63%

Nearest bus stop is within a 13 minute walk

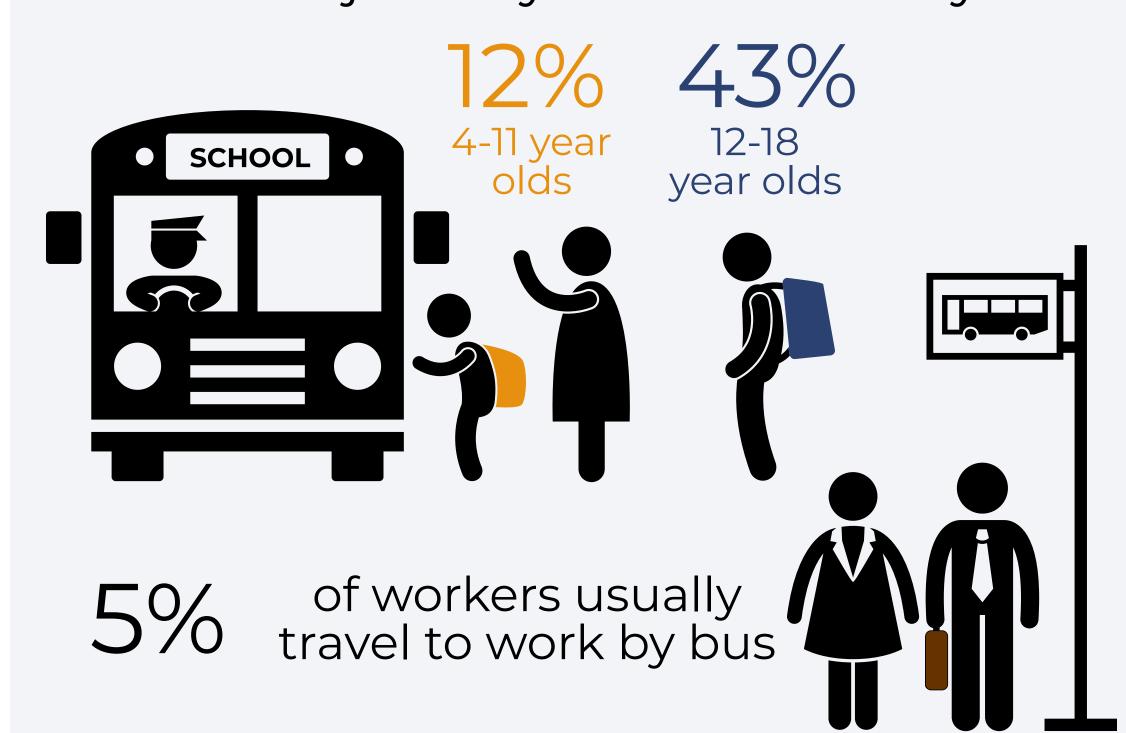
Bus frequency is at least once an hour

% who travelled on a bus at least once a year

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Bus travel to school and work

% of school journeys which were by bus







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% of individual respondents

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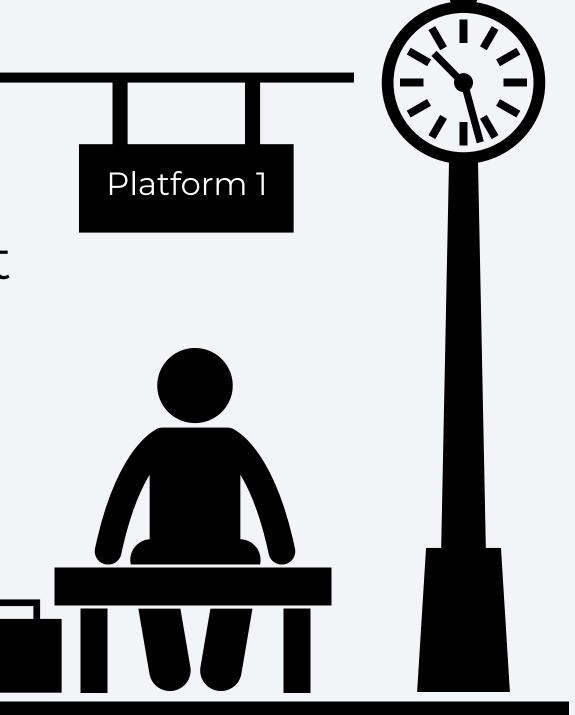


Rail service frequency*

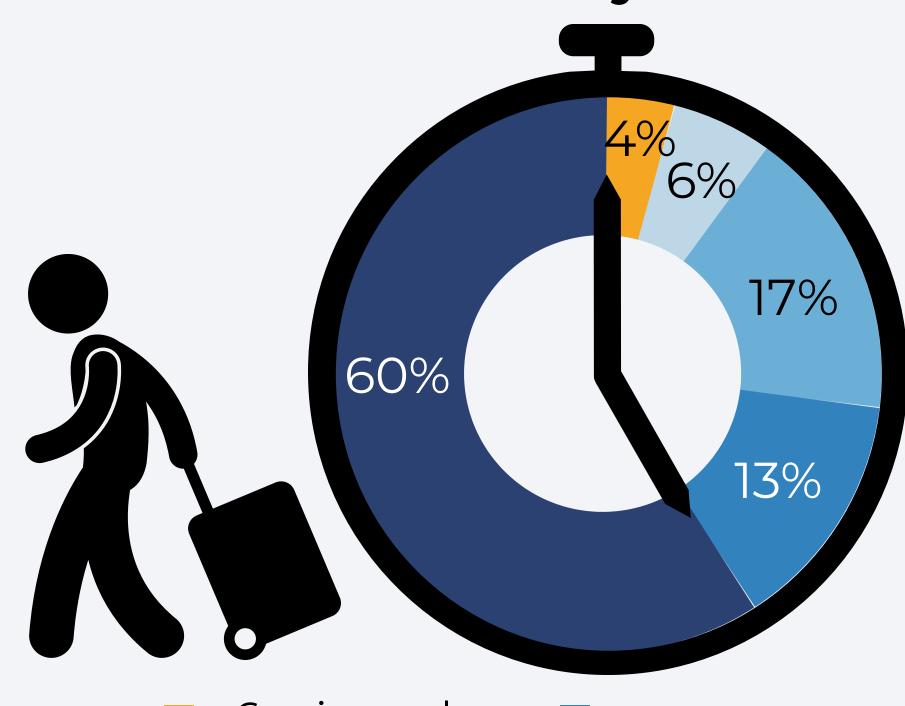
of households said there was a frequent rail service

(at least once per hour throughout the day)

*Question asked if households did not state "Not applicable" to time taken to walk to nearest station question



Time taken to walk to nearest NI Railways station



6 mins or less

7-13 mins

27-43 mins

14-26 mins

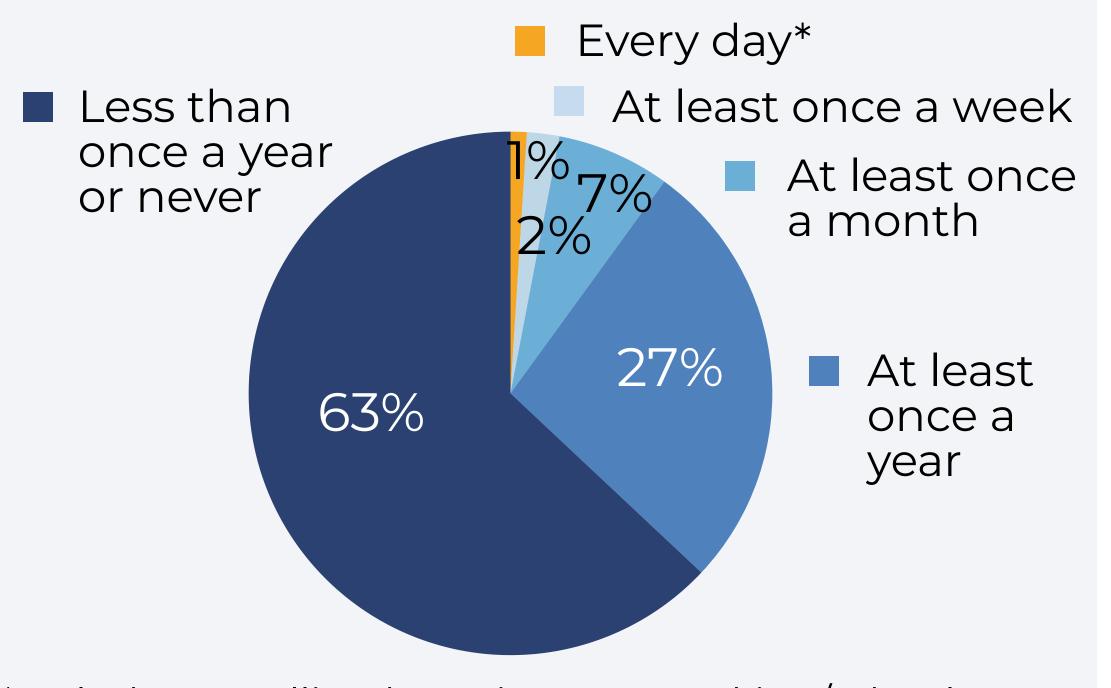
44 mins + or not applicable



16%

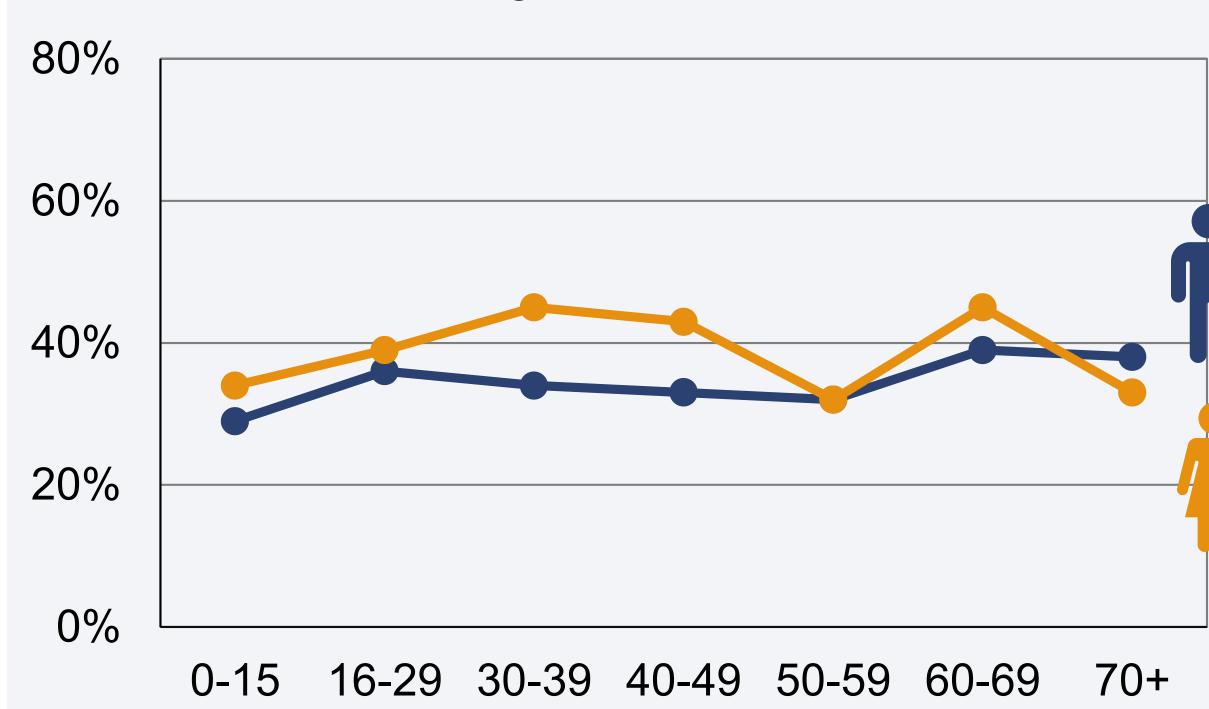
of households said they did not know how often they could get a train

Frequency of train use



*Includes travelling by train every working/school day but not weekends

% who had travelled on a train at least once a year by age and sex



Key urban-rural facts for rail travel*



95%

42% 29%

Nearest train station is within a 13 minute walk

Rail service frequency is at least once an hour throughout the day

% who travelled on a train at least once a year

*Urban-rural information is based on the areas where the respondents live

Travelling to work by train

2%

of workers usually travel to work by train



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