# Public transport in Northern Ireland



Results from the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland (TSNI) 2016-2018



# **Key public transport facts**







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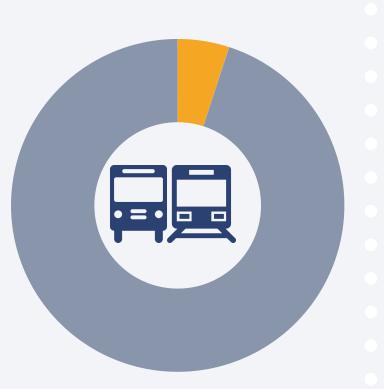
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journeys per person per year

> miles travelled per person per year

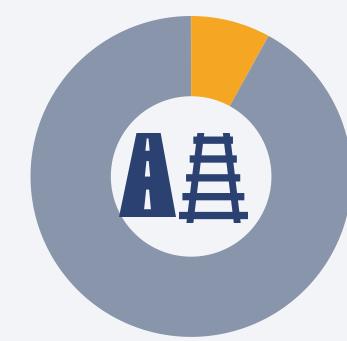
miles - average journey length

minutes - average iourney time



5% of all journeys taken

7% of total distance travelled





8% of all journeys of 5 miles and over

## Satisfaction with public transport +



74%\*

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

22%

More destinations or routes

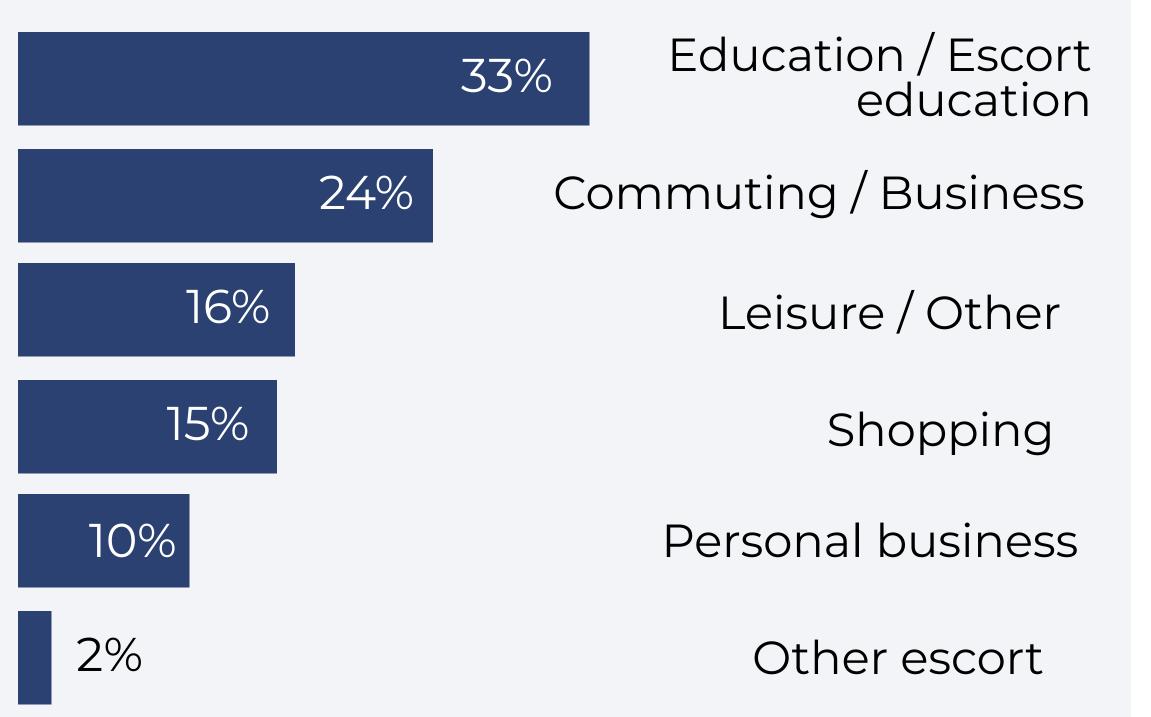
More frequent weekend services

17%

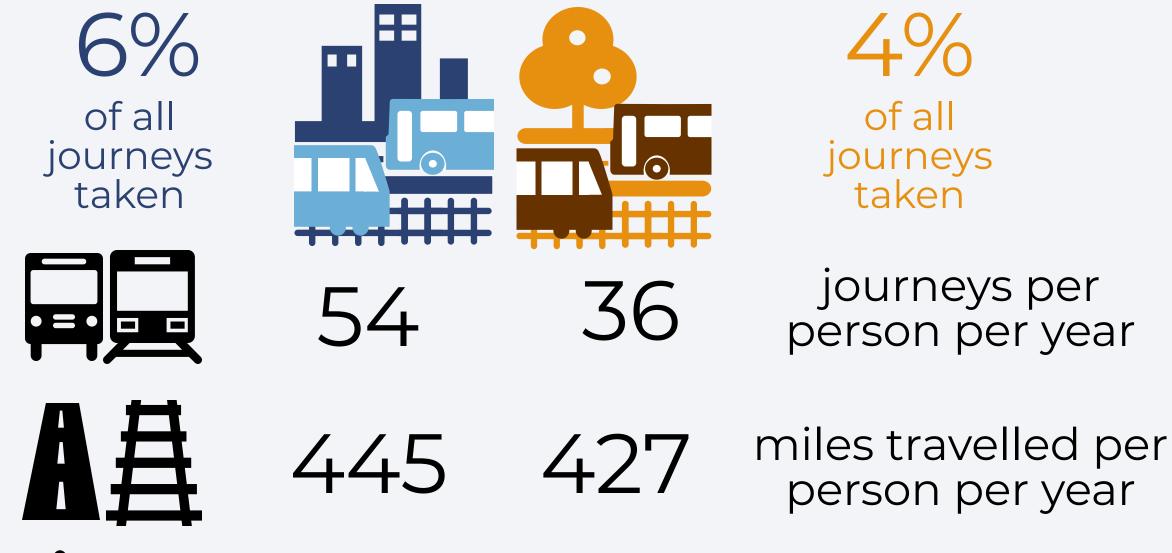
More frequent 6% evening

services

## Purpose of public transport journeys



# Key urban-rural public transport facts\*



miles - average journey length

35

minutes - average journey time

\*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, Metro, Other Bus, Northern Ireland Railways and Black Taxi. However, for questions marked with a "+" on this page, 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 2016-2018.

The next edition (for 2017-2019) will be published after the next in-depth results are released in early 2021.

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**%** of households



7 % of individual respondents

♣ Including households who said they didn't know the bus service frequency

#### Access to bus services



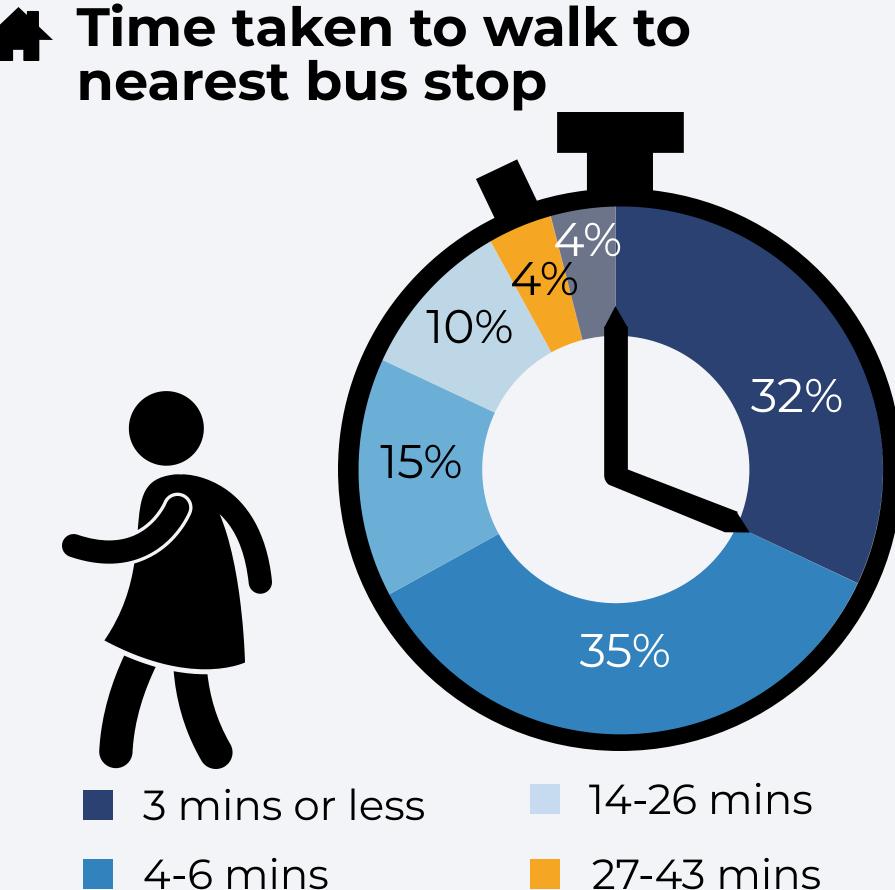
15% At least once every 15 mins 14% At least once every 30 mins

22%

15%

4%

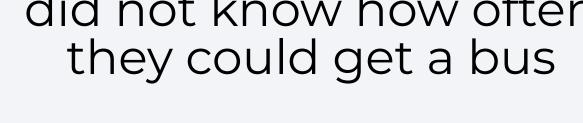
At least once an hour About 3 times a day At least once a day Less than once a day





31%

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

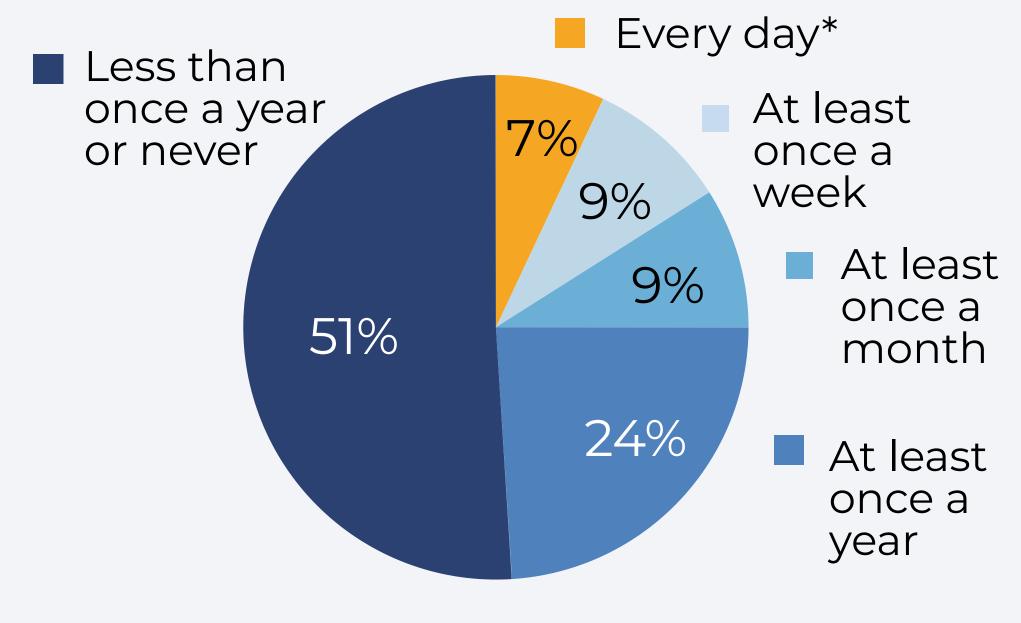


# 7-13 mins

27-43 mins 44 mins +

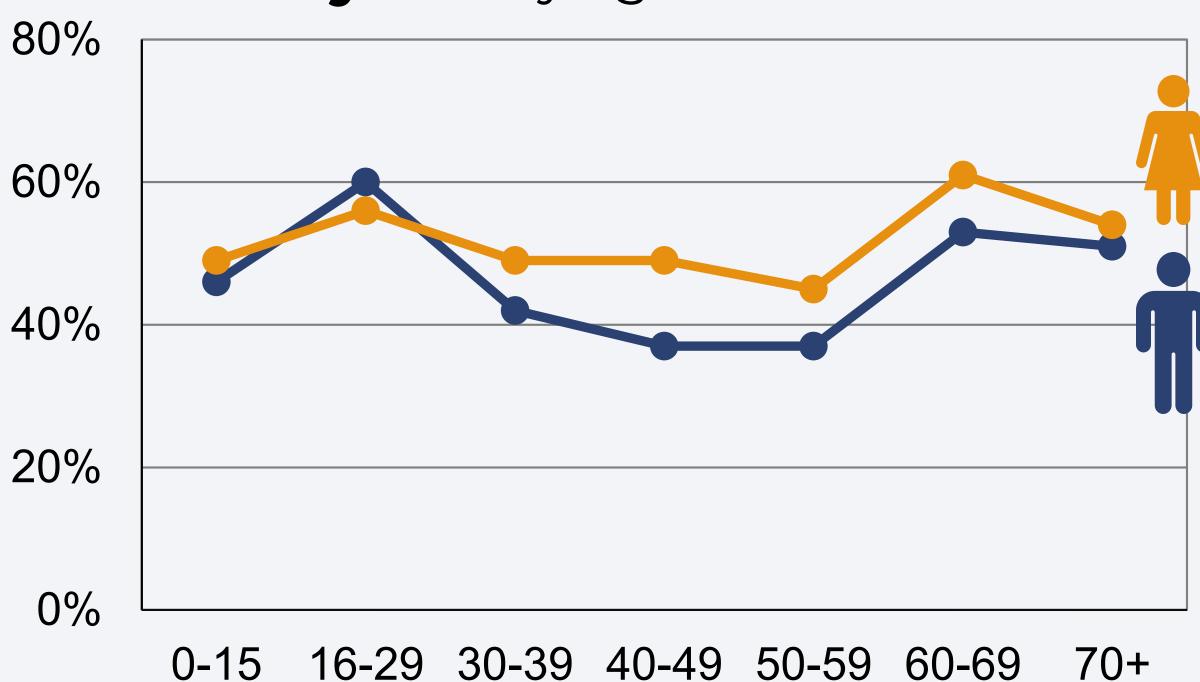
70+

# Frequency of bus use



\* "Every day" also includes travelling by bus every working day/school day but not at 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

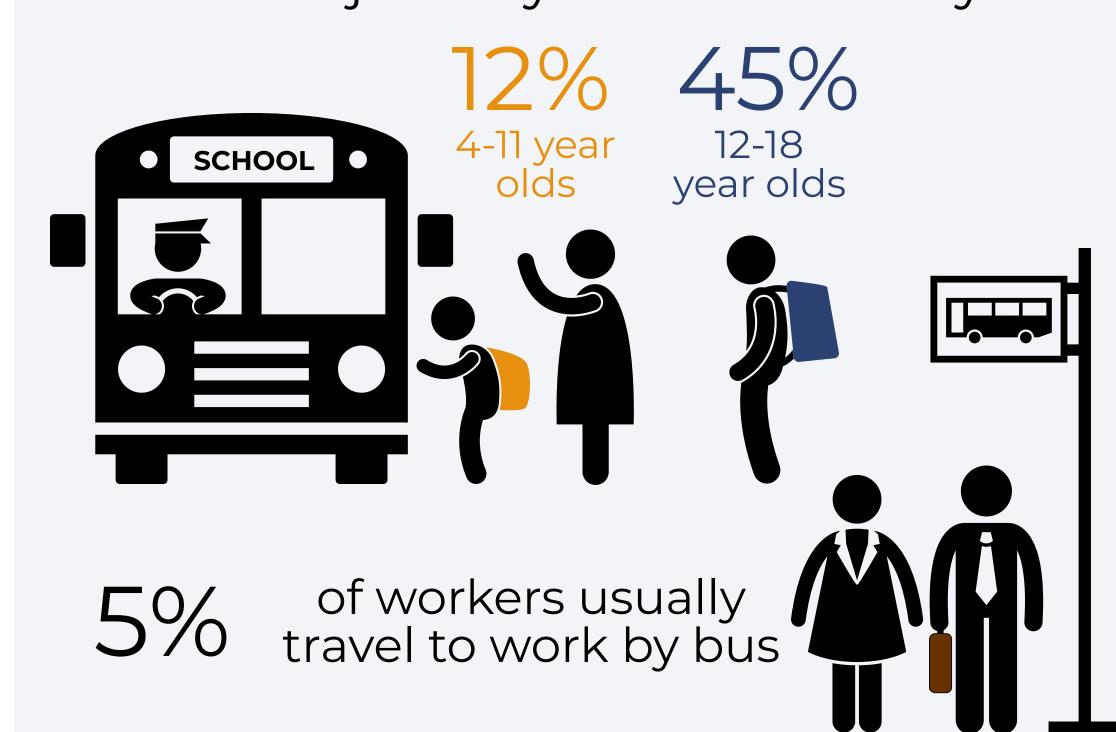
Bus frequency is at least once an hour +

% 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



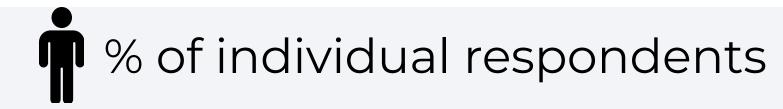




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% of households



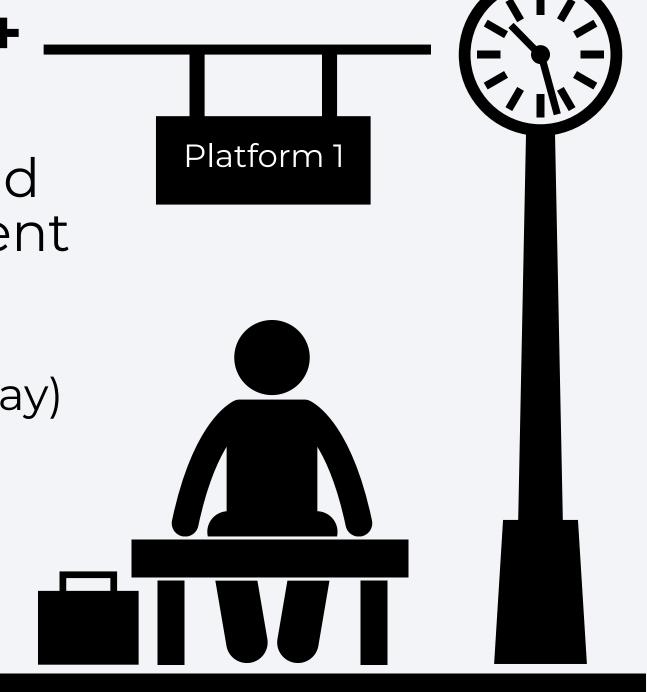
+ Including households who said they didn't know the rail service frequency

# Access to rail services Rail service frequency\*+

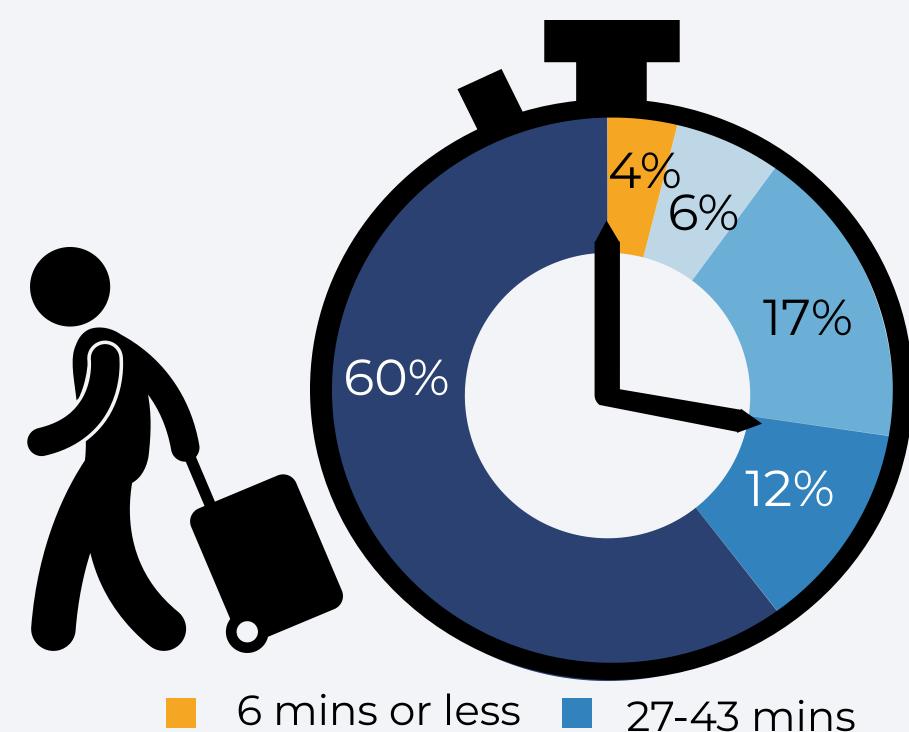
of households said there was a frequent rail service

(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



14%

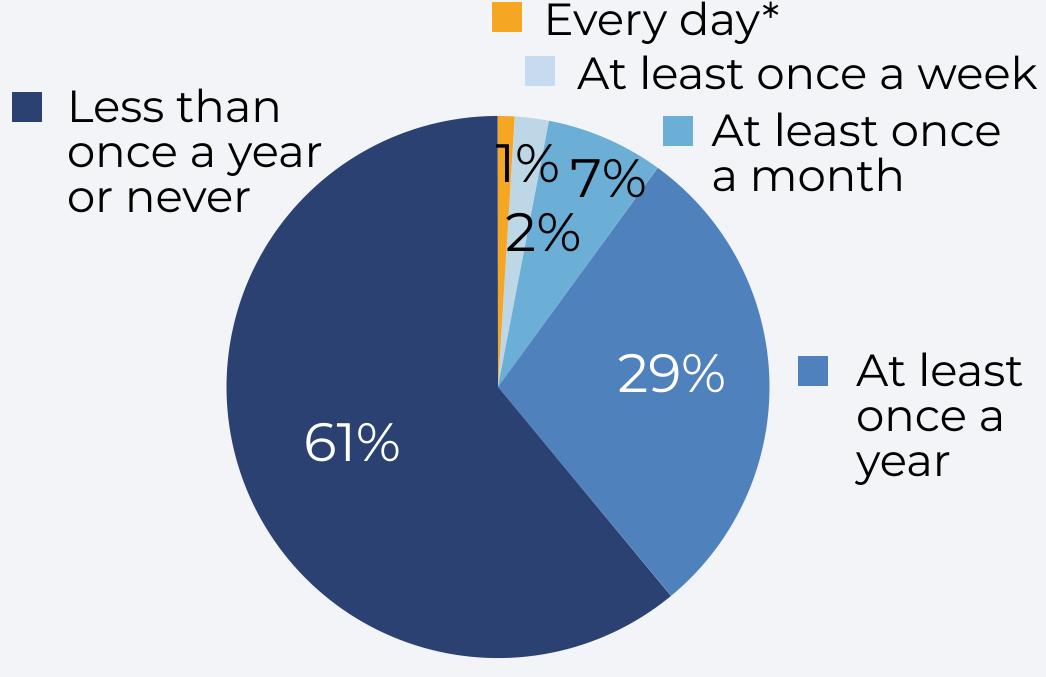
of households said they did not know how often they could get a train



14-26 mins

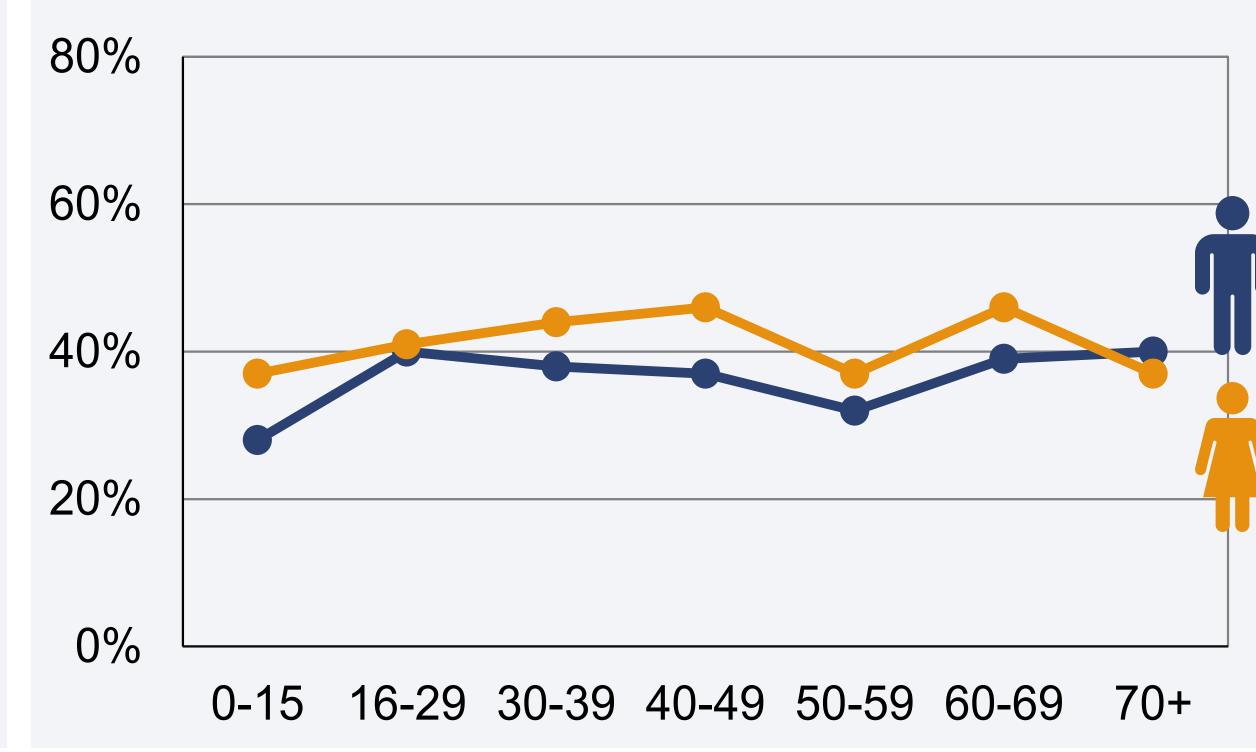
44 mins + or not applicable

# Frequency of train use



\* "Every day" also includes travelling by train every working day/school day but not at weekends

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



# Key urban-rural facts for rail travel\*



44% 30%

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

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# Travelling to work by train

2%

of workers usually travel to work by train



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