

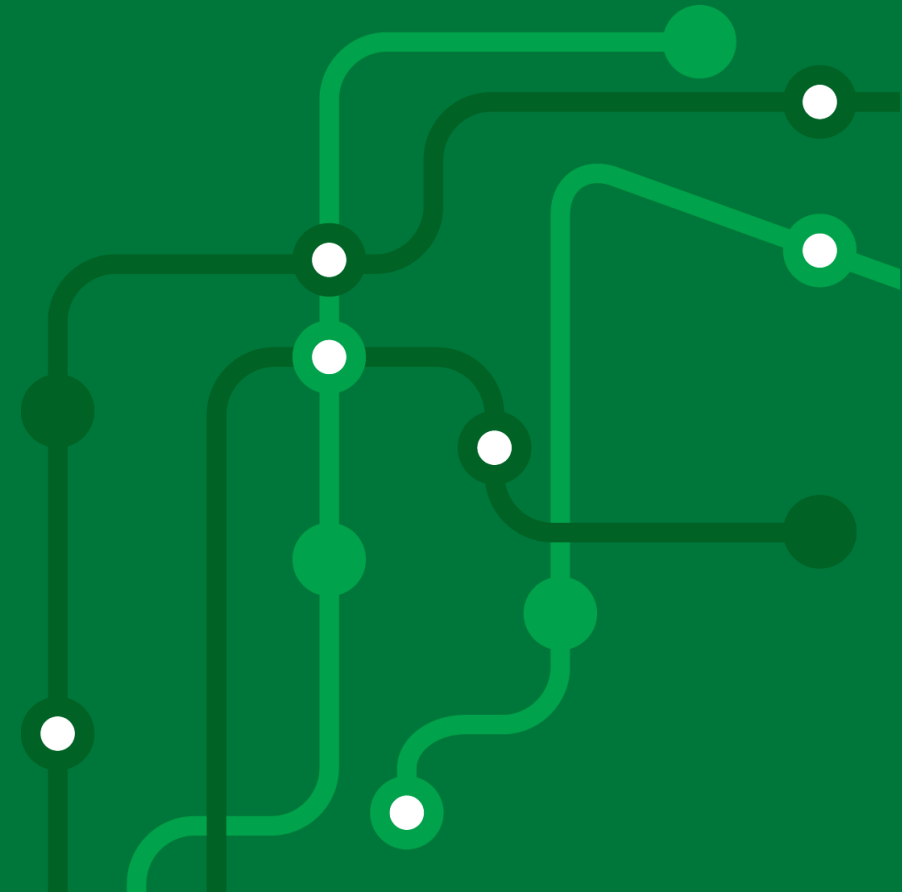
# Transport **North East**

## Transport Dashboard

**Monthly update**

3rd March 2022

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# Weekly highlights (21<sup>st</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> February)



Passenger numbers were **29% lower** than 2019 levels, compared to 26% lower the previous week.



Passenger numbers were **32% lower** than 2019 levels, compared to 23% lower the previous week.



Due to half term traffic levels in the mornings were lower than usual.



Inclement weather affected the region. This, alongside infrastructure developments, such as those on the Metro line, impacted transport across the region.



Retail footfall levels were **5% higher** than 2020 levels.



Between 8AM- 9AM traffic speeds **increased 29%** on average from the previous week.



Average traffic speeds were **higher** than 2020 on every weekday.



Work has commenced on a new North Shields transport hub.

# Monthly highlights



Bus punctuality at all timing points for the three largest operators in the region was **89%** in the latest period. Covid related staffing issues can negatively affect punctuality figures.



Passenger numbers in February were **79%** of typical levels, compared to 74% in January.



Overall traffic levels in Tyne & Wear in February were higher than in January.



In the Transport Focus February surveys, **7%** of respondents from the NE had travelled by train in the previous 7 days.



National cycling rates were at **95%** of the 2020 baseline.



Retail footfall numbers in February were **94%** of 2020 levels, compared to 87% in January.



The re-opening of the Leamside Line was debated by MPs on February 8th at Westminster Hall.



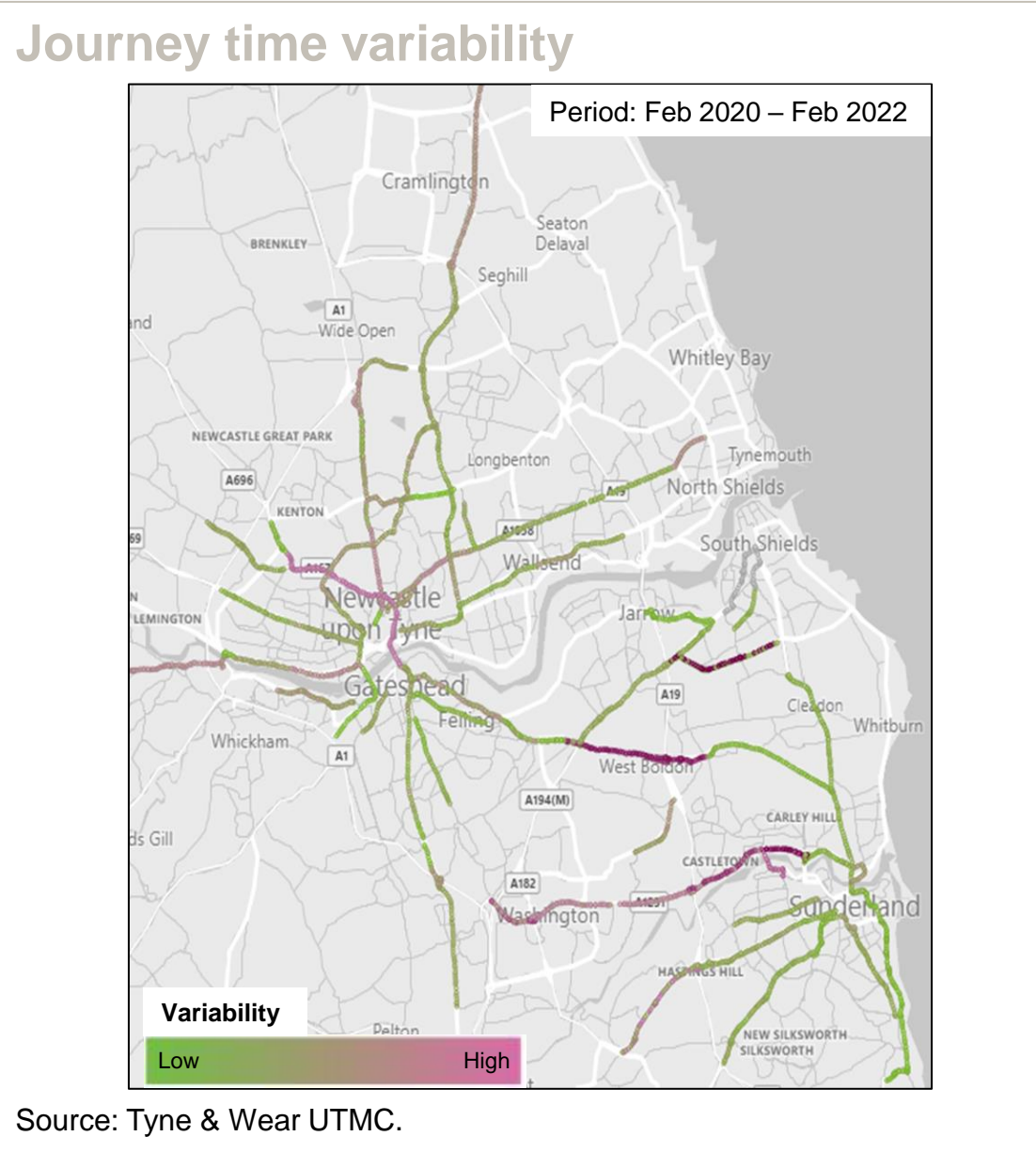
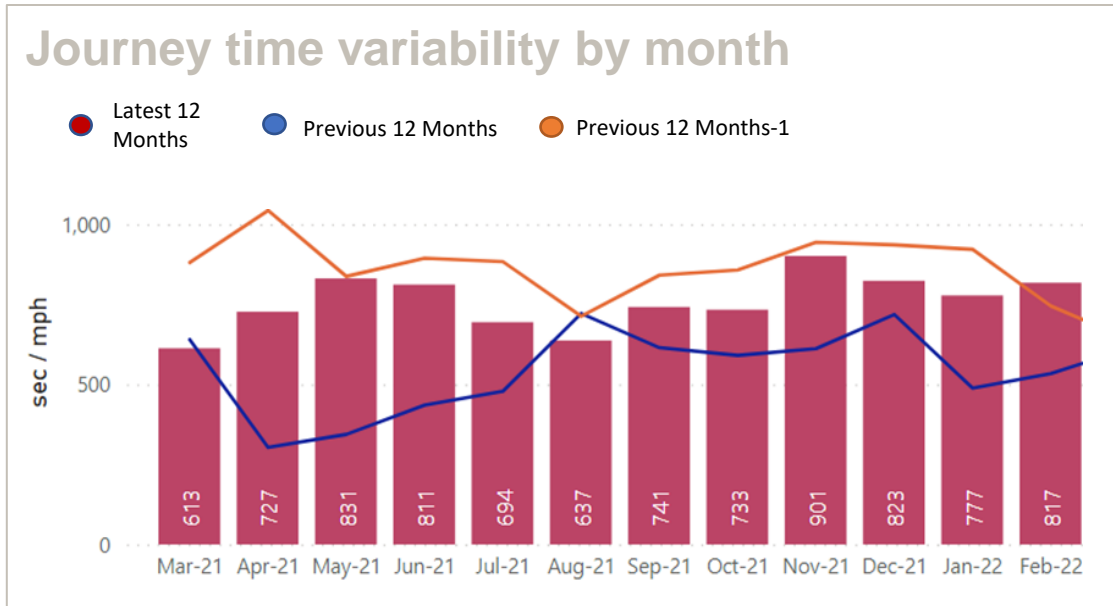
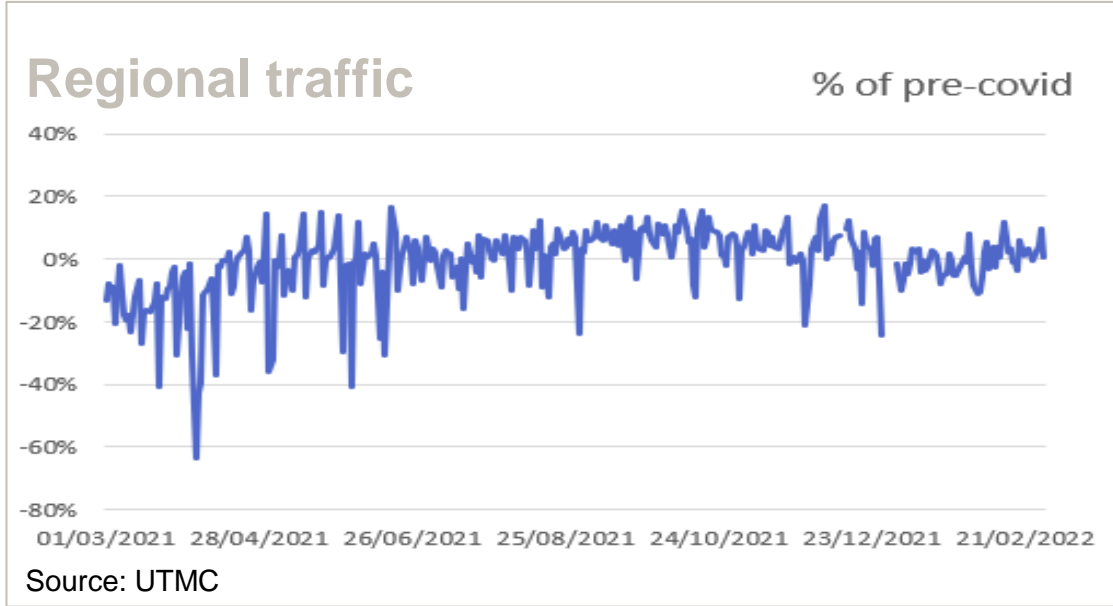
Visits to workplaces were **8% down** compared to 2020 baseline.\*

\*Average from Google Mobility Index

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# Road traffic

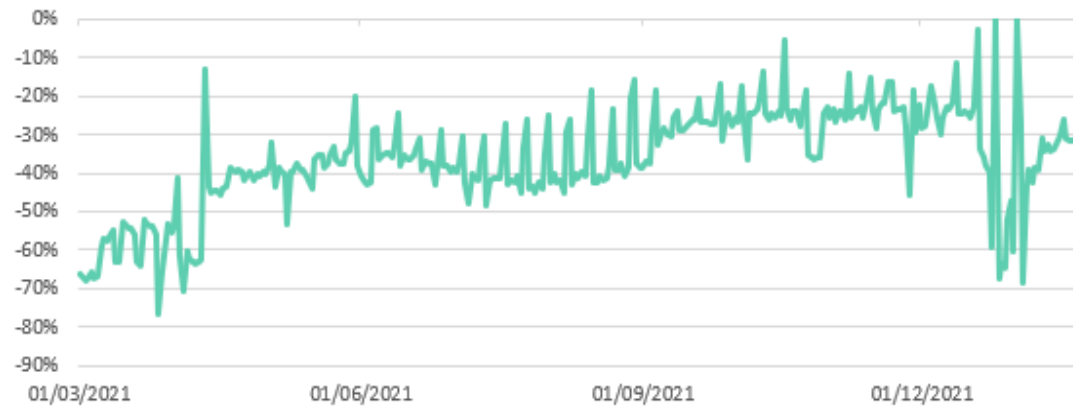


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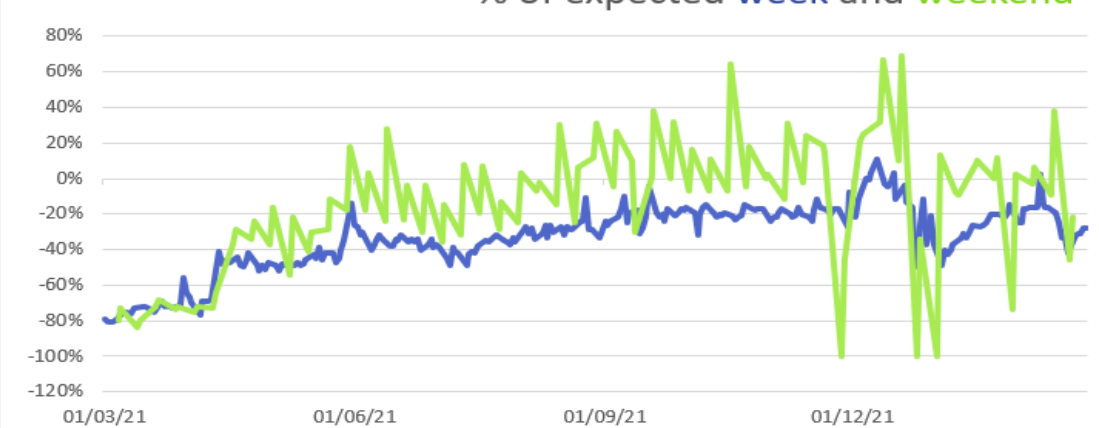
# Sustainable transport

## Local bus



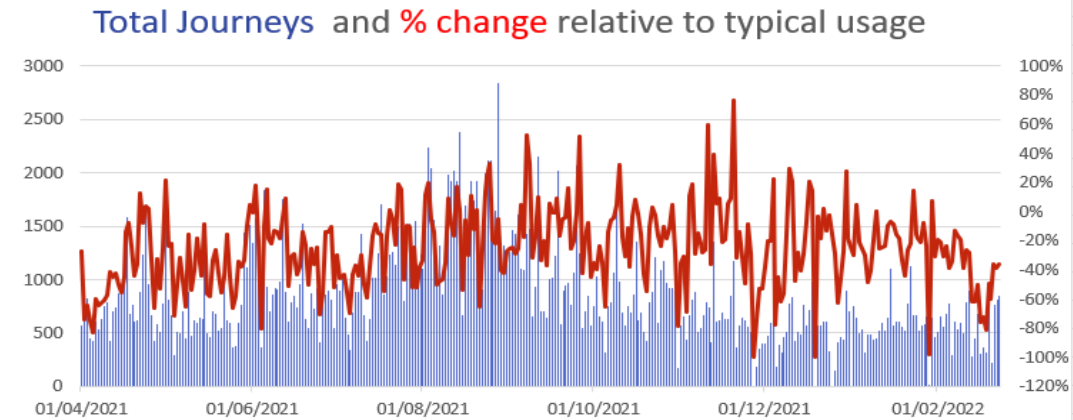
Source: Bus operators (Confederation of Passenger Transport)

## Metro



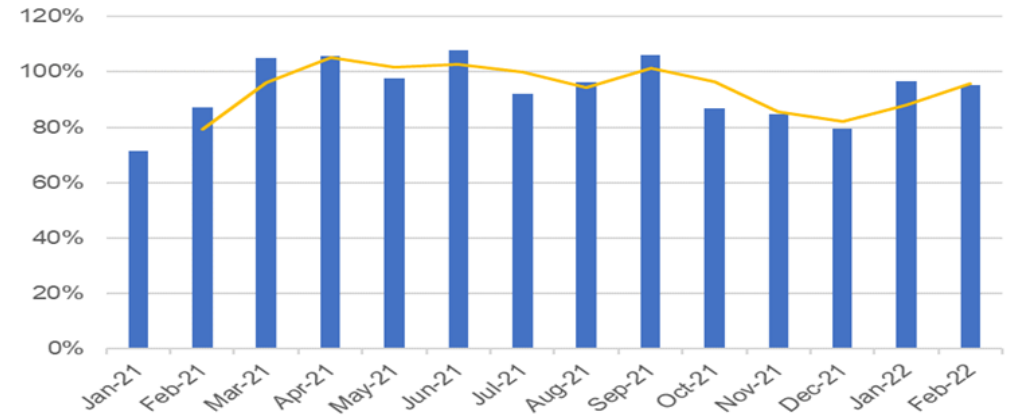
Source: Nexus  
 No service on Christmas day and New Year's day  
 Storm Arwen 26 Nov 21  
 Storm Malik 29 Jan 2022

## Ferry



Source: Nexus

## National Cycling Usage against baseline Jan 2021- Feb 2022 (with 2 month rolling average)

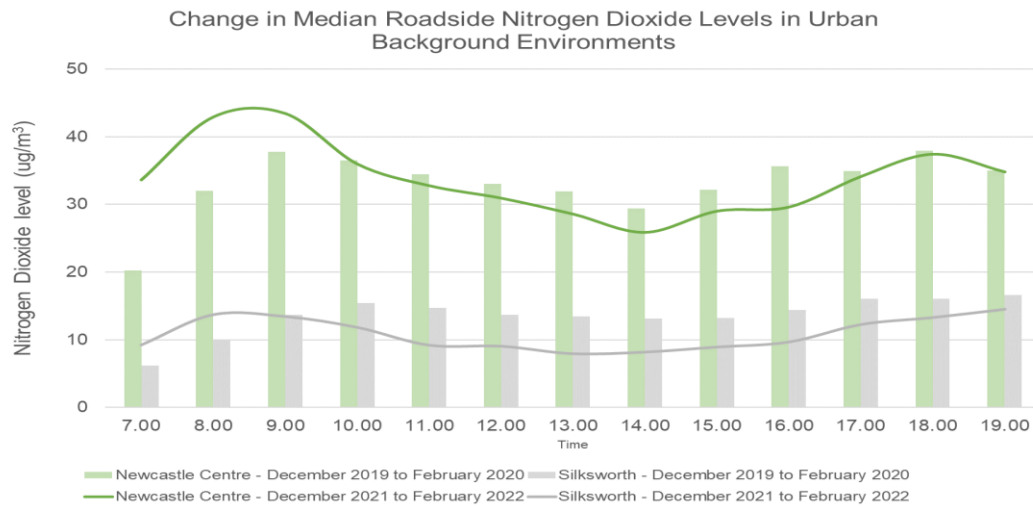
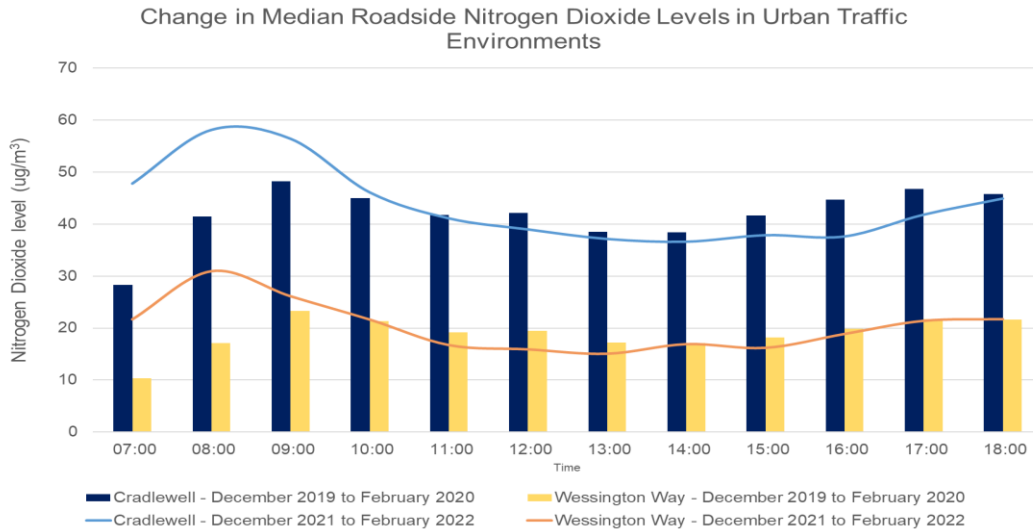


Source: Department for Transport

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## Air quality



Source: DEFRA UK-AIR

## Car parking

Average occupancy	Weekday (7am-7pm)		Weekend (7am-7pm)	
	Feb-20	Feb-22	Feb-20	Feb-22
<b>Car park</b>	<b>Feb-20</b>	<b>Feb-22</b>	<b>Feb-20</b>	<b>Feb-22</b>
Baltic	30%	No data	31%	No data
Claremont Road	33%	10%	30%	15%
Dean Street	70%	64%	59%	64%
Eldon Garden	46%	35%	40%	39%
Eldon Square	32%	28%	50%	44%
Ellison Place	31%	30%	24%	21%
Gateshead Civic Centre	60%	No data	2%	No data
Gateshead College	57%	100%	No data	No data
Grainger Town	40%	21%	21%	17%
Manors	42%	27%	20%	12%
Sage	67%	8%	35%	6%
Quarryfield Road	1%	18%	0.10%	0.50%

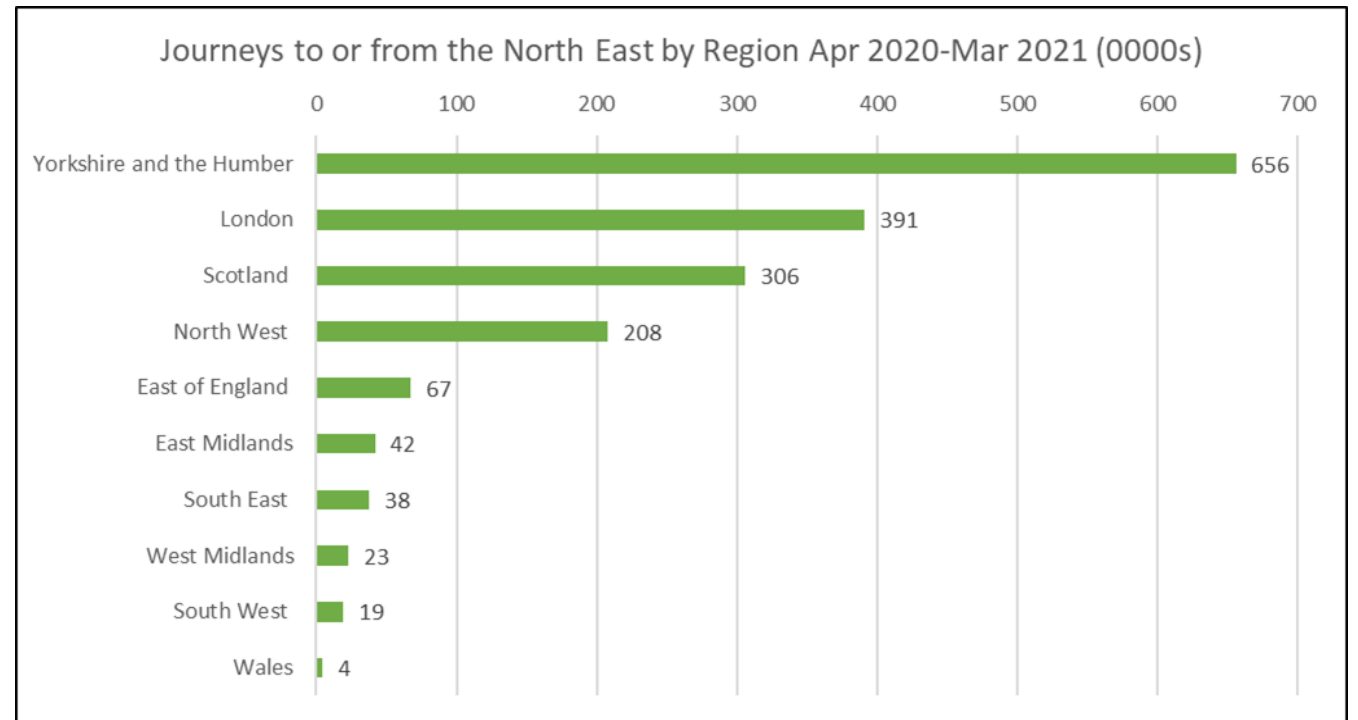
Red = decrease from 2020 and Green = increase from 2020

Source: UTMC

# North East Rail Journeys

There were 344 million rail journeys made in Great Britain in 2020-21. This equates to 23% of the 1,504 million journeys recorded in 2019-20. There were 3.2 million in the North East in 2020-21, 20% of the 16.2 million journeys made in 2019-20 <sup>(1)</sup>.

Since December 15<sup>th</sup>, 89% of respondents in the North East have been satisfied or very satisfied with their rail journeys <sup>(2)</sup>. In a report on confidence in public transport, participants felt their lives had changed permanently due to the pandemic, especially those now working from home. Respondents were keen to settle into a new way of life after the pandemic as soon as possible <sup>(3)</sup>.



Source: ORR Regional Passenger Journeys North East

Sources: 1- Office of Road and Rail (ORR) Regional Rail Usage 2020-21 Report  
2- Transport Focus data hub  
3- Department for Transport Confidence in Public Transport Report- [Confidence in using public transport during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/92821/confidence-in-using-public-transport-during-coronavirus-covid-19.pdf)

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