

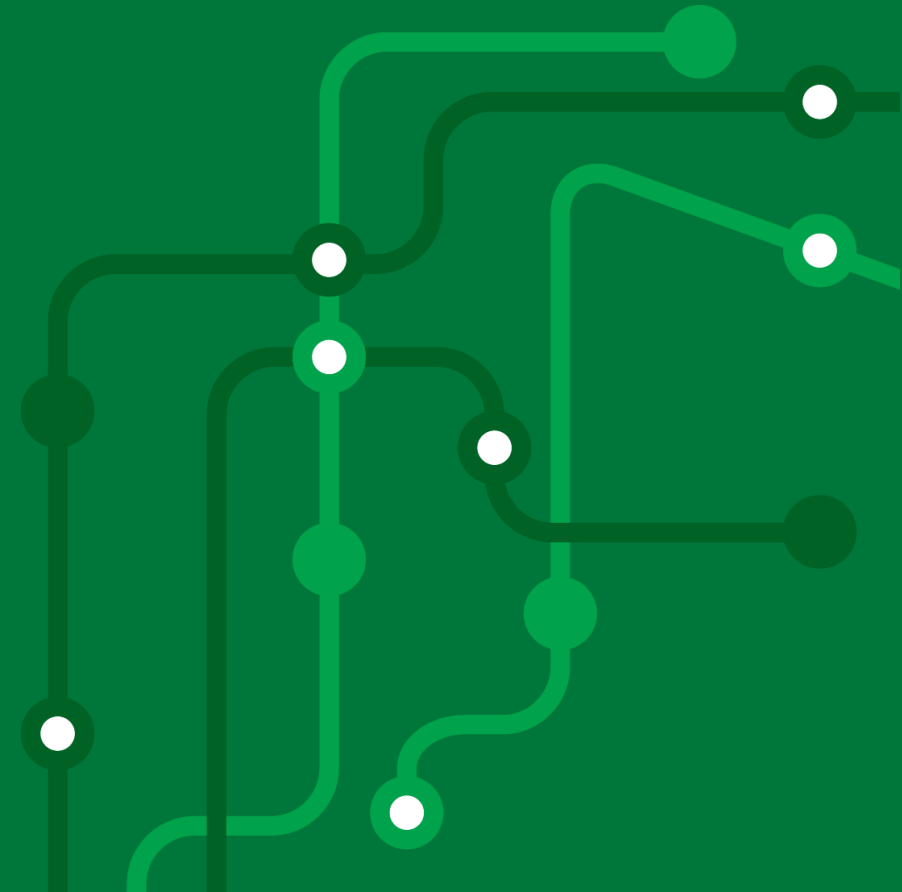
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Transport Dashboard

Monthly update

6th June 2023

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Monthly highlights



Bus passenger numbers in May were estimated to be around **102%** of 2022 levels.



Metro passenger numbers in May were estimated to be around **118%** of 2022 levels.



Overall, weekday traffic speeds between 08:00-09:00 were **around 5% faster** in May compared to May 2022.

Source: [Microsoft Power BI](#) (Urban Traffic Management Centre)



Daily May cycling rates at the Millennium Bridge were around **30% up** on daily April rates.



Average occupancy at the long stay Park and Ride site at Heworth Metro station was **32%** during weekday peak hours over May.

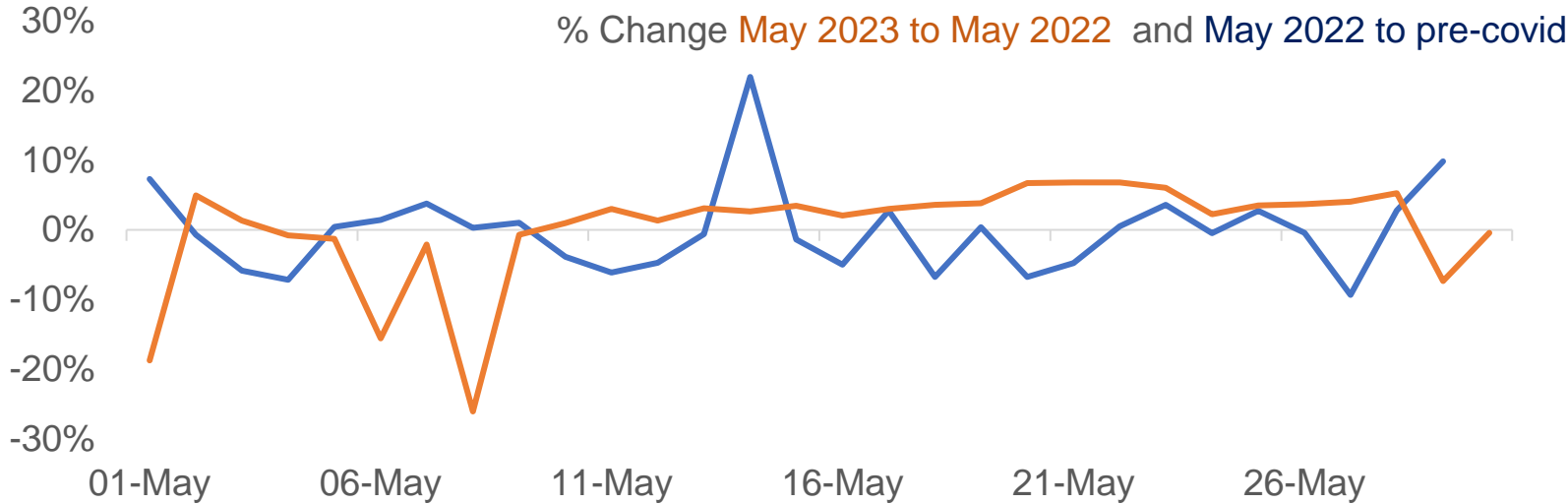
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Bus punctuality at all timing points was **82%** between April 2022 and March 2023.

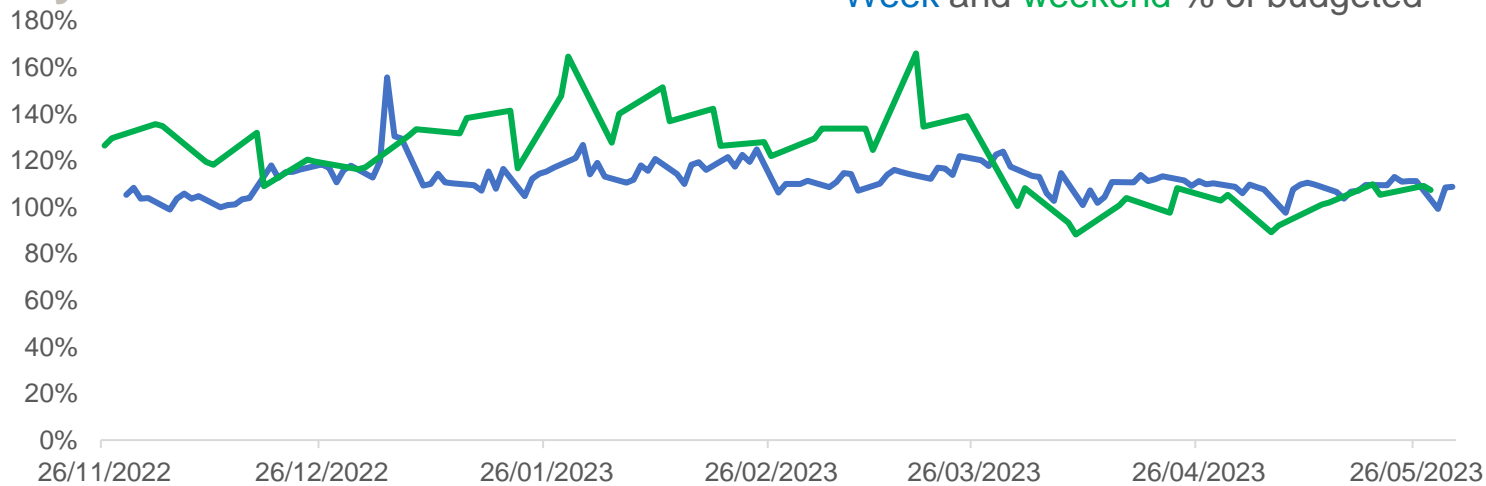
Road traffic

Tyne and Wear Traffic



Source: Tyne & Wear UTMC

Tyne Tunnel Traffic



Week and weekend % of budgeted

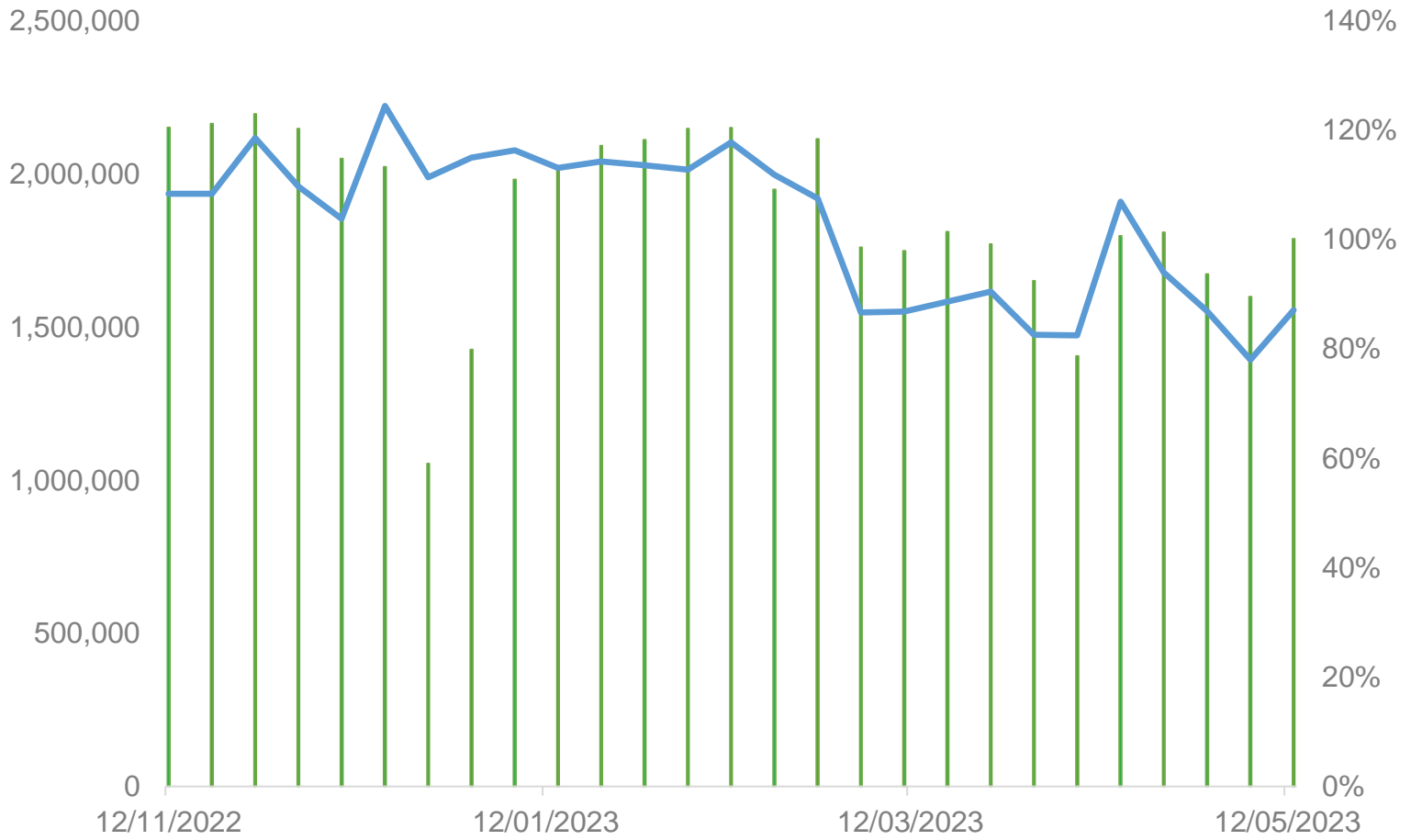
Source: TT2

Through May 2023 traffic levels across Tyne and Wear overall were around **2%** higher than May 2022 levels. May 2022 traffic levels were generally slightly below pre-Covid levels.

Traffic through the Tyne Tunnel continues to be higher than budgeted, particularly at the weekend, although recently levels are closer to budgeted.

Sustainable transport - Bus

Estimated bus patronage and % of the equivalent period in the previous year

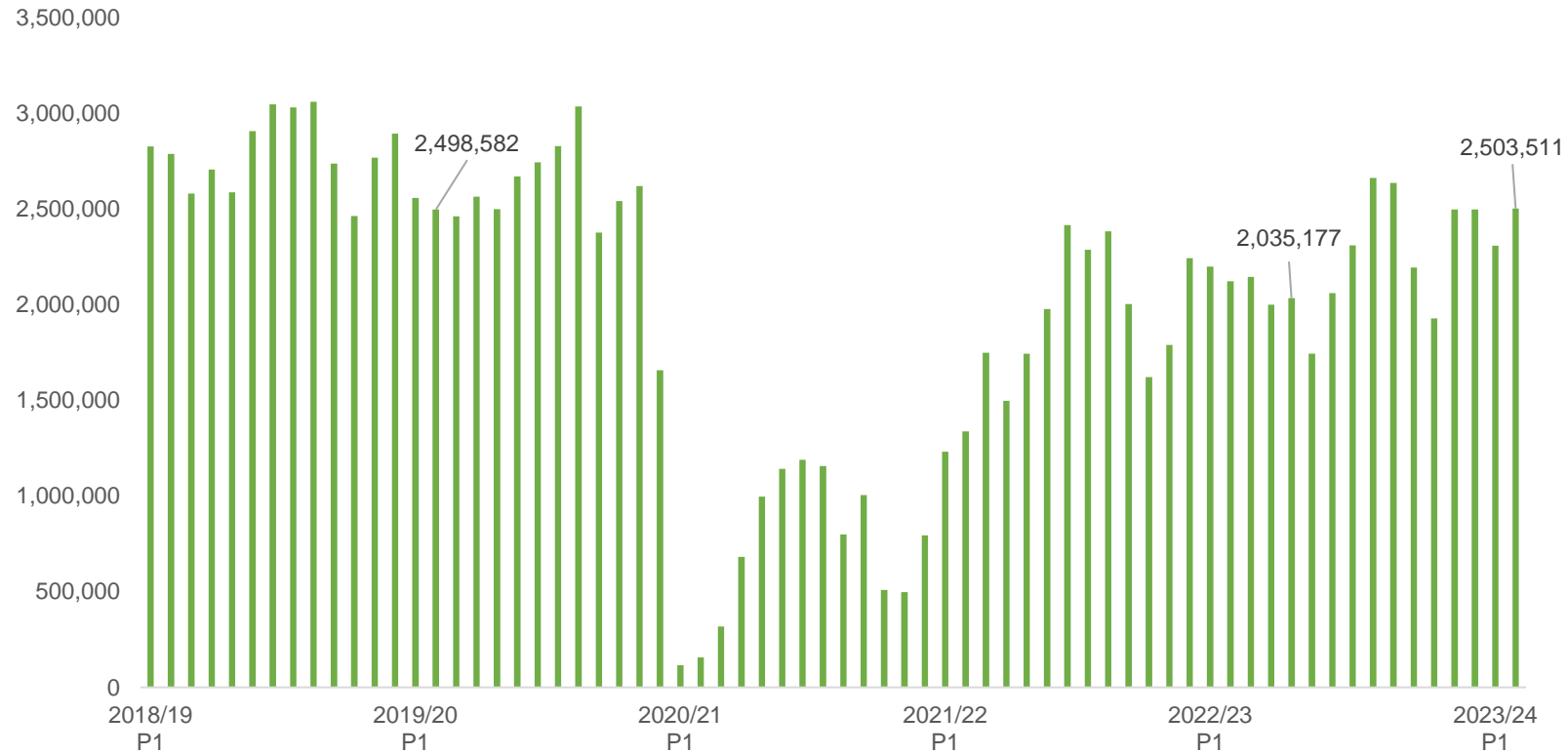


Patronage for buses appears to have started to plateau. Since September 2022 patronage when compared to pre-Covid levels has been between **77%** and **84%**.

The end of February 2022 saw the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, which may have had an impact.

Source: Bus operators (Confederation of Passenger Transport)

Estimated Passenger Boardings by Period 2018-2023

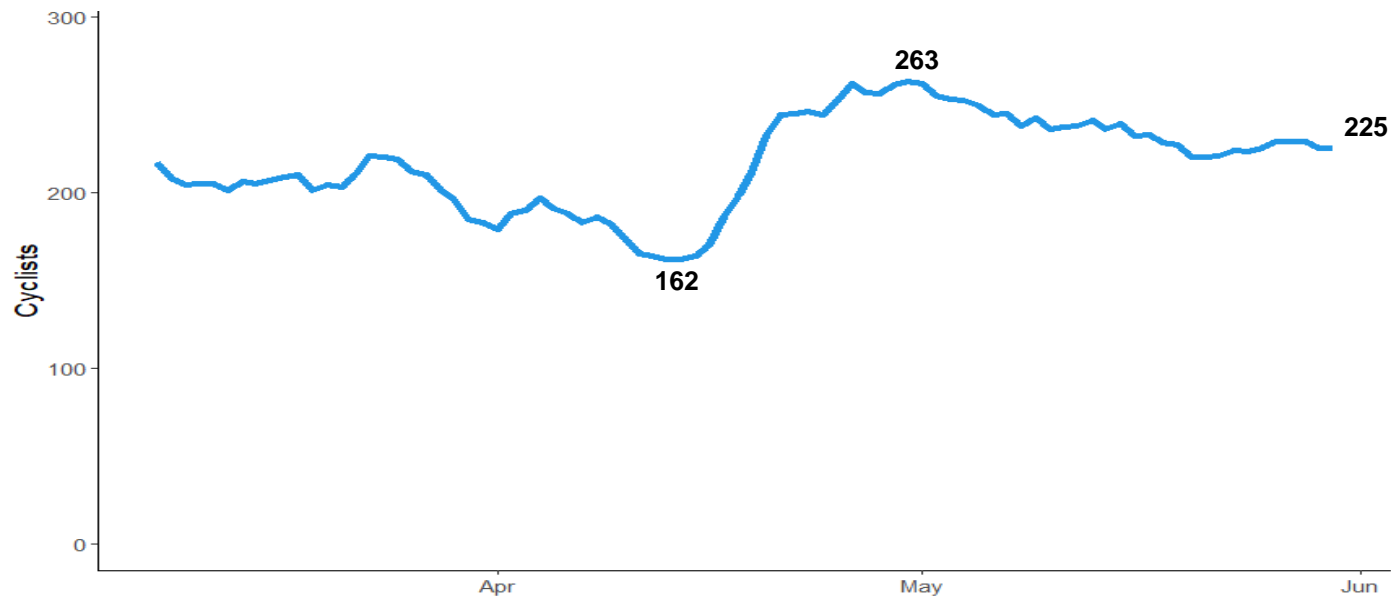
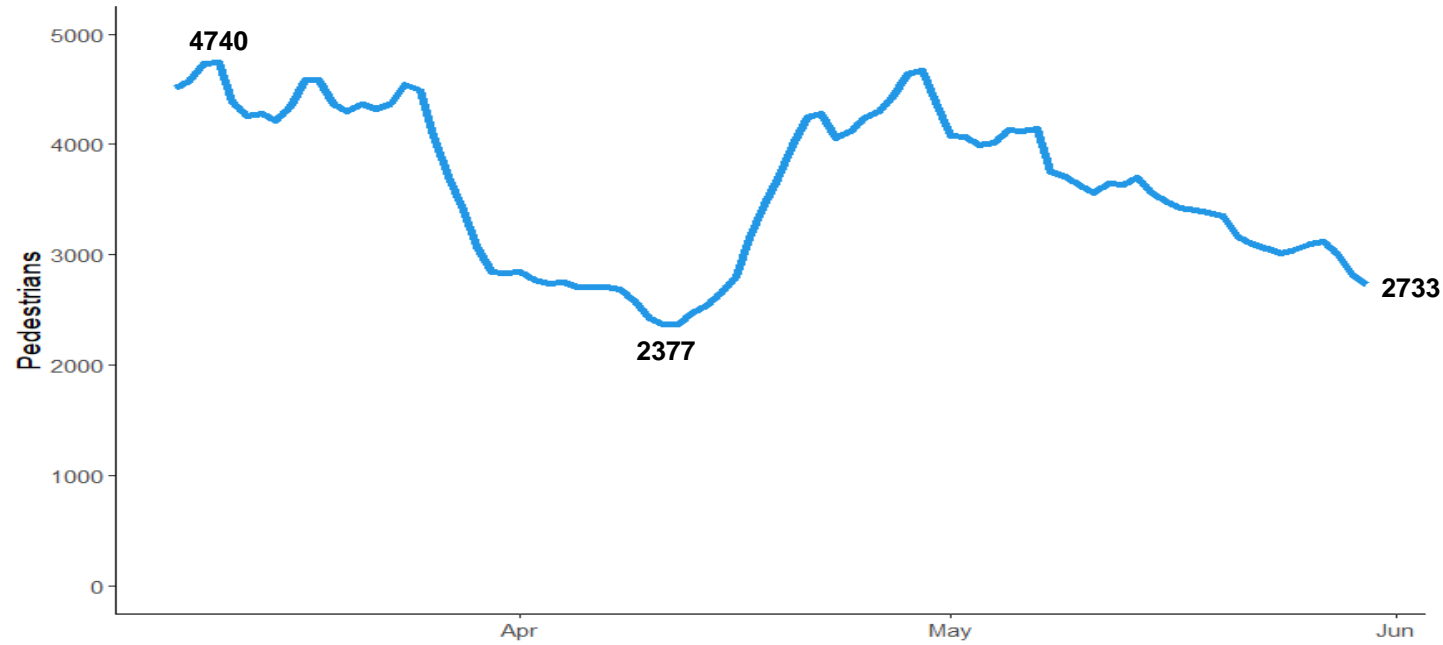


Metro passenger numbers are up on the equivalent period in 2022.

Passenger boardings in the equivalent period in 2019/20 were **2,498,582**.

Source: Nexus

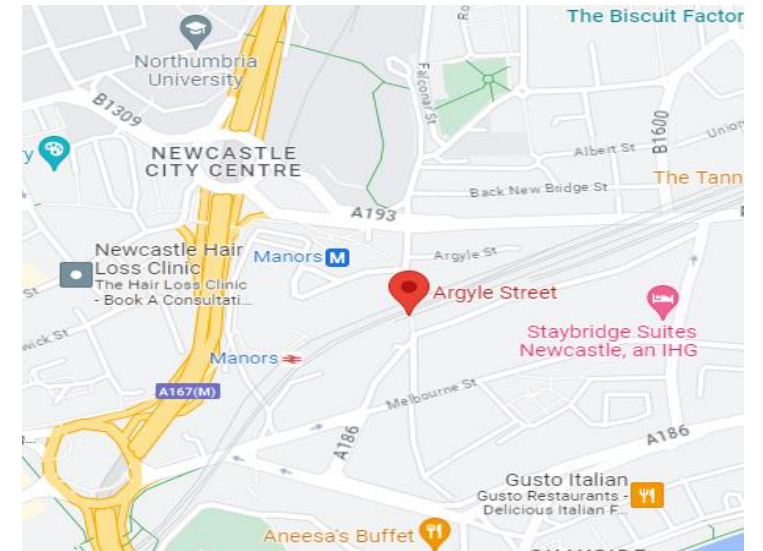
Active Travel



The graphs on this slide show the 7 day rolling average of cyclists and pedestrians at Argyle Street in Newcastle between March and May 2023.

On an average day across this period, **3627 pedestrians** and **217 cyclists** passed the area.

For pedestrians, we can see a marked decrease in usage in late March to mid-April, whereas cyclist rates were more stable across this period.



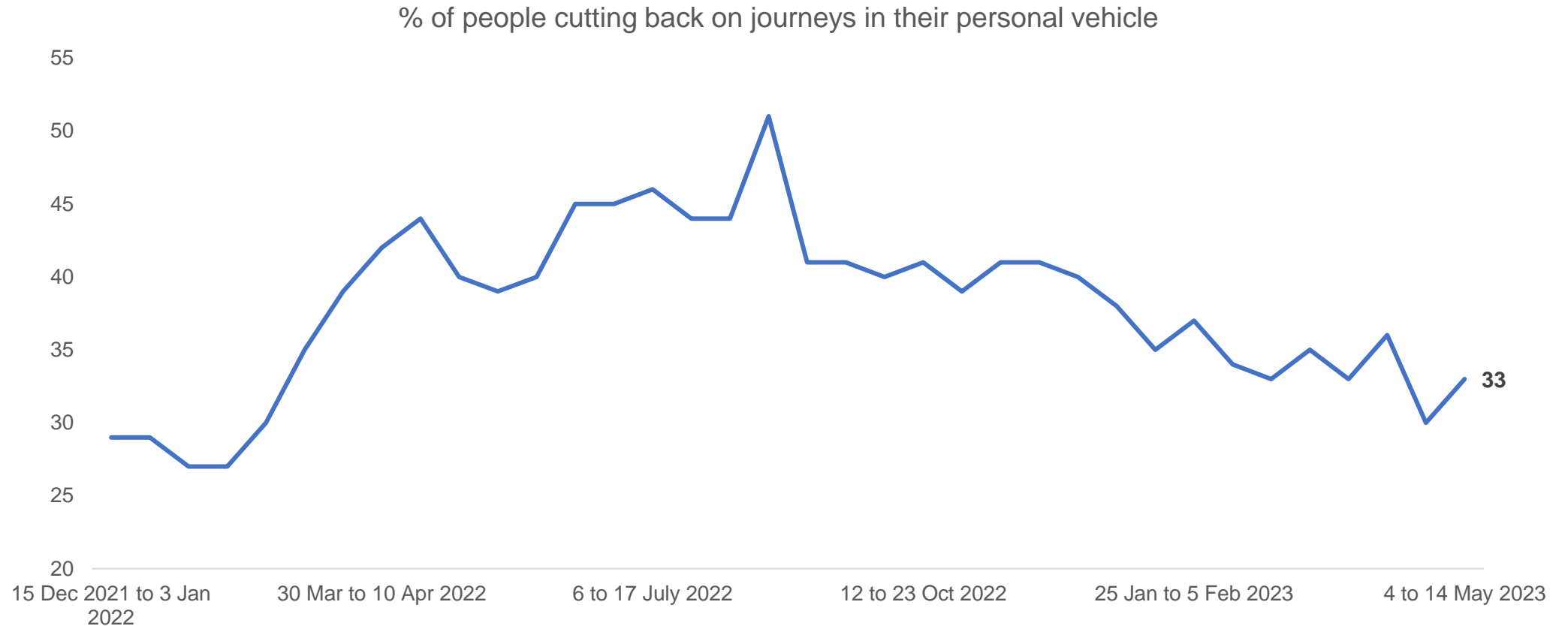
Source: Transport North East Counter Data, map from Google Maps

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Cost of Living and Transport

The cost of living feature this month focusses on the steps people are taking to cope with the cost of living crisis, focussing specifically on people's propensity to cut back on non-essential journeys. We can see that while fewer people are reporting cutting back on non-essential journeys from a peak of 51% in August 2022, that **33% of respondents are still cutting back on these journeys.**

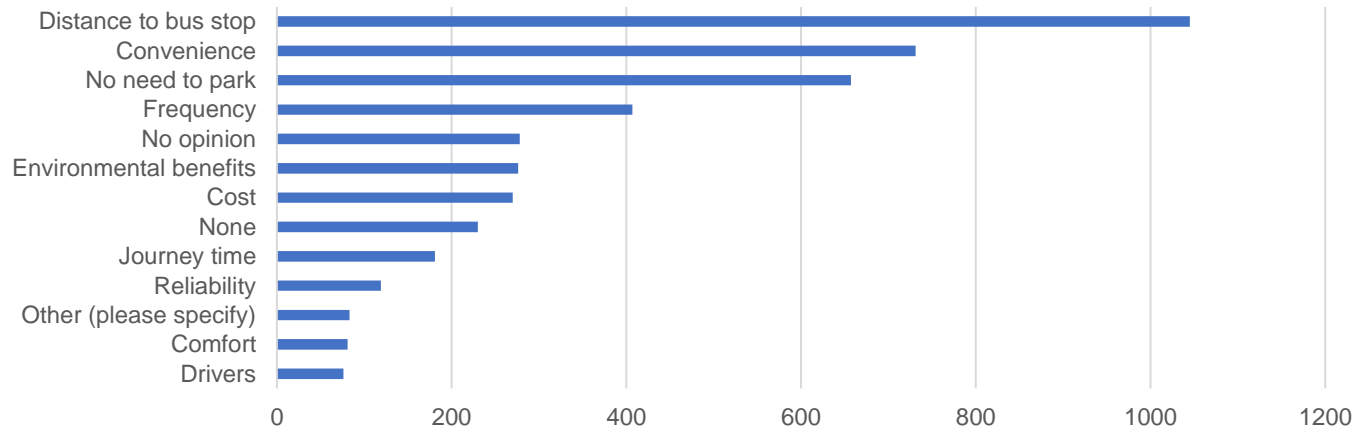


Source: Office for National Statistics [Cost of living insights - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

North East Travel Survey

This month's feature looks at responses to the North East Travel Survey in relation to the best and worst aspects of bus and Metro services. Respondents to the survey were asked to select from a list of given aspects, or select other, which they were able to specify in a text field.

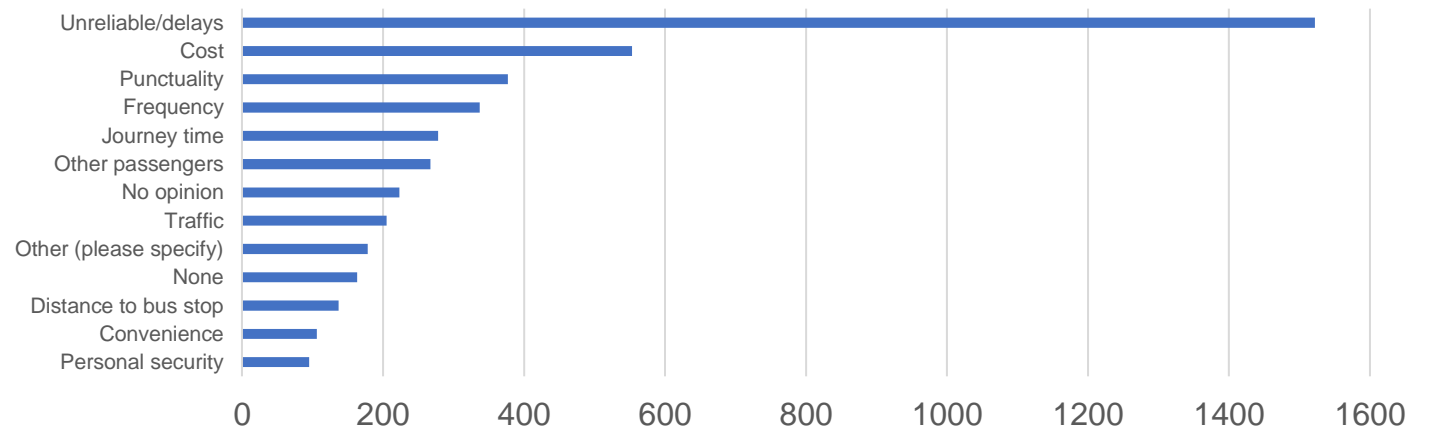
What is the best aspect of local bus services?



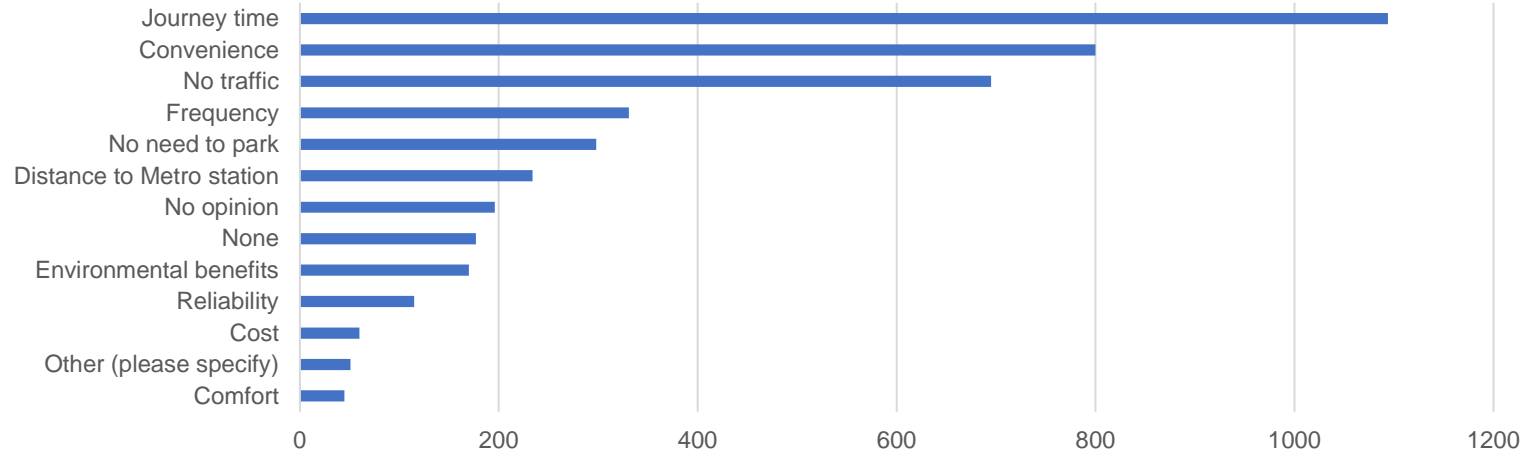
For the best aspect of bus services, the top 3 for the respondents to the survey were **distance to the bus stop (24%** of the responses to that question), **convenience (16%),** and **no need to park (15%).**

For the worst aspect of bus services, the top 3 for the respondents to the survey were **unreliable/delays (34%** of responses to that question), **cost (12%)** and **punctuality (8%).**

What is the worst aspect of local bus services?



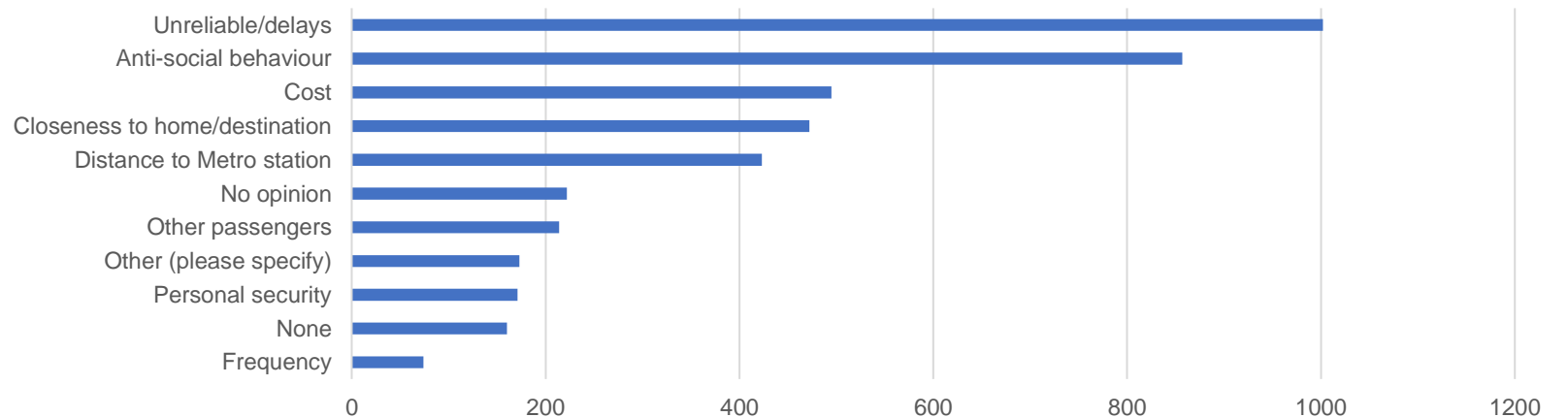
What is the best aspect of the Tyne and Wear Metro?



For the best aspect of Metro services, the top 3 for the respondents to the survey were **journey time (26%** of the responses to that question), **convenience (19%)**, and **no traffic (16%)**.

For the worst aspect of Metro services, the top 3 for the respondents to the survey were **unreliable/delays (24%** of responses to that question), **anti-social behaviour (20%)** and **cost (12%)**.

What is the worst aspect of the Tyne and Wear Metro?



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