

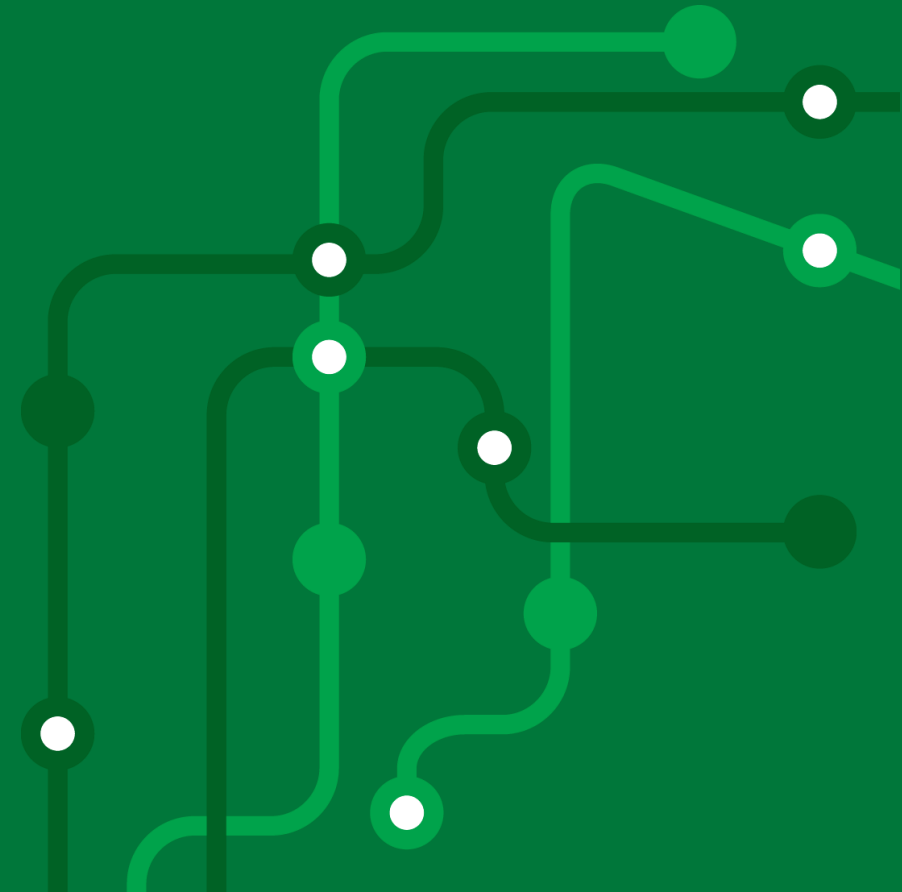
Transport **North East**

Transport Dashboard

Monthly update

11th July 2023

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Quarterly highlights



Bus passenger numbers in June were estimated to be around **90%** of 2022 levels.



Metro passenger numbers in June were estimated to be **100%** of 2022 levels.



Overall, for the year to date weekday traffic speeds have been very similar to 2022

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



Daily June cycling rates at count sites across the region were around **11% up** on daily May rates.

Source: Transport North East Counter Data



Average occupancy at the long stay Park and Ride site at Heworth Metro station has been **37%** during weekday peak hours so far this year.

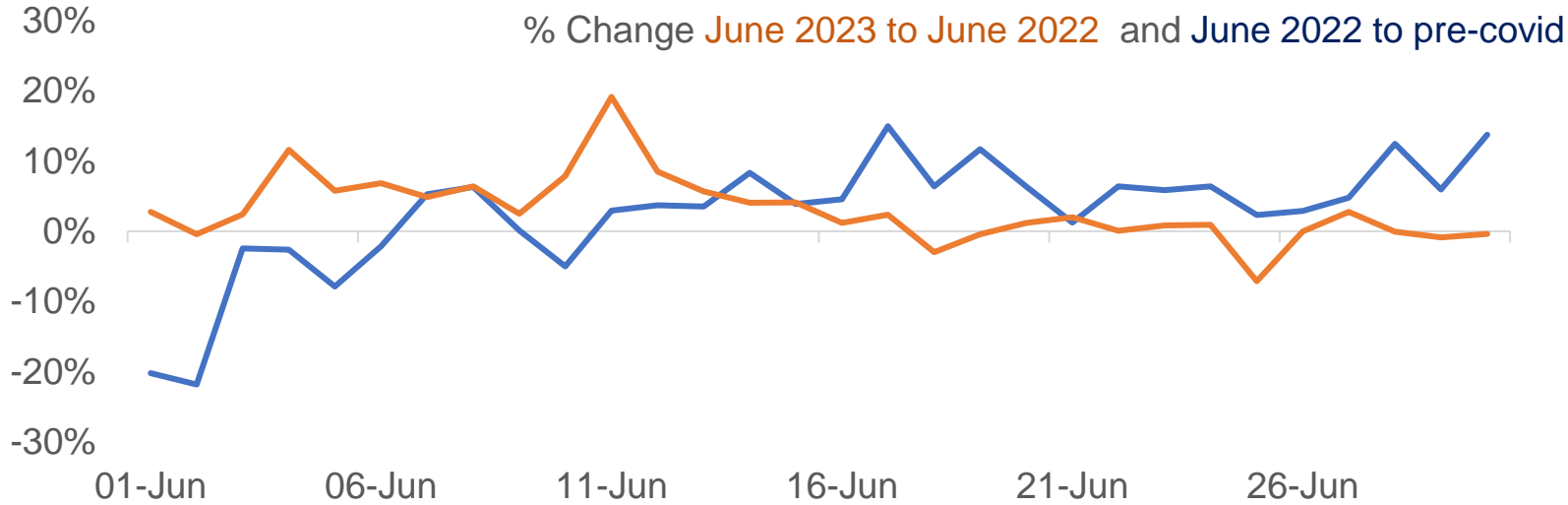
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Respondents of the North East Travel Survey, when asked to give an overall rating experience on local rail, Metro and Bus gave an average score of 6 out of 10 for each.

Road traffic

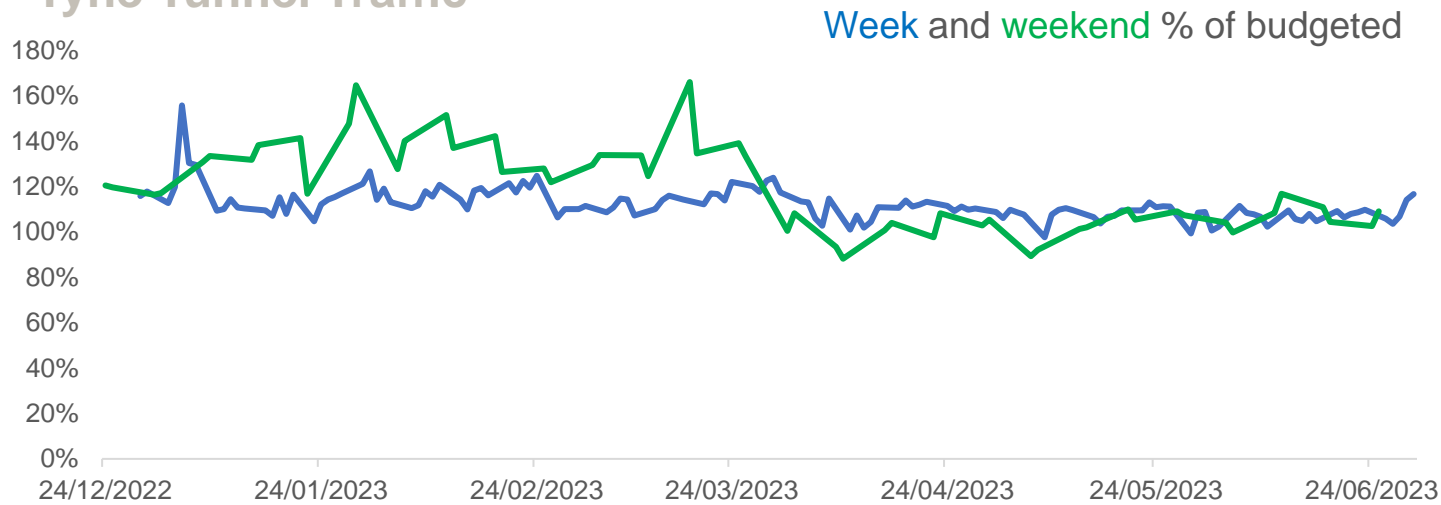
Tyne and Wear Traffic



Through June 2023 traffic levels across Tyne and Wear overall were around **5%** higher than June 2022 levels. June 2022 traffic levels were generally slightly above pre-Covid levels.

Source: Tyne & Wear UTMC

Tyne Tunnel Traffic

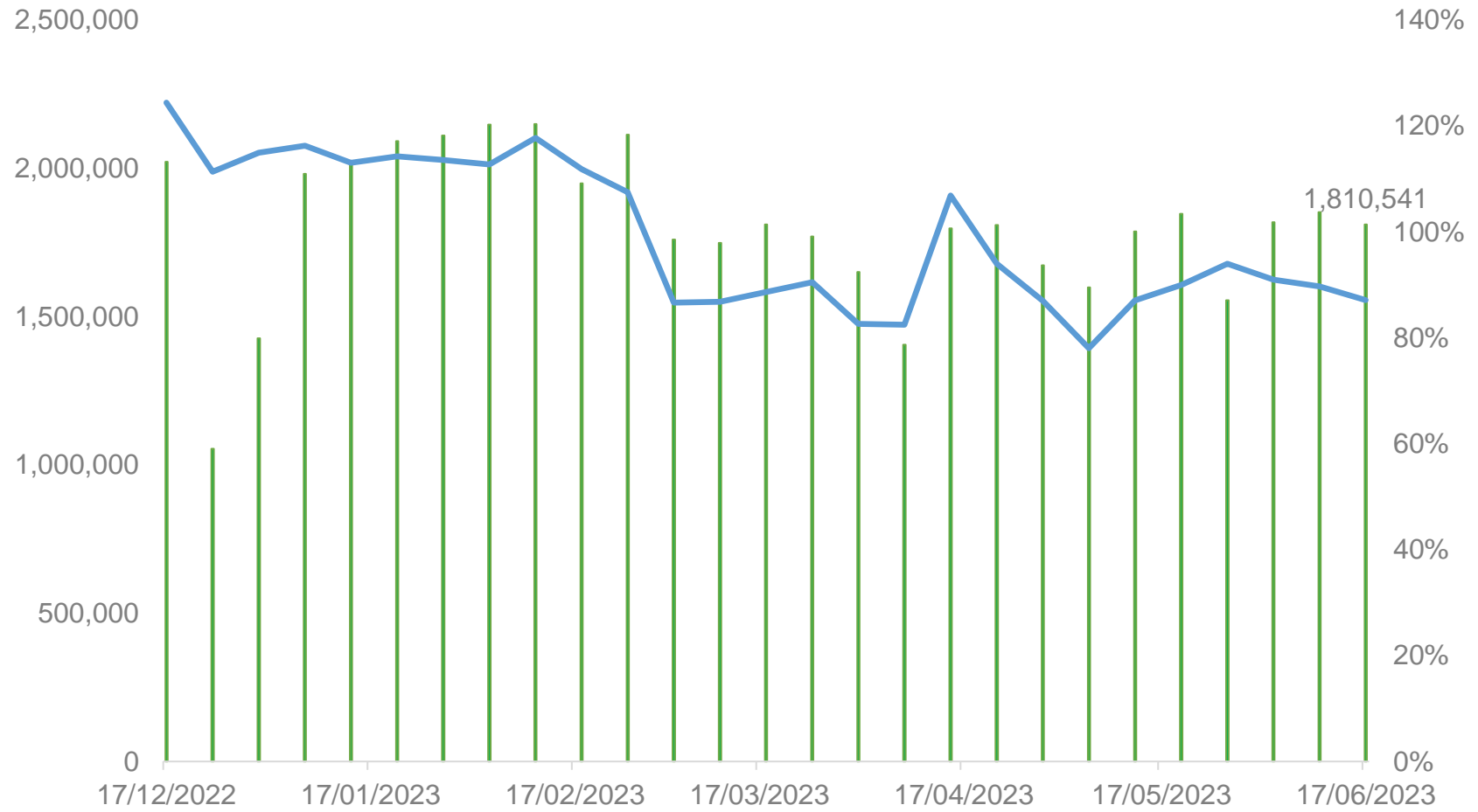


Traffic through the Tyne Tunnel continues to be higher than budgeted, particularly at the weekend, although recently levels are closer to budgeted.

Source: TT2

Sustainable transport - Bus

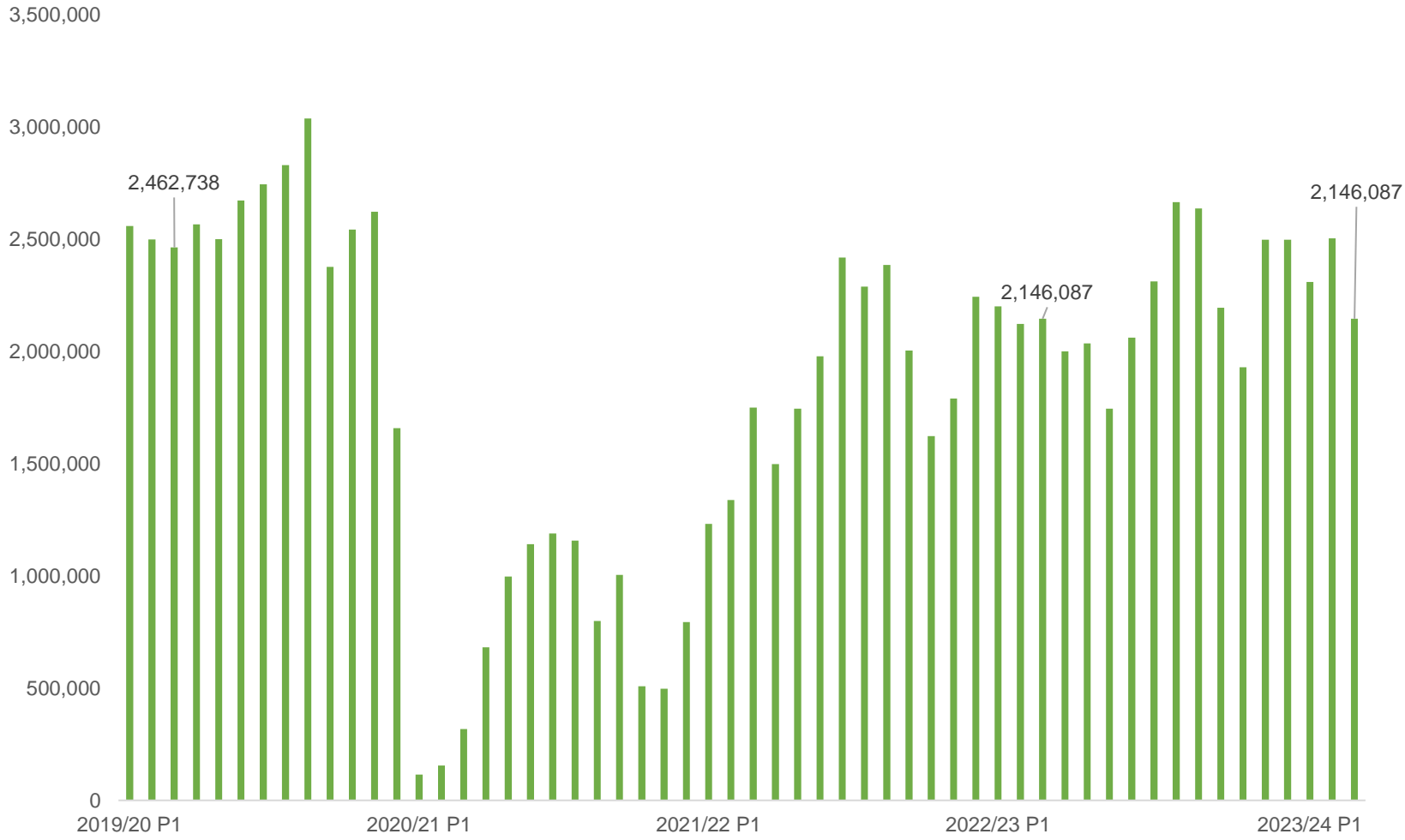
Estimated bus patronage and % of the equivalent period in the previous year



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

Source: Bus operators (Confederation of Passenger Transport)

Sustainable transport – Metro



Estimated passenger numbers are at the same level as this period in 2022.

Passenger boardings in the equivalent period in 2019/20 were **2,462,738**.

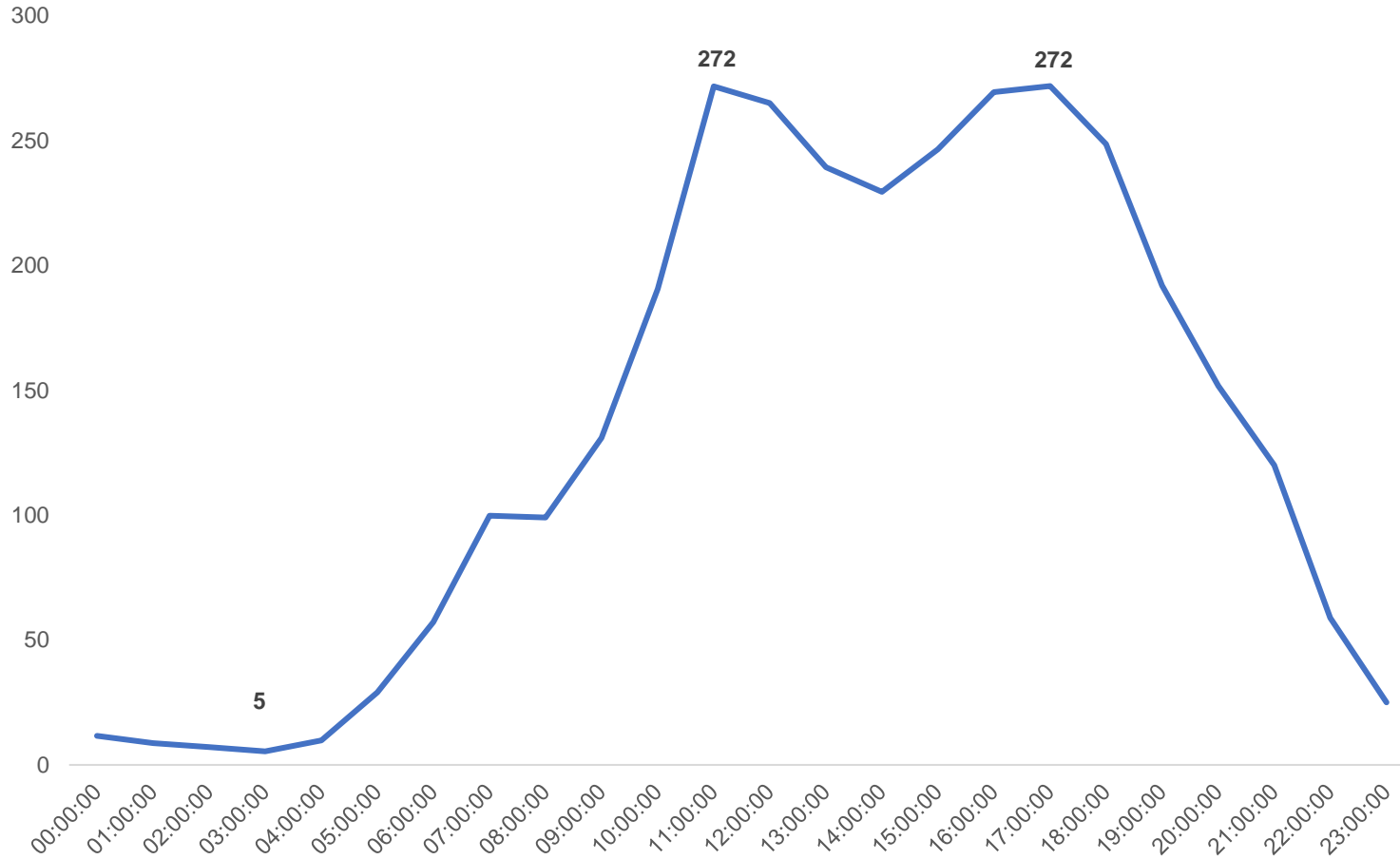
Source: Nexus

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Active Travel

Average Pedestrian Crossings by Hour Swing Bridge (West)



The graph on this slide shows the hourly averages of pedestrian crossings of the Swing Bridge in Newcastle between April 28th and June 28th 2023. We can see two distinct peaks in hourly usage, with overall usage highest between 11:00 and 17:00

On an average day across this period, **3196 pedestrians** and **65 cyclists** passed the area.

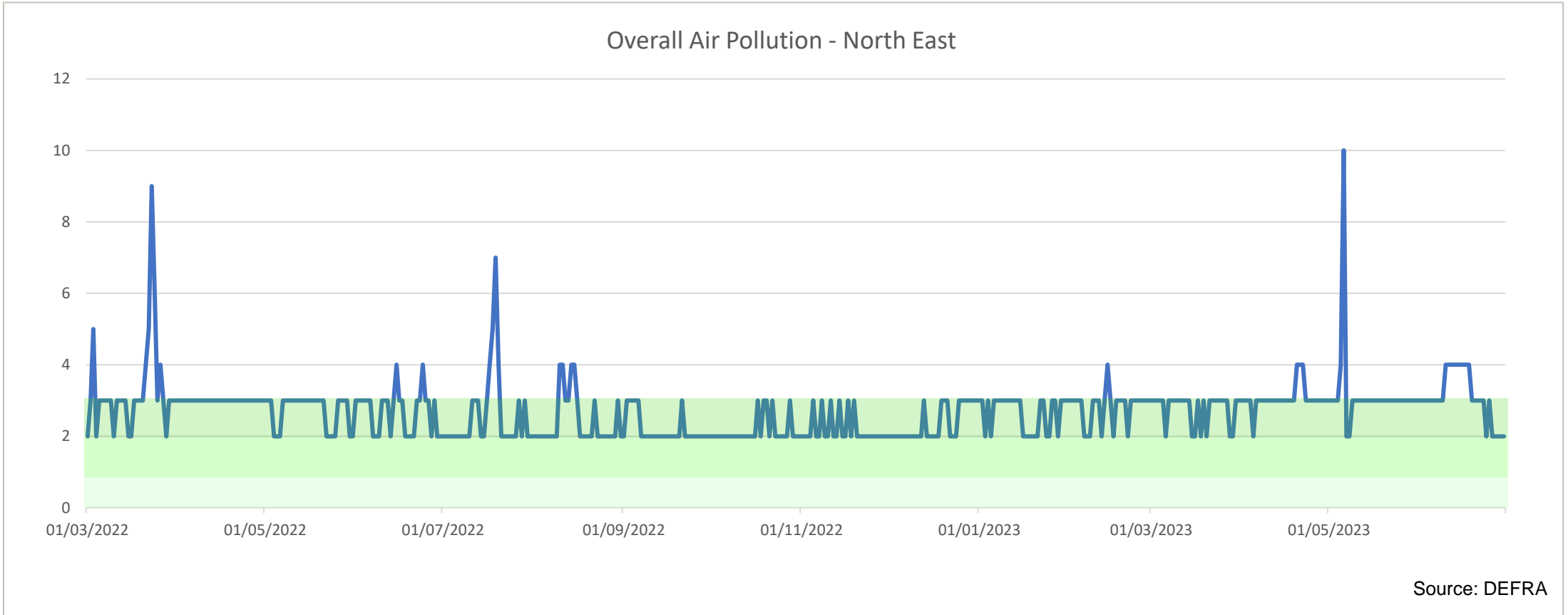


Source: Urban Observatory Counter Data, map from Google Maps

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Air Quality



The overall air pollution index for a site or region is determined by the highest concentration of five pollutants



Low

Moderate

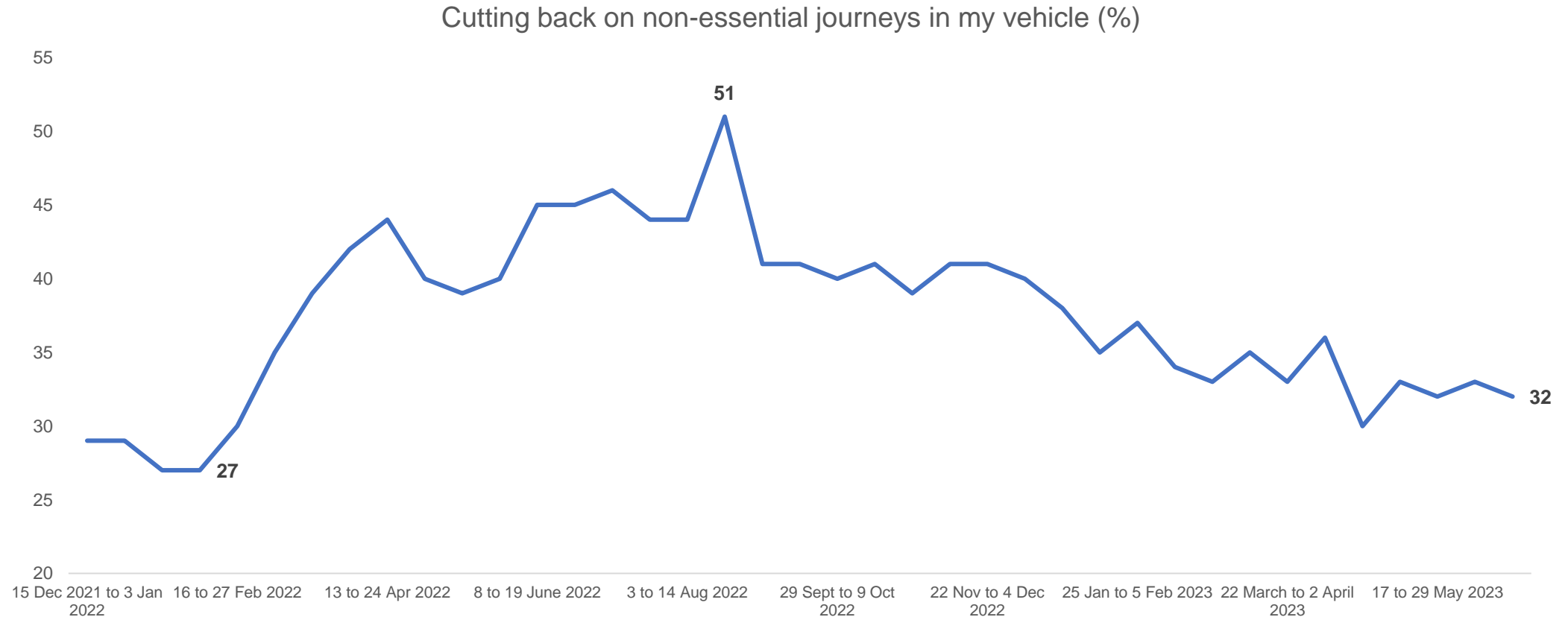
High

Very High

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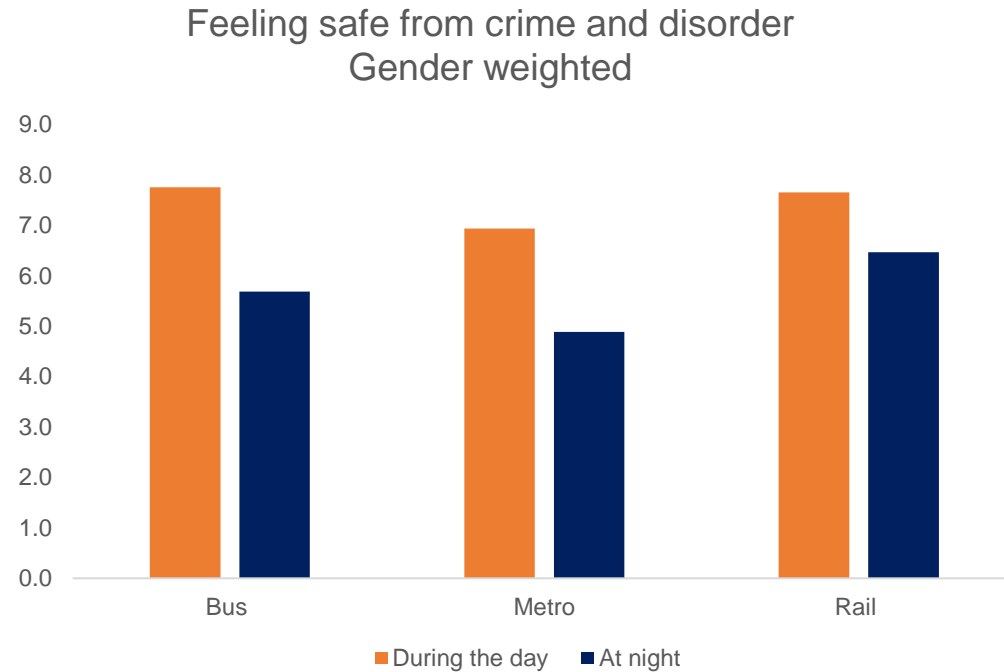
The cost of living feature this month focusses on the steps people are taking to cope with the cost of living crisis, focussing specifically on people's propensity to cut back on non-essential journeys. We can see that while fewer people are reporting cutting back on non-essential journeys from a peak of 51% in August 2022, that **32% of respondents are still cutting back on these journeys**. Over the last quarter, this figure has been relatively stable.



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

This month's feature looks at responses to the North East Travel Survey in relation to safety.

Respondents to the survey were asked to rate their feelings about safety from crime and disorder during the day and at night, from 0 - not safe at all to 10 - completely safe.

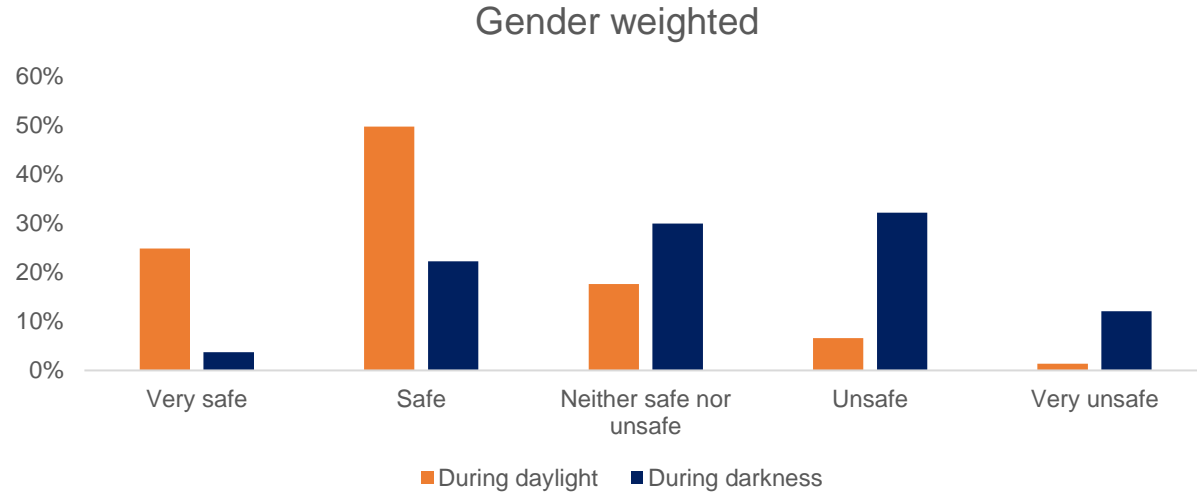


For Bus, Metro and Rail, feelings of safety from crime and disorder were lower at night than during the day.

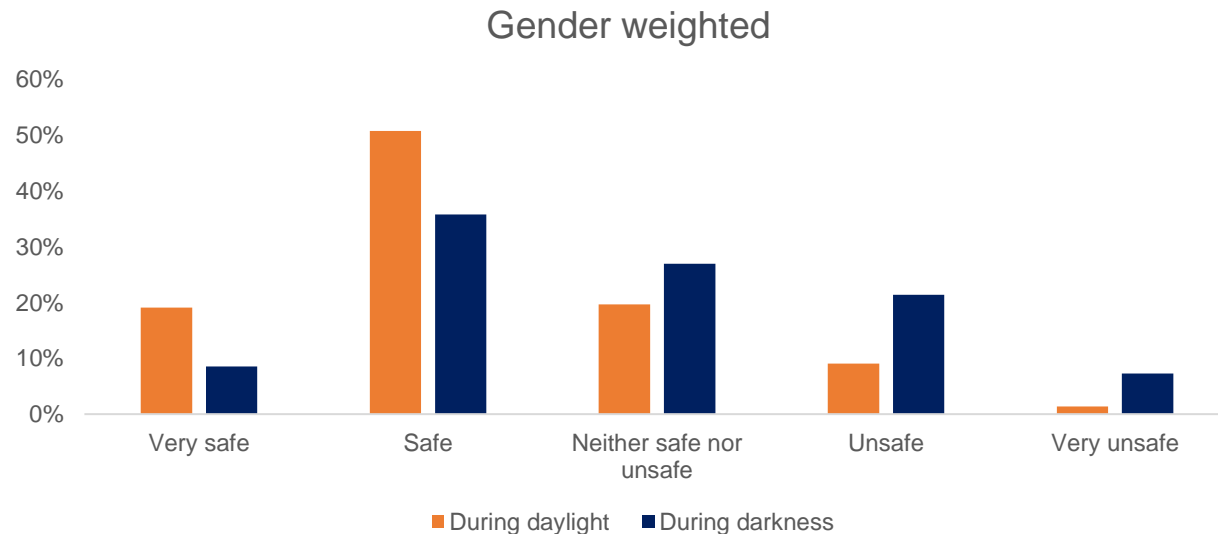
Respondents felt safest at night on Rail and there was a smaller gap between the day and night ratings than for Bus and Metro.

The difference in ratings in feelings of safety between day and night were similar for Bus and Metro

Respondents to the survey were asked to rate their feelings about safety while walking, from very safe to unsafe.



When asked about their feelings about safety from crime and disorder when walking in our region, a far higher percentage of respondents felt safe or very safe during the day (75%) than at night (26%).



When asked about their feelings about safety while crossing the road when walking in our region, 70% of respondents felt safe or very safe during the day, and 45% at night.

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