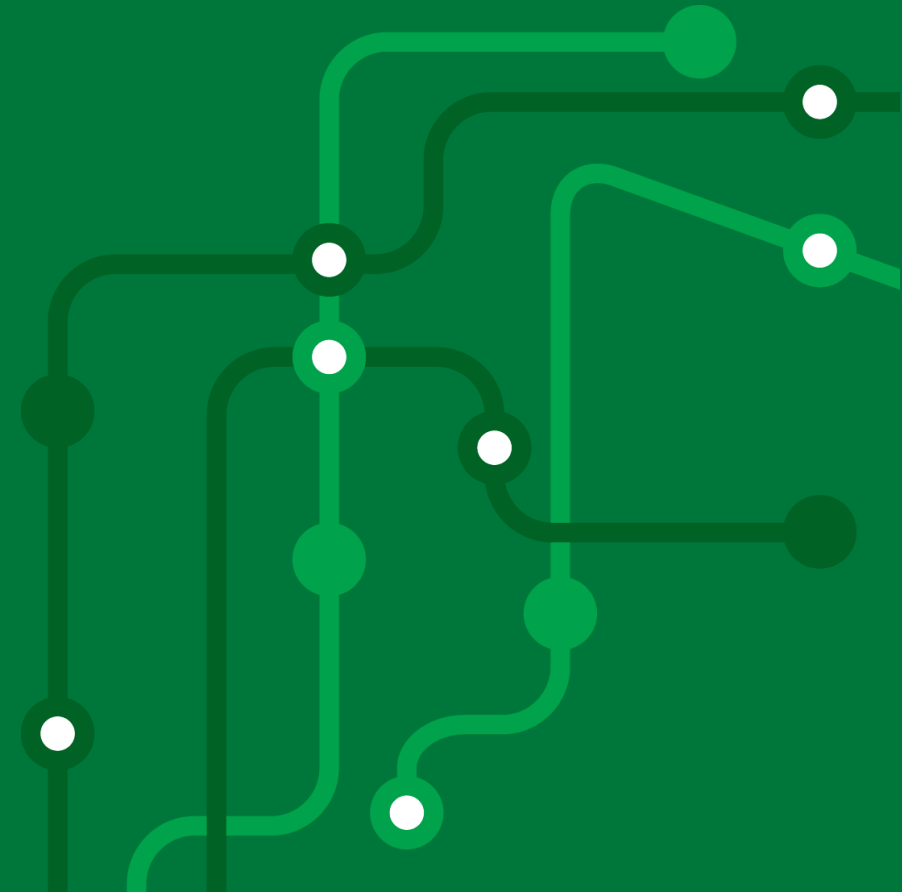


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Transport Dashboard

Monthly update
November 2023

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Monthly highlights



Bus passenger numbers in October were estimated to be around **84%** of 2022 levels.



Metro passenger numbers in October were estimated to be **113%** of 2022 levels.



Overall, both weekday and weekend traffic speeds in 2023 have been slightly slower than in 2022

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



Daily October cyclist rates at Armstrong Bridge were **33% up** on September volumes

Source: Transport North East Counter Data



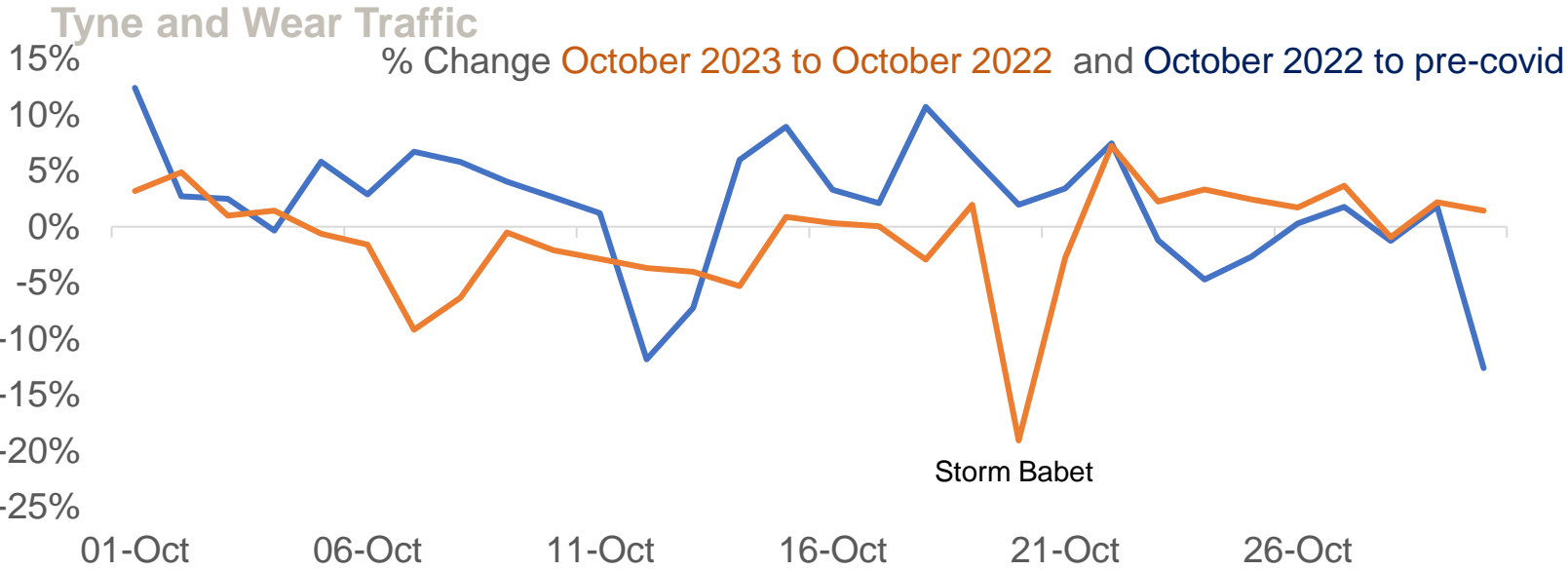
During October, average occupancy at the long stay Park and Ride site at Heworth Metro station was **43%** during peak weekday hours. This was 44% in October 2022

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



According to latest DfT and DVLA data, there are around 11,200 battery electric vehicles registered in the North East (1.1% of the total vehicles in the region), plus around 5200 plug in hybrids.

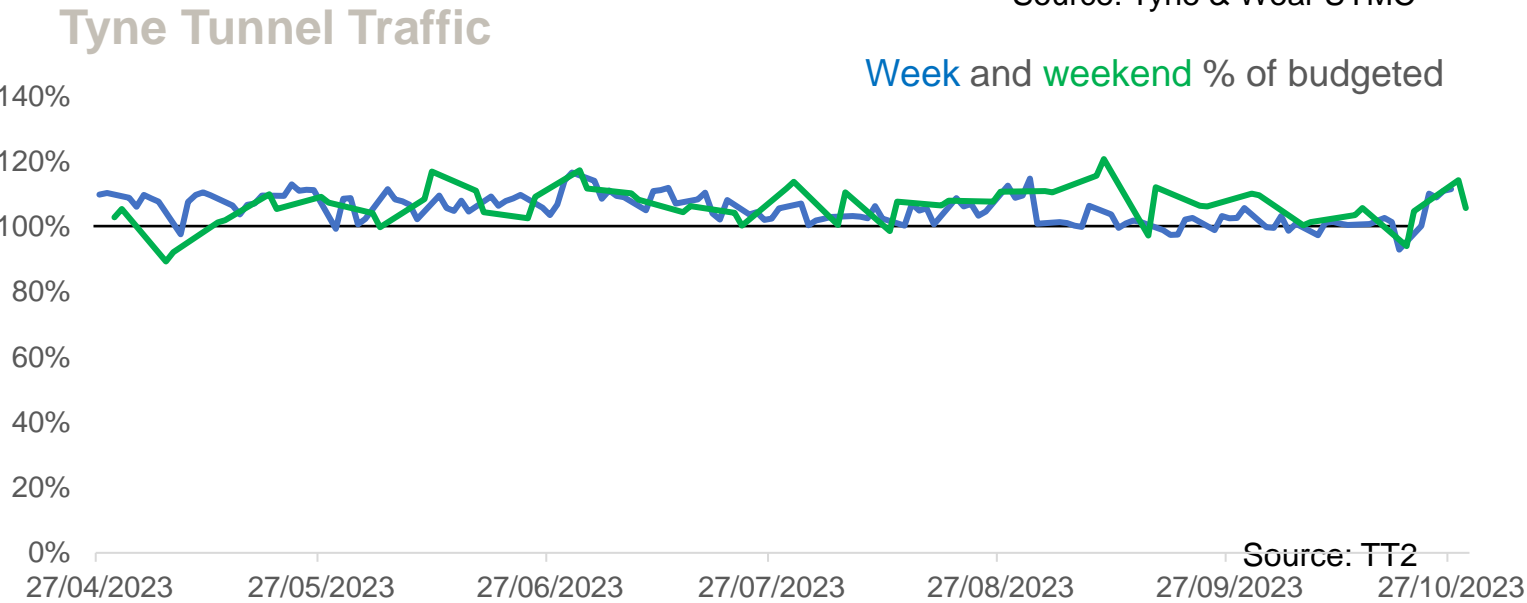
Road traffic



Overall, through October 2023 traffic levels across Tyne and Wear were around 2% higher than October 2022 levels. October 2022 traffic levels were slightly below pre-Covid levels.

Source: Tyne & Wear UTMC

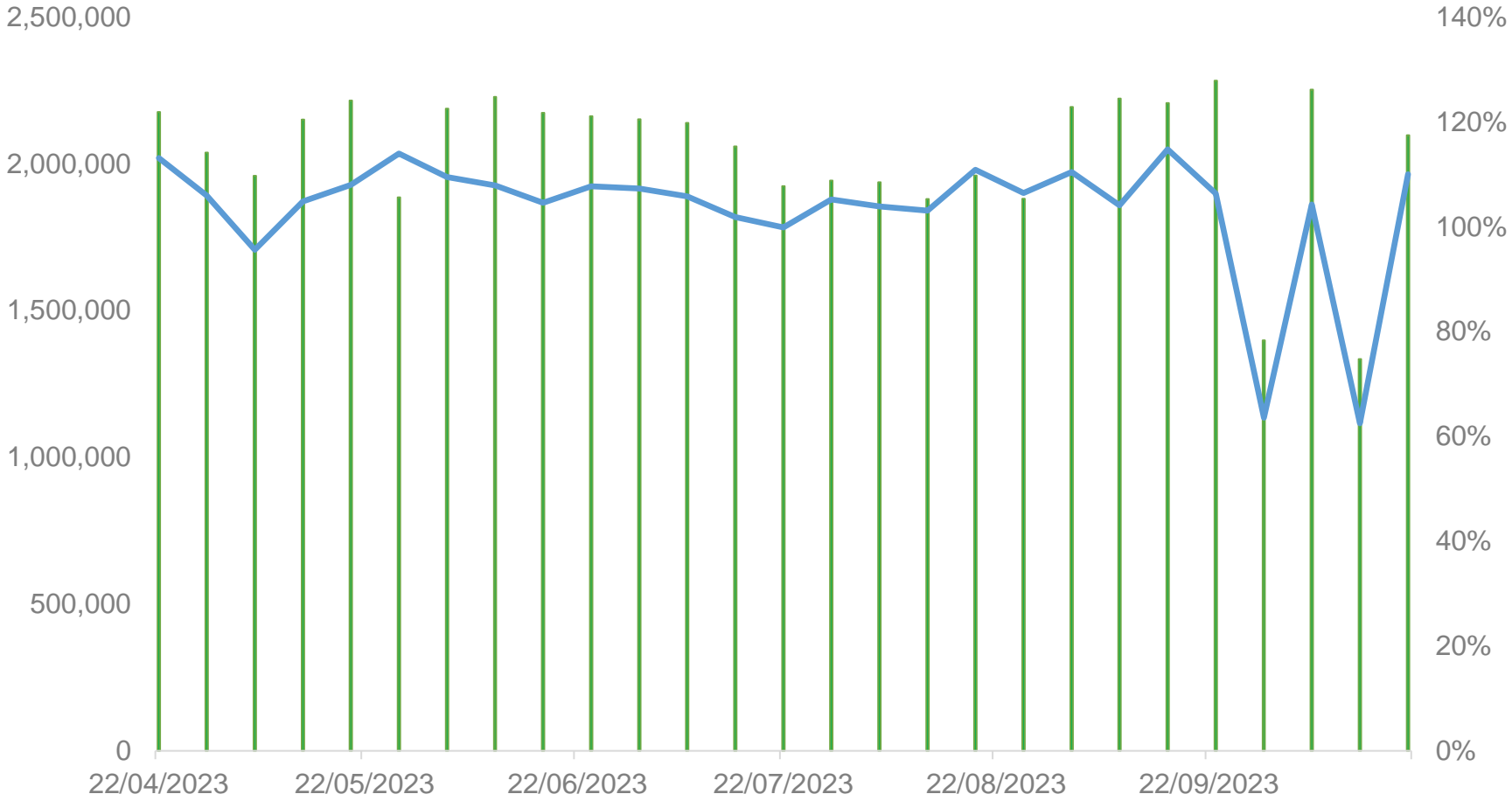
Traffic through the Tyne Tunnel continues to be higher than budgeted.



Source: TT2

Sustainable transport - Bus

Estimated weekly bus patronage and % of the equivalent period in 2022

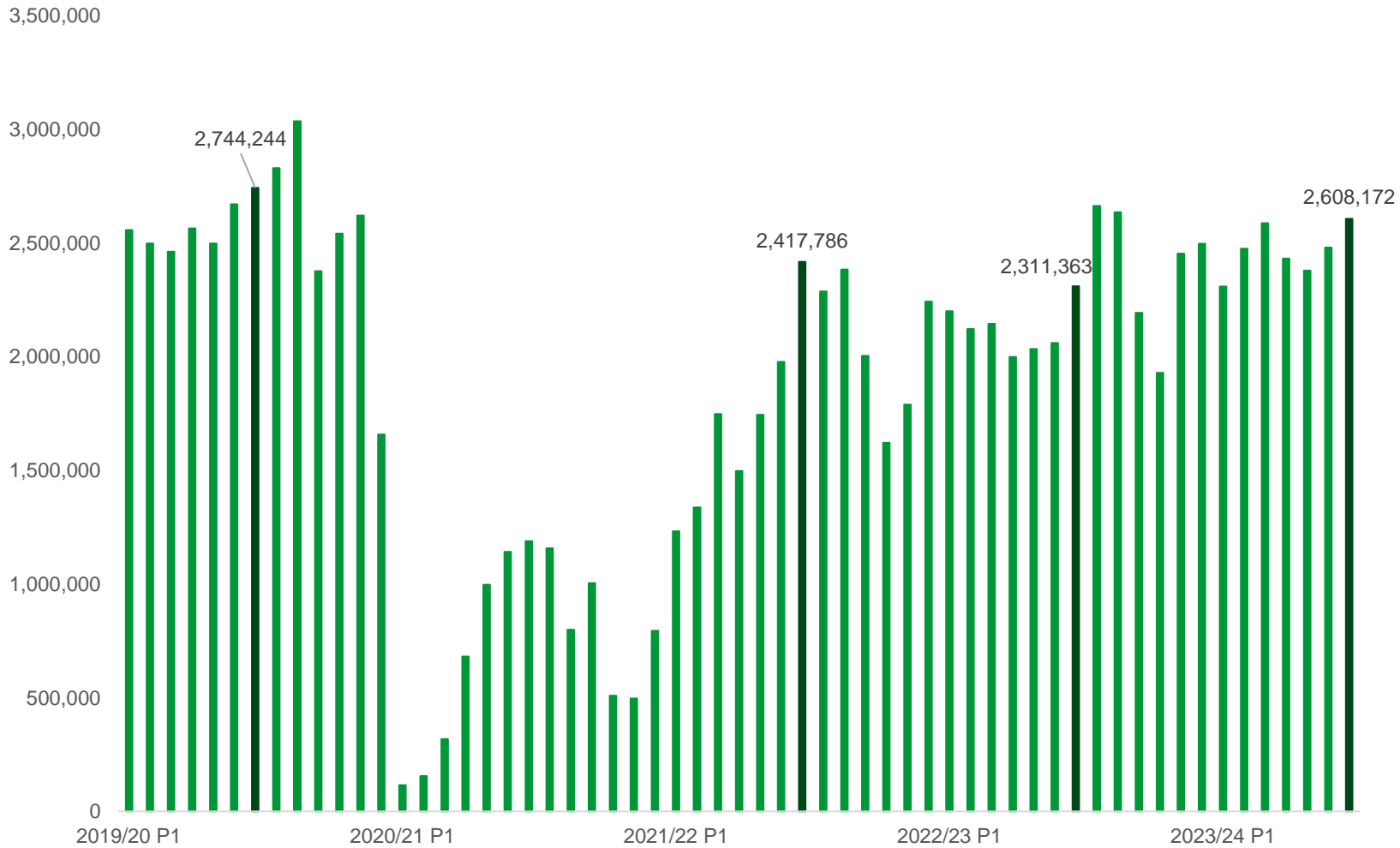


Bus patronage for October 2023 was **7.1m** passengers. In the same period in 2022 patronage was **8.4m**.

Passenger numbers have been affected by bus strikes.

Source: Bus operators (Confederation of Passenger Transport)

Estimated Passenger Boardings



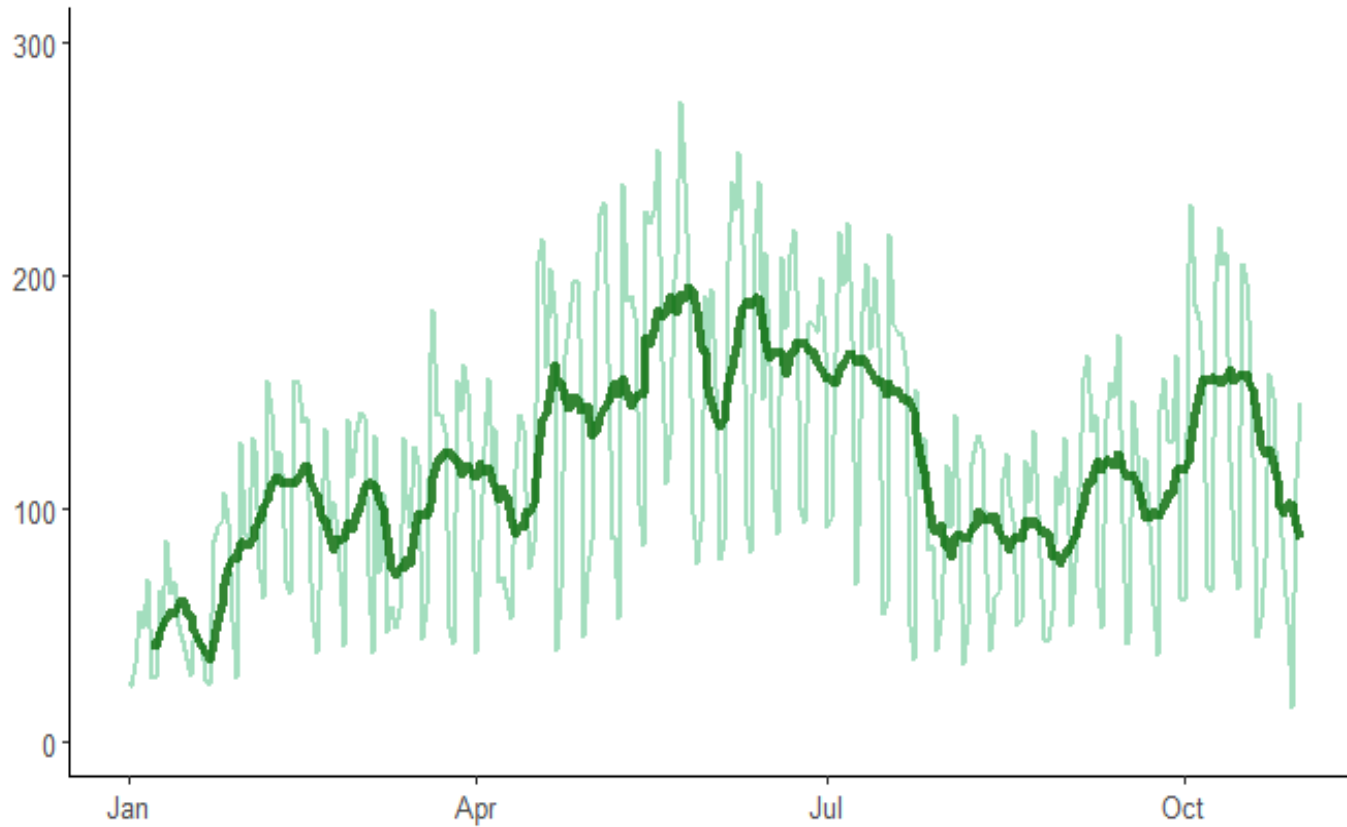
Estimated passenger numbers in the most recent period are above the same period in 2022, at **2,608,172** compared to **2,311,363**.

Passenger boardings in the equivalent period in 2019/20 were **2,744,244**.

Source: Nexus

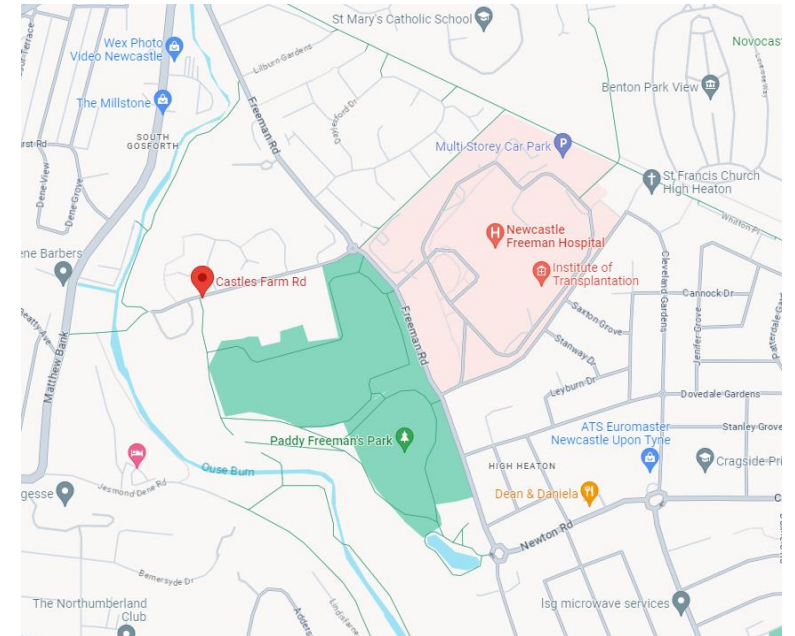
Active Travel

Daily Number of Cyclists 2023



The graph on this slide shows the volumes of cyclists at Castles Farm Road in Newcastle through 2023. The darker line is the 7 day moving average. We can see a steady increase in the first period of the year before a decline throughout July. October's figures may have been influenced by inclement weather conditions throughout the month.

On an average day across this period, **119 cyclists passed this area**. The fewest cyclists passing this area was 15 and the most was 275.

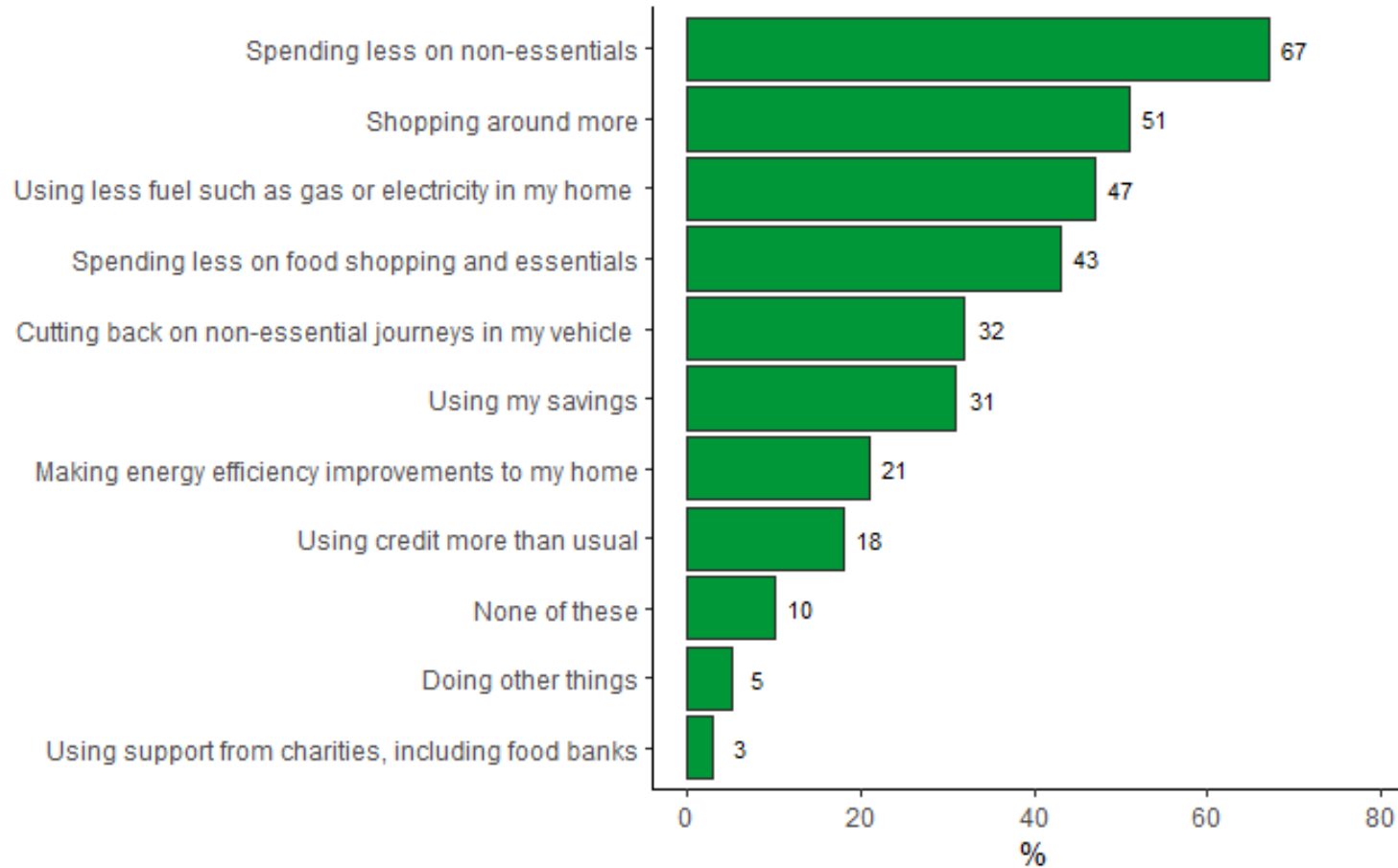


Source: Transport North East Counter Data, map from Google Maps

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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. 32% of respondents in September reported cutting down on non-essential journeys in their vehicle, up from 30% in September. Those spending less on non-essentials dropped from 69% in September to 67% in October.

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

Fuel Prices and Demand

Automotive fuel and experimental demand indicators, UK, index: 100 = equivalent week of the previous year, non-seasonally adjusted



Our spotlight feature this month focusses on national level experimental data around fuel prices and average fuel sales.

We can see that even when fuel prices raise comparative to the year before, demand does not fall at the same rate. This is also the case for price drops, which do not cause a particular increase in sales.

Source: [Automotive fuel spending - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/energy-and-environment/fuel-prices)

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