



# What's happening on travel trends - 15/07/2022

## Introduction

This log sets out some of the key sources of travel data and sets out some of the key trends.

### Department for transport

The Department for Transport (DfT) is currently publishing daily movement data by mode. The full data source is available at the following link:

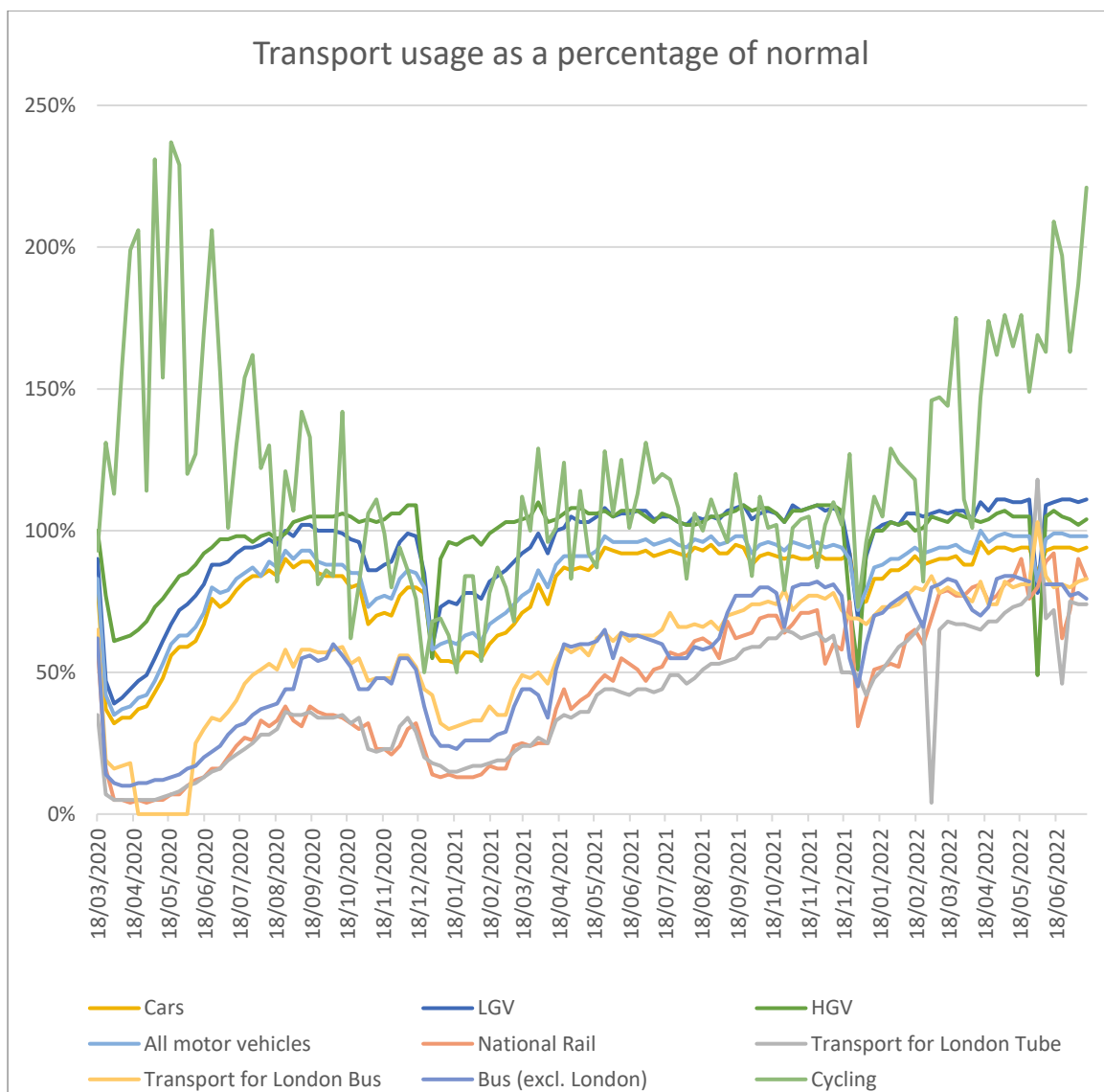
<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/transport-use-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic>

These statistics go back to the 1st of March and provide information on how current travel patterns compare to the pre-Covid rates.

We have collected a snapshot of how trends have changed below, presenting the data for each Wednesday.

The key trends are: (please note that the most recent week covered a bank holiday which has impacted upon the trends)

- Bus travel has steadily grown back to around 80% of pre-pandemic levels, one of the highest levels recorded since the pandemic.
- Nationally, car travel has reached 94% of pre-Covid levels, with levels remaining stable over recent weeks
- Light rail networks continue to be at variable levels of patronage, largely shaped by local factors.
- Rail travel has seen strong growth through April having reached 90% of pre-pandemic levels.
- Cycling remains the only mode to be consistently above pre-pandemic levels.



Date	Cars	LGV	HGV	All motor vehicles	National Rail	Transport for London Tube	Transport for London Bus	Bus (excl. London)	Cycling
16/06/2022	94%	110%	107%	99%	92%	72%	80%	81%	209%
23/06/2022	94%	111%	105%	99%	62%	46%	81%	81%	197%
30/06/2022	94%	111%	104%	98%	72%	75%	80%	77%	163%
07/07/2022	93%	110%	102%	98%	90%	74%	82%	78%	187%
14/07/2022	94%	111%	104%	98%	83%	74%	83%	76%	221%

## Data from our members

Below is a summary of patronage data compared with last year (ie pre-COVID) and last week.

Please note that the figures are not always strictly comparable given that members can derive their statistics on different basis. The footnotes set out how the figures have been arrived at for each area but in general:

- The bus patronage figures provided by our members can be full patronage or smartcard patronage and they can be either a weekly average or for a specific day
- Light Rail data is all full patronage and for a weekly average.
- Rail data consists of station footfall from either one or a small number of core stations within the region.

## Patronage as a percentage of pre-Covid/weekly change

Member	Bus (% of pre-COVID)	Weekly change	Light Rail (% of pre-COVID)	Weekly change	Local Rail (% of pre-COVID)	Weekly change
NEXUS <sup>1</sup>	NA	NA	88	-1	NA	NA
Merseytravel <sup>2</sup>	81	0	NA	NA	37	-43
SYPT <sup>3</sup>	67	-7	62	-11	NA	NA
TfL <sup>4</sup>	92	+9	79	+5	83	+7
TfGM <sup>5</sup>	73	+2	70	-6	84	0
TfWM <sup>6</sup>	81	-2	67	-3	85	+4
WYCA <sup>7</sup>	54	-5	NA	NA	74	+1

NA = not applicable

footnote	What is the data
1	Light rail figures are a weekly average (W/C 10/07). Bus figures are for early January
2	Figures are a weekly average of smart card transactions compared to the first week of March. Rail data is for gated stations. Latest week ending 26/06
3	Bus patronage is for the main bus operators. Rail patronage is taken from a sample on Northern Rail only. Data to 20/07.
4	Figures are daily entries and exits, with the figure presented from the most recent Tuesday. Tube patronage presented in Light rail column. Data for 21/07

5	Weekly commercial bus patronage, actual Metrolink patronage, and Piccadilly footfall. Figures are for W/E 17/07
6	Data is for Swift Card journeys. Rail Data is taken from 5 key stations. Data for 13/07
7	Bus is a weekly average of smart card transactions. Rail is average weekly footfall at Leeds Station. Data from W/C 11/07.

## UITP

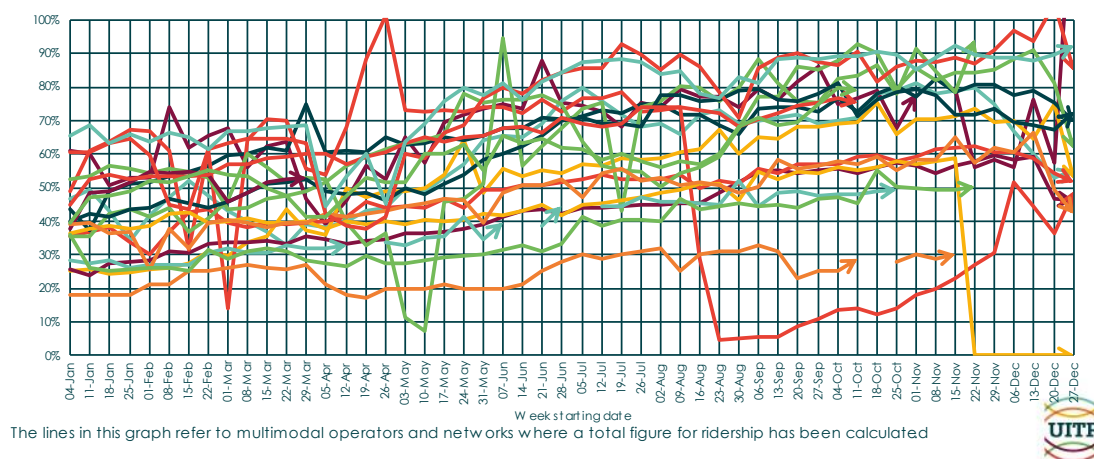
UITP is producing a patronage log for bus and metro systems across its membership. The full document can be accessed using the link below

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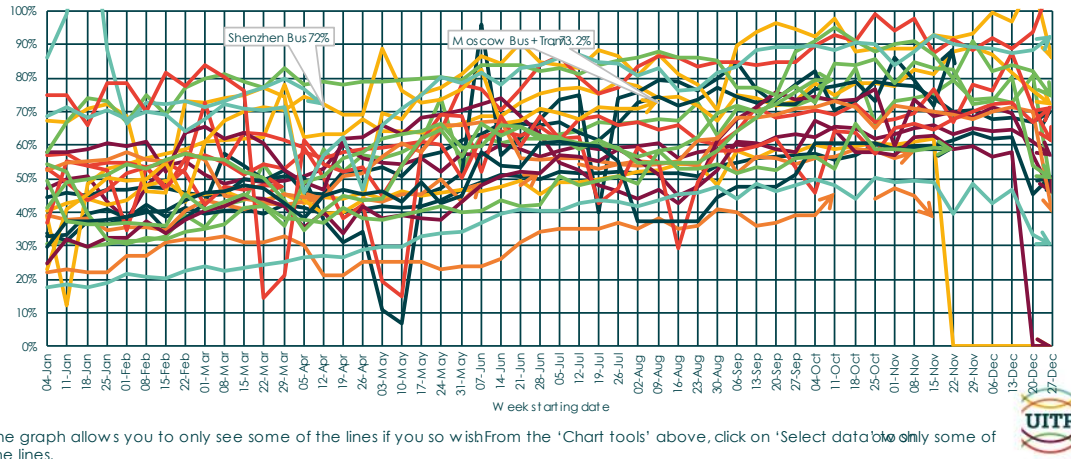


Weekly evolution since the start of January 2020 Multimodal ridership



## ➤ MULTI-CITY COMPARISON – BUSES AND TRAMS

Weekly evolution since the start of January 2020 Buses and Trams



### Google

Google is providing Community Mobility reports, which can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/>

These provide a range of statistics for the national level as well as major districts. Information is provided on the level of travel to retail and recreation, supermarket and pharmacy, parks, public transport, workplaces, and residential. Trip levels are recorded against a baseline which was taken from earlier this year.

Data is taken from the location history for people with a google account.