

Nexus Insight Panel

Covid-19 attitude tracker, week 6 15th May 2020

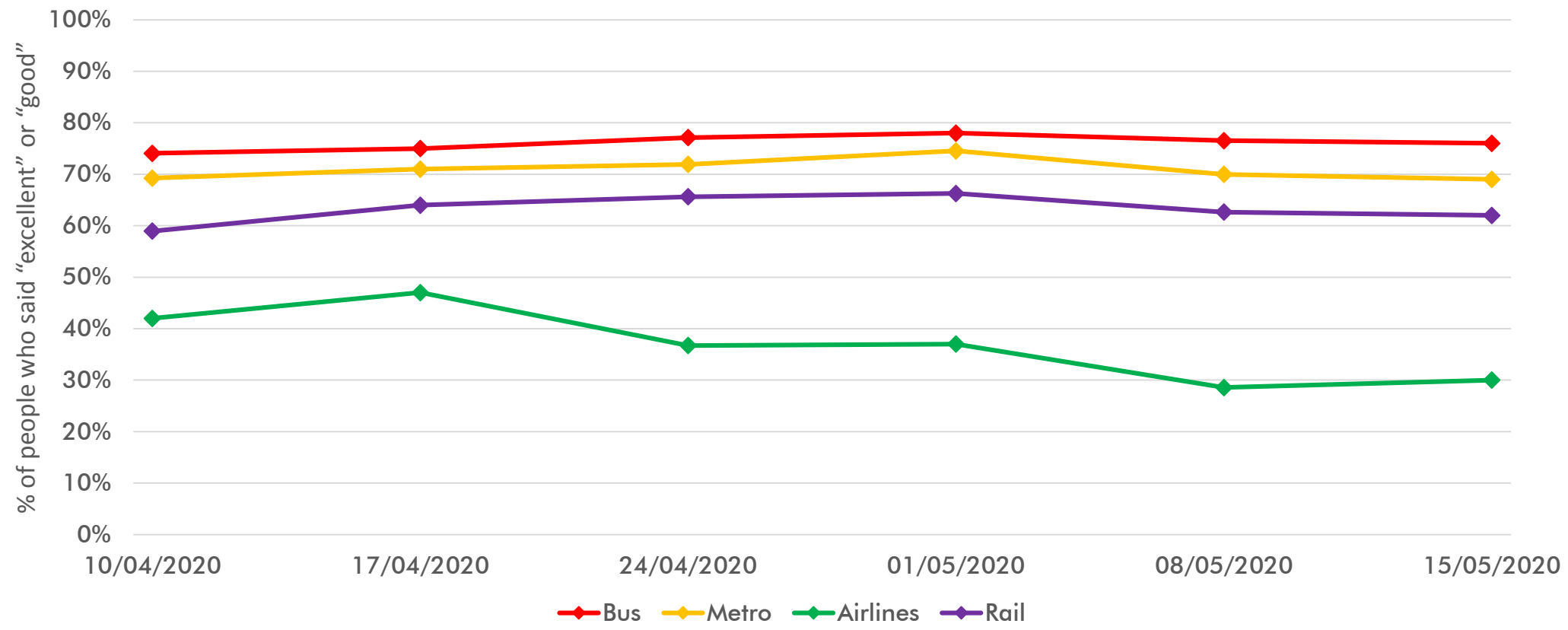
Respondents = 437

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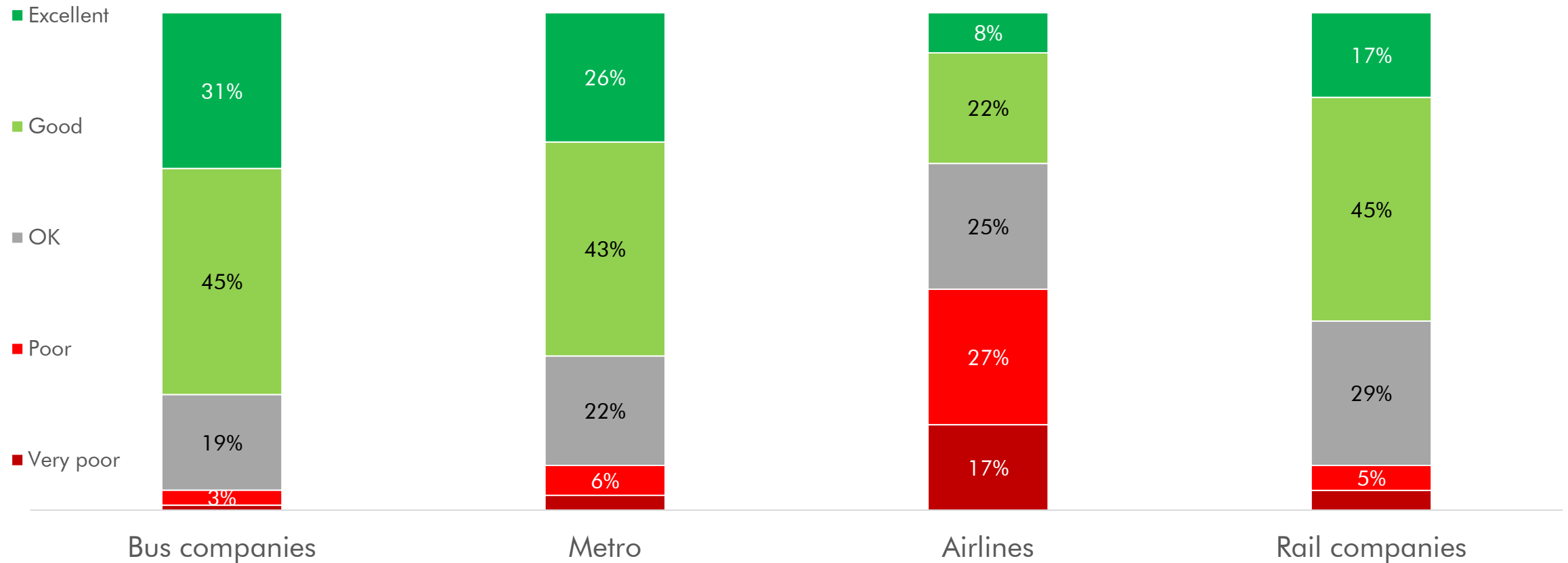
The % of people who said “excellent” or “good” with regards to the response to the pandemic has remained broadly flat following last week’s fall.



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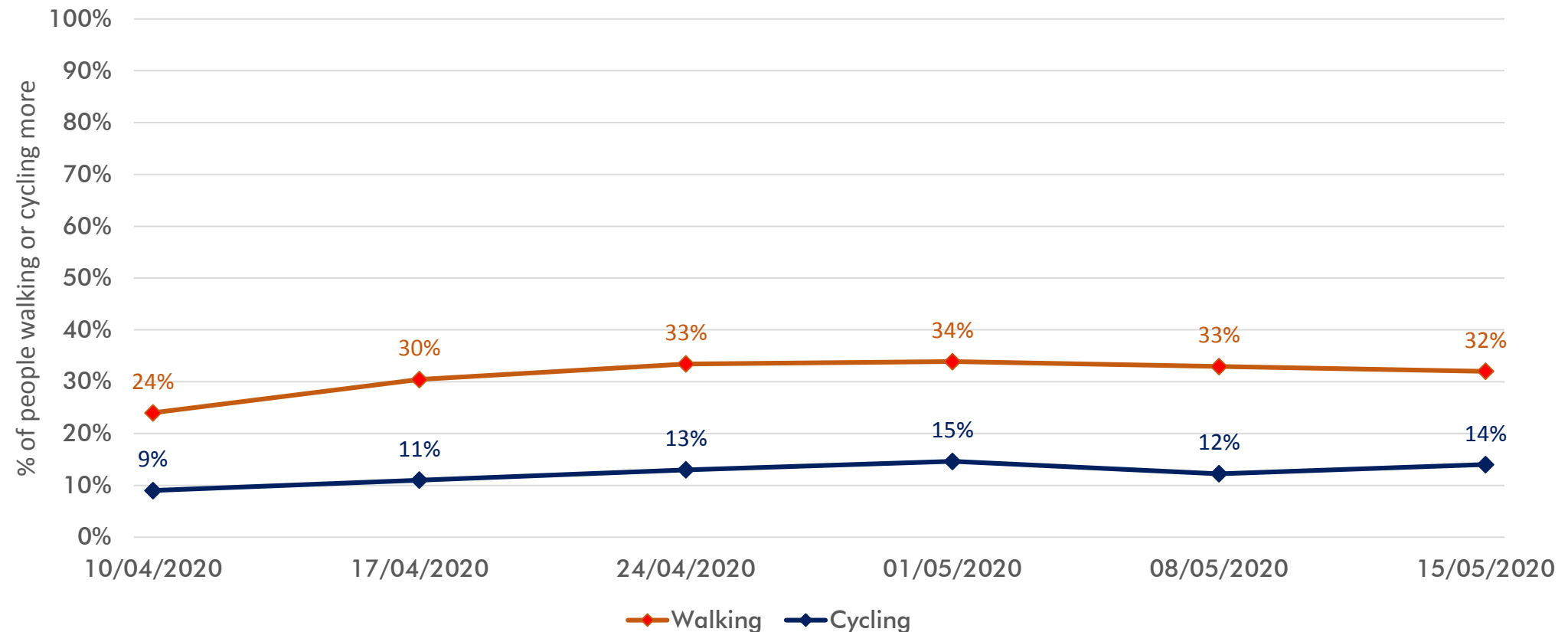


Almost 1 in 10 feel Metro's response has been poor and this will be explored in greater detail next week.



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A very slight fall in those walking more but an increase in cycling. Despite weekly fluctuations, over the last 4 weeks around 1 in 3 are walking more and around 1 in 8 are cycling more.

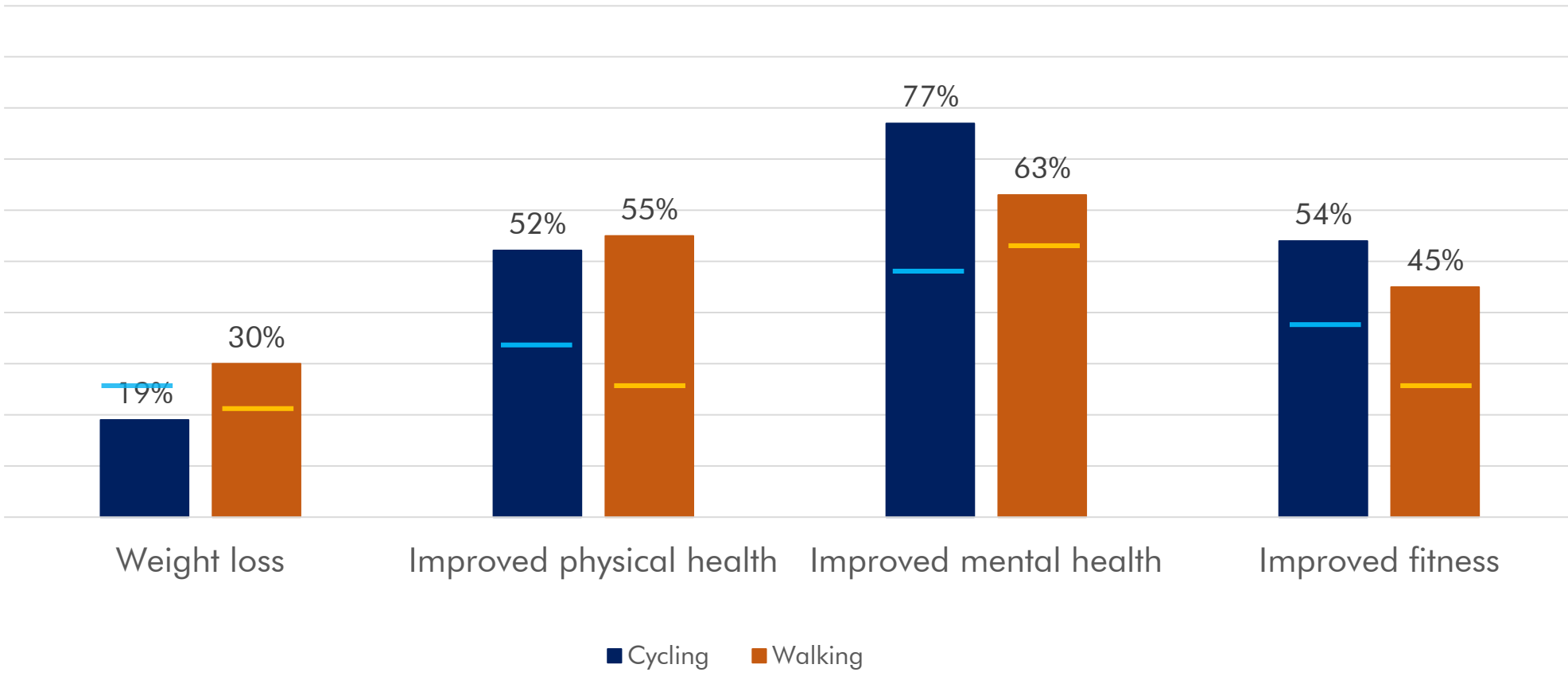




Over the 6 weeks of this tracker, the proportion claiming health benefits as a result of increased active travel has increased substantially since week 1 on almost all aspects.

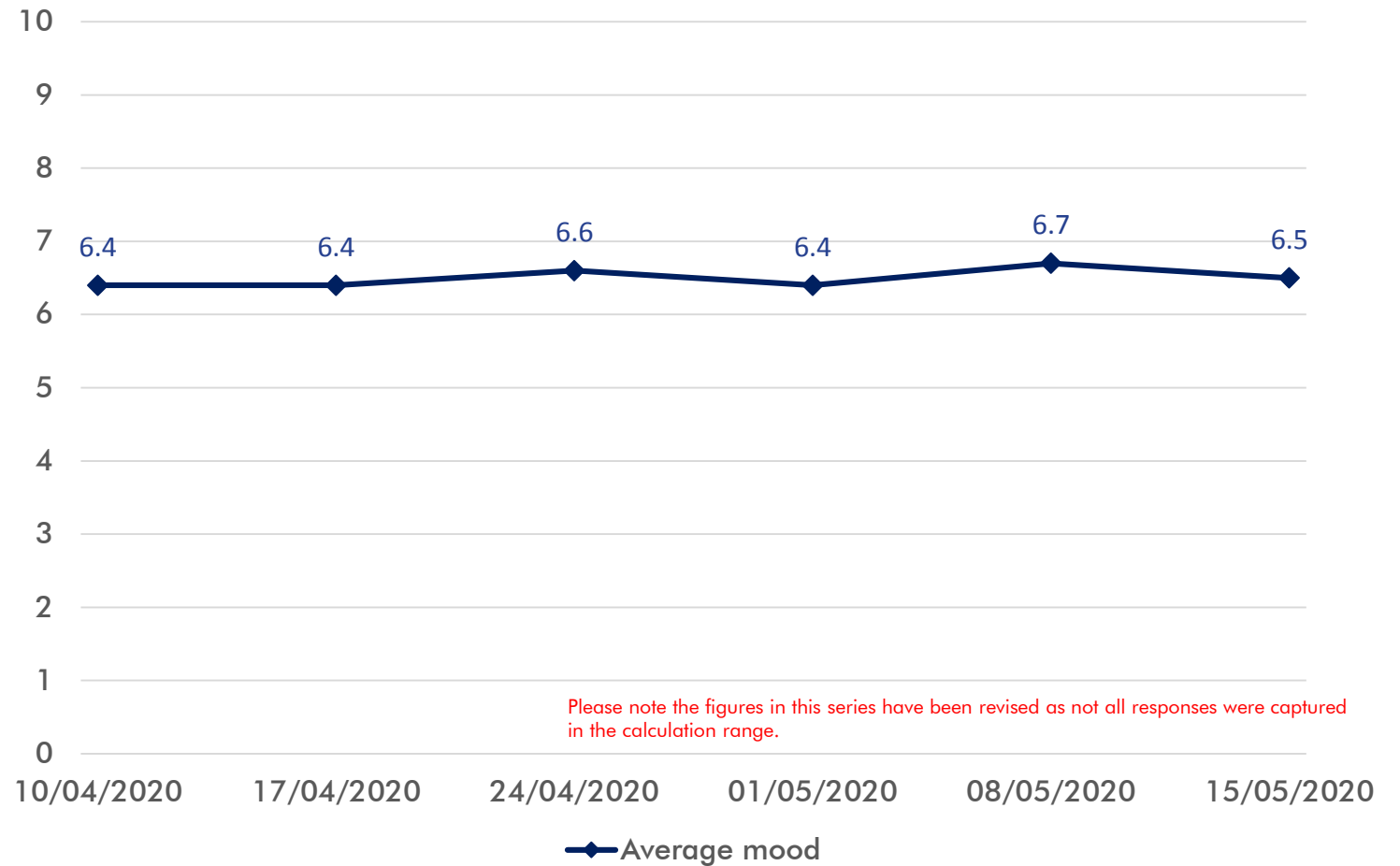
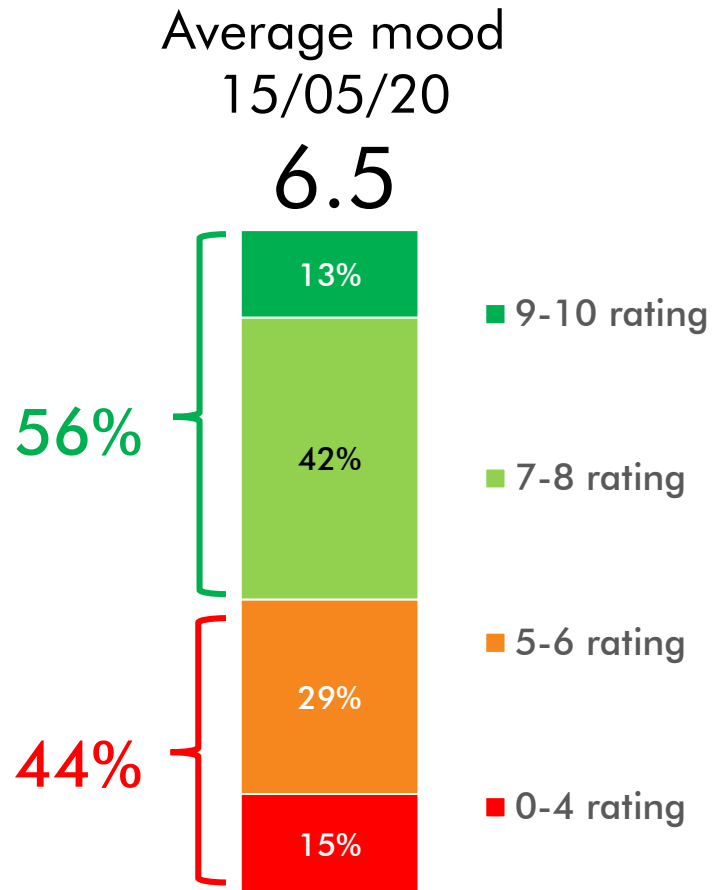
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Week 1



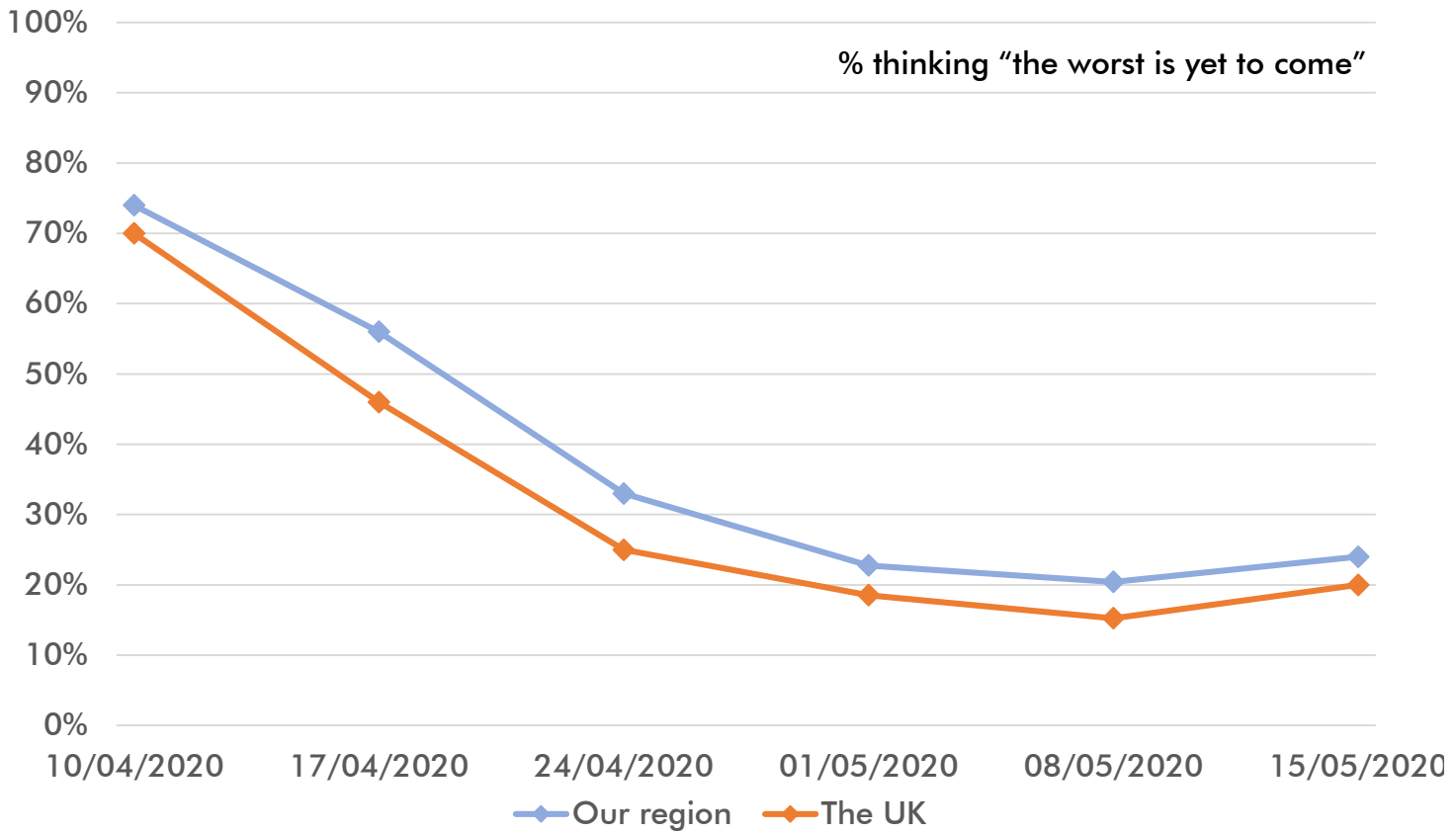
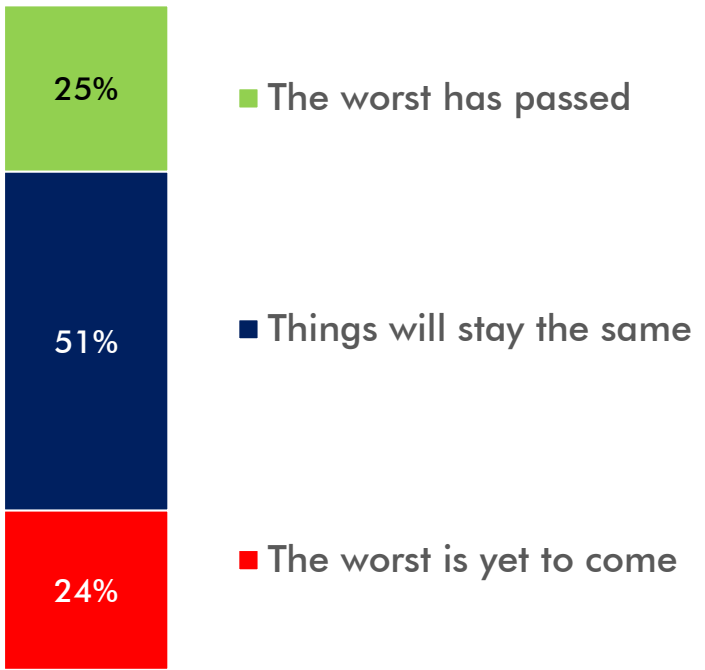
Have you experienced any health benefits from walking or cycling more? Base: Respondents who said they are walking/cycling more (Walking n=104, Cycling n=39)

Overall mood fell back slightly. As there was much discussion about a wider relaxation of lockdown, the actual measures announced may have brought the mood back down.



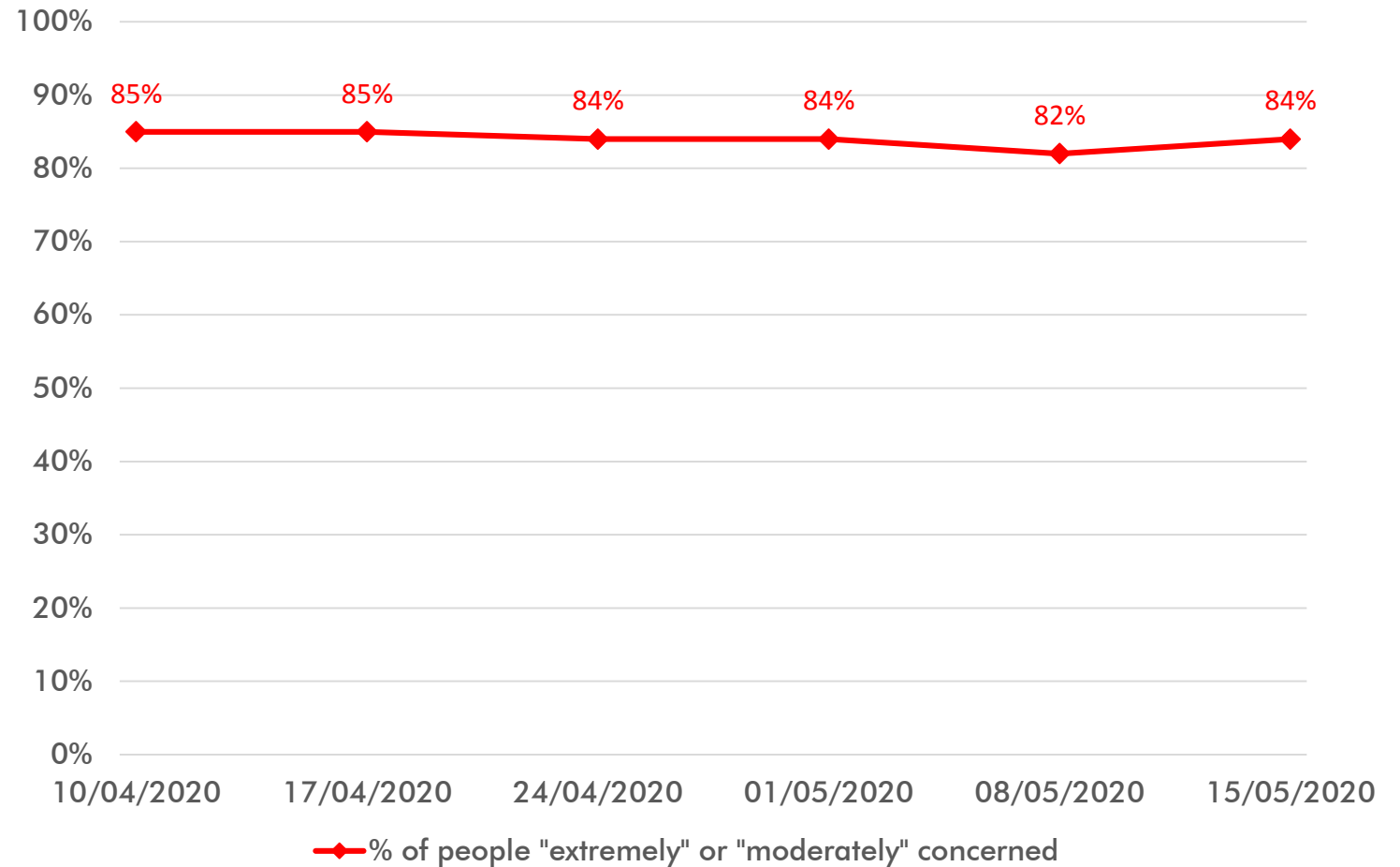
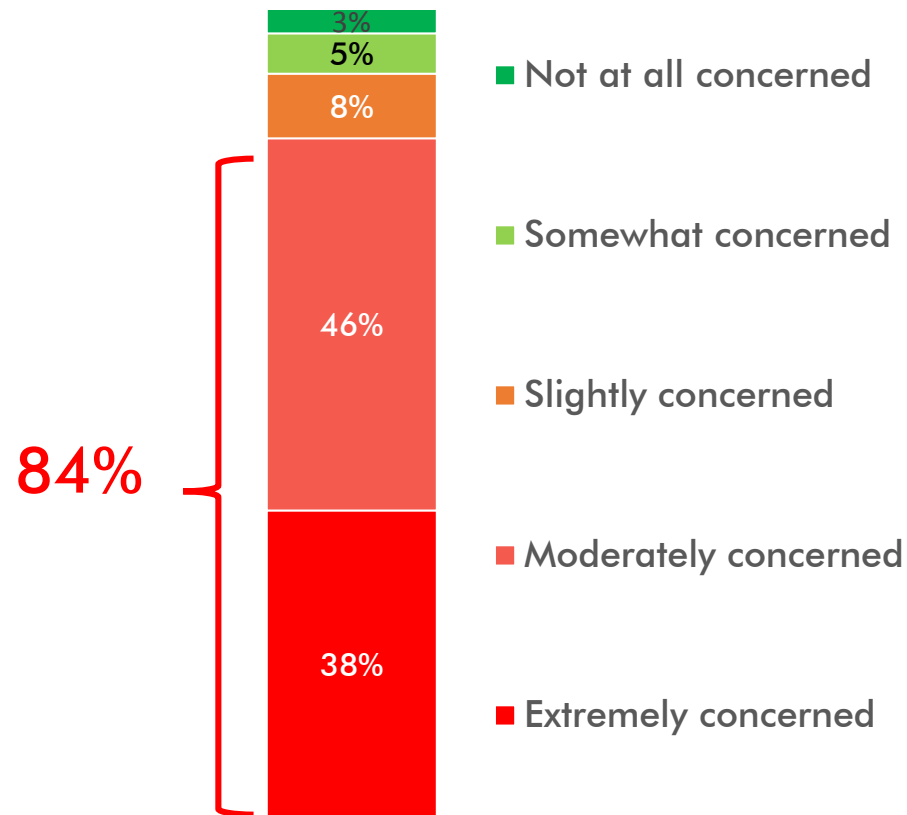
The reduction in mood is likely linked to an increase in those thinking the worst is yet to come – the first such increase seen in this tracker. This week has seen lockdown eased more gradually than perhaps expected and statements made that a vaccine may never be found.

Our region
15/05/20

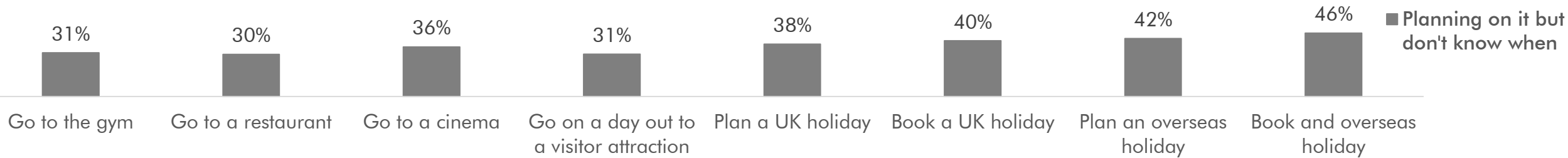


Thinking about Covid-19 in the UK/our region, and the way it is going to change in the coming month, which of the following best describes your opinion? Base: All respondents n=437

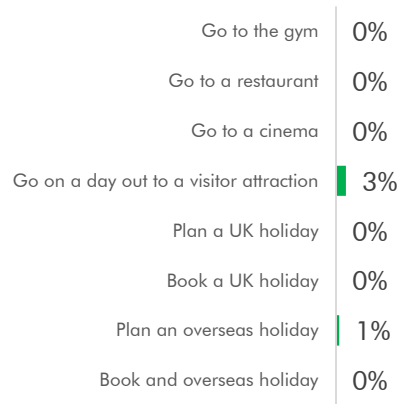
At the same time, levels of concern about Covid-19 have increased back to previous levels following last week's improvement.



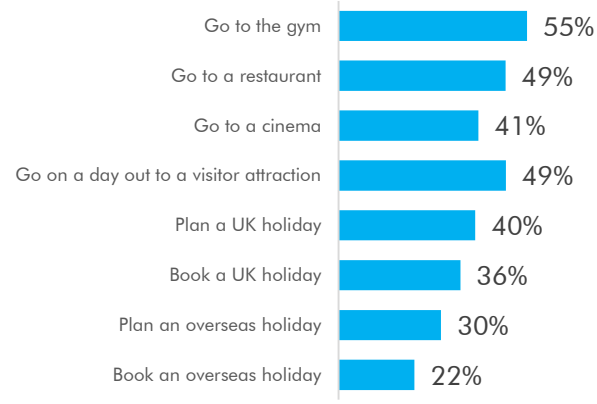
Greater uncertainty as to when activities will be resumed and a belief that, for many activities, they're further away than thought last week.



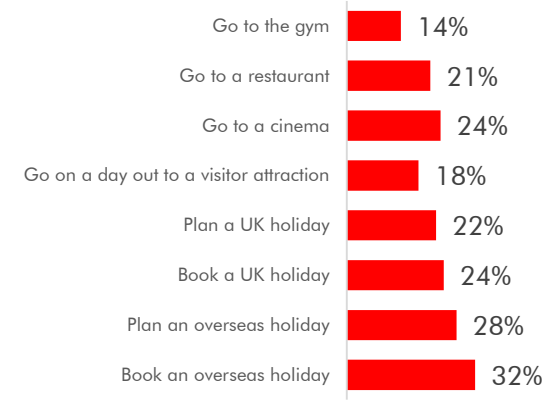
Within the next month



Within the next 2-6 months



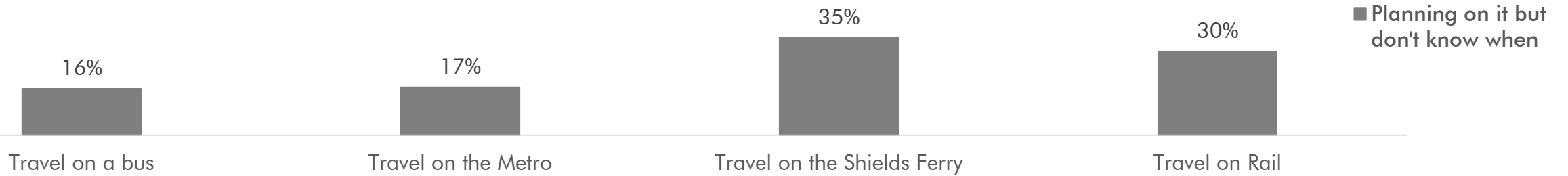
Within the next 7-12 months



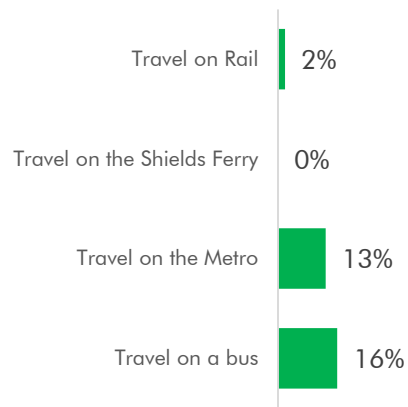
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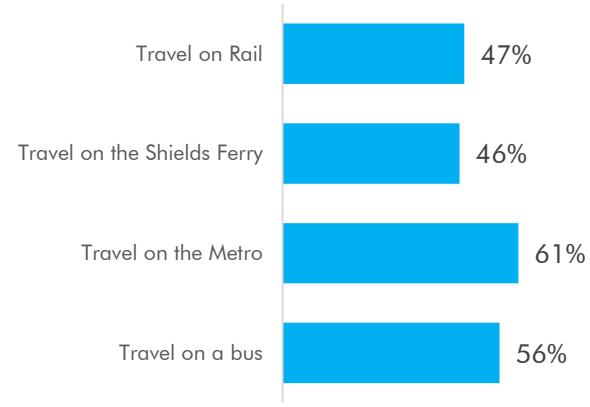
The same applies to public transport with it now feeling further away than last week.



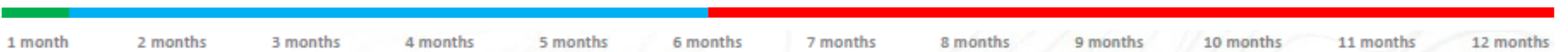
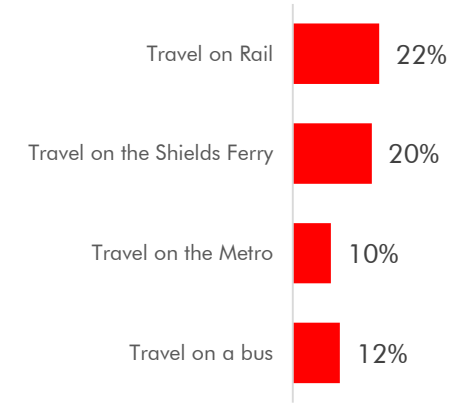
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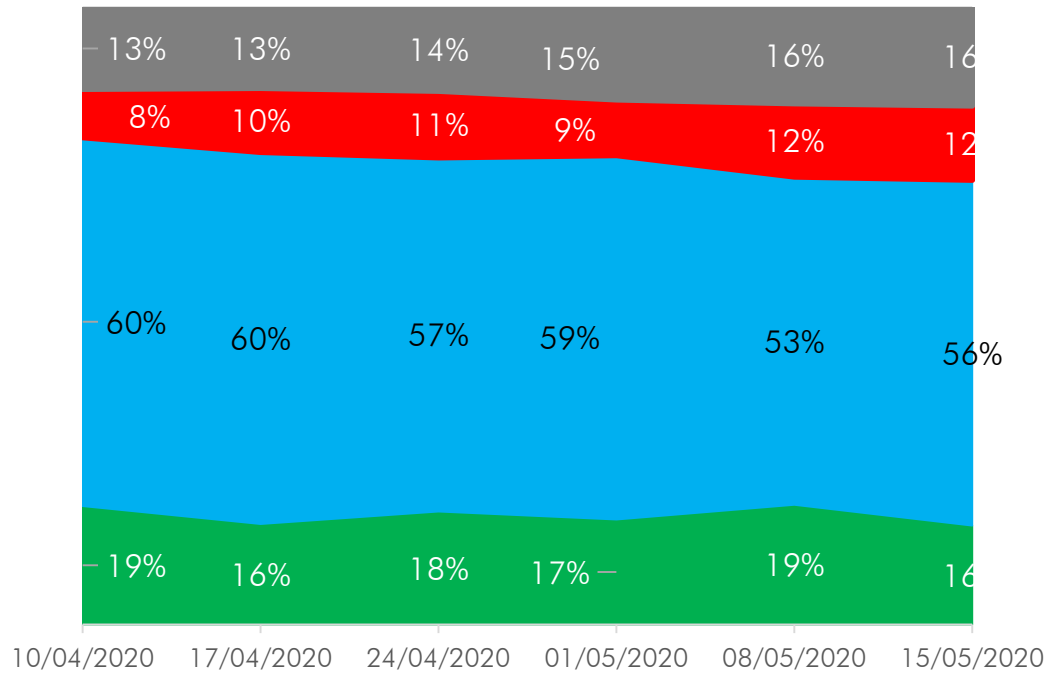


Given what you know today, when do you anticipate doing the following? Base: All respondents n=436 (Excludes those not planning on specified activity)

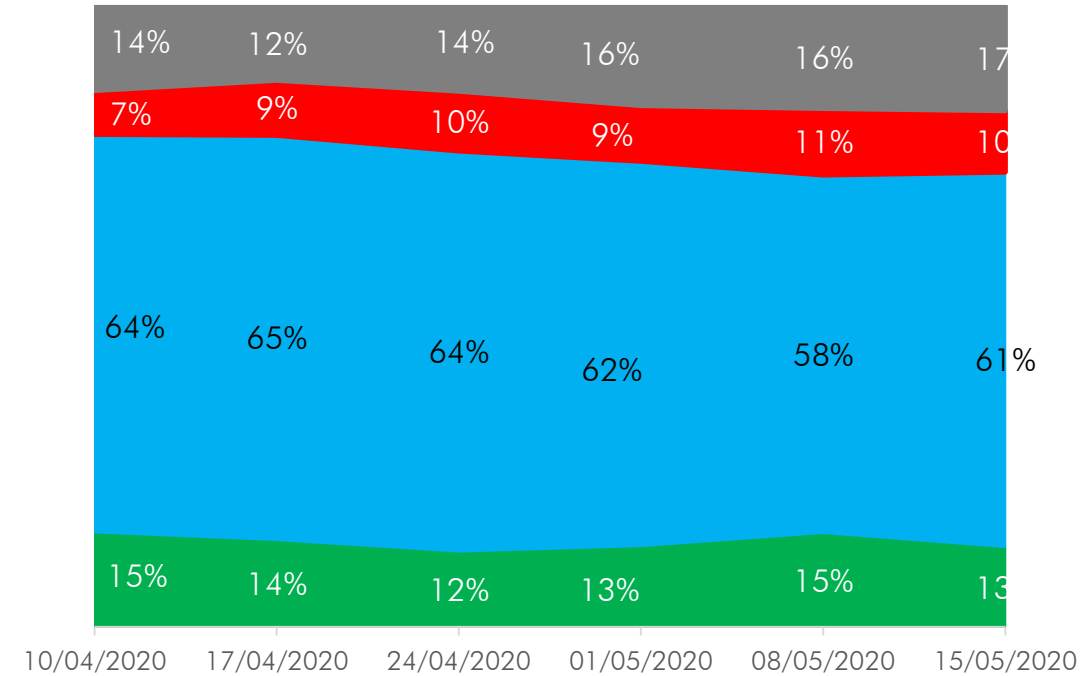


Very little change in expectations of when people will next use public transport.

When will you next travel on a bus?



When will you next travel on the Metro?



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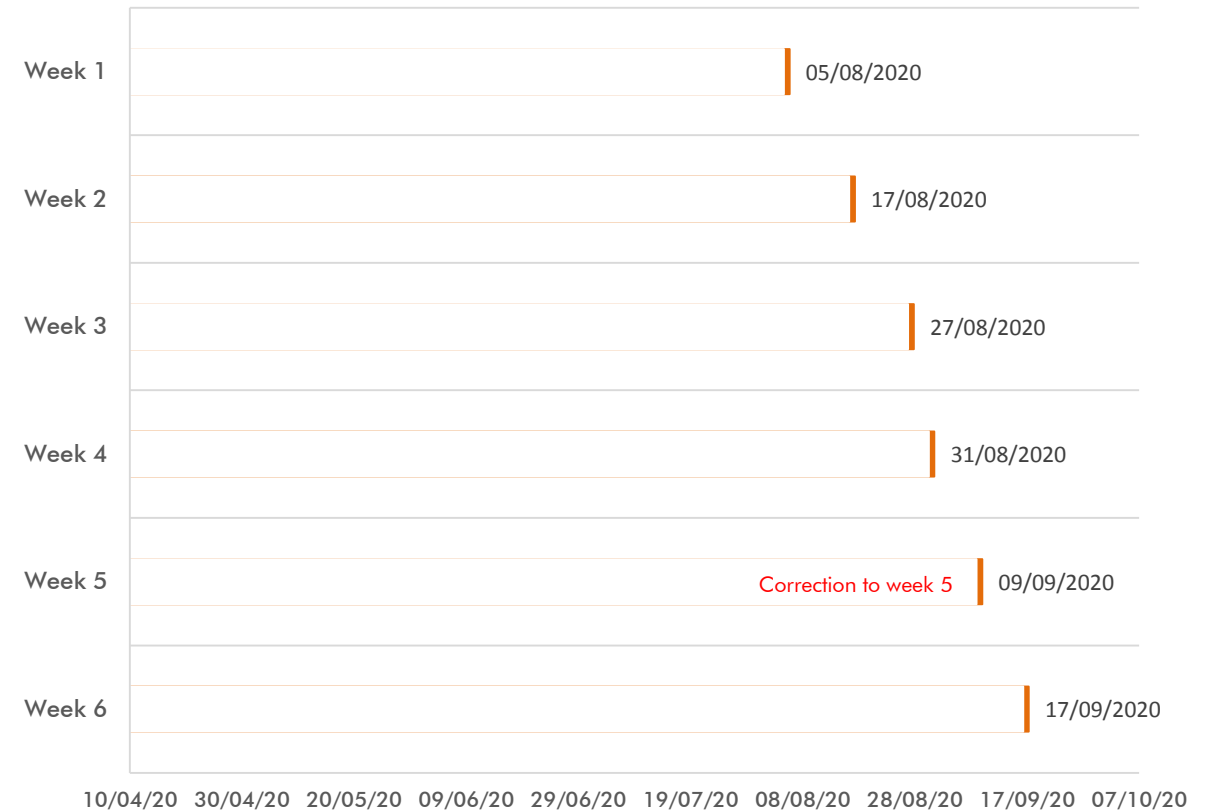


As each week passes, expectations of returning to public transport are pushed back with early Autumn now being seen as the likely point of return on average.

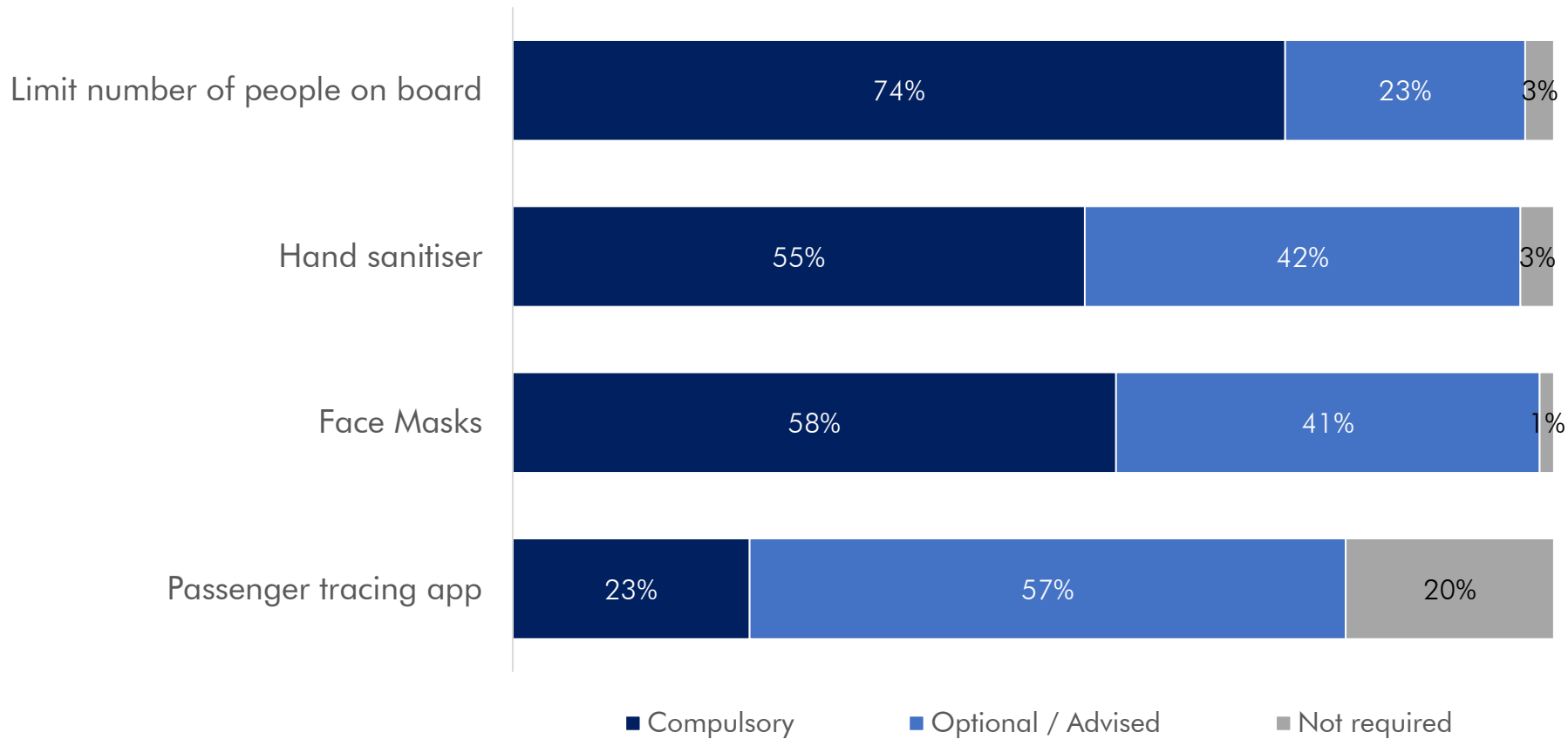
Expected point of using **Bus** (average)



Expected point of using **Metro** (average)

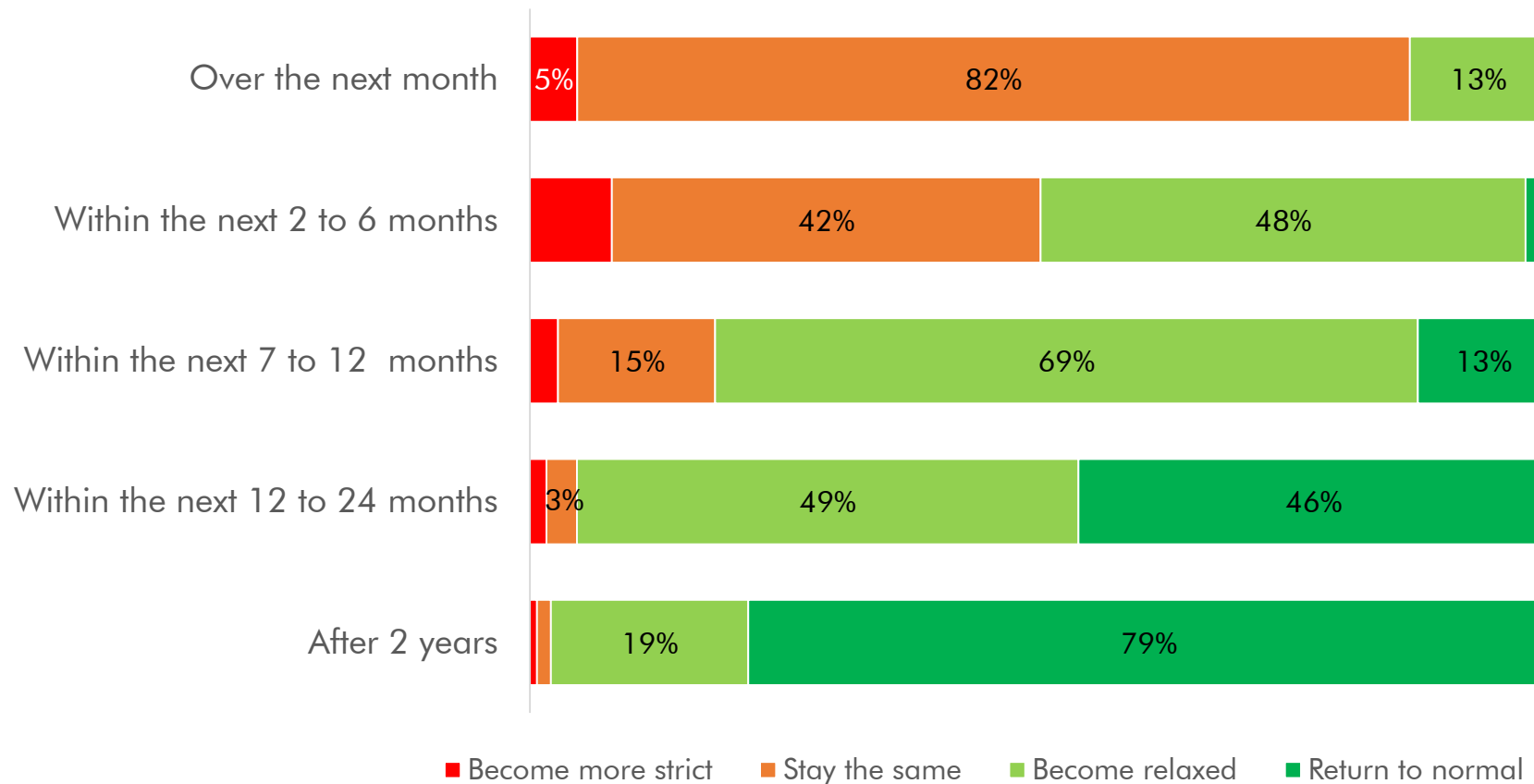


With Government advice now recommending face coverings, this week sees an increase in those believing face masks should be compulsory in order to use public transport. All other interventions have seen a reduction in those thinking they should be compulsory but overwhelming support for all measures.



When the current lockdown is eased to what extent do you think the following arrangements are necessary to use the bus or Metro? Base: All respondents n=434

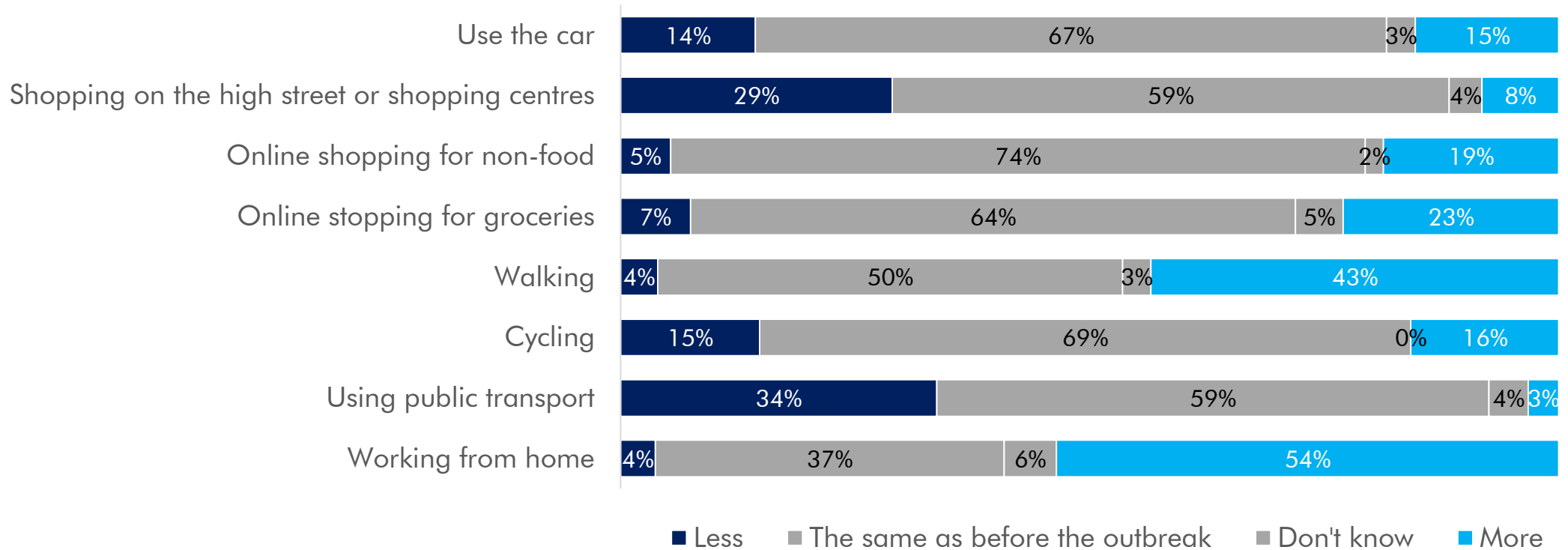
Another indication that the belief this week is that the impacts of Covid-19 and in particular social distancing are likely to be present for much longer than previously thought.



Given what you know today, how do you think social distancing rules will change? Base: All respondents n=440

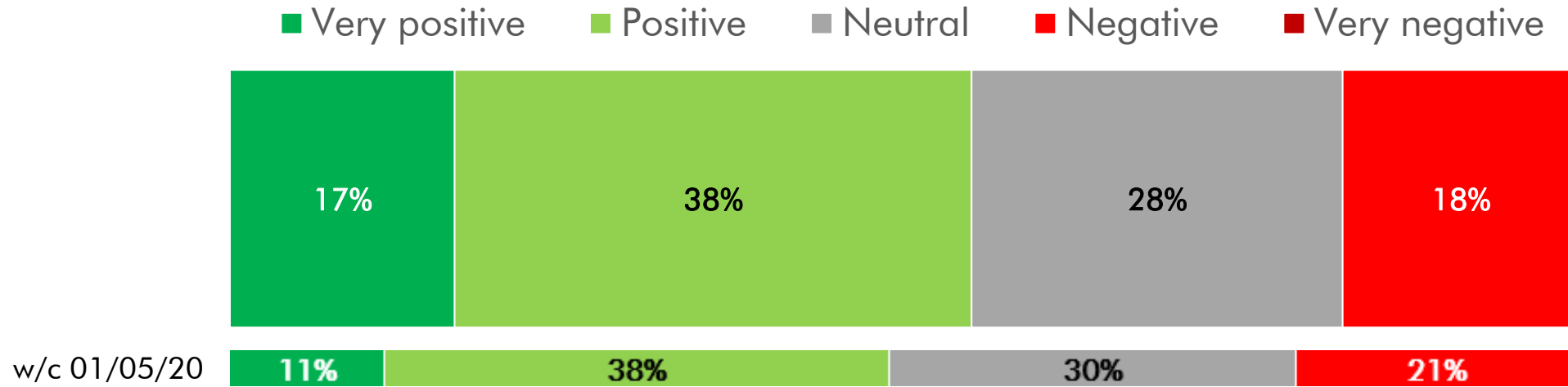


Expectations of using public transport have changed dramatically this week with 34% saying they expect to use it less. The net reduction throughout the tracker has been ~20% and this week it stands on 31%. Increases in cycling and car use have seen further rises this week.



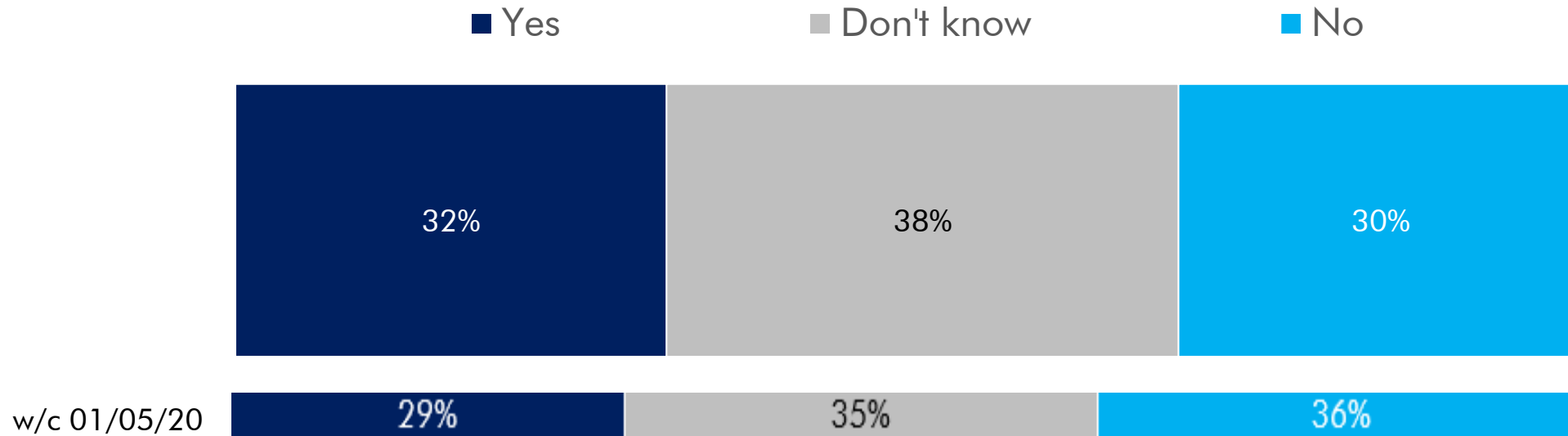
When the current situation is over and things return to normal, do you expect to do any more or less of the following compared to before Covid-19? Base: All respondents n=435 (N/A excluded)

As working from home continues for many of us, the experience has become more positive this week.



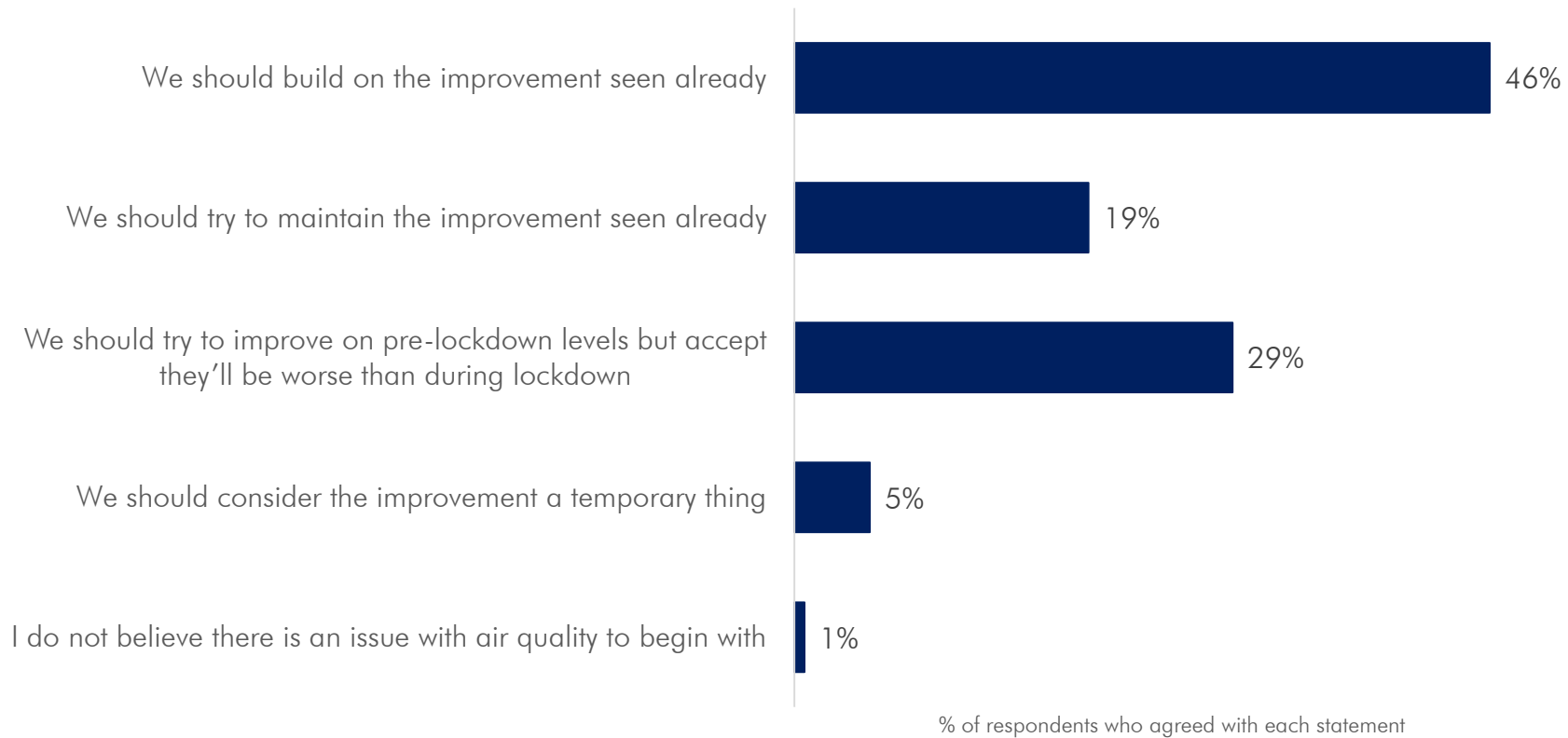


Employees are mostly uncertain as to whether their employer will allow home working permanently.

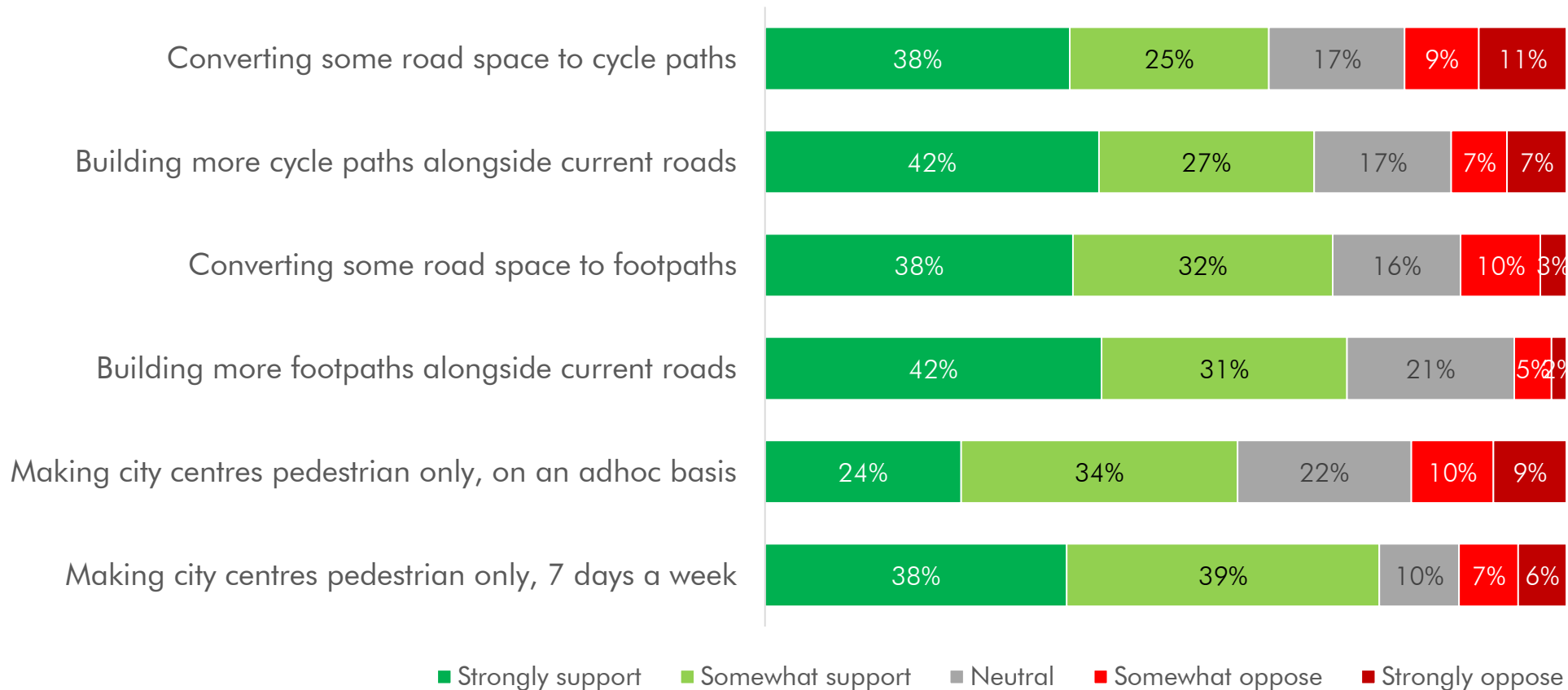


Do you expect your employer to introduce home working permanently? Base: Respondents working from home who's employer did not previously allow working from home n=56

There is a strong feeling that we should build on the environmental benefits seen as a result of the lockdown restrictions. (Results from Week 4, 1st May 2020)



Significant levels of support for all initiatives covered this week to improve air quality. (Results from Week 5, 8th May 2020)



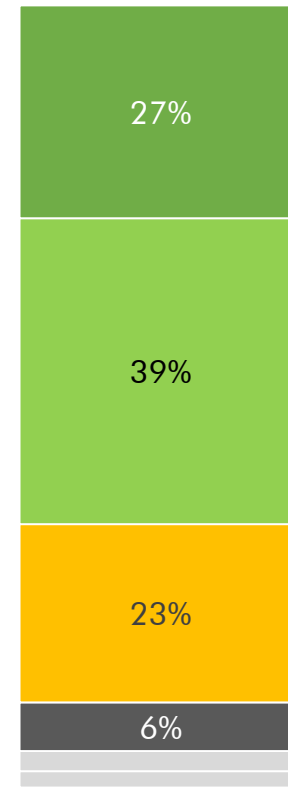
Over half of the respondents feel that they are well off or comfortable. Worryingly there are still 6% who are struggling to cope financially at the moment. (Result from Week 3, 24th April 2020)

Well off - My monthly income more than meets my needs and/or I have a decent sum in savings or investments

Comfortable - My monthly income meets my needs and/or I have some savings as a cushion

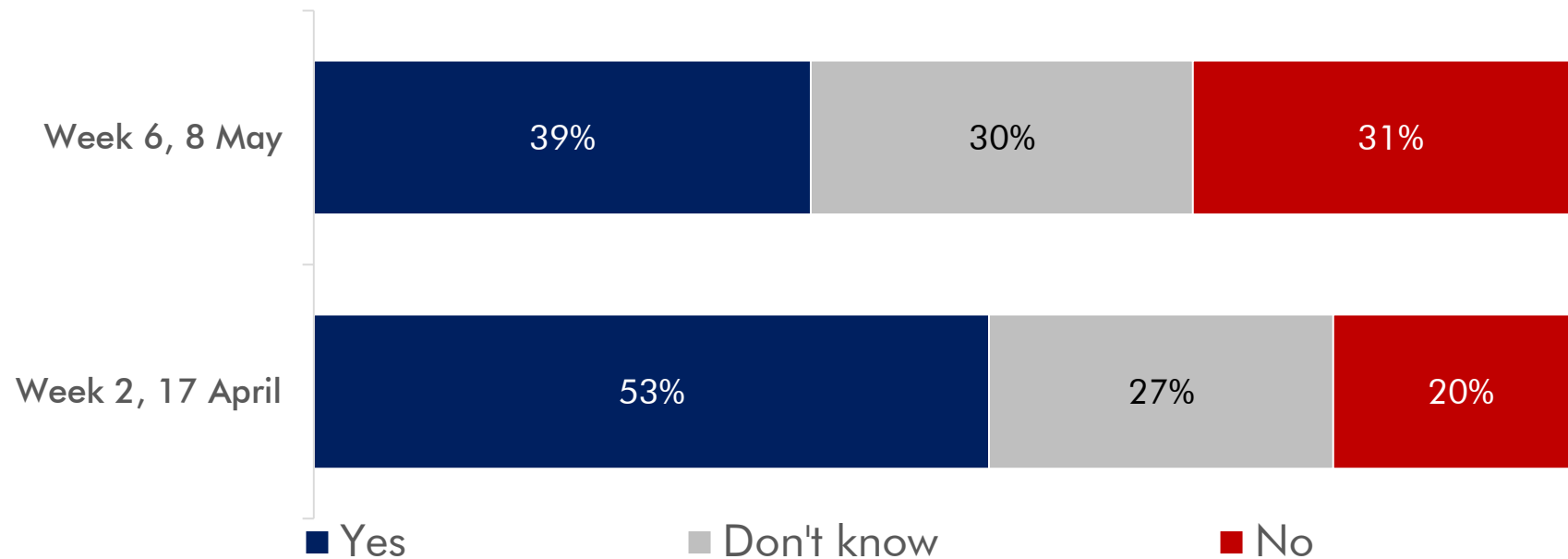
Managing - My monthly income meets my needs and/or I have no real savings or investments

Struggling - My monthly income does not meet my needs and/or I have no savings or investments



None of these/don't know

Support for the NHS Contact Tracing App has fallen substantially since we first asked about intentions in mid-April. Almost 2/3 of those who do not intend to download it cite privacy/security concerns.



Following the change of message from “Stay Home” to “Stay Alert” we asked participants what they thought the rules were on a range of activities **during the rest of May**.

