

Nexus Insight Panel

Covid-19 attitude tracker, week 8 29th May 2020

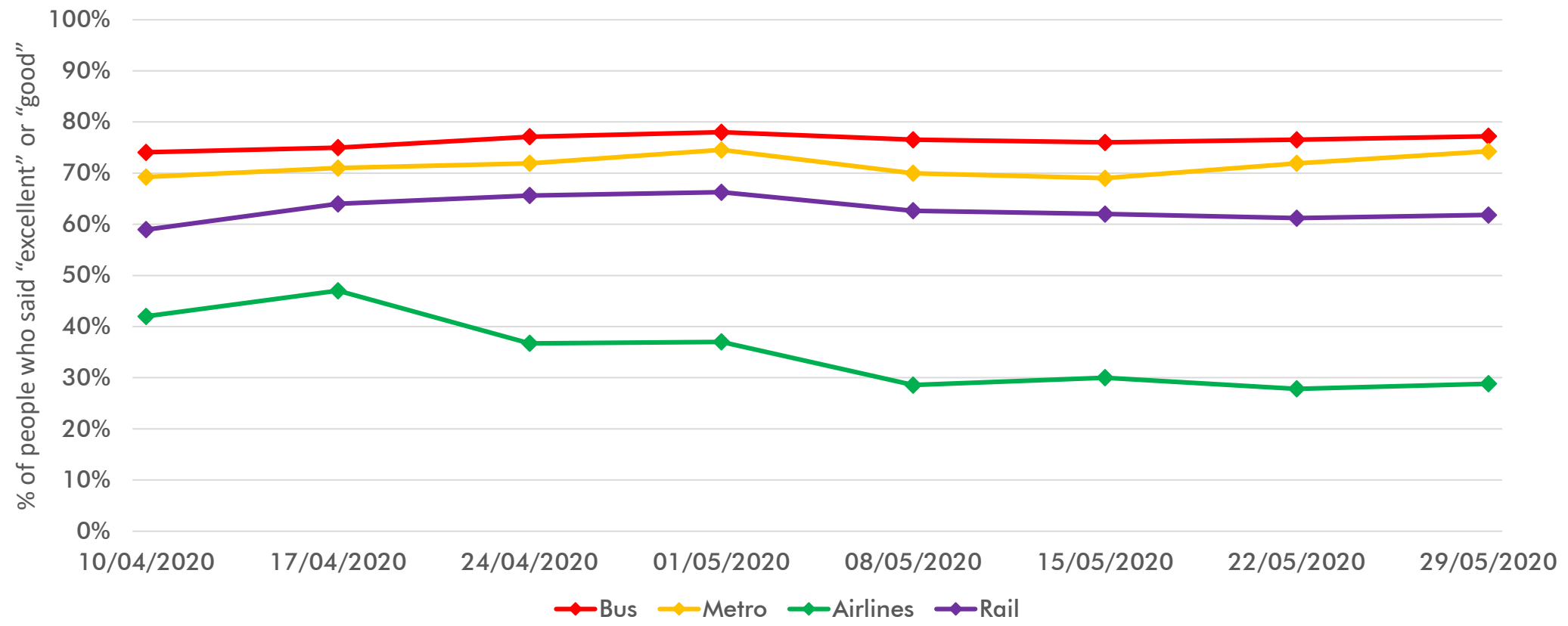
Respondents = 400

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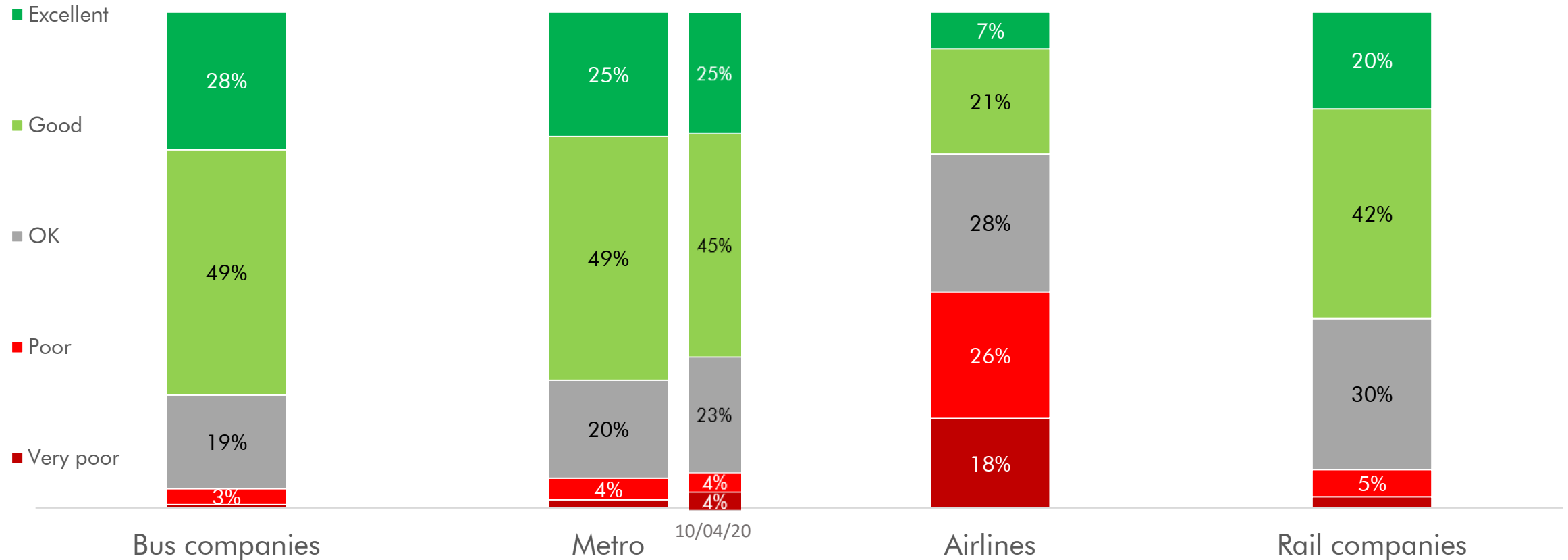


Another increase in the % of people who said “excellent” or “good” with regards to the response to the pandemic by Metro, while bus rail and airlines remain mostly static. Additional capacity was introduced on Metro from 18th May with a return to a normal weekday daytime timetable.



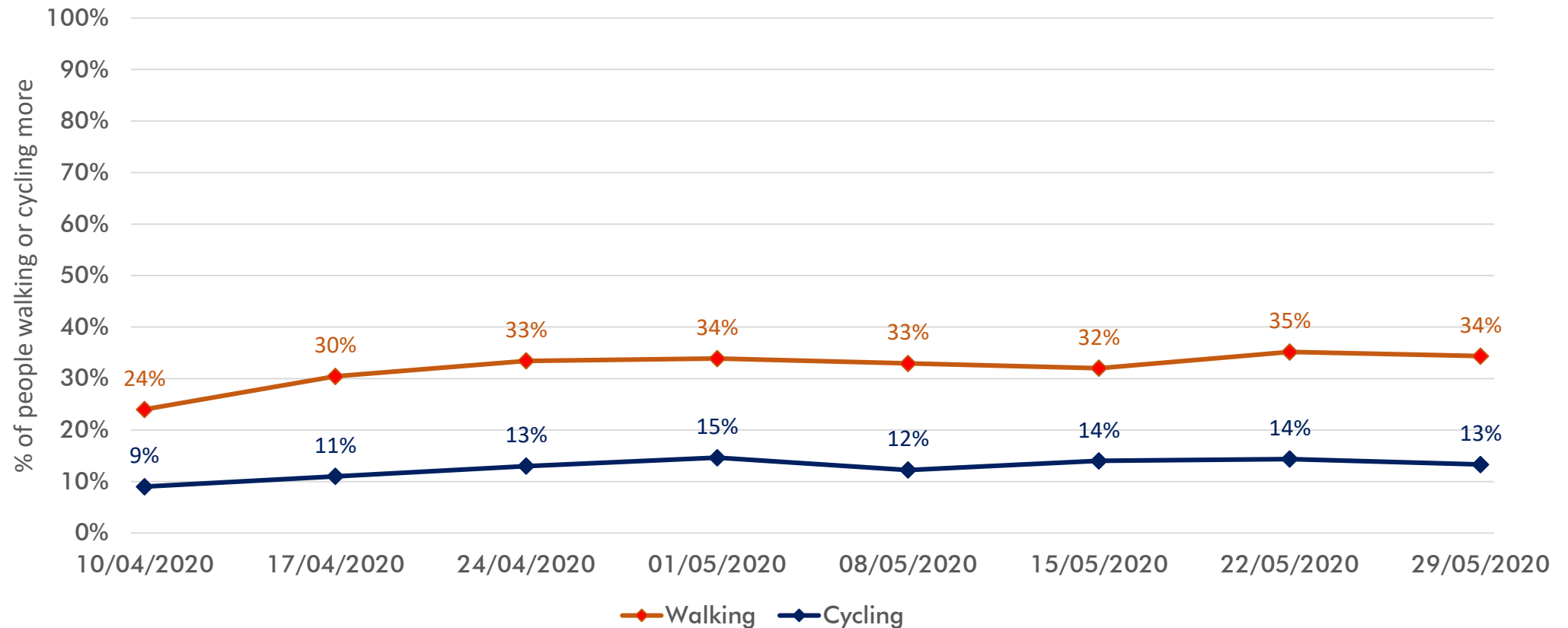
How do you think Bus/Metro/Airlines/Rail have responded to the pandemic? Base: All respondents (excludes don't knows): Bus n=281, Metro n=299, Airline n=281, Rail n=220

Since week 1 of the tracker there has been an improvement in the percentage of people thinking Metro's response to the pandemic has been good.



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As the region continues to bask in the warm weather the number of people walking and cycling more has remained fairly constant.

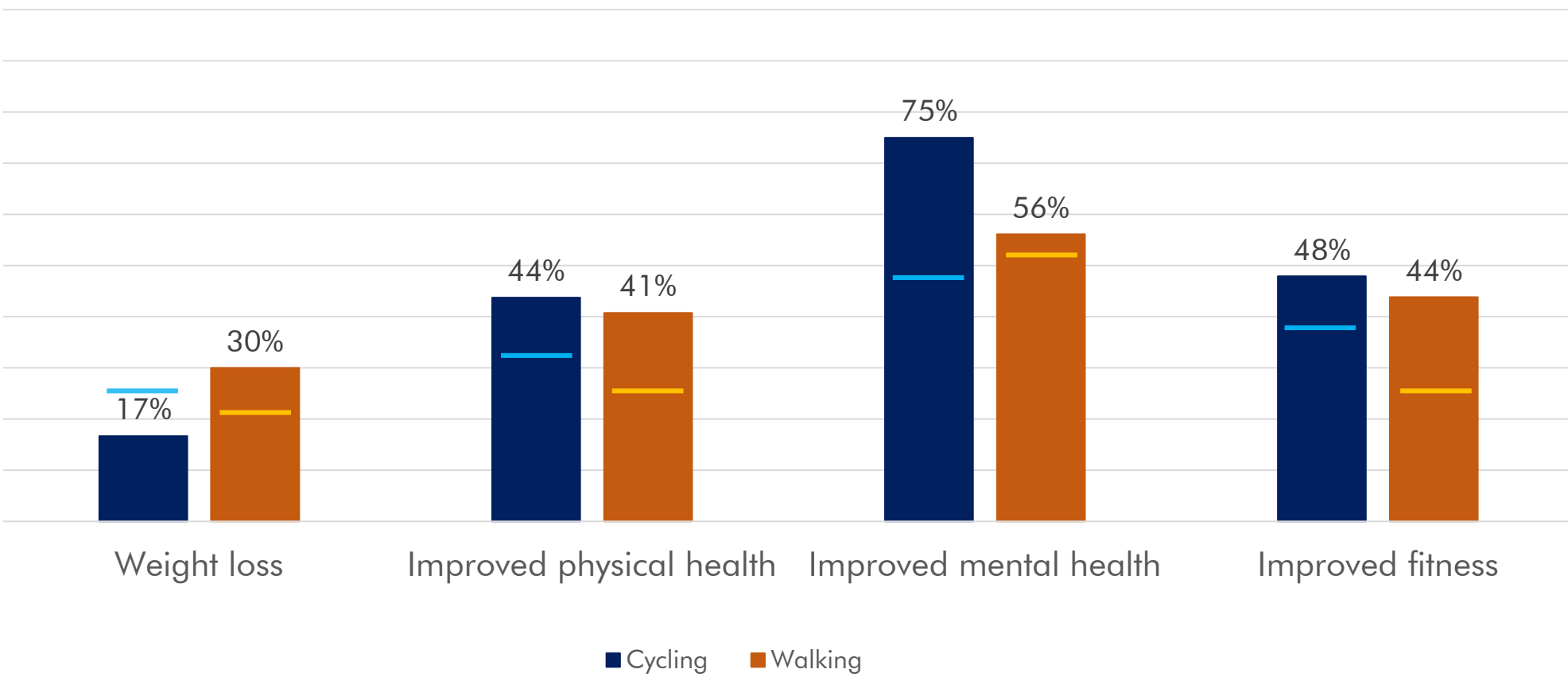




As they carry on walking and cycling more, improved health and fitness levels are still being reported. With over half of respondents thinking they will walk more following the pandemic this will have a positive impact on the health of the region

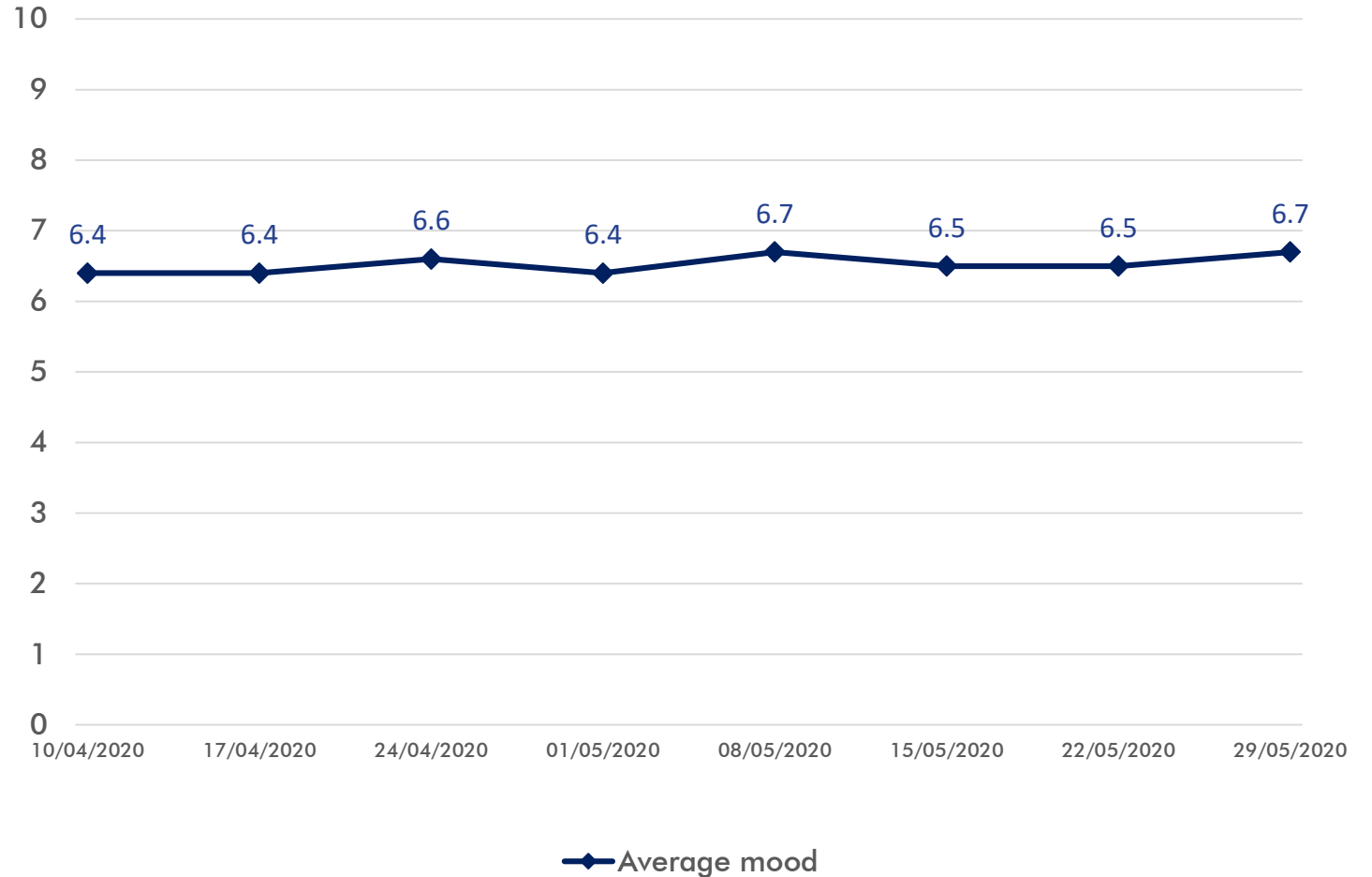
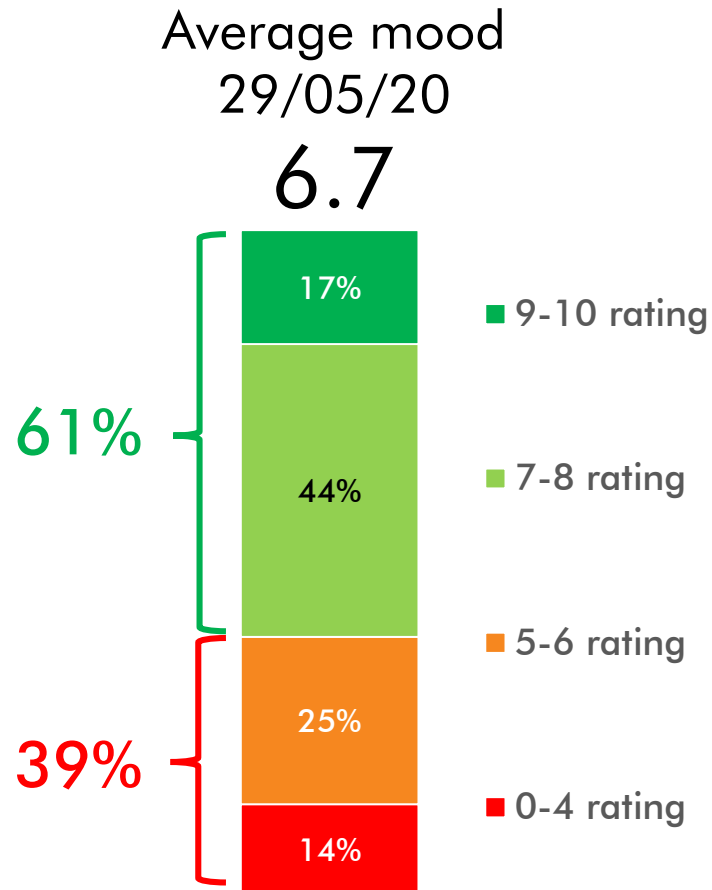
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This week

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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=130, Cycling n=48)

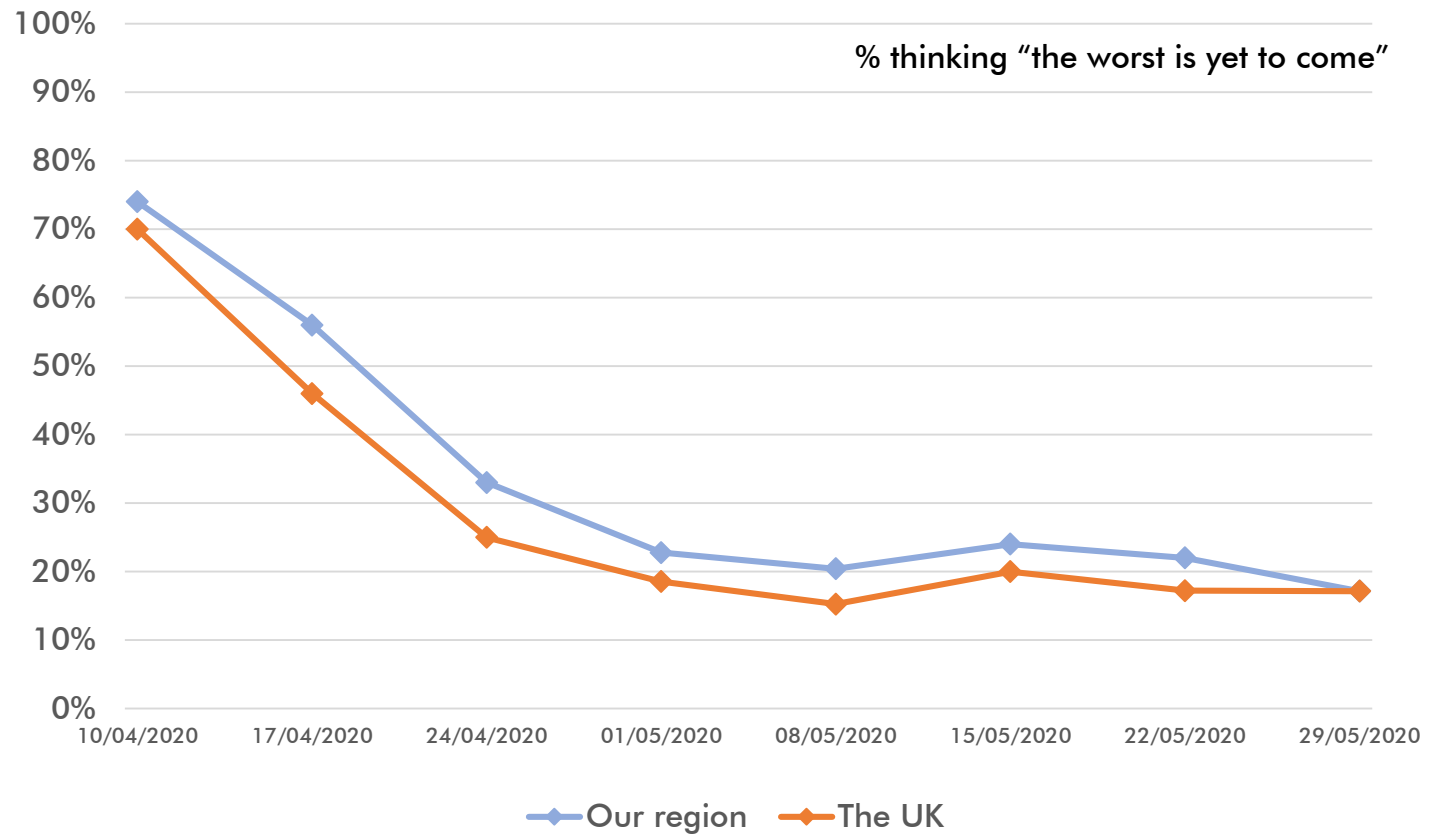
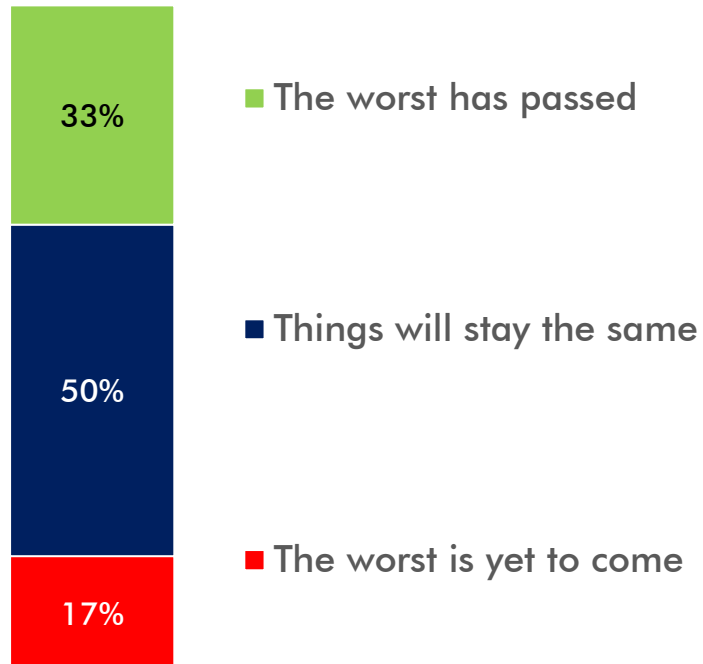
After being constant over the last couple of weeks, we now see the average mood level rise again. Just over 3 in 5 of our respondents have a positive mood (7-10 rating)



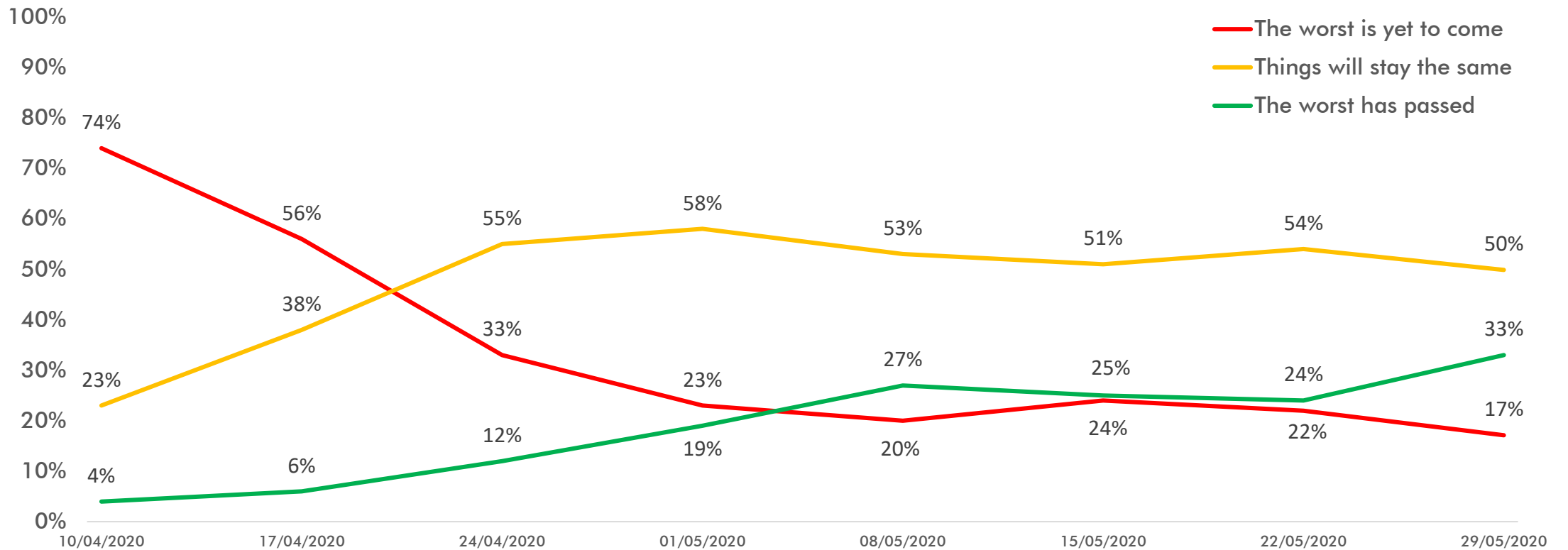
For the first time in 8 weeks we report the regional and national levels are the same for people thinking “the worst is yet to come”, this despite the North East having the highest associated incidence rate in England.

(North East incidence rate 376.3 per 100,000 resident population. Source: PHE 29/05/20 <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/#category=regions&map=rate>)

Our region
29/05/20

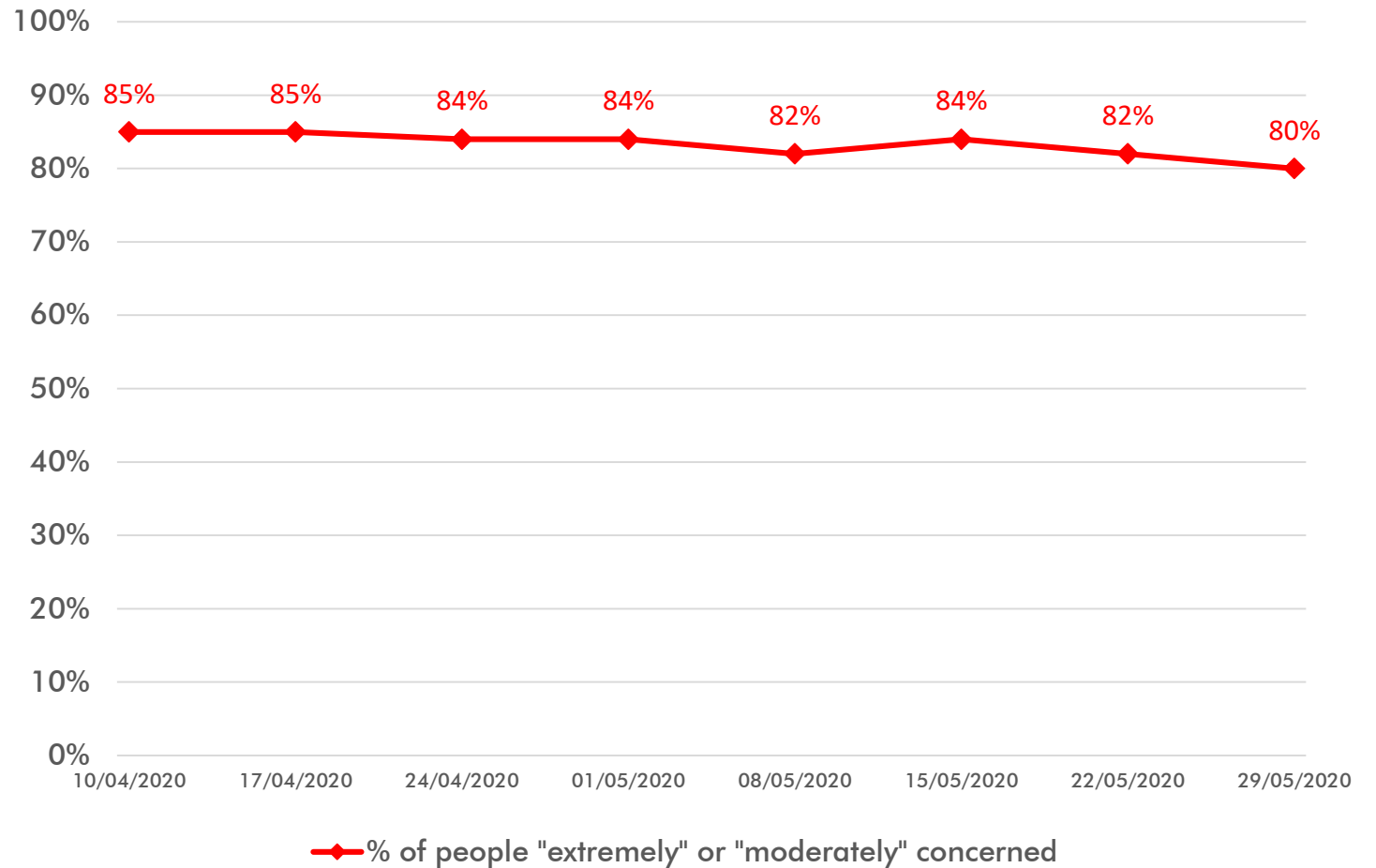
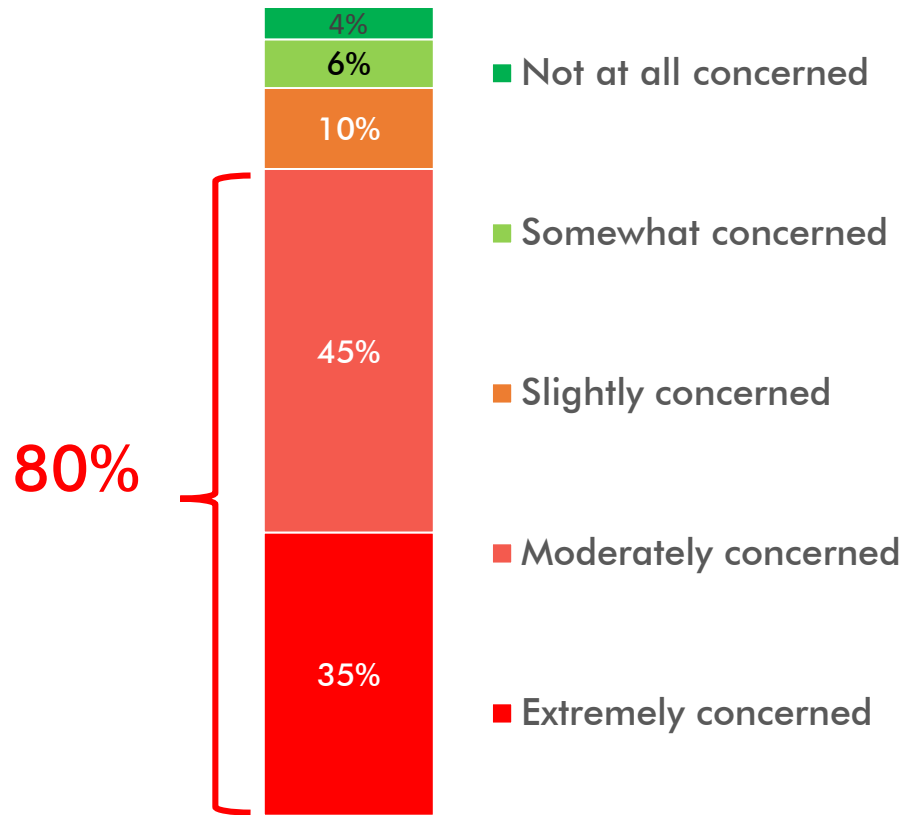


Confidence has grown significantly that “the worst has passed” when it comes to Covid-19 in our region, this in a week that has seen the average mood level reach a peak.



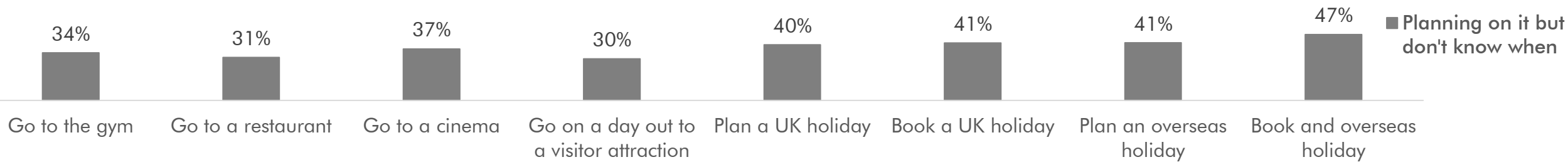
Thinking about Covid-19 in the our region, and the way it is going to change in the coming month, which of the following best describes your opinion? Base: All respondents n=397

This is reflected in yet another fall in the percentage of people “extremely” or “moderately” concerned about the disease.

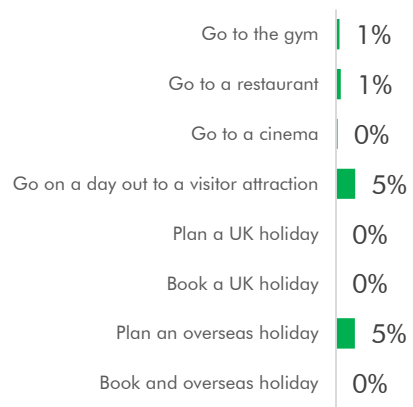




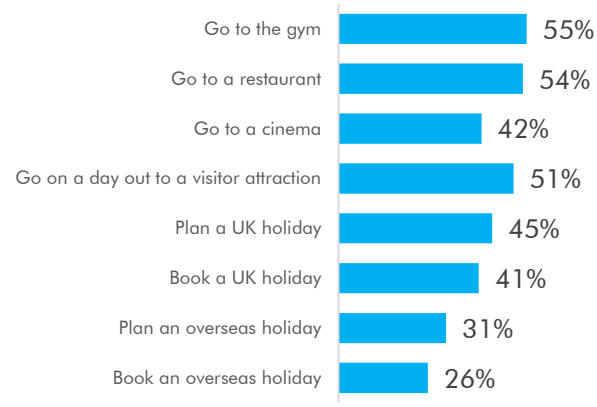
People are looking forward to a day out. We now see the highest proportion of people expecting to do this since the tracker started 8 weeks ago with over half expecting to do this in the next 6 months.



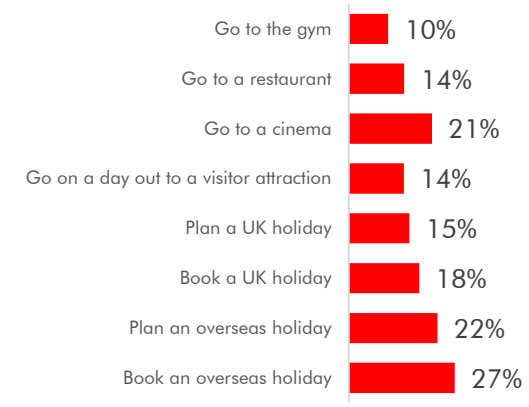
Within the next month



Within the next 2-6 months

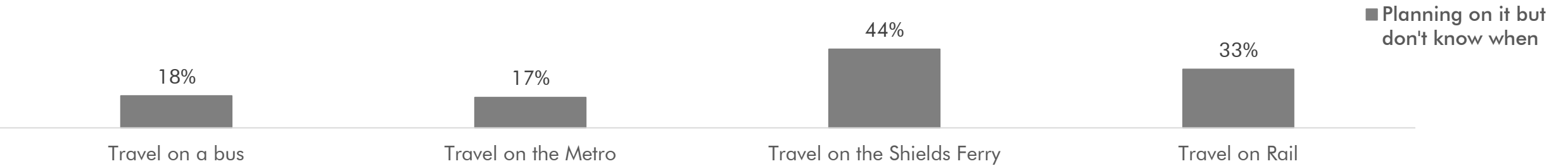


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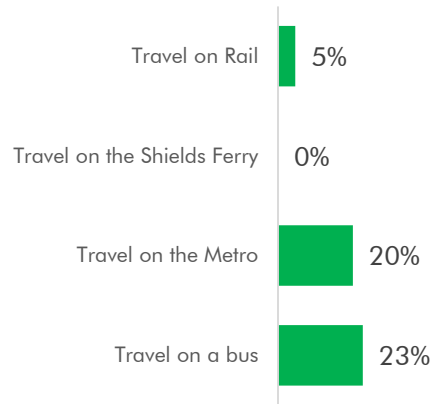


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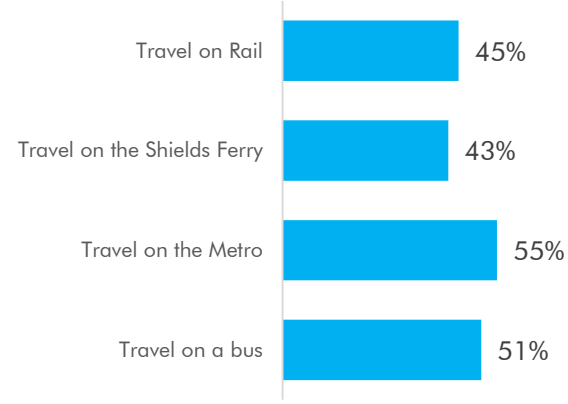
Over 7 in 10 people who anticipate using the Metro, see themselves doing this within the next 6 months.



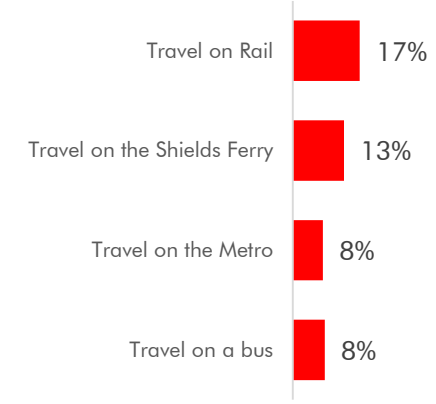
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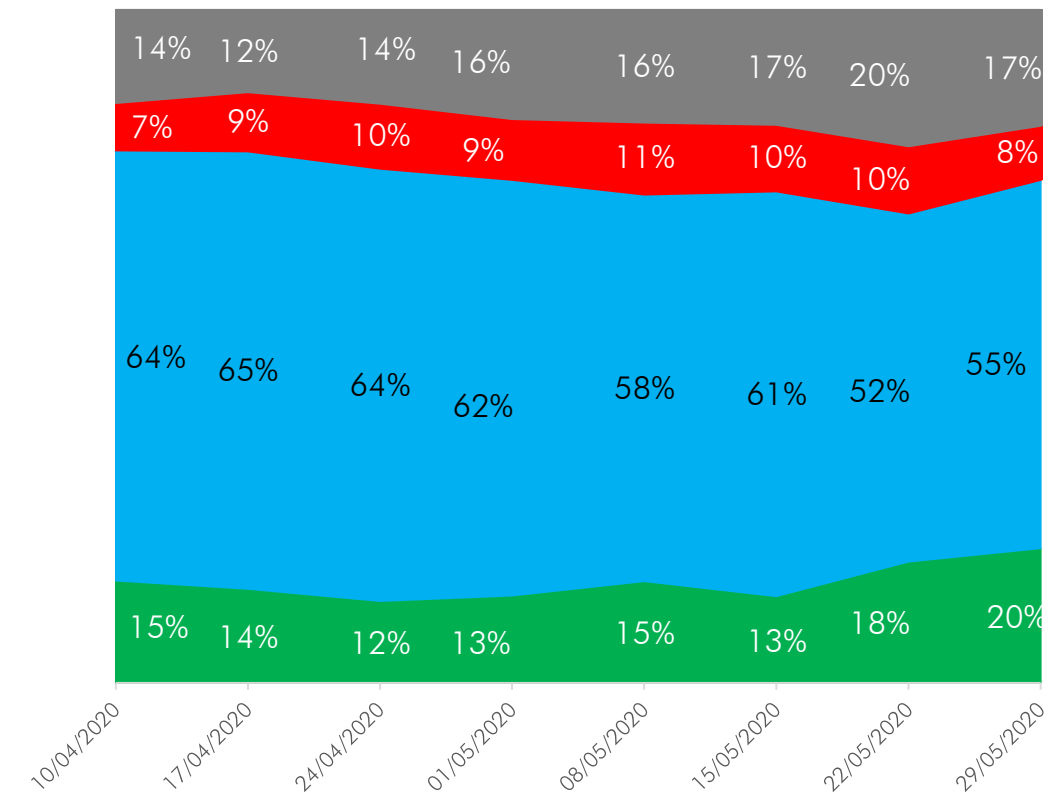
We see a rise again in the percentage of people expecting to use the Metro or bus within the next month.

When will you next travel on a bus?

When will you next travel on the Metro?



- Planning on it but don't know when
- Within the next 7 to 12 months
- Within the next 2 to 6 months
- Within the next month

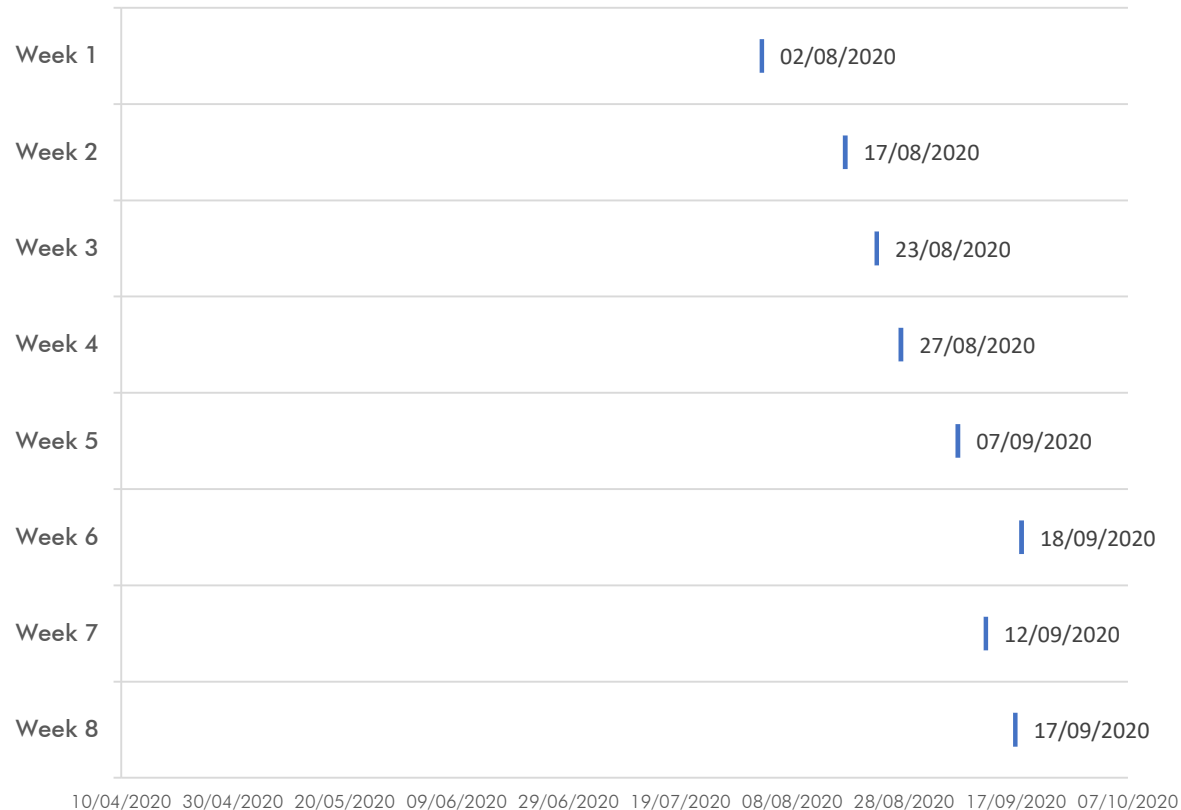


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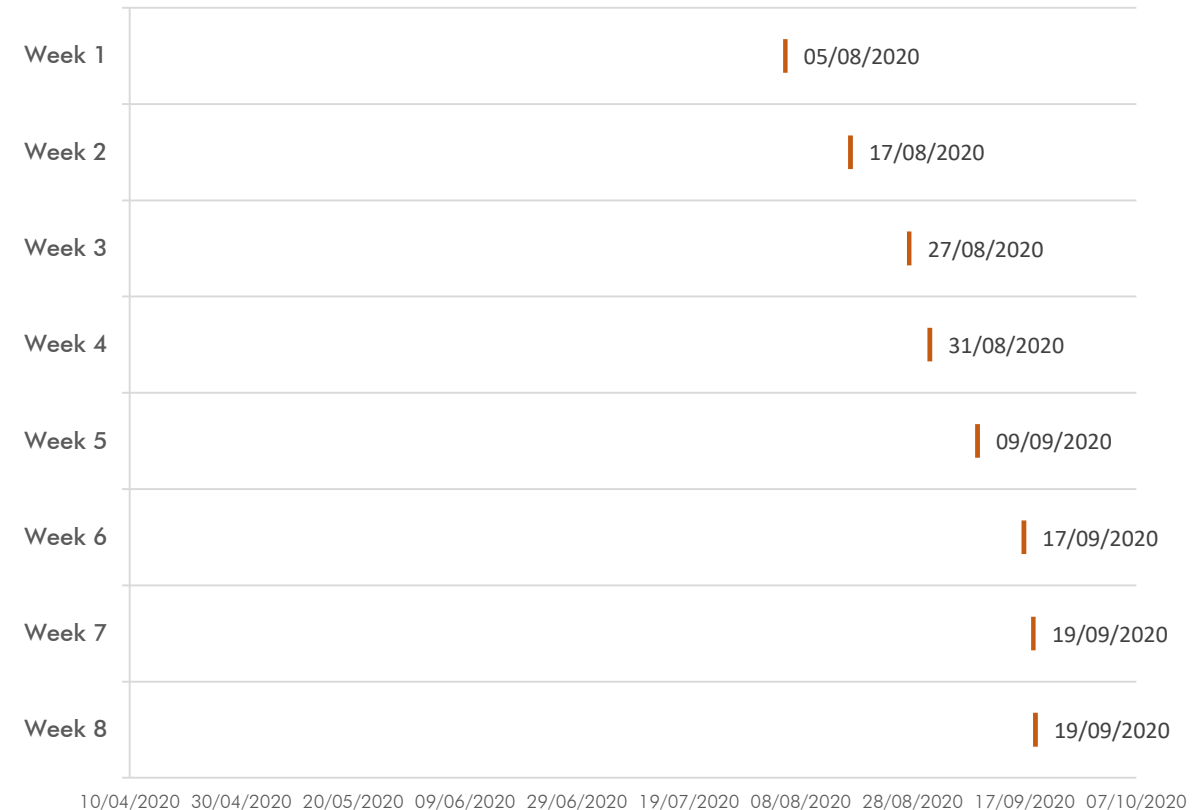


However when we look at the average expected date for a return to public transport it still appears to be in the middle of September for both bus and Metro.

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

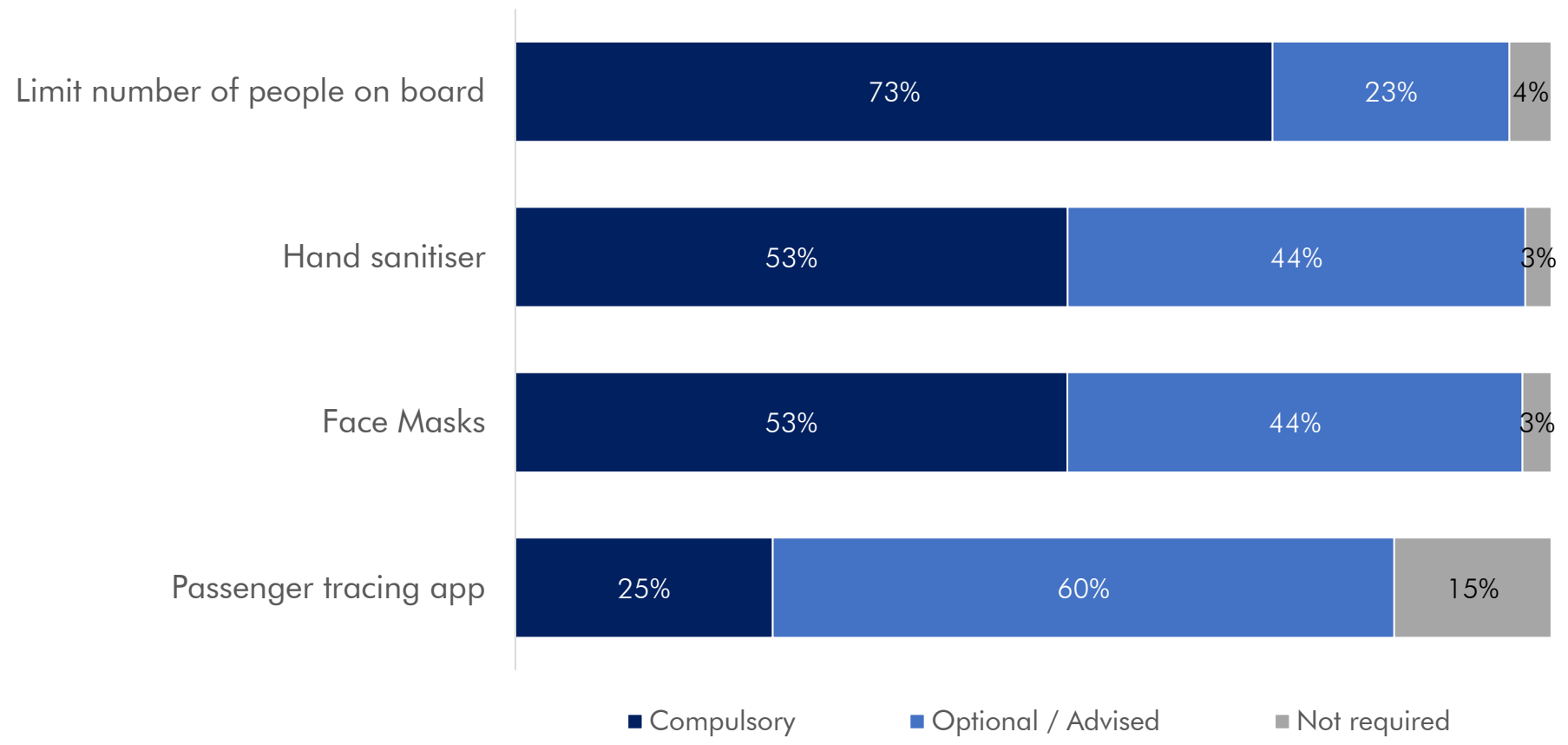


Expected point of using **Metro** (average)



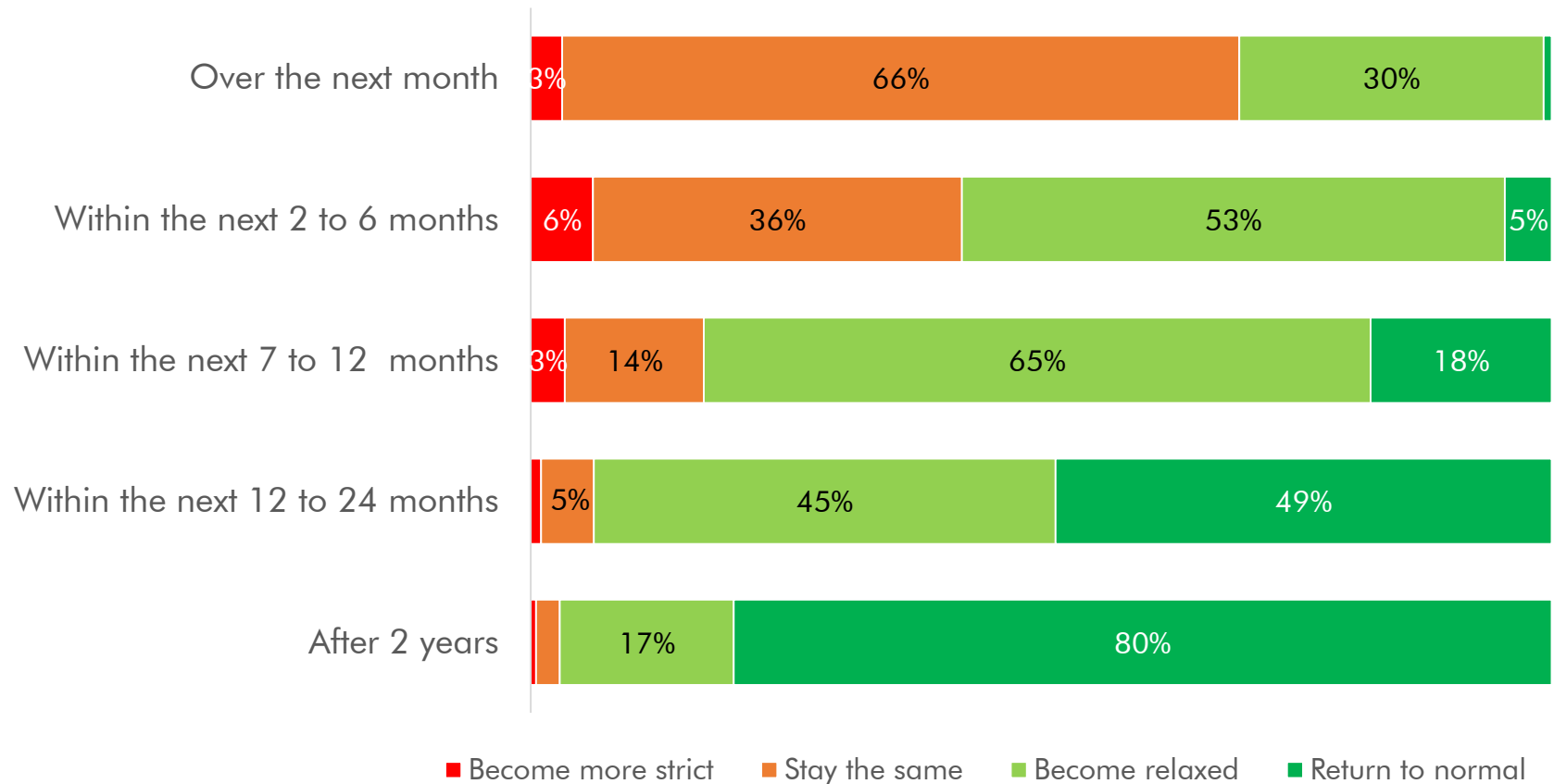


There is still overall support for all interventions to limit the spread of Covid-19 on public transport. Next week to expand on this we will be investigating the conditions that would need to be met for people to consider travelling on the Metro in more detail.

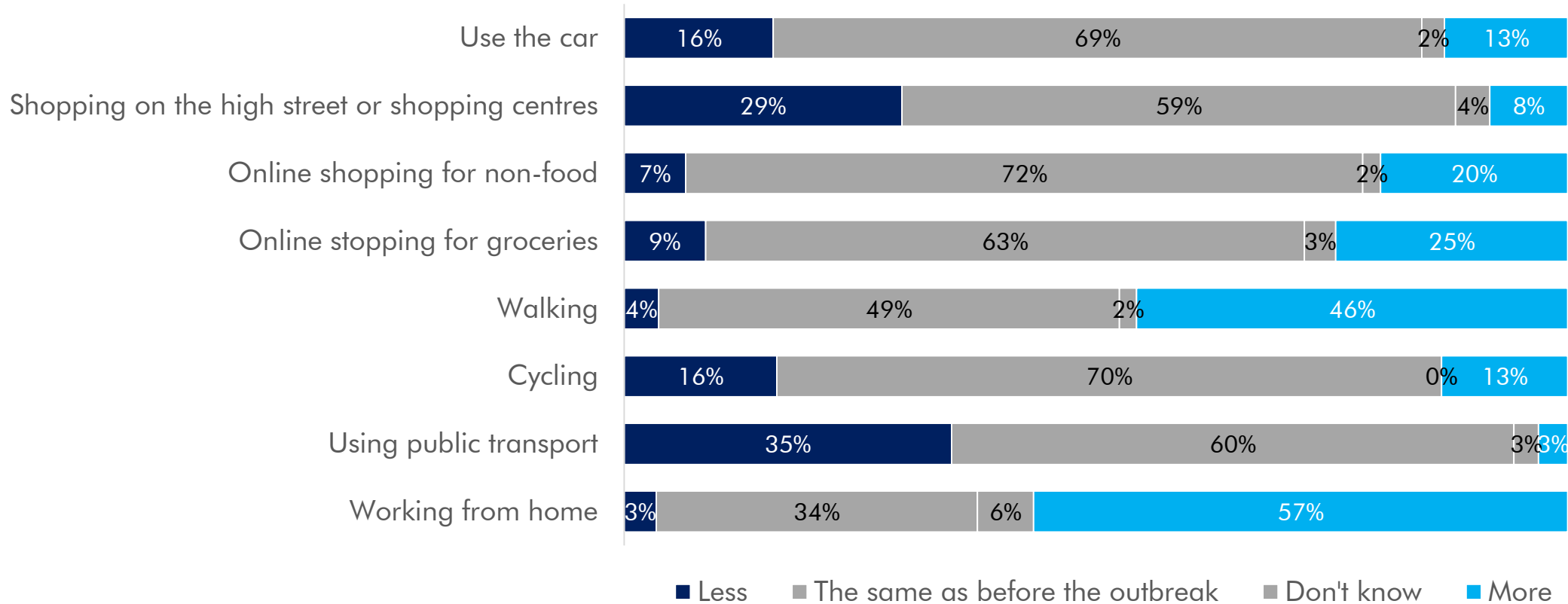


When the current lockdown is eased to what extent do you think the following arrangements are necessary to use the bus or Metro? Base: All respondents n=394

We can report a doubling in the percentage of people thinking social distancing will relax within the next month, from 15% last week to 30% this week. (Majority of responses were received before the Covid-19 lockdown relaxation was announced at 5pm on 28/05/20)

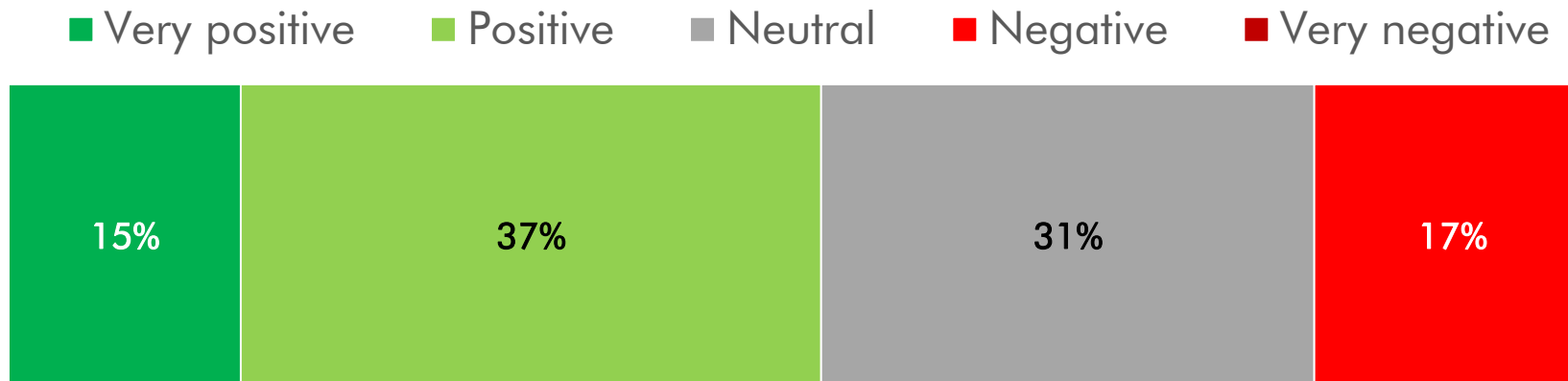


The number of people saying they will be using public transport less rises to it's highest level for 8 weeks at 35%. Almost half of respondents are planning on walking more when things return to normal.

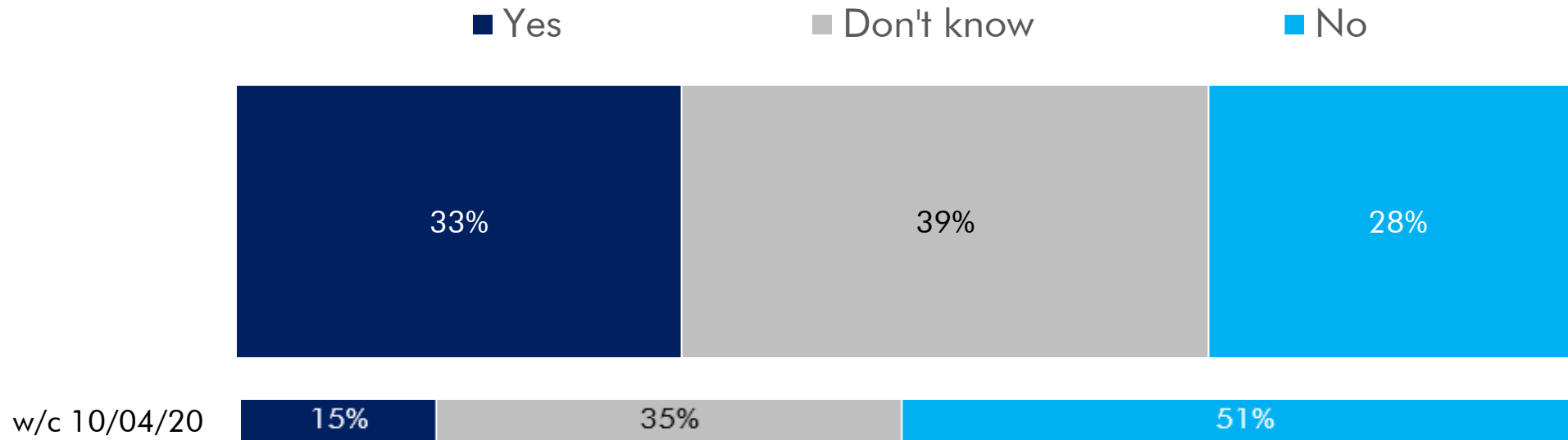


When the current situation is over and things return to normal, do you expect to do any more or less of the following compared to before Covid-19? Base: All respondents n=392 (N/A excluded)

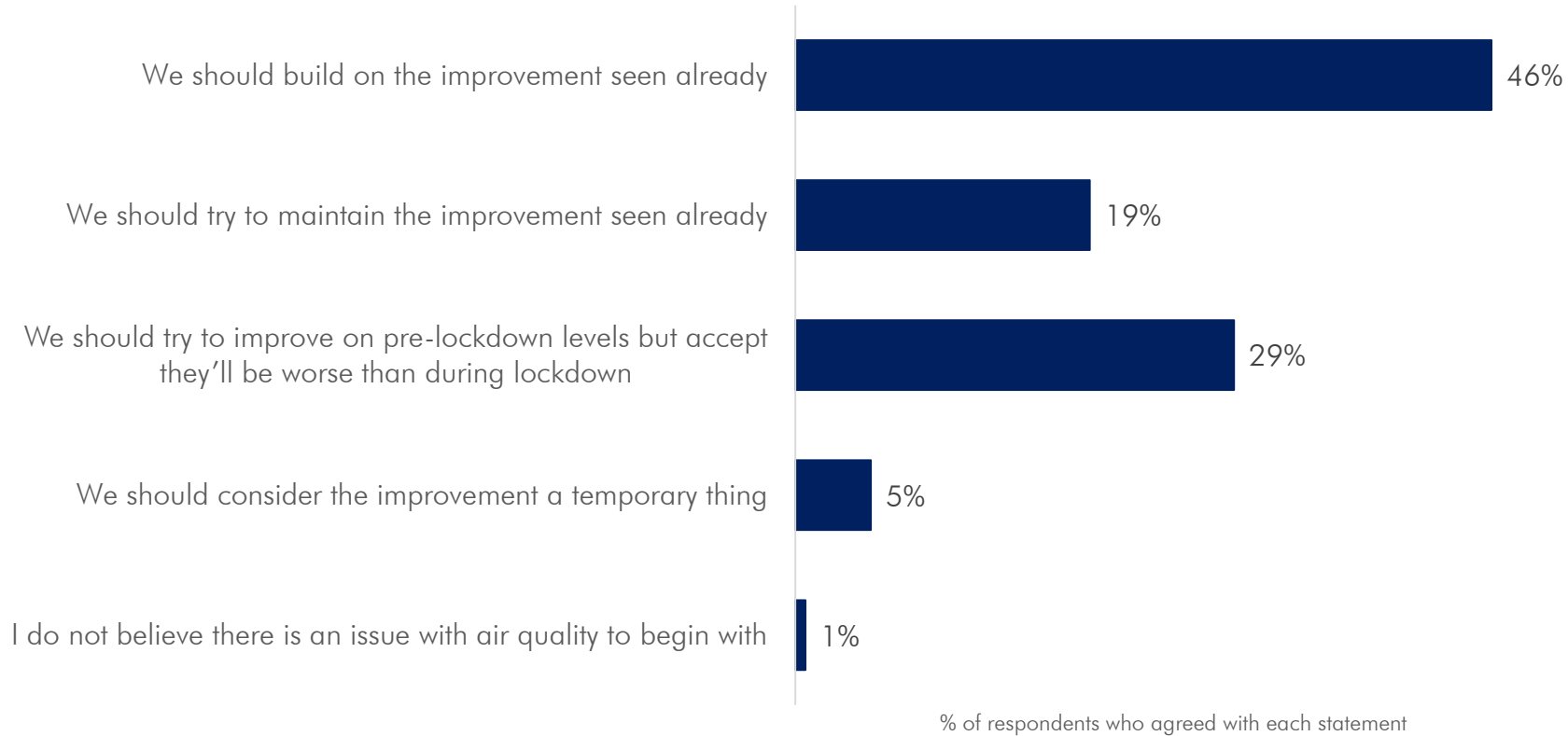
Over 8 in 10 people who did not previously work from home have adapted to the experience with over half finding it a positive experience.



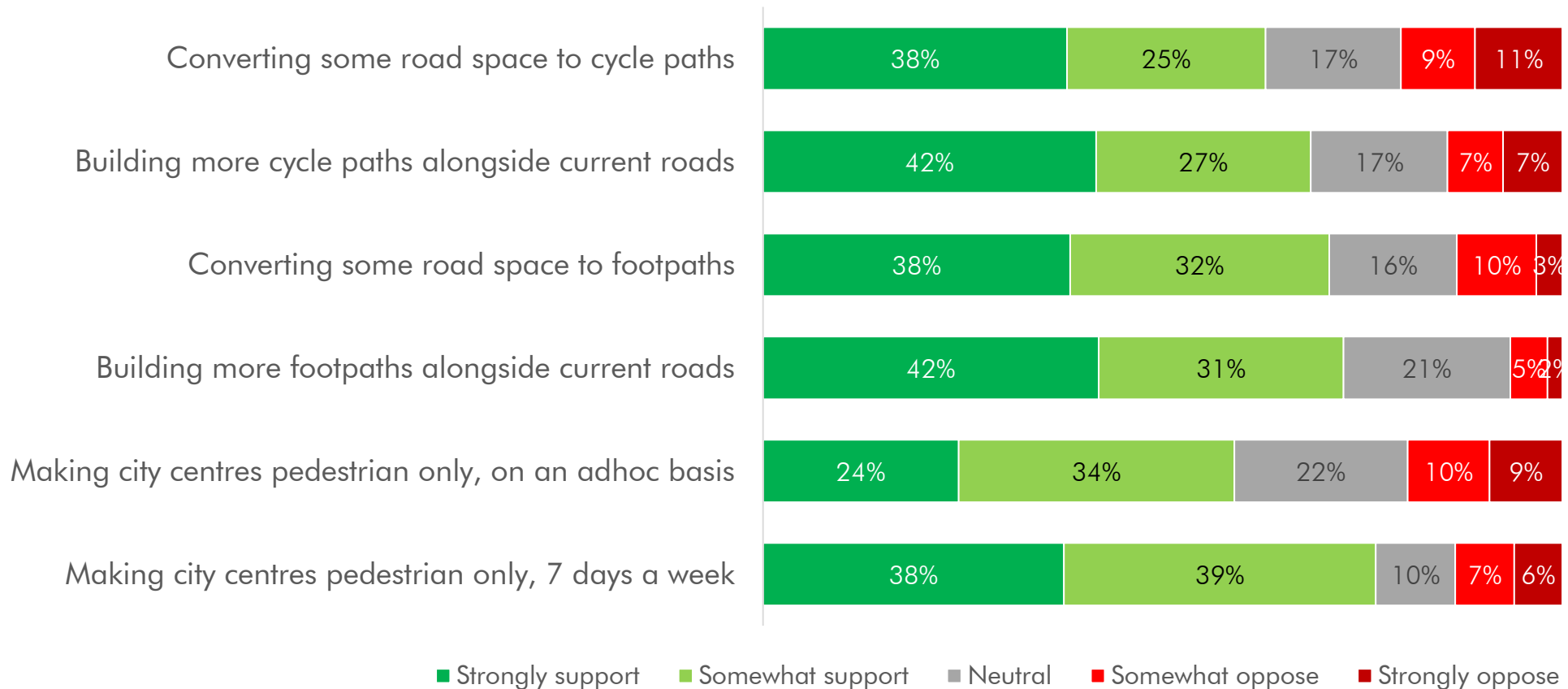
In 8 weeks we have seen a significant increase in the proportion of people thinking their employer will introduce home working permanently.



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)



To what extent do you support or oppose the following initiatives to at least maintain the air quality improvements we've seen once things return to normal? Base: All respondents n= 443

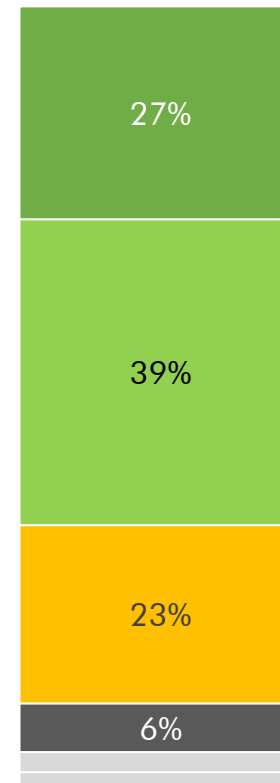
Over half of the respondents feel that they are well off or comfortable. Worryingly there are still 6% who are struggling to cope financially at the moment. (Result from Week 3, 24th April 2020)

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