

Public Transport as Public Space in European Cities

COVID-19 & PUBLIC TRANSPORT

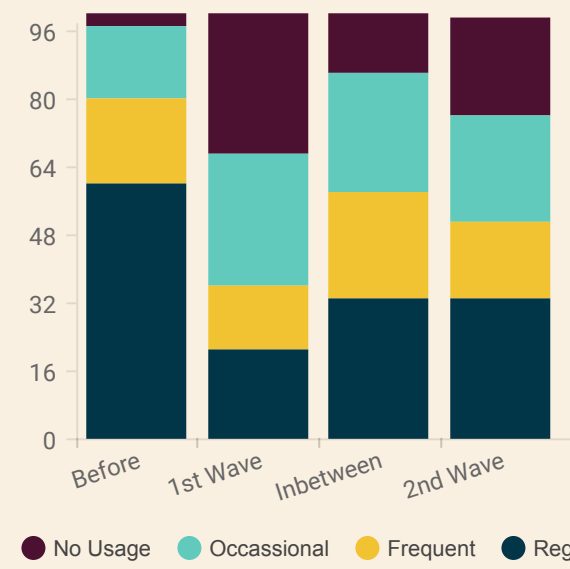


ABOUT THE SURVEY

COVID-19 has had a complex and multifaceted effect on public transport (PT) and its use. The emergence of the virus altered both who used PT and how these users experienced their journeys. This study complicates the fear-focused narrative that often framed PT during the COVID-19 crisis. It highlights diverse experiences of PT, which are still often socially unequal.

- Two investigation periods (May-June 2020; February-April 2021)
- 2419 completed questionnaires in 7 languages
- 75 qualitative interviews from Tallinn, Brussels, Stockholm & Berlin

PUBLIC TRANSPORT USAGE DURING COVID-19

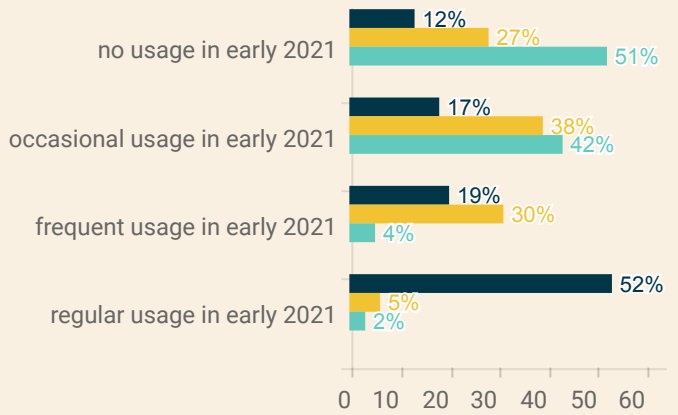


KEY OBSERVATIONS

1. Significant change of PT usage during first wave, many users returned over summer and continued using PT in second wave.
2. Regular users stayed, occasional and frequent users left PT.

CHANGES IN TRAVEL BEHAVIOUR

● regular users ● frequent users ● occasional users



PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND INCOME



Only 39 % of pre-covid regular users with high income have returned to public transport



74 % of low-income users continued to use public transport during 2nd wave

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DEPENDENCE ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Only 5% of public transport users with primary education were able to switch to another mode of transport during the pandemic.



At the same time 68% of formerly frequent users with higher education background stopped using public transport during respective lockdowns.

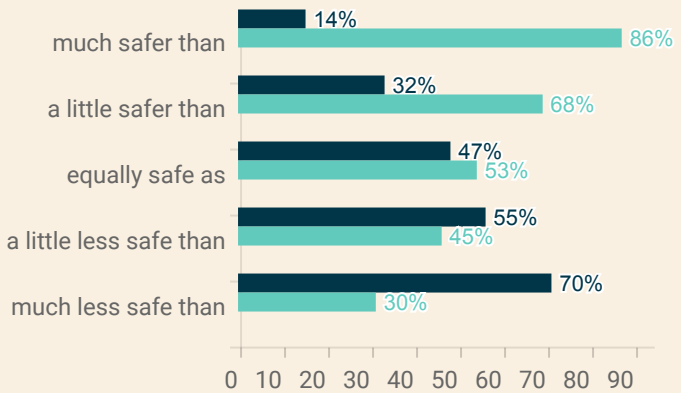
HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE ATMOSPHERE ON PT?



PERCEIVED SAFETY COMPARED TO GROCERY STORES

PT users perceive PT as safer than grocery stores compared to those who withdraw from it,

● Non- PT users ● Frequent PT users



RANKING OF SAFEST TRANSPORT MODES



76,19 %



75,79 %



68,53 %

WHO'S AFRAID OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT?

51,6% of female vs. 39% of male respondents feel anxious and unsafe on public transport during the pandemic



RANKING OF LEAST SAFE TRANSPORT MODES



69,5 %



71,6 %



79,6 %

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