


Regional Travel Survey: **Berkshire**

The Transport for the South East Regional Travel Survey improves understanding of how people travel across the South East, and supports local transport planning. Aligned with the National Travel Survey, data was collected through extensive travel diary surveys, enabling more detailed analysis of local travel behaviour by local authorities. This factsheet summarises key travel patterns across Berkshire in 2024/2025. We have also created factsheets for the other areas in our region.

 Average number of trips per person per year **964**

How people are travelling

Overall, people in the county made the highest number of trips per year in the TfSE region (964 compared with the TfSE average of 943) and travelled slightly further each year (8,960 miles compared with 8,900 miles). Both the TfSE region and Berkshire travelled significantly further than the UK average.

Average trip durations



13-22 minutes



18-20 minutes



21-26 minutes



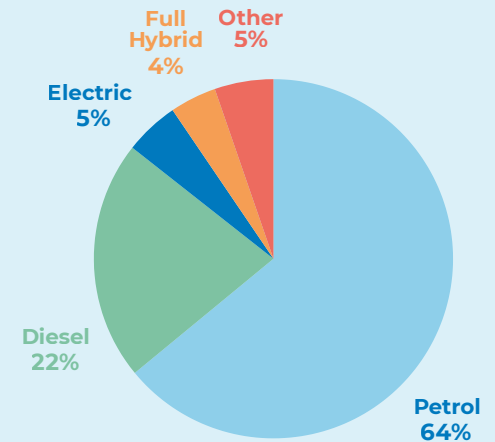
76%

Vehicle Ownership

76% of households in Berkshire own at least one car, which is slightly lower than the TfSE and England average (79%).

Driving licence ownership is higher in Berkshire than nationally, with 87% of adults holding some form of licence, compared with 75% in England.

Vehicle Ownership



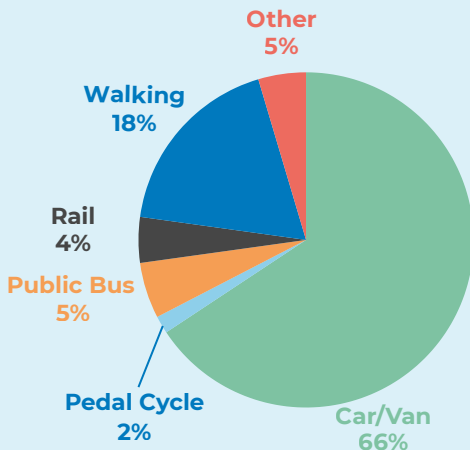
EV Charging

In Berkshire, most EV charging takes place at home (57%), the lowest share in the TfSE region, suggesting a greater reliance on public charging. Public charging mainly occurs at service stations or charging hubs (13%) and at workplaces or places of education (13%). Public on-street chargers account for 9% of use, followed by business or organisation car parks (7%).



57%

Trips by Mode



Travel in Berkshire is strongly shaped by car use. Similarly to the TfSE region, car use accounts for a higher share of trips than the England average. The area also shows lower levels of walking and cycling than the England average, in line with trends across the TfSE region. These trends provide important context for understanding travel behaviour across the region and the challenges and opportunities it presents.

Why people are travelling



30%
Leisure

Berkshire follows similar trip-purpose trends to the wider TfSE region. Leisure was the most common reason for travel in both Berkshire and the TfSE area. Shopping trips accounted for 28% of all journeys in Berkshire, compared with 18% nationally. Commuting was also more prominent, making up 17% of trips compared with 12% across England. Like the rest of the TfSE region, Berkshire recorded lower rates of travel for education and business than the national average.



28%
Shopping



17%
Commuting



16%
Personal Business



2%
Business



3%
Education

How people are commuting

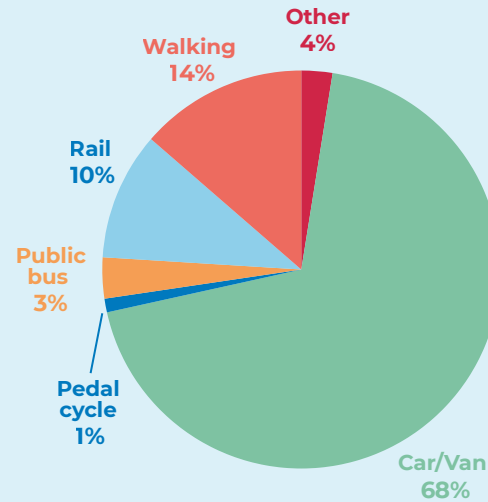
In Berkshire, commuting patterns are mixed, reflecting more flexible ways of working.

Commuter frequency in 2024



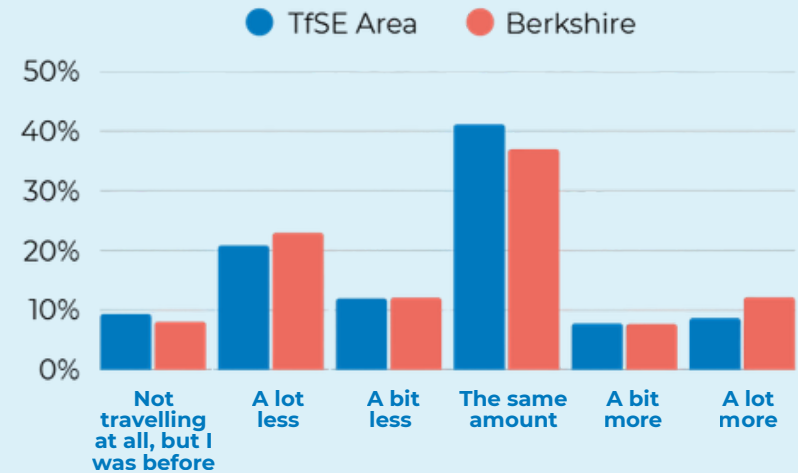
- Everyday 36%**
- At least once a week 42%**
- At least once a month 8%**
- Less than once a month 7%**
- Never 7%**

Commuting Mode Share



Berkshire is a slight outlier when looking at pre- and post-pandemic commuting patterns. Although it follows the same overall trends as the rest of the TfSE region, fewer people report commuting the same amount as before the pandemic (37% compared with the TfSE average of 41%). Berkshire also has a higher proportion of people commuting a lot more than they did pre-Covid, at 12%.

Commuting Changes Since COVID



This fact sheet offers a short snapshot of selected findings from the RTS. While it highlights some key insights, the survey includes a much wider range of data, and full datasets can be provided on request. Please contact coe@transportforthesoutheast.org.uk for more information.