


# Regional Travel Survey: **Surrey**

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 Surrey in 2024/2025. We have also created factsheets for the other areas in our region.

 Average number of trips per person per year **948**

Overall, people in the county made a similar number of trips per year as the TfSE regional average (948 compared with 943) and travelled slightly further each year (8,970 miles compared with 8,900 miles). Both Surrey and the TfSE region travelled significantly further than the UK average.

## How people are travelling

### Average trip durations



**13-23 minutes**

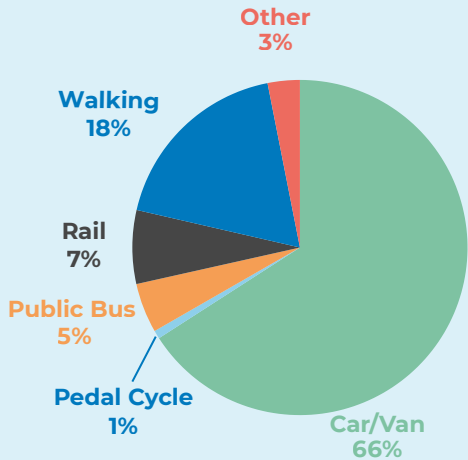


**16-20 minutes**



**19-27 minutes**

### Trips by Mode



Travel in Surrey is strongly shaped by car use. Similarly to the TfSE region, car use accounts for a higher share of trips than the England average (59%). Surrey also reports lower levels of walking and cycling than the England average. These trends provide important context for understanding travel behaviour across the region and the challenges and opportunities it presents.

### Vehicle Ownership

82% of households in Surrey own at least one car, higher than the TfSE and England average (79%).

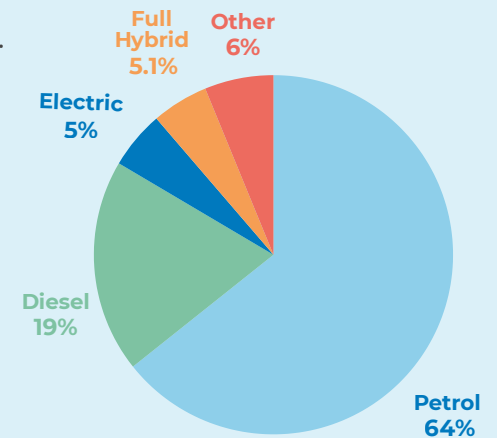
Driving licence ownership is considerably higher in Surrey than nationally, with 91% of adults holding some form of licence, compared with 75% in England.

### EV Charging

In Surrey, the majority of EV charging takes place at home (65%). Most public charging takes place at workplaces or places of education (14%) and public charging points (8%), reflecting the role of both en-route and destination charging. Service stations or charging hubs account for 8% of use, followed by business or organisation car parks (5%).



### Vehicle Ownership



**65%**

## Why people are travelling



**30%**  
**Leisure**

Surrey follows similar trip-purpose trends to the wider TfSE region. Leisure was the most common reason for travel in both Surrey and the TfSE area. Shopping trips accounted for 27% of all journeys in Surrey, compared with 18% nationally. Commuting was also more prominent, making up 17% of trips compared with 12% across England.



**27%**  
**Shopping**



**17%**  
**Commuting**



**16%**  
**Personal Business**



**2%**  
**Business**



**3%**  
**Education**

## How people are commuting

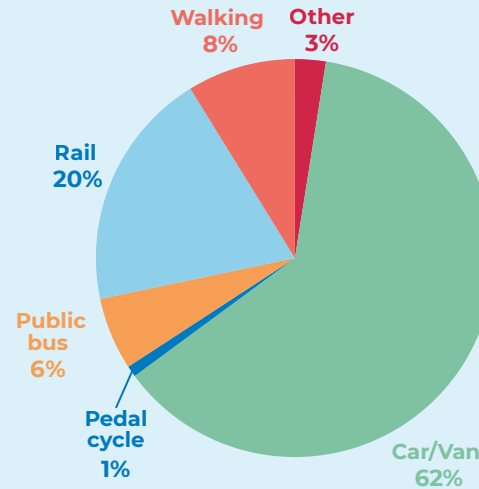
Surrey has the lowest percentage of people who report commuting every day in the TfSE region (35%)

### Commuter frequency in 2024



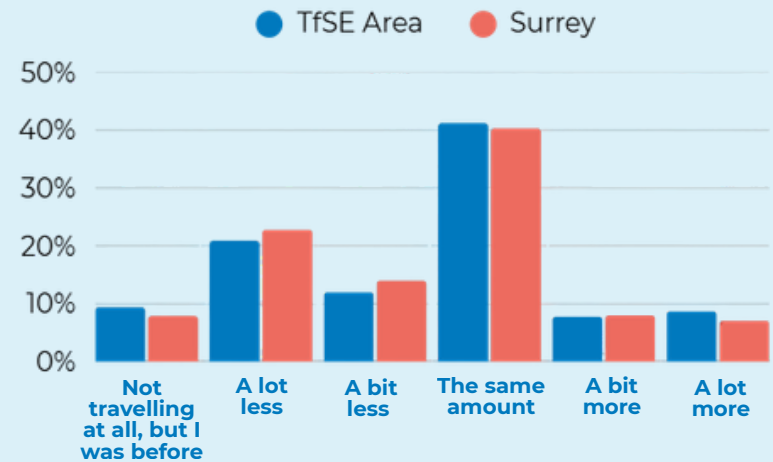
- Everyday 30%**
- At least once a week 48%**
- At least once a month 8%**
- Less than once a month 7%**
- Never 6%**

## Commuting Mode Share



Surrey generally follows the same trends as the rest of the TfSE region when comparing pre- and post-pandemic commuting patterns. Compared with pre-pandemic levels, 40% of people report commuting about the same amount. However, a sizeable shift is evident as 45% of people describe commuting less. In contrast, only 15% report commuting more often, highlighting varying impacts of changing work patterns across the county.

## 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](mailto:coe@transportforthesoutheast.org.uk) for more information.