



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 the TfSE region in 2024/2025. We have also created factsheets for the individual areas in our region.

 Average number of trips per person per year **943**

Overall, people in the region made more trips per year than the England average (943 compared with 922) and travelled significantly further each year (8,900 miles compared with 6,082 miles).

Average trip durations

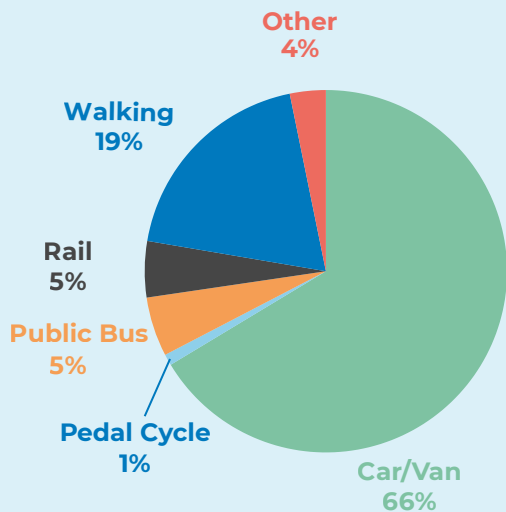
 **13-23 minutes**

 **17-19 minutes**

 **20-23 minutes**

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

Trips by Mode



How people are travelling

Vehicle Ownership

79% of households in the TfSE region own at least one car, the same as the England average.

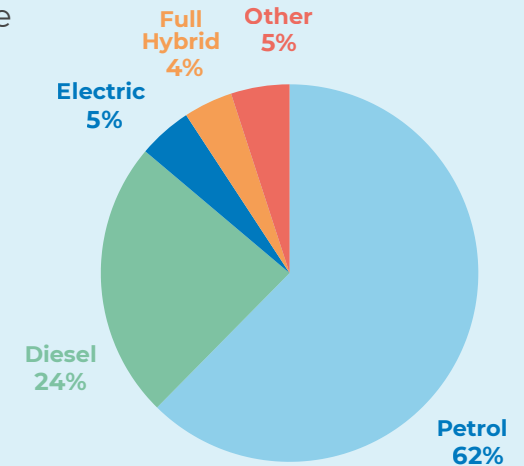
Driving licence holding is higher in the TfSE region than nationally, with 89% of adults holding some form of licence, compared with 75% in England.

EV Charging

In the TfSE region, the majority of EV charging takes place at home (63%). Most public charging takes place at service stations or charging hubs (11.3%) and workplaces or places of education (11%), reflecting the role of both en-route and destination charging. Public on-street chargers account for 7.2% of use, followed by business or organisation car parks (6.3%).



Vehicle Ownership



63%

Why people are travelling



30%
Leisure

Leisure was the most common reason for travel in both the TfSE region and across England, although it plays a larger role regionally. Shopping trips accounted for 28% of all journeys in the TfSE region, compared with 18% nationally. Commuting was also more prominent in the region, making up 17% of trips compared with 12% across England. The TfSE region, however, saw lower rates of travel for education and business than nationally.



28%
Shopping



17%
Commuting



16%
Personal Business



2%
Business



2%
Education

How people are commuting

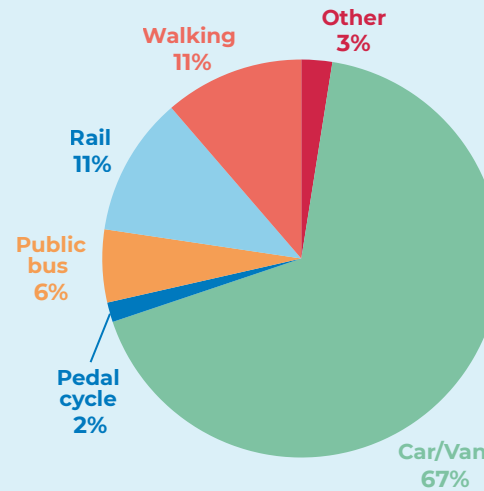
In the TfSE region, commuting patterns are mixed, reflecting more flexible ways of working.

Commuter frequency in 2024



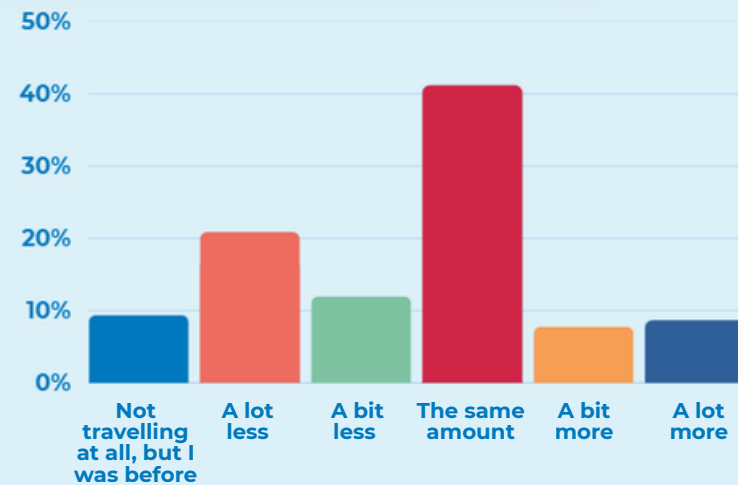
- Everyday 35%**
- At least once a week 42%**
- At least once a month 8%**
- Less than once a month 7%**
- Never 8%**

Commuting Mode Share



Compared with pre-pandemic levels, 41% of people report commuting about the same amount. However, a sizeable shift is evident as 42% of people have changed commuting habits. 21% commute a lot less and 12% a bit less, while 9% no longer commute at all despite previously doing so. In contrast, 17% report commuting more often, either a lot more (9%) or a bit more (8%), highlighting varying impacts of changing work patterns across the region.

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.