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Symbols and Conventions

Rounding of figures - In tables where figures have been rounded to the nearest final digit, there may be an apparent slight discrepancy between the sum of the constituent items and the total shown.

Multiple response questions - Respondents can give more than one response to these types of questions if they wish and therefore if individual percentages are summed they may add to more than 100%. These types of questions have been highlighted with the footnote "Percentages sum to more than 100% due to multiple responses".

It is assumed in this report that there are 52.14 weeks in the year.

Men = Males aged 16 and over, except where otherwise stated.

Women = Females aged 16 and over, except where otherwise stated.

The following symbols have been used throughout:

- .. = not available/insufficient number of cases in sample
- = negligible (greater than zero but less than 0.5)
- 0 = nil

The following conversion factors may be of use:

1 Mile = 1.609 Kilometres

1 Kilometre = 0.6214 Miles

Only those differences which are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) have been highlighted in the commentary within this report. This means that there is at least a 95% probability that there is a genuine difference between results and the difference is not simply explained by random chance or sample error.

As the sample size is relatively small (it has varied between 856 and 1,037 households interviewed in one year), 3 years of data need to be combined to ensure the analysis carried out is robust.

Only travel within Northern Ireland (and inshore islands) is included.

For further information, there is a User Information section (Section 1) on page 3 and a Definitions section (Appendix A) on page 45.

Key Points

In 2009–2011:-

General travel statistics

- On average, Northern Ireland residents travelled 5,888 miles per year over the three-year reporting period. This is around the same as the average distance travelled per person per year in 1999-2001 (5,985 miles) (Table 1.2).
- Each person made an average of 894 journeys each year. This has decreased from the 1999-2001 average of 978 journeys per person per year (Table 1.2).

Trends in personal travel

- Looking at the 17 and over age group, a higher proportion of men (82%) held full car driving licences than women (68%) in 2009-2011. However, there is some evidence that the gap is closing slightly. 68% of women now hold a car driving licence, an increase from 60% in 1999-2001, whereas there has been no real change in the proportion of men holding a licence during this time period (Table 2.3).
- Those living in the Belfast area travelled an average of 3,814 miles per year, around 40% less than the 6,099 miles and 6,343 miles for those living in the East and West of Northern Ireland respectively (Table 3.5).
- Men and women made a similar number of journeys per year (919 for men, 910 for women). However, men travelled 28% further than women, averaging 7,137 miles a year, compared to 5,571 miles for women (Table 3.6).

How people travel

- Car travel made up just over four fifths (81%) of the total distance travelled, around the same as in 1999-2001 (Table 3.1).
- We walked on average 137 miles each year, 2% of our total distance travelled. This proportion matches the 1999-2001 result (Table 3.1).
- The longest average journey lengths were on Northern Ireland Railways (20.8 miles), although we only made an average of 5 of these per person per year. Car journeys accounted for 72% of all journeys made and were, on average, just over 7 miles long. These results are comparable to previous years (Table 3.2).
- Nearly one sixth (15%) of all journeys were less than one mile long, with just under two thirds of these short journeys made on foot (63%). The car was the dominant mode of transport (79%) for all journeys over one mile (Table 3.3).
- We spent 298 hours per year travelling within Northern Ireland - approximately twelve and a half days each year or 49 minutes per day. Around 33 minutes per day were spent travelling by car and 8 minutes per day were spent walking. The results in 1999-2001 were comparable (Table 3.4).
- Children under 16 made 65% of their journeys as car passengers, with most of the rest on foot (21%). For adults (aged 16 and over), a higher proportion of

journeys were made by car (73%) and a lower proportion of journeys were made on foot (15%) (Table 3.6).

Why people travel

- Twenty-three percent of journeys were made for leisure purposes (visit friends at private home/elsewhere, entertainment/public social activities, take part in sports activities, holiday base, day trip), 20% to and from the shops, 16% for commuting and 12% for personal business. These results have changed little from 1999-2001 (Table 4.1).
- In terms of miles travelled, 31% of the distance travelled was for leisure purposes, 21% for commuting, 14% for shopping and 10% for personal business. Again, these results are comparable to 1999-2001 (Table 4.1).
- Men made the largest proportion of their journeys for commuting and business (29%). For women, 20% of journeys were for commuting and business (Table 4.2).
- The largest proportion of journeys made by women was for going to and from the shops. Nearly one quarter (24%) of the total journeys women made were for this purpose compared to one fifth (20%) for men (Table 4.2).
- The largest proportion of journeys made by children under 16 was for education (30%) (Table 4.2).
- In 2009-2011, the majority of workers in Northern Ireland used a car or van to travel to work (82%), similar to 1999-2001 (80%) (Table 4.3a).
- The most common difficulty when travelling to work by car, van or motorcycle was traffic congestion/roadworks (mentioned by 25% of respondents), followed by cost of petrol (12%). However, the majority of respondents (67%) who travelled to work by these modes stated they had no difficulty (Figure 4.4).

Other factors affecting travel

- Overall, 19% of respondents said they had some difficulty with travel due to a physical disability or long-standing health problem. As expected, this increases with age: 5% of 16-29 year olds had difficulty with travel compared to 39% of those aged 60 and over (Table 5.1).
- Fifteen percent of households in Northern Ireland said that they would be able to get a bus from their nearest bus stop every 15 minutes, an increase from 7% in 1999-2001. Just over one quarter (27%) said they did not know how often they could get a bus from their nearest stop (Table 5.5).

Section 1: User Information

Background to the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland (TSNI)

The TSNI is based on the National Travel Survey (NTS), as used in Great Britain. It began in Northern Ireland as a continuous survey in 1999 (after a pilot survey). It is conducted over a calendar year (from January to December). The first results were published in 2003 for the period 1999-2001. This latest report covers the 2009-2011 time period.

Why are data for three years combined?

As the sample size is relatively small (it has varied between 856 and 1,037 households interviewed in one year), 3 years of data need to be combined to ensure the analysis carried out is robust.

However, in this report, for certain stable groups of the sample, limited information for shorter (one year) periods of time is shown.

Topics covered in this report

Section 2 covers trends in personal travel, Section 3 deals with how we travel, Section 4 contains information on why we travel and Section 5 includes other topics linked to travel, including vehicle mileage.

National Statistics

The Travel Survey for Northern Ireland (TSNI) publications are now badged as National Statistics. National Statistics are certified by the UK Statistics Authority as compliant with its Code of Practice for Official Statistics or are awaiting this assessment. The TSNI has undergone assessment and a copy of the final report setting out the assessment team's findings was published in October 2010. The report can be viewed at:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/assessment-reports/index.html>

Following the completion of a number of requirements, confirmation was received from the UK Statistics Authority in March 2011 that the TSNI publications have been accredited as National Statistics (they were previously designated as Official Statistics publications).

The United Kingdom Statistics Authority has designated these statistics as National Statistics, in accordance with the Statistics and Registration Service Act 2007 and signifying compliance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics.

Designation can be broadly interpreted to mean that the statistics:

- meet identified user needs;
- are well explained and readily accessible;
- are produced according to sound methods, and
- are managed impartially and objectively in the public interest.

Once statistics have been designated as National Statistics it is a statutory requirement that the Code of Practice shall continue to be observed.

For a copy of the Code of Practice for Official Statistics:

<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/code-of-practice-for-official-statistics.pdf>

Current developments

Two reports have been published based on analysis of the 2009-2011 TSNi data. The first, the headline report, containing key figures was published at the start of July 2012. A technical report was published in August 2012 containing information on 2009-2011 survey response rates and confidence ranges. This report, the in-depth report, contains more detailed results including age, gender and area breakdowns. A supplement to this report containing urban-rural travel comparisons is planned for early 2013. The next headline report, based on 2010-2012 results, is planned for July 2013. The 2010-2012 in-depth report is planned for December 2013.

One of the key projects to develop the TSNi is the review of the current database structure. In its current format the TSNi has an extremely complex structure which makes it difficult to analyse. Detailed knowledge of what to include and exclude and how to interpret the output is required. Each time a new piece of analysis is run there is a time consuming checking process to ensure the data are correct. A number of alternative structures have been evaluated and the preferred option, which more closely mirrors the hierarchical structure of the data, will, when implemented, greatly enhance the efficiency of running ad-hoc queries.

Once these changes to the database structure have been made, the data will be deposited in the University of Essex Data Archive (planned for 2013). This will mean the data will be available to researchers for secondary analysis.

Survey methodology

Information for the survey is collected using two methods. Individuals complete a seven day travel diary, which collects information on all journeys 50 metres or more. Details collected for each journey include the purpose of the journey, the length of the journey and the method of travel. Personal information is also collected in a computer interview. This allows details such as age, sex, working status, etc. to be linked to the journey data.

In order to minimise the burden of completing the travel diary, information on short walks (i.e. under one mile in length) are only collected on day one. The data on short walks are then grossed for the full travel week so that results in this report include short walks for the full seven day period.

Sample design

A sample of 1,740 addresses per year is drawn from the Land & Property Services (LPS) list of private addresses using a methodology which is designed to provide representative geographic coverage across NI. This is the most up-to-date listing of private households and is made available to the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency for research purposes. People living in institutions (though not the private households in such institutions) are excluded.

All persons in the household (including children) are eligible for the survey.

Uses of the TSNi

The TSNi is the only source of information on how, over the region as a whole, people use different forms of transport to meet their travel needs as individuals or family groups. It provides information to influence government policy, set objectives and monitor performance in relation to transport and travel in Northern Ireland, for example in the Regional Transportation Strategy.

Data quality assessment

Very good – data are collected by the Central Survey Unit (CSU) and the sample is selected to be representative of the Northern Ireland population. Data undergo various validation checks as part of the processing. CSU is the leading social survey research organisation in Northern Ireland and is one of the main business areas of the Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency (NISRA), an Agency within the Department of Finance and Personnel. The Unit has a long track record and a wealth of experience in the design, management and analysis of behavioural and attitude surveys in the context of a wide range of social policy issues. CSU procedures are consistent with the Official Statistics Code of Practice (<http://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/assessment/code-of-practice/code-of-practice-for-official-statistics.pdf>).

Note that all survey estimates are subject to a degree of error and this must be taken account of when considering results. This error will be reasonably small for the majority of Northern Ireland level results but care should be taken when looking at results based on smaller breakdowns.

Guidance on using the data

- Data at Northern Ireland level are robust. When figures are broken down into sub-regional level the sample size is reduced. Consequently, data analysis at sub-regional level is limited.

Sampling errors

- Data are from a sample survey i.e. not asked of the whole population of Northern Ireland. Therefore when looking at the figures, the confidence intervals/ranges associated with the figures should be noted.

What are Confidence intervals/ranges?

These are available in the TSNi Technical Report 2009-2011 (page 11):

http://www.drdni.gov.uk/tsni_technical_report_2009-2011.pdf

- As estimates made from a sample survey depend upon the particular sample chosen, they may differ from the true values of the population.
- This variance from the true population value is measured using a confidence interval. The confidence intervals published for TSNi data are 95% confidence intervals. This means there is a 95% probability that the true population value is contained within the range of values given.

Data validation

As the database has continued to be validated as part of the data analysis process, a small number of discrepancies have been discovered and corrected figures appear in this current report. These have been flagged with a footnote to explain that figures have been revised from previous reports. The corrections are minor and therefore have not warranted a recirculation of previous reports. However, revised figures are available on request from CSRB should they be required (see front of the report for contact details).

Mode of travel/Main mode of travel

Mode is the form of transport used for a stage of a journey. The main mode is the form of transport used for the greatest length of the journey.

Average distance travelled

For average distance travelled by mode tables in this report, mode of travel is used. This means the actual mode of travel used during each stage of the journey is captured by the data analysis. For example, if a journey consisted of 2 stages, a 1 mile walk to the train station followed by a 10 mile train journey, 1 mile would be assigned to “walk” mode of travel and 10 miles to “NI Railways” mode of travel.

Number of journeys/Average journey length/Journey time

For the Number of journeys/Average journey length/Journey time by mode tables in this report, main mode of travel is used. This is because whole journeys are being tabulated not stages or parts of a journey. For the example above this means the main mode of travel, “NI Railways”, would be assigned to the journey. The walking element is not captured in the data analysis.

Please note that the majority of journeys are only one stage which means that both the mode and main mode of travel would be the same.

Citybus/Metro journeys

In 2007-2009, a large and statistically significant increase was observed in both the average distance travelled on Metro services and the average number of journeys per person per year using the Metro service compared with previous years. Details of the checks carried out and some of the possible reasons for this are noted in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland 2007-2009 reports.

This trend, of higher numbers of Metro journeys per person per year and higher average distance travelled compared to TSNi data prior to 2007-2009, continued into 2008-2010. It is also worth noting that over this period there was a downward trend in Ulsterbus journeys per person per year and average distance travelled in the TSNi data. Results from the 2009-2011 survey have continued to show the trend of increasing Metro journeys and decreasing Ulsterbus journeys. However, whereas in 2007-2009 and 2008-2010 the TSNi data reflected Translink’s own Metro passenger journey and Ulsterbus passenger journey figures, in 2009-2011 this is no longer the case.

According to the findings of the TSNi 2009-2011, there were a higher number of Metro journeys per person per year than Ulsterbus journeys. However, it is clear from Translink figures that there are consistently more Ulsterbus passenger journeys each year than Metro passenger journeys. For example:

- In 2010/11 there were 25.8 million passenger journeys on Metro and 40.8 million passenger journeys on Ulsterbus.
- Using the 2010 mid year population estimate (1,799,392), this equates to approximately 14 Metro journeys per person per year and 23 Ulsterbus journeys per person per year.
- This gives a total of 37 Metro and Ulsterbus journeys per person per year.

From the TSNI 2009-2011:

- There were 22 Metro journeys per person per year and 16 Ulsterbus journeys per person per year.
- This gives a total of 38 Metro and Ulsterbus journeys per person per year.

As has been noted in previous reports, the survey estimate for all Metro and Ulsterbus journeys combined has always approximated Translink's own estimate and can therefore be considered robust. However when looking at the 2009-2011 TSNI Metro journey figures and Ulsterbus journey figures separately, the individual figures are not reflective of the Translink administrative data estimates. This would suggest that there is an element of respondent misclassification between bus types.

We have therefore decided to only publish combined Metro and Ulsterbus figures for 2009-2011. We will discuss possible ways of addressing the issue of respondent misclassification of bus types with Central Survey Unit to improve future TSNI estimates. We will only publish a breakdown of TSNI Metro and Ulsterbus figures once the data more closely mirror Translink's.

In the meantime, users who wish to approximate the number of Ulsterbus journeys per person per year and number of Metro journeys per person per year for 2009-2011 should note that around 61% of all public bus passenger journeys are on Ulsterbus. This is estimated using the Translink figures. Using this and the TSNI 2009-2011 combined Metro and Ulsterbus figure of 38 journeys per person per year, gives an estimate of 23 Ulsterbus journeys per person per year and 15 Metro journeys per person per year in 2009-2011.

Summary of basic statistics

Table 1.1 provides information taken from the 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011 databases.

Table 1.1: Unweighted sample numbers on which analyses are based.

	Numbers						
	2009	2010	2011	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
Households	1,036	1,037	1,001	2,847	2,799	3,060	3,074
Individuals	2,185	2,042	1,969	7,421	6,338	6,343	6,196
Children (<16)	412	321	346	1,833	1,278	1,135	1,079
Adults (16+)	1,773	1,721	1,623	5,578	5,053	5,208	5,117
Motor vehicles ¹	1,272	1,308	1,266	3,171	3,195	3,826	3,846
Cars ²	1,201	1,254	1,234	3,058	3,063	3,651	3,689
4-wheeled cars	1,137	1,190	1,176	2,911	2,908	3,453	3,503
Journeys ³	34,042	33,030	30,401	123,295	102,576	100,270	97,473
Stages ⁴	34,797	33,665	30,976	126,251	105,033	102,511	99,438

¹ Motor vehicles = cars (see below) + invalid cars + motorcycle/scooter with or without a sidecar + moped + other van/lorry.

² Cars = 4-wheeled + 3-wheeled vehicles + Land Rovers + Jeeps + minibuses + motor caravans + dormobiles + light vans.

³ These are the unweighted base numbers for journeys. These figures are then grossed for short walks before analysis.

⁴ A journey consists of one or more stages. A new stage is defined when there is a change in the form of transport or when there is a change of vehicle requiring a separate ticket.

Table 1.2: Basic travel statistics

	Numbers/Percentage						
	2009	2010	2011	1999-2001 ²	2004-2006 ^{2,r}	2008-2010 ²	2009-2011 ²
No. of journeys per person per year	898	915	870	978	937	905	894
No. of journeys (1 mile+)	749	776	745	786	772	761	757
Miles travelled	6,036	5,822	5,793	5,985	6,094	5,976	5,888
Miles travelled by car	4,783	4,791	4,708	4,891	4,943	4,859	4,762
Hours travelled	308	292	293	304	304	301	298
Vehicles per household	1.23	1.26	1.26	1.11	1.14	1.25	1.25
Cars¹ per household	1.16	1.21	1.23	1.07	1.09	1.19	1.20
Cars¹ per adult (17+)	0.69	0.74	0.77	0.56	0.62	0.71	0.73
% men (17+) full car driving licence	81%	81%	82%	80%	81%	81%	82%
% women (17+) full car driving licence	67%	66%	70%	60%	61%	67%	68%
Participating individuals per household	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.6	2.3	2.1	2.0
% of households with bus service at least every 15 mins	17% (24% don't know)	15% (29% don't know)	14% (27% don't know)	7% (27% don't know)	8% (27% don't know)	15% (26% don't know)	15% (27% don't know)
Northern Ireland Population for survey period (mid year estimate)³	1,788,896	1,799,392	1,806,873	1,683,756	1,725,450	1,787,764	1,798,387

¹ Cars = 4-wheeled + 3-wheeled vehicles + Land Rovers + Jeeps + minibuses + motor caravans + dormobiles + light vans.

² Three year rolling averages calculated from raw data.

³ Mid Year Estimates are currently provisional as they will be revised in light of the Census 2011 results and these new estimates will be published in Spring 2013.

^r Some revisions have been made to the 2004-2006 full car driving licence and the % of households with bus service every 15 minutes figures. See full explanation of revisions in table footnotes on page 15 (Table 2.3) and page 43 (Table 5.5).

Section 2: Trends in personal travel

Tables and figures in this section show the changes in personal travel over the selected time periods (1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011).

Trends in distance, journeys and time spent travelling (Table 2.1, Figures 2.1-2.3)

- Looking at the individual years over the three year reporting period 2009 to 2011, travel habits have not changed considerably.
- On average, Northern Ireland residents travelled 5,888 miles per year over the three-year reporting period. This is around the same as the average distance travelled per person per year in 1999-2001 (5,985 miles).
- Each person made an average of 894 journeys each year (less than 3 journeys per day). This has decreased from the 1999-2001 average of 978 journeys per person per year.
- The average journey length has increased slightly from 6.1 miles in 1999-2001 to 6.6 miles in 2009-2011.
- The average time each person spent travelling over the three years was 298 hours per year, or approximately 49 minutes per day. The results in 1999-2001 were comparable.
- Comparing 2004-2006 to 2009-2011, there has been no significant modal shift (change from one mode of travel to another).

Table 2.1: Distance, journeys & hours travelled per person per year: 2009 to 2011; 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

	Average distance travelled per person per year(miles)		Average number of journeys per person per year		Average journey length (miles)	Average time spent travelling per person per year (hours)
	All journeys	Journeys 1 mile +	All journeys	Journeys 1 mile +	All journeys	All journeys
2009	6,036	5,970	898	749	6.7	308
2010	5,822	5,762	915	776	6.4	292
2011	5,793	5,738	870	745	6.7	293
1999-2001	5,985	5,904	978	786	6.1	304
2004-2006	6,094	6,023	937	772	6.5	304
2008-2010	5,976	5,912	905	761	6.6	301
2009-2011	5,888	5,828	894	757	6.6	298

Figure 2.1: Average distance travelled per person per year by mode: 2004-2006 to 2009-2011

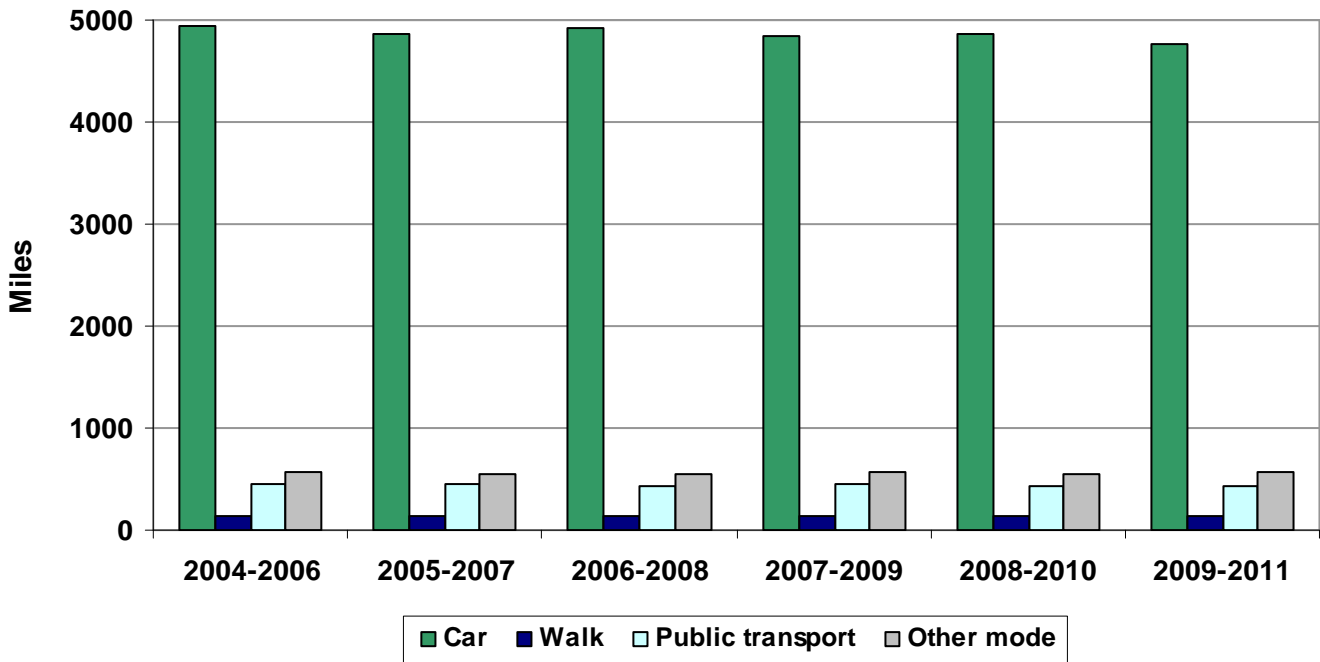


Figure 2.2: Average number of journeys per person per year by main mode: 2004-2006 to 2009-2011

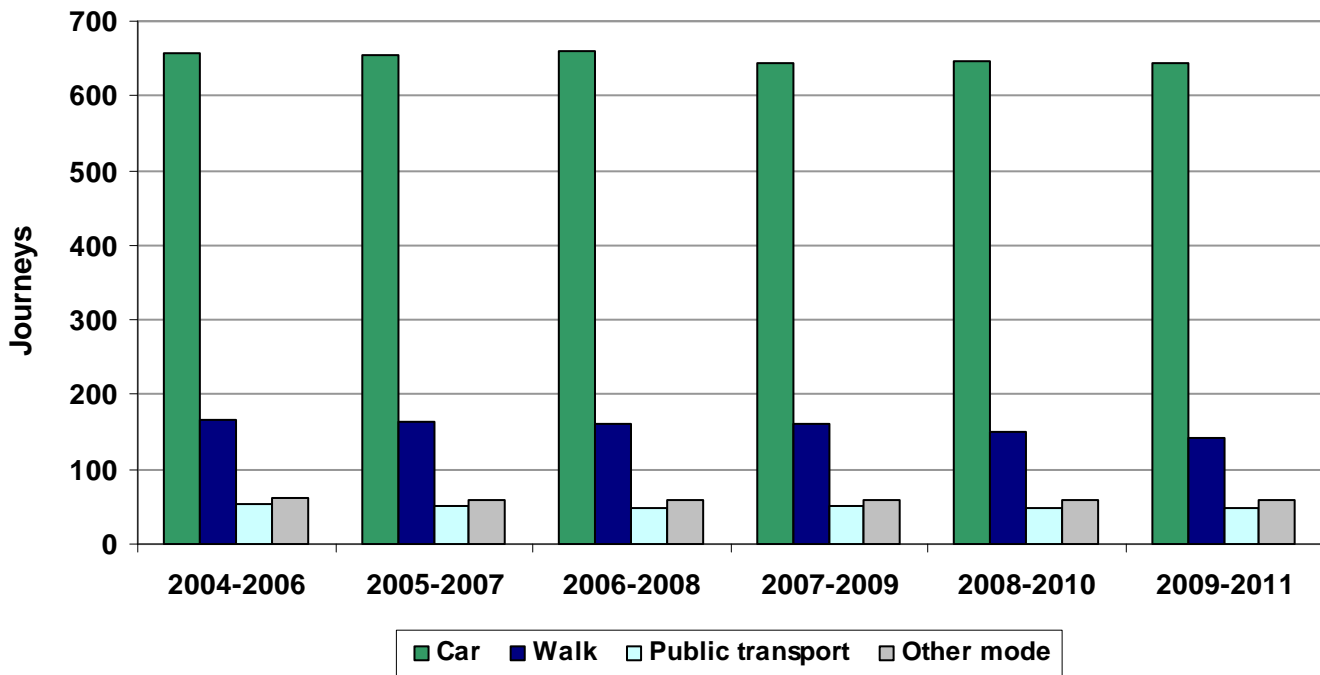
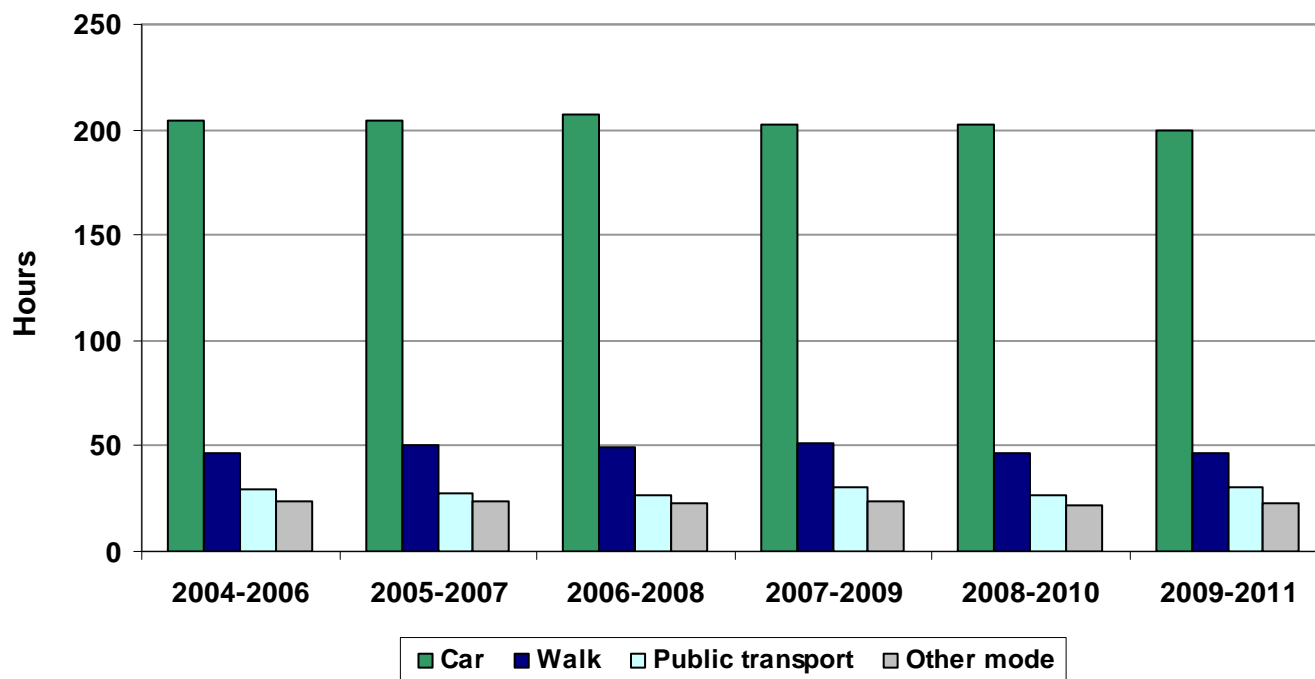


Figure 2.3: Average time spent travelling per person per year by main mode: 2004-2006 to 2009-2011



Trends in car ownership (Table 2.2)

- A slightly higher proportion of households have access to a car in 2009-2011 (77%) compared to 1999-2001 (74%).
- Nearly three fifths (56%) of the households in Belfast had access to at least one car in 2009-2011 compared to 82% and 78% in the East and West of Northern Ireland respectively (for definitions of areas see page 48).
- Over one third (35%) of households in Northern Ireland had access to two or more cars. Looking at different regions across Northern Ireland, fewer households in Belfast had access to two or more cars (21%), compared to households in the East (38%) and the West (35%) of Northern Ireland.

Table 2.2: Household car ownership by area of residence: 2009 to 2011; 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

		No Car	One car	Two cars	Three or more cars	All households	Cars per household	Cars per adult 17+
Belfast	(2009)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East		18%	45%	30%	6%	100%	1.26	0.74
West		24%	45%	24%	7%	100%	1.17	0.68
All areas		24%	44%	26%	6%	100%	1.16	0.69
Belfast	(2010)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East		18%	43%	33%	7%	100%	1.33	0.82
West		21%	41%	30%	8%	100%	1.28	0.75
All areas		24%	41%	29%	7%	100%	1.21	0.74
Belfast	(2011)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East		18%	44%	31%	6%	100%	1.25	0.81
West		20%	41%	29%	9%	100%	1.29	0.76
All areas		22%	42%	29%	7%	100%	1.22	0.76
Belfast	(1999-2001)	46%	39%	15%	1%	100%	0.72	0.42
East		22%	45%	27%	6%	100%	1.17	0.61
West		23%	49%	24%	5%	100%	1.12	0.56
All areas		26%	45%	24%	5%	100%	1.07	0.56
Belfast	(2004-2006)	51%	36%	12%	1%	100%	0.64	0.42
East		21%	45%	30%	4%	100%	1.19	0.67
West		23%	47%	24%	6%	100%	1.14	0.61
All areas		26%	44%	26%	4%	100%	1.09	0.62
Belfast	(2008-2010)	43%	38%	16%	2%	100%	0.78	0.49
East		19%	42%	31%	7%	100%	1.28	0.77
West		21%	43%	28%	8%	100%	1.25	0.72
All areas		24%	42%	28%	6%	100%	1.19	0.71
Belfast	(2009-2011)	44%	36%	18%	3%	100%	0.81	0.53
East		18%	44%	31%	7%	100%	1.28	0.79
West		22%	42%	27%	8%	100%	1.25	0.73
All areas		23%	42%	28%	7%	100%	1.20	0.73

Trends in driving licence holding (Table 2.3, Figure 2.4)

- Comparing 1999-2001 to 2009-2011, there has been an increase in the proportion of adults (aged 17 and over) holding a full car driving licence from 69% to 74%.
- Looking at the 17 and over age group, a higher proportion of men (82%) held full car driving licences than women (68%) in 2009-2011. 68% of women now hold a car driving licence, an increase from 60% in 1999-2001, whereas there has been no real change in the proportion of men holding a licence during this time period.
- The age group where the gender gap in licence holding is most noticeable is the 70+ age group where there is a difference of 39 percentage points between men (79%) and women (40%).
- The lowest proportion of driving licence holders (41%) is in the 17-20 age group. This increases to 69% in the 21-29 age group and rises again to 84% in the 30-39 age group. Driving licence holding tends to decrease in the older age groups, particularly those aged 70 and over (56%).

Figure 2.4: Driving licence holders by age and sex: 2009-2011

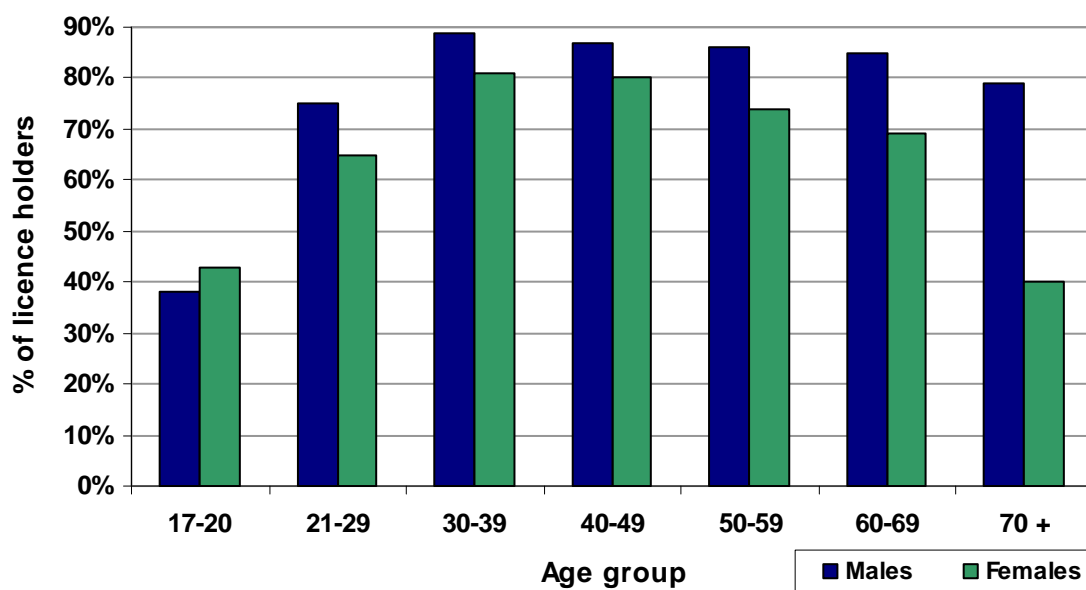


Table 2.3: Driving licence holders by age and sex: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Percentage

	1999-2001			2004-2006 [†]			2008-2010			2009-2011		
Age group	Male	Female	Adults	Male	Female	Adults	Male	Female	Adults	Male	Female	Adults
17-20	41%	28%	35%	31%	24%	27%	39%	38%	38%	38%	43%	41%
21-29	80%	65%	72%	70%	63%	66%	72%	63%	67%	75%	65%	69%
30-39	87%	77%	81%	89%	78%	83%	87%	81%	83%	89%	81%	84%
40-49	85%	77%	81%	89%	76%	82%	87%	79%	83%	87%	80%	83%
50-59	89%	68%	78%	88%	71%	79%	87%	76%	81%	86%	74%	80%
60-69	83%	49%	65%	91%	59%	74%	85%	66%	75%	85%	69%	77%
70 +	70%	23%	42%	70%	28%	46%	81%	41%	57%	79%	40%	56%
All adults aged 17+	80%	60%	69%	81%	61%	70%	81%	67%	73%	82%	68%	74%

[†] Figures only include respondents who gave a valid answer to the question “Do you hold any driving licences valid in the UK?”

Section 3: How People Travel

Tables 3.1 to 3.6 show details of how people travelled in Northern Ireland in 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 & 2009-2011.

Distance travelled (Table 3.1)

- During 2009–2011, just over four fifths (81%) of the total distance travelled in Northern Ireland was by car. This is consistent with earlier years.
- On average each person walked 137 miles per year in 2009-2011, which accounted for 2% of the total distance travelled. This proportion matches the 1999-2001 result.
- Only 7% of the total distance travelled was on public transport (Ulsterbus, Citybus/Metro, Other Bus, Northern Ireland Railways and Black Taxi), the majority on Ulsterbus. This is again consistent with earlier years.

Table 3.1: Average distance travelled by travel mode*: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Miles

Travel mode *	Miles per person per year			
	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
Walk	146	138	136	137
Bicycle	19	18	19	22
Car Driver	2,985	3,272	3,234	3,260
Car Passenger	1,873	1,669	1,625	1,501
Car Undefined	33	2	-	1
Motorcycle	20	30	14	13
Other private	345	448	460	467
Citybus/Metro and Ulsterbus**	307	304	295	285
Other bus	108	66	55	52
NI Railways	53	72	71	86
Black taxi	7	4	3	4
Taxi	66	69	62	58
Other public	-	-	-	-
Undefined mode	25	2	1	1
All modes	5,985	6,094	5,976	5,888

(See Table 6.1 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges).

* See page 47/48 for definition of travel modes

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Number and length of journeys (Table 3.2)

- During 2009-2011, the longest average journey lengths were on Northern Ireland Railways (20.8 miles), although only an average of 5 of these journeys were made per year. Car journeys accounted for 72% of all journeys made and were, on average, just over 7 miles long. These results are similar to previous years.
- Walks accounted for 16% of all journeys in 2009-2011 and averaged 0.9 miles in length (the shortest journeys compared to other modes of travel).
- Fewer journeys are being made per person per year (978 in 1999-2001 compared to 894 in 2009-2011) but the journeys are, on average, of greater length (6.1 miles in 1999-2001 compared to 6.6 miles in 2009-2011).

Table 3.2: Average number of journeys per person per year and average journey length by main mode*: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Journeys / Miles

Travel mode*	Journeys per person per year				Average journey length			
	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
Walk	189	165	150	143	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9
Bicycle	7	5	6	6	2.6	3.9	3.3	3.9
Car Driver	407	426	434	440	7.3	7.7	7.4	7.4
Car Passenger	262	231	213	204	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.3
Car Undefined	5	-	-	-	7.3	..	..	..
Motorcycle	2	3	2	1	8.9	8.8	8.8	9.1
Other private	26	36	34	36	13.1	12.5	13.4	13.1
Citybus/Metro and Ulsterbus**	43	42	39	38	7.6	7.6	7.9	7.9
Other bus	11	6	5	5	9.8	11.8	11.8	11.0
NI Railways	3	4	4	5	21.3	22.5	20.1	20.8
Black taxi	2	2	1	1	3.2	2.6	3.0	4.1
Taxi	17	18	17	16	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.5
Other public	-	-	-	-	..	..	..	..
Undefined mode	3	-	-	-	7.0	..	..	..
All modes	978	937	905	894	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.6

(See Tables 6.4 & 6.6 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges)

* See page 47/48 for definition of travel modes

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Average journey distance (Table 3.3)

- Nearly one sixth (15%) of all journeys were less than one mile long, and just under two thirds of these short journeys were on foot (63%).
- The car was the dominant mode of transport (79%) for all journeys over one mile.
- 80% of journeys were 10 miles or less in 2009-2011.

Table 3.3: Journeys per person per year by distance and main mode*: 2009-2011

Journeys

Mode of travel*	Journey Distance							All journeys
	< 1 mile	1 to 2 miles	2 to 5 miles	5 to 10 miles	10 to 25 miles	25 to 50 miles	Over 50 miles	
Walk	87	38	16	1	-	-	-	143
Bicycle	1	1	3	1	-	-	-	6
Car driver	30	73	141	91	79	20	6	440
Car passenger	16	37	64	41	33	9	4	204
Car undefined	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-
Motorcycle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other private	2	3	8	8	9	4	2	36
Metro and Ulsterbus**	-	4	15	10	7	2	-	38
Other bus	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	5
NI Railways	0	0	-	1	2	1	-	5
Black taxi	0	-	-	-	0	-	0	1
Taxi	1	4	8	2	1	-	0	16
Other public	0	0	0	0	-	-	0	-
Undefined mode	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
All modes	138	162	259	157	132	35	12	894

(See Table 6.4 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges)

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Time spent travelling (Table 3.4)

- The average person spent 298 hours per year travelling within Northern Ireland during the three year reporting period - approximately 49 minutes per day, or around twelve and a half days per year. This is comparable with 1999-2001 results.
- The average time taken per journey in 2009-2011 was 20 minutes, similar to 1999-2001.
- Approximately 33 minutes per day were spent travelling by car (averaging just over eight days per year). An average of 8 minutes per day was spent walking (approximately 2 days each year).

Table 3.4: Journey time by main mode*: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Mode of travel*	Journey time per person per year (hours)				Average journey time (minutes)			
	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
Walk	50	47	47	47	16	17	19	20
Bicycle	3	2	2	3	22	24	24	27
Car Driver	121	134	135	136	18	19	19	19
Car Passenger	78	69	67	63	18	18	19	18
Car Undefined	2	-	-	..	28	..	..	..
Motorcycle	1	1	1	1	22	19	21	22
Other private	12	16	15	15	27	27	27	26
Citybus/Metro and Ulsterbus**	23	22	22	21	32	32	33	34
Other bus	6	3	3	3	32	33	34	33
NI Railways	3	3	3	4	57	53	55	55
Black taxi	1	1	-	1	22	25	..	29
Taxi	4	5	4	4	15	15	15	15
Other public	-	-	-	-	..	..	..	..
Undefined mode	1	-	-	-	22	..	..	..
All modes	304	304	301	298	19	19	20	20

(See Tables 6.2 & 6.8 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges)

* See page 47/48 for definition of travel modes

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Distance travelled by area*: 2009-2011 (Table 3.5)

- The distance travelled by those in the Belfast area was 35% lower than the Northern Ireland average.
- Ten percent of the distance travelled by Belfast respondents was on public transport (for definition see page 48), 8% for Eastern and 6% for Western respondents.
- On average, Belfast residents travelled further on foot (5%) compared to Eastern and Western residents (both 2%).
- Those living in the Belfast area travelled an average of 3,814 miles per year, around 40% less than the 6,099 miles and 6,343 miles for those living in the East of Northern Ireland and the West of Northern Ireland respectively.

* See definitions of Belfast, East and West of Northern Ireland areas on page 48

Table 3.5: Average distance travelled per person per year by mode & area*: 2009-2011

Miles

Mode of travel	Belfast	East	West	All Areas
Walk	204	129	123	137
Bicycle	34	31	9	22
Car driver	2,009	3,560	3,353	3,260
Car passenger	961	1,523	1,655	1,501
Car undefined	1	1	-	1
Motorcycle	4	26	2	13
Other private	130	316	738	467
Metro and Ulsterbus**	255	300	279	285
Other bus	35	48	61	52
NI Railways	77	116	57	86
Black taxi	7	6	1	4
Taxi	95	41	65	58
Other public	0	1	0	-
Undefined mode	3	1	-	1
All modes	3,814	6,099	6,343	5,888

(See Table 6.1 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges)

* See definitions of travel modes and Belfast, East and West of Northern Ireland on page 47/48

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Variations in travel by age and sex (Table 3.6)

- Men and women made a similar number of journeys each year (919 for men, 910 for women). However, men travelled 28% further than women, averaging 7,137 miles a year, compared to 5,571 miles for women. The difference was greatest among those aged 60+ where the distance travelled by men was 34% more than women on average.
- Children under 16 made 12% fewer journeys than adults. Sixty-five percent of these journeys were as car passengers while most of the rest were on foot (21%). For adults (aged 16 and over), a higher proportion of journeys were made by car (73%) and a lower proportion of journeys were made on foot (15%)
- The car was the most commonly used main mode of transport for both men (70%) and women (76%).
- Twenty-one percent of journeys by women aged 16-29 were on foot, declining to 13% for those aged 30-59, and then increasing to 17% for women aged 60+. A similar pattern was noted for men.
- Overall adults made fewer of their journeys by public transport (4%) compared to children who made 10% of their journeys by public transport (for definition of public transport see page 48).

Table 3.6: Journeys per person per year by main mode*, age and sex: 2009-2011

Percentage / Journeys / Miles

Travel modes*	Children aged <16	Males				Females				All adults	All persons
		Aged 16-29	Aged 30-59	Aged 60+	All adult males	Aged 16-29	Aged 30-59	Aged 60+	All adult females		
Walk	21%	20%	12%	16%	15%	21%	13%	17%	16%	15%	16%
Bicycle	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
Car driver	0%	41%	65%	67%	61%	42%	66%	40%	56%	58%	49%
Car passenger	65%	18%	6%	7%	9%	23%	14%	35%	20%	15%	23%
Car undefined	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Motorcycle	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other private	2%	7%	10%	4%	8%	1%	2%	1%	1%	4%	4%
Metro and Ulsterbus**	9%	8%	2%	3%	3%	7%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%
Other bus	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
NI Railways	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Black taxi	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Taxi	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%
Other public	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Undefined mode	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
All modes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Number of Journeys	802	819	983	872	919	892	1,033	704	910	914	894
Distance travelled (miles)	4,017	6,799	8,226	5,363	7,137	5,772	6,399	3,988	5,571	6,283	5,888

(See Table 6.4 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges)

* See page 47/48 for definition of travel modes

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Section 4: Why people travel

Travel by purpose (Table 4.1, Figures 4.1 - 4.3)

- 23% of all journeys in 2009-2011 were for leisure purposes (for example to visit friends, to take part in entertainment or sport activities, to go on holiday/day trips), 20% for shopping and 16% for going to and from work. Journeys to services, such as the bank, doctor or library (classified as “personal business” journeys) made up 12% of all journeys. These results have changed little from 1999-2001.
- In terms of miles travelled, almost one third (31%) of the total distance travelled was for leisure purposes, just over one fifth (21%) for commuting, 14% for shopping and 10% for personal business. Nearly one tenth (9%) of the total distance travelled was for business travel. These results are comparable with 1999-2001.
- In both 1999-2001 and 2009-2011, the longest journeys were those made to go on holiday within Northern Ireland and the shortest were for “other” purposes which included walking for pleasure.
- Business journeys were over twice as long (15.8 miles) as the average journey (6.6 miles).
- Escort journeys (where the traveller has no other purpose than to escort or accompany another person e.g. a mother taking a child to school) made up 16% of all journeys.

Table 4.1: Travel per person per year by journey purpose*: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Number of Journeys/Miles

Journey Purpose*	Journeys per person per year				Miles per person per year				Average journey length			
	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
Commuting	141	140	144	144	1,108	1,227	1,236	1,239	7.9	8.8	8.6	8.6
Business	38	39	32	33	524	591	504	516	13.7	15.3	15.6	15.8
Education	85	70	59	57	356	321	253	249	4.2	4.6	4.3	4.4
Escort Education	48	46	52	56	112	119	129	142	2.3	2.6	2.5	2.5
Shopping	185	194	182	175	823	913	826	801	4.5	4.7	4.5	4.6
Other escort	78	69	85	83	402	363	510	487	5.2	5.3	6.0	5.9
Personal Business	142	126	117	110	683	624	634	605	4.8	4.9	5.4	5.5
Visit friends at private home	107	107	99	97	774	750	764	726	7.2	7.0	7.8	7.5
Visit friends elsewhere	26	34	39	39	145	238	315	313	5.7	7.0	8.1	8.0
Entertainment/public social activities	38	30	22	24	285	218	168	183	7.5	7.2	7.5	7.7
Sport participate	19	22	20	22	127	146	141	142	6.6	6.6	6.9	6.4
Holiday base	6	5	5	5	180	194	197	168	28.4	37.0	36.0	31.7
Day trip	18	18	18	19	266	276	256	274	14.6	15.3	14.5	14.4
Other including just walk	30	30	30	29	43	42	44	43	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
Undefined purpose	17	7	-	-	157	72	..	..	9.2	10.2	..	..
All purposes	978	937	905	894	5,985	6,094	5,976	5,888	6.1	6.5	6.6	6.6
Journeys per worker per year:												
Commuting	329	310	313	315	2,654	2,763	2,698	2,705	8.1	8.9	8.6	8.6
Business	93	89	74	75	1,281	1,368	1,152	1,192	13.8	15.4	15.6	15.8

(See Tables 6.3, 6.5 and 6.7 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges)

* See page 46/47 for types of journey purpose

Figure 4.1: Average journey length by purpose*: 2009-2011

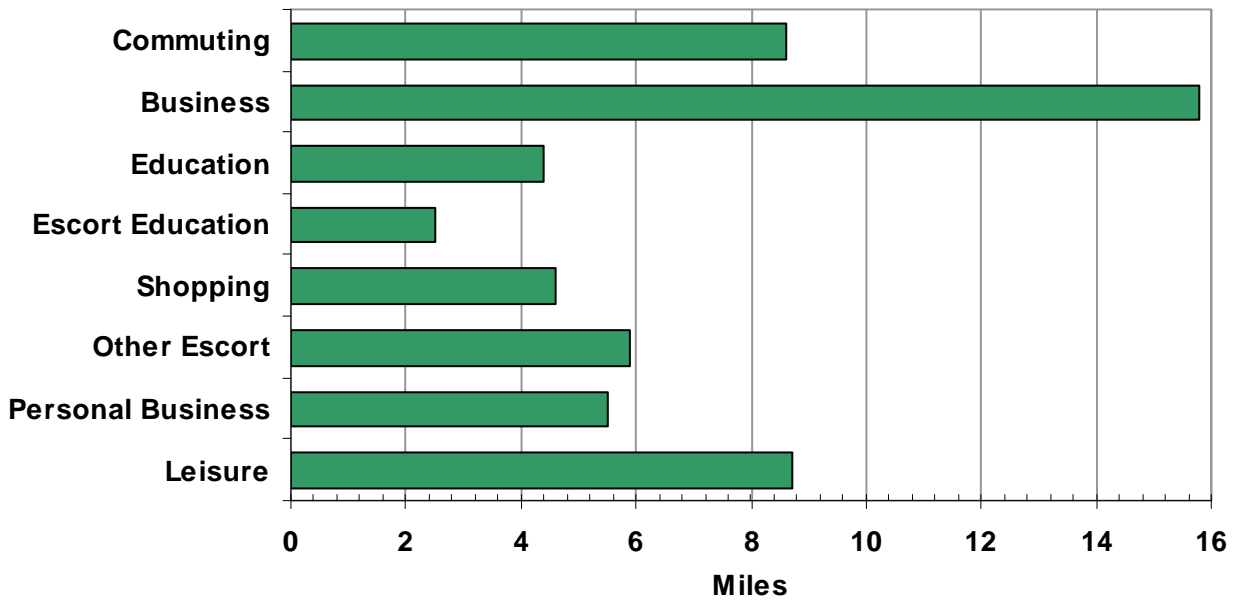
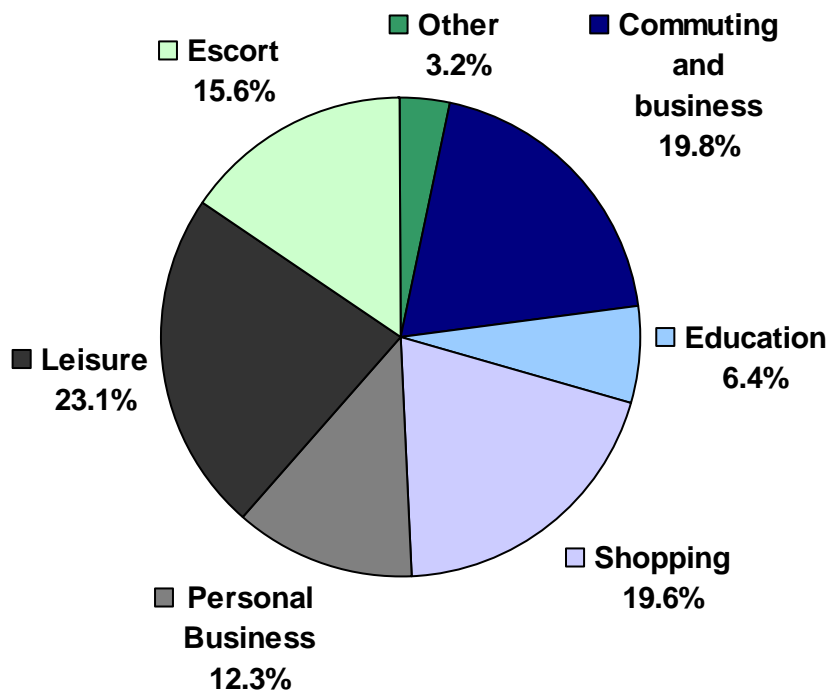
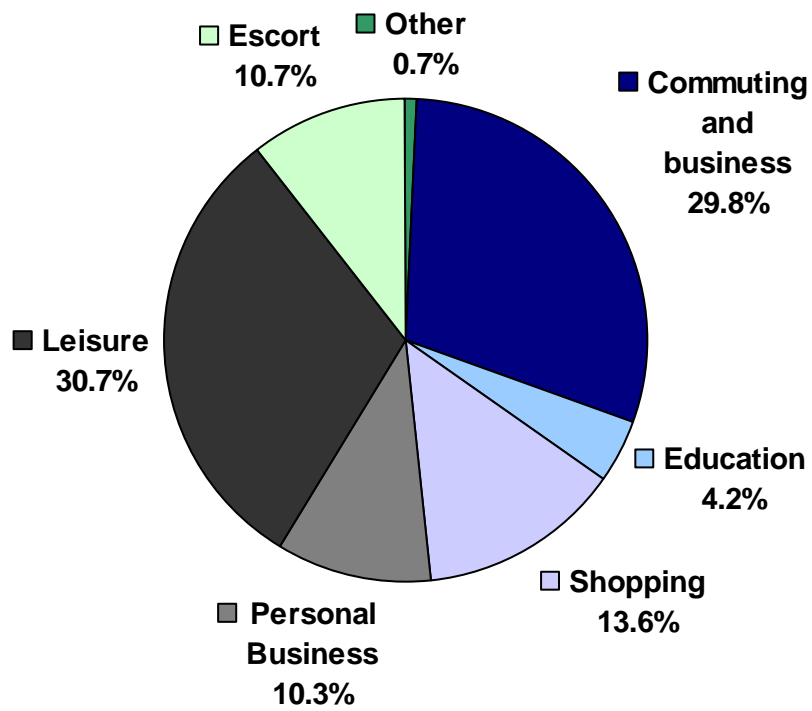


Figure 4.2: Number of journeys per person per year 2009-2011: proportion in each journey purpose group*



* See page 46/47 for types of journey purpose

Figure 4.3: Distance travelled per person per year 2009-2011: proportion in each journey purpose group*



* See page 46/47 for types of journey purpose

Purpose of travel by age and sex (Table 4.2)

- Although men and women made similar numbers of journeys (919 for men, 910 for women), they made them for different reasons.
- Men made the largest proportion of their journeys for commuting and business (29%). For women, 20% of journeys were for commuting and business.
- The largest proportion of journeys made by women was for going to and from the shops. Almost a quarter (24%) of the total journeys women made were for this purpose compared to one fifth (20%) for men.
- The largest proportion of journeys made by children under 16 was for education (30%).
- Men and women made a similar proportion of personal business journeys (this includes journeys to the bank, post office, library, church, playgroup, doctor or optician).
- Shopping and personal business journeys became more frequent with age for both men and women. For example, for women aged 60 and over, 60% of journeys were for shopping or personal business compared to 27% for women aged 16-29.
- Women, especially those aged under 60, were more likely to make escort education journeys (those journeys made to accompany a school child or student to their school/college) than men.
- Women made more journeys (16%) for the purpose of accompanying someone (i.e. escort education and other escort) than men (11%).

Table 4.2 Journeys per person per year by age, sex and purpose*: 2009-2011

Percentage/Number/Miles

Journey purpose*	Children aged <16	Males				Females				All adults	All persons
		Aged 16-29	Aged 30-59	Aged 60+	All adult males	Aged 16-29	Aged 30-59	Aged 60+	All adult females		
Commuting	0%	26%	27%	8%	22%	23%	19%	5%	17%	19%	16%
Business	0%	6%	9%	2%	7%	2%	3%	1%	3%	4%	4%
Education	30%	10%	0%	0%	2%	8%	0%	0%	2%	2%	6%
Escort education	5%	2%	5%	2%	4%	6%	13%	2%	9%	7%	6%
Shopping	5%	13%	17%	30%	20%	19%	21%	37%	24%	22%	20%
Other escort	21%	4%	8%	6%	7%	5%	10%	3%	7%	7%	9%
Personal business	10%	7%	10%	19%	12%	8%	11%	23%	13%	13%	12%
Visit friends at private home	12%	13%	9%	11%	10%	14%	10%	12%	11%	11%	11%
Visit friends elsewhere	3%	7%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	4%
Entertainment/public social activities	5%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Sport participate	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Holiday base	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Day trip	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
Other including just walk	2%	2%	3%	6%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Undefined purpose	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
All purposes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
No. of journeys	802	819	983	872	919	892	1,033	704	910	914	894
Distance travelled (miles)	4,017	6,799	8,226	5,363	7,137	5,772	6,399	3,988	5,571	6,283	5,888

(See Table 6.5 in the Travel Survey for Northern Ireland, Technical Report 2009-2011 for Confidence Ranges)

* See page 46/47 for types of journey purpose

Travel to work (Table 4.3a & Table 4.3b)

- In addition to filling in a diary of their actual travel, respondents are asked their 'usual' mode of travel to work. Just over 8 in 10 workers (82%) usually travelled to work by car or van, while 1 in 10 (10%) usually walked to work.
- The percentage of workers using a car/van for travelling to work is lower in Belfast (69%) compared to the East (82%) and West (86%) of Northern Ireland.
- Workers living in Belfast are more likely to travel to work by bus (10%) than those in the East (4%) and West (1%). In addition, a greater proportion of workers who live in Belfast walk to work (14%) compared to those living in the East (8%) and West (10%) of Northern Ireland.

Table 4.3a: Method of travel to work: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Method of travel to work	Percentage of workers (excluding those who worked at home)			
	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
Car/van (includes minibus works van)	80%	81%	82%	82%
Motorbike/moped/scooter	1%	1%	1%	0%
Bicycle	1%	1%	1%	1%
Bus	5%	5%	4%	4%
NIR train	1%	1%	1%	1%
Walk	11%	10%	9%	10%
Other	2%	2%	2%	2%
All methods of travel	100%	100%	100%	100%

Table 4.3b: Method of travel to work by Area: 2009-2011

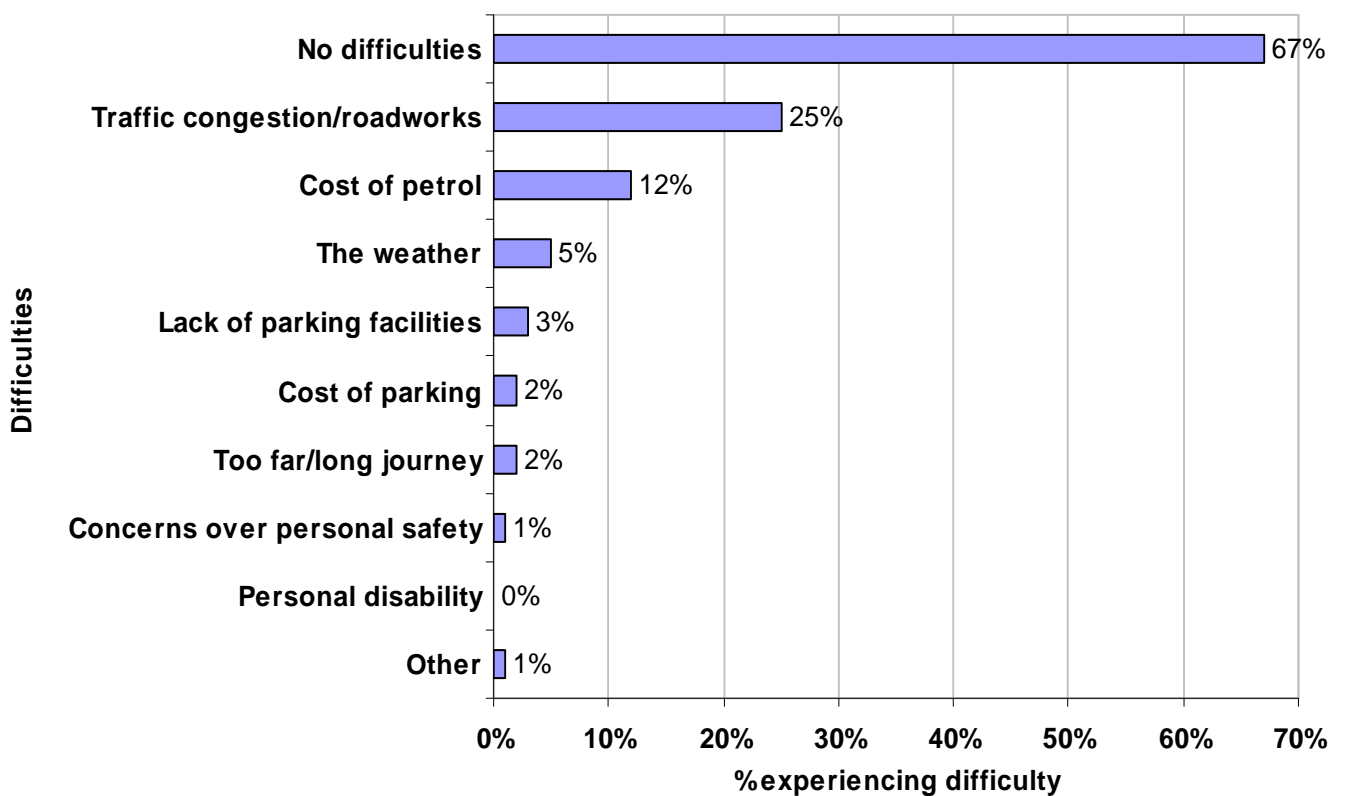
Method of travel to work	Percentage of workers (excluding those who worked at home)		
	Belfast	East	West
Car/van (includes minibus works van)	69%	82%	86%
Motorbike/moped/scooter	1%	1%	-
Bicycle	4%	1%	1%
Bus	10%	4%	1%
NIR train	1%	2%	0%
Walk	14%	8%	10%
Other	2%	2%	1%
All methods of travel	100%	100%	100%

Difficulties travelling to work - car, van or motorcycle users (Figure 4.4 & Figure 4.5)

Difficulties if using car, van or motorcycle to travel to work

- Respondents who usually used a car, van or motorcycle to travel to work were asked if they had any difficulties. The majority (67%) stated that they had no difficulties.
- The most common difficulty when travelling to work by car, van or motorcycle was traffic congestion/roadworks (mentioned by 25% of respondents), followed by cost of petrol (12%).

Figure 4.4: Difficulties experienced travelling to or from work by car, van or motorcycle: 2009-2011

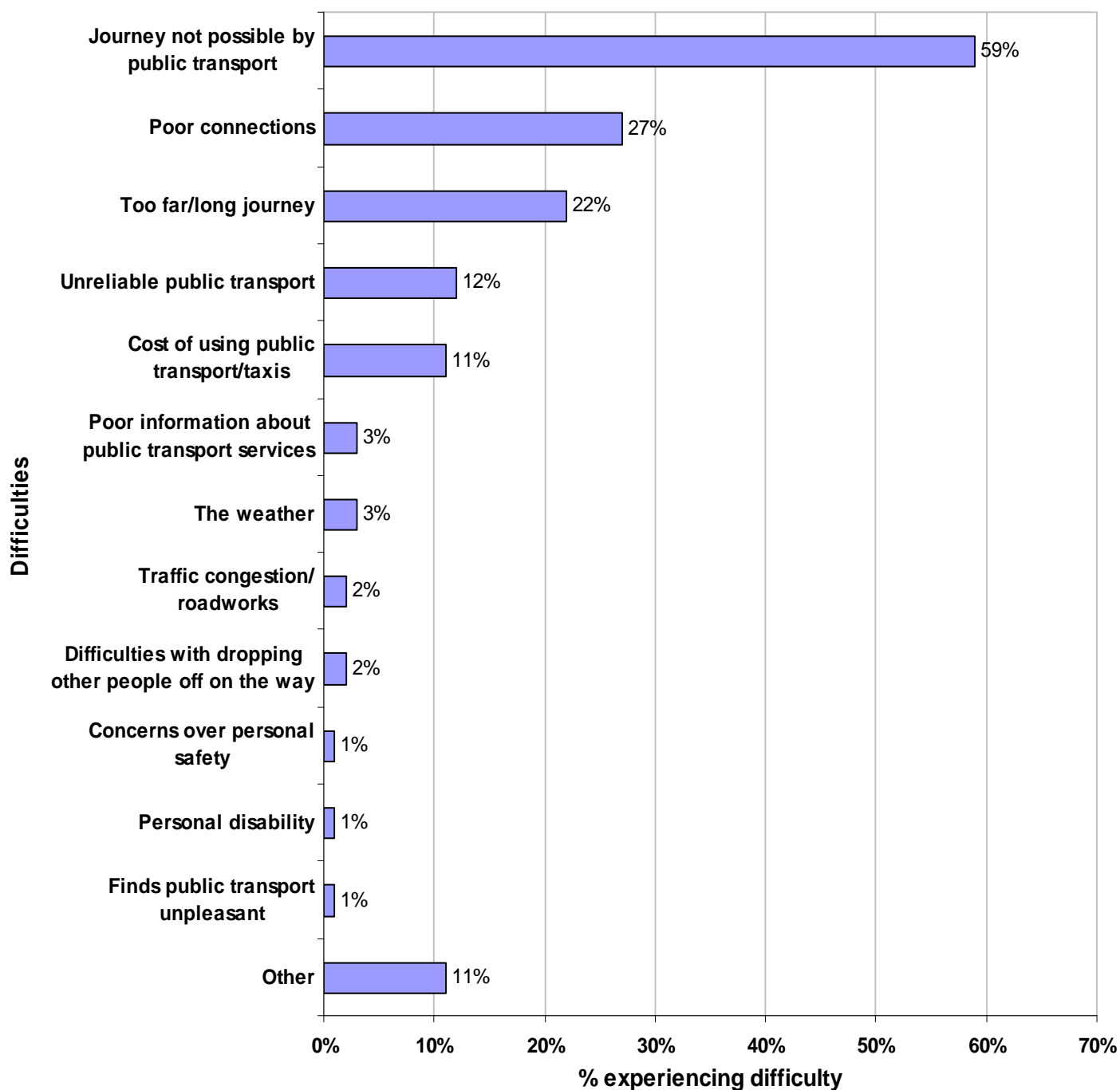


Percentages sum to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Difficulties if not using car, van or motorcycle to travel to work

- When asked how easy or difficult it would be to make the journey to work in some other way, 58% said it would be quite difficult or very difficult.
- Those who said it would be difficult were asked why this was the case. The most frequently stated difficulty was that the journey was not possible by public transport (59%), followed by poor connections (27%) and too far/long journey (22%).

Figure 4.5: Difficulties travelling to or from work if not using car, van or motorcycle: 2009-2011

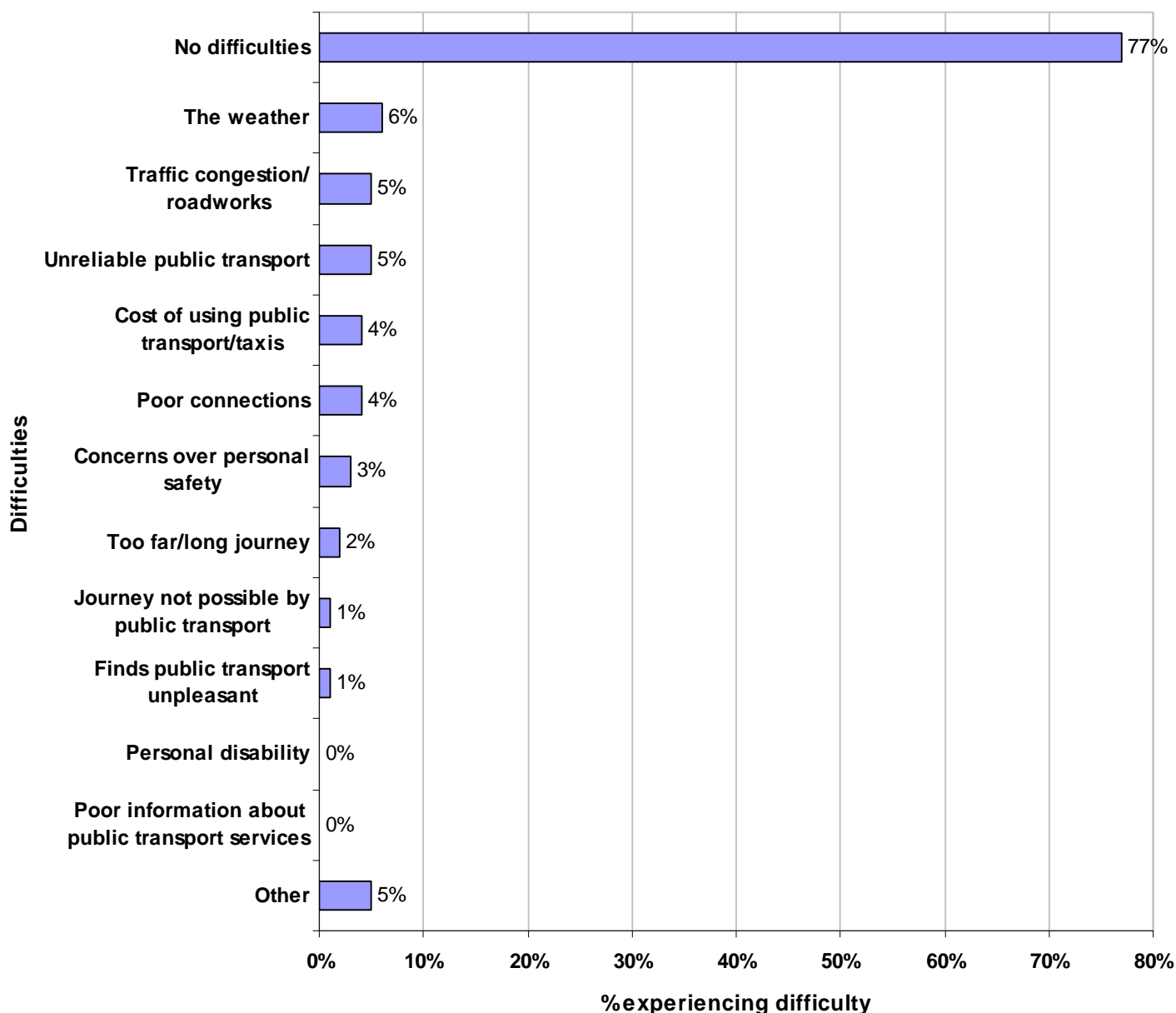


Percentages sum to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Difficulties travelling to work – users of other forms of transport (Figure 4.6)

- Respondents who usually used other forms of transport to travel to work were asked if they experienced any difficulties. Other forms of transport include walking, train, bus, bicycle or another form of transport. The majority (77%) reported that they had no difficulties.
- A higher proportion of users of other forms of transport (77%) said they experienced no difficulties when travelling to work than car, van or motorcycle users (67%). However, it should be noted that fewer respondents used other forms of transport to travel to work (18%) compared to those using cars, vans or motorcycles (82%).
- Among the main difficulties mentioned by respondents were the weather (6%), traffic congestion / roadworks (5%) and unreliable public transport (5%).

Figure 4.6: Difficulties experienced travelling to or from work by other forms of transport: 2009-2011



Percentages sum to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Travelling to do main food shopping (Table 4.4)

- The person in the household who did the main food shopping was asked some questions about how they travelled and if they experienced any difficulties.
- Almost 8 in 10 (78%) of those who did the main food shopping used a car or van. Around 1 in 10 (9%) walked.

Table 4.4: Method of travel to do main food shopping: 2009-2011

Percentage of main food shoppers

Method of travel to do main food shop	2009-2011
Car/van	78%
Motorbike/moped/scooter	0%
Bicycle	0%
Bus/minibus/coach	3%
NIR train	0%
Walk	9%
Taxi/minicab	5%
Does shopping online/Shopping is delivered*	4%
Other	1%
All methods of travel	100%

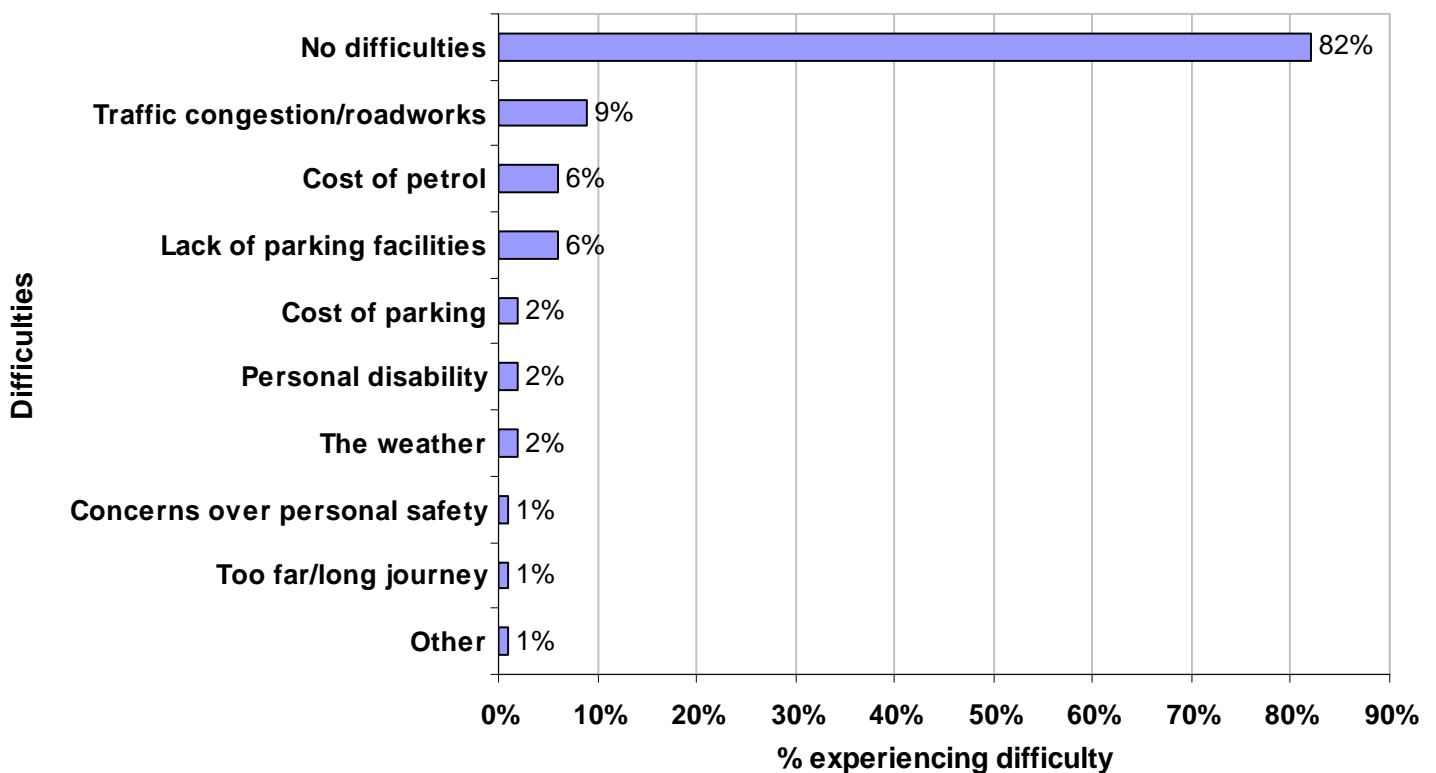
* “Does shopping online/Shopping is delivered” option is used when the main food shopping is delivered to the house by the shop (including if the Internet is used to place the order). It also includes if a friend, relative or carer brings the shopping to the house. This category was first included in the 2010 survey. In 2009, those who used this method of shopping specified this in the “Other” category. These cases have been added into the “Does shopping online/Shopping is delivered” category in the table above.

Difficulties travelling to do main food shopping - car, van or motorcycle users (Figure 4.7 & Figure 4.8)

Difficulties if using car, van or motorcycle to do main food shopping

- Respondents who usually used a car, van or motorcycle to do the main food shopping were asked if they had any difficulties. The majority (82%) reported that they had no difficulties travelling to do the main food shop by car, van or motorcycle.
- The most common difficulty when travelling to do the main food shopping was traffic congestion/roadworks (mentioned by 9% of respondents), followed by cost of petrol (6%) and lack of parking facilities (6%).

Figure 4.7: Difficulties experienced travelling by car, van or motorcycle to do main food shopping: 2009-2011

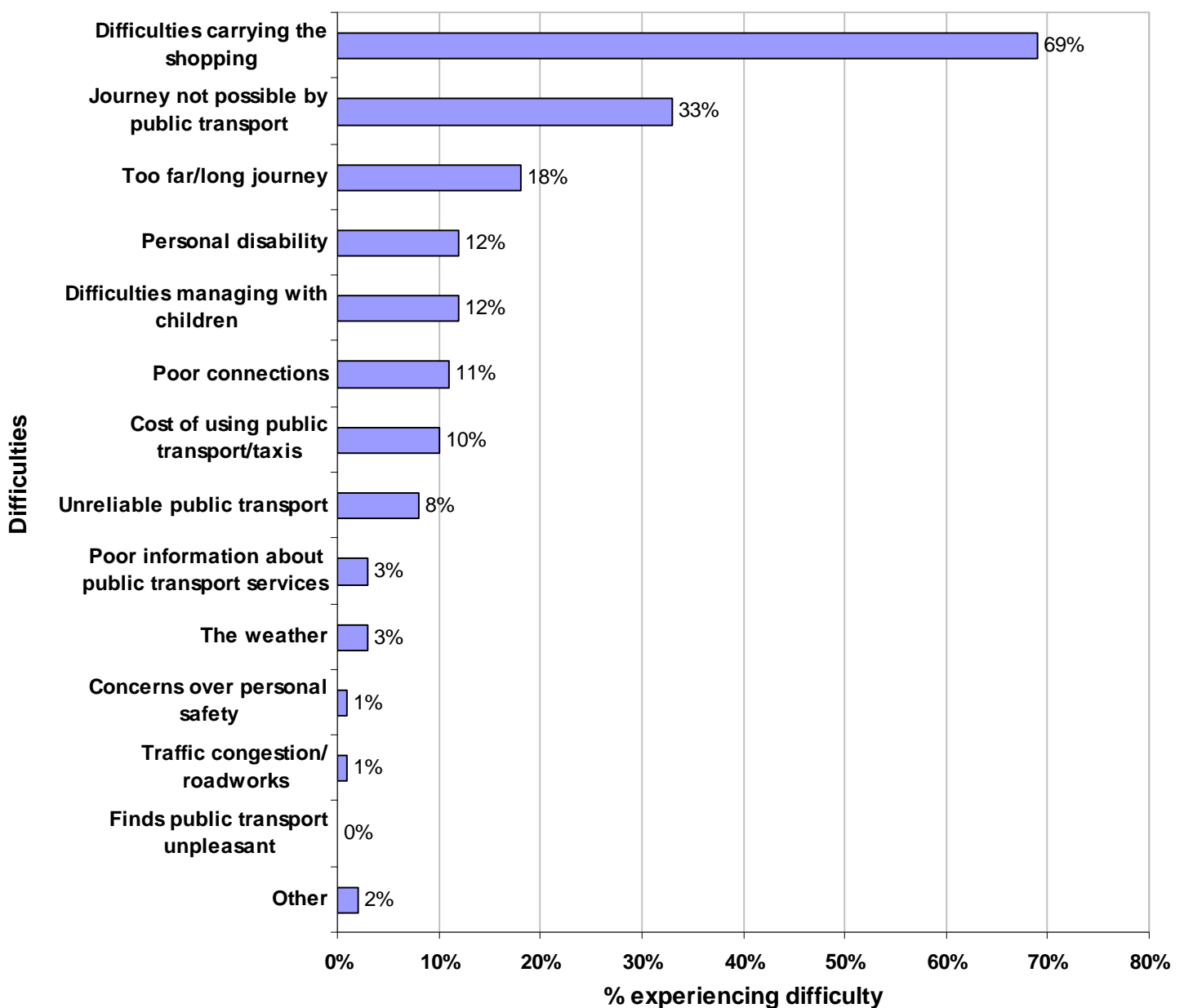


Percentages sum to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Difficulties if not using car, van or motorcycle to do main food shopping

- When asked how easy or difficult it would be to make the journey to do the main food shopping in some other way, 56% of respondents said it would be quite difficult or very difficult.
- Those who said it would be difficult were asked why this was the case. The most frequently stated problem was difficulties carrying the shopping (69%), followed by journey not possible by public transport (33%).

Figure 4.8: Difficulties if car, van or motorcycle not used to do main food shopping: 2009-2011

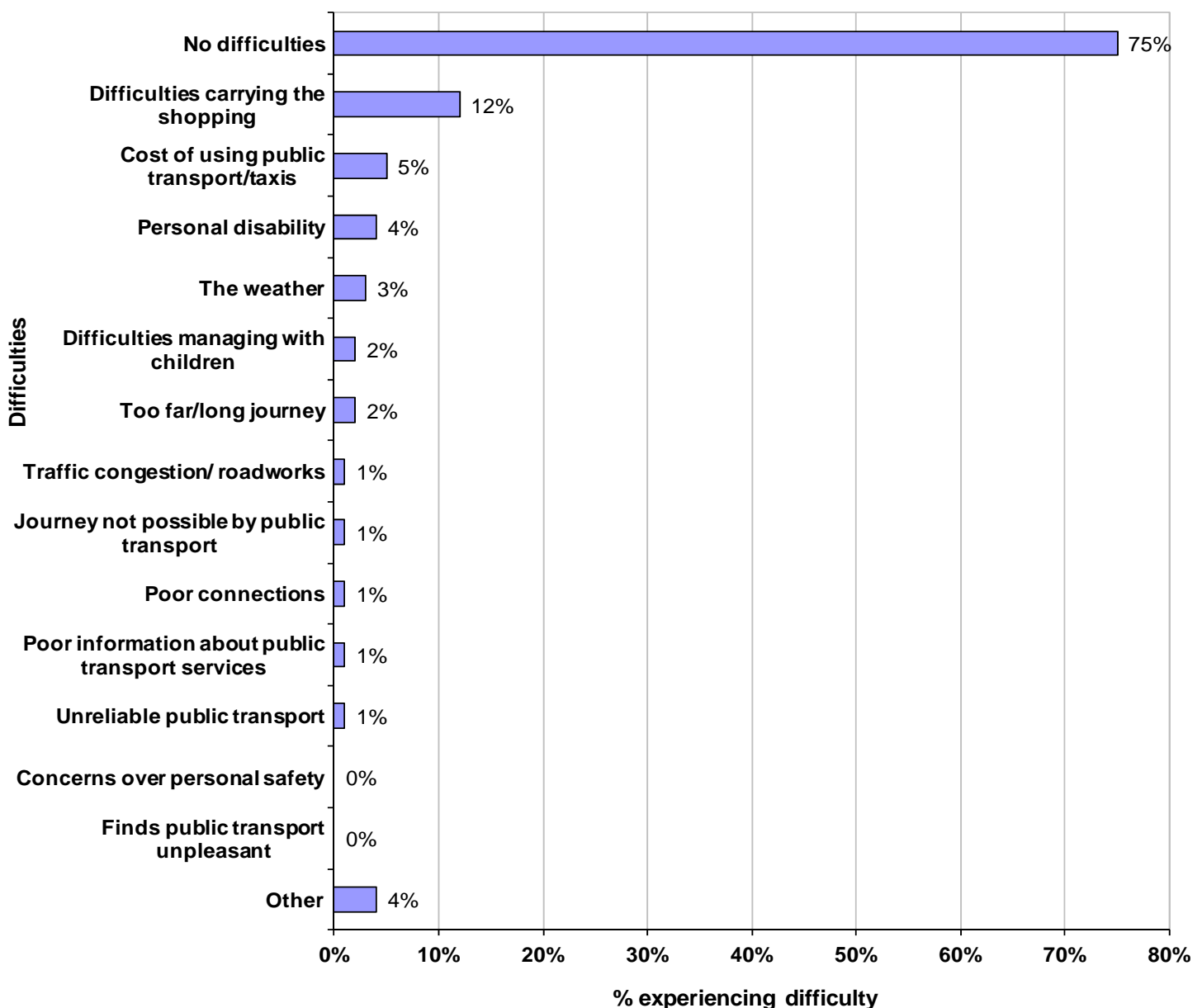


Percentages sum to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Difficulties travelling to do main food shopping – users of other forms of transport (Figure 4.9)

- Respondents who usually used other forms of transport to travel to do the main food shopping were asked if they experienced any difficulties. Other forms of transport include walking, train, bus, taxi, bicycle or another form of transport.
- The majority of users of other forms of transport (75%) said they experienced no difficulties when travelling to do the main food shopping. This is less than the proportion of car, van or motorcycle users who had no difficulties (82%).
- The most common difficulty experienced when using other forms of transport to travel to do the main food shopping was difficulties carrying the shopping (12%).

Figure 4.9: Difficulties experienced travelling by other forms of transport to do main food shopping: 2009-2011



Percentages sum to more than 100% due to multiple responses.

Section 5: Other factors affecting travel

This section gives details of difficulty with travel due to physical disability, vehicle mileage, bicycle usage, the availability of various modes of public transport and access to bus and train services.

Difficulty with travel due to physical disability (Table 5.1, Figure 5.1)

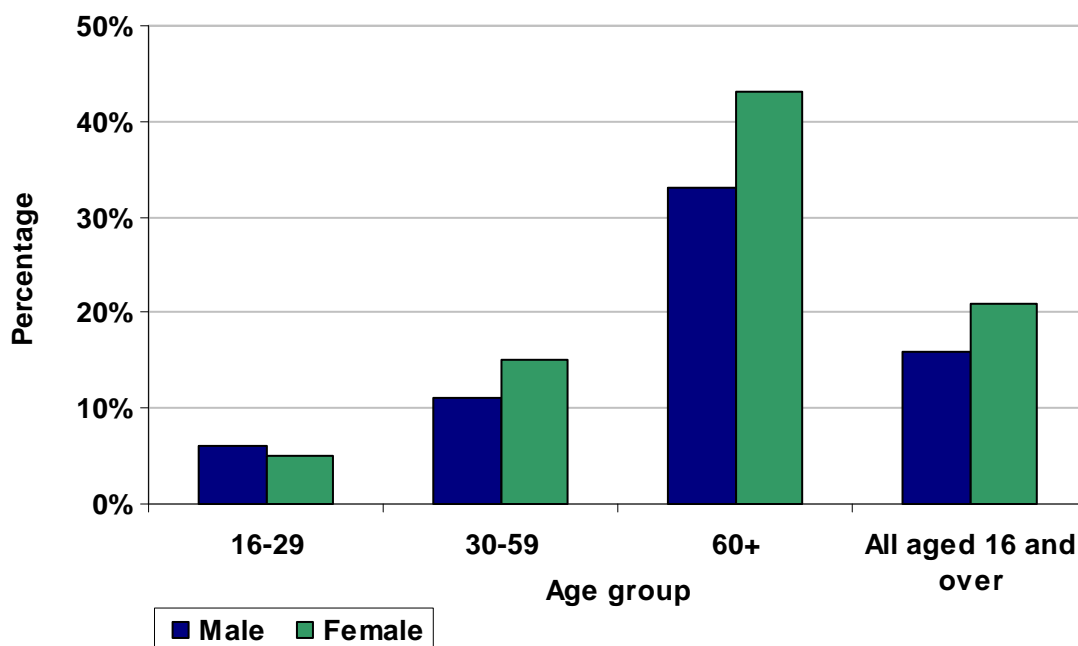
- Overall, 19% of respondents said they had some difficulty with travel due to a physical disability or long-standing health problem (see definition page 48). As expected, this increases with age: 5% of 16-29 year olds had difficulty with travel compared to 39% of those aged 60 and over.

Table 5.1: Difficulty with travel due to physical disability by age and sex: 2009-2011

Percentage of persons

Age group	Percent who have difficulty with travel due to physical disability		
	Male	Female	All adults
16-29	6%	5%	5%
30-59	11%	15%	13%
60+	33%	43%	39%
All aged 16 and over	16%	21%	19%

Figure 5.1: Difficulty with travel due to physical disability by age and sex: 2009-2011



Annual vehicle mileage (Table 5.2) and reason for vehicle use

- Nearly three quarters (73%) of the vehicles surveyed had an annual mileage of between 5,000 and 17,999 miles, similar to 1999-2001. However, comparing the proportion of vehicles with an annual mileage of 12,000 miles or more, there has been a decrease from 43% in 1999-2001 to 34% in 2009-2011.
- Households containing one or more school-aged child were asked if their vehicles were used to take someone to school. In 2009–2011, 41% of vehicles in these households were used to take someone in the household to school.
- Fifty-four percent of all vehicles in the survey were used to take someone in the household to work. Of the vehicles that were used for work journeys, 70% were parked in a “private or firm’s car park” during work hours, with most of the rest (23%) parked “in a non-payment area”.
- Nearly one quarter (24%) of vehicles were used in the course of work by someone in the household.

Table 5.2: Annual vehicle mileage: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Percentage of vehicles

Miles per year	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
0-499	1%	1%	1%	1%
500-999	1%	0%	1%	1%
1,000-1,999	2%	2%	2%	2%
2,000-2,999	2%	3%	3%	3%
3,000-3,999	4%	3%	4%	4%
4,000-4,999	3%	4%	4%	4%
5,000-6,999	14%	15%	16%	16%
7,000-8,999	11%	12%	13%	14%
9,000-11,999	20%	21%	20%	21%
12,000-14,999	17%	15%	15%	15%
15,000-17,999	11%	11%	8%	8%
18,000-20,999	8%	8%	7%	6%
21,000-29,999	4%	3%	3%	3%
30,000 or over	4%	3%	3%	2%
All vehicles	100%	100%	100%	100%

Bicycle ownership (Figure 5.2, Table 5.3)

- Thirty-nine percent of households in Northern Ireland own at least one bicycle. A total of 15% of households have one bicycle, 12% have two bicycles and a further 12% have 3 or more bicycles. These results are similar to 1999-2001.

Figure 5.2: Household bicycle ownership: 2009–2011

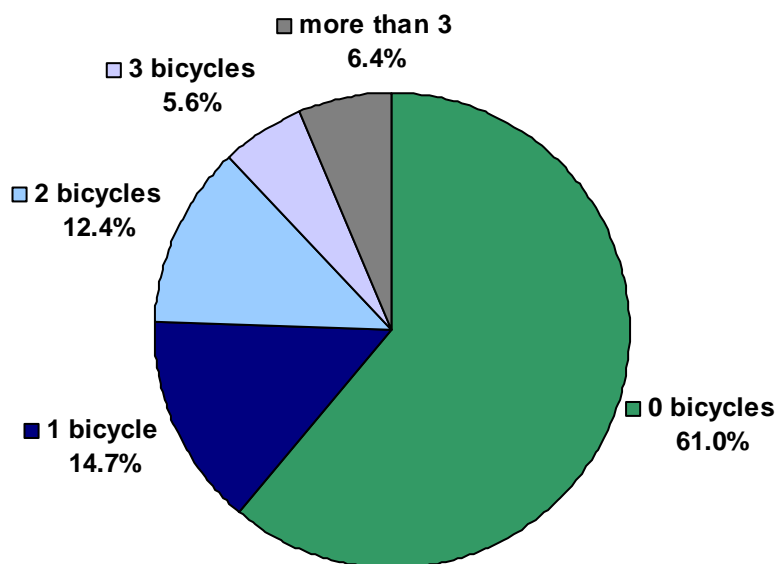


Table 5.3: Household bicycle ownership: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Number of bicycles	Percentage of households			
	1999-2001	2004-2006	2008-2010	2009-2011
0	62%	64%	62%	61%
1	14%	14%	15%	15%
2	12%	11%	12%	12%
3	6%	5%	5%	6%
4	4%	4%	4%	4%
5	2%	2%	1%	1%
6	0%	0%	0%	1%
7+	0%	0%	0%	0%
All households	100%	100%	100%	100%

Bicycle usage (Table 5.4, Figure 5.3)

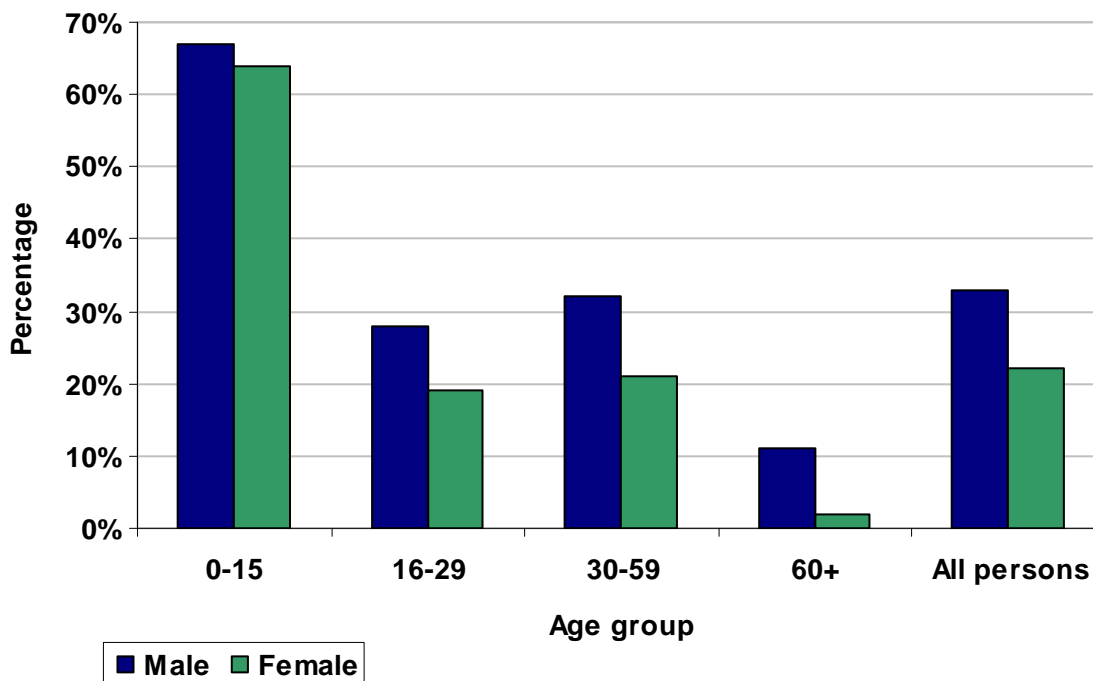
- The majority (65%) of children (aged 0-15) had cycled in the last 12 months, higher than cycle usage in any of the other age groups.
- Cycle usage is generally higher among males: 33% of males had cycled in the last 12 months compared with 22% of females. The exception to this is the 0-15 age group where usage is the around the same: 67% of males and 64% of females aged 0-15 had cycled in the last 12 months.

Table 5.4: Cycled in the last 12 months by age and sex: 2009-2011

Percentage of persons

Age group	Percent who have cycled in the last 12 months		
	Male	Female	All persons
0-15	67%	64%	65%
16-29	28%	19%	23%
30-59	32%	21%	26%
60+	11%	2%	6%
All persons	33%	22%	28%

Figure 5.3: Cycled in the last 12 months by age and sex: 2009-2011



Access to public transport (Tables 5.5-5.6, Figures 5.4-5.5)

- In 2009-2011, 15% of households in Northern Ireland said that they would be able to get a bus from their nearest bus stop every 15 minutes, an increase from 7% in 1999-2001. More than one quarter (27%) of households said they did not know how often they could get a bus from their nearest stop.
- One member of each household was asked how long it would take to walk to the nearest bus stop/NI Railways station. In 2009-2011, 7 in 10 households (70%) lived within six minutes walk of a bus stop or place where they could get a bus.
- Relatively few households were close to a train station. Sixty-two percent said it would take them 44 or more minutes or that it was not feasible to walk. Overall, just over one quarter (26%) of households lived within 26 minutes walk of an NI Railways station, 9% within 13 minutes walk.

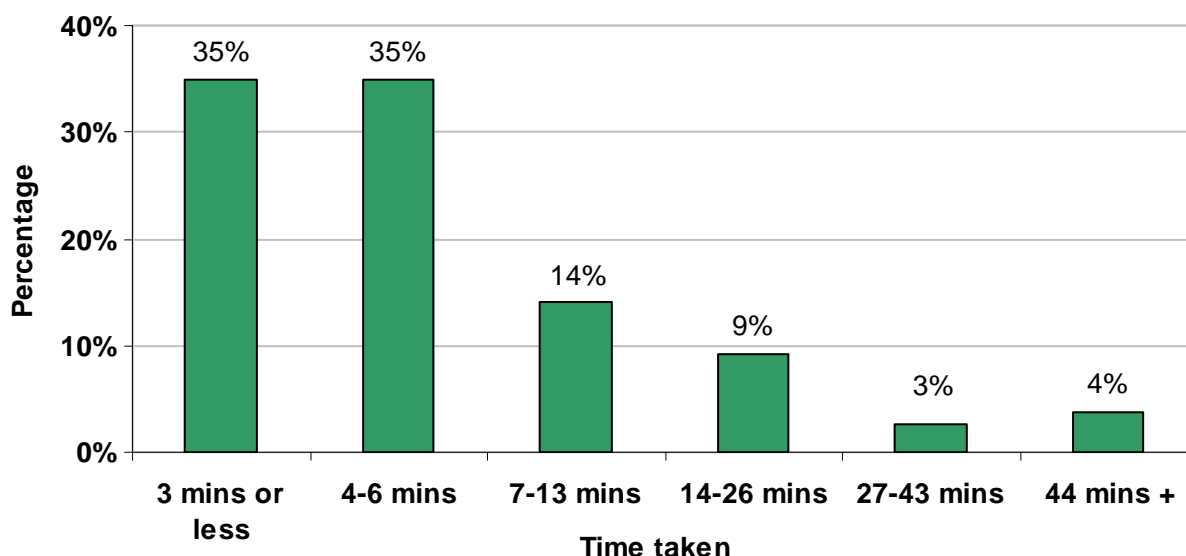
Table 5.5: Bus service frequency: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Percentage of households

Frequency of Service	1999-2001	2004-2006 ^f	2008-2010	2009-2011
At least once every quarter-hour	7%	8%	15%	15%
At least once every half-hour	22%	19%	17%	18%
At least once an hour	22%	23%	19%	19%
About 3 times a day	16%	17%	18%	17%
At least once a day	5%	5%	4%	4%
Less than once a day	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	27%	27%	26%	27%
All households	100%	100%	100%	100%

^f Interviewers can code "Don't Know" responses in two ways for the frequency of bus service question. The "Don't Know" percentage reported in this table now includes both "Don't Know" options.

Figure 5.4: Time taken to walk to nearest bus stop*: 2009-2011



* Note that 'Time taken to walk to nearest bus stop' figures have been validated and corrected. They are not comparable with figures in TSNi reports prior to 2007-2009. Figures for previous years are available on request (contact details at the front of the report).

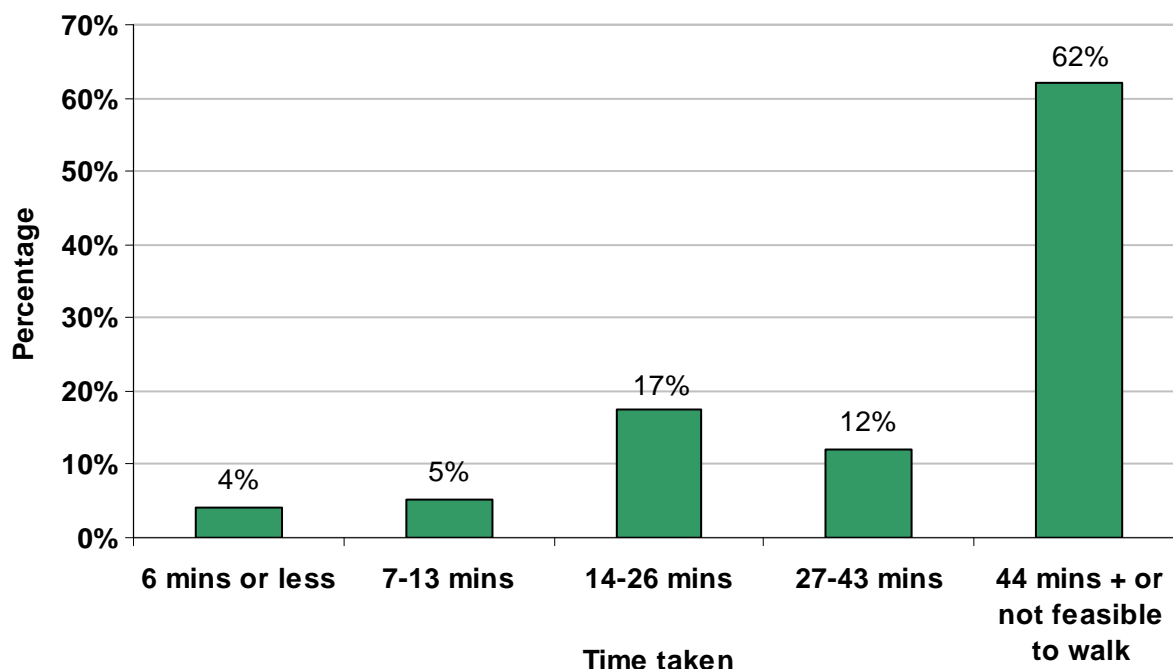
Table 5.6: Rail service frequency: 1999-2001, 2004-2006, 2008-2010 and 2009-2011

Percentage of households

Frequency of Service (asked if households did not state "Not applicable" to time taken to walk to nearest station question)	1999-2001	2004-2006 [†]	2008-2010	2009-2011
Frequent service throughout day (at least once per hour)	76%	59%	72%	73%
Frequent service during rush hour (at least once per hour)	5%	5%	4%	4%
Less frequent service	4%	8%	3%	3%
Not applicable	3%	7%	1%	1%
Don't know	12%	21%	19%	20%
All households	100%	100%	100%	100%

[†] Interviewers can code "Don't Know" responses in two ways for the frequency of rail service question. The "Don't Know" percentage reported in this table now includes both "Don't Know" options.

Figure 5.5: Time taken to walk to nearest NI Railways station*: 2009-2011



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Appendix A: Travel Survey for Northern Ireland Definitions and Survey Notes

Personal Travel

The Travel Survey for Northern Ireland is concerned with all personal travel within Northern Ireland, provided the main reason for the journey is for the person themselves to reach the destination.

Geographical Coverage

Only travel within Northern Ireland (and inshore islands) is included. This means for a journey to Dublin for example, only the portion of the journey to the border is included.

Journeys

A journey is defined as a one-way course of travel having a single main purpose. Outward and return portions of a return journey are treated as two separate journeys. A journey cannot have two separate purposes. A brief call is a relatively incidental stop for a subsidiary purpose e.g. stopping for petrol. If only a brief call is made the journey is not broken up into smaller journeys.

Stages

A journey consists of one or more stages. A new stage is defined when there is a change in the form of transport or when there is a change of vehicle requiring a separate ticket.

Households

A household consists of one or more people who have the sampled address as their only or main residence and who either share at least one main meal a day or share the living accommodation.

Mode of travel/Main mode of travel

Mode is the form of transport used for a stage of a journey. The main mode is the form of transport used for the greatest length of the journey.

Distance travelled

The length of any journey stage is the distance actually covered by the traveller and not the distance "as the crow flies".

Series of calls journeys

Travel involving a number of stops for the same main purpose and using the same form of transport are treated as one continuous series of calls. Series of calls can only be used for shopping and journeys in the course of work. A doctor's round for example would therefore consist of one journey to visit the first patient, one series of calls journey to all the other patients, and one journey from the last call back to the surgery or home.

Journeys excluded

The survey is only concerned with travel involving a person moving from one place to another in order to reach that destination. Travel involving the movement of freight and for people paid to walk (e.g. policemen, postmen, etc.) is excluded.

Travel in the course of work for certain occupational groups is therefore excluded (e.g. bus drivers, conductors, taxi drivers, crew of public transport vehicles, crew of public vehicles such as fire engines, or ambulances; travel in industrial or agricultural equipment (cranes, bulldozers, tractors, etc.); travel in specially equipped vehicles used in the course of a person's work (police patrol cars, AA/RAC repair vehicles, Post Office vans, etc.).

Leisure travel which is not competitive to public transport is also excluded (e.g. a boat trip for pleasure).

Generally travel off the public highway (i.e. on private land) is excluded. An exception to this is cross-country walking, running, hiking or mountain climbing which is included even if on private land. Travel in public parks and on greenways is included.

Children's play is excluded.

Journey purpose

The purpose of a journey is governed by what the person did at the end of the journey. However, for journeys 'home' the purpose is governed by the start of the journey. This means for example the purpose of a journey from the shops to home is 'shopping'.

Types of journey purpose

Commuting journeys include journeys to a usual place of work from home, or from work to home.

Business journeys are journeys in the course of work i.e. journeys made as part of a person's paid job to or from a place other than the usual place of work. Business journeys include a journey in the course of work back to the work base. This category includes all work journeys by people with no usual place of work (e.g. site workers) and those who work at or from home.

Education journeys include journeys to or from school or college, etc. by full time students, students on day-release and part time students following vocational courses.

An *escort* code is used when the traveller has no purpose of his or her own, other than to escort or accompany another person e.g. a mother taking a child to school. Escort commuting for example is escorting or accompanying someone from home to work or from

work to home. Escort education journeys are presented separately for the purposes of this report.

Shopping includes all journeys to shops or from shops to home, even if there was no intention to buy.

Personal business journeys include visits to services, e.g. hairdressers, laundrettes, dry-cleaners, betting shops, solicitors, banks, estate agents, libraries, churches; or for medical consultations or treatment. This category also includes journeys for eating and drinking when the respondent is alone or at work.

The *visit friends elsewhere* code includes journeys where the main purpose was to eat or drink other than when the respondent is alone or at work. It also includes journeys to meet friends other than in a private home but where the main purpose is still to socialise with particular persons rather than visit a particular place.

The *entertainment/public social activities* category includes journeys for all types of entertainment, public social activities and unpaid voluntary work. Examples include cinemas, political meetings, non-vocational evening classes.

The *sport participate* category includes journeys to take part in all outdoor activities. It also includes, for example, squash, badminton, swimming, boxing, wrestling, weight training, judo and karate.

Holiday base journeys include journeys within NI to or from any holiday base (includes stays of 4 or more nights with friends or relatives).

Day trip journeys include journeys for pleasure (not otherwise classified as social or entertainment) within a single day.

Just walk journeys are walking journeys made just for pleasure.

Modes of travel

Walks of 50 metres or more are collected on day 1 and walks of 1 mile or more on days 2-7.

The *bicycle* category includes travel on all forms of bicycle or tricycle not mechanically propelled. Purposive travel on children's bicycles is included under 'walk'.

For the purpose of this report 'car' travel includes travel in all 3 or 4-wheeled cars.

Car undefined is used when, for example someone has put in the travel diary that they travelled somewhere by car and hasn't then proceeded to complete the column to say if they were a car driver or passenger for that particular journey. When the person is under 17, we then code this as car passenger as an under 17 shouldn't be a car driver. However, when it is not possible for us to deduce if it is a driver or passenger, we code it as car undefined.

The *motorcycle* category covers all two wheeled motorised vehicles used for private transport.

For this report generally van and lorries are included in the *other private category*. (Vans with side windows behind the driver's seat are coded as cars.) Also included are land rovers and jeeps, invalid carriages, motorised wheelchairs, caravans, dormobiles, minibuses, private aircraft, etc.

Public transport includes travel by Ulsterbus, Citybus/Metro, Other Bus, Northern Ireland Railways and Black Taxi.

Citybus/Metro covers all those regular bus services, which provide short distance travel within urban or suburban areas in and around Belfast. Citybus changed to Metro in February 2005. Metro integrated Citybus and greater Belfast Ulsterbus services.

Unless specified, the *Ulsterbus* category includes regular *Ulsterbus* services and express services.

The *other bus* category includes private hire buses, 'coaches', excursion tour buses, and any other buses not classified above.

The *NI Railways* category includes all travel by train. Non-purposive train travel (e.g. at fun fairs) is irrelevant to the survey.

Black taxis include taxis which operate like a minibus. Private hire taxis are included in the *taxi* category.

Public transport not specified elsewhere, e.g. by aircraft, is included under *other public transport*.

Undefined mode is the total of the "missings" (where the method of travel was omitted), the "unspecified private" and the "unspecified public" categories.

- *Unspecified private* -This code should be used where you know the method of transport was 'private' but where you cannot be specific and the respondent is not available to ask.

- *Unspecified public* -This code should be used where you know the method of transport was 'public', e.g. because a fare has been paid, but where a specific method cannot be ascertained.

Other definitions

Difficulty with travel due to a physical disability or long-standing health problem

The respondent is said to have difficulty with travel due to a physical disability if they have answered yes to one or more of the 4 following questions: "Do you have any physical disability or other long-standing health problem that makes it difficult for you to..." "...go out on foot?", "...use buses or coaches?", "...use trains?" or "...drive a car?".

Area	Local Government District
Belfast	Belfast
East of Northern Ireland	Antrim, Ards, Ballymena, Banbridge, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Craigavon, Down, Larne, Lisburn, Newtownabbey, North Down
West of Northern Ireland	Armagh, Ballymoney, Coleraine, Cookstown, Dungannon, Fermanagh, Limavady, Derry, Magherafelt, Moyle, Newry & Mourne, Omagh, Strabane