

Travel in London

In May 2013, the RAC Foundation carried out an online survey of 2,000 car drivers in London. Of the sample, 34% live in Inner London¹ and 66% in Outer London² (compared to 40% and 60% of all Londoners 18 or over, according to the 2011 Census). This note presents the main results.

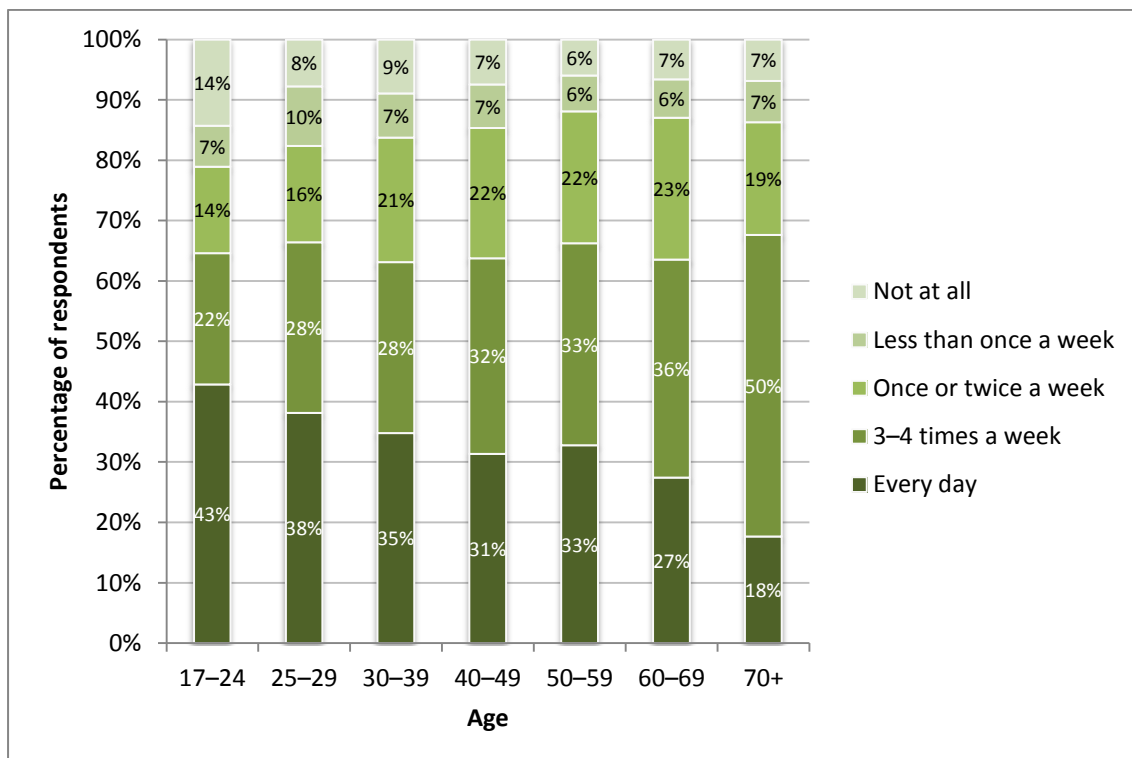
1 Transport use by car drivers

Nearly 85% of those surveyed drive a car/van at least once a week. Of these:

- 55% travel as a car or van passenger at least once a week
- 53% use a bus, minibus, coach or tram at least once a week
- 54% use the tube or DLR at least once a week
- 38% use National Rail or the London Overground at least once a week
- 86% walk at least once a week
- 17% use a bicycle at least once a week

1.1 Frequency of car driving by age and location

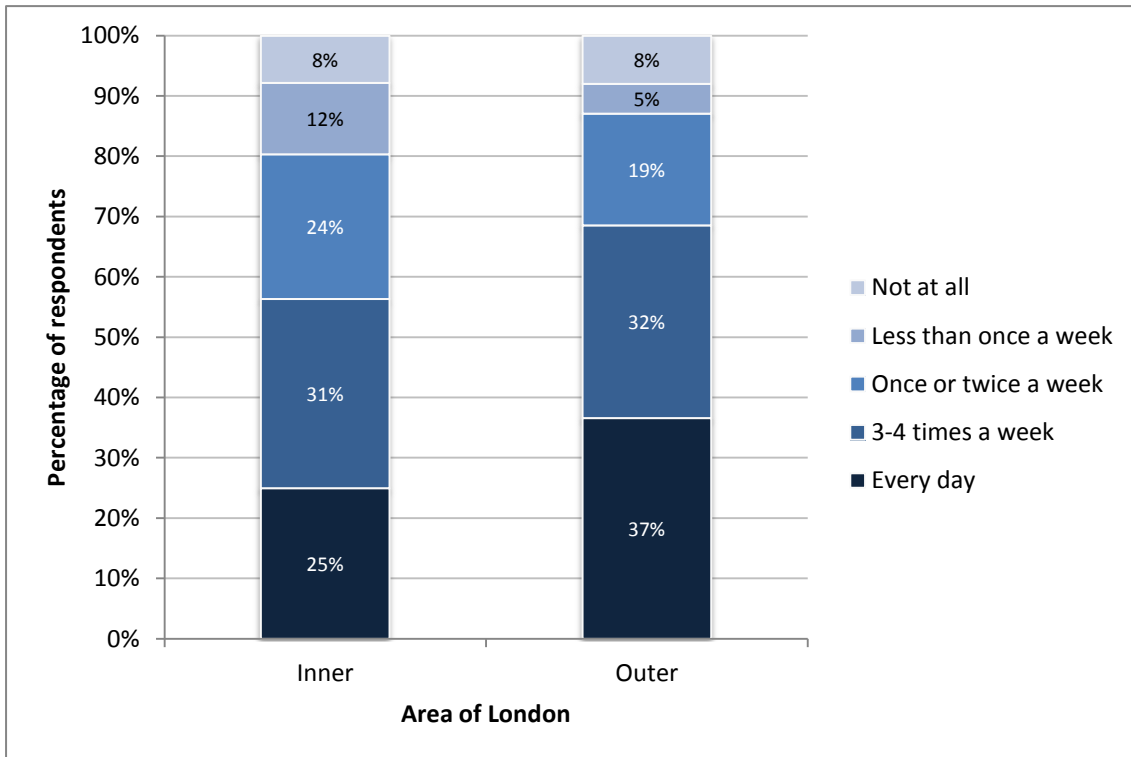
Figure 1: Frequency of car driving by age



¹ Inner London: Camden, City of London, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Wandsworth, Westminster, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Lambeth, Newham, Southwark, Lewisham and Tower Hamlets. This corresponds with the ONS NUTS2 classification.

² Outer London: Barking and Dagenham, Bexley, Enfield, Greenwich, Havering, Redbridge, Waltham Forest, Bromley, Croydon, Kingston upon Thames, Merton, Sutton, Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond upon Thames. This corresponds with the ONS NUTS2 classification.

Figure 2: Frequency of car driving by area



2 Journey to work

Figure 3: Travel to work by mode for all car drivers (all modes, not main mode)

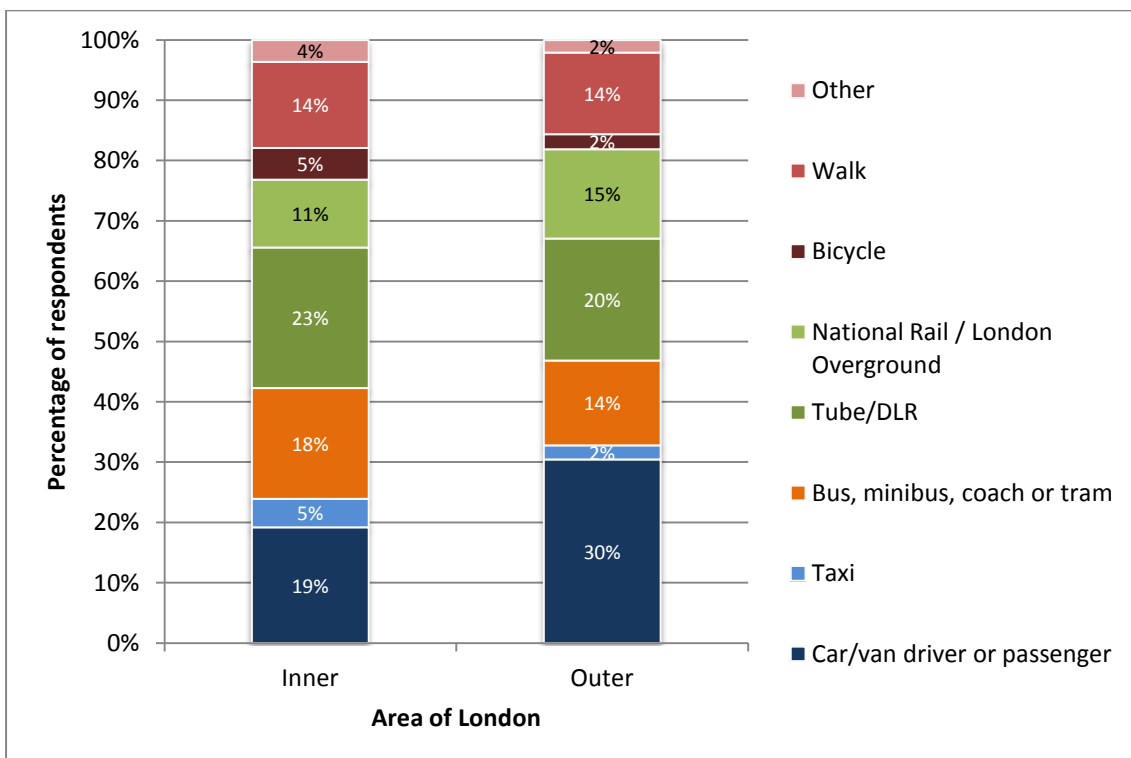


Figure 4: Mode of travel to work by age group for all car drivers (all modes, not main mode)

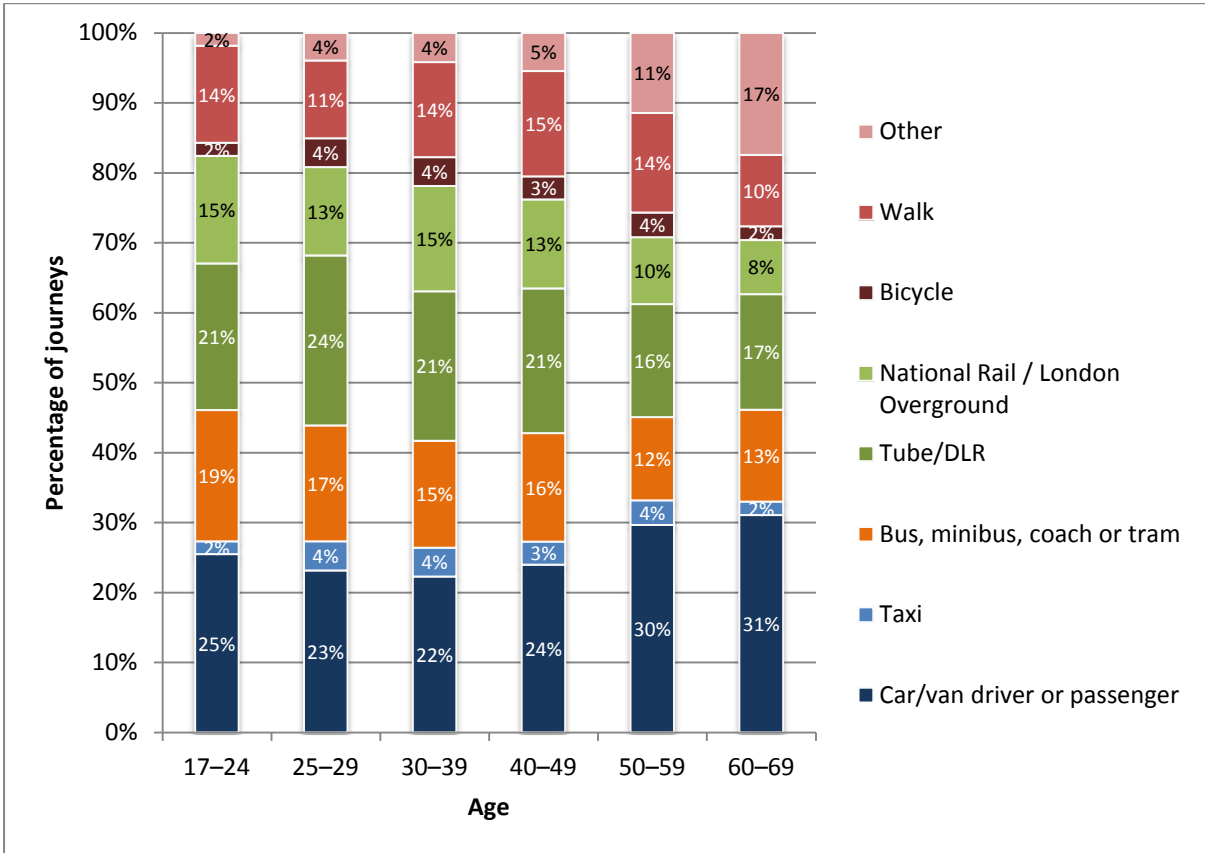
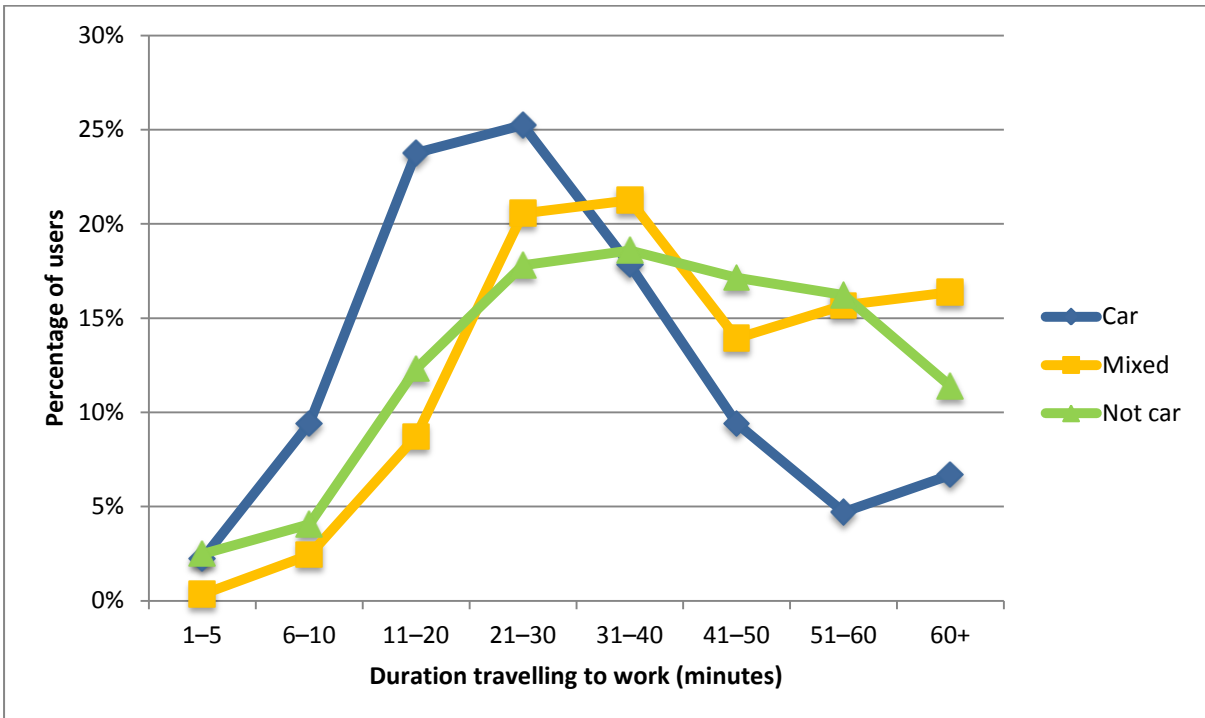


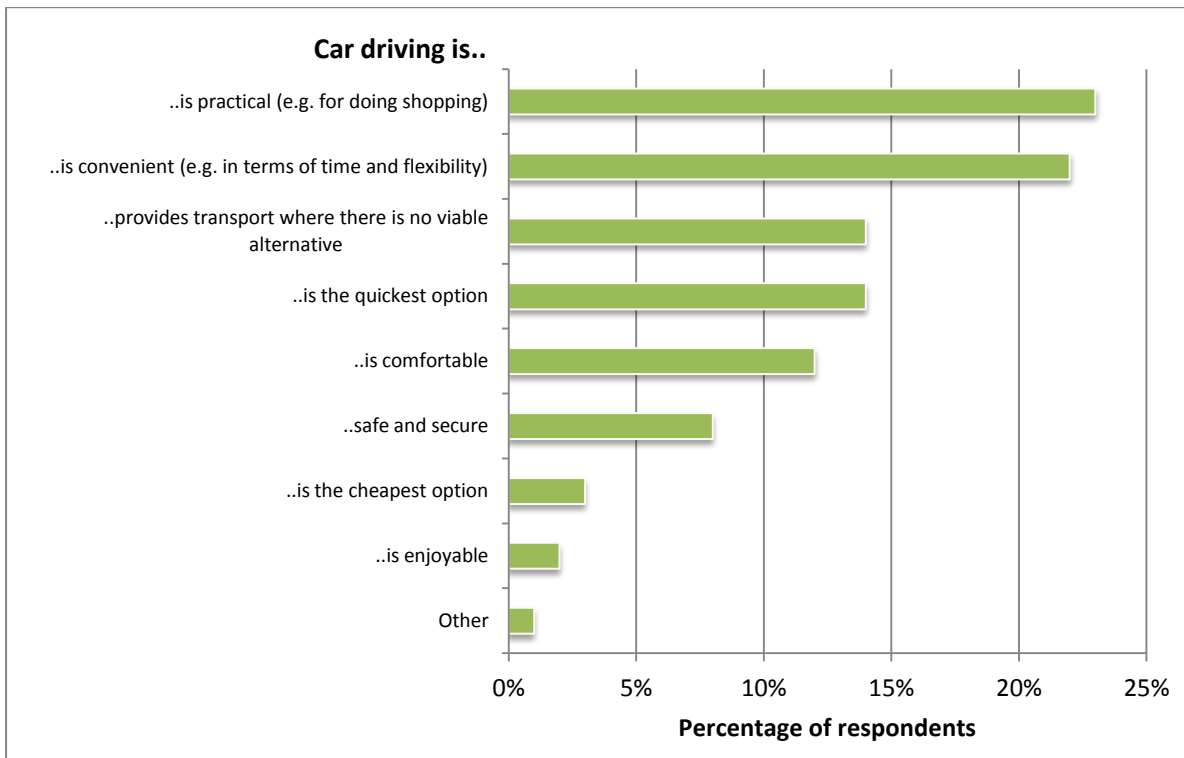
Figure 5: Average journey time to work, by mode category



Note: "Car" means travel by car only; "Mixed" means travel by car and public transport or other modes; "Not car" means travel by public transport and other modes only.

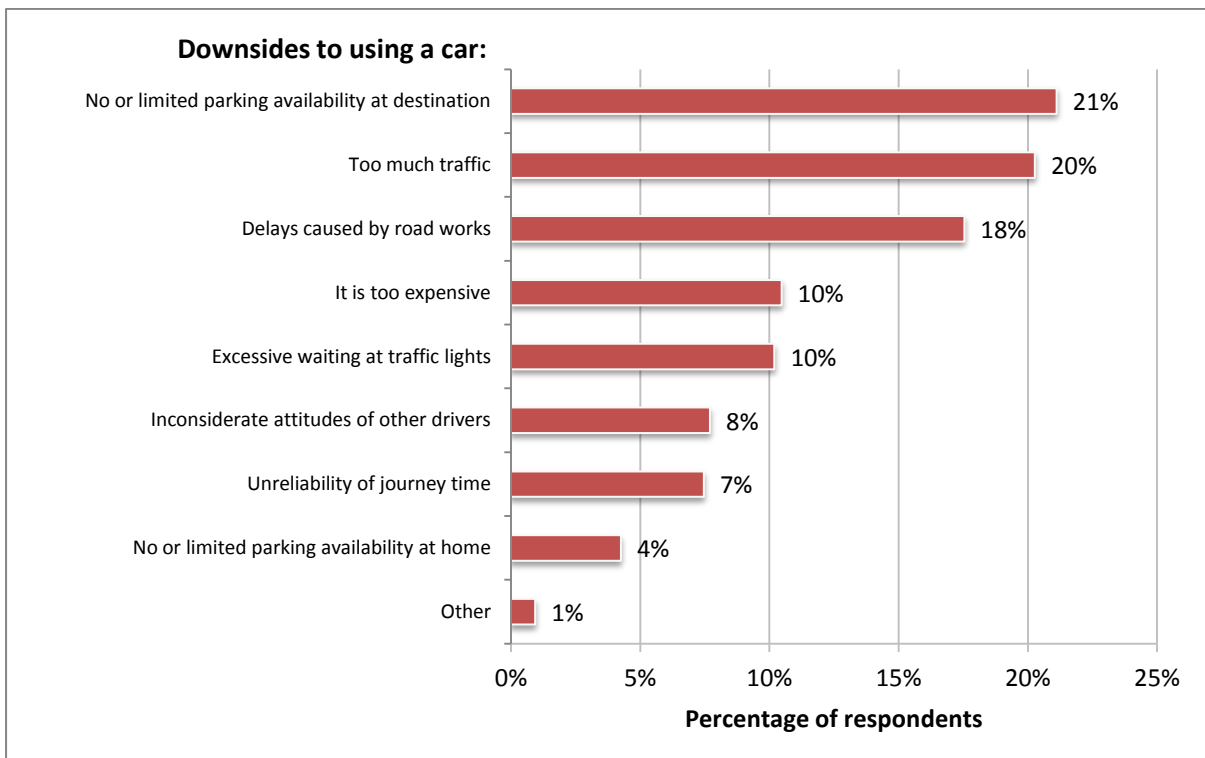
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Figure 6: Benefits of using a car in London



Note: Respondents could choose up to three options.

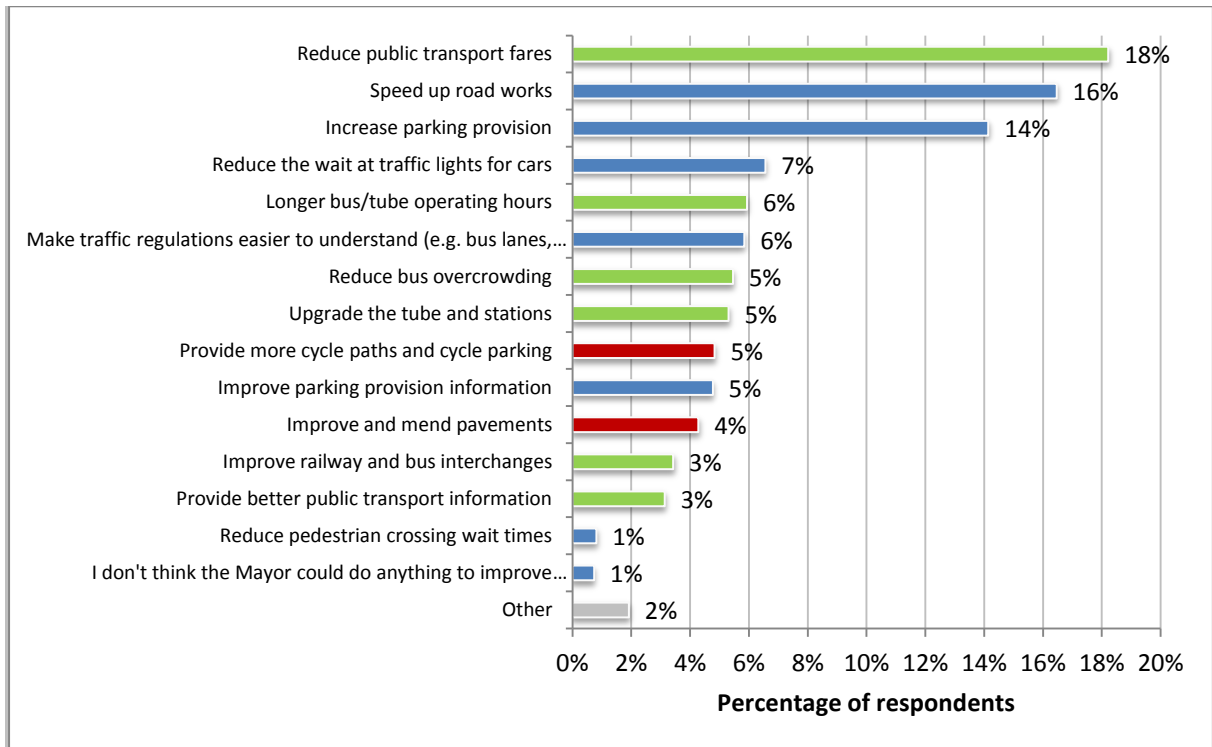
Figure 7: Downsides to using a car in London



Note: Respondents could choose up to three options.

3 Desired improvements

Figure 8: Desired improvements to London's transport system



Note: Respondents could choose up to three options; green – relating to public transport; blue – relating to cars; red – relating to walking and cycling.