

The Scottish Women's Convention

TRANSPORT IN SCOTLAND

SURVEY 2024

Alongside our 'How Can We Make Transport Work for Women and Families in Scotland?' Conference, we ran an online survey which asked women to give their experiences of using transport in Scotland.

Women explained that transport was becoming increasingly expensive, while simultaneously reducing in quality. They stated that poor transport had prevented them from accessing public services and employment, reducing their overall wellbeing. This was a particular issue for women living in rural locations and disabled women, however, was mirrored by women across Scotland. Women also stated that they do not always feel safe on public transport, believing that the loss of public transport staff had resulted in a dangerous situation for users.

Respondents went on to highlight that they would like to see an increase in public transport options across the country, with lower prices and integrated tickets and timetables. They also hoped that an increase in public transport options would help the planet, with more women choosing the bus/train when commuting or travelling for leisure.

THE SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CONVENTION (SWC)

The SWC is funded to engage with women across Scotland to ensure that their views are represented in policy and decision-making processes. The SWC uses the views of women to respond to a variety of parliamentary, governmental, and organisational consultation papers at Scottish, UK and international levels.

The SWC gathers information using different methods, including roadshows, thematic conferences, surveys, and both in-person and online roundtable events. Working together with many other equalities organisations and community groups, we use our broad network to ensure that women from a range of backgrounds are heard and acknowledged. We are continually reviewing innovative ways of engaging with women and developing our trauma-informed and culturally sensitive practice to support vital contributions from as many women as possible.

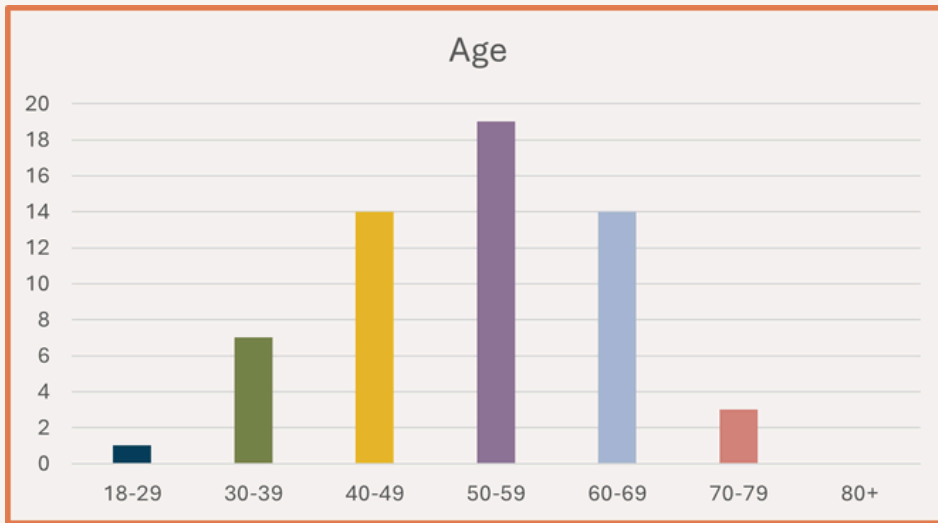


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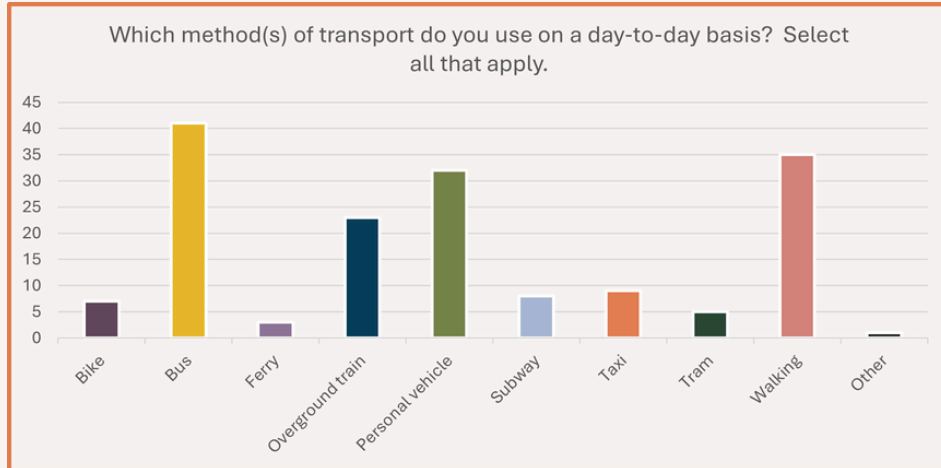
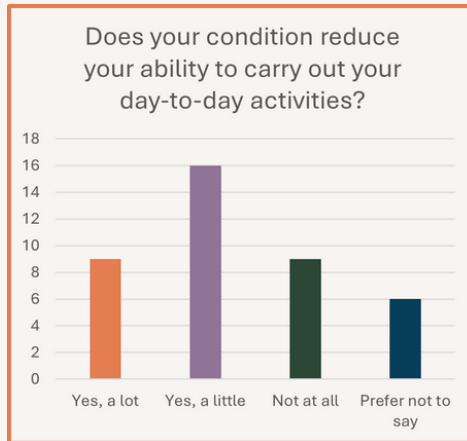
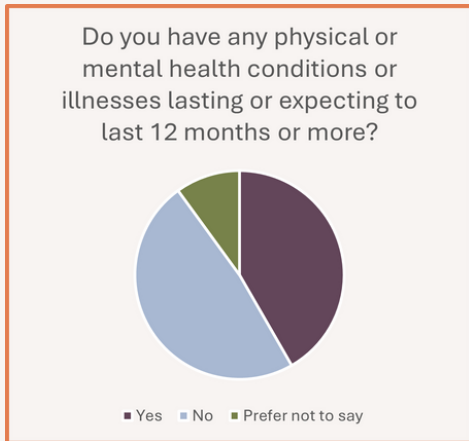
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74.2% of respondents stated that the price of their most commonly used transport had increased.

66.1% of women who responded, used the bus on a day-to-day basis.

37.1% of respondents did not think that public transport in their local area was accessible for those with mobility needs.



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WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES...

“ My essential spend has gone up, I've had to reduce my spend elsewhere - having to consider whether to get out and about for leisure ”

“ I don't drive and workplaces that are in poorly connected areas I can't apply to. ”

24%
FELT THAT THE
SCOTTISH
GOVERNMENT ARE
TAKING THE
NECESSARY STEPS TO
MAKE TRANSPORT LESS
POLLUTING

“ I don't have a public transport connection to my local hospital and rely on others. I have had to cancel appointments as others were not available to take me ”

“ There is no bus service where I live. My nearest rail station is 18 miles away, and I use a wheelchair, so if I was only using public transport I would be isolated in my home. ”

“ I wouldn't feel safe on most bus routes and train services at night or even early evening in the winter...I worry about the safety of my teenage son and daughter ”

OVER 50%
RATED THE QUALITY OF
THEIR PUBLIC TRANSPORT
AS BEING BELOW A 5 OUT
OF 10

“ Ensure there is adequate transport in rural areas, so that people can access employment, healthcare and shopping. ”

“ We need joined up thinking between rail, coach and bus operators, particularly around timetables...and priority given to bus over cars ”

“ Retain conductors/guards on trains...to provide a visible deterrence to antisocial behaviour ”

WOMEN'S SOLUTIONS...

“ I would love to see more walkable areas where everything is accessible, so there's less need to travel for essentials ”

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the women who provided their invaluable insight into their experiences of transport. We are forever grateful for the sustained engagement women give to our organisation, and we will continue to utilise the information given to inform Scottish policy-making practice.

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