

Accessibility



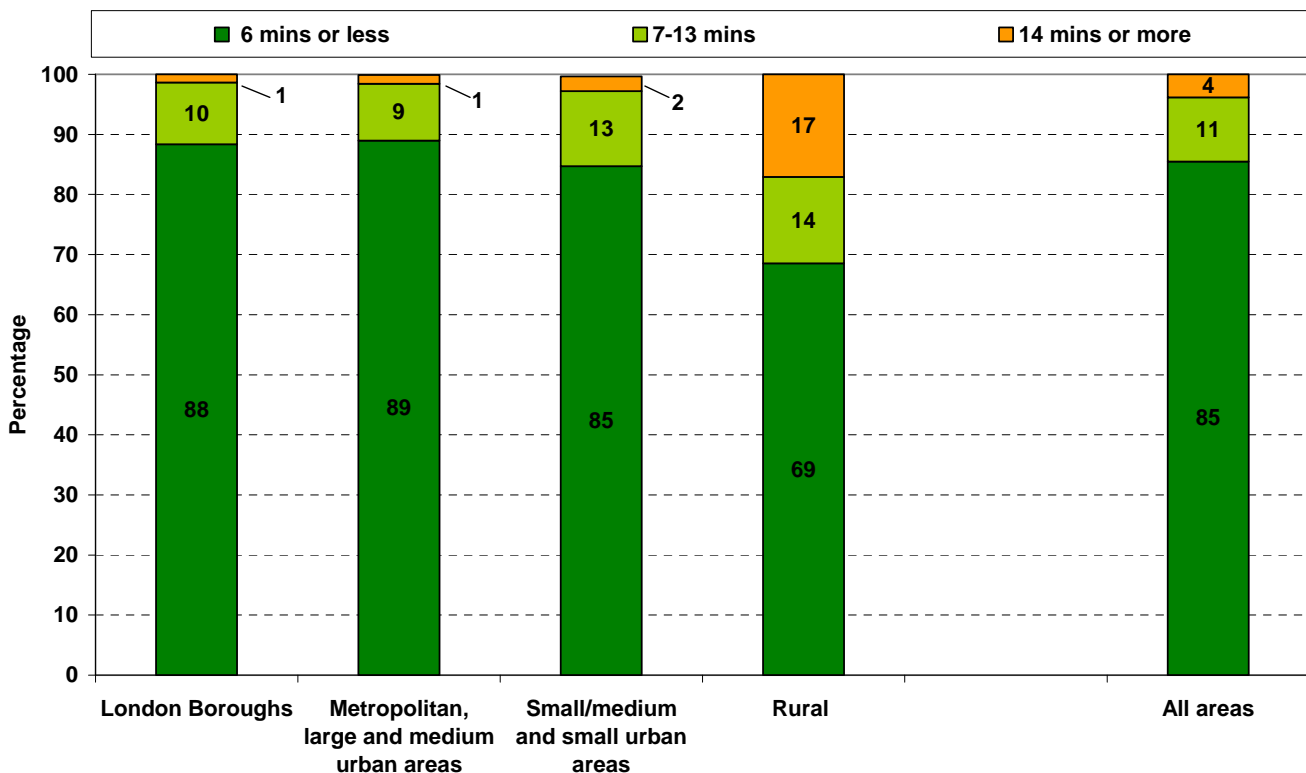
This section provides information about access to public transport services, journey times to local facilities, people's usual place of work and delivery of goods and services.

Bus and train service access, frequency and reliability

- Eighty-five per cent of households in Great Britain lived within a 6 minute walk of their nearest bus stop in 2010, a similar proportion to in 1998/00 (87%). A further 11% of households lived within a 13 minute walk.

Time taken to walk to nearest bus stop by area type: Great Britain, 2010

(NTS web table NTS0801)



- Between 1998/00 and 2010, the proportion of households in rural areas that were within 13 minutes walk of an hourly or better bus service increased from 45% to 57%. Over the same period the proportion of households in small urban areas with this access increased from 74% to 92%, and from 86 to 91% in small/medium urban areas. There was little change in medium and large urban areas, where the vast majority (at least 96%) of households live within 13 minutes walk of a bus stop with a service at least once an hour.

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- Between 2002 and 2010, the proportion of households rating their local bus service as ‘frequent’ has risen from 77% to 80%. Similarly, household’s reporting local bus services as ‘reliable’ has increased from 80% to 84% during this time.
 - The proportion of households rating their local train/underground/metro service as ‘frequent’ has increased from 81% in 2002 to 87% in 2010 and the proportion who said it was ‘reliable’ has increased from 75% to 87% over the same period.

Time to local facilities

- In 2010, a large majority of households were able to travel within 15 minutes by foot or public transport to a shop selling groceries (92%), a chemist (85%), a post office (85%) and a doctor’s surgery/GP (81%). Of households with children of the relevant ages, 90% were within 15 minutes of a primary school and 64% within 15 minutes of a secondary school. These proportions were similar to 2005 (91% and 65% for primary and secondary schools respectively).

Workplace and working from home

- In recent years, the proportion of employed people who work at the same place every day has reduced to 73% from a high of 77% in both 2003 and 2004. Correspondingly, the proportion usually working from home rose to 5% from 3% over the same period and the proportion whose workplace varies increased slightly too.
- There is a difference between genders; men were less likely to work at the same place every day (67%) than women (80%) in 2010. Self-employed people were more likely to work from home (23%) than other people in employment.

Deliveries of goods and services

- The proportion of households which order goods or services to be delivered has increased from 64% in 2002 to 76% in 2010. The most popular order in 2010 was for books/CDs/software, with 67% of households saying they order these. This was followed by clothes (64%) and holiday/travel tickets (56%). The proportion of households ordering food and drink (excluding takeaways) increased from 21% in 2002 to 31% in 2010.
- Similarly, the frequency of ordering goods has increased since 2002, with 14% of households saying they ordered goods at least once a week and a further 44% replying more than once a month in 2010 compared to 7% and 35% respectively in 2002.

Detailed statistics (tables and charts) on “Accessibility” can be found on National Travel Survey 2010 web page at: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/releases/national-travel-survey-2010>, table numbers [NTS0801 to NTS0806](#).

Background notes

1. Further information about the National Travel Survey can be found at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/series/national-travel-survey>

2. Full guidance on the methods used to conduct the survey, response rates, weighting methodology and survey materials can be found in the National Travel Survey 2010 Technical Report at:

<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/statistics/series/national-travel-survey/nts2010-technical.pdf>

3. A Notes & Definitions document which includes background to the NTS, response rates, sample size & standard error information and a full list of definitions can be found at:

<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/statistics/releases/national-travel-survey-2010/nts2010-notes.pdf>