



Údarás Náisiúnta Iompair
National Transport Authority

Customer Satisfaction 2019

On location survey

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Research objectives and methodology



Evaluate customer satisfaction across all public transport types.



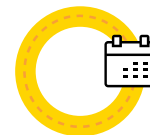
Sample

Comparisons with previous results will be shown where possible.

Sample profile

Sample is controlled to provide a robust sample size for each transport type. No weights have been applied.

| | Total | Phase 1 | Phase 2 | Controlled Weights % |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Bus Éireann | 1937 | 1103 | 834 | 14 |
| Dublin Bus | 932 | 510 | 422 | 51 |
| Irish Rail | 692 | 400 | 292 | 5 |
| Luas | 545 | 342 | 203 | 16 |
| DART | 404 | 202 | 202 | 13 |
| Go Ahead | 505 | 206 | 299 | 1 |
| Total | 5015 | 2,763 | 2,252 | 100 |



Fieldwork dates

Phase 1: 13th June – 6th July 2019

Phase 2: 8th September – 1st October 2019

The attached is a summary report, find the full list of 2019 Customer Satisfaction survey questions in Appendix 1

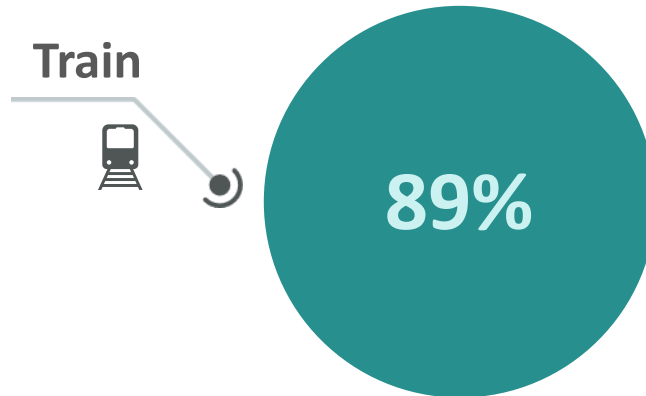
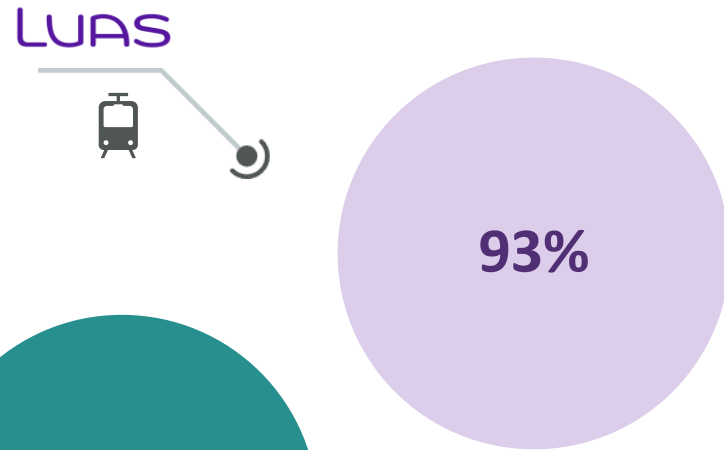
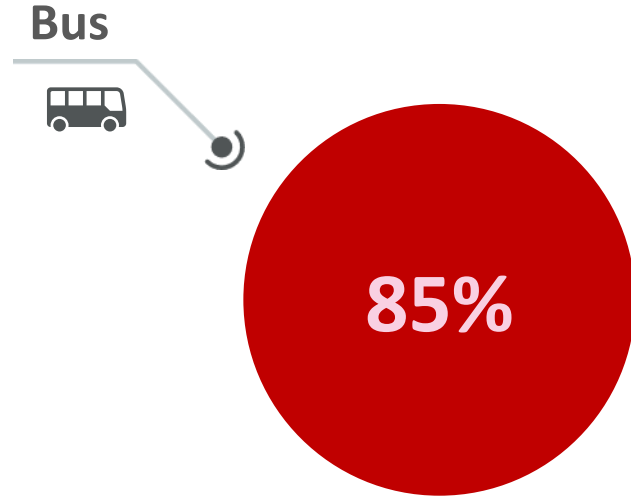
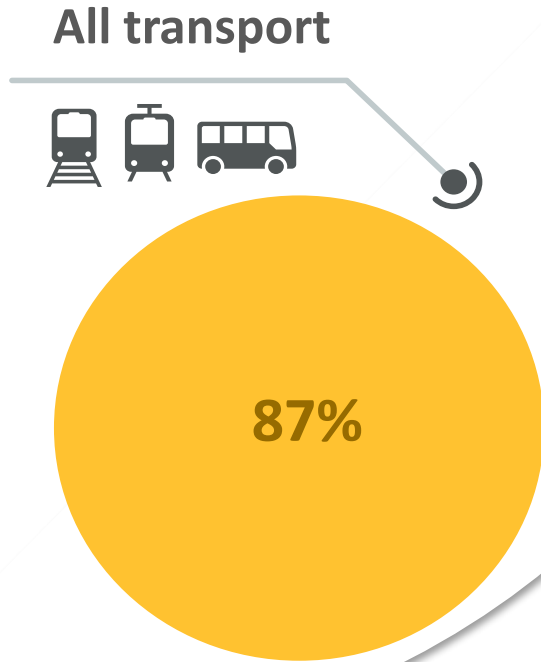
Frequency of travel

| | Bus | Train | LUAS |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Base :</i> | 3,374 | 1,096 | 545 |
| | % | % | % |
| Every day/weekdays | 50 | 32 | 55 |
| 2-4 days a week | 30 | 22 | 18 |
| Once a week | 11 | 15 | 9 |
| Once a month | 6 | 17 | 9 |
| Once every 2-3 months | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| Once every 4-6 months | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| Less frequently | - | - | 1 |
| 2019 weekly | 91 | 69 | 82 |



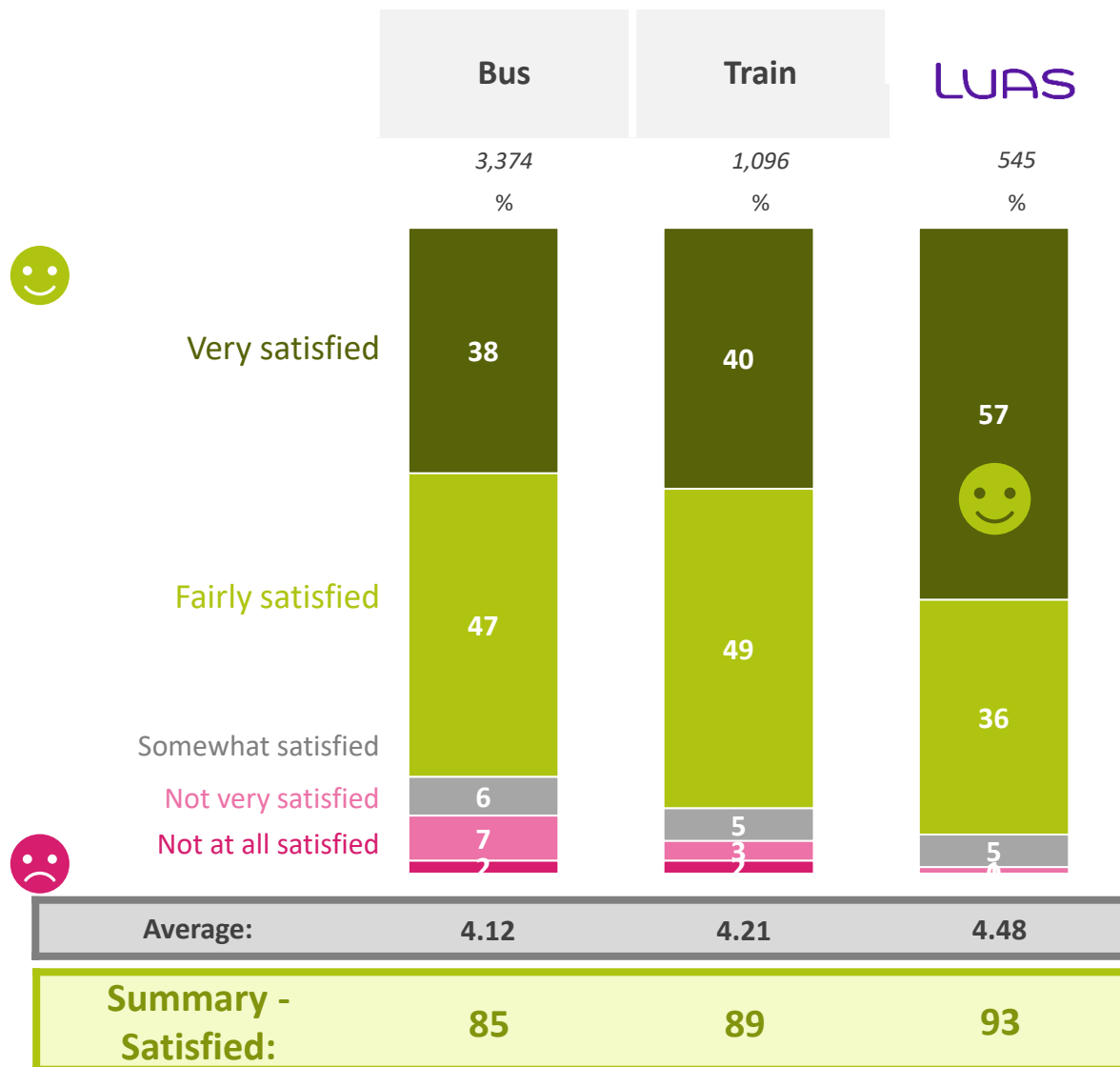
1. Overall Satisfaction levels with public transport

Satisfaction levels with Public Transport



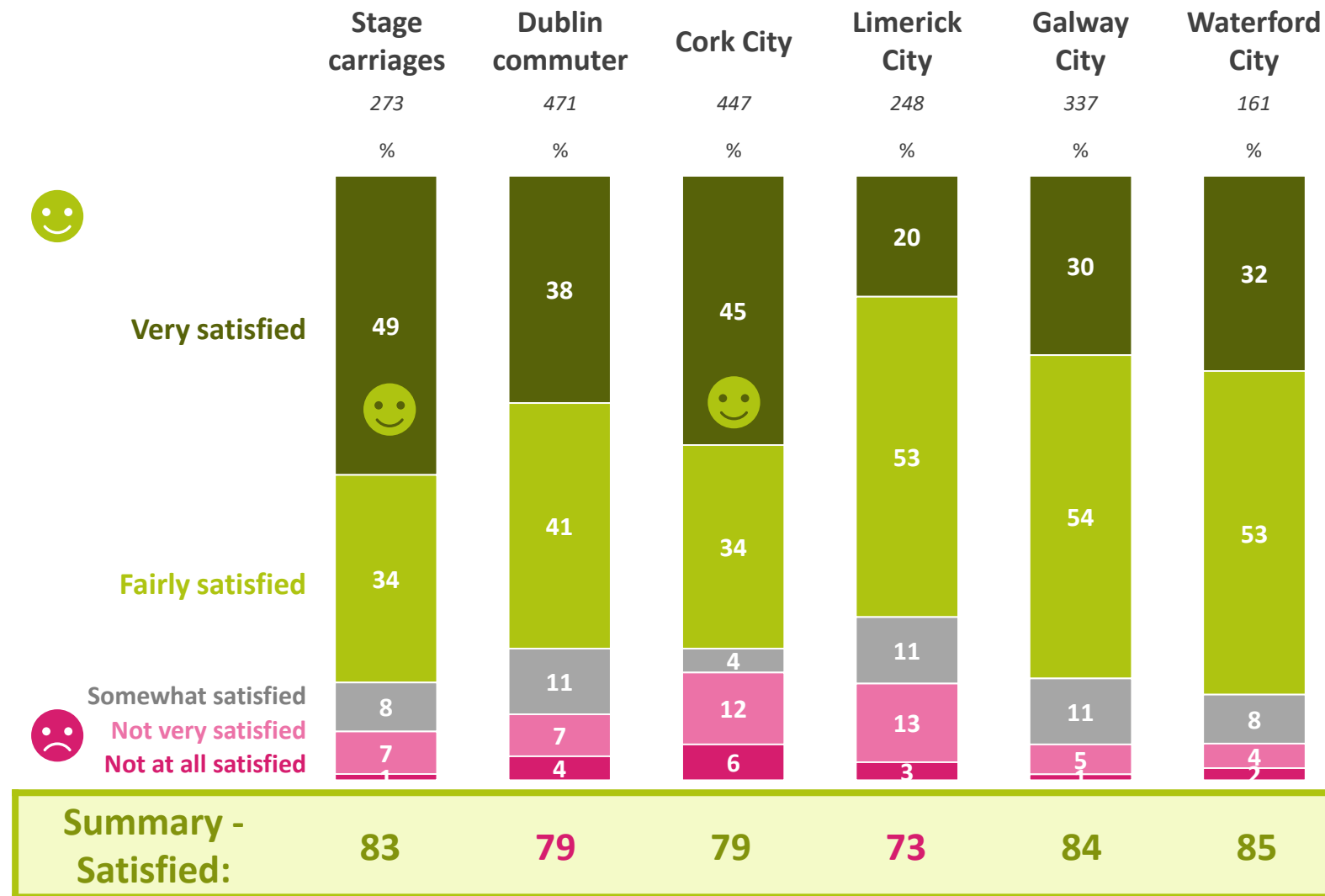
Satisfaction with public transport services is extremely high. Satisfaction highest for Luas users.

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



Satisfaction with regional bus services highest for Stage Carriages and lowest in Limerick city.

Base: All regional bus customers – 1,937



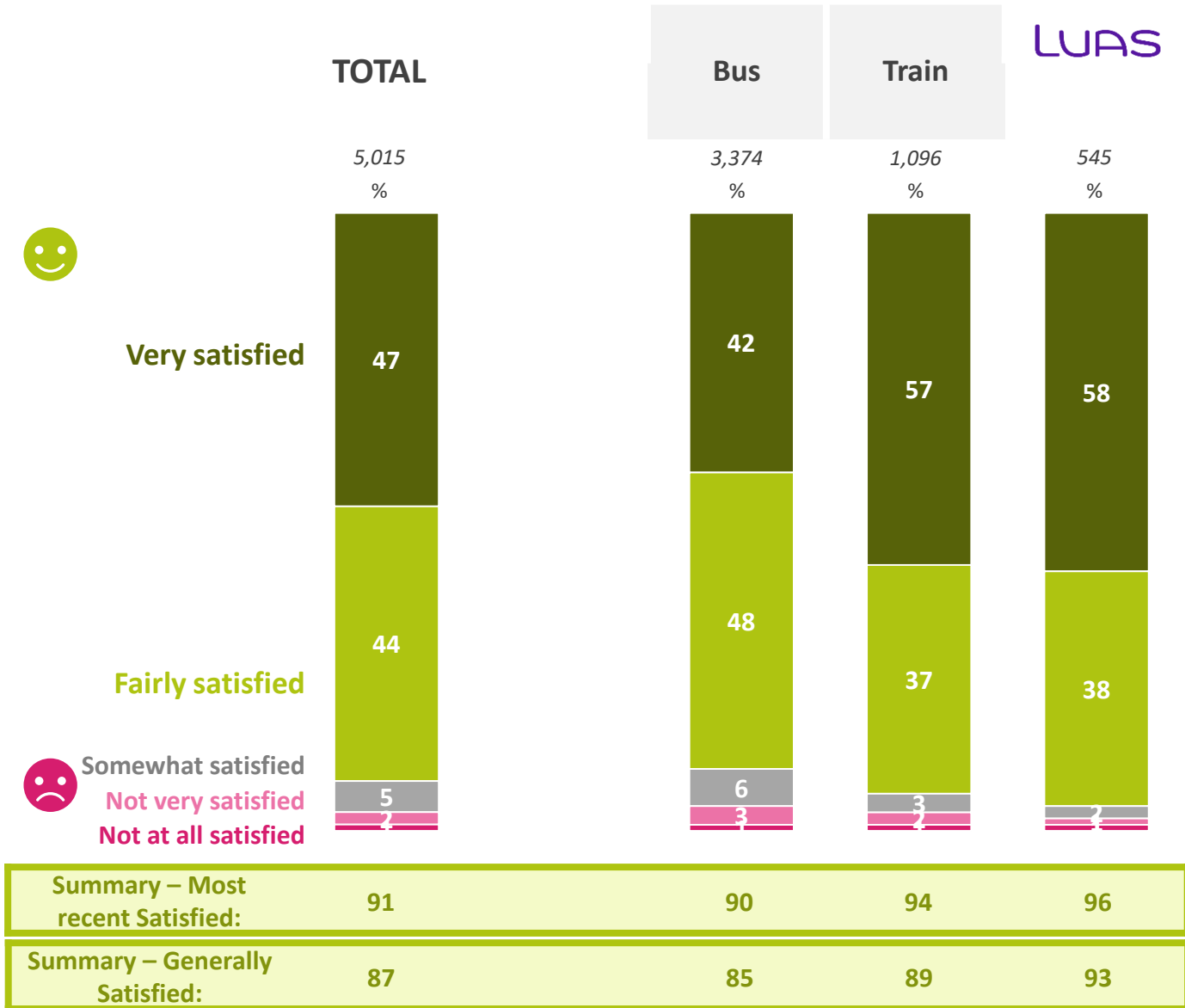
On balance, transport services are perceived as improving

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



Satisfaction with most recent journey is also high

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



What about NPS? **LUAS** have the most advocates

Base: All public transport customers - 5015





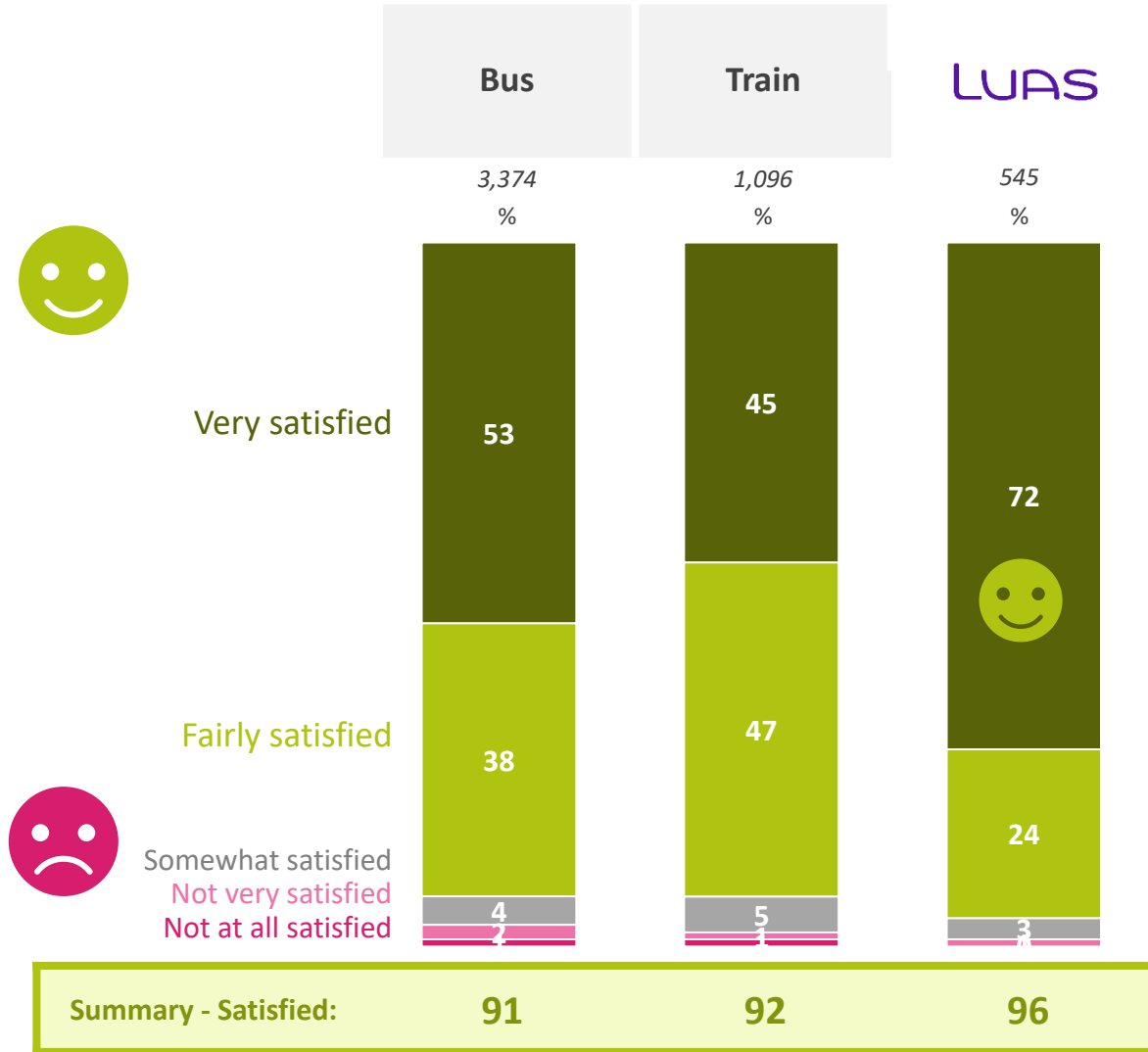
2. A deep dive into overall satisfaction levels



2.1 How are the various modes performing with regard to on-boarding the service?

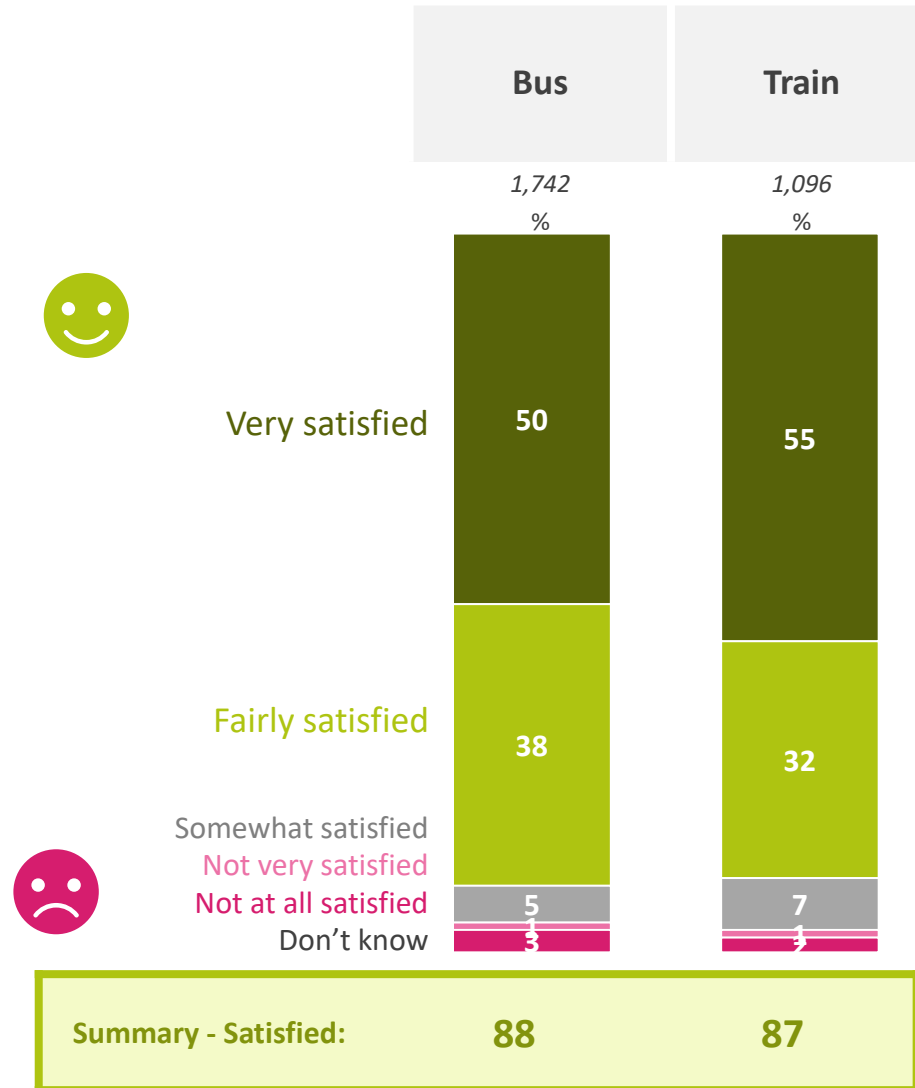
1. Condition at stops/platforms: Satisfaction is extremely high with the condition of the stops/platforms where customers alight. Luas is clearly significantly ahead of other modes.

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



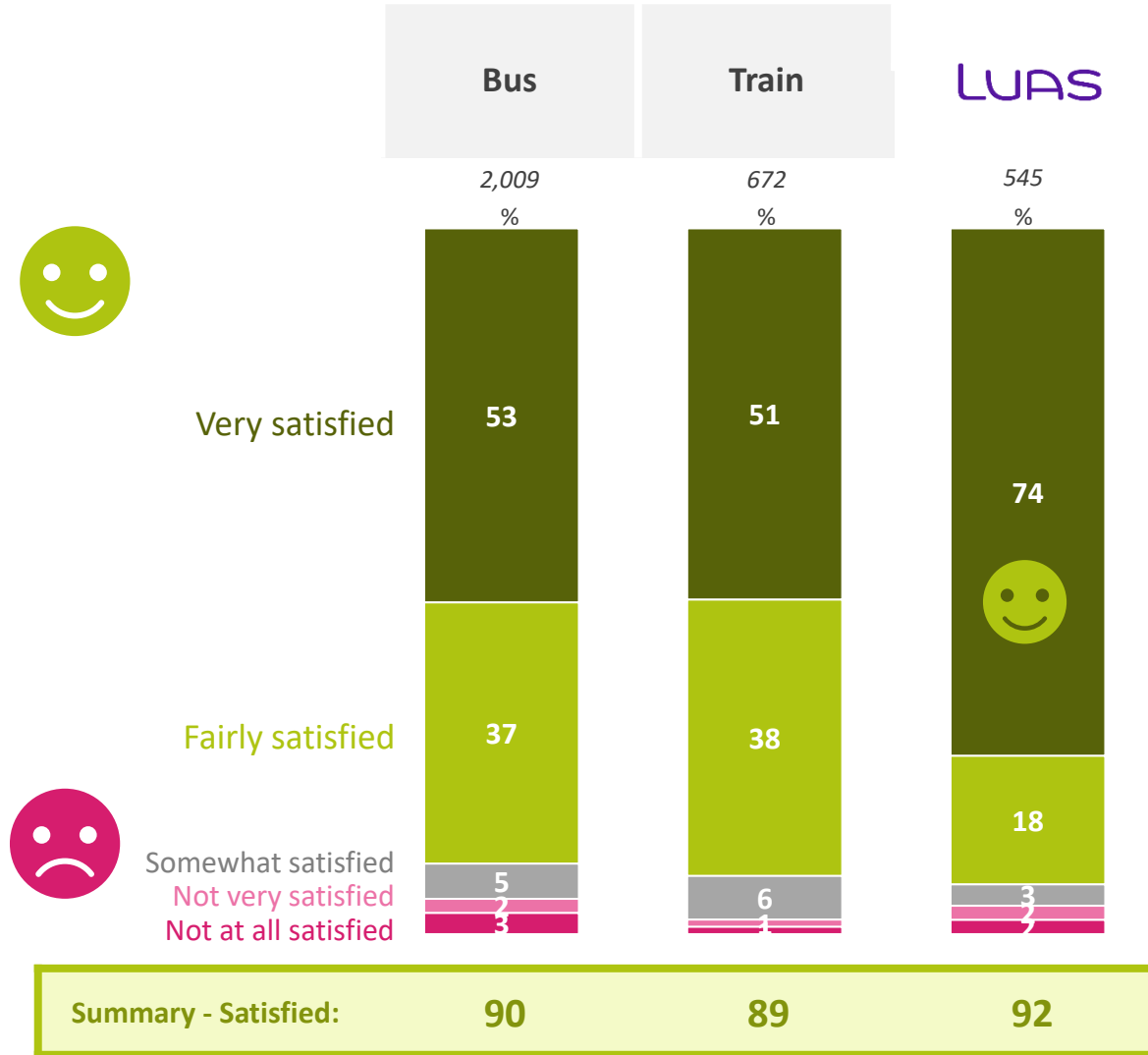
2. Timetable information: Slightly higher levels of satisfaction evident with timetable information for train than for bus.

Base: All public transport customers whose stop has a timetable/information panel - 2,838



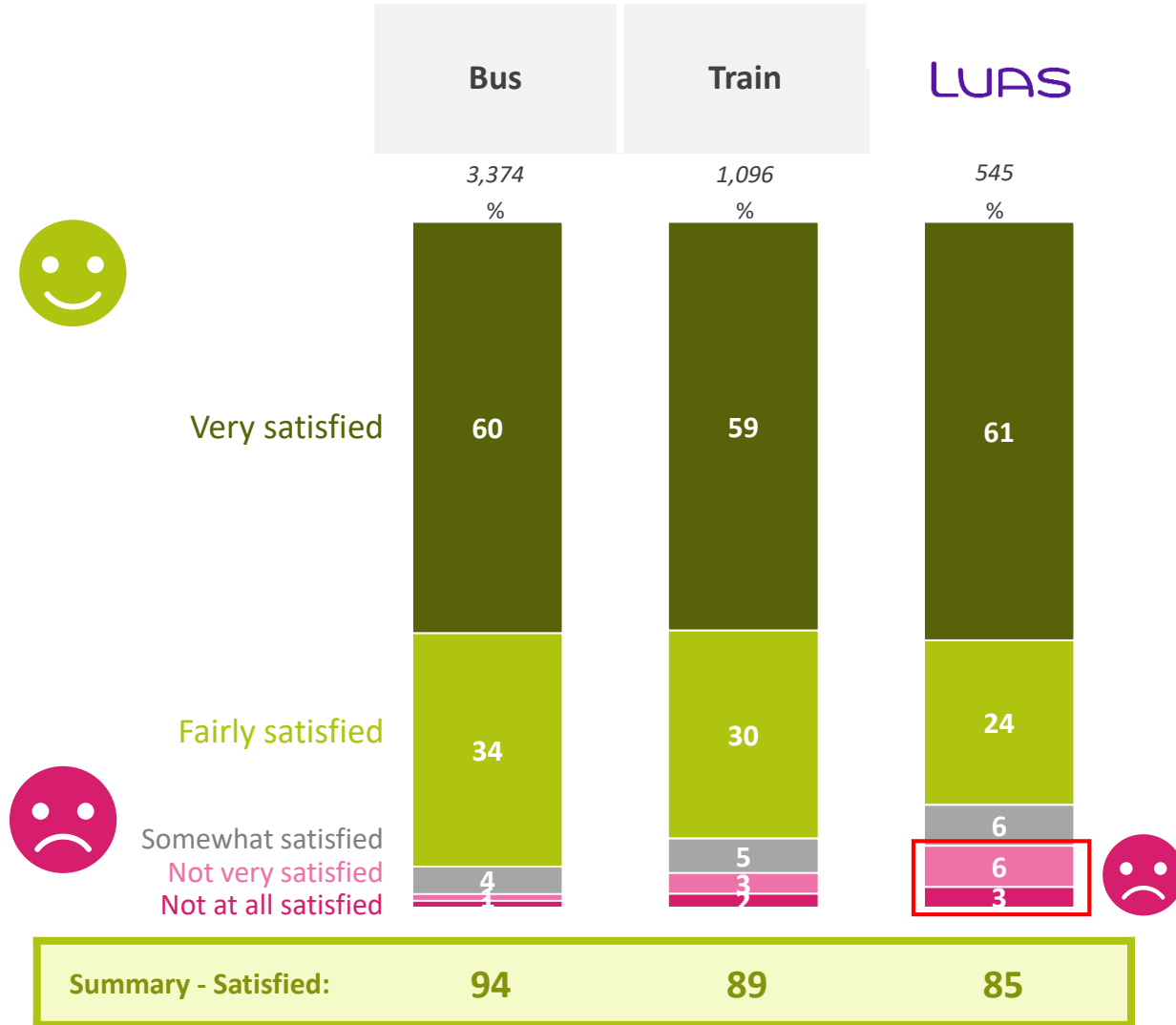
3. Real time information: Luas rated more highly than bus or train on their real time information.

Base: All public transport customers whose stop has real time information – 3,226



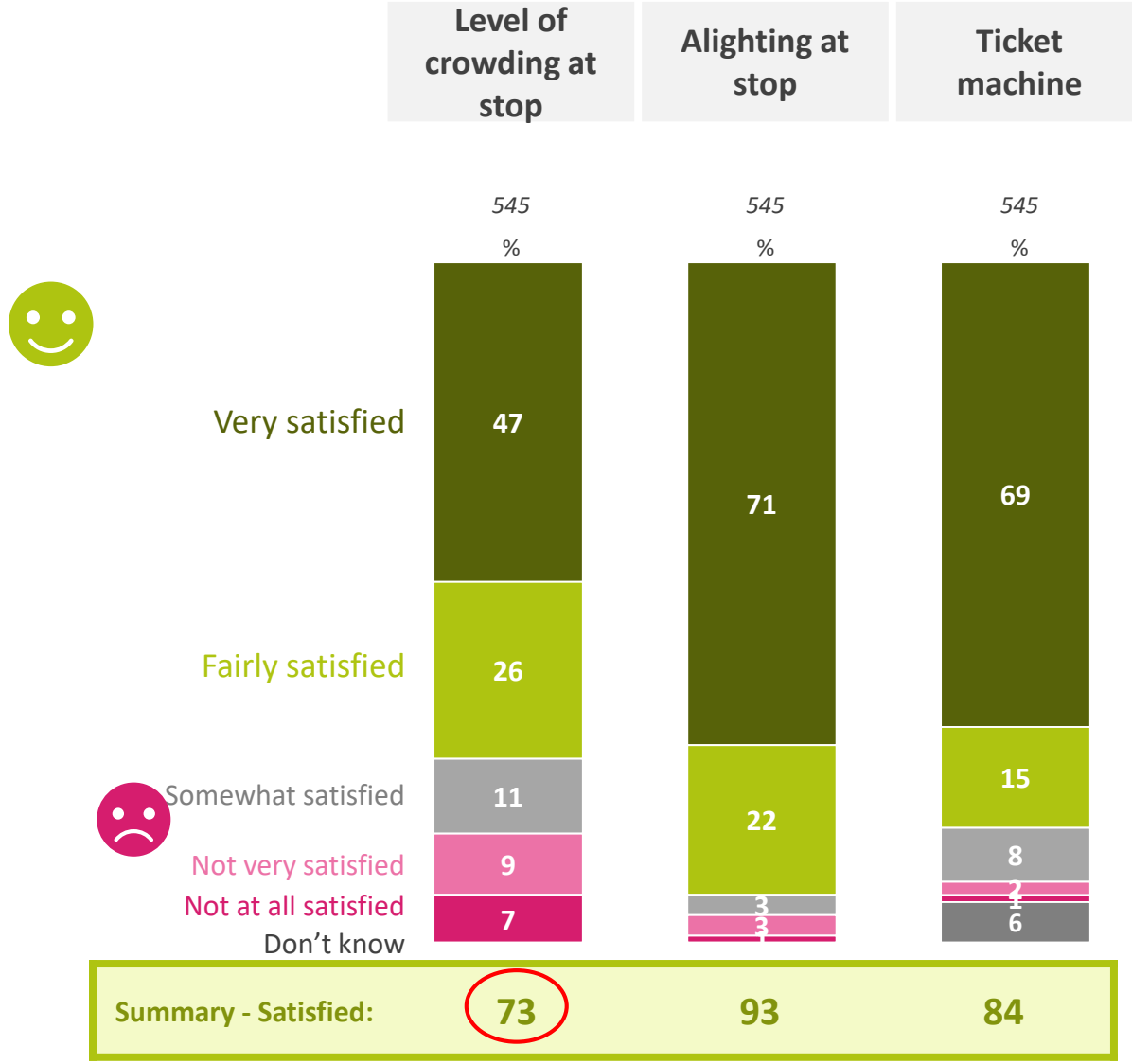
4. Personal safety: Higher proportion of LUAS customers with safety concerns than is evident for train or bus. Nevertheless, high satisfaction ratings with safety overall.

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



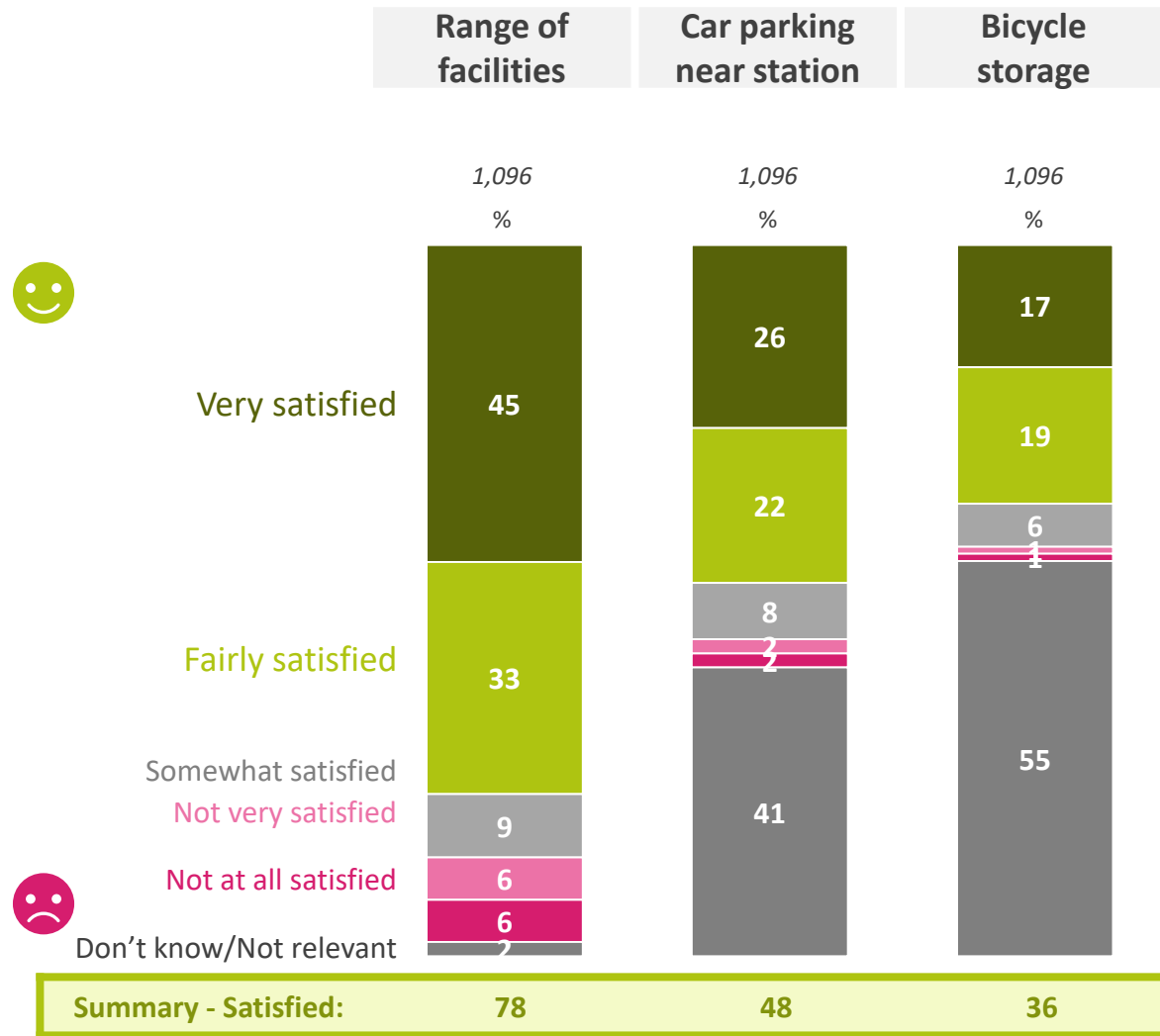
Luas: Crowding at the stop is more of an issue for Luas than other modes

Base: All Luas customers - 545



Rail: Satisfaction with other elements of rail network service

Base: All rail customers with services available



Q.4B Thinking about the STOP where you normally catch your ..., how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with... car parking facilities provided at or near the station/bicycle storage facilities provided at the station/ range of facilities provided at the station

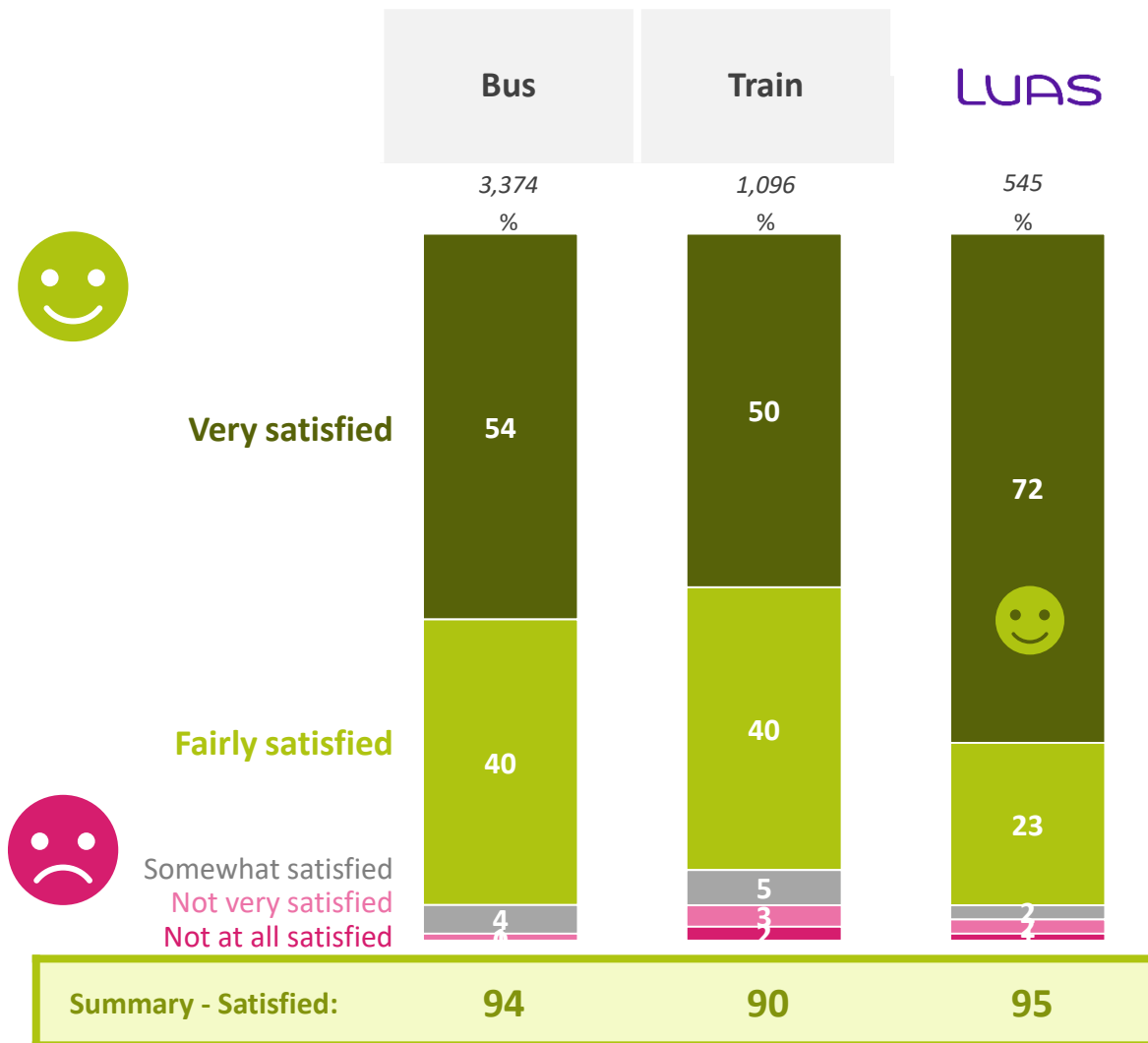




2.2 What's it like when using the service?

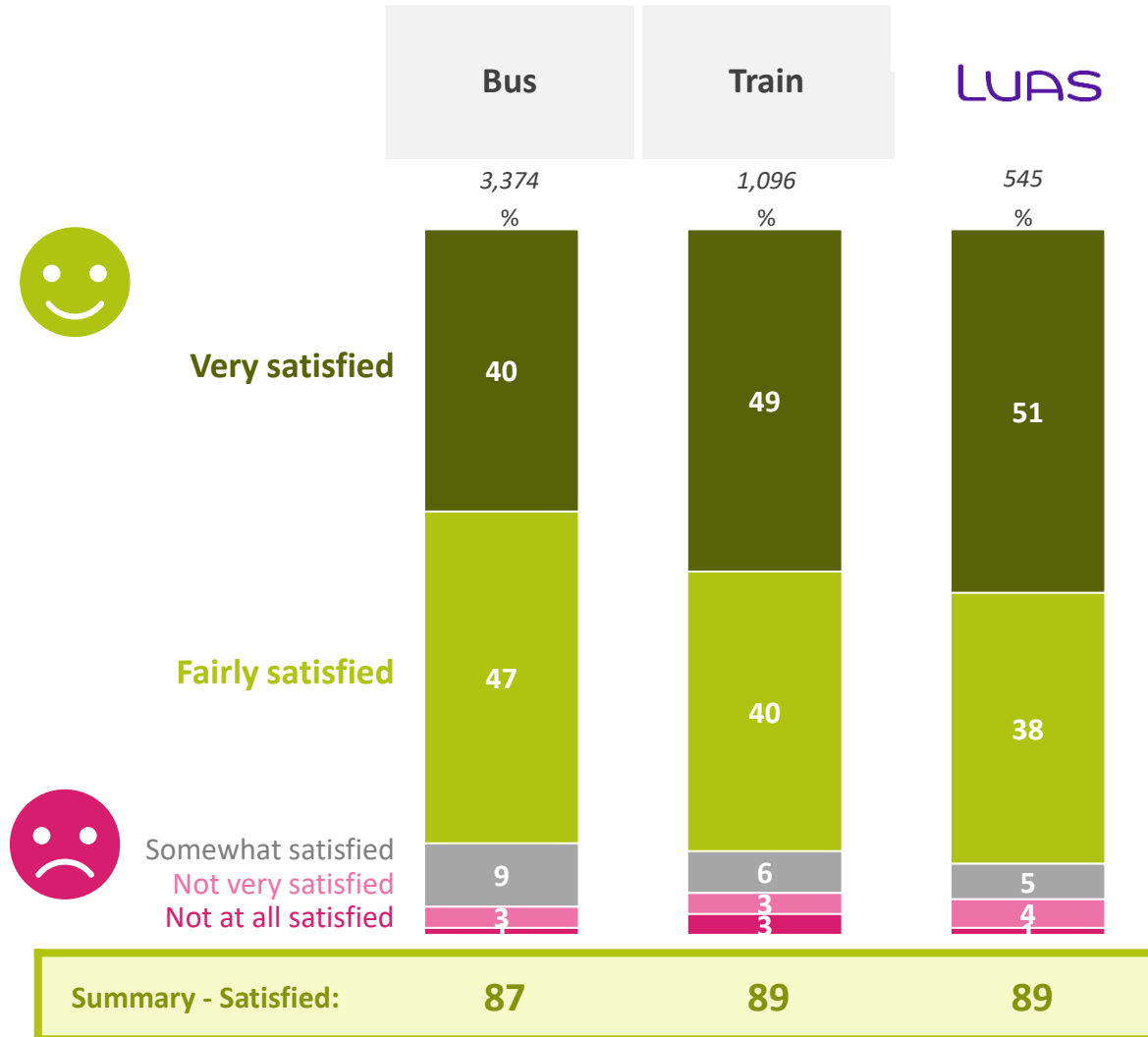
1. Condition of the mode: Satisfaction high particularly for Luas

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



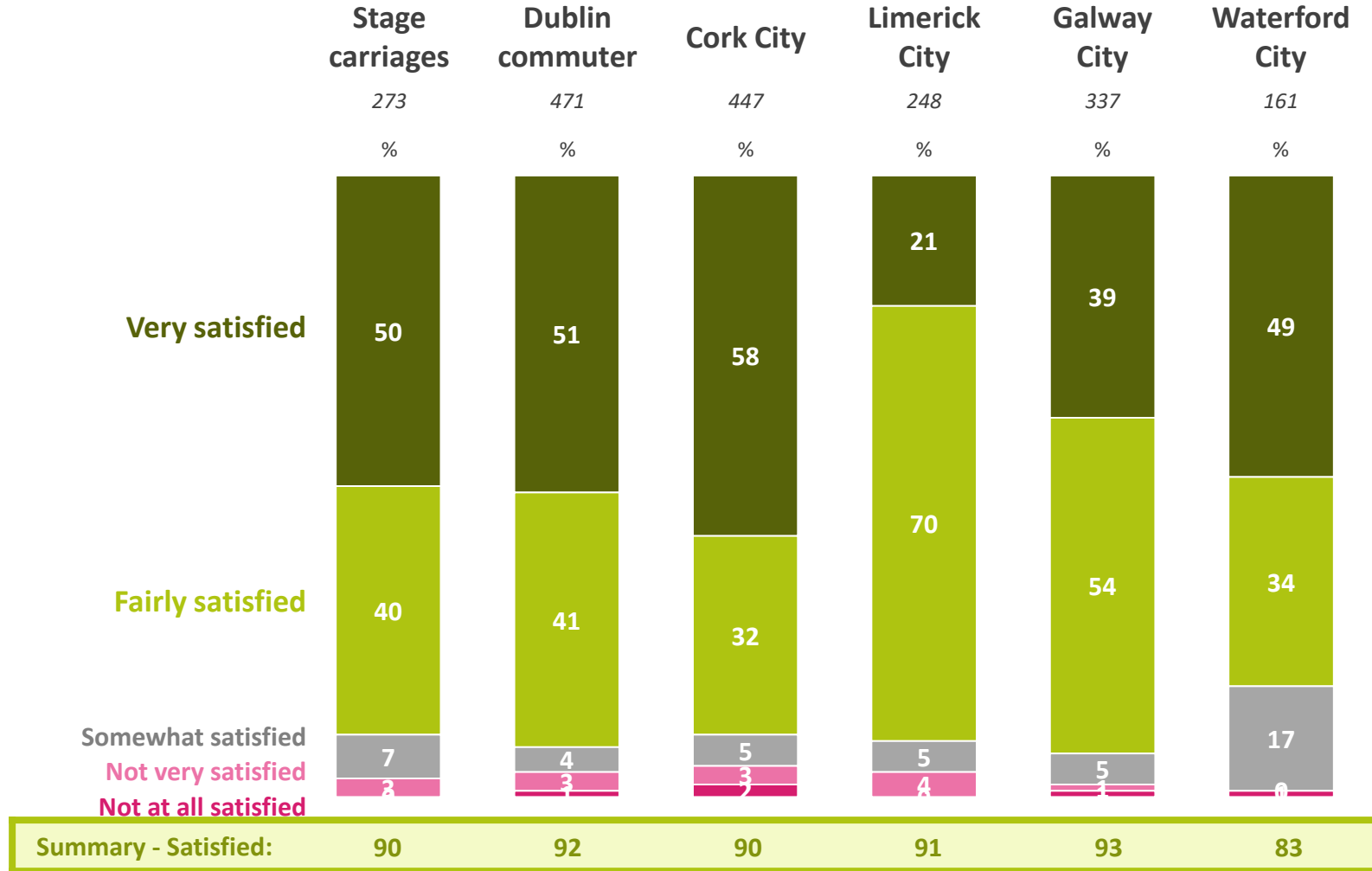
2.1 Comfort of the mode: Few are dissatisfied with the level of comfort on any mode

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



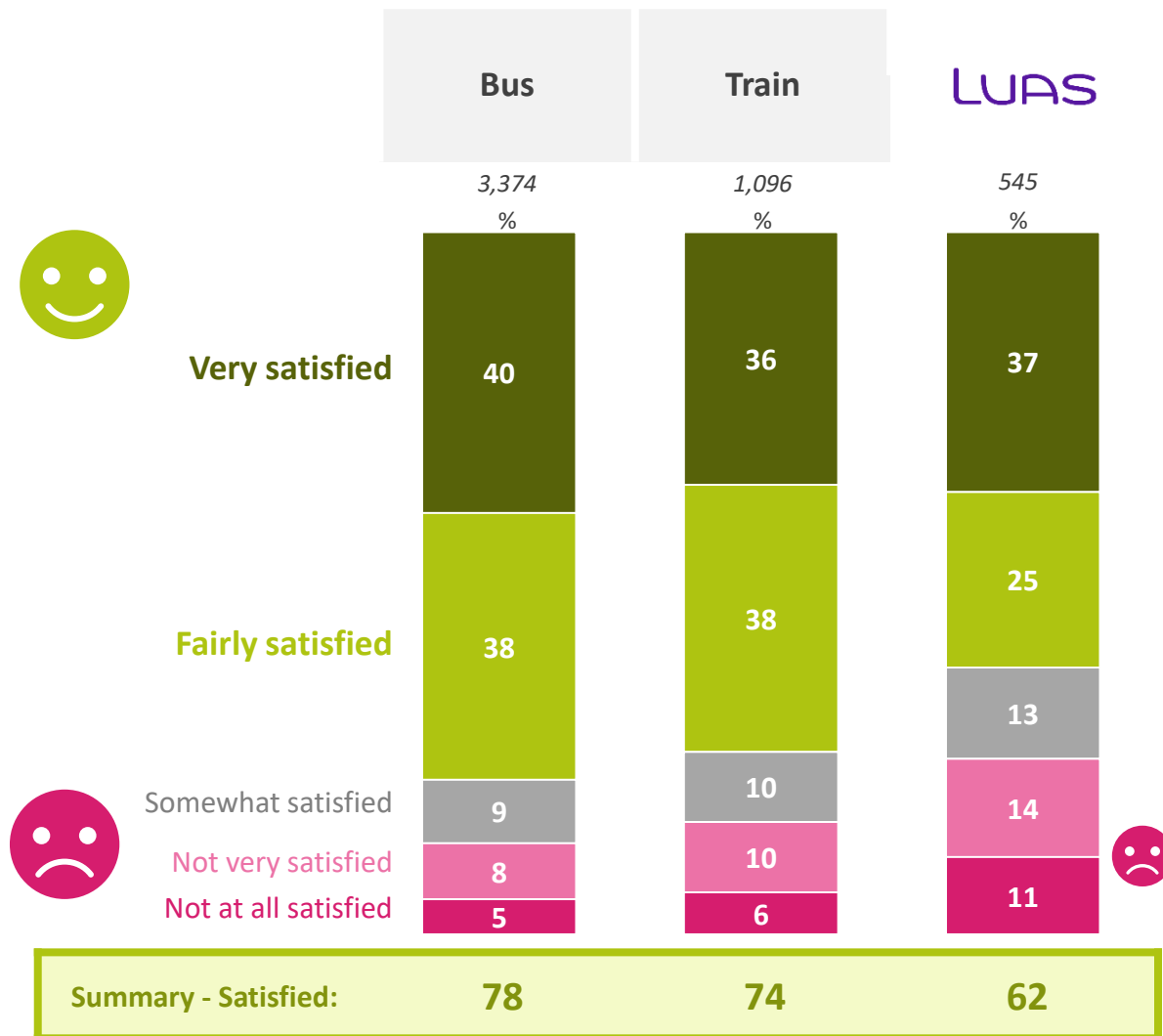
2.2 Comfort of the mode: Cork City fares best in terms of satisfaction with comfort on regional bus routes

Base: All regional bus customers – 1,937



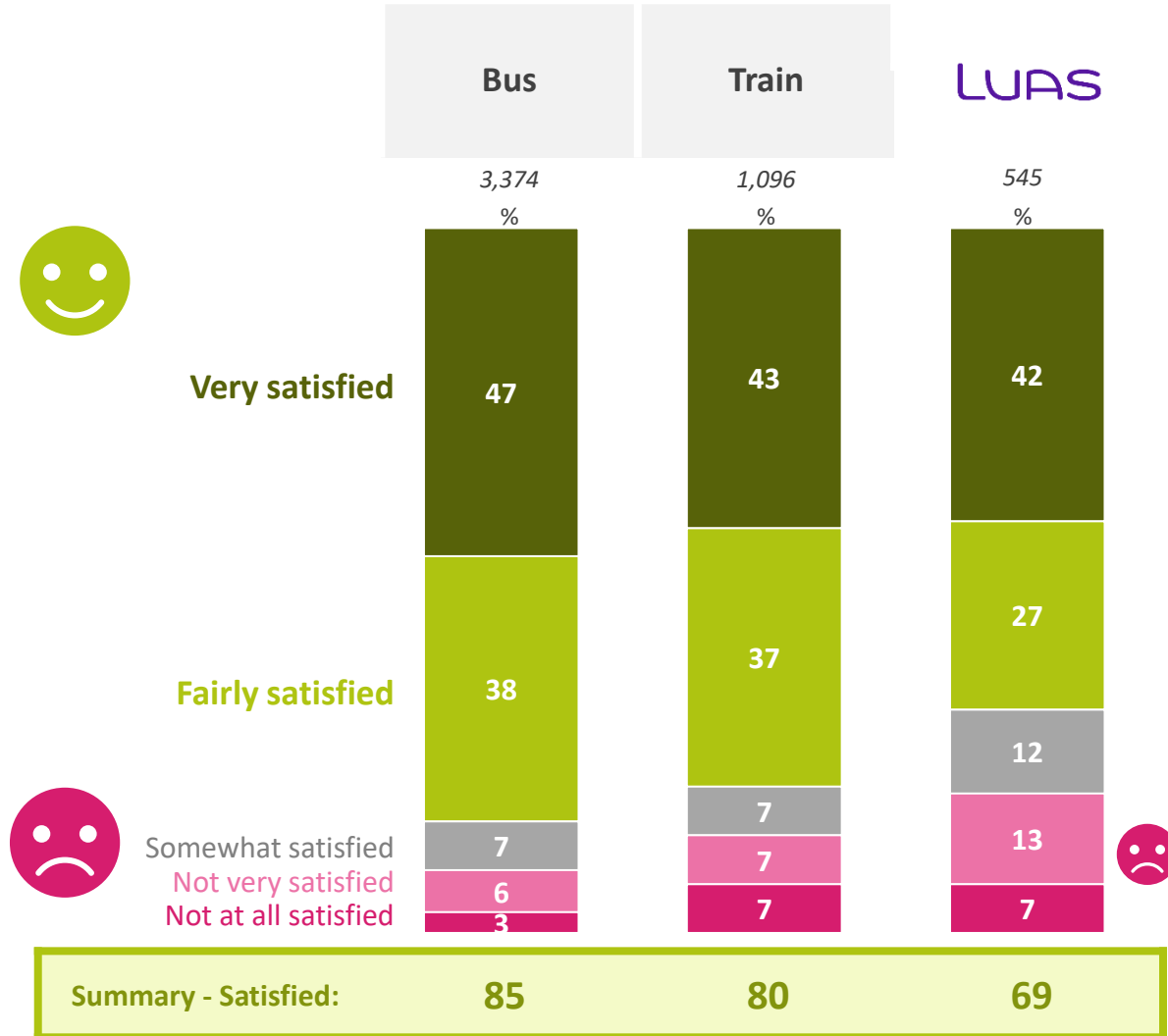
3. Level of crowding: Is most pronounced for Luas

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



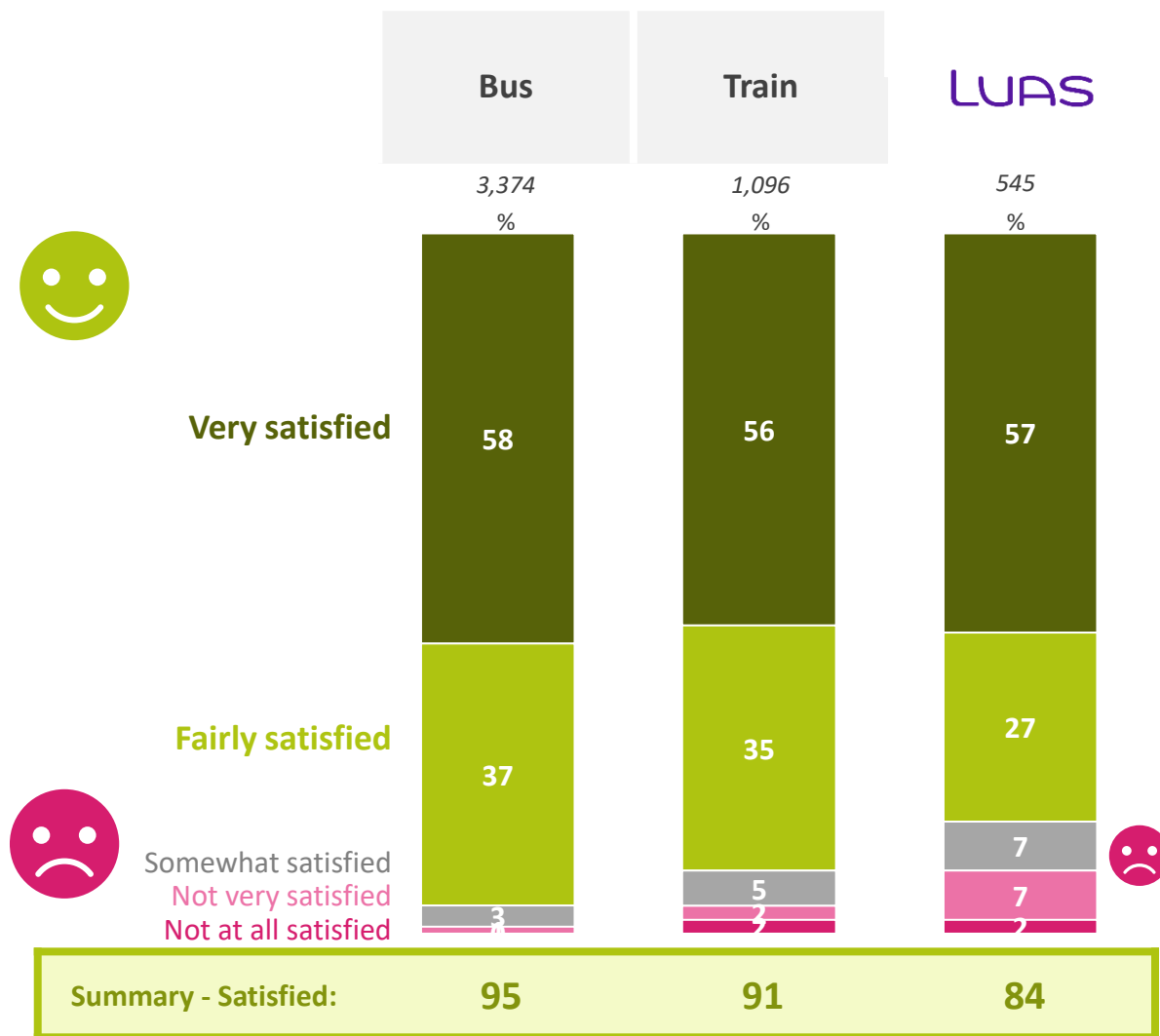
4. Availability of seats: As with the level of crowding, where criticism arises, it is most pronounced for Luas.

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



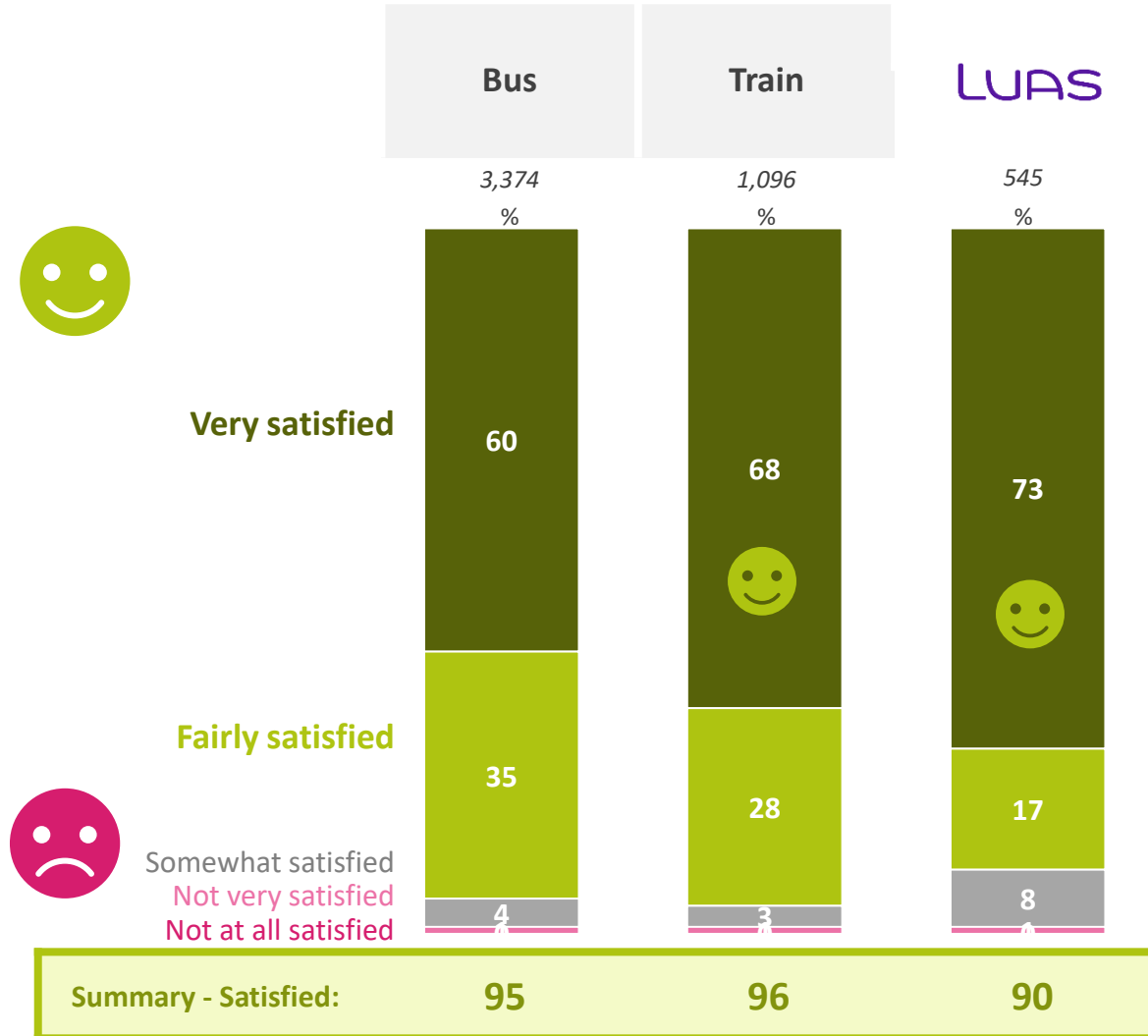
5. Personal safety during your journey: Bus performs best here.

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



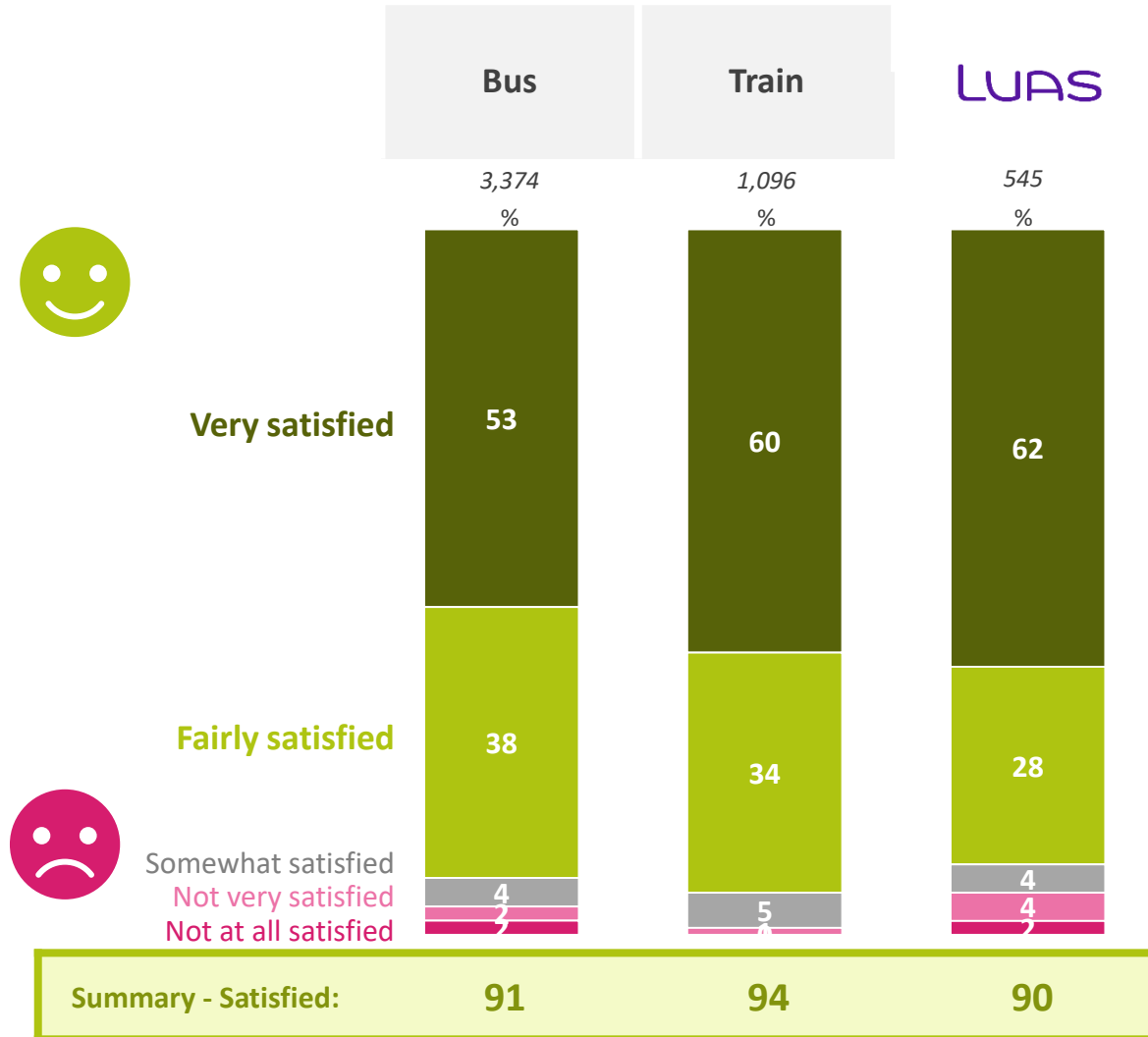
6. Ease of validating tickets: All modes performing well.

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



7. Ability to get on first mode that arrives: All modes performing well

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



8. Time taken for people to get on bus

Base: All bus users - 3374

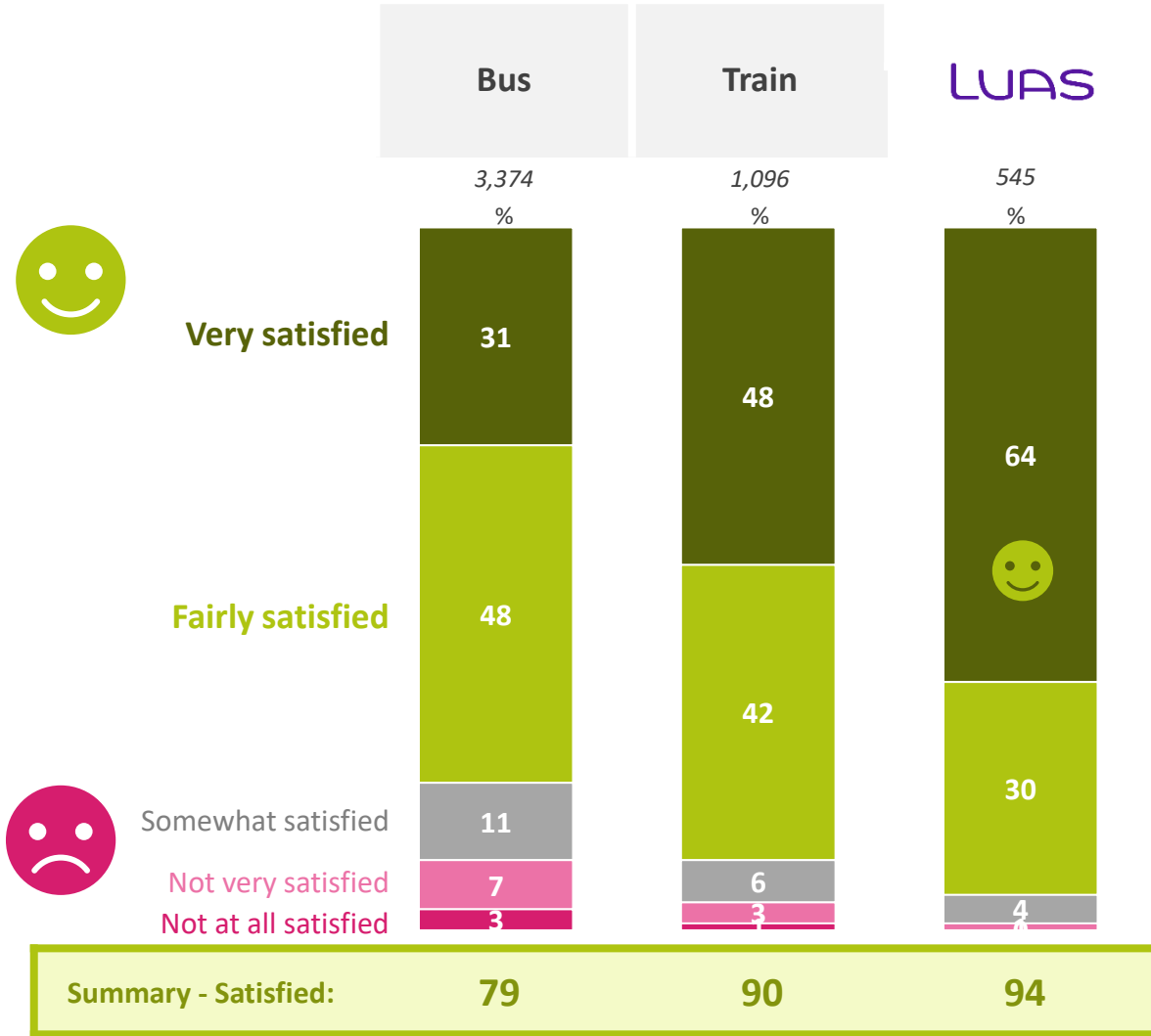




2.3 Reliability of the service

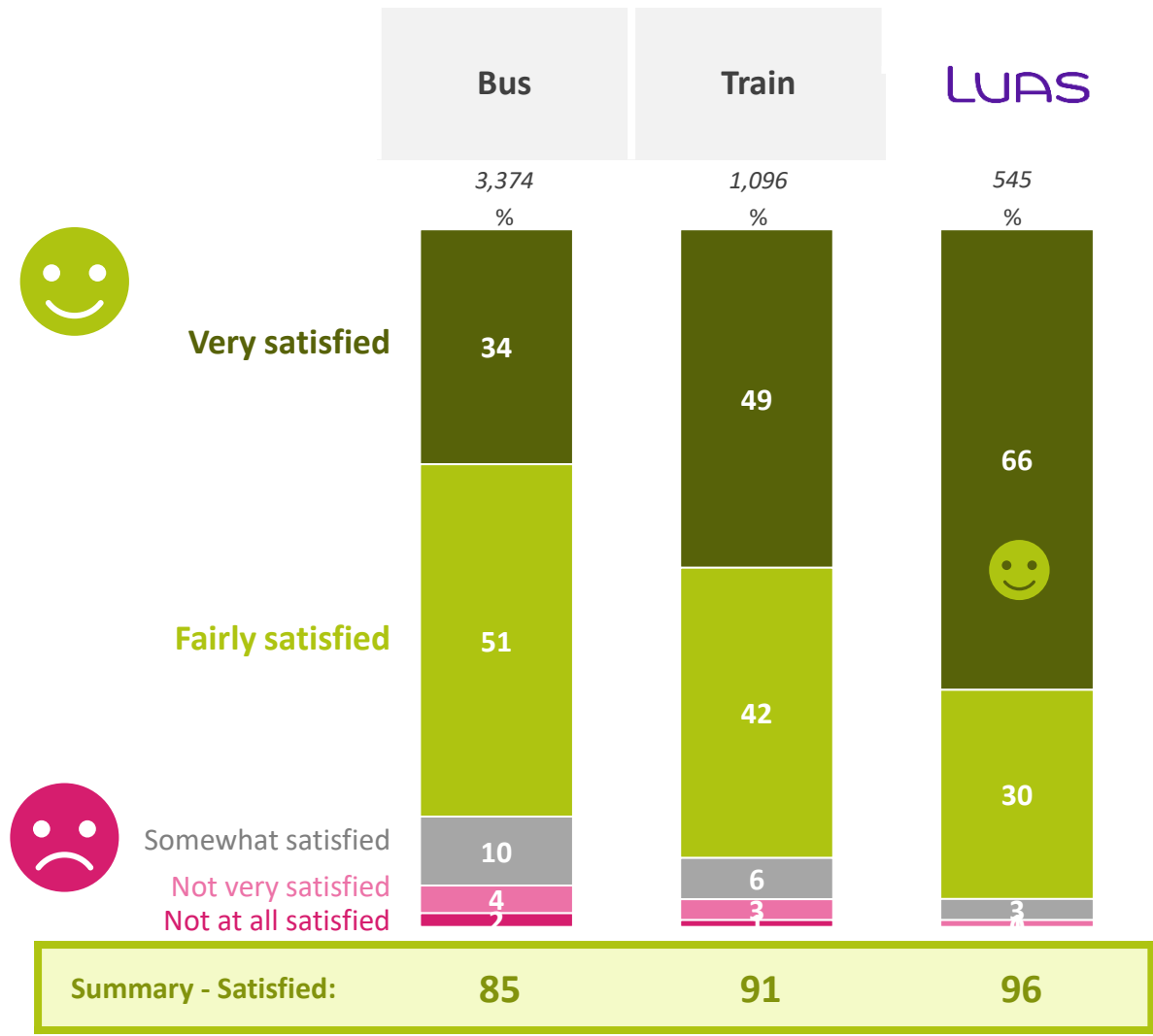
1. Reliability of mode arriving on time: Criticism highest for bus services, although the majority broadly satisfied

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



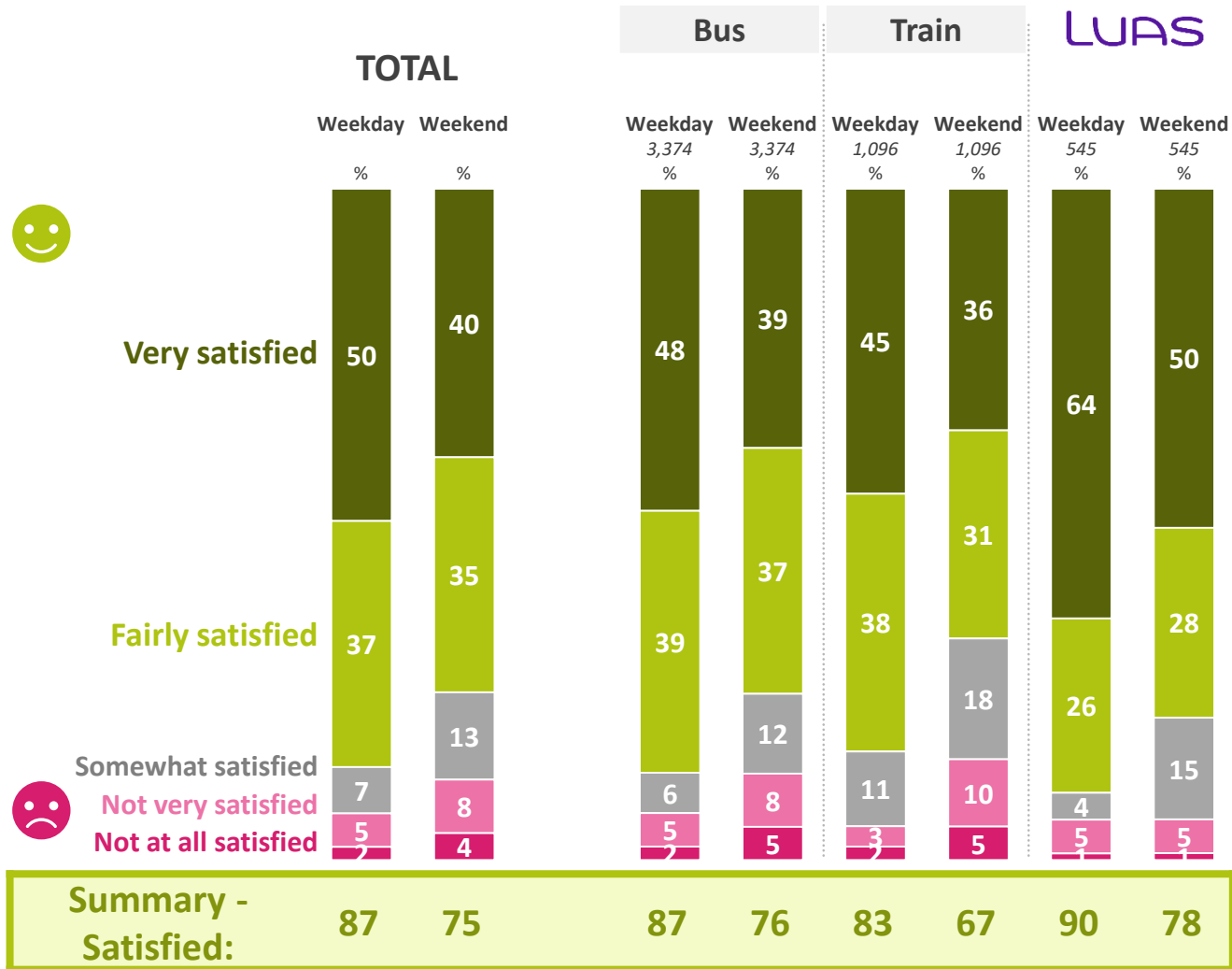
2. Getting to destination on time: Luas and rail fare best, with some minor levels of dissatisfaction evident for bus users.

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



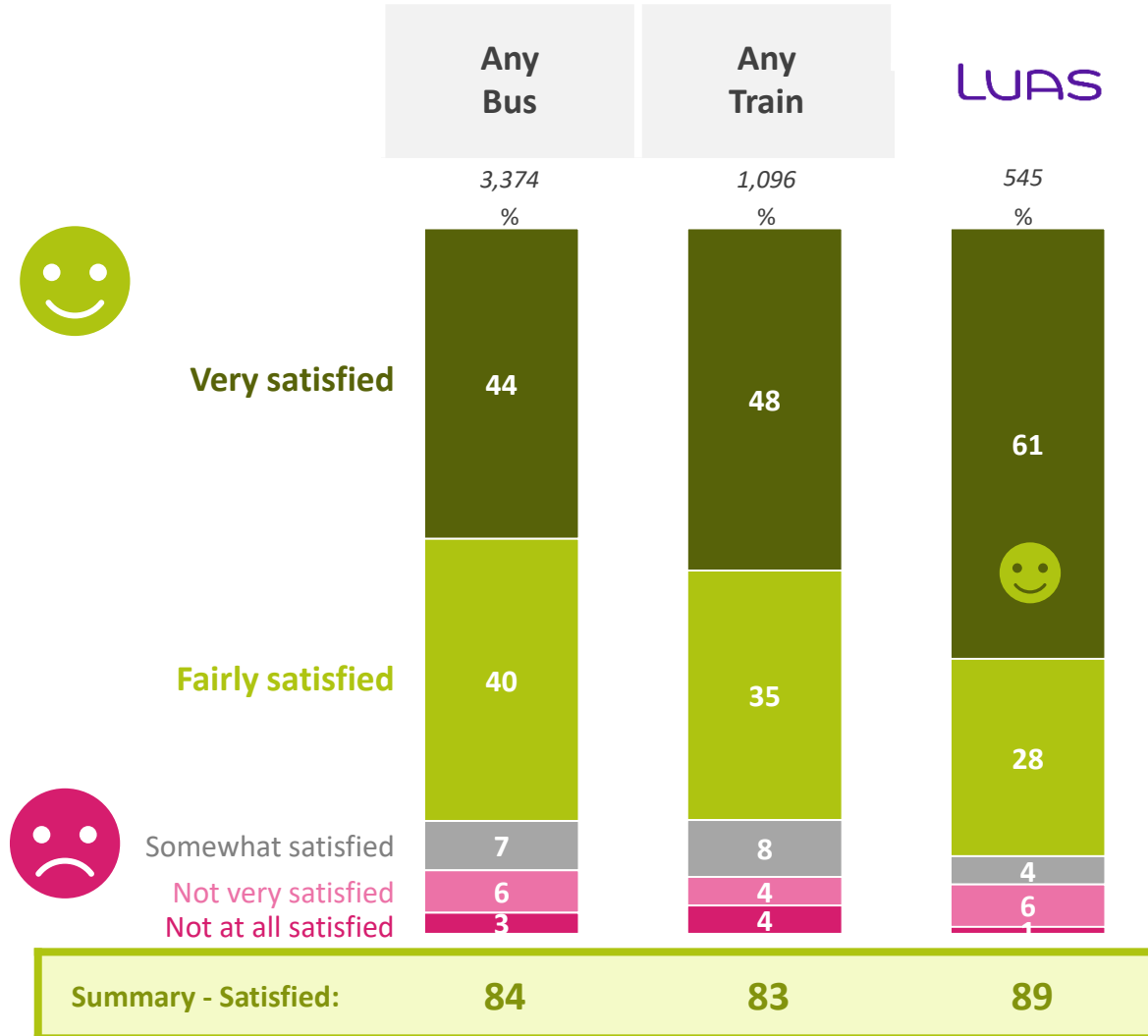
3. Frequency: Length of time between arrivals always better midweek vs weekends

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



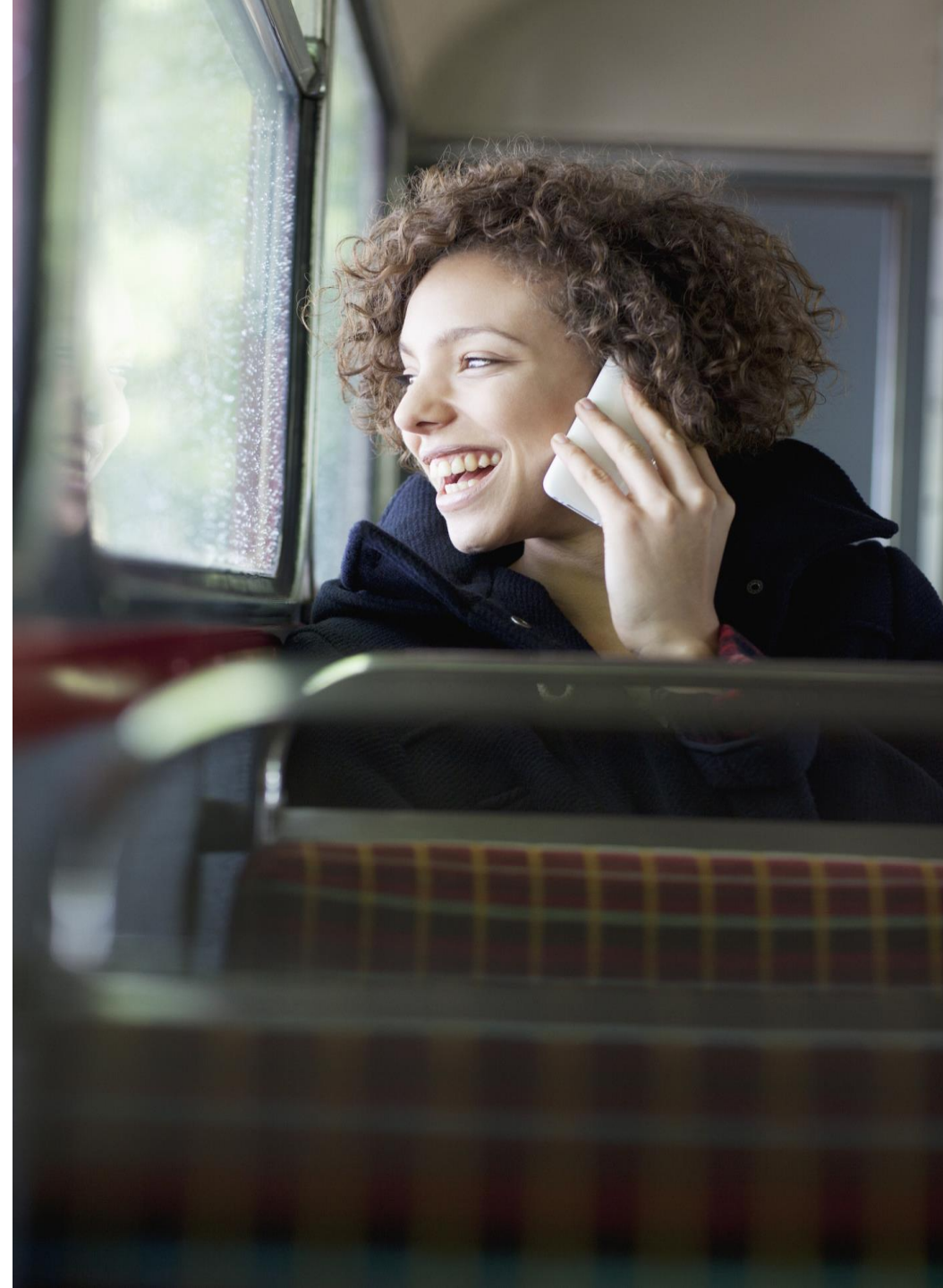
4. Hours of operation: Some criticism across the board with Luas the strongest performer

Base: All public transport customers - 5015



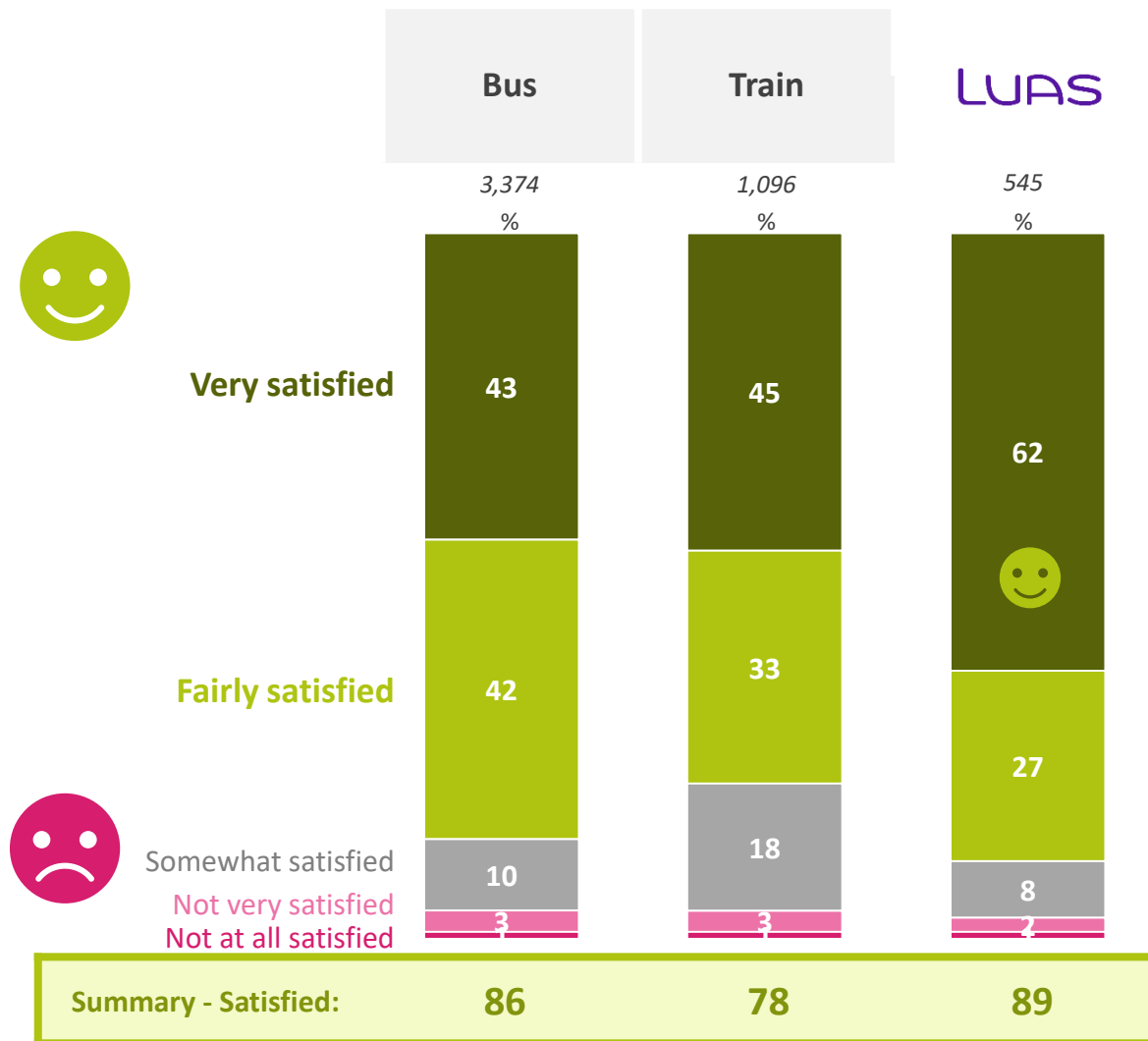
5. Convenience of BUS route

Base: All bus users: 3,374



6. Making connections: Customers are broadly satisfied

Base: All public transport customers - 5015

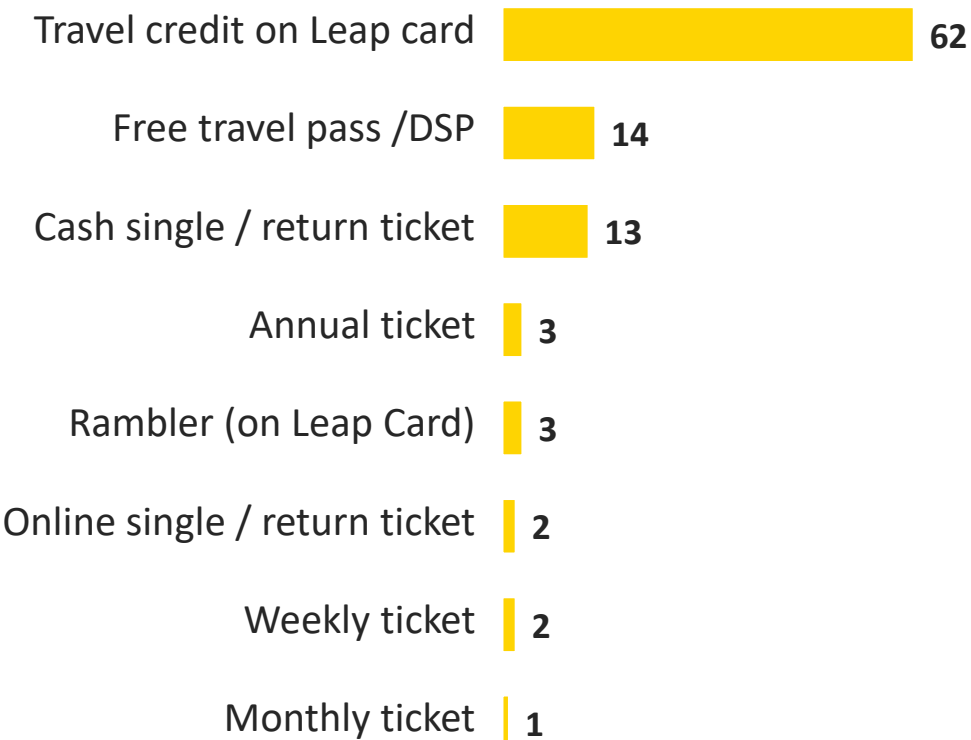




3. Ticketing

Leap Card dominates

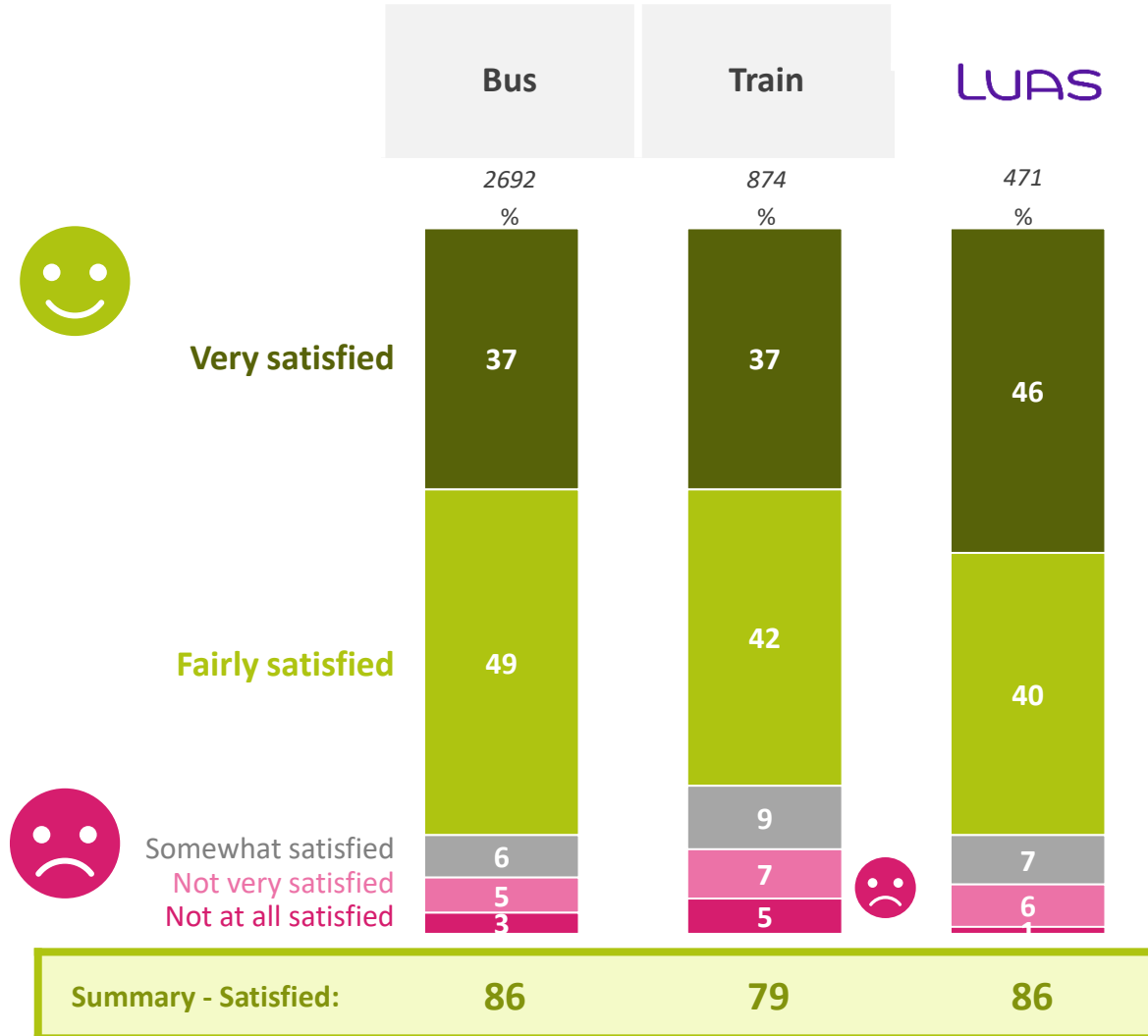
Base: All public transport customers - 5015



| | Any Bus | Any Train | LUAS |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 3,374 | 1,096 | 545 |
| | % | % | % |
| | 65 | 53 | 60 |
| | 13 | 19 | 14 |
| | 13 | 11 | 16 |
| | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| | 4 | - | - |
| | 1 | 9 | - |
| | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Satisfaction with value for money: Generally high although train have about 12% who are somewhat critical.

Base: All customers ex those with free travel pass - 4037





6. Suggested areas for improvement

Suggested areas for improvement

Base: All who specified areas for improvement – 2,111

| | TOTAL | Any Bus | Any Train | LUAS |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <i>Base :</i> | 2111 | 1,272 | 557 | 282 |
| | % | % | % | % |
| More/Extra buses | 15 | 25 | - | 0 |
| Punctual/Reliable – arrive, leave on time/Turn up/Stick to timetable | 12 | 19 | 6 | 1 |
| Frequent/Regular service | 10 | 11 | 12 | 8 |
| Security staff - on board, stations, car park/Address anti-social behaviour | 8 | 1 | 14 | 22 |
| More trains/Extra carriages | 7 | - | 28 | 5 |
| Cheaper/Lower fares | 7 | 9 | 6 | 4 |
| More trams/Extra carriages | 6 | - | - | 27 |
| Provide/Run later at night | 5 | 3 | 7 | 8 |
| Better service at weekends (more often, earlier, later) | 4 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| Better standard of hygiene/Cleanliness – cleaner trains, buses, seats | 4 | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| Others (all 3% or less) | 49 | 47 | 52 | 48 |



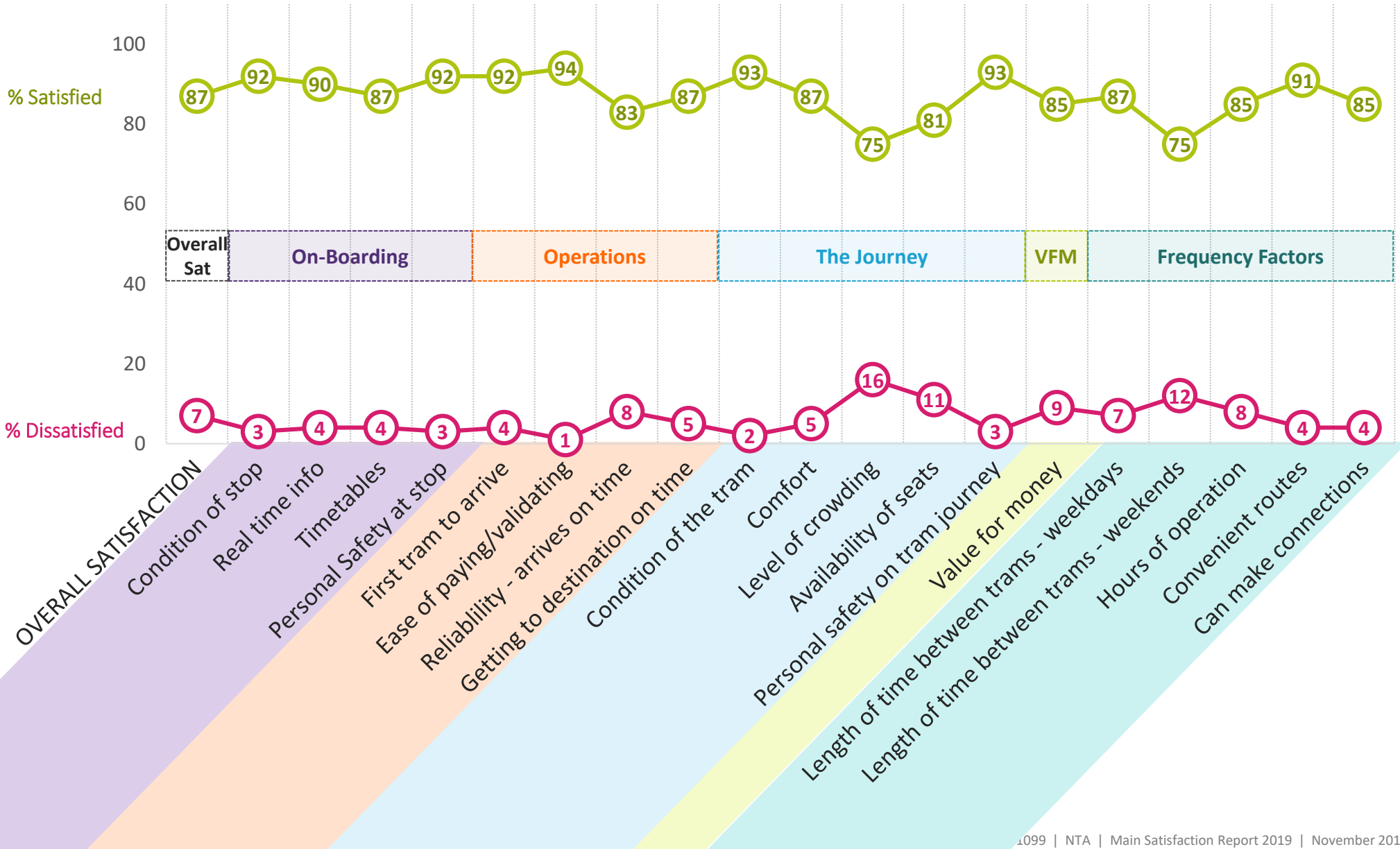
Q.19 Do you have any suggested areas for improvement? - Specified



8. Summary of satisfaction ratings

All forms of transport: Summary satisfaction scores

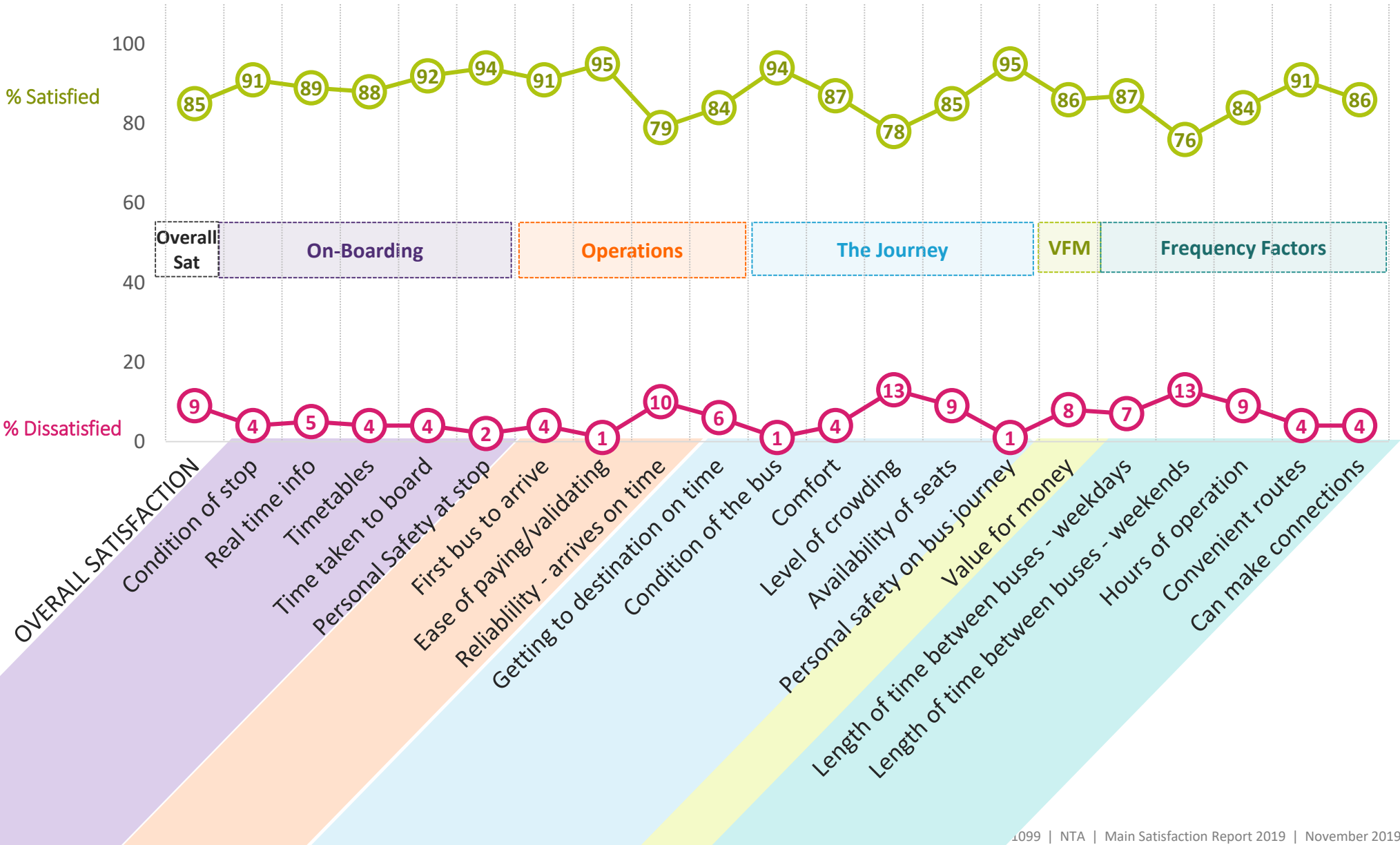
NPS
+36



Any Bus: Overall satisfaction scores

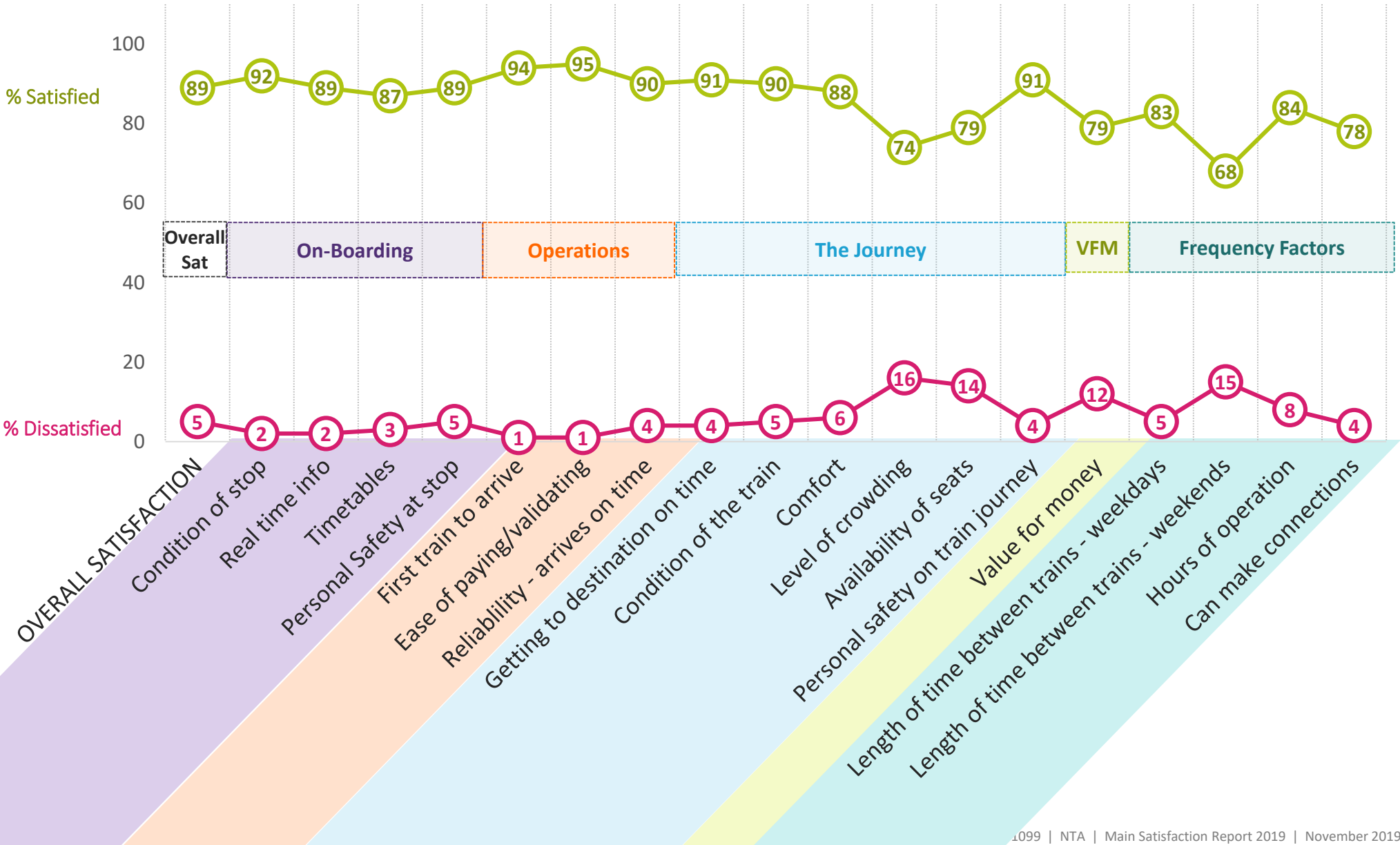


NPS
+31



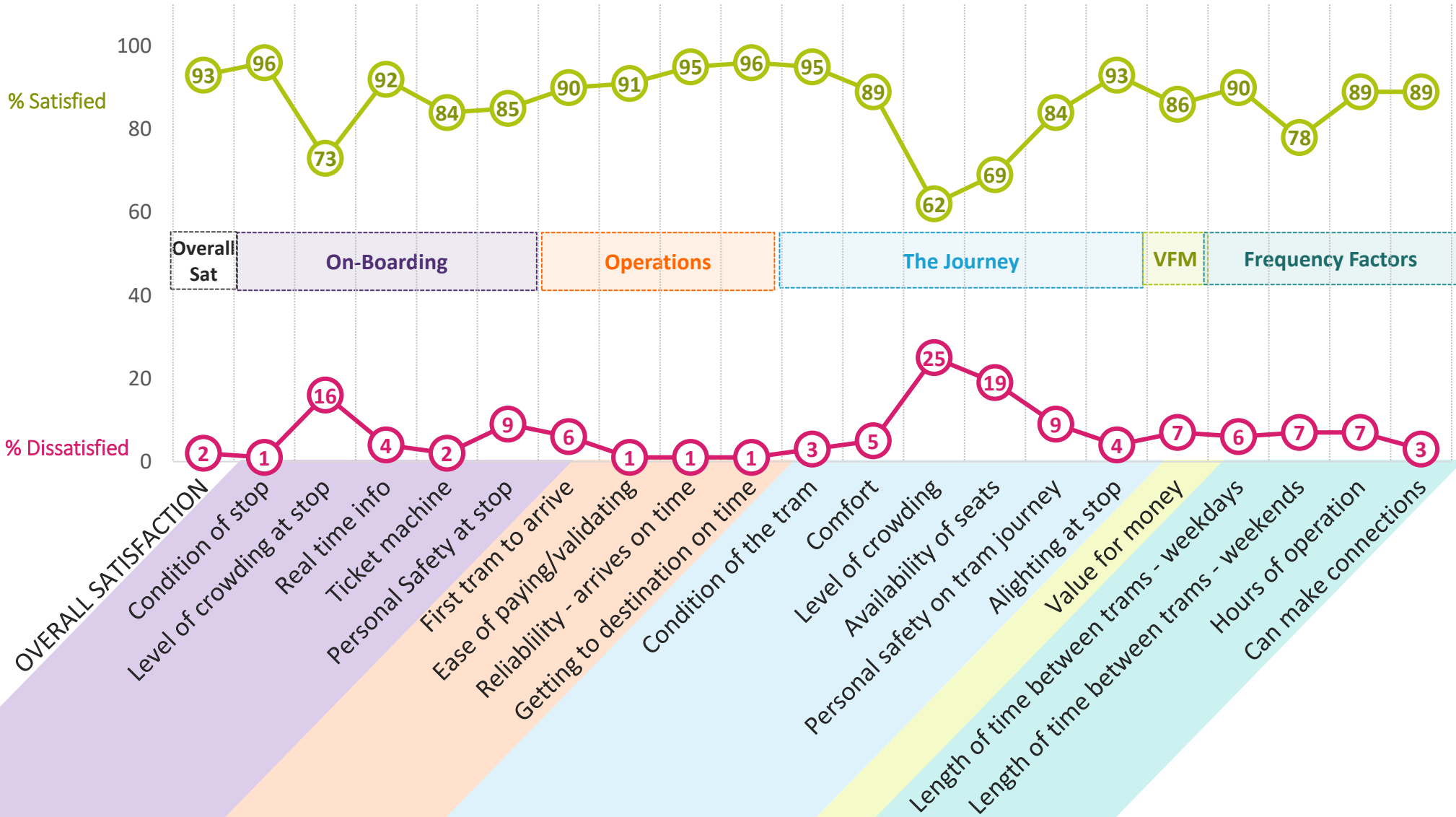
Any Train: Overall satisfaction scores

NPS
+35



LUAS : Summary satisfaction scores

NPS
+59



Appendix 1

2019 NTA Customer Satisfaction Questions

Q1a How often do you travel on a bus?

Q1b How often do you travel on the train?

Q1c How often do you travel on the LUAS?

1. Every day/weekday
2. 2-4 days per week
3. Once a week
4. At least once a month
5. Once every 2 to 3 months
6. Once every 4 to 6 months
7. Less frequently

Q2 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the service provided by **(service used)** overall?

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

ASK ALL

Q3 You said you were [RESPONSE FROM Q2] overall with the service provided. Please could you tell us the main reasons for this?

Q4Aa Which of the following are at the bus stop you usually get on at?

Q4Ab Which of the following are at the train station you usually get on at?

1. a shelter
2. real time information sign

IF DUBLIN BUS –

3. timetable/information panel

IF BUS EIREANN OR PRIVATE COACH OR IRISH RAIL OR DART – CODE 2, 3, 4, 5 AT A1

4. timetable/information panel (which may include a journey map and information on ticketing and the route)

If IRISH RAIL OR DART –

5. escalators
6. elevators
7. public toilets
8. ticket machine
9. car parking facilities...(needs to be included as it's referred to in Q4Bc, Train/Dart).
10. bicycle storage facilities...(needs to be included as it's referred to in Q4Bc, Train/Dart).
11. None of these

IF ANY BUS: (DUBLIN BUS, BUS EIREANN, PRIVATE BUS)

Q4Ba Thinking about the STOP where you normally catch your bus, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ...

IF ANY TRAIN: (IRISH RAIL, DART)

Q4Bb Thinking about the STATION where you normally catch your train, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ...

IF LUAS:

Q4Bc Thinking about the STOP where you normally catch your tram, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with

INTERVIEWER: SHOW SCREEN WITH SCALE AND READ OUT STATEMENT SCRIPTER: SINGLE CODE. RANDOMISE STATEMENTS

BUS:

1. overall condition of the bus stop/shelter
2. the real time information sign IS THIS RULE ACTIVATED?
3. the timetable/information panel provided
4. your personal safety at the bus stop

TRAIN/DART:

5. overall condition of the platform/station

6. the real time information sign
7. timetable/information panel
8. your personal safety at the station
9. the range of facilities provided at the station
10. car parking facilities provided at or near the station
11. bicycle storage facilities provided at the station
12. transport links/connections with other modes of transport at the station
13. that the shelter provides sufficient cover during periods of bad

LUAS:

14. overall condition of the stop
15. the real time information sign
16. the ticket machine
17. the level of crowding at the Luas stop
18. alighting at the stop
19. your personal safety at the stop
20. transport links/connections with other modes of transport at the stop

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied
6. Don't know/Not applicable (DO NOT READ OUT)

ASK ALL BUS USERS (DUBLIN BUS, BUS EIREANN, PRIVATE BUS) N1 Have you ever looked at or used timetable information displayed at most bus stops?

| | |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

IF YES

N2 Do you think the timetables at your regular stop is displaying information about...

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| The time the bus is scheduled to arrive at your stop | 1 |
| The time at which the bus leaves its terminus/Stop 1 | 2 |
| Don't know | 3 |

IF NO

N3 Why do you not use the timetables?

| | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--|
| Times are unreliable | |
| The service is very frequent and so I just tend to arrive | |
| Use my app more/use before to guide my timing | |
| Trust the app more/app is more reliable | |
| My stop has real time information | |
| Other specify | |

ASK ALL

N4 In the absence of real time information, which timetable would you prefer to see at the stops you use?

| | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| The time the bus is scheduled to arrive at your stop | 1 |
| The time at which the bus leaves its terminus/Stop 1 | 2 |
| Don't know | 3 |

Q.4Baa1 Do you own a mobile phone?

| | |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

Q4Ba1 Do you use an App on your phone to give you Real-Time/Live (PIPE THROUGH RELEVANT TRANSPORT TYPE FROM Q,A1) times from?

| | |
|-----|---|
| Yes | 1 |
| No | 2 |

Use an App

Q4Ba2 Which App do you use most often? **SINGLE CODE.**

| | |
|--------------------------------------------------|---|
| TFI Real Time Ireland | 1 |
| Dublin Bus Official (Only show Dub Bus Users) | 2 |
| Irish Rail Official (Only show Irish Rail Users) | 3 |
| Luas Official (Only show Luas Users) | 4 |
| Unofficial App | 5 |
| No, I don't know what App I use | 6 |
| Other, please specify | 7 |

AWARE OF APP

Q4Ba3 How often, if at all, do you use this app when using the Dublin Bus services? **SINGLE CODE.**

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Every time | 1 |
| Most of the time | 2 |
| Half of the time | 3 |
| A quarter of the time | 4 |
| Never | |

IF EVER USE: CODE 1-4 AT Q.4Ba2

Q4Ba4 How accurate or inaccurate do you think the Real Time information is when you use this app? Please use a scale of 1 to 10, where 1 is not at all accurate and 10 is extremely accurate.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1 – Not at all accurate | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 – Extremely accurate |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

HAVE REAL TIME AT THEIR STOP

Q4Ba5 I would like you now to think about the real time information sign **at the stop** where you normally catch your bus. Using a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all accurate and 10 is extremely accurate, how

accurate or inaccurate would you say the information provided on this sign at the stop is?

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| 1 – Not at all accurate | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 – Extremely accurate |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |

ASK ALL

N5 In rank order which of the following sources of information are you most likely to use if you are taking one of your most regular journeys? Which is the first one you are most likely to check? INTERVIEWER COLLECT RANKING.

N6 And if you are making a new or different journey, what might that ranking be like? Which is likely to be the first one you might use? The second...

| | Q.N3 | Q.N4 | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| None. Know time and route. | | | If selected, no ranking required. |
| | | | |
| | Rank 1 = most likely 0 = never use | Rank 1 = most likely 0 = never use | |
| Timetable/route planning information published at stops/stations | | | |
| A timetable that I printed from the transport website or picked up on a bus or at a bus station | | | |
| A transport app. | | | |
| A transport website. | | | |
| Google maps/Apple maps. | | | |
| Other (specify) _____ | | | |

ASK IF ANY BUS: (DUBLIN BUS, BUS EIREANN, PRIVATE BUS)

Q5a Thinking about the bus you normally travel on, how satisfied of dissatisfied are you with ...

ASK IF ANY TRAIN: (IRISH RAIL, DART)

Q5b Thinking about the train you normally travel on, how satisfied of dissatisfied are you with ...

ASK IF LUAS:

Q5c Thinking about the tram you normally travel on, how satisfied of dissatisfied are you with ...

1. the overall condition of the bus
2. the overall condition of the train
3. the overall condition of the tram
4. the level of crowding inside
5. the availability of seats
6. your personal safety during your journey
7. ability to get on the first bus that arrives at your stop
8. the time taken for people to get on the bus

9. ease of paying/validating your ticket

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

Q6 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ...

IF BUS

A. ... your overall level of comfort on the bus you normally travel on?

IF TRAIN

B. ... your overall level of comfort on the train you normally travel on?

IF LUAS

C. ... your overall level of comfort on the tram you normally travel on?

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

Q7A How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ...

- a) ... the reliability of the bus arriving on time?
- b) ... the reliability of the train arriving on time?
- c) ... the reliability of the LUAS arriving on time?

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

ASK ALL DISSATISFIED ABOUT SERVICE ARRIVING ON TIME:

Q7B Why were you dissatisfied?

- Always late
- Regularly late

- Sometimes late
- Always early
- Regularly early
- Sometimes early
- Service frequently does not show up

Q8 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ...

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 1-3 AT A1

a) ... the bus getting you to your destination on time?

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 4-5 AT A1

b) ... the train getting you to your destination on time?

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 6 AT A1

c) ... the tram getting you to your destination on time?

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

ASK ALL

Q10A What type of ticket do you use most often?

1. Cash single / return ticket
2. Online single / return ticket [**SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 2,4 OR 5 AT A1**]
3. Leap card (using credit you top up) [**SCRIPTER: DO NOT SHOW IF CODE 3 PRIVATE BUS AT A1**]
4. Weekly ticket
5. Monthly ticket
6. Annual ticket
7. Rambler (on Leap Card) [**SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 1 (DUBLIN BUS AT A1)**]
8. Free travel pass /DSP card
9. Other (specify)_____

Q10B Do you avail of the Tax saver ticket scheme through your employer?

1. 1 Yes
2. 2 No

Q11 How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ...?

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 1-3 AT A1

a) ... bus services in terms of value for money?

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 4-5 AT A1

b) ... train services in terms of value for money?

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 6 AT A1

c) ... Luas services in terms of value for money?

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

Q14 how would you rate your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each of the following:

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF (DUBLIN BUS, BUS EIREANN, PRIVATE BUS)

- a) Length of time between buses on weekdays?
- b) Length of time between buses on weekends?
- c) ...already asked in Q5a.7The hours of operation of the bus services?
- d) That you are able to make connections with other public transport services?
- e) bus routes in this area are convenient for your travel needs

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF (IRISH RAIL, DART)

- f) Length of time between trains on weekdays?
- g) Length of time between trains on weekends?
- h) That you are generally able to get on the first train that arrives?
- i) The hours of operation of train services?
- j) That you are able to make connections with other public transport services?

SCRIPTER: SHOW IF (LUAS)

- k) Length of time between trams on weekdays?
- l) Length of time between trams on weekends?
- m) That you are generally able to get on the first tram that arrives?
- n) The hours of operation of tram services?
- o) That you are able to make connections with other public transport services?

INTERVIEWER: SHOW SCREEN WITH SCALE AND READ OUT STATEMENT SCRIPTER: SINGLE CODE. RANDOMISE

- 1. Very satisfied
- 2. Fairly satisfied
- 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 4. Fairly dissatisfied
- 5. Very dissatisfied
- 6. Don't know

Q15a What do you use the bus for? **ALLOW MULTI CODE**

Q15b What do you use the train for?

Q15c What do you use the tram for?

- 1. Shopping
- 2. Leisure/Sports
- 3. Work
- 4. School/College
- 5. Travelling home at the weekends [**SCRIPTER: SHOW IF CODE 2-4 AT A1**]
- 6. Other

Q.17 How likely are you to **recommend** the service to someone else *in this area*? Please use a scale of 0 to 10 where 10 is extremely likely and 0 is not at all likely to recommend

0 Not at all likely to recommend 1

2

3

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10 Extremely likely to recommend

99 Don't know/Refused

Q18 In your opinion is the service better now, worse or about the same as it was versus 12 months ago?

1 Better now

2 About the same

3 Worse than it was

4 Don't know

Q16A Thinking about your most recent journey on bus , what was the route number of the bus you travelled on?

Q16B Thinking about your most recent journey on train, what station did you get on at?

Q16C Thinking about your most recent journey on Luas, which line did you travel on?

1. Red Line
2. Green Line

Q16D How satisfied were you with your most recent trip ?

1. Very satisfied
2. Fairly satisfied
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. Fairly dissatisfied
5. Very dissatisfied

Q.19 Do you have any suggested areas for improvement?

1. Yes (please specify)
2. No
3. Don't know

Thank you.



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