Taxi user research 2023

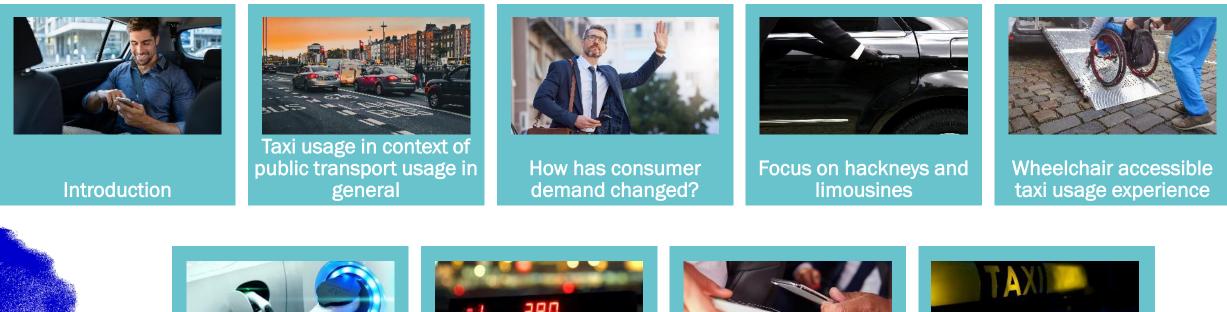
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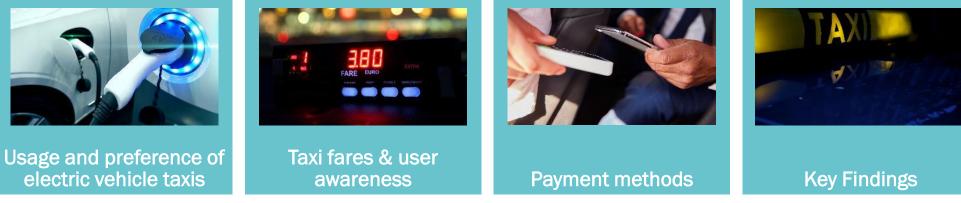
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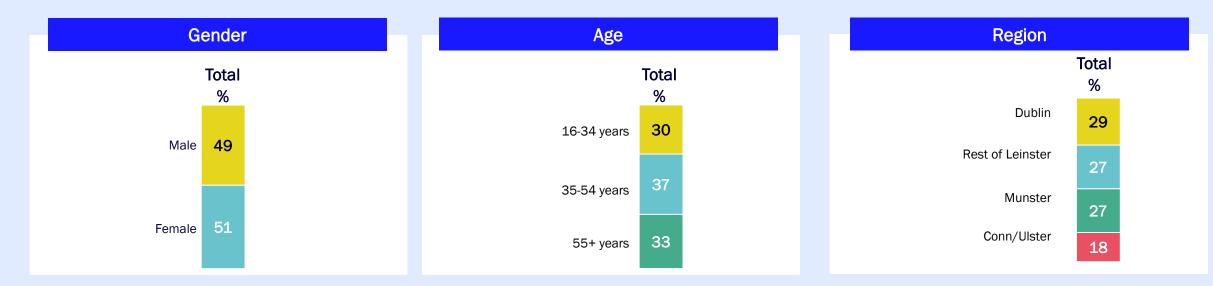
This report details the findings of a representative survey of taxi users in Ireland (May 2023).

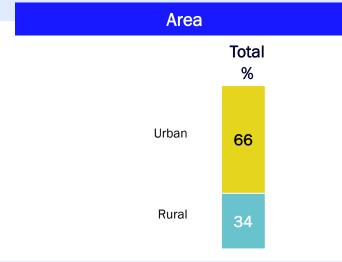
This survey sets out to understand current and expected taxi usage, with a focus on electric and wheelchair accessible taxis (WAT). Results in relation to hackney and limousine usage are also provided. The information will be used to inform future plans for the industry.

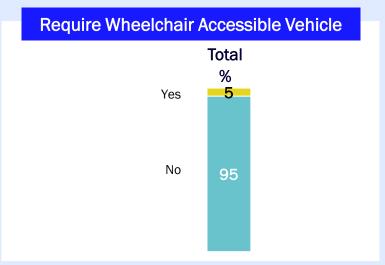


Profile of respondents

Base: All adults - 1,070







Objectives

The core objective of this survey was:

To gain a nationally representative view of taxi incidence and frequency of taxi usage in Ireland

This research covered:

- Incidence of taxi usage both in itself and in the context of other public transport modes.
- Usage behaviour in regard to ordering.
- Usage and preference of electric taxis.
- Taxi experience for WAT users.
- Usage and experience with hackneys and limousines.
- Understanding of fares and electronic payments.
- SPSV user awareness.



Methodology:

A representative survey of taxi users in Ireland

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Sample Size: 1,070 adults 920 current taxi users 1,070 taxi users past 12 months 830 used a taxi in the past 6 months 275 used a taxi in past fortnight

A booster of n=50 adults who require a WAT or who have travelled with someone who does was included.



Quota Controls:

Quota controls in place for gender, age, social class, region and area to match demographics.

Weights:

Population weights have been applied on the sample (booster included) to ensure representivity and to allow us estimate numbers of taxi users as well as percentages.

Fieldwork Dates: 2023: 10th to 23rd May 2023.

Context:



Since 1st September 2022 cashless payment facility regulations have been in place. Since 1st January 2023 the NTA has introduced a new €250 fixed payment notice for the refusal by a driver to carry a passenger in a wheelchair and increased from €40 to €250 the fixed payment notice for refusal to carry a guide or assistance dog.



B&A Acumen Panel:

Survey was conducted online by inviting relevant demographic cohorts from the acumen panel membership through quotas to participate.

1. Taxi usage in context of public transport usage in general



Any taxi usage at 86%, is now the highest rate recorded since October 2020





Increase of +13% in taxi usage between Oct '22 and May '23.

Any usage has increased across all public transport modes. Taxi usage in particular has increased after a dip in October '22, weekly usage is now 8% in line with Feb '22 results. Base: All adults - 1,070

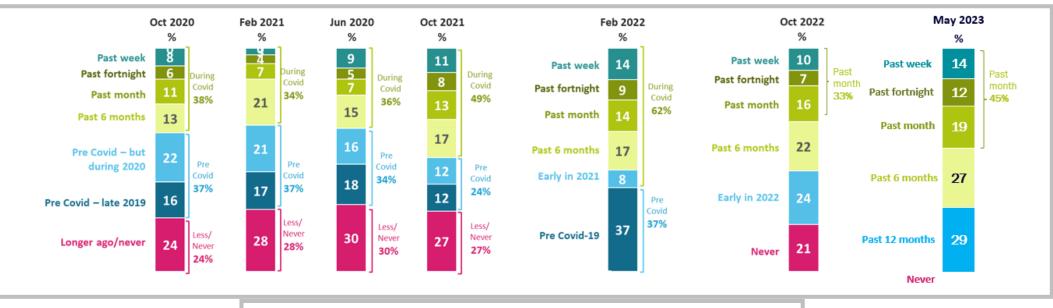
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Regular commuter 4+ times a week	% 9	% 10	% 12	% 24 4	% 4 5	% 3 6 4	% 2 4 4	% 3 6	% 4 6	% 7	% 	% 7	% 	% 5 6	% 5 7	%	%	%
About once a week	10	9	10	11	9		9	6	4	7	10	8	3 6	3 6	5			
Once a fortnight	7	7	13			14		8	11	15		15			7	52	45	
Once a month	9	10	6										26	24		52		56
			12				42	41							28			
Less often	40	38	42	53	54	55			45	51	54	54				23	26	23
Never	25	26	15	27	26	17	38	36	30	19	27	14	54	56	48	4 4 11 7	5 5 12 6	4 3 10 4
Weekly+	19	19	25	5	6	9	7	9	11	8	4	8	11	11	12	75	71	79
Fortnightly/Monthly	16	17	18	15	14	18	13	14	15	22	14	23	9	9	11	8	10	8
Any Usage	75	74	85	73	74	83	62	64	70	81	73	86	46	44	52	93	94	96

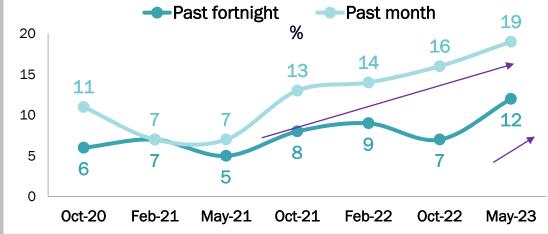


2. How has consumer demand changed?

Reported usage has grown significantly since October '22. Past week, past fortnight and past month usage all increased.

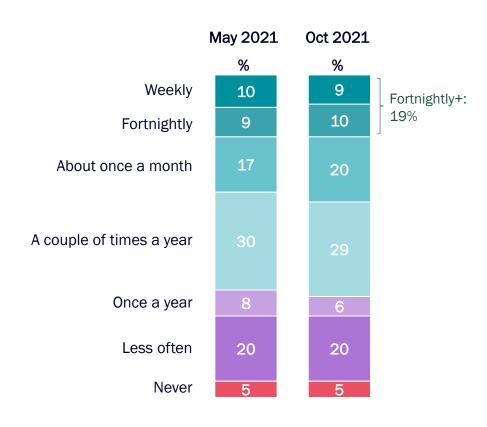
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Reported any fortnightly usage is up 7% vs. Covid times at 26%.

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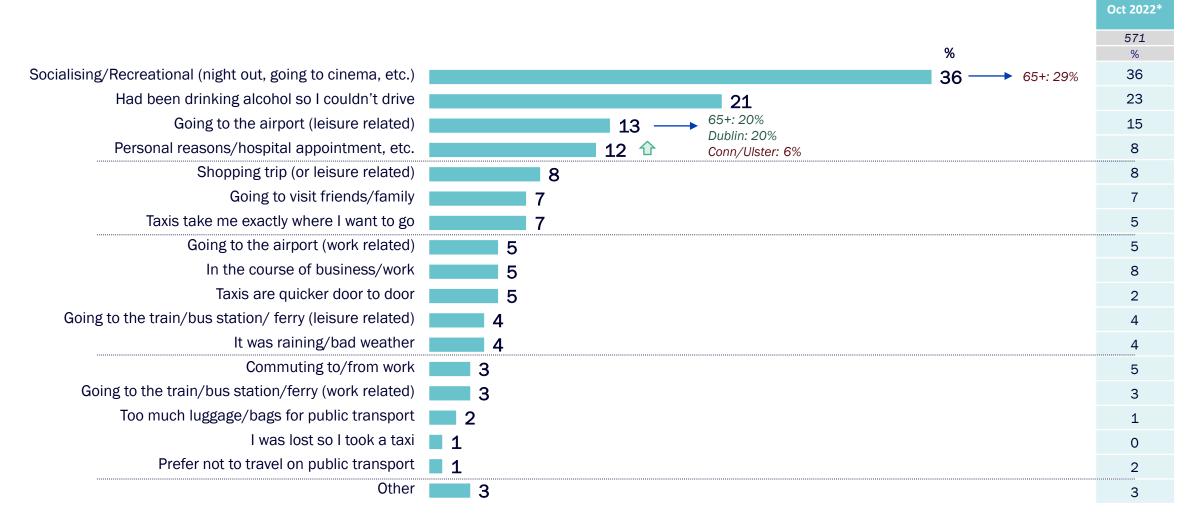
Covid usage of taxis

Last Time Used a Taxi



Key reasons for using a taxi on last occasion were social/recreation and drinking alcohol. Slight increase in taxis being used for personal reasons/hospitals appointments to 12% (+4%pts).

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



Over 65 year olds are less likely to use taxis for socialising/recreational and are more likely to be going to the airport for a leisure trip. Those living in Dublin are also more likely to be going to the airport (leisure related).

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

	Total			Age				Re	gion	
	IUtai	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Dublin	RoL	Munster	Conn/ Uls
Base:	1070	106	167	327	257	213	301	253	297	219
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Socialising/Recreational (night out, going to cinema, etc.)	36	31	37	40	42	29	34	36	35	43
Had been drinking alcohol so I couldn't drive	21	21	24	22	23	18	19	23	20	25
Going to the airport (leisure related)	13	11	10	13	10	20	20	11	12	6
Personal reasons/hospital appointment, etc.	12	6	10	12	15	15	13	13	12	9
Shopping trip (or leisure related)	8	12	6	7	9	9	6	11	8	11
Going to visit friends/family	7	13	8	7	5	6	9	5	7	9
Taxis take me exactly where I want to go	7	7	7	6	7	10	6	7	9	7
In the course of business/work	5	6	7	6	4	3	6	6	5	4
Going to the airport (work related)	5	7	10	6	3	3	6	4	7	3
Taxis are quicker door to door	5	6	4	6	4	6	6	5	3	7

Weekly+ users of taxis are more likely to use taxis for shopping trips and going to visit **friends/family.** Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

	Total	Bu	ıs frequen	су	Tra	in Frequer	ncy	Tram/	Luas Freq	uency	Taxi Frequency		
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Base:	1070	261	456	161	93	600	189	108	481	326	82	584	150
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Socialising/Recreational (night out, going to cinema, etc.)	36	29	39	39	23	41	35	25	43	35	34	37	25
Had been drinking alcohol so I couldn't drive	21	17	24	24	22	22	20	18	21	24	21	21	18
Going to the airport (leisure related)	13	13	13	15	11	13	16	9	13	15	4	15	20
Personal reasons/hospital appointment, etc.	12	11	11	13	8	12	16	10	11	14	16	11	13
Shopping trip (or leisure related)	8	11	7	6	10	8	6	9	10	8	17	7	6
Going to visit friends/family	7	12	6	2	16	6	6	12	6	7	17	5	7
Taxis take me exactly where I want to go	7	11	5	8	7	6	7	6	6	7	13	6	7
In the course of business/work	5	9	5	3	14	4	1	12	5	2	15	4	1
Going to the airport (work related)	5	8	4	4	9	4	4	7	5	2	10	4	4
Taxis are quicker door to door	5	10	3	4	10	4	3	7	5	3	12	4	4

60% had other forms of transport available to them when making the decision to take a taxi on their last journey, a decrease of -14%pts vs May '21.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



Other forms of transport available

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					Feb '21	May '21	Oct '21	Feb '22	Oct '22	May '23
					260	146	201	99	176	275
			%		%	%	%	%	%	%
Bus			29		41	36	38	41	42	33
My own car/friend's car as passenger	~	2	6		27	34	19	30	18	26
Walk	Ś	21			35	27	30	25	24	27
Train	7				7	7	9	5	12	7
Tram/Luas	6				3	7	7	5	8	7
Cycle	<u></u> 5				8	9	5	1	6	8
Other	1				5	1	1	0	0	0
No other				40	27	25	27	28	34	33

*Question previously asked only of those who had used a Taxi Past 6 months. In wave 7 the question was asked of all who used a taxi in the past 12 months NTA | Taxi user research | May 2023

			Reg	gion		
	Feb '21	May '21	Oct '21	Feb '22	0ct '22	May '23
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Dublin	71	76	74	72	64	66
Rest of Leinster	71	73	74	70	57	58
Munster	74	70	60	70	60	58
Conn/Ulster	61	77	69	53	72	57

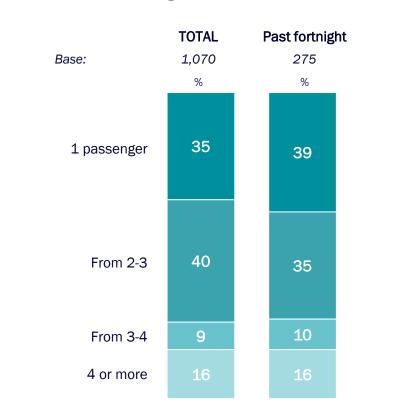
The two main reasons for selecting a taxi over alternative travel options continue to be speed (32%) and convenience (28%) that taxis offer consumers. Perceived convenience increases slightly from Oct '22 (+4%pts).

Base: All with other transport available - 637

438 % % Quicker/Faster/Reliable 32 21	421 %	442	395	
Quicker/Faster/Reliable 32 21			000	360
52		%	%	%
	25	25	23	29
Easier/Convenient/Handy 28 🔂 23	29	32	29	24
Only/best option 9 4	7	4	5	8
Safer option/Late at night 9 7	8	5	4	8
Suited better than Bus 9	1	7	5	7
Did not want to walk/Late in evening/Tired 8 N/A	N/A	6	4	4
So I could have a drink/Consumed Alcohol 8 12	13	9	7	5
Weather was bad 6 4	3	6	6	10
Collected/Dropped to door 5 4	1	2	3	2
Had heavy items 5 3	6	4	1	3
Didn't want to look/pay for parking <u>4</u>	5	1	3	1
Unable/Did not want to drive 4 N/A	N/A	4	2	1
Hospital/Dentist appointment 2 N/A	N/A	2	1	2
Private/Comfortable/Nice 2 N/A	N/A	3	2	3
Sharing/Car pool 2 N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical condition <u>1</u> N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
No reason 🗧 1 2	0	1	3	3
Other reason <u>5</u>	2	8	1	3
Don't know/Can't recall 0 N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2

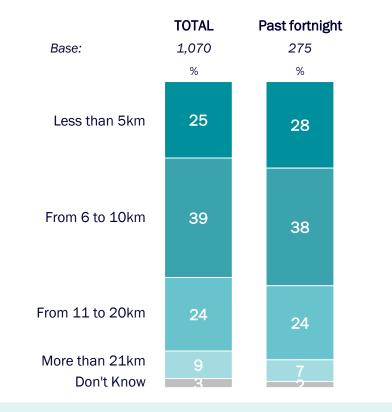
Most journeys on the last occasion had 2-3 passengers and were 6-10kms in distance.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



No. of passengers on last occasion

Distance covered on last occasion



Most taxis were ordered by phone (40%) followed by app (27%). Incidence of ordering by phone is higher in the rest of Leinster and Connaught/Ulster. While incidence of ordering via an app or hailing is highest in Dublin. Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

Region **Total** Dublin RoL Munster Conn/Uls 1.070 Base % % % % Ordered it by phone (spoke to someone) Ordered it using an app Picked up at a rank Hailed it Was a company taxi/ordered by the company

%

Other

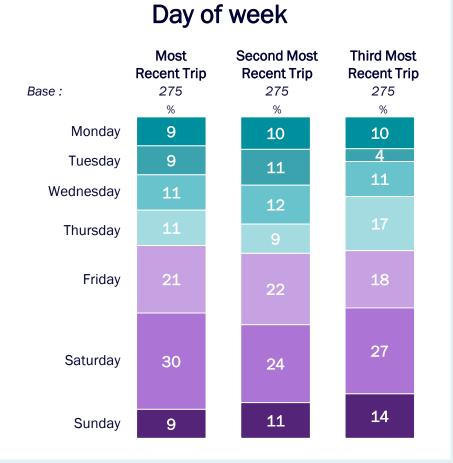
Among those who have used a taxi in the last fortnight, app and phone methods have increased slightly with hailing down from Oct '22 (-5%pts).

Base: All used taxi in past fortnight - 275

			Pa	ast Fortnig	ht		
	Oct 2020	Feb 2021	May 2021	Oct 2021	Feb 2022	Oct 2022	May 2023
Base:	159	79	146	201	244	176	275
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Ordered it using an app	39	38	28	38	32	31	35
Ordered it by phone (spoke to someone)	42	37	44	24	29	28	32
Picked up at a rank	12	14	15	20	18	19	16
Hailed it	5	5	10	16	18	19	14
Booked by my employer/company	-	5	1	2	1	4	2
Other	1	-	1	0	1	0	0

Most recent trips are most likely to have been on a Saturday or Friday.

Base: All used taxi in past two weeks - 275



Time of day									
	Most	Second Most	Third Most Recent						
	Recent Trip	Recent Trip	Trip						
Base :	275	275	275						
	%	%	%						
06:00 – 06:59	3	2	4						
07:00 – 07:59	3	1	4						
08:00 – 08:59	7	5	6						
09:00 – 09:59	5	6	4						
10:00 – 10:59	4	6	4						
11:00 – 11:59	4	7	8						
12:00 – 12:59	3	5	5						
13:00 – 13:59	4	7	5						
14:00 – 14:59	6	6	3						
15:00 – 15:59	5	3	2						
16:00 – 16:59	3	3	3						
17:00 – 17:59	3	4	3						
18:00 - 18:59	4	2	4						
19:00 – 19:59	5	4	5						
20:00 – 20:59	3	5	1						
21:00 – 21:59	4	3	4						
22:00 – 22:59	3	4	5						
23:00 – 23:59	8	9	10						
00:00 - 00:59	8	6	4						
01:00 – 01:59	7	7	5						
02:00 - 02:59	5	2	7						
03:00 - 03:59	2	1	2						
04:00 - 04:59	2	0	1						
05:00 - 05:59	1	1	1						

Recent taxi usage norms: using an app or phone remain the most common ways to access a taxi, slightly increasing from Oct '22. Decrease in those hailing taxis in May '23. Usage of taxis is highest on Saturday and Friday.

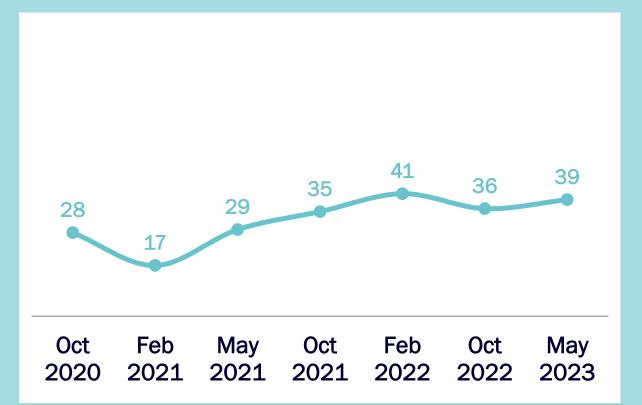
Base: All used taxi in past fortnight - 275



Base: All used taxi in past fortnight. Reference to most recent journey

% of most recent taxis taken on weekend (Sat/Sun)

Base: All used taxi in past fortnight - 275

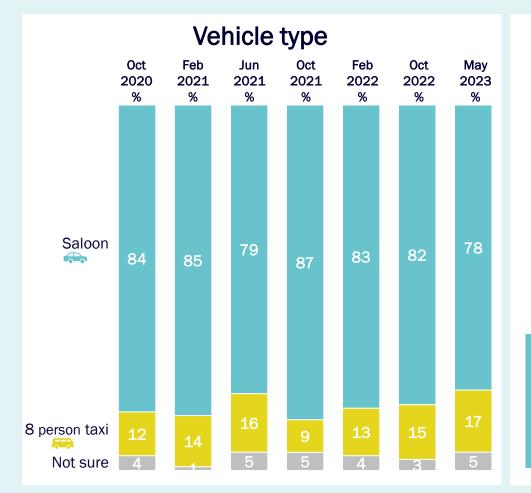


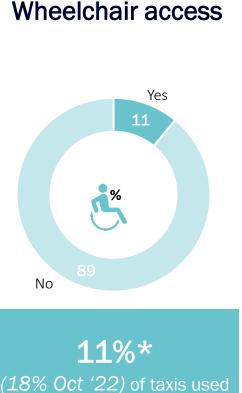


Of those who had used a taxi in the past two weeks 39% of adults have used a taxi on the weekend.

Most taxis were saloon (78%) with 11% recalling that the taxi they travelled in was wheelchair accessible. Demand patterns are similar to Oct '22.

Base: All used taxi in past fortnight - 275





had wheelchair access

	Time of day											
	Oct 2020 %	Feb 2021 %	Jun 2021 %	Oct 2021 %	Feb 2022 %	Oct 2022 %	May 2023 %					
06:00 - 07:59	1	6	4	7	4	10	6					
08:00 - 09:59	5	14	6	6	3	10	12					
10:00 - 11:59	8	4	13	12	5	9	8					
12:00 - 13:59	10	15	10	10	7	13	7					
14:00 - 15:59	13	20	12	7	8	7	11					
16:00 - 17:59	8	14	9	8	5	7	6					
18:00 - 19:59	15	9	7	12	8	5	9					
20:00 - 21:59	14	8	10	9	15	6	7					
22:00 - 23:59	13	7	10	17	19	10	11					
00:00 - 03:59	13	3	17	9	21	21	22					
04:00 - 05:59	1	-	1	2	3	3	3					

Base: All used taxi in past fortnight. Reference to most recent journey

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*Question only asked of those who don't require or have travelled with someone who requires a WAT

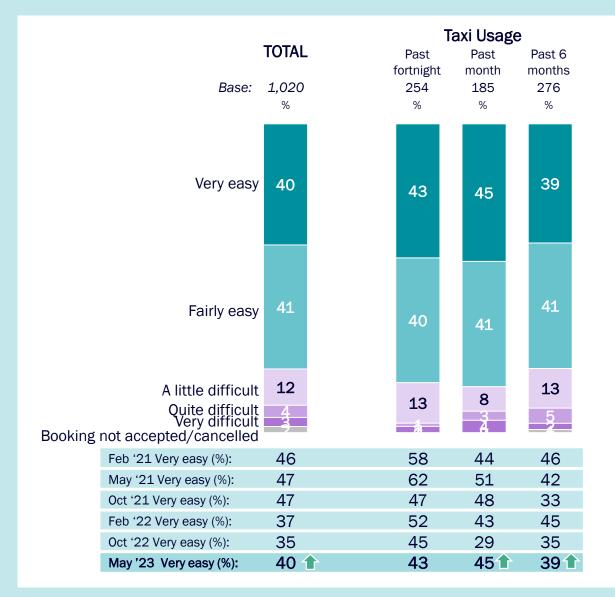
Arrive time for those who ordered by phone or app

Base: All who ordered a taxi by phone or app - 719

	Total	Region							
	TULAI	Dublin	RoL	Munster	Conn/Uls				
Base	719	198	179	190	152				
	%	%	%	%	%				
Immediately	48	56	43	47	45				
At an agreed time	52	44	57	53	55				

Just over half who order by phone or app requested the taxi at an agreed time (52%). Those in Dublin are more likely to order for immediate use.

Ease of getting a taxi





81% find it easy to get a taxi. Finding it "*very easy*" has increased +5%pts to 40% in May

Booking not accepted and booking accepted and cancelled by the operator answer options added in Oct '22

Four in five indicate it was very/fairly easy to get their last taxi. Those living in Dublin are more likely to find it *very easy* to get a taxi (47%). Finding a taxi difficult to get is higher among those living in Connaught/Ulster and for those 18-24 years old.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



Of the 19% who found it at least a little difficult to get a taxi, just under three in five have had this happen in the last 6 months.

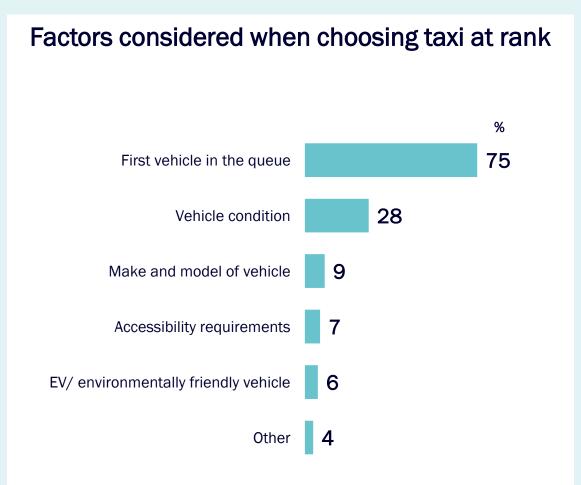
Base: All used a taxi in the past 12 months n=1,020



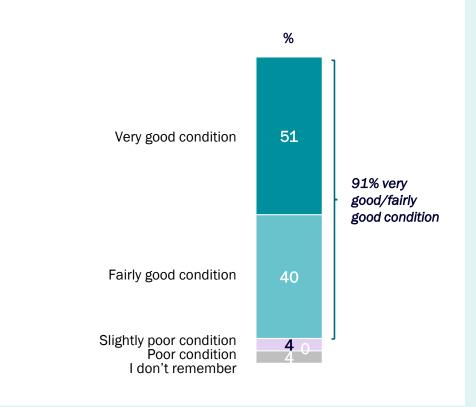
*Caution: Extremely low base size

When choosing a taxi at a rank 75% choose the first vehicle in the queue. 91% state the last taxi they traveled in was in at least *fairly good condition*.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

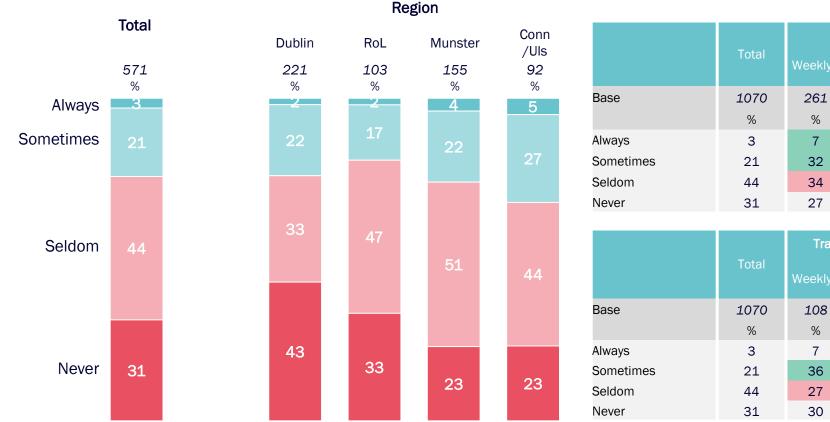






Only 3% always use taxis to connect with other forms of transport. Incidence of sometimes connecting is higher in Connaught/Ulster.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



		Bu	ıs frequen	tly	Tra	in Freque	ncy
	Total	Weekly+	Less often	Never	Weekly+	Less often	Never
Base	1070	261	456	161	93	600	189
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Always	3	7	2	1	8	2	2
Sometimes	21	32	19	4	32	19	8
Seldom	44	34	50	41	31	51	36
Never	31	27	30	54	29	28	54

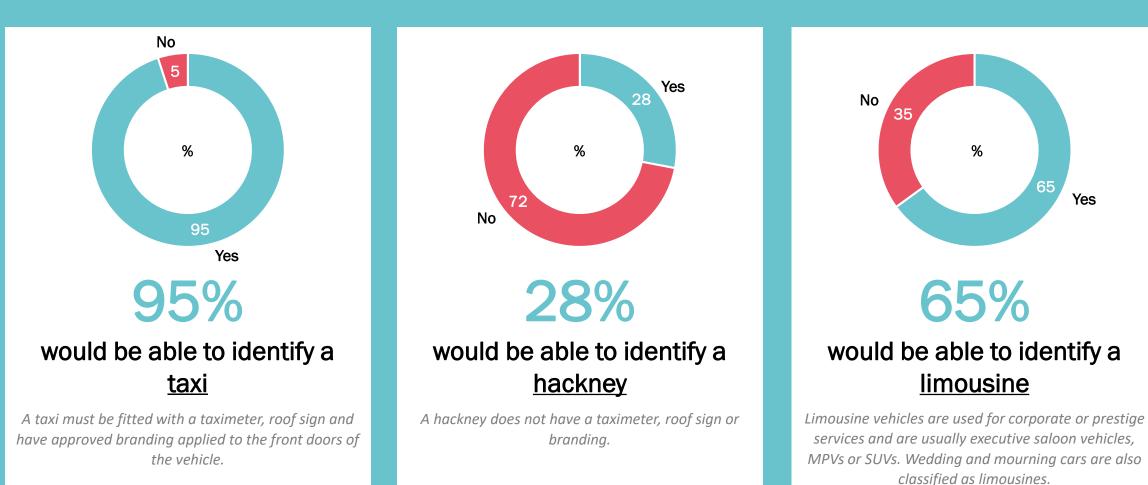
	Total	Tram/Luas Frequency			Taxi Frequency		
		Weekly+	Less often	Never	Weekly+	Less often	Never
Base	1070	108	481	326	82	584	150
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Always	3	7	3	2	13	2	-
Sometimes	21	36	21	12	47	15	8
Seldom	44	27	49	44	23	52	34
Never	31	30	27	42	17	31	58



3. Focus on hackneys and limousines

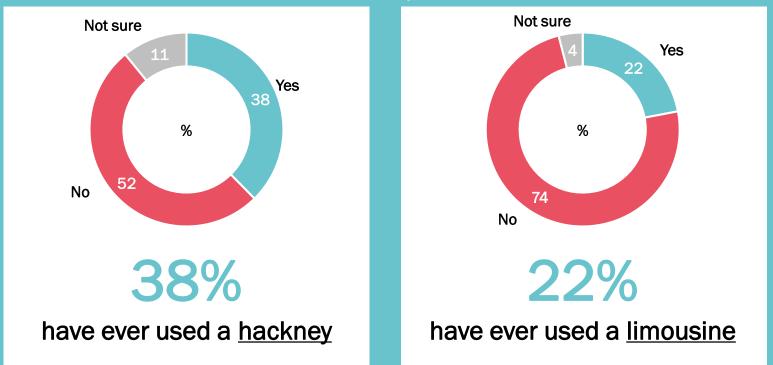
The majority of those surveyed are able to identify a taxis and limousines

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



All categories of SPSV have licence discs affixed to the front and rear windscreens

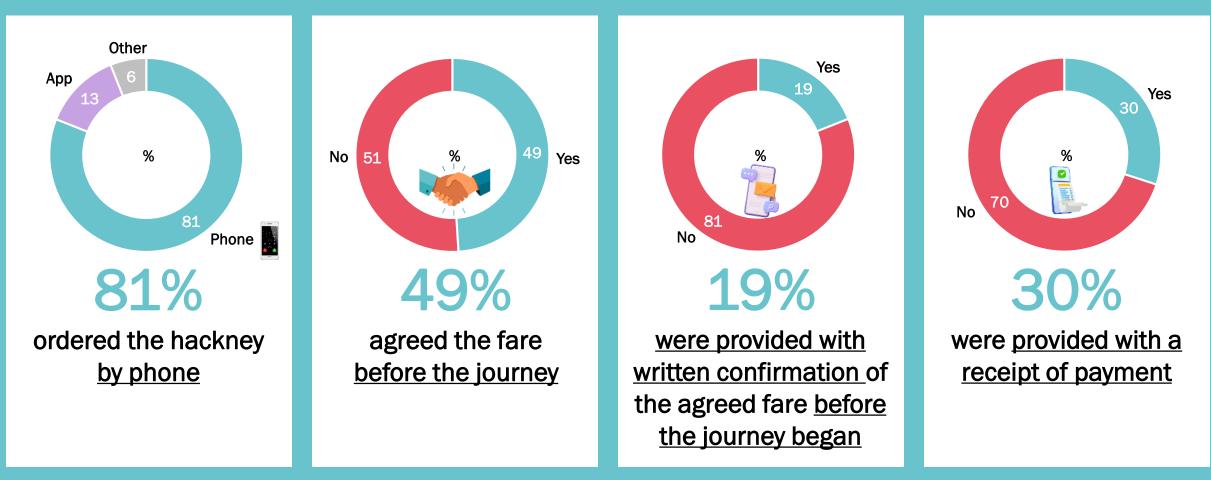
38% are certain they have ever used a hackney with 22% having ever used a limousine. Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



Ever used a hackney or limousine:

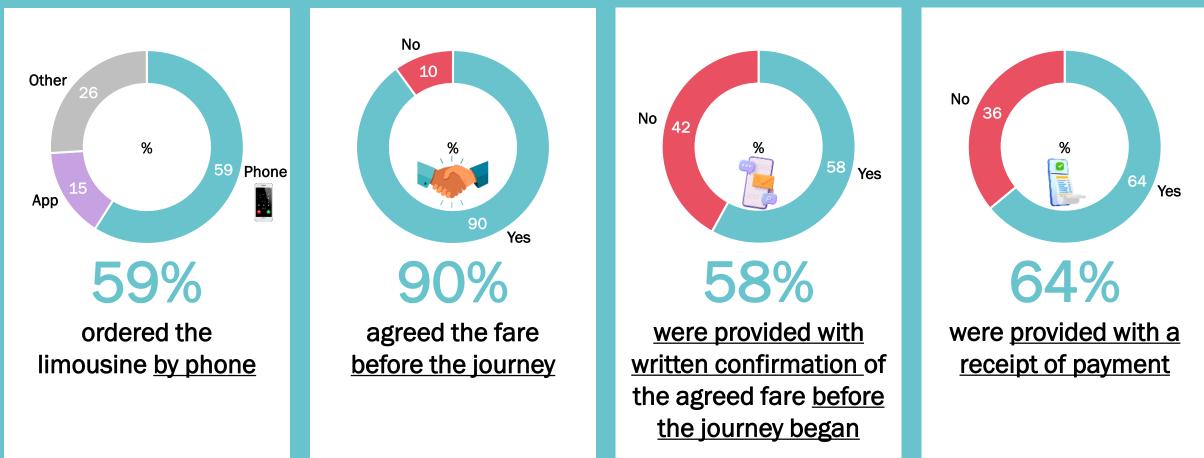
Hackney: 81% ordered the hackney via the phone with just under half agreeing the fare before hand. Only 19% were provided with written confirmation of the fare before the journey. Base: All used a hackney - 414

Of the 38% who have ever used a hackney:



Limousine: 81% ordered a limousine by phone with nine in ten having agreed the fare beforehand. Base: All used a limousine - 232

Of the 22% who have ever used a limousine:



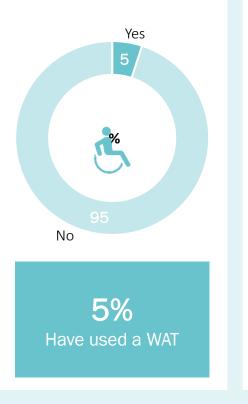


4. Wheelchair Accessible Taxi (WAT) usage experience

Usage and method of hiring a WAT

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

Require a WAT/have travelled with someone who does



Most successful method of hiring wheelchair accessible taxi (Base: All have used a WAT- 50)

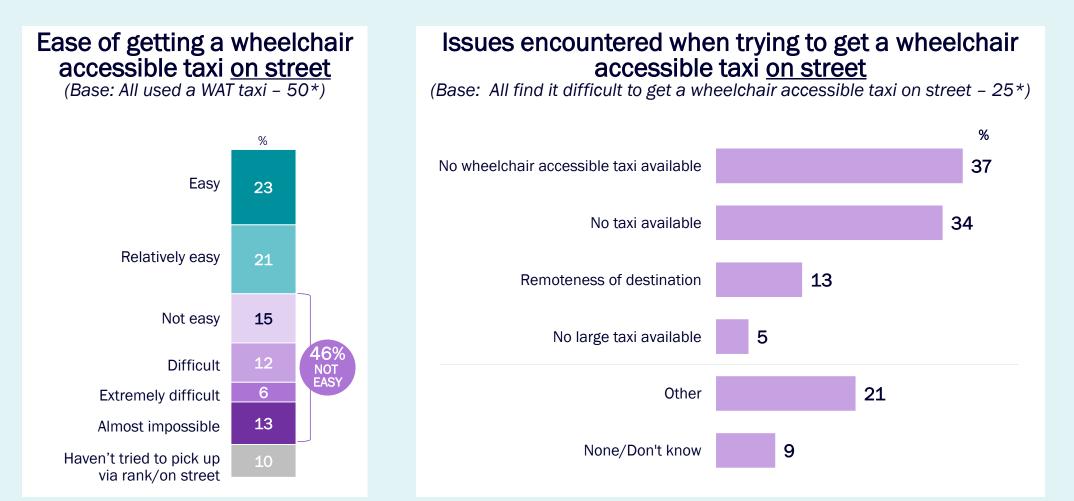
	%	
Traditional dispatch operator	40	
Booking application	25	
Taxi rank	17	
Hailed on street Using contact details from the ransport for Ireland WAV Register	14 4	

5% of those surveyed require a WAT or

5% of those surveyed require a WAT or have travelled with someone who does. Traditional dispatch operator were the most common method used to hire a WAT.

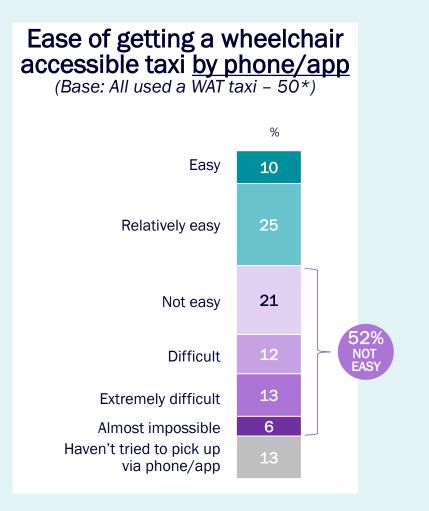
46% of WAT users found it difficult to access a WAT on-street, with the key reason cited as being availability.

Base: All require a wheelchair accessible taxi - 50



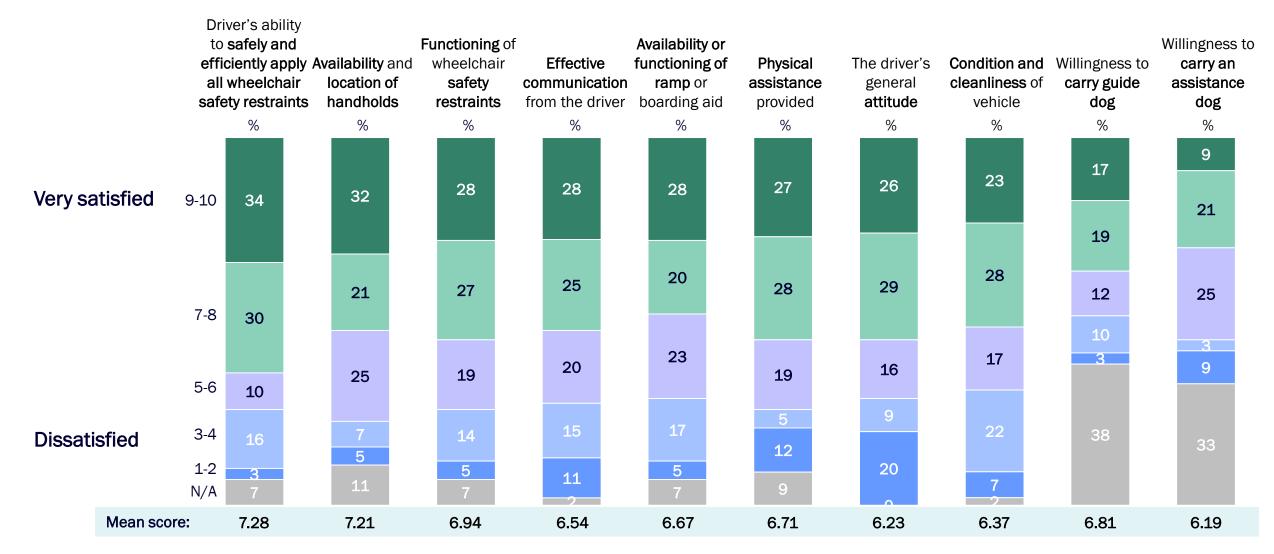
35% find it *easy* or *relatively easy* to get a WAT via phone/app. 52% of WAT users stated it isn't easy.

Base: All require a wheelchair accessible taxi - 50



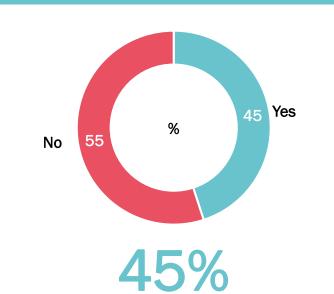
More than one in three are very satisfied with *drivers ability to safety & efficiently apply all wheelchair safety restraints.* 29% score low on *the drivers general attitude* and 26% on *effective communication from the driver.*

Base: All require a wheelchair accessible taxi - 50

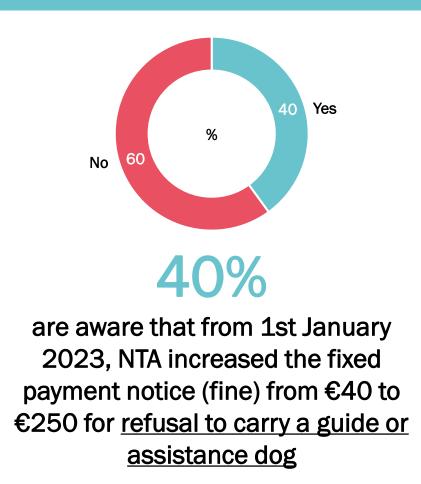


The majority of WAT users aren't aware of notices in place for refusal to carry a passenger in a wheelchair and/or increased fee for refusal to carry a guide or assistance dog.

Base: All require a wheelchair accessible taxi - 50

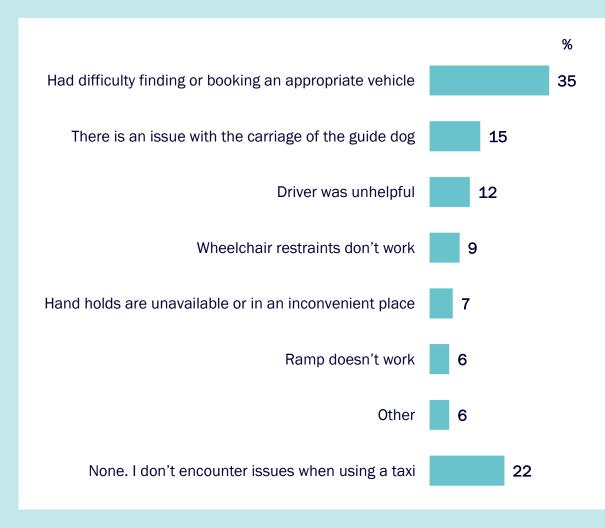


are aware that from 1st January 2023, NTA introduced a new €250 fixed payment notice (fine) for the refusal by a driver to carry a passenger in a wheelchair



Issues faced by WAT users

Base: All require a wheelchair accessible taxi - 50





Availability is the key issue WAT users describe. 22% don't encounter issues when they use taxis.

Suggestions of improvements

Base: All require a wheelchair accessible taxi - 50





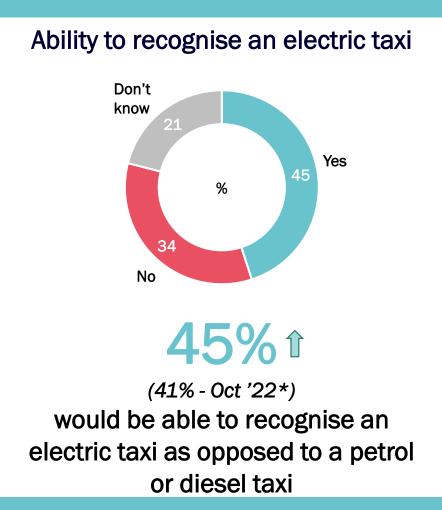
One in five cite the availability of suitable taxis is an improvement they would like to see in future.



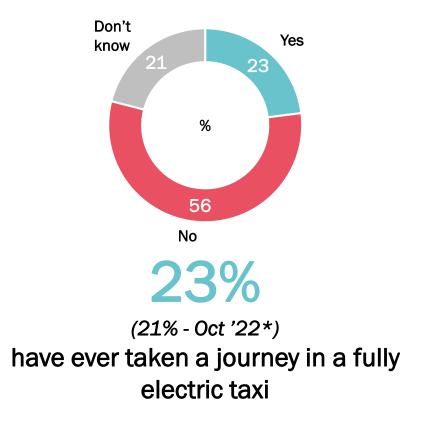
5. Usage and preference of electric vehicle taxis

45% would be able to recognise an electric taxi (+4%pts vs Oct '22) with 23% having taken a journey in one.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



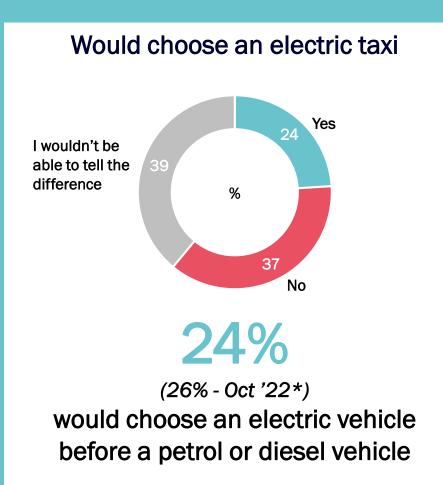




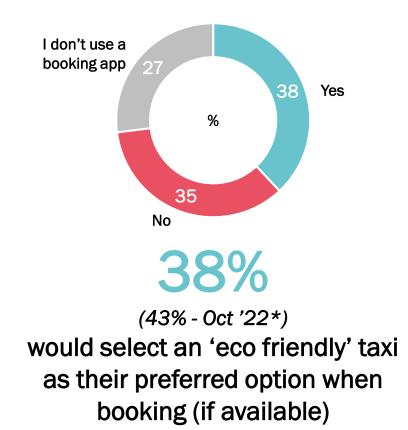
*Previous data based on all used Taxi Past 6 months

24% of adults would choose electric and 43% would select an "ecofriendly" preference on their app.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



Select "eco-friendly" as preference





6. Taxi fares & user awareness

A taxi is most recognised by the roof sign and driver ID on display.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

	Total	Gender		Age				Region				
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Dublin	Rest of Leinster	Munster	Conn/ Uls
Base:	1,070	524	544	106	167	327	257	213	301	253	297	219
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Roof sign on top of vehicle	78	78	79	67	75	80	83	82	82	79	74	78
Driver ID on display inside the vehicle	72	67	76	57	74	70	77	77	74	73	70	70
Taxi decal sticker on driver/passenger door	63	66	60	56	61	63	68	63	66	60	67	57
There is a taximeter inside the vehicle	46	47	45	29	36	43	56	58	54	45	37	45
Other	1	1	1	-	1	-	2	1	1	0	0	0
Don't know/Not sure	3	3	3	4	3	2	3	3	4	2	2	3



27% of taxi users have heard of the TFI Driver Check App

Transport for Ireland (TFI) Driver Check App

Heard of the "Driver Check app" Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

> 27% (25% - Oct '22) have heard of the "Driver Check App"

Used the "Driver Check app" Base: All heard of driver check app - 197

> 25% (27% - Oct '22) of those who have heard of the Driver Check App have used it



SPSV user complaints process

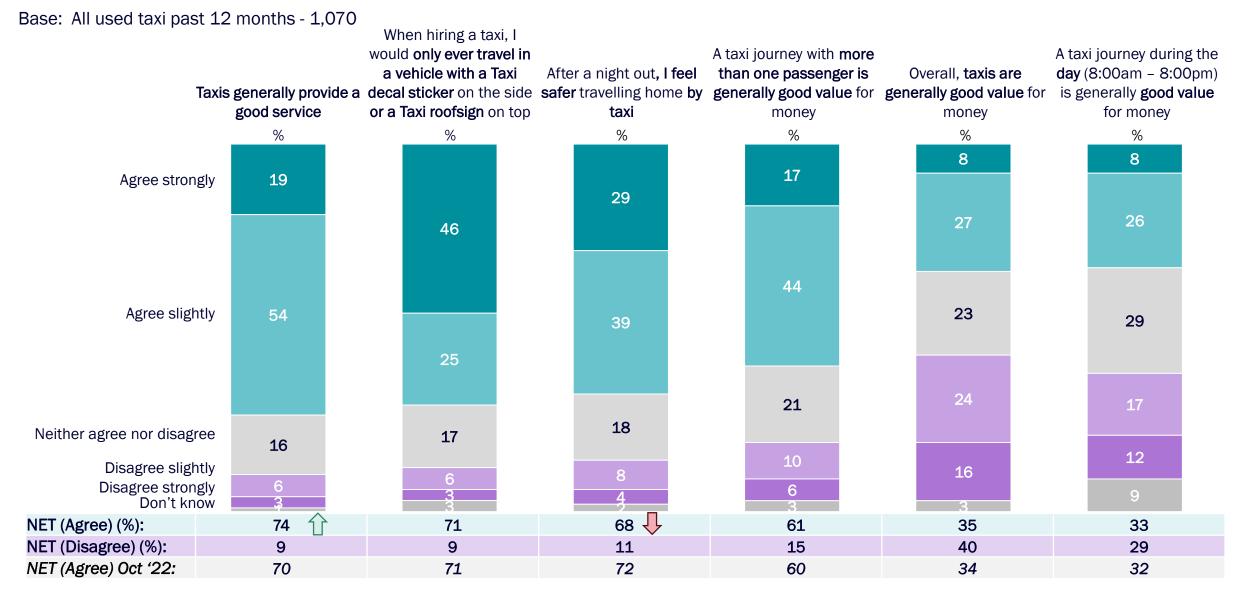
Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070

Most taxi users aren't aware that the NTA has a complaints process in place.

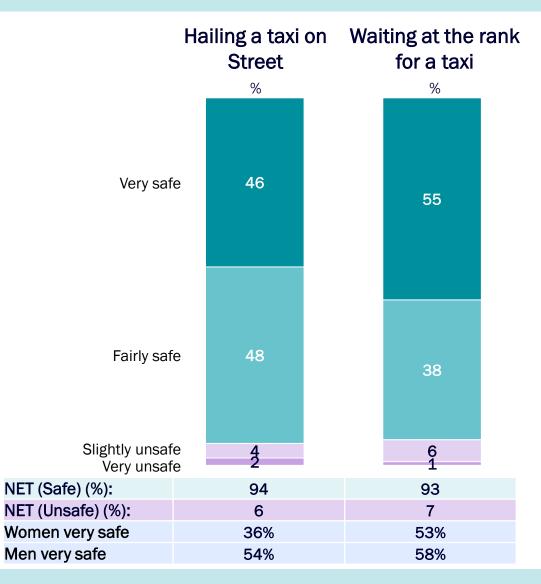
are aware that the NTA has a complaints process in place for investigating consumer complaints

35%

Almost three in four believe taxis generally provide good service. 68% are in agreement with *feeling safer traveling by taxi after a night out.*



Feeling of safety while hailing/ waiting at the rank Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070





Over nine in ten feel safe while hailing a taxi on street or waiting at the rank for a taxi.

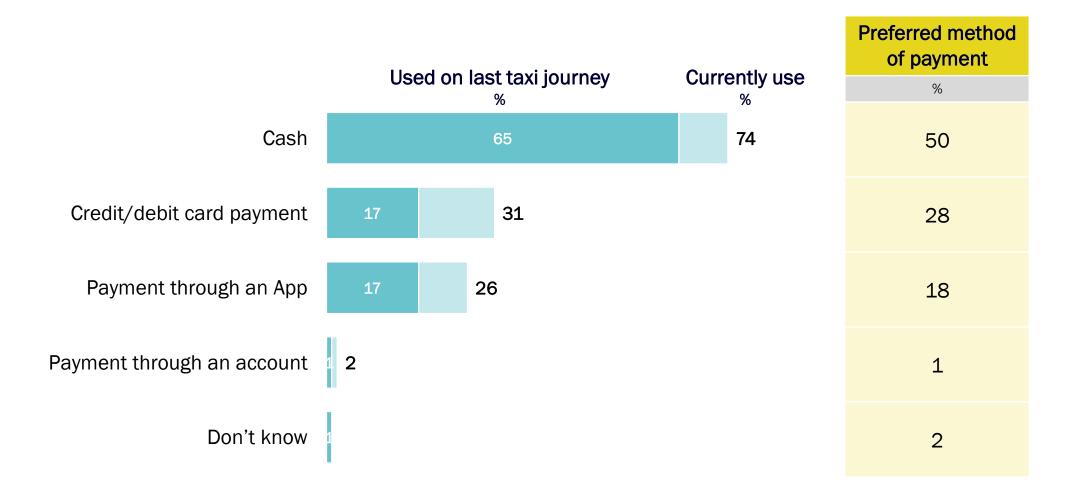
:Q.29 Thinking about your last taxi journey, when you were hailing a taxi on the street how safe did you feel? Q.30 Thinking about you last taxi journey, when you were waiting for a taxi at the rank how safe did you feel?



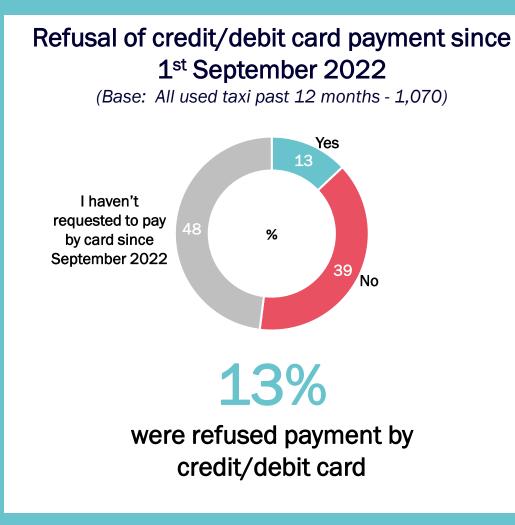
7. Payment methods

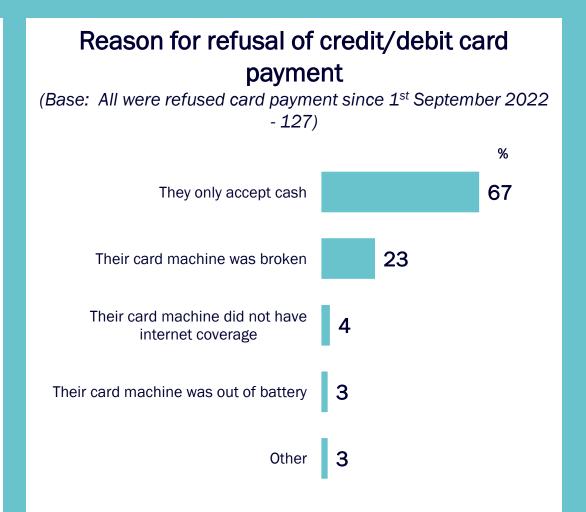
Half state cash is their preferred method of payment with 65% using it for their last journey. 31% currently use credit/debit card payments with 28% stating it is their preferred method.

Base: All used taxi past 12 months - 1,070



Since cashless payment regulation has been put in place (1st Sep '22), 13% have been refused payment via card the key reason being the taxi service provider only accepts cash.







57% were unaware that taxis are required to have facilities to accept cashless payments, without exception.

Cashless payment regulation

are aware that from 1st September all taxis must have the facilities to accept cashless payment

43%

5. Key Findings

Key findings

Taxi usage

- We see an increase in current usage of taxis to 86% (+13%pts vs Oct '22) in this survey. All report to have used a taxi in past 12. In Oct 22, 79% report to have used a taxi at least once earlier in the yr.
- The most cited reasons for last taxi trip remains for socialising/recreational use or drinking alcohol.
- Usage 'in the last month' has increased +12%pts to 45% from the last survey.
- Usage has now overtaken pre-Covid usage levels with a +7%pts increase in fortnightly usage vs when asked about pre-Covid usage in the Oct 21 survey.

Hackney & limousine

- 38% have ever used a hackney with 22% having ever used a limousine.
- Hackneys: of those who have used a hackney 81% ordered it by phone, 49% agreed the fare beforehand, 19% were provided with written confirmation of the agreed fare before the journey and 30% were provided with a receipt.
- Limousines: 81% ordered it by phone, 90% agreed the fare beforehand, 58% were provided with written confirmation of the agreed fare before the journey and 64% were provided with a receipt.

WAT experience

- Traditional dispatch followed by booking app are reported as the most successful methods of hiring a WAT.
- 46% of WAT users find it difficult to get a WAT onstreet, with 52% finding it difficult to get one by phone/app.
- Under half of WAT users are aware there are fines in place for refusal to carry a passenger in a wheelchair and/or increased fee for refusal to carry a guide or assistance dog.
- Availability of the appropriate vehicle is the key issue faced by this cohort when using taxis.

Key Usage Trends

- Speed and convenience are the key reasons to use a taxi over other forms of transport. Convenience slightly increasing from Oct '22 (+4pts).
- Currently most consumers don't use a taxi to connect to other forms of transport.
- Ordering a taxi by phone is most common at 40% (32% among those who have used a taxi in the last two weeks) followed by app at 27% (35% among those who have used a taxi in the last two weeks).
- Most last occasion journeys are most likely to have had 2-3 passengers at a distance of between 6-10kms.
- Most recent trip is most likely to have been on Saturday, followed by Friday.
- 52% order a taxi at an agreed time with 48% ordering a taxi to arrive immediately higher in Dublin (56%).
- 81% found it easy to get a taxi, 40% finding it very easy (+5%pts).
- Three in four pick the first vehicle in the queue. 91% state the last taxi they travelled in was in at least fairly good condition.

Electric vehicles

- 45% claim they would recognise an electric taxi and 23% have ever taken a journey in an electric taxi.
- Just under one in four state they would choose an electric vehicle before petrol/diesel and 38% would select "eco friendly" as their preferred option when booking.

Key findings

Taxi fares & user awareness

- 18% have received a discount in the last year with rounding down the most common discount received.
- A taxi is recognised by the roof sign (78%), driver ID on display (72%) and taxi branding on the passenger door (63%).
- 27% have heard of the TFI Driver Check App and of these, 25% have used the App, in line with the last wave.
- 65% aren't aware the NTA has a complaints process in place for investigating consumer complaints.
- Just under three in four agree taxis generally provide a good service (+4%pts). Slight decrease (-4%pts) in agreement that *after a night out, I feel safer travelling home by taxi.*
- 94% feel safe when hailing a taxi on street and 93% while waiting at the rank for a taxi.

Payment methods

- Half state their preferred method of payment is cash with 28% stating credit/debit card payments.
- Of those who use card to pay 13% have been surcharged when paying via card.
- Since this cashless payment requirement has been in place, 13% have been refused payment by card with the key reason being that the taxi service provider only accepts cash.



Thank You





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