# COVID Travel Survey #3

Conducted December 5 to December 23, 2020

Survey Findings

NJ TRANSIT Market Research March 2021

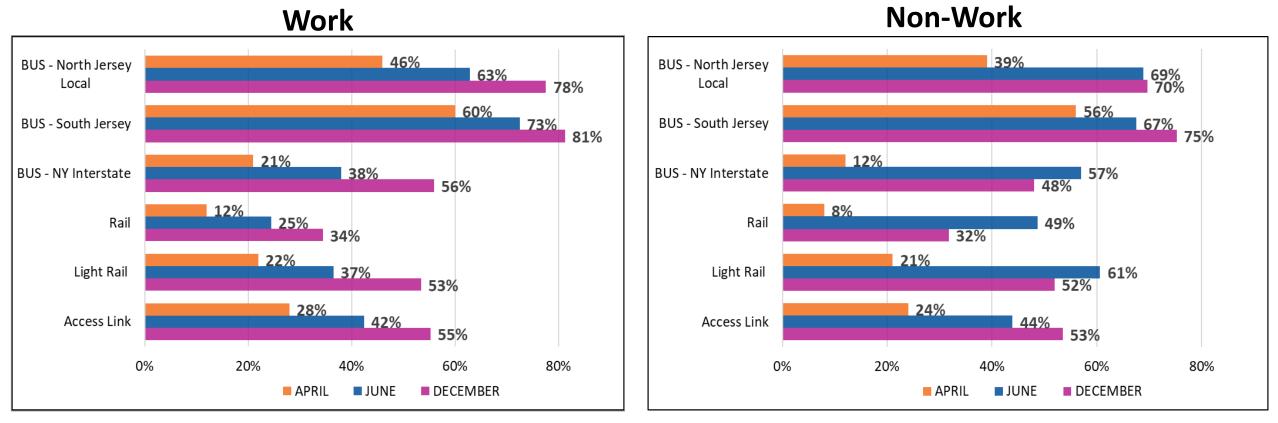


# COVID Travel Survey #3 Background Information

- □ COVID Travel Survey #1 April 8-19, 2020
- COVID Travel Survey #2 June 22-July 3, 2020
- □ COVID Travel Survey #3 December 5-23, 2020
  - Nearly 54,000 surveys were received
  - Survey included questions about:
    - How they traveled before COVID NJT mode and trip purpose used most often
    - Current travel, cleanliness, personal space and face covering usage questions
    - Reason for not traveling
    - Work from home and related questions
    - Future expectations



# Percent of Customers Traveling <u>at least once in last 7 days</u> During COVID (by pre-COVID modes)

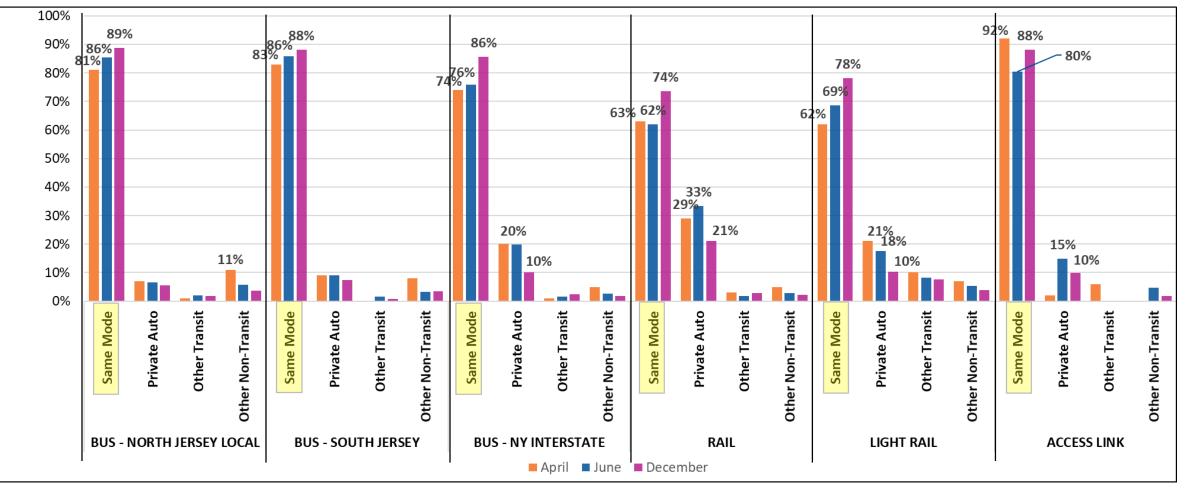


- A greater percentage of respondents were making at least one work trip per week in December
- More Local Bus customers are making at least one non-work trip per week while fewer interstate bus and rail customers are making non-work trips

Note: "mode" is the mode customers used by the customer before COVID.

# Percent of Customers Still Traveling by Mode – WORK TRIPS

WORK TRIPS



The percent of customers traveling for a Work Trip using the SAME NJ TRANSIT mode as *before COVID* has increased across all modes/markets from June to December

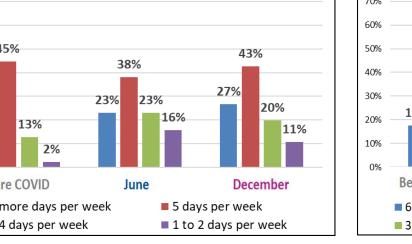


# Trip Frequency – WORK TRIPS

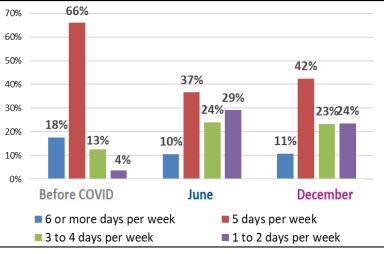
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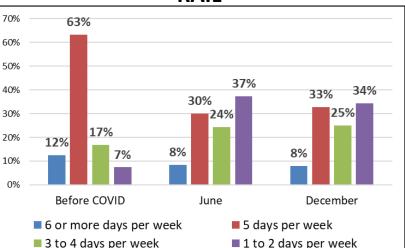
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#### **BUS - SOUTH JERSEY**

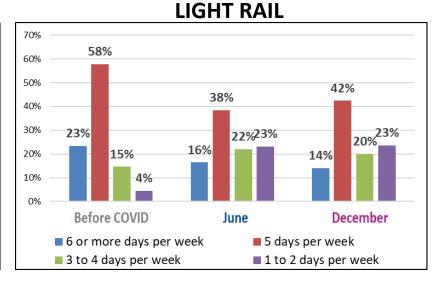


#### **BUS – NY Interstate**

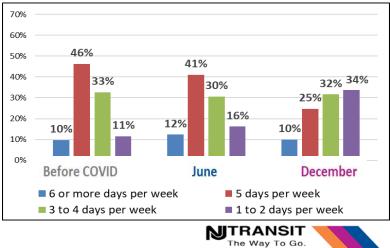




#### RAIL



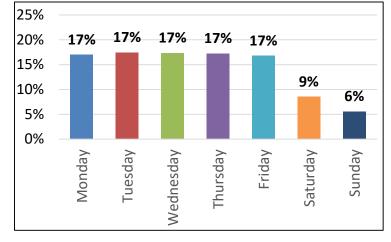
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# Work Trips: Do you have a specific schedule for going to the worksite each week? What days of the week do you currently go into the office/worksite?

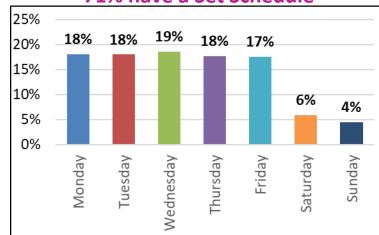
#### **BUS–North Jersey Local**

#### 76% have a Set Schedule



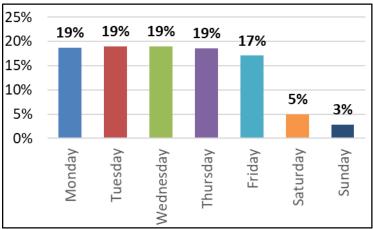
#### **BUS–South Jersey** 78% have a Set Schedule 25% 20% 17% 17% 16% 17% 16% 15% 11% 10% 7% 5% 0% Sunday Friday Monday Fuesday Wednesday **Thursday** Saturday

#### LIGHT RAIL 71% have a Set Schedule

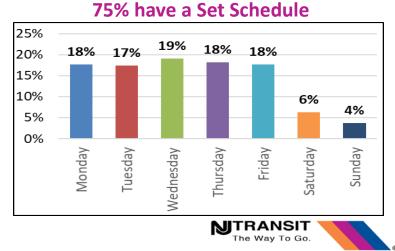


#### **BUS – NY Interstate**

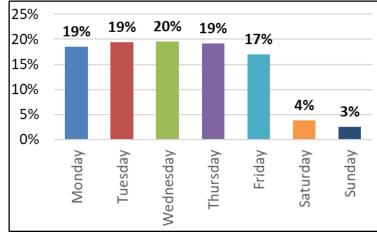




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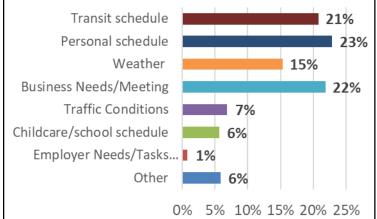


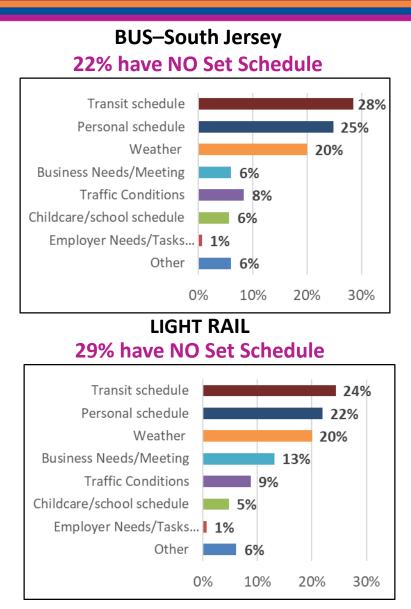
#### RAIL 70% have a Set Schedule



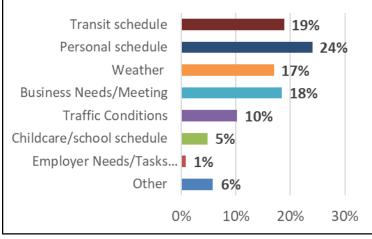
# Work Trips/No Set Schedule: Over the last several months, what factors have you considered when deciding to travel to the office/worksite?

#### **BUS–North Jersey Local** 24% have NO Set Schedule Transit schedule 28% Personal schedule 21% Weather 22% Business Needs/Meeting 8% Traffic Conditions 11% Childcare/school schedule 6% Employer Needs/Tasks... 1% Other 0% 10% 20% 30% RAIL 30% have NO Set Schedule



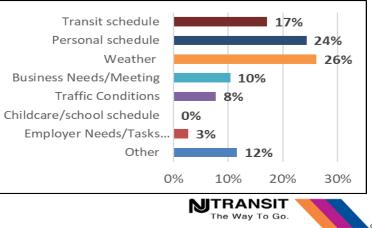


#### BUS – NY Interstate 26% have NO Set Schedule



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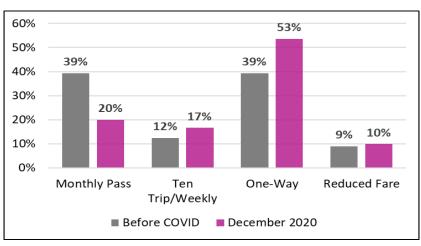


# Ticket Types, Purchase Locations, and Payment Types

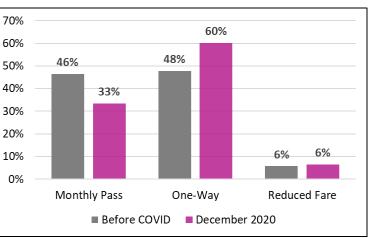
**RAIL - Self-Reported Ticket Types** 

60% 49% 50% 44% 38% 40% 35% 30% 20% 10% 8% 8% 8% 10% 0% One-Way Monthly Pass Ten Trip Student & **Reduced Fare** December 2020 Before COVID

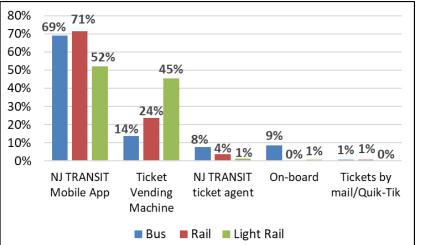
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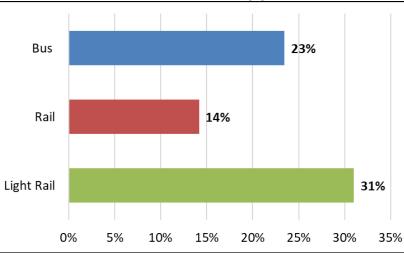
#### LIGHT RAIL - Self-Reported Ticket Types



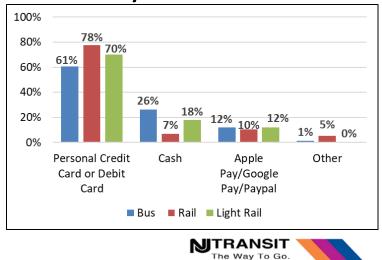
#### **Ticket Purchase Locations**



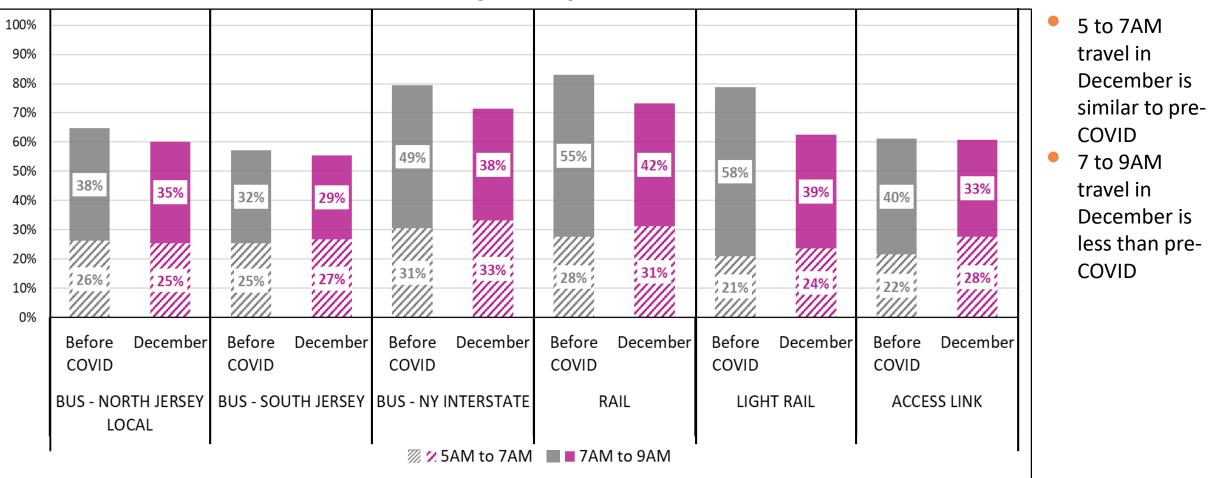
#### New NJT Mobile App Users



#### **Payment Method**



## Departure Times of Customers Traveling to WORK



#### WORK TRIPS



# Cleanliness and PPE Vending Machines Satisfaction Scores December 2020 verses *Before COVID (Fall 2019)*

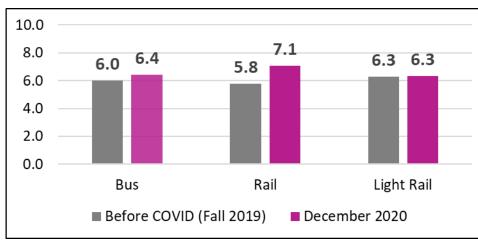
# 10.0 8.0 6.0 4.0 2.0 0.0 Bus Rail Light Rail ■ Before COVID (Fall 2019)

NJ TRANSIT Stations/Stops

#### Areas for improvement from customers that gave a score of 4 or less

Needs Improvement	Bus	Rail	Light Rail
Litter	16%	15%	17%
Seats (spills, stains, etc.)	17%	14%	16%
Dirty touchpoints	14%	14%	13%
Spills on the floor	12%	12%	15%
Dirty windows	11%	11%	9%
Bathrooms	8%	13%	4%
Overflowing trash bins	9%	8%	8%
Dirty vending machines	4%	6%	9%
Other	8%	9%	7%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

#### **Onboard NJ TRANSIT Vehicles**



#### Areas for improvement from customers that gave a score of 4 or less

Needs Improvement	Bus	Rail	Light Rail
Seats (spills, stains, etc.)	22%	19%	20%
Litter	17%	13%	19%
Spills on the floor	18%	15%	20%
Dirty windows	16%	16%	14%
Dirty touchpoints	17%	16%	16%
Bathrooms	3%	12%	2%
Overflowing trash bins	3%	5%	4%
Other	4%	3%	5%
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%

Scores for cleanliness have generally improved since the last customer satisfaction survey in Fall 2019

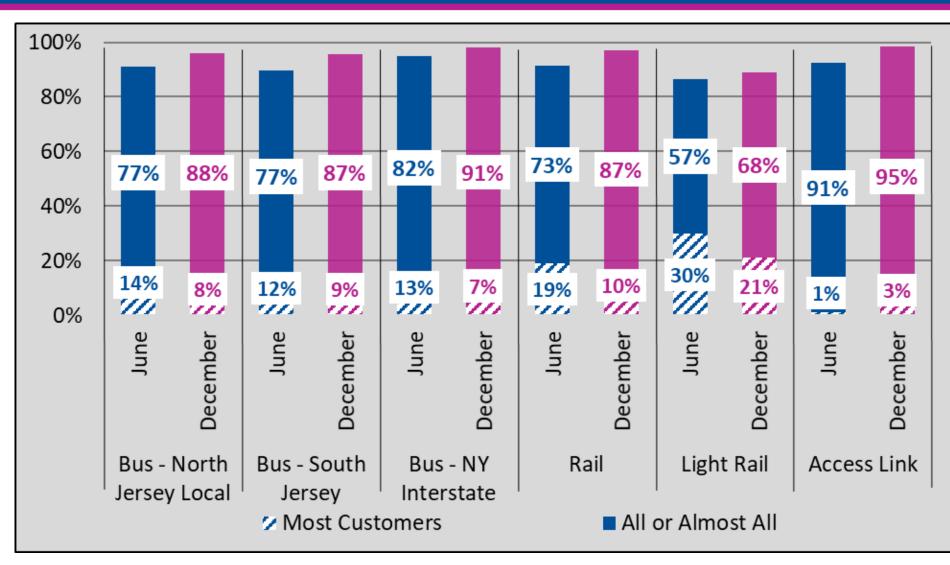
Litter and seats are areas for improvement

> Satisfaction with PPE Vending Machines

> > 7.34



On your last trip on NJ TRANSIT, about how many other customers were wearing face coverings?



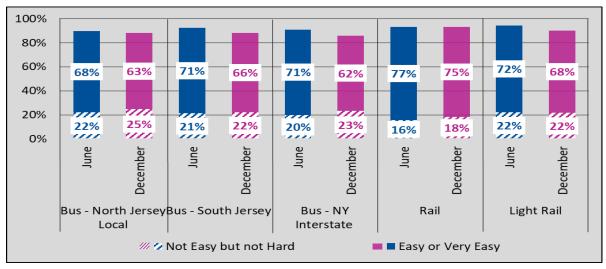
- Face covering usage by other customers increased since June.
- About 90 percent or more customers said most, almost all, or all customers were wearing face coverings.



# How easy has it been to maintain a safe personal space when . . . ?

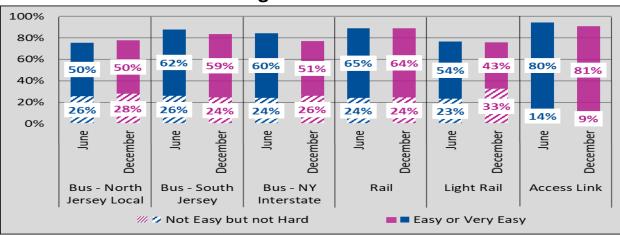
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#### Purchasing a Ticket

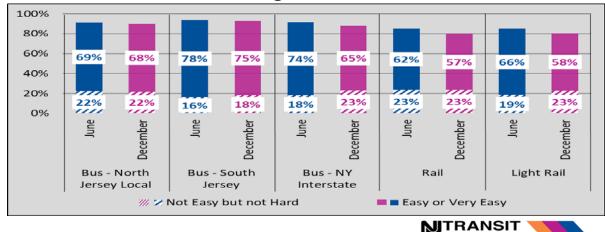


#### Waiting at the Station/Stop

#### **Riding on NJ TRANSIT**



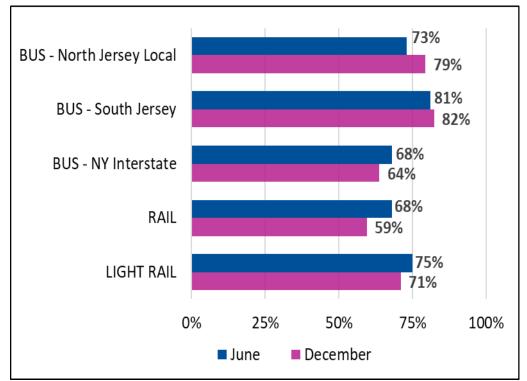
#### **Exiting the Station**



The Way To Go.

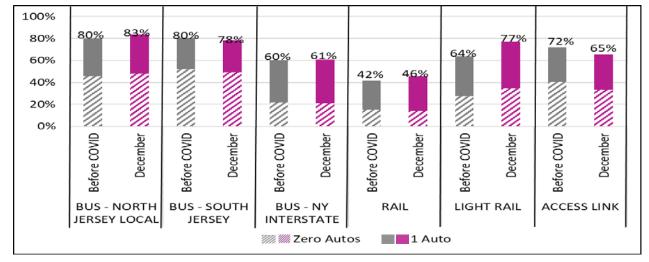
## Demographic Comparisons – WORK TRIPS

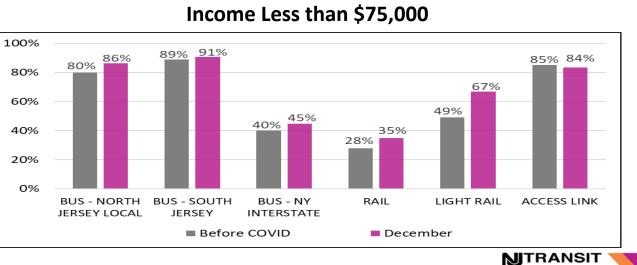
Self-Identified Essential Workers



 Essential Workers (Health care, Emergency Management, Food Service, Delivery Drivers, Utilities, Transportation, etc.) remain a major portion of the customers traveling

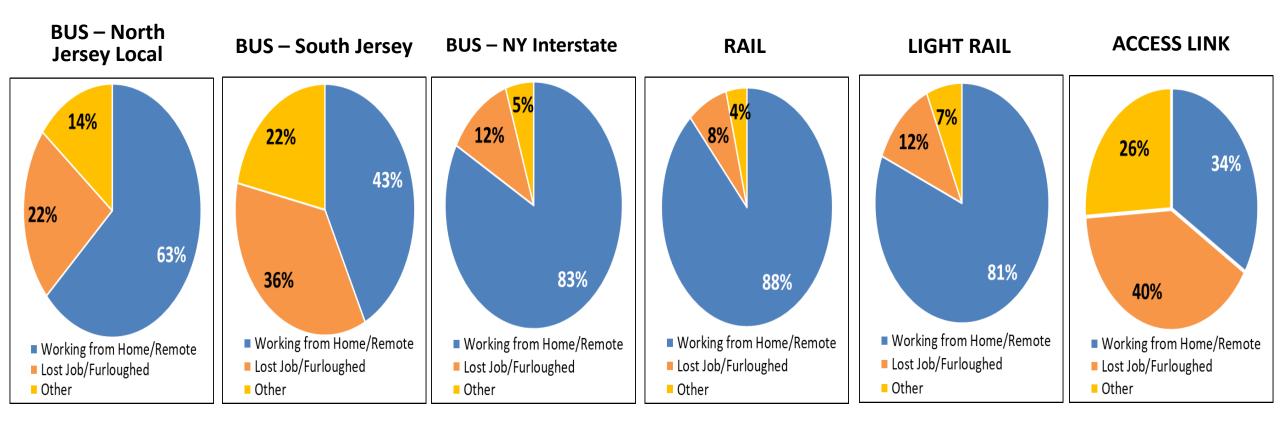
Own 1 or 0 Autos





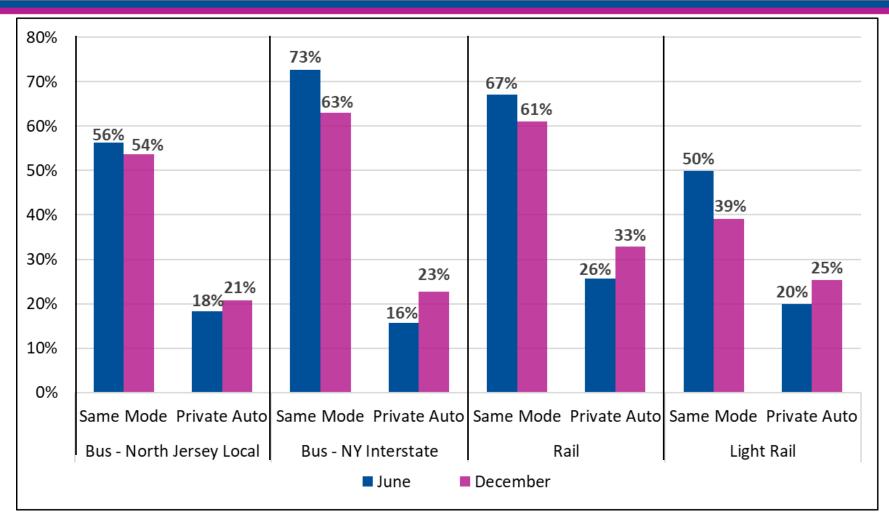
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## WORK TRIPS – Why not Traveling in December 2020





# Currently Working from Home (WFH)/Remote - If you no longer could WFH and you must travel to your office/worksite, how would you get to your office/worksite?



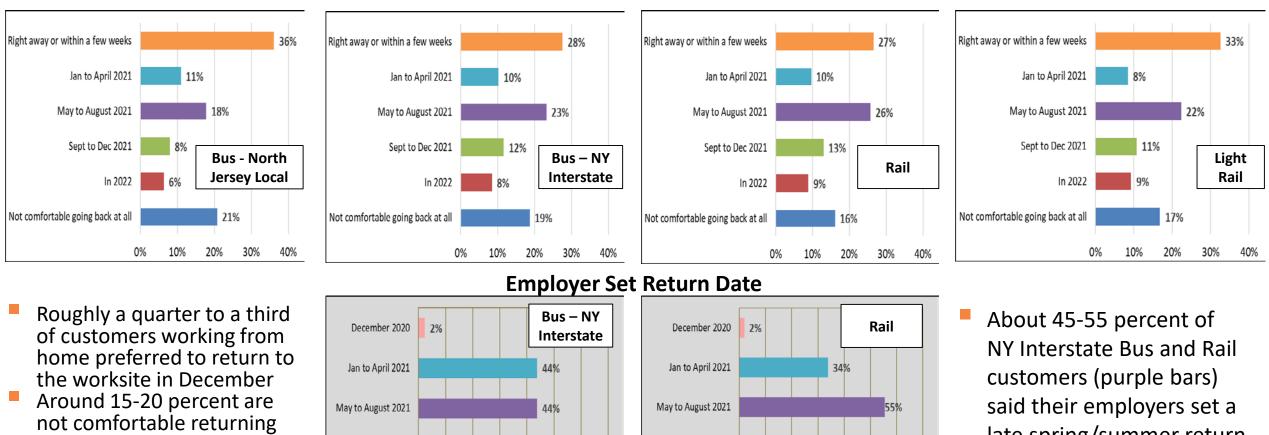
- Customers working from home were asked, if they had to go to the office in the next week, how would they travel there.
- The percent of customers that would travel by the same mode decreased compared to June.
- It is important to note, that when this survey was conducted the second wave had begun.

South Jersey bus and Access Link each had small sample sizes so they are not shown



# Once government guidance allows and business start reopening, if it was up to you, when would you prefer to go back to your work site?

Has your employer set a date for worksite return?



Sept to Dec 2021

In 2022

8%

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70%

1%

**Return to Work Preference** 

at all

Sept to Dec 2021

In 2022

9%

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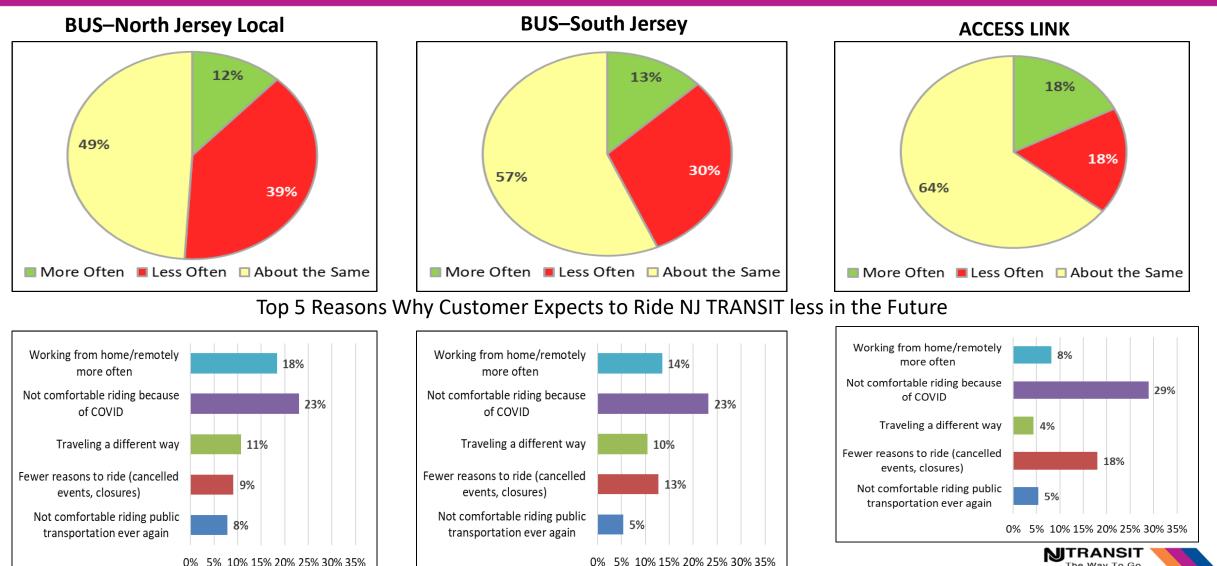
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About 20-25 percent want to return in the late Spring/Summer of 2021

late spring/summer return date



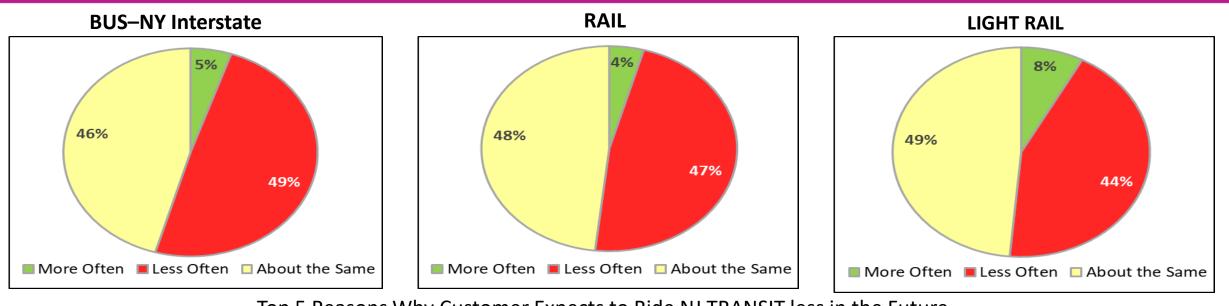
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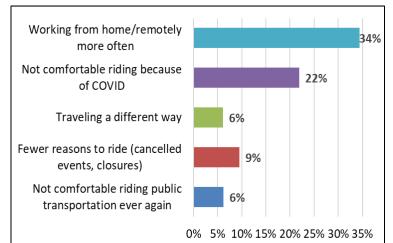
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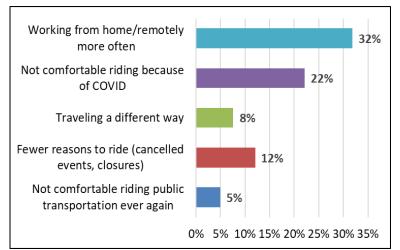
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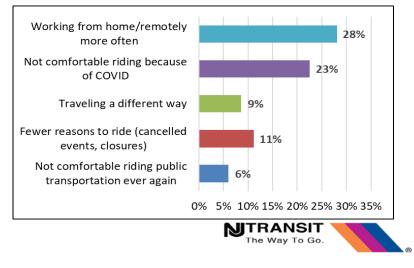
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Top 5 Reasons Why Customer Expects to Ride NJ TRANSIT less in the Future

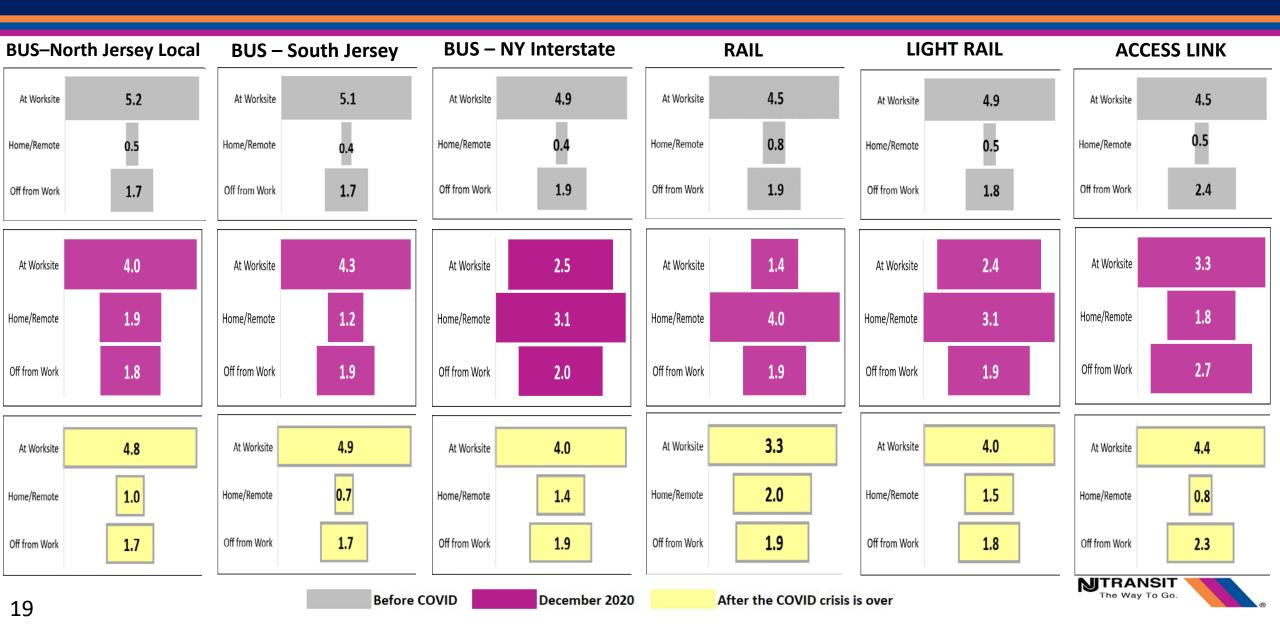






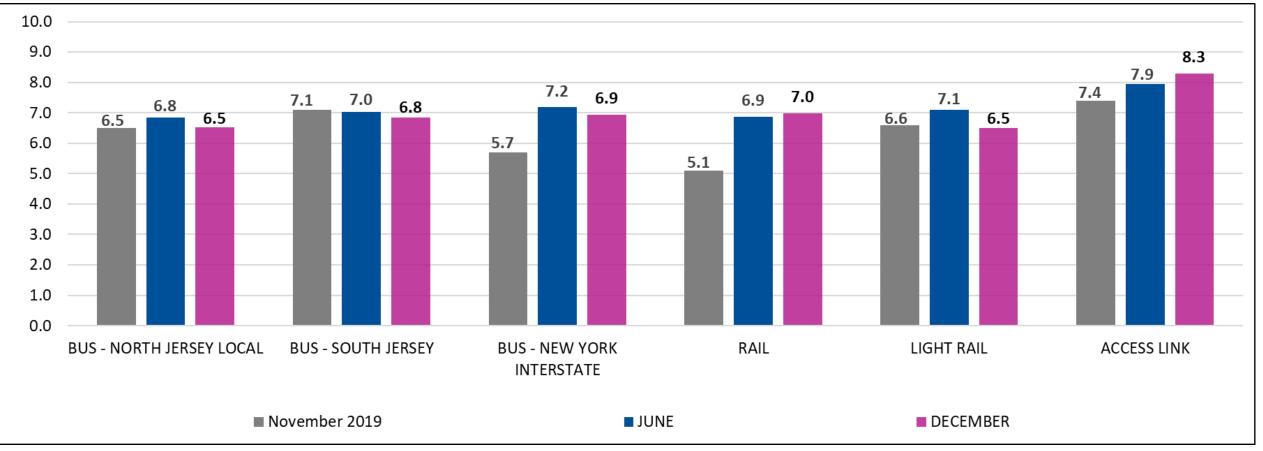
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## WORK TRIPS: How many days did you or do you expect to . . .?



### **Overall Satisfaction with NJ TRANSIT**

#### **OVERALL SATISFACTION**





# COVID Travel Survey #3 – Next Steps

- Share results with senior management, operating groups, pandemic planning groups, Board Customer Service Committee, etc.
- Next COVID Travel Survey, possibly in the spring
- Next Customer Satisfaction possibly in the fall

