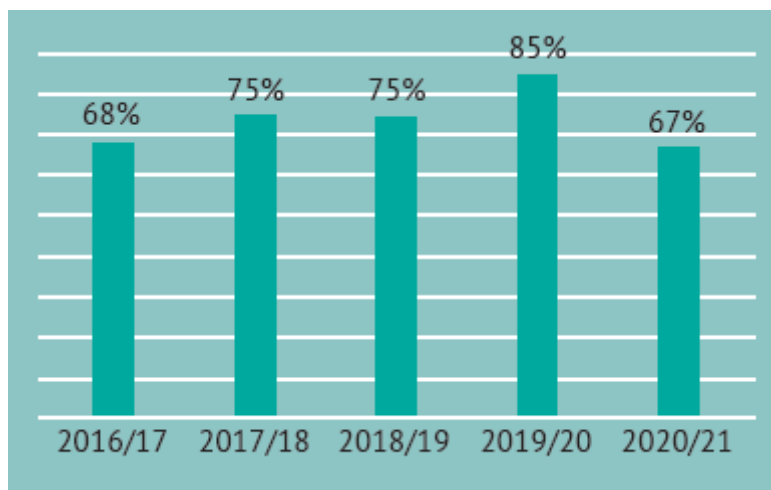


## Appendix 1 – Additional Transport Indicators

- 1.1 It should be noted, as in the accompanying report, that due to the timeliness of the official statistics available at West Yorkshire level, some of the data has been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.
- 1.2 It is vital that the transport system within West Yorkshire connects people to employment communities. The pandemic has presented a major challenge to this aim with West Yorkshire's access inequality ratio worsening during 2020, as the number of jobs accessible by the bus network from deprived neighbourhoods fell, relative to those accessible by private car. This is attributable to a reduction in bus services as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, when only essential travel was supported; but it also illustrates the barriers to travel faced by certain groups.

**Figure 1 – Access Inequality Ratio**



- 1.3 As observed in the accompanying report, West Yorkshire has an ambition to reduce private car journeys and substantially grow the number of trips made using sustainable transport, noting that currently two-thirds of trips in West Yorkshire are made by car.
- 1.4 The transport system has an important role in creating clean, safe, healthy places for communities and businesses. This includes the safety of users of streets and highway network. The number of killed or seriously injured casualties arising from traffic accidents is on a downward trend in West Yorkshire and this trend, however this was reinforced by the reduction in road traffic associated with the pandemic, as casualties fell by more than a fifth between 2019 and 2020.
- 1.5 The role of smart ticketing, including Metro's MCard, is important to the development of transport within West Yorkshire. Following a sharp reduction during the pandemic there was a modest recovery in trips made using the MCard in 2021, with a total of 10m trips recorded. The pandemic seems to have accelerated a shift to digital channels for the purchase of MCard trips, as 70% of travel tickets were bought through the MCard mobile app rather than traditional outlets during 2021.

1.6 Satisfaction trends in transport can be summarised through the following headline statistics from the Residents Perception of Transport Survey. In summary:

- Satisfaction with highway infrastructure remains relatively low, at 5.8 (out of 10), the same score as in 2020/21.
- Satisfaction with the provision of cycling routes and facilities have declined, alongside declines in as well as road surface and pavement maintenance.
- Satisfaction scores for local public transport in West Yorkshire are high, when compared with other aspects of the transport system. However, the average satisfaction rating for public transport fell in 2021/22 when compared with the previous year, although it remains higher than in 2019/20. This may be in part due to the Covid-19 pandemic and changing travel patterns, with less traffic on the roads and fewer people travelling in general.