

CHALLENGES IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT POSED BY THE PANDEMIC

- Huge decline in use of public transport
- Massive losses for public transport operators
- Insufficient assistance and support from local authorities
- Majority of public transport users do not feel safe in public transport
- Inadequate infrastructure to ensure mobility safety for vulnerable persons
- No specific actions taken to protect the health and safety of vulnerable people
- Limited communication with the public on health and safety issues in public transport
- No national research on impacts of the pandemic on public transport operations
- Insufficient traffic safety data

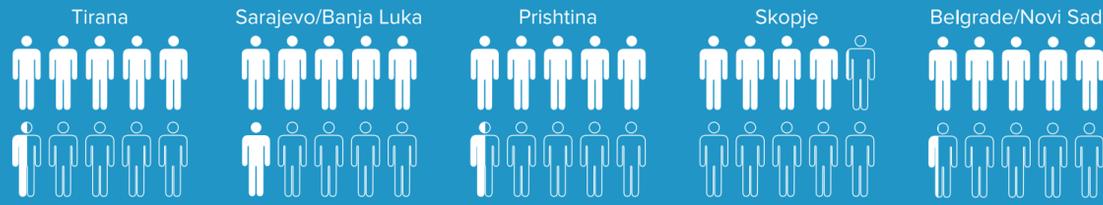
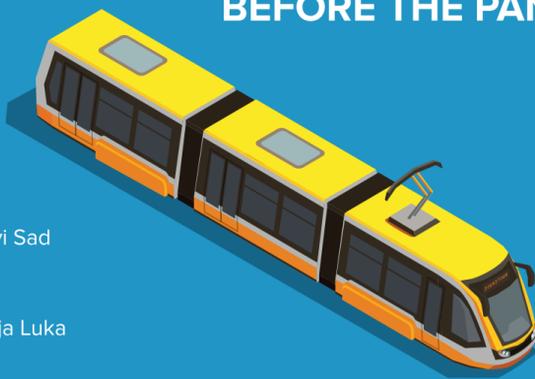
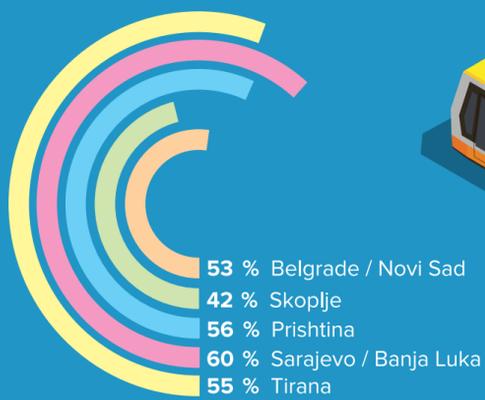


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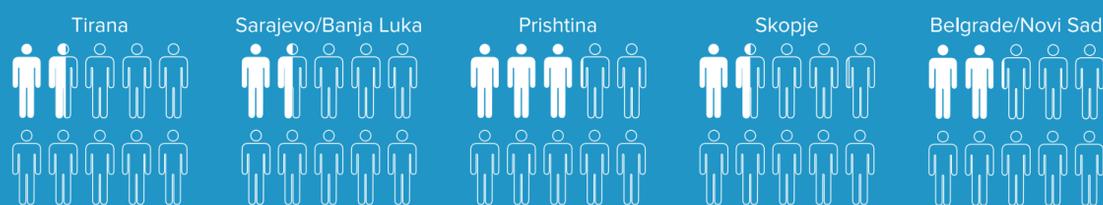
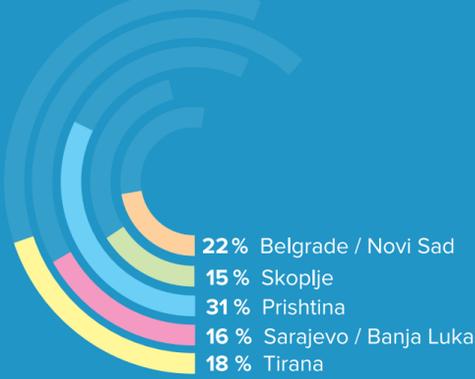
was the **most frequently used** type of transport **before the pandemic**, but private cars became the most preferred mode during the pandemic

FREQUENT USERS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT

BEFORE THE PANDEMIC

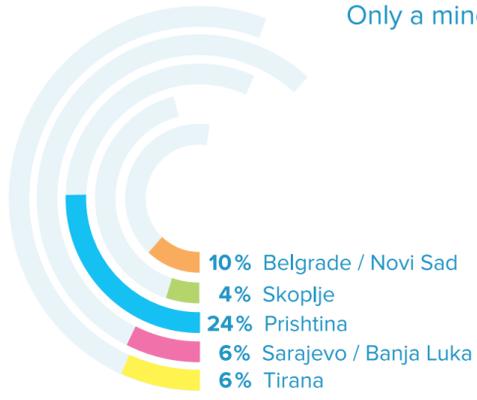


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PEOPLE WHO FEEL COMPLETELY SAFE

Only a minority of public transport passengers feel completely safe in public transport

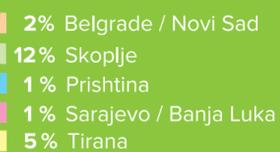


PEOPLE RELYING MOSTLY ON BICYCLES/SCOOTERS FOR MOBILITY

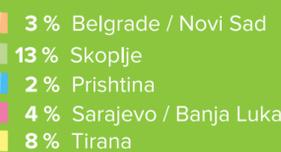
Use of bicycles/scooters increased slightly or insignificantly due to insufficiently built infrastructure



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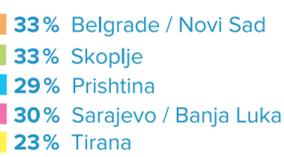


PEOPLE RELYING MOSTLY ON PRIVATE CARS FOR MOBILITY

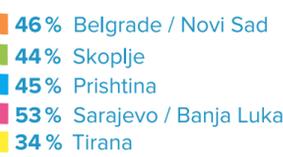
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Recommendations on the way forward

SHORT-TERM MEASURES:

- Ensuring a higher level of health and safety in public transport
- Developing well-devised plans and policies to replace ad-hoc solutions
- Additional actions to revive the public transport sector

MEDIUM-TERM MEASURES:

- Expanding the availability of public transport services
- Increasing multimodal and shared transport options
- Service frequency and optimisation management
- Reallocating spatial resources by marking dedicated public transport vehicle lanes
- Expanding vehicle fleets by purchasing a sufficient number of safe and environmentally friendly vehicles

LONG-TERM MEASURES:

- investments in sustainable urban mobility in general to reshape mobility behaviours
- policies and urban development plans to define solutions for non-motorised mobility
- investments in diversification of transport to the adaptability and resilience of transport systems