## **EUROPE'S NEW FAVE CAR COLOUR?**

For some people, choosing a car colour can be as important as what car they drive.

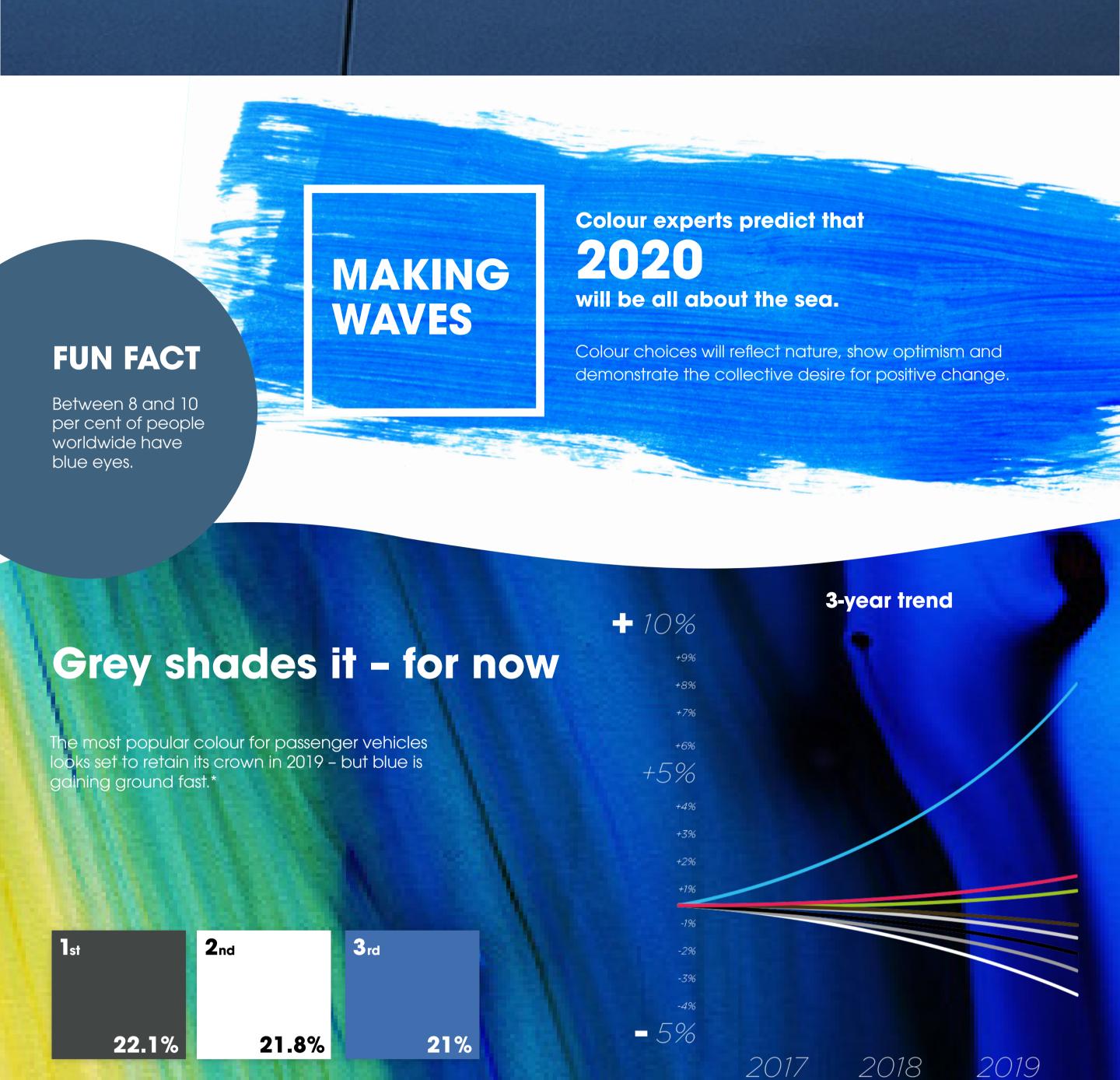
So far in 2019, across Europe, most Ford drivers have gone for grey. But there is growing demand for all things blue.

BLUE CHIP Paint companies are selecting blue shades as their colours of the year. The fashion industry predicts blue will dominate spring/summer looks, and designers see navy and porcelain as key colours for 2020.

Blue is a colour often associated with balance, it echoes parts of the natural world. At times of social and political unease, this colour space could feel like a safe haven. It is increasingly associated with mindfulness, environmental awareness and future mobility. Choosing blue is a way of showing optimism and openness, a desire for harmony.

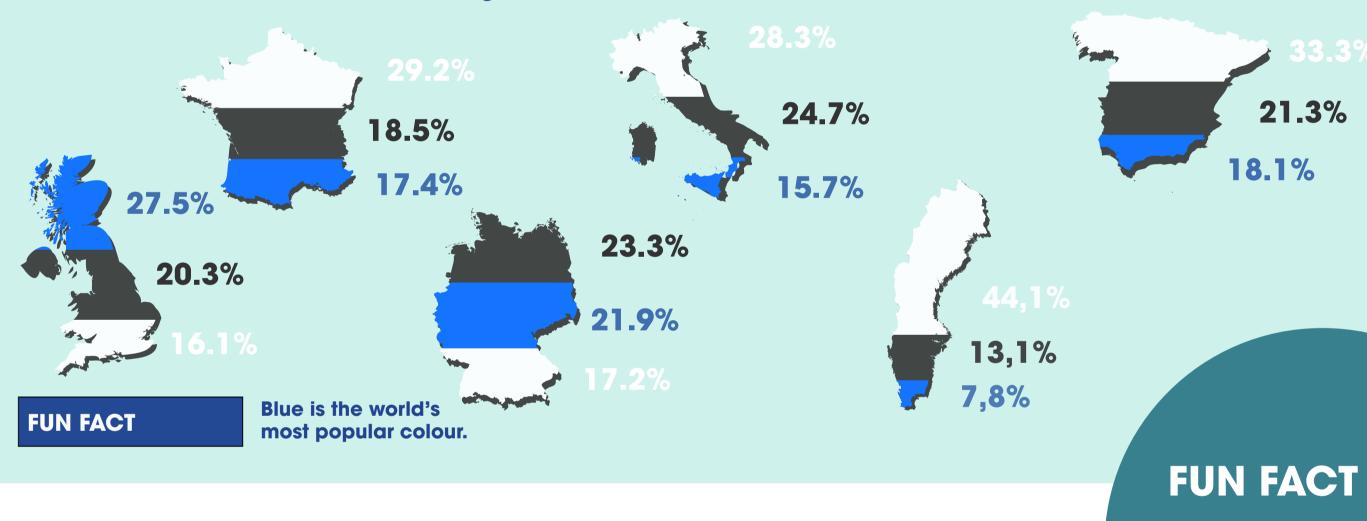
Colour and material design supervisor

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## **OUT OF THE BLUE**

Blue is already the No. 1 colour for passenger vehicles in the UK.\*



Trying to eat less? Try a blue plate.

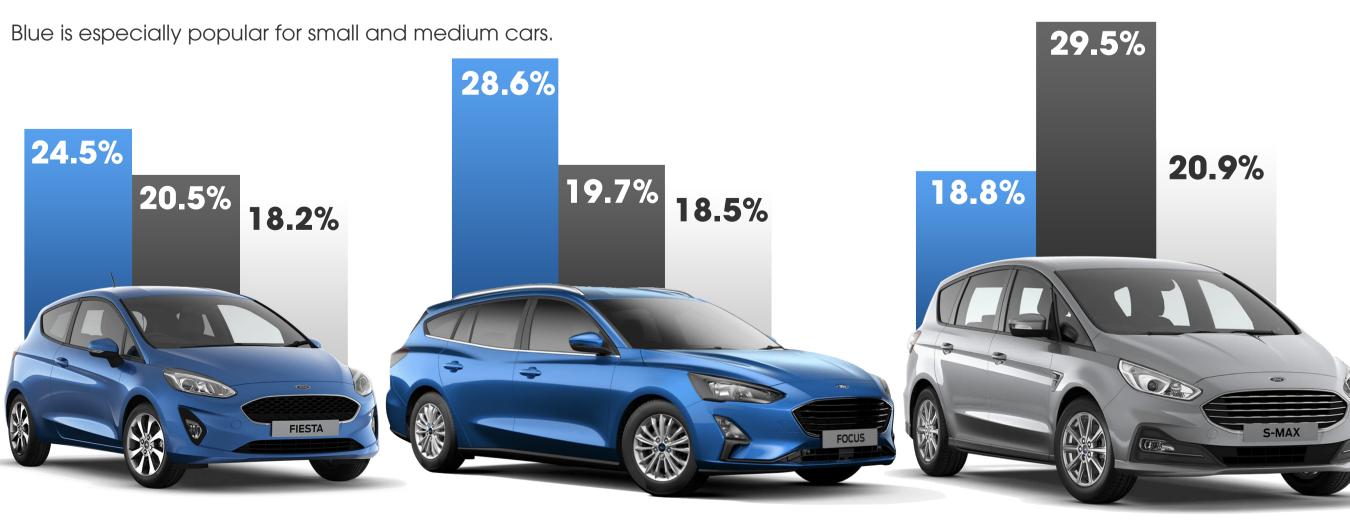
Experts say it can

suppressant.

act as an appetite

**Chromatic colours** + 8.1% **NOT ALL BLACK AND WHITE** Black, white and grey are "achromatic". More colourful, "chromatic" shades are gaining in popularity.

## **SIZE MATTERS**



## **FUN FACT**

Egyptian blue was the first colour to be produced synthetically, more than 4,000 years ago.

\* Colour data gathered by Ford from January, 2017, to end of October, 2019, for Austria, Belgium, Britain, Czech

Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland,

Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland. Vehicles included are C-MAX, EcoSport, Edge, Explorer, Fiesta, Focus, Galaxy, KA+, Kuga, Mondeo, Mustang, and S-MAX.

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