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**Passenger Transport Statistics
December 2008. Provisional data**

The number of passengers using city transport increases 2.2% in December as compared with the same month of the previous year

The number of passengers using inter-city transport decreases 0.3% in the interannual rate

Nearly 260 million passengers used **city transport** in December, representing a 2.2% increase with regard to the same month of 2007. Increases of 1.9% in the bus service, and 2.7% in the metropolitan service, were recorded in December.

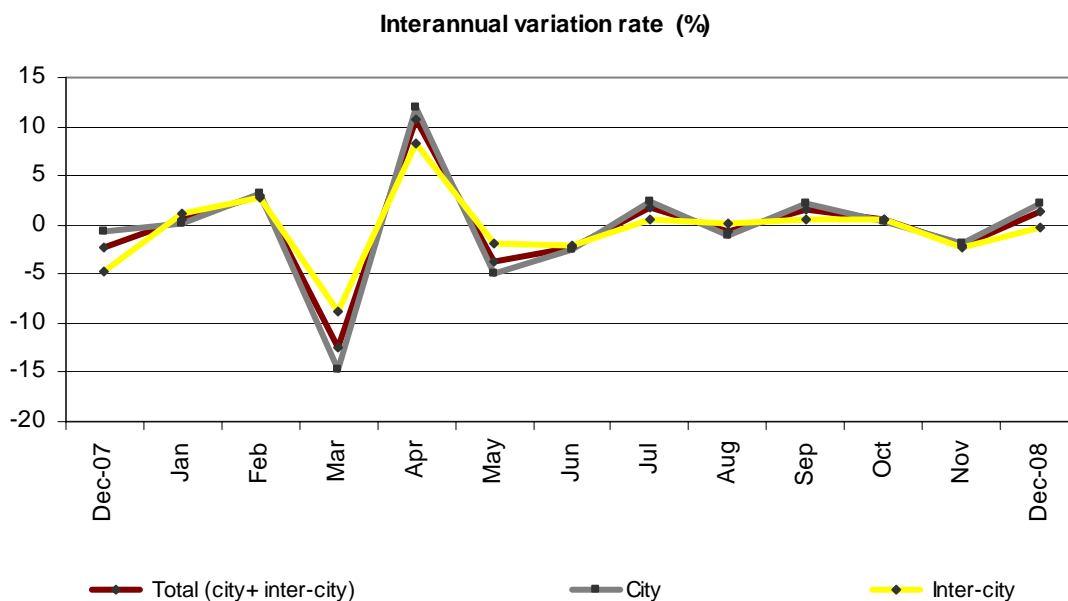
On the other hand, **inter-city transport** was used by more than 141.7 million passengers, that is, 0.3% less than during the same month of the previous year.

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
City transport			
TOTAL	259,917	2.24	-0.46
Buses	156,960	1.92	-1.27
- Scheduled ¹	156,185	1.95	-1.28
General scheduled	148,173	1.81	-1.25
Special scheduled	8,011	4.48	-1.79
- Unscheduled	775	-3.80	0.16
Metropolitan	102,958	2.72	0.85
Inter-city transport			
TOTAL	141,770	-0.26	-0.24
Road transport	92,961	0.73	0.37
- Scheduled ¹	80,385	1.43	0.69
- Unscheduled	12,576	-3.50	-1.38
Rail transport	45,507	-1.01	-0.93
Air transport (domestic)	2,758	-16.20	-7.50
Sea transport (cabotage) ^{2, 3}	544	-7.56	-1.56

(1) Inter-city transport by road includes: general scheduled and special scheduled (students and workers).

(2) Disembarked passengers only.

(3) Estimated data.



General scheduled city transport by bus increases 1.8%

More than 148 million passengers used the general scheduled city bus this past month of December, representing an increase of 1.8% as compared with the same month of 2007.

By Autonomous Community, it is worth noting the interannual increase registered in País Vasco (6.0%), and the decrease registered in Comunidad de Madrid (-1.4%).

General scheduled city bus service

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	148,173	1.81	-1.25
Andalucía	20,839	0.99	1.65
Aragón	11,079	4.25	6.24
Asturias (Principado de)	3,375	2.79	2.54
Canarias	3,763	3.45	0.54
Castilla y León	6,317	4.86	1.06
Castilla-La Mancha	1,843	4.01	4.35
Cataluña	25,637	4.62	-2.51
Comunitat Valenciana	11,720	0.83	-1.70
Extremadura	1,018	0.18	-1.74
Galicia	4,901	5.37	1.56
Madrid (Comunidad de)	40,123	-1.35	-6.23
Murcia (Región de)	1,695	0.74	0.92
País Vasco	7,133	5.97	1.55
Others ¹	8,730	0.69	2.10

¹ In order to protect statistical secrecy, Autonomous Communities are grouped in those cases in which data at a company level could be identified.

Transport by special scheduled city bus increases 4.5%

During the month of December, the special scheduled city bus service experienced an increase of 4.5% in the interannual rate. Within this, the special scheduled school bus service registered an increase of 8.6%, while the special scheduled work bus service experienced a decrease of 6.5%.

Special scheduled city bus

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	8,011	4.48	-1.79
Students	6,040	8.62	-1.54
Workers	1,971	-6.47	-2.45

Transport by metropolitan increases 2.7% in the interannual rate

The number of passengers using the metropolitan increased 2.7% in December as compared with the same month in 2007. Increases were registered in all Spanish metropolitan services, Barcelona being of particular note, with 8.3%.

Metropolitan

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	102,958	2.72	0.85
Barcelona	32,314	8.25	3.12
Bilbao	7,527	0.97	0.71
Madrid	57,744	0.03	-0.32
Valencia ¹	5,373	3.42	0.53

(1) Estimated data.

Inter-city transport decreases 0.3% as compared with December 2007

The number of passengers using inter-city transport exceeded 141 million during the month of December, representing an interannual decrease of 0.3%.

In road transport, the number of passengers using the bus to commute increased 0.7% in the interannual rate. Increases were registered among the users of general scheduled transport (1.3%) and the passengers using special scheduled transport (1.7%), whereas unscheduled transport decreased 3.5% as compared with the same month the previous year.

Air transport suffered a significant drop of 16.2% in the interannual rate, with respect to December 2007.

Inter-city transport

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	141,770	-0.26	-0.24
Road transport	92,961	0.73	0.37
General scheduled	53,807	1.28	0.61
Special scheduled	26,578	1.72	0.88
- Students	19,260	2.34	0.71
- Workers	7,318	0.15	1.24
- Unscheduled	12,576	-3.50	-1.38
Rail transport	45,507	-1.01	-0.93
RENFE	38,414	-2.93	-1.07
- AVE - Long distance ²	1,898	26.28	25.05
- Regional ³	2,913	19.98	4.69
- Local	33,603	-5.72	-2.53
Narrow gauge trains	7,093	10.84	-0.10
Air transport (domestic)	2,758	-16.20	-7.50
Sea transport (cabotage) ¹	544	-7.56	-1.56

(1) Estimated data.

(2) Long distance includes long distance and long distance high speed.

(3) Regional includes regional and regional high speed.

City and inter-city transport of passengers in 2008

More than **3,152 million passengers** used city transport in 2008, indicating a decrease of **0.5%** in comparison with the year 2007.

City transport

	No. of passengers 2008 (thousands)	No. of passengers 2007 (thousands)	Interannual variation rate
TOTAL CITY TRANSPORT	3,152,313	3,166,906	-0.46

General scheduled city bus service

	1,823,125	1,846,194	-1.25
TOTAL			
Andalucía	249,344	245,299	1.65
Aragón	138,654	130,512	6.24
Asturias (Principado de)	41,958	40,918	2.54
Canarias	50,024	49,754	0.54
Castilla y León	75,775	74,978	1.06
Castilla-La Mancha	22,750	21,802	4.35
Cataluña	329,854	338,356	-2.51
Comunitat Valenciana	144,900	147,396	-1.69
Extremadura	13,264	13,499	-1.74
Galicia	61,850	60,900	1.56
Madrid (Comunidad de)	478,876	510,677	-6.23
Murcia (Región de)	20,878	20,687	0.92
País Vasco	82,166	80,908	1.55
Others ¹	112,833	110,508	2.10

Special scheduled city bus service

	96,589	98,352	-1.79
TOTAL			
- Students	69,725	70,814	-1.54
- Workers	26,864	27,538	-2.45

Unscheduled city transport

	14,791	14,768	0.16
TOTAL			

Metropolitan

	1,217,808	1,207,592	0.85
TOTAL			
Barcelona	377,789	366,355	3.12
Bilbao	86,476	85,864	0.71
Madrid	685,539	687,729	-0.32
Valencia ²	68,004	67,643	0.53

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(2) Estimated data December

During 2008, more than 1,823 million passengers used the **general scheduled city bus service**, 1.3% less than in 2007.

By Autonomous Community, there were remarkable increases in Aragón (6.2%) and Castilla – La Mancha (4.4%), and decreases in Madrid (-6.2%) and in Cataluña (-2.5%).

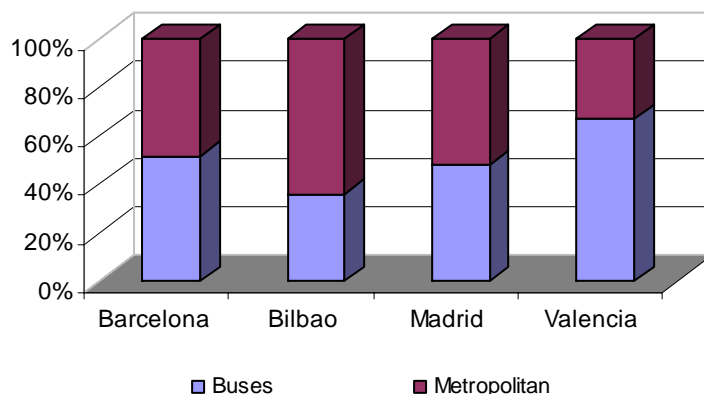
The **special scheduled city bus service** was used by more than 96.5 million passengers in 2008, for a decrease of 1.8%. Special scheduled school transport registered a decrease of 1.5%, and special scheduled work transport decreased 2.5%.

On the other hand, the **unscheduled city bus service** increased 0.2% with regard to the previous year.

In 2008, the number of passengers using **metropolitan transport** increased 0.9%. The number of users increased in all Spanish metropolitan services, except in Madrid (-0.3). Worth noting was the 3.1% increase experienced by the Barcelona metro.

It is worth mentioning that the passengers using city transport used the metropolitan service more than the bus service in three of the four cities with a metropolitan service (Barcelona, Bilbao and Madrid).

RATE OF CITY TRANSPORT IN THE CITIES WITH A METROPOLITAN SERVICE 2008



More than **1,865 million passengers used inter-city transport in 2008**, indicating a decrease of 0.2% in comparison with 2007.

The number of passengers using inter-city transport by road increased 0.4%, with growth of 0.7% in scheduled transport and a decrease of 1.4% in unscheduled transport. On the other hand, the number of passengers using inter-city transport by rail decreased 0.9%.

Inter-city transport by air decreased 7.5%, while transport by sea decreased 1.6%, as compared with the year 2007.

Inter-city transport

	No. of passengers 2008 (thousands)	No. of passengers 2007 (thousands)	Interannual variation rate
TOTAL	1,865,249	1,869,710	-0.24
Road transport	1,227,852	1,223,316	0.37
Total scheduled	1,040,003	1,032,837	0.69
General scheduled	706,156	701,902	0.61
Special scheduled	333,847	330,935	0.88
- Students	229,620	227,990	0.71
- Workers	104,227	102,946	1.24
Unscheduled	187,849	190,478	-1.38
Rail transport	587,420	592,948	-0.93
RENFE	501,178	506,621	-1.07
- Long distance ²	23,255	18,596	25.05
- Regional ³	32,820	31,351	4.69
- Local	445,100	456,673	-2.53
Narrow gauge trains	86,242	86,326	-0.10
Air transport (domestic)	41,071	44,400	-7.50
Sea transport (cabotage) ¹	8,906	9,047	-1.56

(1) Estimated data December

(2) Long distance includes long distance and long distance high speed.

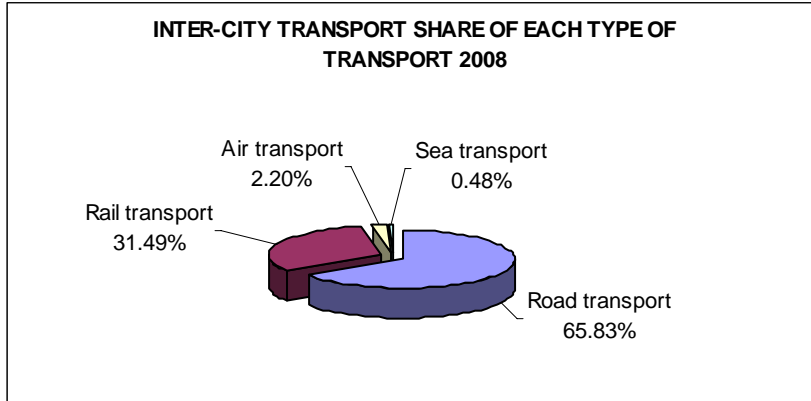
(3) Regional includes regional and regional high speed.

Passenger distribution by means of inter-city transport

In 2008, the percentage of passengers in each type of inter-city transport was very similar to the distribution from the previous year.

Transport by road remained the most important part of inter-city transport (65.8%), followed by transport by rail (31.5%).

Transport by air accounted for 2.2%, and transport by sea was 0.5%, of the total.



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