

## Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) March 2026. Provisional data

### Main results

- The number of public transport users increased by 3.1% in March compared to the same month in 2025.
- Urban transport climbed by 4.8% year-on-year and intercity transport by 0.1%.

### More information

- [Tables annex](#) (includes information by autonomous community and type of transport)
- [Detailed results](#) (monthly and annual data)

More than 526.6 million passengers used public transport in March, 3.1% more than in the same month in 2025.

Urban transport rose by 4.8% year-on-year and intercity transport by 0.1%. Within the intercity sector, there was a notable increase of 4.0% increase in bus transport.

### Annual evolution of passenger transport by type of transport Percentage

		City	Intercity	Special and unscheduled	
2025	March	9.9	11.0	8.8	
	April	-4.5	-4.5	-7.5	
	May	3.1	6.0	-0.3	
	June	6.8	8.6	2.0	
	July	6.2	-0.5	3.3	
	August	4.0	-1.1	11.7	
	September	6.3	4.7	2.8	
	October	5.4	3.6	0.9	
	November	6.8	1.8	-0.6	
	December	3.4	3.6	4.6	
	2026	January	-0.2	-4.7	-4.4
		February	2.0	-4.1	-1.4
March		4.8	0.1	1.8	

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### Urban transport

Urban transport was used by more than 331.8 million passengers in March, 4.8% more than in the same month of 2025.

Transport by metro increased by 4.6% year-on-year and city bus transport by 4.9%.

### Intercity transport

More than 147.7 million passengers used intercity transport in March, which represented an increase of 0.1% compared to the same month in 2025.

By type of transport, bus travel grew by 4.0% and maritime travel by 0.4%. Conversely, air travel fell by 0.8% and rail travel by 5.1%.

### Intercity transport by type of transport and distance. March 2026

Annual rate. Percentage

		Passengers (thousands)	Annual rate (%)
Bus	TOTAL	84,320	4.0
	Local	58,547	3.3
	Regional	24,072	5.2
	Long-distance	1,701	15.6
Rail1	TOTAL	58,780	-5.1
	Local	51,486	-3.5
	Regional	3,581	-13.5
	TOTAL	3,713	-15.8
	Long-distance High Speed	3,058	-17.7
	Rest of long-distance rail	655	-5.5
Air (domestic)	TOTAL	3,880	-0.8
	Mainland Spain	1,543	2.5
	Mainland - Rest of territory	1,832	-3.5
	Inter-island	506	-0.6
Maritime (cabotage)	TOTAL	751	0.4

<sup>1</sup> Commuter services include RENFE and all regional rail operators. High-speed services include AVE, AVLO, OUIGO and IRYO.

### Special and discretionary transport

More than 47.0 million users used special and discretionary transport in March, which represented an increase of 1.8% year-on-year.

The number of passengers using special transport increased by 0.8% and exceeded 29.6 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 0.9% and employment transport by 0.6%.

Meanwhile, discretionary transport grew by 3.5% compared to the same month in 2025, with more than 17.3 million passengers.

**Results by Autonomous Community**

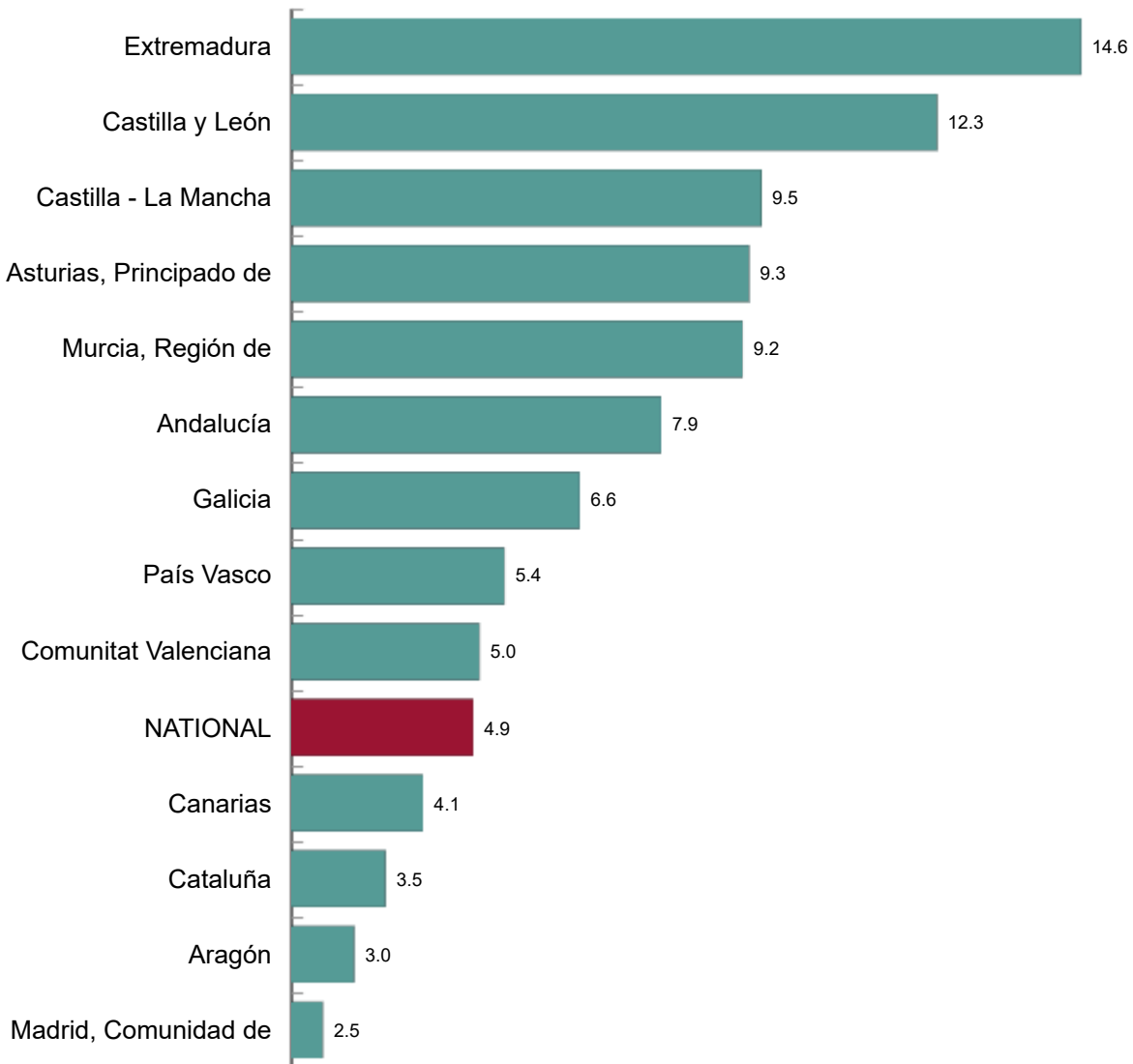
All autonomous communities showed positive annual rates in bus transport.

The largest increases occurred in Extremadura (14.6%), Castilla y León (12.3%) and Castilla - La Mancha (9.5%).

In turn, Comunidad de Madrid (2.5%), Aragón (3.0%) and Catalunya (3.5%) recorded the lowest growth in bus transport.

**Urban transport by bus<sup>1</sup> . March 2026**

Annual rate. Percentage



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<sup>1</sup> For purposes of statistical confidentiality, the data for the autonomous communities of Illes Balears, Cantabria, Comunidad Foral de Navarra and La Rioja, and for the autonomous cities of Ceuta and Melilla are not published separately.

Metro ridership increased in all cities that have this type of transport compared to the same month of the previous year. The Sevilla metro showed the largest increase, at 22.9%, and the Bilbao metro the smallest, at 1.4%.

**Revisions and data update**

On the press release day, INE has updated PT data for the same month of the previous year. Results are available at [INEbase](#).

## Methodological note

The purpose of the Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) is to provide monthly information regarding the number of passengers transported by city transport (bus and metropolitan), inter-city transport (road, rail, air and sea) and special and unscheduled bus transport.

Road transport is researched through a simple survey. For rail transport, the number of passengers is calculated using the information provided by the railway operators (RENFE and other autonomous companies). The information for air transport is provided by Civil Aviation, and for sea transport, the number of passengers disembarked is compiled using information from State Ports.

**Survey Type:** ongoing monthly.

**Population scope:** companies involved in passenger transport irrespective of their main activity.

**Geographical scope:** the whole country

**Reference period of the results:** month.

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**Sample size:** Approximately 1,500 companies.

**Type of sampling:** stratified random sampling of companies, by Autonomous Communities, number of employees and type of transport.


**Collection method:** fill in a questionnaire by respondent using one of the following methods: internet (IRIA system), email, fax, telephone or post.

Further information is available in the [methodology](#) and in the [standardized methodological report](#).

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