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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
August 2026. Provisional data

Main results

- The number of passengers using public transport increased by 3.3% in August, as compared with the same month of 2025.
- The annual rate for city transport increased by 4.1% and for inter-city transport by 1.5%.

More information

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More than 371.6 million passengers used public transport in August, 3.3% more than in the same month of 2025.

The annual rate for city transport increased by 4.1% and for inter-city transport 1.5%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 5.5% rise in the bus transport.

Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport
Percentage

		City	Intercity	Special and unscheduled
2025	August	3.9	-1.6	0.8
	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
	January	-0.2	-4.7	-4.4
2026	February	2.0	-4.1	-1.4
	March	4.8	0.1	1.8
	April	8.4	1.2	6.1
	May	1.8	-1.0	-0.1
	June	3.1	-0.6	3.0
	July	1.2	0.1	6.9
	August	4.1	1.5	4.2

City transport

City transport was used by more than 231.8 million passengers in August, 4.1% more than in the same month of 2025.

Metro transport increased by 3.3% in annual rate and City transport by bus increased by 4.6% in August.

Inter-city transport

More than 119.3 million passengers used inter-city transport in August, representing a 1.5% increase as compared with the same month of 2025.

By mode of transport, the bus transport increased by 5.5%, and the air transport by 2.7%, whereas the maritime transport decreased by 1.4%, and the rail transport by 4.6%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. August 2026

Annual rate. Percentage

		Passengers (thousands)	Annual rate (%)	
Bus	TOTAL	70,462	5.5	
	Local	43,642	3.0	
	Regional	24,553	10.8	
	Long-distance	2,268	2.8	
Rail ¹	TOTAL	42,291	-4.6	
	Local	34,859	-5.0	
	Regional	2,986	-6.8	
	TOTAL	4,446	0.3	
	Long-distance	High Speed	3,683	0.6
	Rest of long-distance rail	763	-1.2	
Air (domestic)	TOTAL	4,865	2.7	
	Mainland Spain	1,434	4.2	
	Mainland - Rest of territory	2,841	2.4	
	Inter-island	590	0.9	
Maritime (cabotage)	TOTAL	1,737	-1.4	

¹ Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators. Long-distance rail includes AVE, AVLO, OUIGO e IRYO.

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 20.3 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in August, indicating an increase of 4.2% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 1.3%, reaching more than 5.1 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 6.1% and work transport did so by 1.2%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 6.2% as compared with the same month of 2025, with more than 15.2 million passengers.

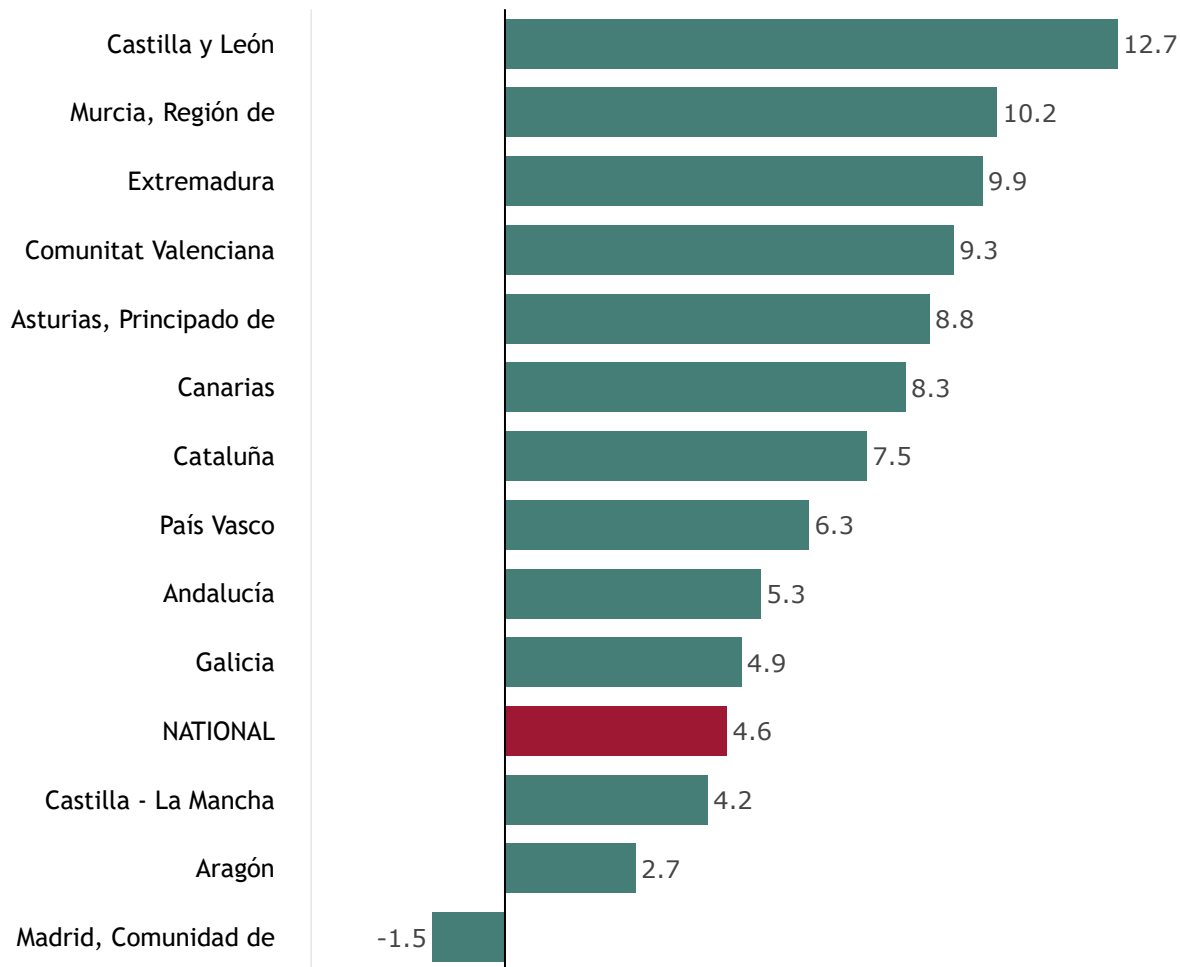
Result by Autonomous Communities

The number of bus transport passengers showed the highest increases in Castilla y León (12.7%), Región de Murcia (10.2%) and Extremadura (9.9%).

The largest decrease in bus transport passengers was showed in Comunidad de Madrid (-1.5%).

City transport by bus¹. August 2026

Annual rate. Percentage



¹ In order to maintain statistical secrecy, data of Autonomous Communities of Illes Balears, Cantabria, Comunidad Foral de Navarra and La Rioja, and the Autonomous Cities of Ceuta and Melilla are not separately published.

Metro transport increased in all cities with this type of transport as compared with the same month of the previous year. Sevilla's metro registered the highest increase (11.8%), and Madrid's registered the lowest (2.4%).

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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