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**Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)**  
January 2022. Provisional data

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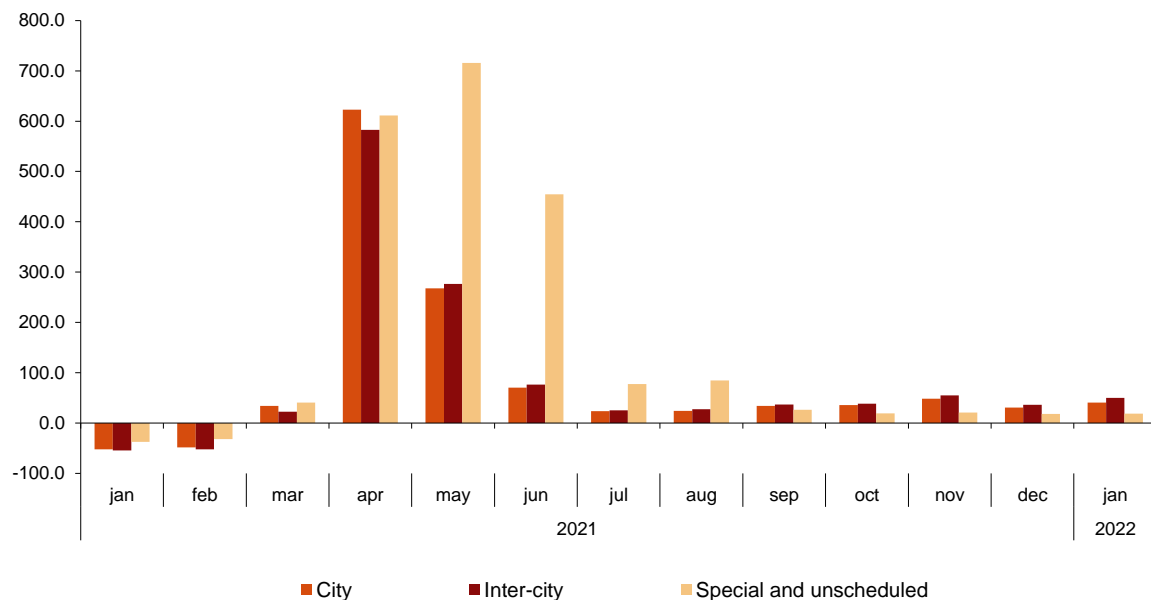
**Evolution of passenger transport**

More than 291.3 million passengers used public transport in January, 40.4% more than in the same month of 2021.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 40.8% and for inter-city transport 50.0%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 165.9% rise in the air transport.

**Passenger Transport by mode of transport.**

Annual rate. Percentage



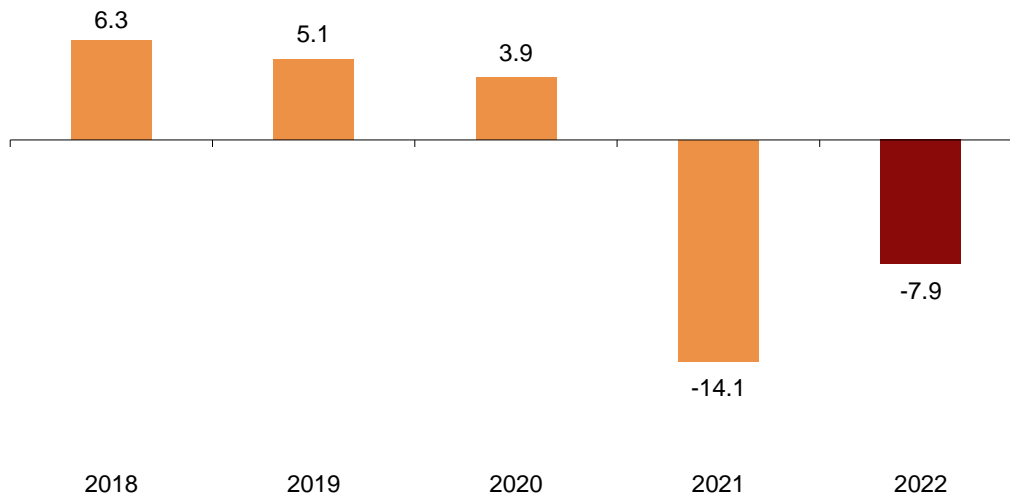
**Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport**

	City	Inter-city	Special and unscheduled
2021 January	-51.9	-54.0	-37.0
February	-48.2	-51.9	-31.6
March	34.0	22.8	40.8
April	622.9	582.7	611.5
May	267.8	276.8	715.5
June	70.6	76.3	454.4
July	23.7	25.4	77.7
August	24.5	27.8	85.0
September	34.3	37.1	26.4
October	36.1	38.6	19.4
November	48.7	54.9	21.0
December	30.7	36.4	18.6
2022 January	40.8	50.0	19.1

**Evolution of the monthly rate**

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in January as compared with December was  $-7.9\%$ . In order to contribute to the analysis and interpretation of data, the evolution of the monthly rate of public transport passengers in recent years is shown in the following chart.

**Evolution of the monthly rate of number of public passengers transport  
Month-on-month rate of January as compared with December**



## City transport

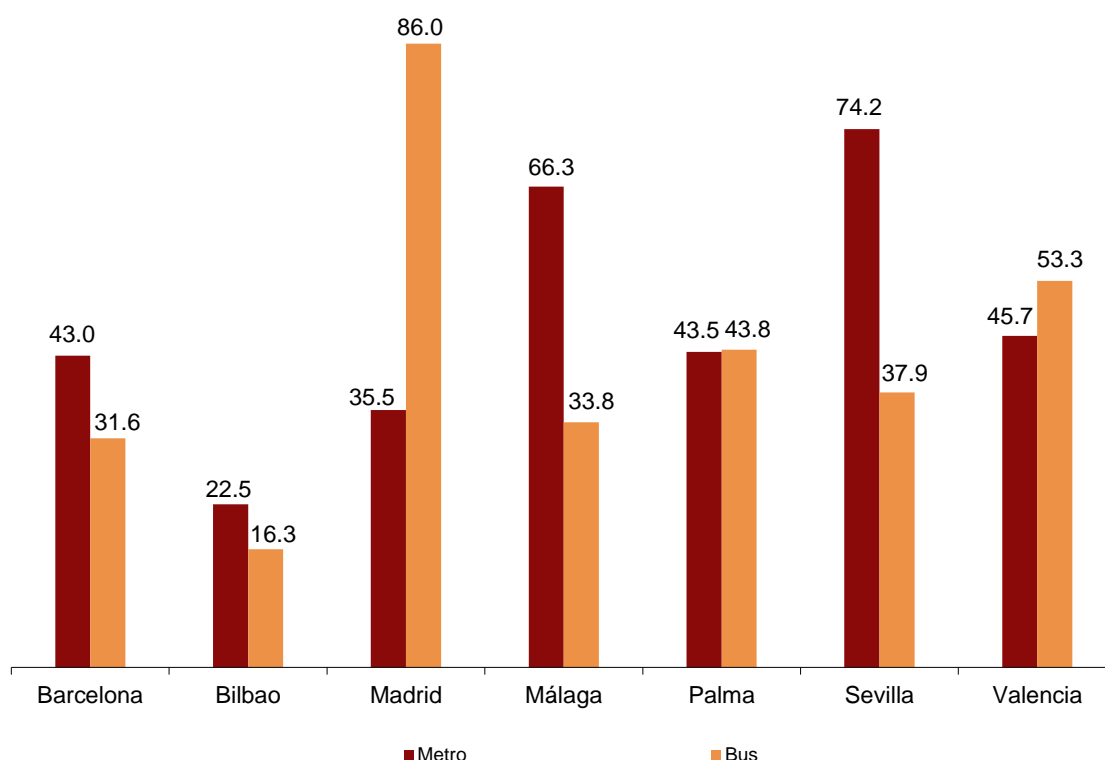
City transport was used by more than 179.9 million passengers in January, 40.8% more than in the same month of 2021.

Metro transport increased by 37.7% in annual rate. Sevilla's metro registered the highest increase (74.2%), and the Bilbao's metro the lowest (22.5%)

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Madrid (86.0%) and the lowest increase in Bilbao (16.3%)

### City transport passengers in cities with metro. January 2022.

Annual rate. Percentage



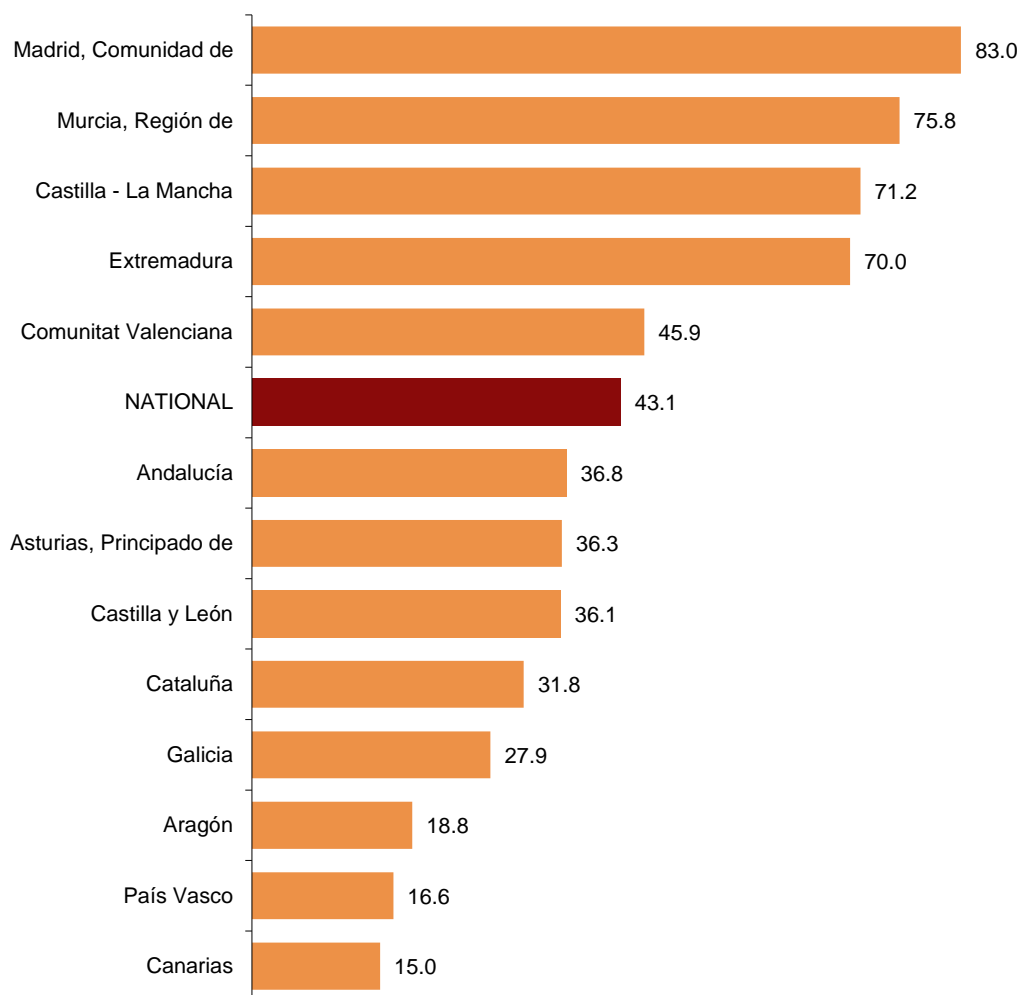
City transport by bus increased by 43.1% in January, as compared with the same month of 2021.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Comunidad de Madrid (83.0%), Región de Murcia (75.8%) and Castilla - La Mancha (71.2%).

In turn, Canarias (15.0%), País Vasco (16.6%) and Aragón (18.8%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

### City transport by bus<sup>1</sup>. January 2022.

Annual rate. Percentage



<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Inter-city transport

More than 79.6 million passengers used inter-city transport in January, representing a 50.0% increase as compared with the same month of 2021.

By mode of transport, the air transport increased by 165.9%, the maritime transport by 104.7%, the bus transport by 54.0% and the rail transport by 41.2%.

Commuter transport increased by 52.5% by bus and by rail transport by 36.6%. Regional transport increased by 55.0% by bus and by 79.8% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 154.1% by bus and by 151.3% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 176.2%.

## Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. January 2022.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
<b>Bus</b>	42,586	54.0
Local	30,791	52.5
Regional	11,164	55.0
Long-distance	632	154.1
<b>Rail <sup>1</sup></b>	34,491	41.2
Local	31,305	36.6
Regional	1,593	79.8
Long-distance	1,592	151.3
AVE train	1,056	176.2
Rest of long-distance rail	536	113.5
<b>Air (domestic)</b>	2,064	165.9
Mainland Spain	738	184.5
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,034	197.5
Inter-island	292	72.5
<b>Maritime (cabotage)</b>	474	104.7

<sup>1</sup> Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators and regional and long-distance rail include only RENFE

## Special and unscheduled transport

More than 31.7 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in January, indicating an increase of 19.1% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 6.3%, reaching more than 26.5 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 7.3% and work transport did so by 3.1%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 206.2% as compared with the same month of 2021, with more than 5.2 million passengers.

## 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:

[http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736176906&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576820](http://www.ine.es/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica_C&cid=1254736176906&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576820)

And in the standardized methodological report:

<http://www.ine.es/dynt3/metadatos/en/RespuestaDatos.html?oe=30163>

INE's statistics are produced according to the European Statistics Code of Practice, that underlies the policy and strategy of the institution quality. For further information, take a look at the section [Quality at INE and Code of Practice](#) at INE Website

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### 1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT</b>	<b>291,322</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>40.4</b>
City transport	179,954	40.8	40.8
Inter-city transport	79,615	50.0	50.0
Special and unscheduled transport	31,754	19.1	19.1

### 2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>CITY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>179,954</b>	<b>40.8</b>	<b>40.8</b>
Metro	75,017	37.7	37.7
Bus <sup>1</sup>	104,937	43.1	43.1

<sup>1</sup> Including trams and funiculars

## 2.1 City transport in major cities with Metro

		Passengers transported (thousands)	% variation	
			Annual	Year-to-date average
Barcelona	City bus	12,695	31.6	31.6
	Metro	24,317	43.0	43.0
Bilbao	City bus	2,367	16.3	16.3
	Metro	5,868	22.5	22.5
Madrid	City bus	26,723	86.0	86.0
	Metro	39,664	35.5	35.5
Málaga	City bus	2,481	33.8	33.8
	Metro	438	66.3	66.3
Palma	City bus	1,993	43.8	43.8
	Metro	69	43.5	43.5
Sevilla	City bus	4,792	37.9	37.9
	Metro	996	74.2	74.2
Valencia	City bus	5,083	53.3	53.3
	Metro	3,664	45.7	45.7

## 2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>104,937</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>43.1</b>
Andalucía	12,097	36.8	36.8
Aragón	7,149	18.8	18.8
Asturias, Principado de	2,100	36.3	36.3
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	4,184	15.0	15.0
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	3,962	36.1	36.1
Castilla - La Mancha	1,143	71.2	71.2
Cataluña	17,781	31.8	31.8
Comunitat Valenciana	7,893	45.9	45.9
Extremadura	596	70.0	70.0
Galicia	3,585	27.9	27.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	31,252	83.0	83.0
Murcia, Región de	1,136	75.8	75.8
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	5,447	16.6	16.6
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
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### 4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT</b>	<b>31,754</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>
Special	26,537	6.3	6.3
School	20,439	7.3	7.3
Work	6,098	3.1	3.1
Unscheduled	5,217	206.2	206.2