

Passenger Transport Statistics
February 2009. Provisional data

The number of passengers using city transport decreases 5% in February, as compared with the same month the previous year

The number of passengers using inter-city transport decreases 4.1% in the interannual rate

More than 259.2 million passengers used the **city bus** service in February, representing a 5% decrease with regard to the same month of 2008. Increases of 4.1% in the bus service, and 6.5% in the metropolitan service, were recorded in February.

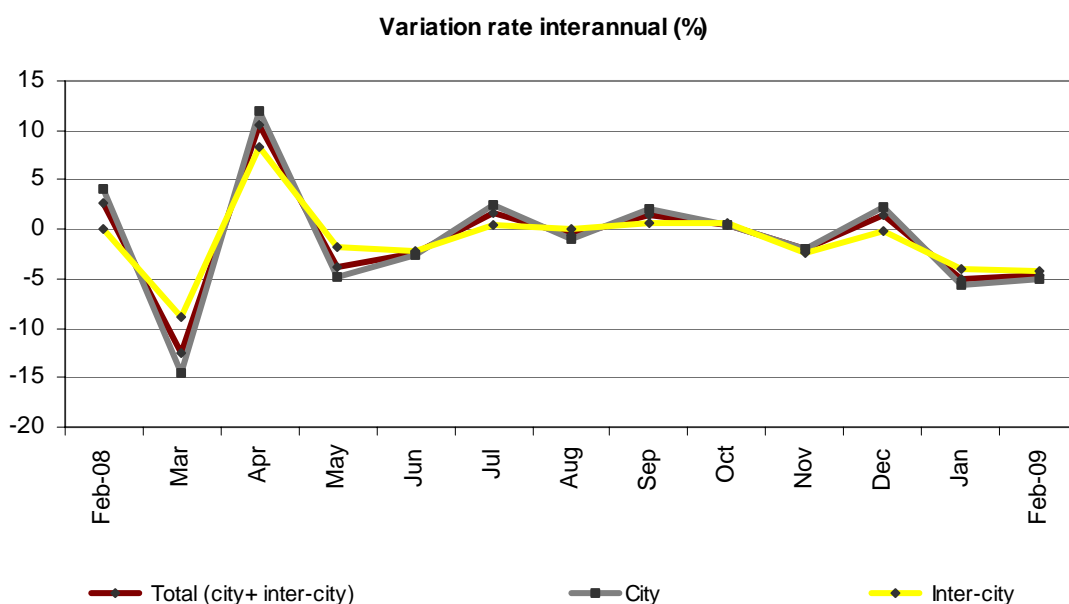
On the other hand, **inter-city transport** was used by more than 149 million passengers, 4.1% less than the same month the previous year.

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
City transport			
TOTAL	259,207	-5.0	-5.3
Buses	160,052	-4.1	-5.1
- Scheduled ¹	158,400	-4.2	-5.1
General scheduled	149,482	-4.4	-5.3
Special scheduled	8,918	-0.3	-2.8
- Unscheduled	1,652	2.7	1.0
Metropolitan	99,155	-6.5	-5.6
Inter-city transport			
TOTAL	149,185	-4.1	-4.1
Road transport	100,450	-1.2	-2.1
- Scheduled ¹	88,625	-1.0	-1.8
- Unscheduled	11,825	-2.8	-3.8
Rail transport	45,598	-9.2	-7.2
Air transport (domestic) ³	2,689	-19.0	-21.0
Sea transport (cabotage) ²	448	3.9	-1.7

(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 decreases 4.4%

Approximately 149.5 million passengers used the general scheduled city bus this past month of February, representing a 4.4% decrease as compared with the same month of 2008.

By Autonomous Community, it is worth noting the interannual decreases registered in Extremadura (−9.4%) and Comunitat Valenciana (−8.3%).

General scheduled city bus service

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	149,482	-4.4	-5.3
Andalucía	20,603	-3.5	-3.5
Aragón	10,747	-4.6	-3.7
Asturias (Principado de)	4,240	-3.9	-3.6
Canarias	3,491	-5.2	-6.5
Castilla y León	6,178	-3.5	-3.7
Castilla-La Mancha	1,896	-4.4	-5.2
Cataluña	26,776	-4.8	-4.0
Comunitat Valenciana	11,184	-8.3	-8.8
Extremadura	1,036	-9.4	-10.4
Galicia	5,732	-4.3	-4.8
Madrid (Comunidad de)	41,043	-3.1	-6.9
Murcia (Región de)	1,705	-6.6	-7.9
País Vasco	6,372	-3.0	-3.6
Others ¹	8,479	-6.0	-4.8

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 service decreases 0.3%

During the month of February, the special scheduled city bus service experienced a decrease of 0.3% in the interannual rate. Within this, school transport registered a slight increase of 0.4%, whereas work transport decreased 2.6%.

Special scheduled city bus

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	8,918	-0.3	-2.8
Students	6,745	0.4	-2.0
Workers	2,173	-2.6	-5.2

Transport by metropolitan decreases 6.5% in the interannual rate

The number of passengers using the metropolitan decreased 6.5% in May as compared with the same month in 2008. The number of passengers transported decreased in Madrid, Barcelona and Bilbao, by 8.5%, 6.2% and 4.9%, respectively.

Metropolitan

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	99,155	-6.5	-5.6
Barcelona	30,124	-6.2	-5.8
Bilbao	7,169	-4.9	-5.4
Madrid	55,621	-8.5	-7.1
Valencia ¹	6,241	10.1	10.0

¹ Estimated data by FF.CC. Generalitat Valenciana

Inter-city transport decreases 4.1% as compared with February 2008

The number of passengers using inter-city transport exceeded 149 million during the month of February, representing an interannual decrease of 4.1%.

In transport by road, the number of passengers using the bus to commute decreased 1.2% in the interannual rate. Decreases were registered among users of scheduled transport in both cases: general scheduled (–0.6%) and special scheduled (–1.6%). Within this, the –12.6% interannual decrease in work transport was of particular note. On the other hand, discretionary transport decreased 2.8% with regard to the same month from the previous year.

Rail transport registered a rate of –9.2%, due to the decrease in users of local rail. Conversely, sea transport passengers increased, registering a 3.9% increase in February.

Inter-city transport

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	149,185	-4.1	-4.1
Road transport	100,450	-1.2	-2.1
General scheduled	57,535	-0.6	-1.5
Special scheduled	31,090	-1.6	-2.5
- Students	23,839	2.2	-0.1
- Workers	7,251	-12.6	-9.2
- Unscheduled	11,825	-2.8	-3.8
Rail transport	45,598	-9.2	-7.2
RENFE	38,373	-10.8	-8.7
- AVE - Long distance ²	1,619	4.9	9.4
- Regional ³	2,490	5.0	4.3
- Local	34,264	-12.4	-10.1
Narrow gauge trains	7,225	0.4	1.7
Air transport (domestic) ¹	2,689	-19.0	-21.0
Sea transport (cabotage)	448	3.9	-1.7

(1) Estimated data

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

(3) Regional includes regional and regional high speed

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