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

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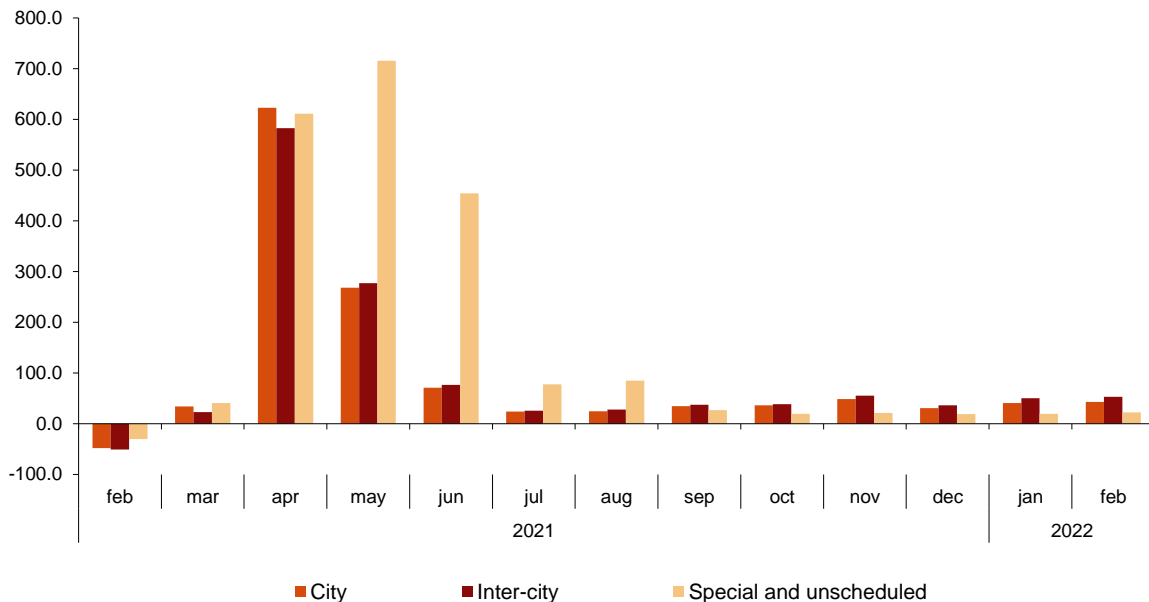
**Evolution of passenger transport**

More than 327.7 million passengers used public transport in February, 42.6% more than in the same month of 2021.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 42.7% and for inter-city transport 52.9%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 234.5% rise in the air transport.

**Passenger Transport by mode of transport.**

Annual rate. Percentage



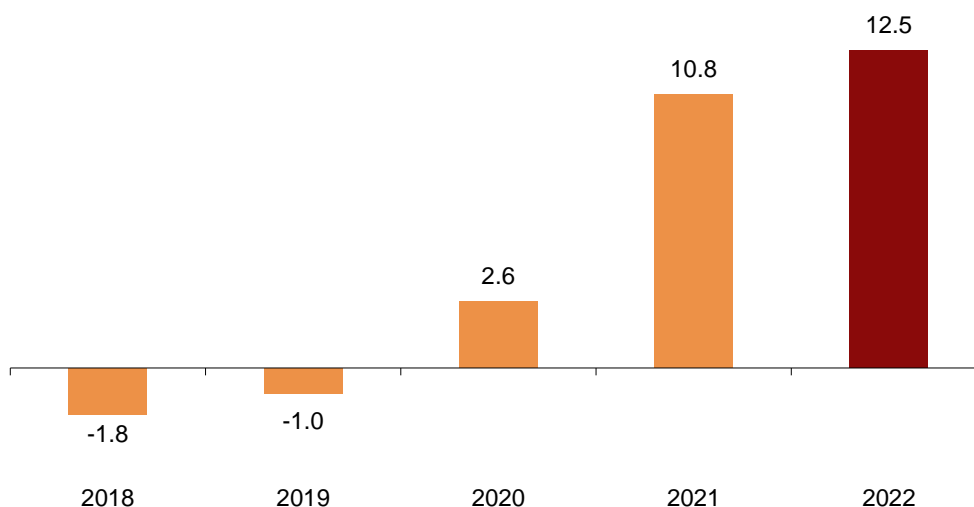
### Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2021 February	-48.1	-51.1	-30.3
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
February	42.7	52.9	22.4

### Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in February as compared with January was 12.5%. 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 February as compared with January



## City transport

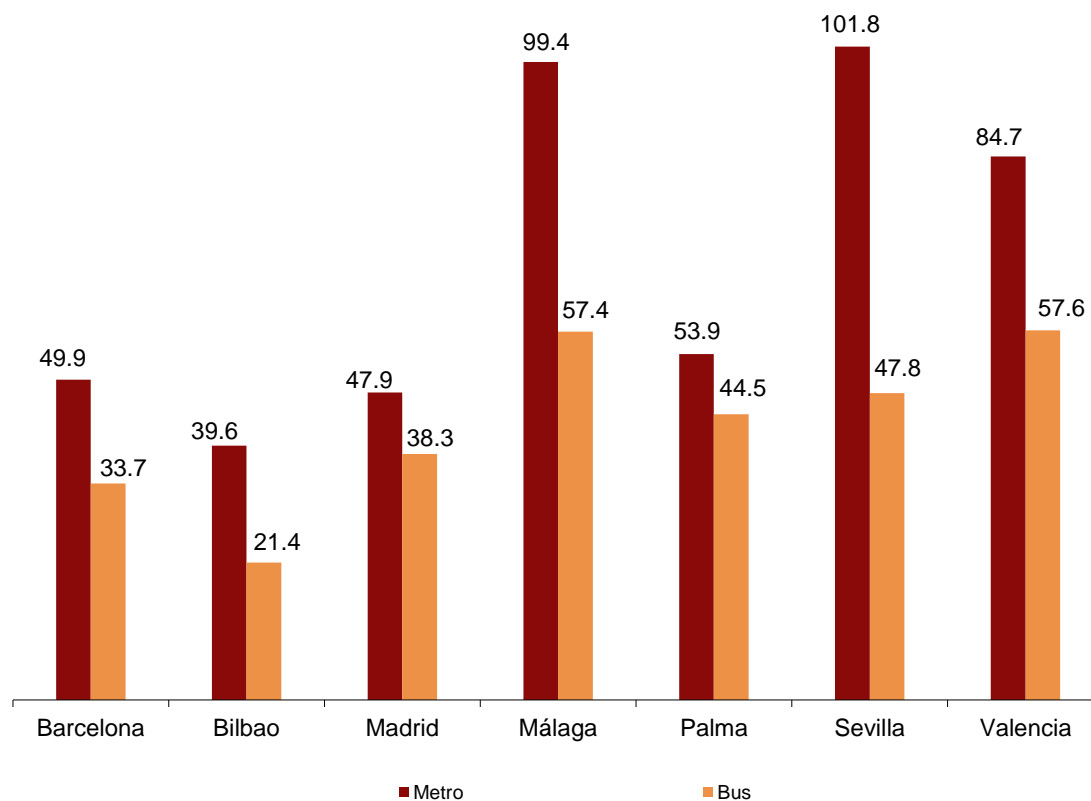
City transport was used by more than 200.0 million passengers in February, 42.7% more than in the same month of 2021.

Metro transport increased by 50.2% in annual rate. Sevilla's metro registered the highest increase (101.8%), and the Bilbao's metro the lowest (39.6%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Valencia (57.6%) and the lowest increase in Bilbao (21.4%)

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

Annual rate. Percentage



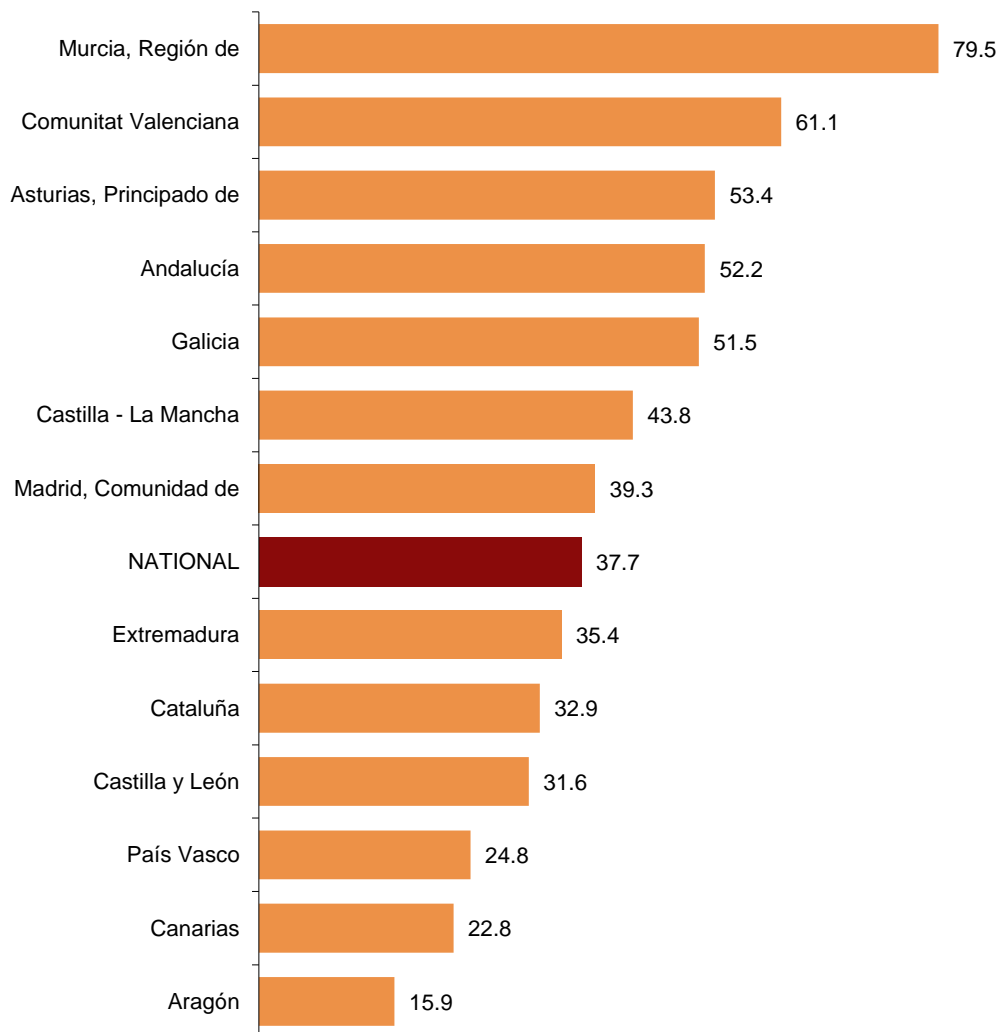
City transport by bus increased by 37.7% in February, as compared with the same month of 2021.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Región de Murcia (79.5%), Comunitat Valenciana (61.1%) and Principado de Asturias (53.4%).

In turn, Aragón (15.9%), Canarias (22.8%) and País Vasco (24.8%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

### City transport by bus<sup>1</sup>. February 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 89.6 million passengers used inter-city transport in February, representing a 52.9% increase as compared with the same month of 2021.

By mode of transport, air transport increased by 234.5%, the maritime transport by 114.8%, the rail transport by 55.1% and the bus transport increased by 46.9%.

Commuter transport increased by 42.0% by bus and by rail transport by 49.5%. Regional transport increased by 58.0% by bus and by 102.8% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 164.4% by bus and by 199.3% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 213.2%.

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

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
<b>Bus</b>	47,104	46.9
Local	34,102	42.0
Regional	12,277	58.0
Long-distance	725	164.4
<b>Rail <sup>1</sup></b>	39,747	55.1
Local	35,978	49.5
Regional	1,915	102.8
Long-distance	1,853	199.3
AVE train	1,270	213.2
Rest of long-distance rail	583	172.8
<b>Air (domestic)</b>	2,274	234.5
Mainland Spain	832	217.2
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,094	333.0
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## Special and unscheduled transport

More than 38.0 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in February, indicating an increase of 22.4% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 4.9%, reaching more than 30.6 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 6.1% and work transport did so by 0.6%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 290.8% as compared with the same month of 2021, with more than 7.4 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/dynqs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736176906&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576820](http://www.ine.es/dynqs/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>

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### 1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT</b>	<b>327,736</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>41.5</b>
City transport	200,070	42.7	41.8
Inter-city transport	89,614	52.9	51.5
Special and unscheduled transport	38,051	22.4	20.9

### 2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>CITY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>200,070</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>41.8</b>
Metro	84,512	50.2	44.1
Bus <sup>1</sup>	115,558	37.7	40.3

<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	14,153	33.7	32.7
	Metro	27,243	49.9	46.6
Bilbao	City bus	2,493	21.4	18.8
	Metro	6,391	39.6	30.9
Madrid	City bus	29,768	38.3	57.4
	Metro	44,812	47.9	41.8
Málaga	City bus	2,627	57.4	45.0
	Metro	457	99.4	81.7
Palma	City bus	2,266	44.5	44.1
	Metro	83	53.9	49.0
Sevilla	City bus	5,160	47.8	42.9
	Metro	1,168	101.8	88.1
Valencia	City bus	5,179	57.6	55.5
	Metro	4,359	84.7	64.6

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

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>115,558</b>	<b>37.7</b>	<b>40.3</b>
Andalucía	13,137	52.2	44.4
Aragón	7,466	15.9	17.3
Asturias, Principado de	2,229	53.4	44.6
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	4,495	22.8	18.9
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	4,229	31.6	33.7
Castilla - La Mancha	1,294	43.8	55.4
Cataluña	20,018	32.9	32.4
Comunitat Valenciana	8,618	61.1	53.5
Extremadura	739	35.4	48.9
Galicia	3,895	51.5	39.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	34,915	39.3	57.0
Murcia, Región de	1,370	79.5	77.8
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	5,868	24.8	20.7
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.



### 3. Inter-city transport

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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>38,051</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>20.9</b>
Special	30,646	4.9	5.6
School	24,272	6.1	6.7
Work	6,374	0.6	1.8
Unscheduled	7,405	290.8	250.7