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Passenger Transport Statistics

April 2008. *Provisional data*

The number of passengers using city transport increased 12.0% in April as compared with the same month the previous year

The number of passengers using inter-city transport increased 8.4%

More than 286.5 million passengers used **urban transport in April**, representing an annual increase of 12.0%. There were increases of 16.9% in the metropolitan service and of 9.1% in the bus service in April. This evolution was due, in part, to the fact that Easter Week was held in March this year, whilst last year was held in April.

On the other hand, **inter-city transport** was used by more than 168.3 million passengers, representing an 8.4% increase as compared with the same month the previous year.

	No. of passengers (thousands)	% rate	
		Inter-annual	Accumulated inter-annual
City transport			
TOTAL	286,568	12.04	-0.36
Buses	173,088	9.09	-2.48
- Scheduled ¹	171,542	9.02	-2.50
General scheduled	161,279	8.51	-2.55
Special scheduled	10,263	17.63	-1.68
- Non-scheduled	1,546	18.18	0.34
Metropolitan	113,480	16.85	3.06
Inter-city transport			
TOTAL	168,345	8.39	0.61
Road transport	112,140	10.51	1.16
- Scheduled ¹	95,028	12.17	1.29
- Non-scheduled	17,112	2.11	0.31
Railway transport	51,993	5.12	-0.79
Air transport (domestic)	3,588	-1.96	3.83
Sea transport (cabotage) ^{2,3}	624	-12.94	6.12

(1) Inter-city transport by road includes: general scheduled and especial scheduled (scholars and workers).

(2) Disembarked passengers only.

(3) Estimated data.

Variation rate in one year (%)



General scheduled urban transport by bus increases 8.5%

More than 161.2 million passengers used the general scheduled city bus in April, representing an increase of 8.5% as compared with the same month in 2007.

The number of passengers increased in all Autonomous Communities except in Madrid, as a result of the bus strike. There were remarkable inter-annual increases in Murcia (23.1%), Castilla-La Mancha (20.6%) and Extremadura (19.5%).

General scheduled city bus service

	No. of passengers (thousands)	% rate	
		inter-annual	Accumulated inter-annual
TOTAL	161,279	8.51	-2.55
Andalucía	22,719	9.63	2.35
Aragón	11,871	16.03	3.20
Asturias (Principado de)	3,507	6.97	2.41
Canarias	5,197	7.12	-1.10
Castilla y León	6,604	12.82	1.15
Castilla-La Mancha	2,068	20.62	11.19
Cataluña	29,834	12.49	-4.32
Comunitat Valenciana	13,002	11.97	-3.19
Extremadura	1,262	19.50	1.77
Galicia	5,556	14.98	0.79
Madrid (Comunidad de)	40,525	-2.38	-9.65
Murcia (Región de)	2,042	23.12	2.54
País Vasco	7,227	15.03	4.58
Others ¹	9,865	16.01	5.31

¹ In order to protect the 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 increases 17.6%

In April, transport by special scheduled city bus increased 17.6% in the interannual rate.

The number of passengers using the special scheduled school and work bus service increased 20.1% and 9.9% respectively.

Special scheduled city bus

	No. of passengers (thousands)	% rate	
		inter-annual	Accumulated inter-annual
TOTAL	10,263	17.63	-1.68
Scholars	7,945	20.08	-2.90
Workers	2,318	9.93	2.28

More passengers on all Spanish metropolitan services

The number of passengers using the metropolitan service increased 16.9% in April as compared with the same month in 2007.

The number of passengers on all Spanish metropolitan services increased in the inter-annual rate, particularly in Bilbao (20.4%) and Madrid (17.5%).

Metropolitan

	No. of passengers (thousands)	% rate	
		inter-annual	Accumulated inter-annual
TOTAL	113,480	16.85	3.06
Barcelona	34,893	15.78	5.17
Bilbao	7,845	20.44	1.85
Madrid	64,675	17.46	2.63
Valencia	6,067	12.26	-2.17

Inter-city transport increases 8.4% as compared with April 2007

The number of passengers on inter-city transport exceeded 168.3 million in April, representing an interannual increase of 8.4%.

In transport by road, the number of passengers using the bus to commute increased 10.5%. Within this, all types of transport increased; general scheduled by 7.2 %, special scheduled by 21.9 % and unscheduled by 2.1 %.

Railway transport recorded a 5.1% increase. However, it is worth noting that users of RENFE AVE long-distance and of Narrow gauge decreased 15.8% and 11.1% respectively.

Conversely, air transport recorded a 2.0% decrease in users in April as compared with the same month the previous year.

Inter-city Transport

	No. of passengers (thousands)	% rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
TOTAL	168,345	8.39	0.61
Road transport	112,140	10.51	1.16
General Scheduled	60,340	7.24	1.18
Special scheduled	34,688	21.93	1.49
- Scholars	25,702	23.39	0.09
- Workers	8,987	17.95	5.41
Non-scheduled	17,112	2.11	0.31
Railway transport	51,993	5.12	-0.79
RENFE	44,351	4.14	-0.93
- AVE - Long distance ²	1,875	15.81	18.87
- Regional ³	2,670	-2.05	0.25
- Local	39,806	4.09	-1.71
Narrow gauge trains	7,642	11.13	0.07
Air (domestic)	3,588	-1.96	3.83
Sea transport (cabotage) ¹	624	-12.94	6.12

(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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