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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
April 2021. Provisional data

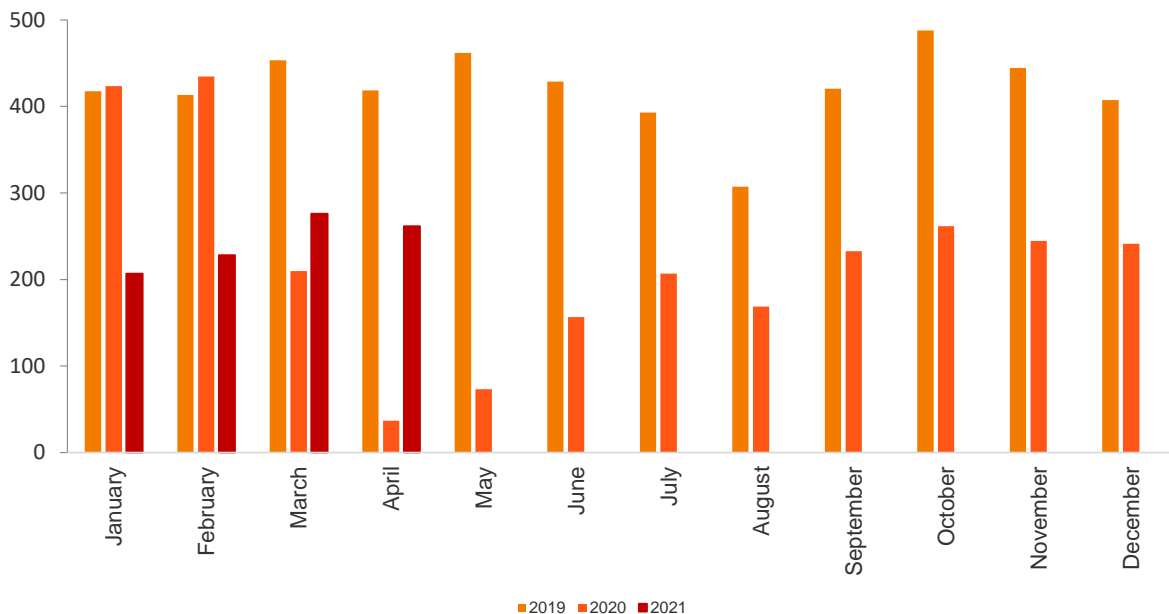
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Evolution of passenger transport

More than 261.5 million passengers used public transport in April, compared with 36.8 million in the same month of 2020, multiplying this value by more than seven¹.

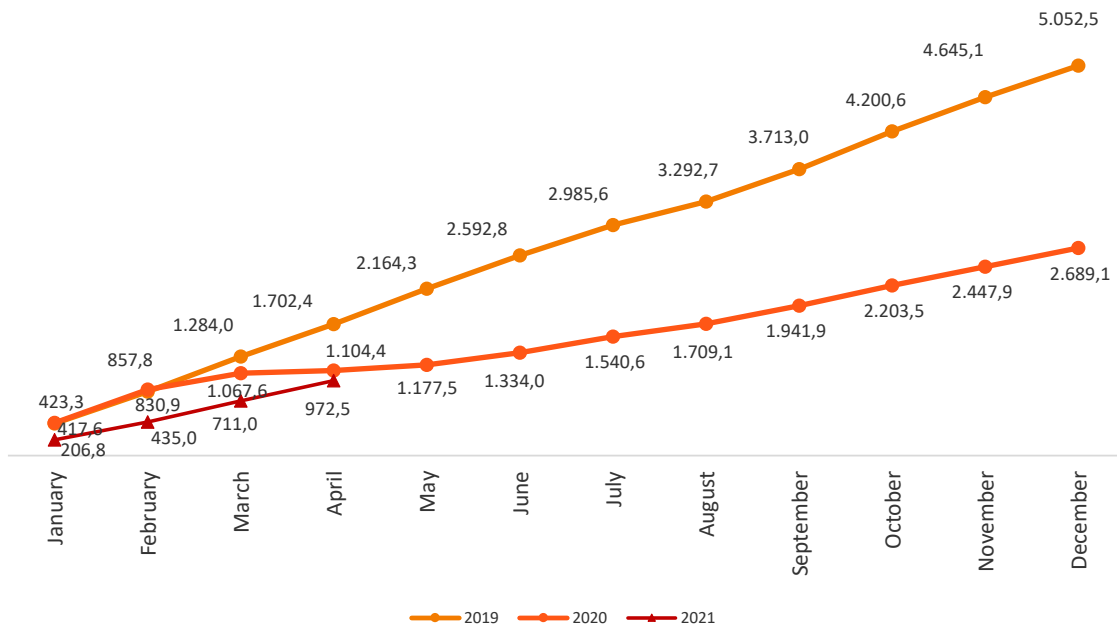
Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.
Millions.



¹ Given the low values presented by the passenger transport series in the month of April 2020, the annual variation rates are abnormally high. In order not to lose the statistical significance of the comparison, absolute values will be offered throughout this press release instead of annual variation rates. The comparison with the previous month has remained the same as in the previous press releases.

In the first four months of 2021 the number of passengers has decreased by 11.9% compared to the same period last year.

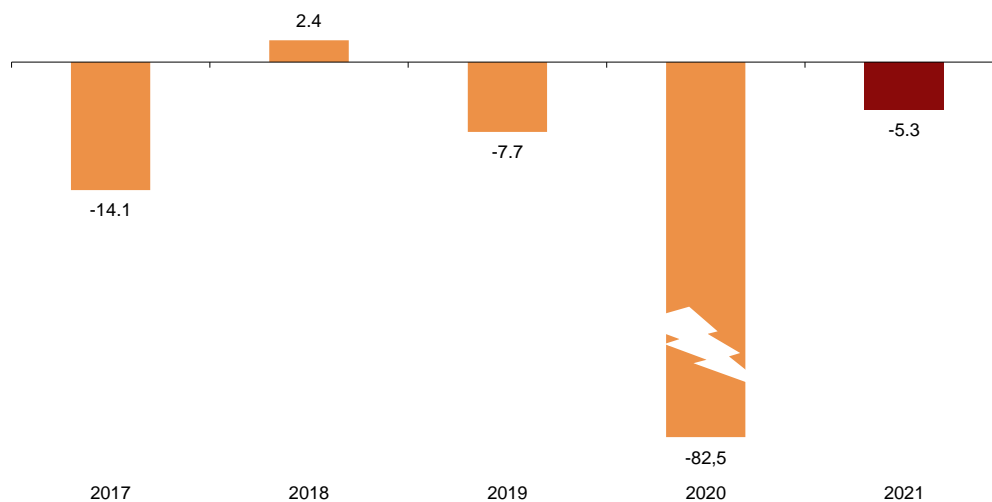
Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2020.
Millions.



Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in April as compared with March was -5.3%. 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 April as compared with March. Percentage



City transport

City transport was used by more than 160.5 million passengers in April, compared to 22.2 million in the same month of 2020.

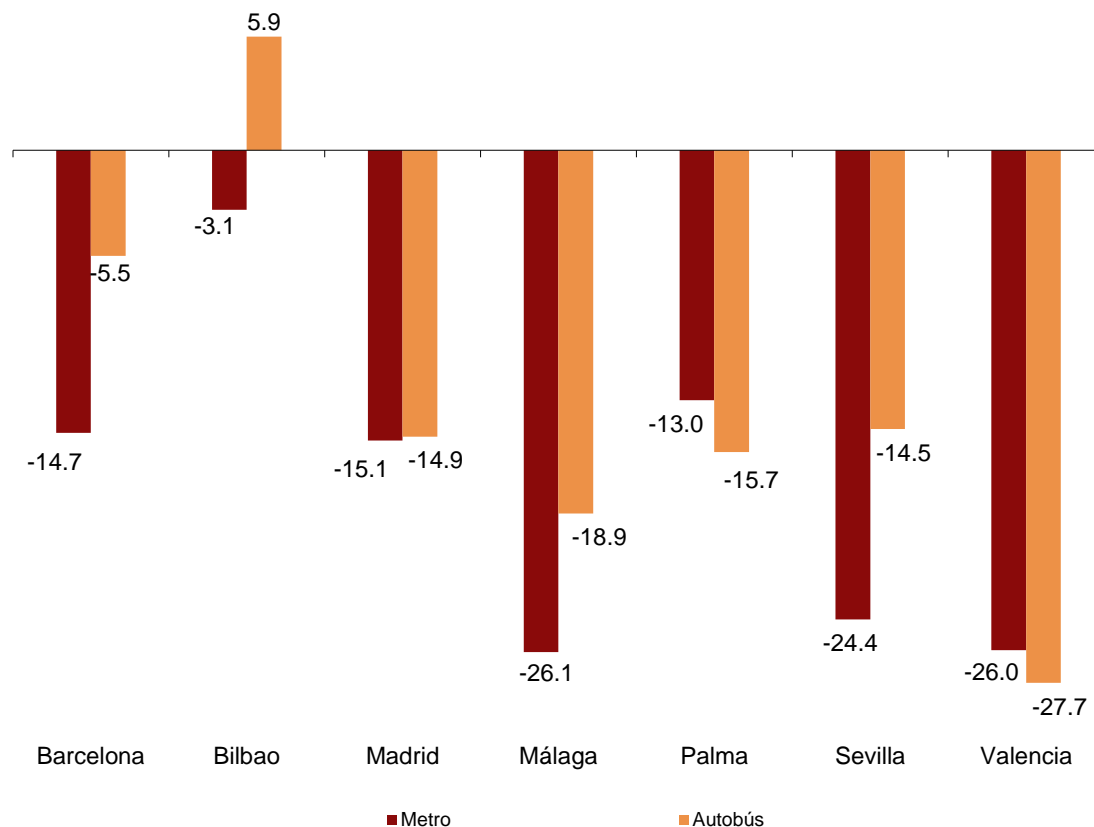
In the period from January to April, the number of passengers who have used urban transport has decreased by 12.7% compared to the same period in 2020

The number of metro users in April exceeded 63.7 million, while in the same month last year it exceeded 9.5 million passengers.

In the first four months of 2021, all cities that have a metro registered decreases in the number of passengers both by metro and by bus, except for Bilbao, where bus transport increased by 5.9%.

Urban transport travelers in cities that have a subway. January- April 2021.

Cumulative annual rate. Percentage.



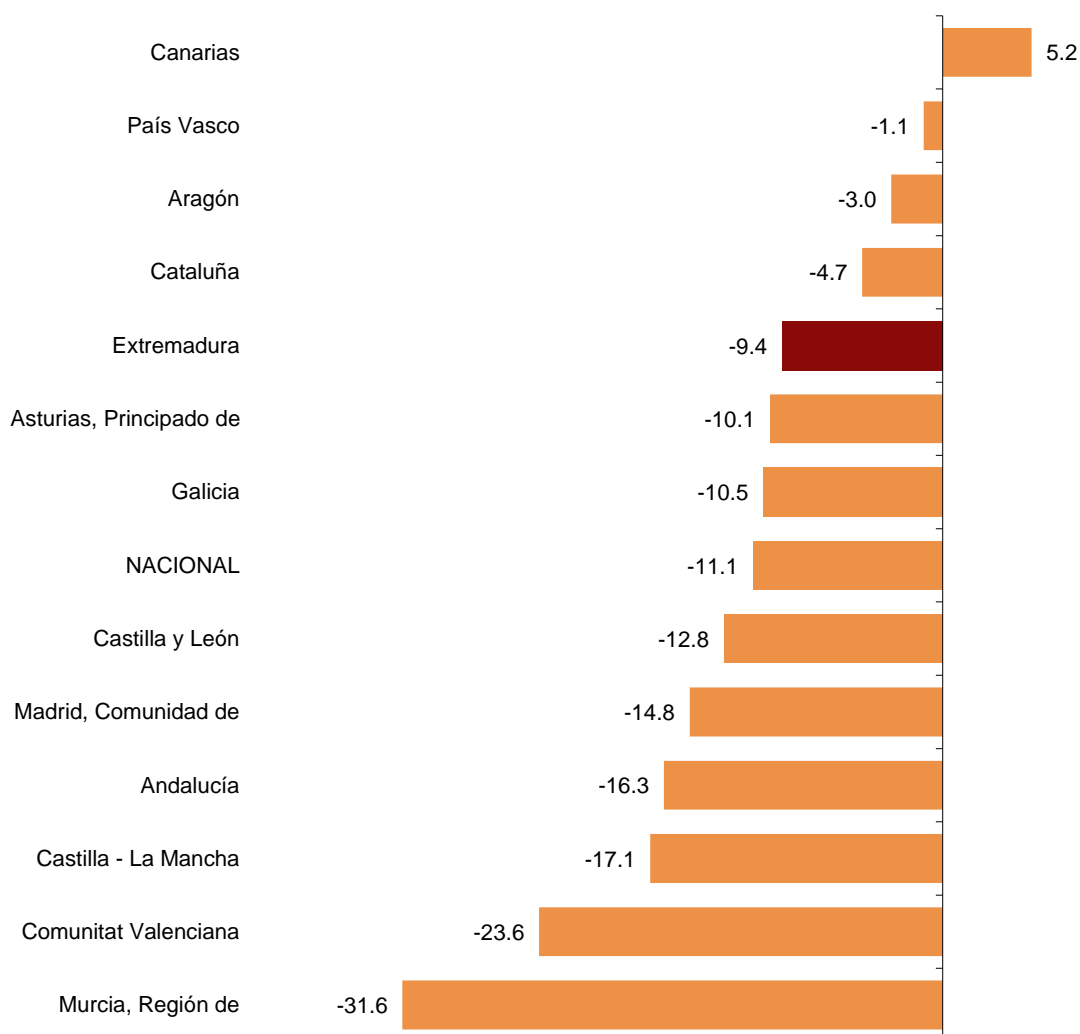
In April, more than 96.7 million passengers used urban transport by bus, more than six times the number of users in the same month last year (more than 12.6 million).

The cumulative variation rate for the first four months of the year is negative in all the autonomous communities, except the Canary Islands (5.2%).

Likewise, Región de Murcia (-31.6%) and Comunitat Valenciana (-23.6%) registered the lowest rates in the first four months of the year.

City transport by bus¹. April 2021.

Cumulative 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.

Inter-city transport

More than 69.3 million passengers used inter-city transport in April, almost six times more than in the same month last year, where it was used by more than 10.1 million.

In the first four months of 2021, air transport decreased by 53.4%, maritime by 37.6%, by rail by 17.0% and by bus by 15.2%.

With respect to the same period, commuter transport decreased 12.7% in bus transport and 14.3% in rail transport. The average distance decreased 19.7% in bus transport and 32.7% in rail.

Finally, long distance transport decreased 54.9% in bus transport and 51.8% in rail. Within the latter, the AVE (high-speed train) decreased 53.7%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. April 2021. April 2020.

Cumulative annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers April-21 (thousands)	Passengers April-20 (thousands)	Year-to-date average mean %
Autobús	36,612	5,275	-15.2
Cercanías	27,482	3,897	-12.7
Media distancia	8,793	1,347	-19.7
Larga distancia	337	31	-54.9
Ferrocarril	31,420	4,703	-17.0
Cercanías	29,180	4,480	-14.3
Media distancia	1,336	186	-32.7
Larga distancia	904	37	-51.8
AVE	584	28	-53.7
Resto larga distancia	321	9	-48.0
Aéreo (interior)	1,021	37	-53.4
Peninsular	309	7	-64.6
Peninsular-Resto territorio	464	17	-53.5
Interinsular	248	13	-18.2
Marítimo (cabotaje)	307	41	-37.6

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 31.6 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in April, compared to more than 4.4 in the same month of 2020.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 34.0% in the first four months of 2021 compared to the same period last year. Within this, the school transport increased 43.3% and the work transport increased 9.7%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreases in the period from January to April by 66.0% compared to the same period in 2020.

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

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
BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT	261,521	610.4	-11.9
City transport	160,544	622.9	-12.7
Inter-city transport	69,359	582.7	-17.1
Special and unscheduled transport	31,617	611.5	5.9

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	160,544	622.9	-12.7
Metro	63,799	570.1	-14.9
Bus ¹	96,746	662.5	-11.1

¹ 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	12,177	858.55	-5.5
	Metro	20,759	539.33	-14.7
Bilbao	City bus	2,111	639.37	5.9
	Metro	4,991	456.70	-3.1
Madrid	City bus	24,705	692.54	-14.9
	Metro	33,799	594.71	-15.1
Málaga	City bus	2,271	345.34	-18.9
	Metro	328	761.13	-26.1
Palma	City bus	1,840	656.59	-15.7
	Metro	62	1,294.70	-13.0
Sevilla	City bus	4,223	677.07	-14.5
	Metro	783	1,180.81	-24.4
Valencia	City bus	4,119	624.64	-27.7
	Metro	3,075	654.54	-26.0

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	96,746	662.5	-11.1
Andalucía	10,958	571.5	-16.3
Aragón	6,983	660.7	-3.0
Asturias, Principado de	1,789	344.7	-10.1
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	4,101	507.7	5.2
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	3,459	922.9	-12.8
Castilla - La Mancha	1,052	636.2	-17.1
Cataluña	17,169	834.9	-4.7
Comunitat Valenciana	6,650	562.3	-23.6
Extremadura	623	606.8	-9.4
Galicia	3,473	549.0	-10.5
Madrid, Comunidad de	28,756	682.0	-14.8
Murcia, Región de	842	681.5	-31.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	4,839	638.0	-1.1
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.

3. Inter-city transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
INTER-CITY TRANSPORT	69,359	582.7	-17.1
Bus	36,612	577.5	-15.2
Local	27,482	610.3	-12.7
Regional	8,793	477.5	-19.7
Long-distance	337	2,544.7	-54.9
Rail ¹	31,420	571.6	-17.0
Local rail	29,180	551.3	-14.3
Regional rail	1,336	619.2	-32.7
Long-distance rail	904	7,268.9	-51.8
AVE train	584	10,457.7	-53.7
Rest of long-distance rail	321	4,654.7	-48.0
Air (domestic)	1,021	2,674.1	-53.4
Mainland Spain	309	4,396.1	-64.6
Mainland-Rest of territory	464	2,659.6	-53.5
Inter-island	248	1,792.1	-18.2
Maritime (cabotage)	307	650.9	-37.6

¹ Local rail includes all rail operators and regional and long-distance rail include only RENFE

4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	31,617	611.5	5.9
Special	28,273	605.8	34.0
School	21,902	279,835.1	43.3
Work	6,371	59.4	9.7
Unscheduled	3,344	663.9	-66.0