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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
April 2023. Provisional data

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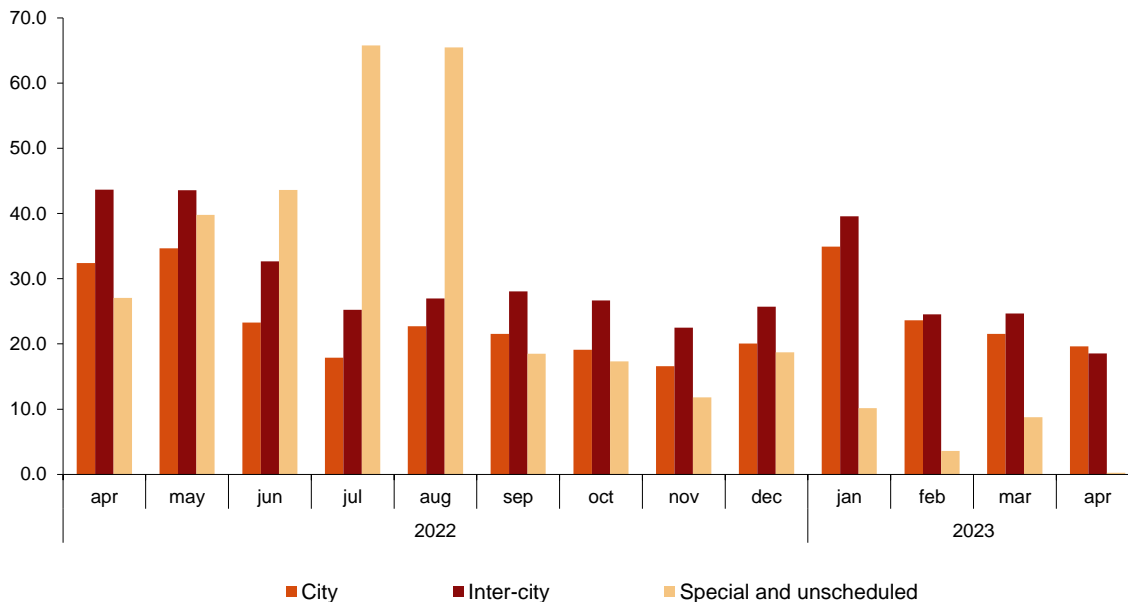
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 414.1 million passengers used public transport in April, 17.1% more than in the same month of 2022.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 19.6% and for inter-city transport 18.6%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 21.6% rise in the rail transport.

Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

Annual rate. Percentage



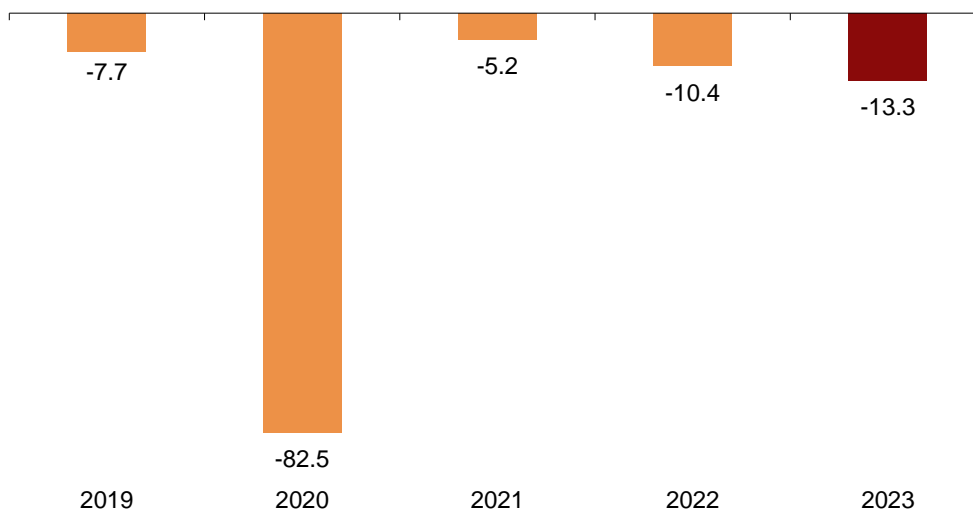
Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport. Percentage

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2022 April	32.4	43.7	27.1
May	34.7	43.6	39.8
June	23.3	32.7	43.6
July	17.9	25.2	65.8
August	22.7	27.0	65.5
September	21.5	28.1	18.5
October	19.1	26.7	17.3
November	16.6	22.5	11.8
December	20.1	25.7	18.7
2023 January	34.9	39.6	10.2
February	23.6	24.5	3.6
March	21.5	24.7	8.8
April	19.6	18.6	0.2

Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in April as compared with March was -13.3%. 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

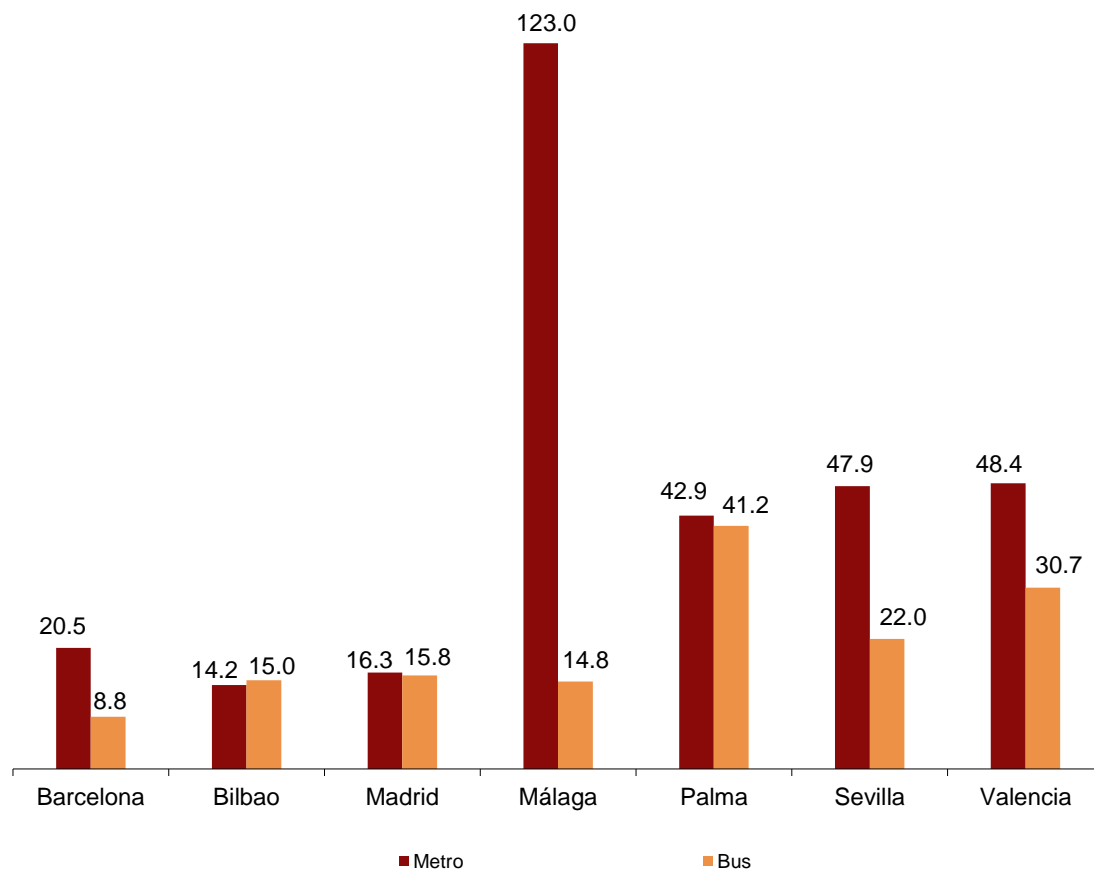
City transport was used by more than 254.4 million passengers in April, 19.6% more than in the same month of 2022.

Metro transport increased by 20.6% in annual rate. Málaga's metro registered the highest increase (123.0%), and Bilbao's the lowest (14.2%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Palma (41.2%), and the lowest in Barcelona (8.8%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. April 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage



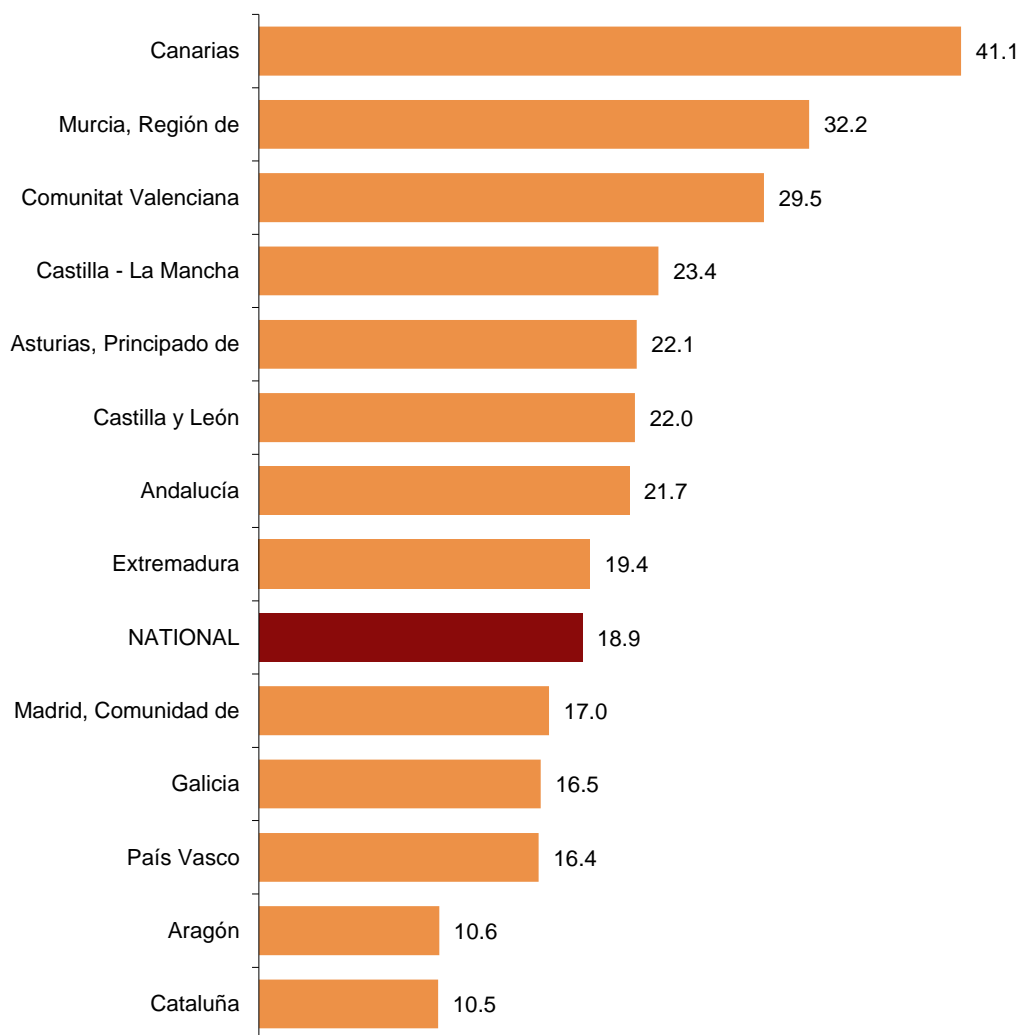
City transport by bus increased by 18.9% in April, as compared with the same month of 2022.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Canarias (41.1%), Región de Murcia (32.2%) and Comunitat Valenciana (29.5%).

In turn, Cataluña (10.5%), Aragón (10.6%) and País Vasco (16.4%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. April 2023.

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 119.0 million passengers used inter-city transport in April, representing a 18.6% increase as compared with the same month of 2022.

By mode of transport, the rail transport increased by 21.6%, the maritime transport by 20.5%, the bus transport by 16.2%, and the air transport by 15.5%.

Commuter transport increased by 12.5% by bus and by rail transport by 19.1%. Regional transport increased by 25.5% by bus and by 59.3% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 25.9% by bus and by 21.8% by rail transport. Within the latter, high speed railway increased by 31.0%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. April 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	60,939	16.2
Local	42,289	12.5
Regional	17,439	25.5
Long-distance	1,211	25.9
Rail ¹	53,267	21.6
Local	45,830	19.1
Regional	4,042	59.3
Long-distance	3,395	21.8
High Speed ²	2,589	31.0
Rest of long-distance rail	806	-0.6
Air (domestic)	3,889	15.5
Mainland Spain	1,485	21.8
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,908	11.9
Inter-island	495	12.0
Maritime (cabotage)	954	20.5

¹ Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators. Long-distance rail includes AVE, AVLO, OUIGO and IRYO.

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 40.7 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in April, indicating an increase of 0.2% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 7.6%, reaching more than 24.1 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 5.8% and work transport did so by 12.8%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 14.4% as compared with the same month of 2022, with more than 16.5 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

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	414,170	17.1	22.8
City transport	254,401	19.6	24.4
Inter-city transport	119,049	18.6	26.4
Special and unscheduled transport	40,720	0.2	5.6

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	254,401	19.6	24.4
Metro	108,551	20.6	26.6
Bus ¹	145,850	18.9	22.9

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	16,483	8.8	15.5
	Metro	36,635	20.5	27.9
Bilbao	City bus	2,712	15.0	16.3
	Metro	6,918	14.2	18.3
Madrid	City bus	35,047	15.8	19.0
	Metro	54,100	16.3	22.6
Málaga	City bus	3,761	14.8	26.5
	Metro	1,298	123.0	67.5
Palma	City bus	4,160	41.2	46.8
	Metro	137	42.9	57.2
Sevilla	City bus	7,525	22.0	19.8
	Metro	2,628	47.9	40.0
Valencia	City bus	7,576	30.7	39.6
	Metro	6,834	48.4	60.3

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	145,850	18.9	22.9
Andalucía	20,038	21.7	23.4
Aragón	9,336	10.6	18.7
Asturias, Principado de	2,772	22.1	21.5
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	6,720	41.1	44.8
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	5,383	22.0	24.1
Castilla - La Mancha	1,597	23.4	25.8
Cataluña	23,337	10.5	17.0
Comunitat Valenciana	12,269	29.5	36.3
Extremadura	862	19.4	24.1
Galicia	4,659	16.5	19.0
Madrid, Comunidad de	40,621	17.0	19.7
Murcia, Región de	1,669	32.2	29.8
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	6,538	16.4	19.9
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
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	40,720	0.2	5.6
Special	24,165	-7.6	-4.3
School	18,332	-5.8	-3.5
Work	5,833	-12.8	-7.3
Unscheduled	16,555	14.4	35.6