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**Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)**  
May 2023. Provisional data

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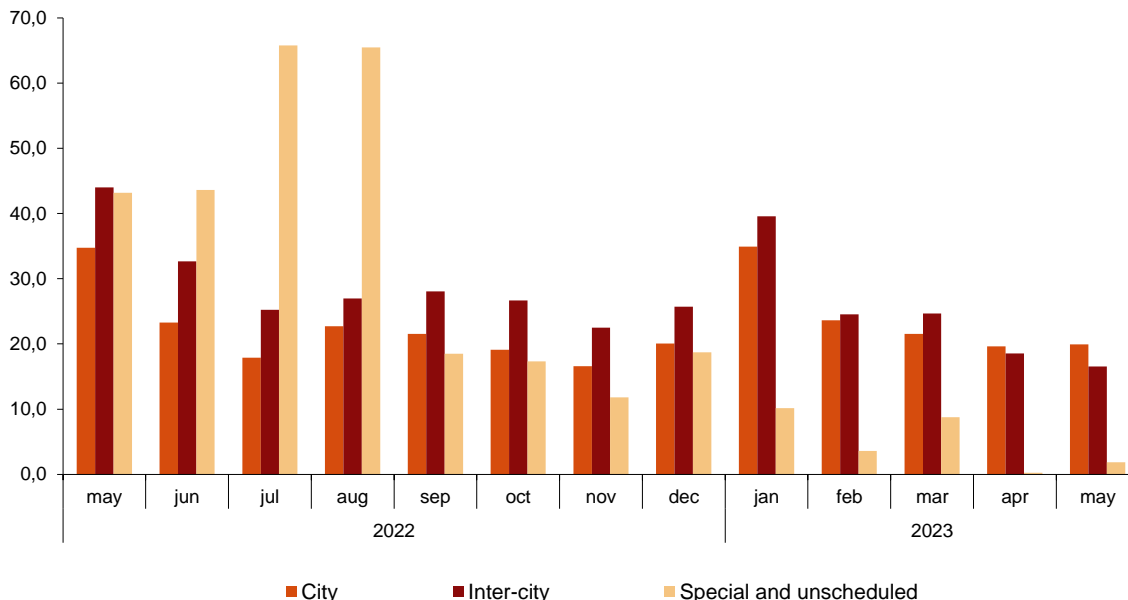
**Evolution of passenger transport**

More than 467.9 million passengers used public transport in May, 16.6% more than in the same month of 2022.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 19.9% and for inter-city transport 16.6%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 17.9% rise in the rail transport.

**Passenger Transport by mode of transport.**

Annual rate. Percentage



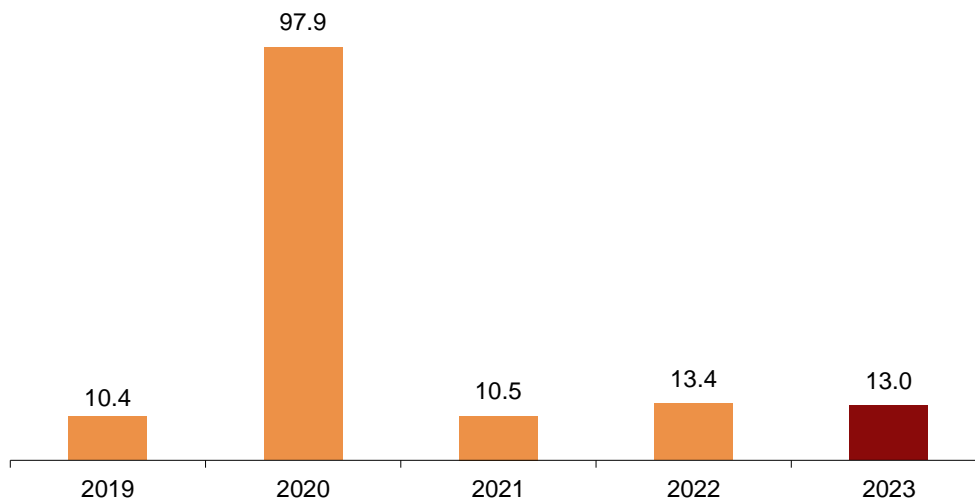
**Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport. Percentage**

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2022 May	34.8	44.0	43.2
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
May	19.9	16.6	1.9

**Evolution of the monthly rate**

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in May as compared with April was 13.0%. 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 May as compared with April. Percentage**



### City transport

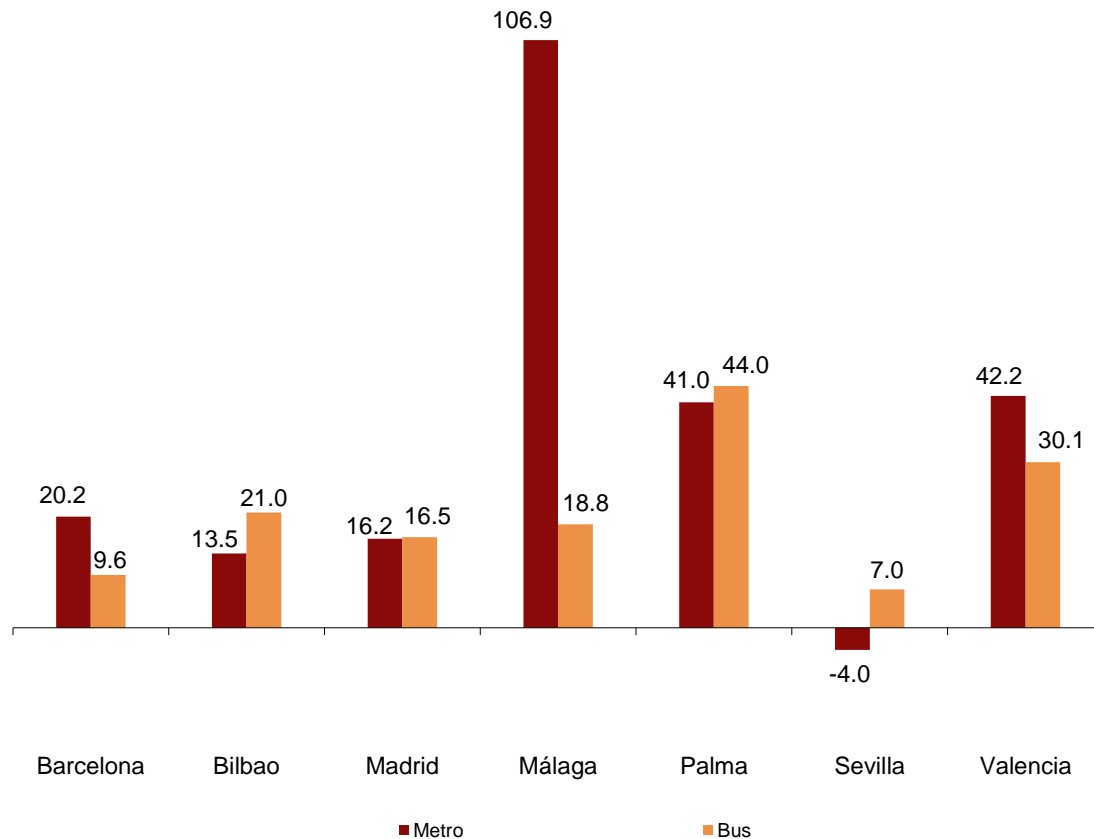
City transport was used by more than 284.2 million passengers in May, 19.9% more than in the same month of 2022.

Metro transport increased by 19.0% in annual rate. Málaga's metro registered the highest increase (106.9%), on the other hand Sevilla's is the only decrease (-4.0%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Palma (44.0%), and lowest in Sevilla (7.0%).

### City transport passengers in cities with metro. May 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage



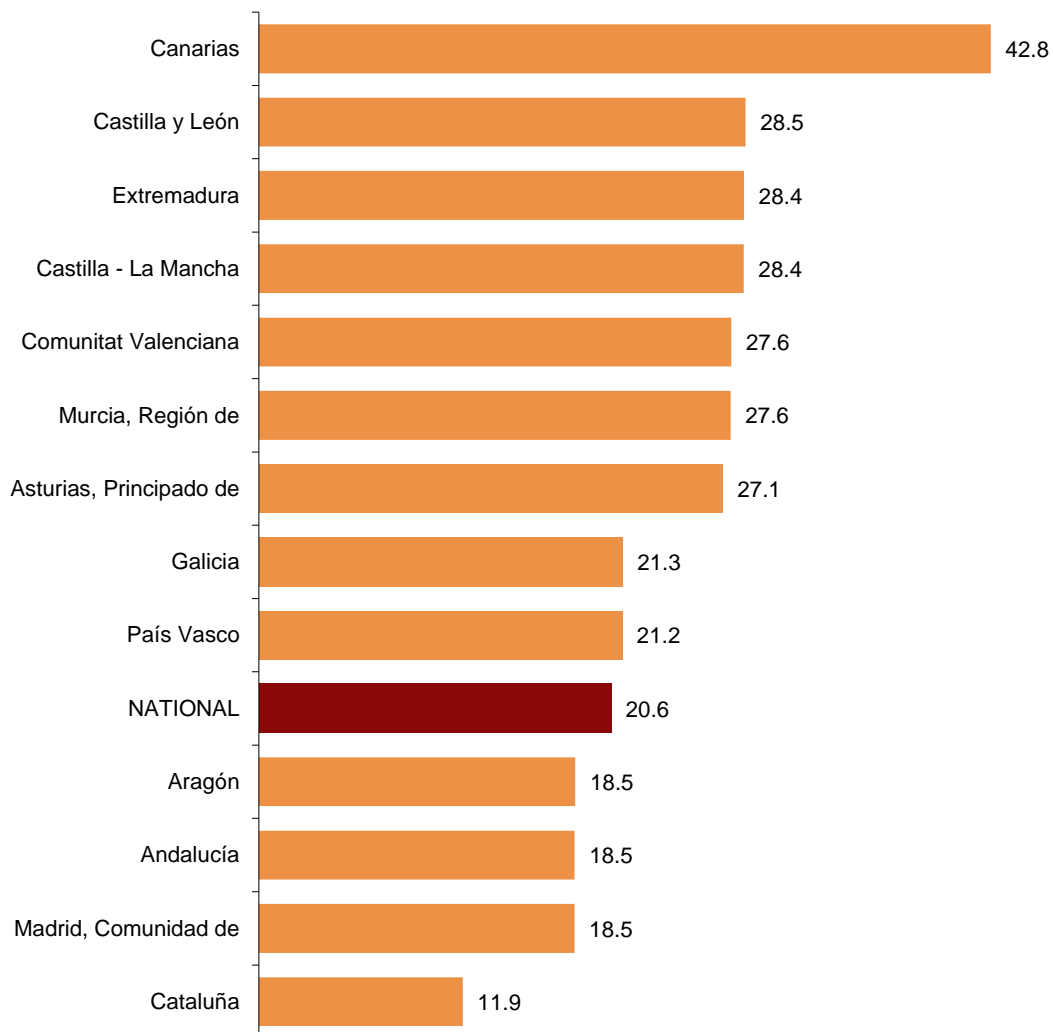
City transport by bus increased by 20.6% in May, as compared with the same month of 2022.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Canarias (42.8%), Castilla y León (28.5% in both cases) and Extremadura and Castilla - La Mancha (28.4%).

In turn, Cataluña (11.9%) and Comunidad de Madrid, Andalucía and Aragón (18.5% the three) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

### City transport by bus<sup>1</sup>. May 2023.

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 130.4 million passengers used inter-city transport in May, representing a 16.6% increase as compared with the same month of 2022.

By mode of transport, the rail transport increased by 17.9%, the bus transport by 15.8%, the air transport by 13.5%, and the maritime transport by 8.9%.

Commuter transport increased by 12.5% by bus and by rail transport by 15.4%. Regional transport increased by 24.3% by bus and by 51.7% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 24.6% by bus and by 24.0% by rail transport. Within the latter, high speed railway increased by 34.5%.

### Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. May 2023.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
<b>Bus</b>	68,233	15.8
Local	47,854	12.5
Regional	19,207	24.3
Long-distance	1,173	24.6
<b>Rail <sup>1</sup></b>	57,274	17.9
Local	49,642	15.4
Regional	4,011	51.7
Long-distance	3,621	24.0
High Speed	2,816	34.5
Rest of long-distance rail	805	-2.5
<b>Air (domestic)</b>	4,048	13.5
Mainland Spain	1,562	17.3
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,978	11.8
Inter-island	507	9.2
<b>Maritime (cabotage)</b>	881	8.9

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

## Special and unscheduled transport

More than 53.2 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in May, indicating an increase of 1.9% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 4.2%, reaching more than 33.0 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 3.1% and work transport did so by 8.3%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 13.6% as compared with the same month of 2022, with more than 20.1 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>

INE's statistics are produced according to the European Statistics Code of Practice, that underlies the policy and strategy of the institution quality. For further information, take a look at the section [Quality at INE and Code of Practice](#) at INE Website

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### 1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT</b>	<b>467,936</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>21.4</b>
City transport	284,264	19.9	23.4
Inter-city transport	130,436	16.6	24.2
Special and unscheduled transport	53,236	1.9	4.7

### 2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>CITY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>284,264</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>23.4</b>
Metro	118,570	19.0	24.9
Bus <sup>1</sup>	165,693	20.6	22.4

<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	18,915	9.6	14.2
	Metro	40,778	20.2	26.2
Bilbao	City bus	3,363	21.0	17.3
	Metro	8,164	13.5	17.2
Madrid	City bus	39,237	16.5	18.4
	Metro	58,490	16.2	21.2
Málaga	City bus	3,952	18.8	24.8
	Metro	1,196	106.9	76.1
Palma	City bus	4,895	44.0	46.1
	Metro	187	41.0	53.1
Sevilla	City bus	6,935	7.0	16.9
	Metro	1,737	-4.0	28.9
Valencia	City bus	9,095	30.1	37.3
	Metro	8,018	42.2	56.1

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

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>165,693</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>22.4</b>
Andalucía	20,793	18.5	22.3
Aragón	10,859	18.5	18.6
Asturias, Principado de	3,057	27.1	22.7
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	7,372	42.8	44.4
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	6,156	28.5	25.0
Castilla - La Mancha	1,854	28.4	26.3
Cataluña	27,354	11.9	15.8
Comunitat Valenciana	14,387	27.6	34.2
Extremadura	1,042	28.4	25.0
Galicia	5,172	21.3	19.5
Madrid, Comunidad de	45,948	18.5	19.5
Murcia, Región de	1,816	27.6	29.3
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	7,951	21.2	20.2
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.



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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>53,236</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>4.7</b>
Special	33,065	-4.2	-4.3
School	26,189	-3.1	-3.4
Work	6,876	-8.3	-7.5
Unscheduled	20,171	13.6	28.8