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**Passenger Transport Statistics
July 2008. Provisional data**

The number of passengers using city transport increases 2.3% in July as compared with the same month of the previous year

The number of passengers using inter-city transport increases 0.9%

More than 252.5 million passengers used **city transport in July**, representing a 2.3% increase with regard to the same month of 2007. Increases of 2.5% in the bus service and of 2.1% metropolitan service were recorded in July.

On the other hand, **inter-city transport** was used by more than 143.7 million passengers, that is, 0.9% more than during the same month of the previous year.

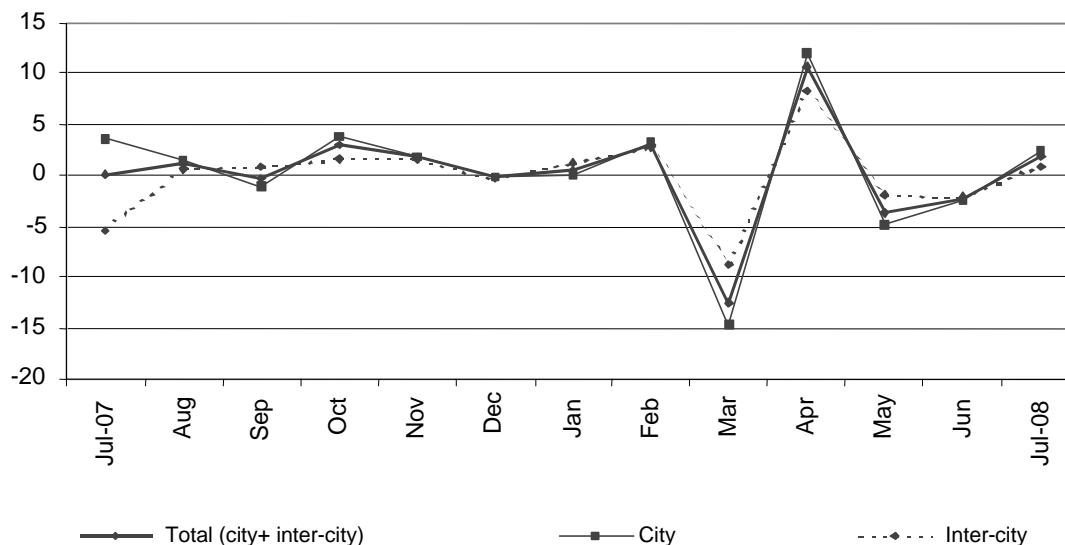
	Number of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate (%)	
		Interannual	Interannual accumulated
City transport			
TOTAL	252,569	2.33	-1.02
Buses	156,022	2.45	-2.43
- Scheduled ¹	154,485	2.41	-2.44
General scheduled	151,107	2.52	-2.40
Special scheduled	3,378	-2.49	-3.17
- Non-scheduled	1,537	6.74	-1.12
Metropolitan	96,547	2.14	1.26
Inter-city transport			
TOTAL	143,701	0.88	-0.15
Road transport	88,645	1.13	0.25
- Scheduled ¹	70,010	0.61	0.39
- Non-scheduled	18,635	3.14	-0.44
Railway transport ³	49,815	1.17	-0.96
Air transport (domestic) ³	4,091	-6.60	-0.91
Sea transport (cabotage) ^{2, 3}	1,150	-1.21	1.87

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

(2) Disembarked passengers only.

(3) Estimated data.

Interannual variation rate (%)



General scheduled urban transport by bus increases 2.5%

More than 151.1 million passengers used the general scheduled city bus in July, representing an increase of 2.5% as compared with the same month of 2007.

Although the number of passengers grew in almost all Autonomous Communities, it is worth noting the interannual increases registered in Aragón (17%), Canarias (6%) and Principado de Asturias (5.1%).

General scheduled city bus service

	Number of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate (%)	
		interannual	Interannual accumulated
TOTAL	151,107	2.52	-2.40
Andalucía	19,377	-0.04	1.11
Aragón	12,501	17.01	5.03
Asturias (Principado de)	3,621	5.12	3.65
Canarias	3,664	6.05	-1.13
Castilla y León	5,803	3.57	0.79
Castilla-La Mancha	1,658	-2.64	6.23
Cataluña	28,880	2.66	-4.17
Comunitat Valenciana	12,402	0.31	-3.37
Extremadura	967	3.49	-0.14
Galicia	5,019	4.43	1.12
Madrid (Comunidad de)	38,053	-0.40	-8.27
Murcia (Región de)	1,582	0.47	3.06
País Vasco	6,869	1.59	1.19
Others ¹	10,711	3.63	3.40

¹ In order to protect 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 decreases 2.5%

During the month of July, the special scheduled city bus service experienced a decrease of 2.5% in the interannual rate.

There were decreases of 6.7% in the number of passengers on the special scheduled school bus service and of 0.7% among users of the special scheduled work bus service.

Special scheduled city bus

	Number of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate (%)	
		interannual	Interannual accumulated
TOTAL	3,378	-2.49	-3.17
Students	970	-6.74	-4.42
Workers	2,408	-0.66	0.33

Transport by metropolitan increases 2.1% in the interannual rate

The number of passengers using the metropolitan increased 2.1% in July as compared with the same month of 2007. Of particular note was the increase experienced by the number of passengers on the metropolitan of Barcelona (7.6%).

Metropolitan

	Number of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate (%)	
		interannual	Interannual accumulated
TOTAL	96,547	2.14	1.26
Barcelona	31,907	7.58	3.56
Bilbao	6,447	1.15	0.89
Madrid	52,995	-0.57	0.43
Valencia ¹	5,198	0.12	-2.16

(1) Estimated data

Inter-city transport grows 0.9% as compared with July 2007

The number of passengers on inter-city transport exceeded 143.7 million during the month of July, representing an interannual increase of 0.9%.

In road transport, the number of passengers using the bus to commute grew 1.1%, this increase being observed in all modalities of this type of transport, and in particular, in special scheduled and non-scheduled transport, with increases of 4.7% and 3.1%, respectively.

In railway transport, whose interannual growth stood at 1.2%, once again worth noting was the increase in the number of passengers travelling by AVE -- Long Distance, 29.22%.

Finally, air transport (domestic) experienced an interannual decrease of 6.6%.

Inter-city Transport

	Number of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate (%)	
		Interannual	Interannual accumulated
TOTAL	143,701	0.88	-0.15
Road transport	88,645	1.13	0.25
General Scheduled	60,896	0.02	0.29
Special scheduled	9,114	4.73	0.59
- Students	932	2.74	-0.67
- Workers	8,182	4.96	3.61
Non-scheduled	18,635	3.14	-0.44
Railway transport ¹	49,815	1.17	-0.96
RENFE	42,434	1.28	-0.87
- AVE - Long distance ²	2,348	29.22	23.09
- Regional ³	2,959	3.90	0.82
- Local	37,127	-0.28	-1.92
Narrow gauge trains	7,381	0.50	-1.52
Air (domestic) ¹	4,091	-6.60	-0.91
Sea transport (cabotage) ¹	1,150	-1.21	1.87

(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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