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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
July 2021. Provisional data

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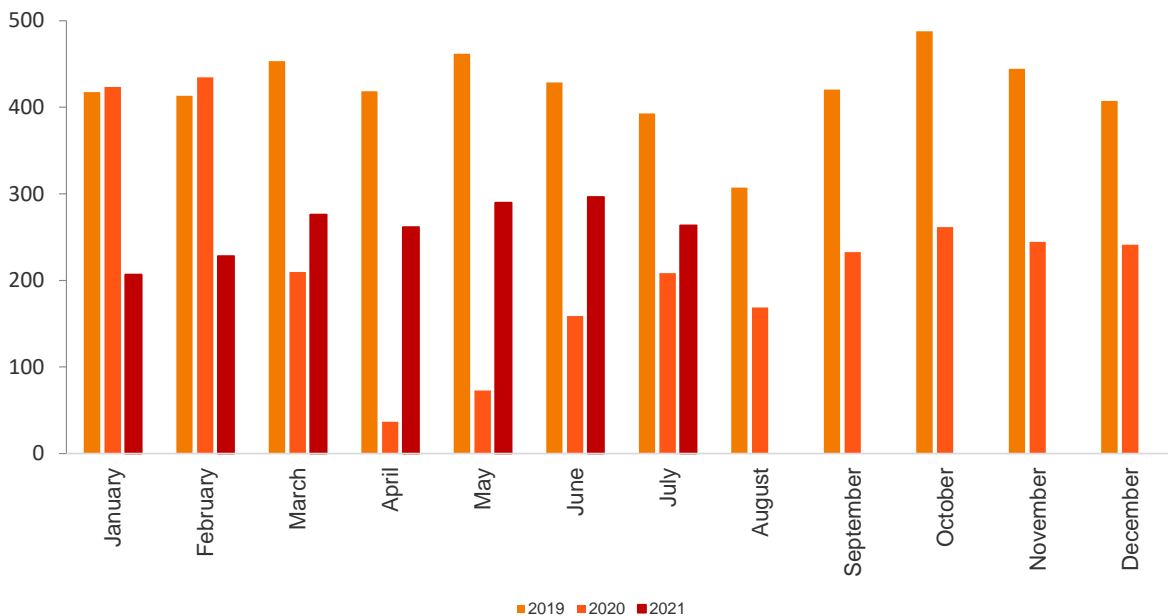
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 263.4 million passengers used public transport in July, 26.4% more than in the same month of 2020.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 23.7% and for inter-city transport 25.4%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 105.2% rise in the air transport.

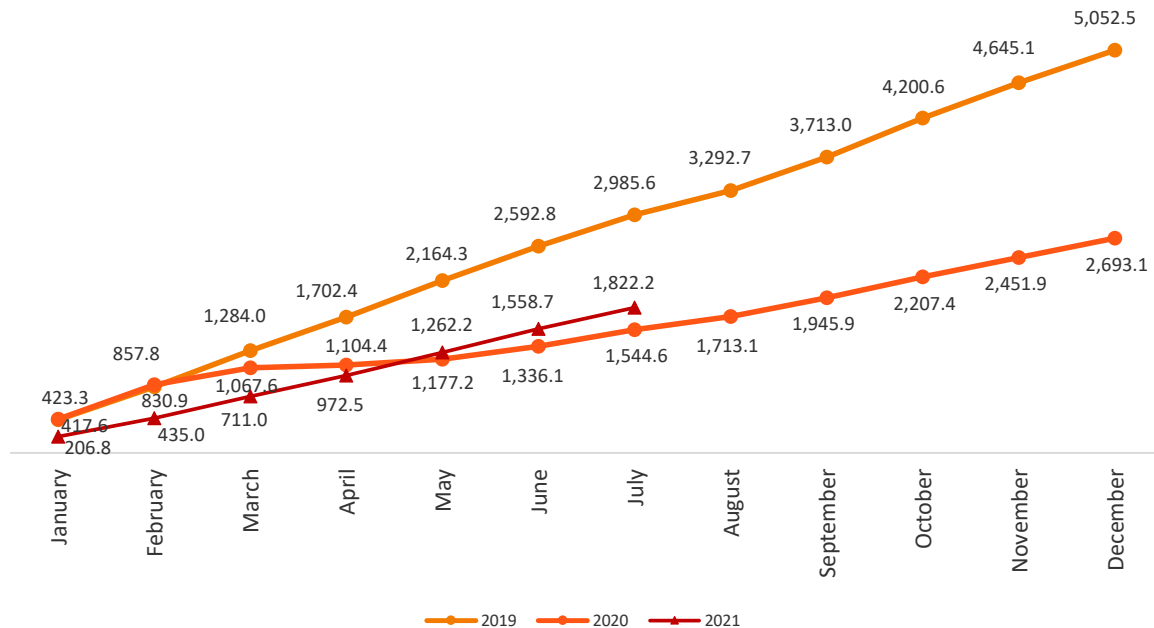
Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.

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In the first seven months of 2021 the number of passengers has increased by 18.0% compared to the same period last year, although it was still 40.0% lower than the same period of 2019.

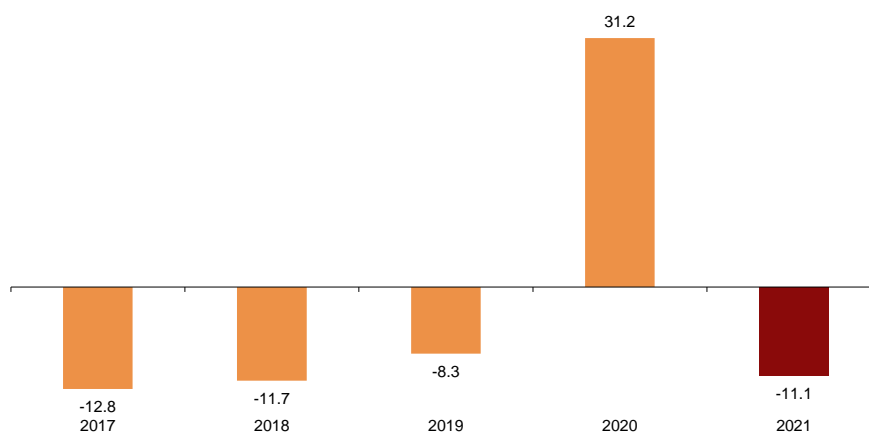
Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.
Millions.



Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in July as compared with June was -11.1%. 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 July as compared with June



City transport

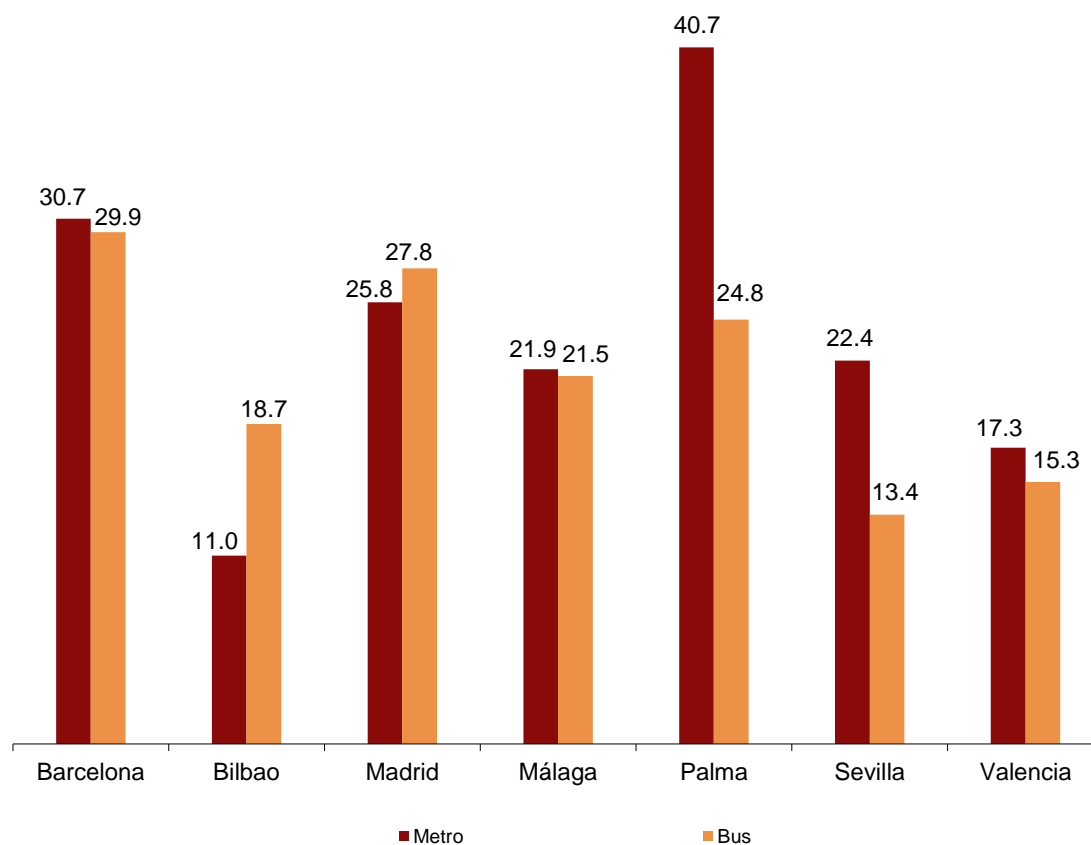
City transport was used by more than 167.1 million passengers in July, 23.7% more than in the same month of 2020.

Metro transport increased by 25.6% in annual rate. Palma's metro registered the highest increase (40.7%), and Bilbao's the lowest (11.0%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Barcelona (29.9%), and the lowest in Sevilla (13.4%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. July 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage



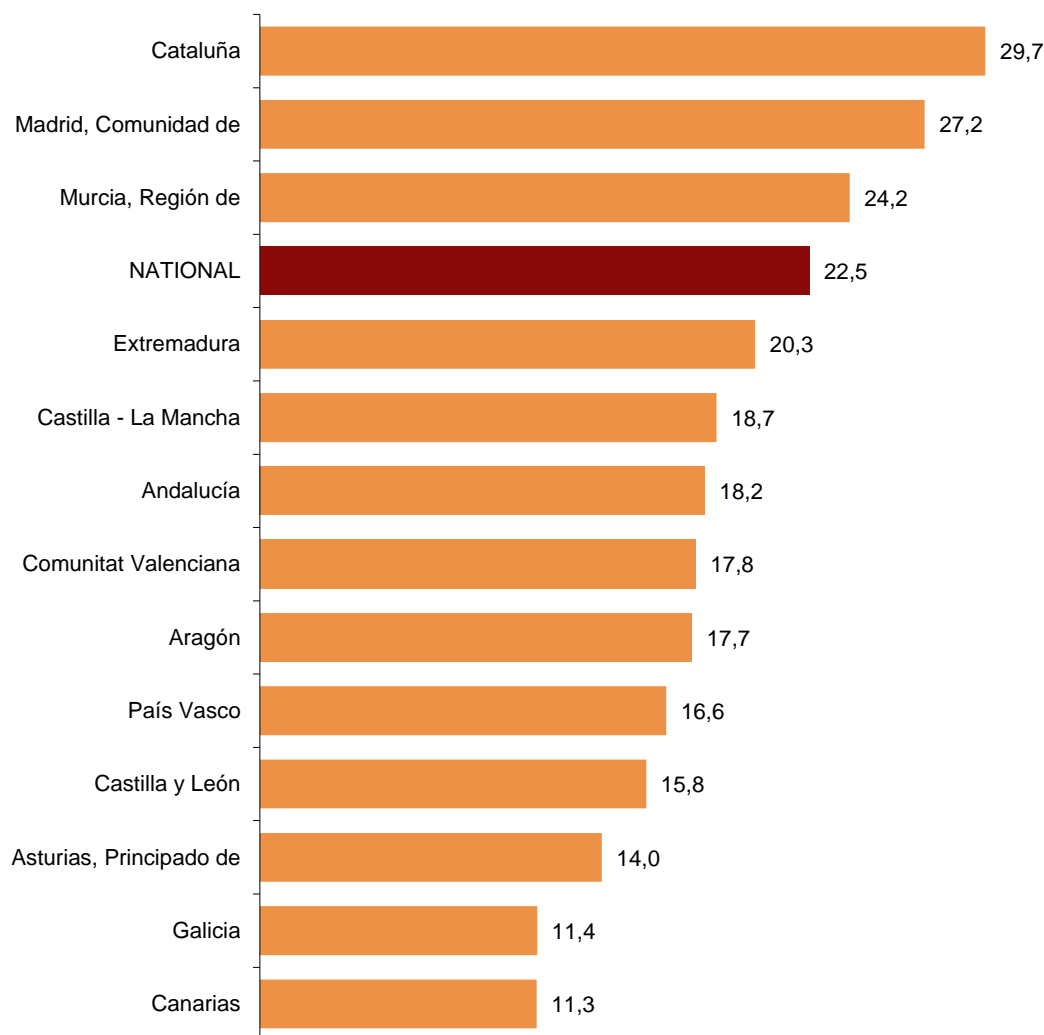
City transport by bus increased by 22.5% in July, as compared with the same month of 2020.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Cataluña (29.7%), Comunidad de Madrid (27.2%) and Región de Murcia (24.2%).

In turn, Canarias (11.3%), Galicia (11.4%) and Principado de Asturias (14.0%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. July 2021.

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 81.5 million passengers used inter-city transport in July, representing a 25.4% increase as compared with the same month of 2020.

By mode of transport, the maritime transport increased by 29.1%, the bus transport by 23.5%, the rail transport by 23.0%, and the air transport by 105.2%.

Commuter transport increased by 19.4% by bus and by rail transport by 18.4%. Regional transport increased by 35.2% by bus and by 50.8% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 28.0% by bus and by 97.2% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 106.0%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. July 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	42,893	23,5
Local	30,393	19,4
Regional	11,623	35,2
Long-distance	877	28,0
Rail	34,239	23,0
Local	30,183	18,4
Regional	1,940	50,8
Long-distance	2,116	97,2
AVE train	1,358	106,0
Rest of long-distance rail	758	83,1
Air (domestic)	3,343	105,2
Mainland Spain	950	174,8
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,962	106,8
Inter-island	431	28,9
Maritime (cabotage)	1,028	29,1

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 14.8 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in July, indicating an increase of 77.7% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 26.2%, reaching more than 7.3 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 543.3% and work transport did so by 13.2%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 194.4% as compared with the same month of 2020, with more than 7.5 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	263,464	26.4	18.0
City transport	167,137	23.7	15.3
Inter-city transport	81,502	25.4	13.0
Special and unscheduled transport	14,825	77.7	53.6

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	167,137	23.7	15.3
Metro	66,521	25.6	12.7
Bus ¹	100,616	22.5	17.1

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	12,961	29.9	24.6
	Metro	22,882	30.7	14.0
Bilbao	City bus	2,031	18.7	27.9
	Metro	5,202	11.0	15.7
Madrid	City bus	23,596	27.8	16.2
	Metro	34,042	25.8	12.6
Málaga	City bus	2,711	21.5	7.6
	Metro	333	21.9	5.7
Palma	City bus	2,614	24.8	13.6
	Metro	42	40.7	27.5
Sevilla	City bus	3,808	13.4	9.7
	Metro	633	22.4	3.5
Valencia	City bus	5,013	15.3	1.8
	Metro	3,388	17.3	3.0

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	100,616	22.5	17.1
Andalucía	12,034	18.2	10.7
Aragón	6,781	17.7	19.6
Asturias, Principado de	2,033	14.0	14.5
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	4,191	11.3	24.1
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	3,439	15.8	16.9
Castilla - La Mancha	949	18.7	11.0
Cataluña	17,740	29.7	25.6
Comunitat Valenciana	8,403	17.8	6.0
Extremadura	529	20.3	17.4
Galicia	3,557	11.4	13.2
Madrid, Comunidad de	26,772	27.2	16.2
Murcia, Región de	891	24.2	-1.7
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	5,183	16.6	21.0
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	81,502	25.4	13.0
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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	14,825	77.7	53.6
Special	7,303	26.2	80.5
School	911	543.3	117.6
Work	6,392	13.2	21.0
Unscheduled	7,523	194.4	-18.3