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

**The number of passengers using city transport decreases 1.0% in August as compared with the same month of the previous year**

**The number of passengers using inter-city transport increases 0.1% in the interannual rate**

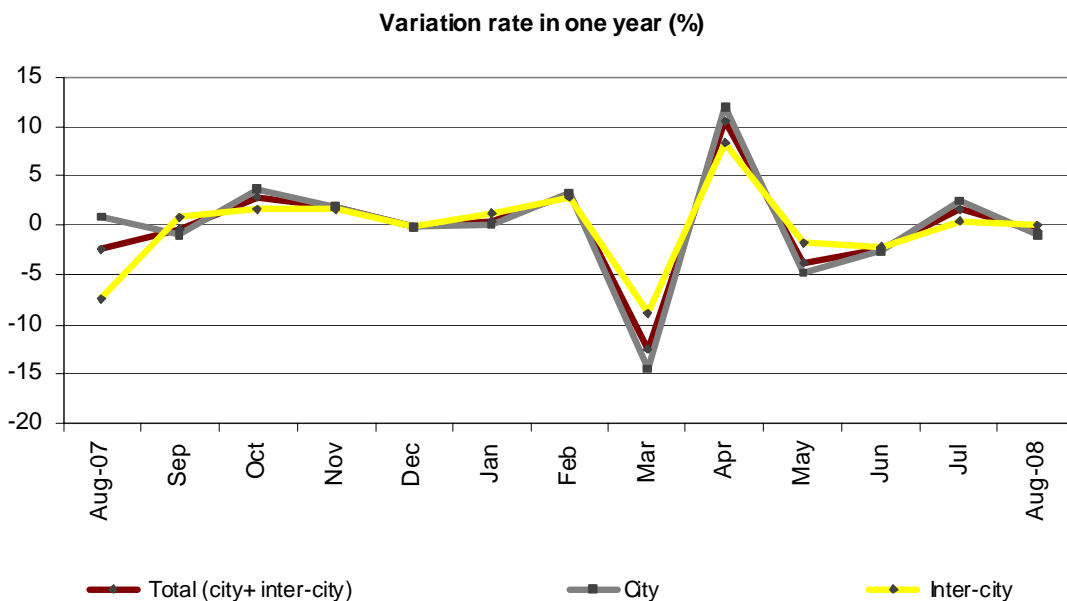
More than 187.4 million passengers used **city transport in August**, representing a 1.0% decrease with regard to the same month of 2007. An increase of 1.1% in the bus service and a decrease of 4.6% in the metropolitan service were recorded in August.

On the other hand, **inter-city transport** was used by more than 116.2 million passengers, that is, 0.1% more than during the same month of the previous year.

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
<b>City transport</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>187,417</b>	<b>-1.04</b>	<b>-1.01</b>
Buses	120,785	1.05	-2.11
- Scheduled <sup>1</sup>	119,229	0.90	-2.13
General scheduled	116,722	1.26	-2.06
Special scheduled	2,507	-13.31	-3.63
- Non-scheduled	1,556	13.44	0.77
Metropolitan	66,632	-4.62	0.77
<b>Inter-city transport</b>			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,173</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>-0.18</b>
Road transport	73,740	-0.40	0.19
- Scheduled <sup>1</sup>	58,771	-0.55	0.31
- Non-scheduled	14,969	0.18	-0.37
Railway transport	36,974	2.32	-0.76
Air transport (domestic)	3,992	-9.73	-2.57
Sea transport (cabotage) <sup>2</sup>	1,467	-2.23	0.44

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

(2) Disembarked passengers only.



### General scheduled city transport by bus increases 1.3%

More than 116.7 million passengers used the general scheduled city bus in August, representing an increase of 1.3% as compared with the same month of 2007.

It is worth noting the interannual increases registered in Aragón (23.8%), Andalucía (7.2%) and Canarias (4.3%).

### General scheduled city bus service

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		interannual	Accumulated interannual
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,722</b>	<b>1.26</b>	<b>-2.06</b>
Andalucía	17,587	7.24	1.74
Aragón	9,554	23.76	6.72
Asturias (Principado de)	3,165	0.10	3.23
Canarias	3,300	4.32	-0.64
Castilla y León	4,674	-1.14	0.60
Castilla-La Mancha	1,358	-3.90	5.21
Cataluña	19,451	-5.23	-4.27
Comunitat Valenciana	8,979	1.87	-2.90
Extremadura	737	-7.42	-0.80
Galicia	4,339	-0.20	0.98
Madrid (Comunidad de)	27,064	-2.69	-7.81
Murcia (Región de)	1,121	-0.85	2.74
País Vasco	6,149	0.43	1.10
Others <sup>1</sup>	9,244	1.16	3.12

<sup>1</sup> 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 13.3%

During the month of August, the special scheduled city bus service experienced a decrease of 13.3% in the interannual rate.

There were decreases of 13.4% in the number of passengers on the special scheduled school bus service and of 13.3% among users of the special scheduled work bus service.

#### Special scheduled city bus

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,507</b>	<b>-13.31</b>	<b>-3.63</b>
Students	708	-13.43	-4.58
Workers	1,799	-13.26	-1.24

### Transport by metropolitan decreases 4.6% in the interannual rate

The number of passengers using the metropolitan decreased 4.6% in August as compared with the same month of 2007. The only metropolitan transport which registered an increase in the number of passengers was the metropolitan of Valencia (2.2%).

#### Metropolitan

	No. of passengers (thousands)	Variation rate	
		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,632</b>	<b>-4.62</b>	<b>0.77</b>
Barcelona	21,203	-0.59	3.19
Bilbao	5,179	-5.34	0.28
Madrid	36,624	-7.30	-0.24
Valencia	3,626	2.21	-1.44

## Inter-city transport grows 0.1% as compared with August 2007

The number of passengers on inter-city transport was nearly 116.2 million during the month of August, representing an interannual increase of 0.1%.

In road transport, the number of passengers using the bus to commute decreased 0.4% in the interannual rate. A different behaviour was observed between special scheduled transport, which registered a decrease of 6.2% and general scheduled and non-scheduled transport, which both increased 0.2%.

Railway transport recorded an interannual increase of 2.3%, representing a high rise in RENFE as a result of the strong increase of passengers travelling by AVE -- Long Distance (23.7%). In contrast, passengers of Narrow gauge trains decreased 6,5%.

Finally, air transport (domestic) and maritime transport experienced decreases of 9.7% and 2.2%, respectively.

### Inter-city Transport

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		Interannual	Accumulated interannual
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116,173</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>-0.18</b>
<b>Road transport</b>	<b>73,740</b>	<b>-0.40</b>	<b>0.19</b>
General Scheduled	52,020	0.24	0.28
Special scheduled	6,751	-6.21	0.35
- Scholars	55	-6.86	-0.68
- Workers	6,696	-6.20	2.56
Non-scheduled	14,969	0.18	-0.37
	<b>36,974</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>-0.76</b>
RENFE	31,408	4.07	-0.55
- AVE - Long distance <sup>2</sup>	2,067	23.70	22.91
- Regional <sup>3</sup>	2,609	5.67	1.26
- Local	26,732	2.66	-1.64
Narrow gauge trains	5,566	-6.54	-2.01
<b>Air (domestic)</b>	<b>3,992</b>	<b>-9.73</b>	<b>-2.57</b>
<b>Sea transport (cabotage)</b>	<b>1,467</b>	<b>-2.23</b>	<b>0.44</b>

(2) Long Distance includes long distance and long distance high speed.

(3) Regional includes regional and regional high speed.