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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
August 2021. Provisional data

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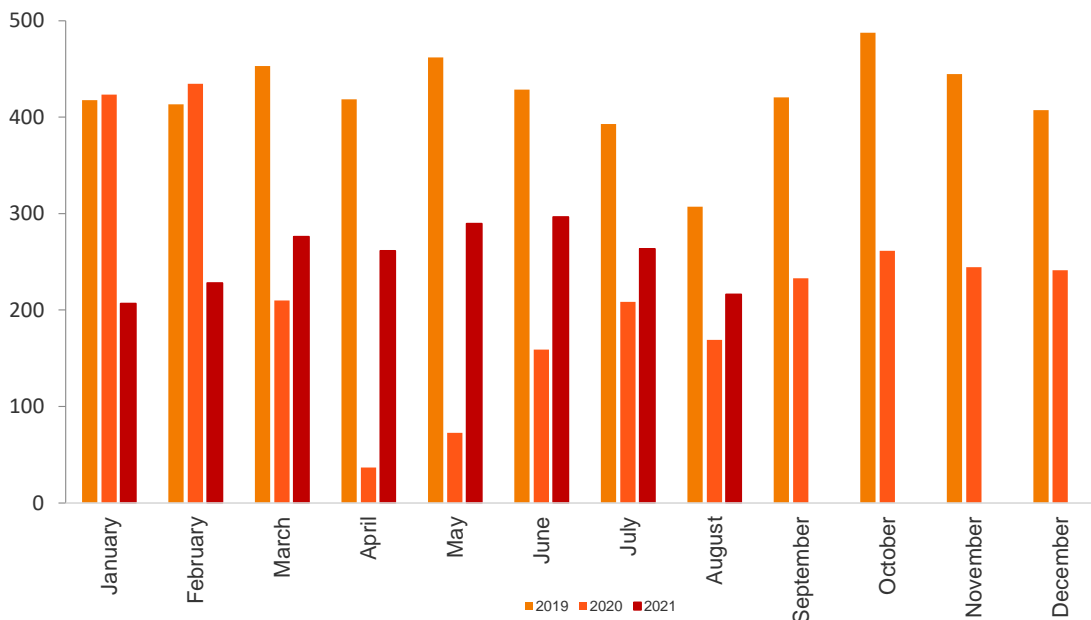
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 216.1 million passengers used public transport in August, 27.8% more than in the same month of 2020.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 24.5% and for inter-city transport 27.8%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 57.7% rise in the air transport.

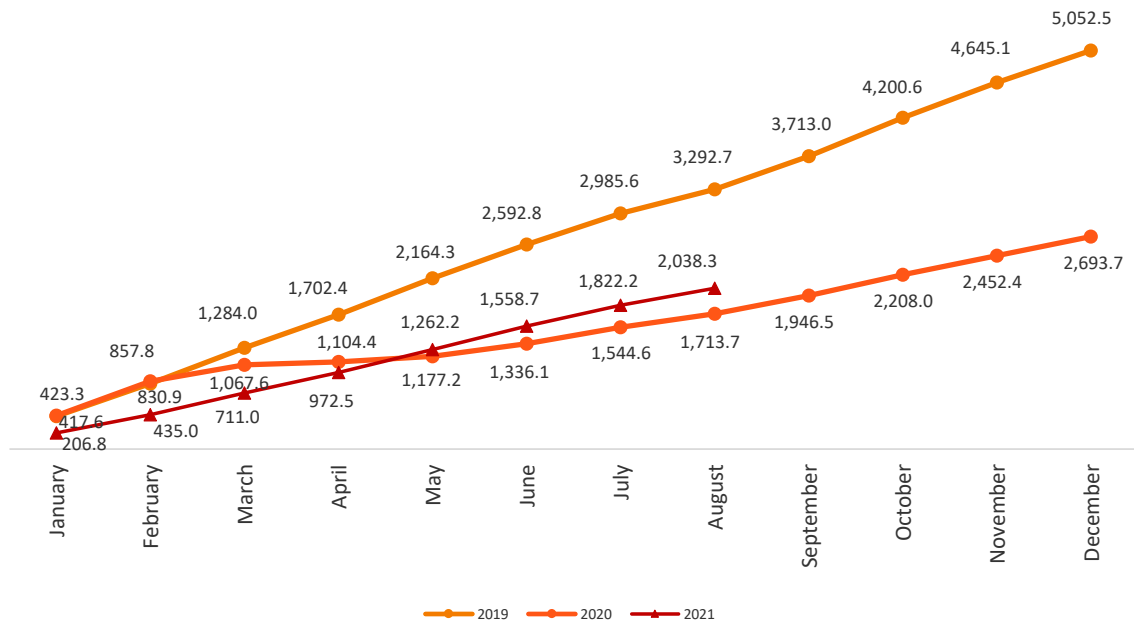
Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.

Millions.



In the first eight months of 2021 the number of passengers has increased by 18.9% compared to the same period last year.

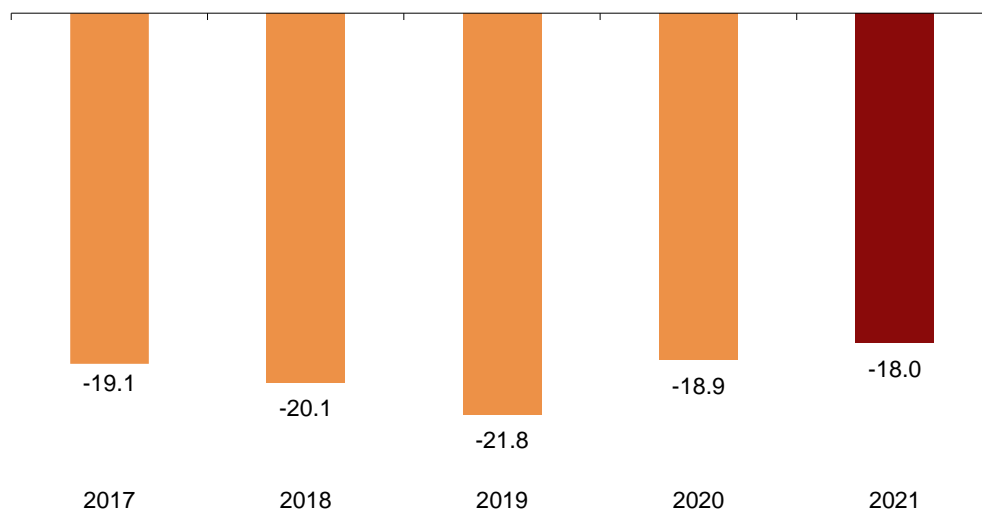
Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.
Millions.



Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in August as compared with July was -18.0%. 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 August as compared with July



City transport

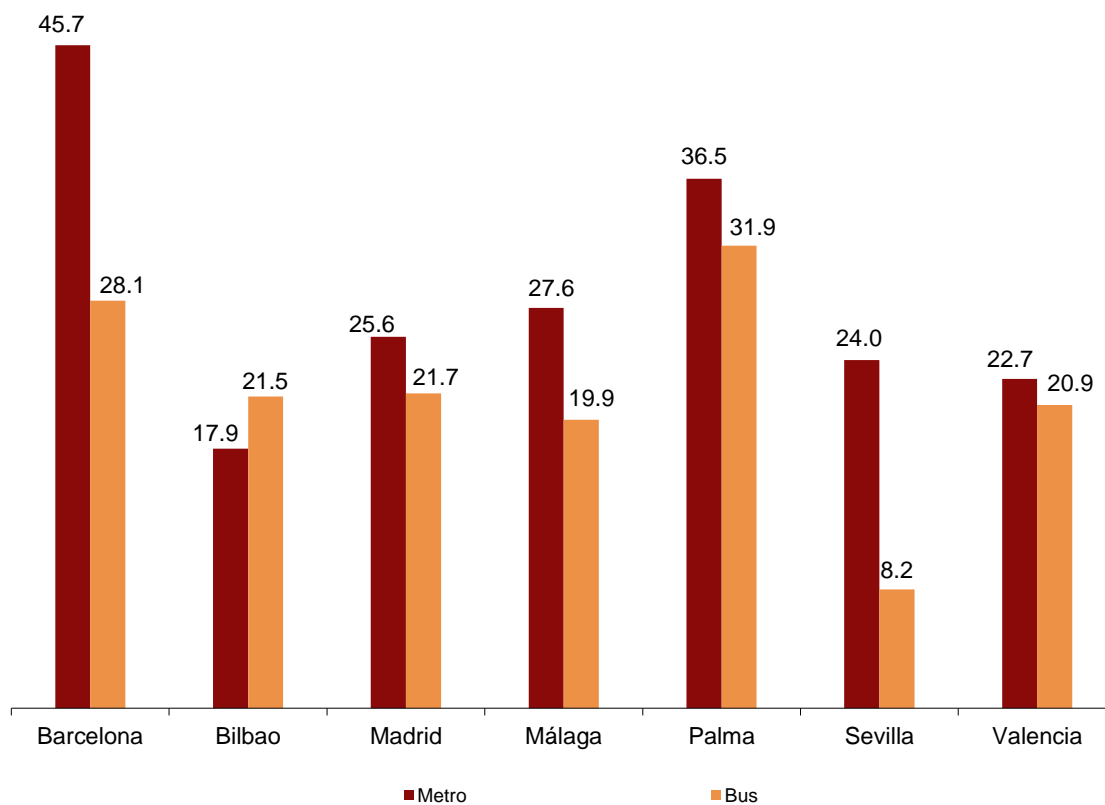
City transport was used by more than 133.5 million passengers in August, 24.5% more than in the same month of 2020.

Metro transport increased by 31.3% in annual rate. Barcelona's metro registered the highest increase (45.7%), and Bilbao's the lowest (17.9%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Palma (31.9%), and the lowest in Sevilla (8.2%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. August 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage



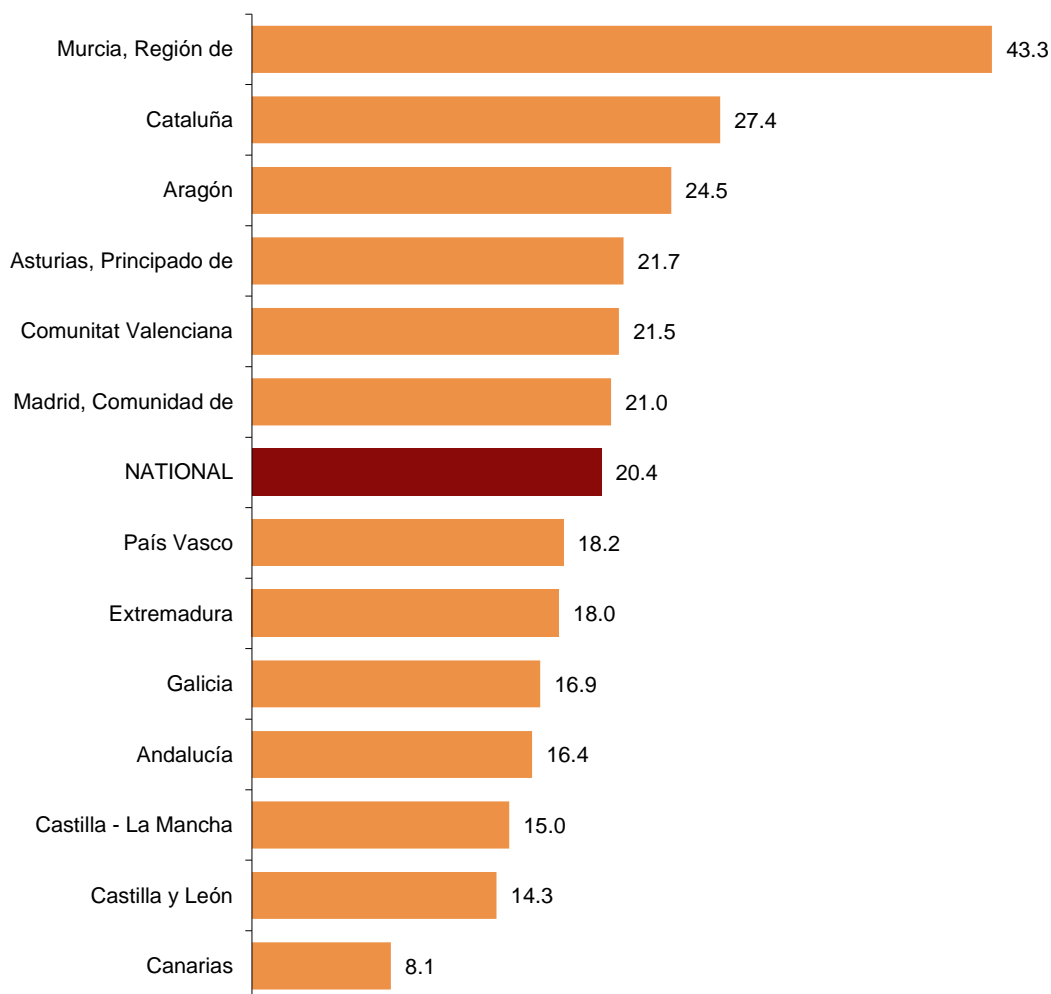
City transport by bus increased by 20.4% in August, as compared with the same month of 2020.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Región de Murcia (43.3%), Cataluña (27.4%) and Aragón (24.5%).

In turn, Canarias (8.1%), Castilla y León (14.3%) and Castilla - La Mancha (15.0%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. August 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 70.8 million passengers used inter-city transport in August, representing a 27.8% increase as compared with the same month of 2020.

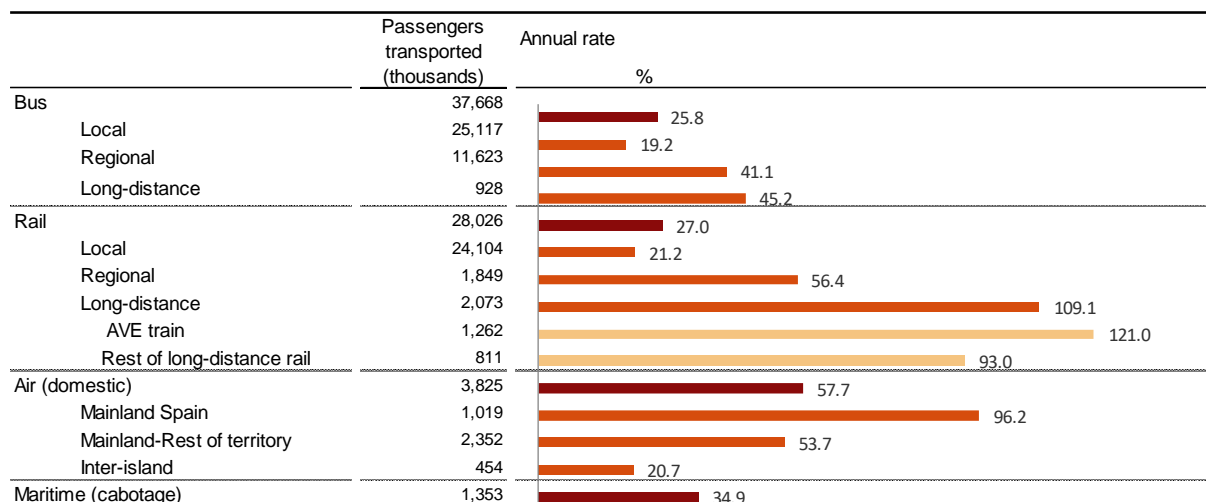
By mode of transport, the air transport increased by 57.7%, the maritime transport by 34.9%, the rail transport by 27.0%, and the bus transport by 25.8%.

Commuter transport increased by 19.2% by bus and by rail transport by 21.2%. Regional transport increased by 41.1% by bus and by 56.4% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 45.2% by bus and by 109.1% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 121.0%.

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

Annual rate. Percentage



Special and unscheduled transport

More than 11.6 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in August, indicating an increase of 85.0% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 26.3%, reaching more than 5.1 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 225.7% and work transport did so by 23.2%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 192.7% as compared with the same month of 2020, with more than 6.5 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/dyngs/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	216,140	27.8	18.9
City transport	133,592	24.5	16.2
Inter-city transport	70,872	27.8	14.7
Special and unscheduled transport	11,676	85.0	55.0

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	133,592	24.5	16.2
Metro	52,173	31.3	14.4
Bus ¹	81,419	20.4	17.4

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	9,550	28.1	25.0
	Metro	18,926	45.7	16.9
Bilbao	City bus	1,581	21.5	27.3
	Metro	3,915	17.9	15.9
Madrid	City bus	17,087	21.7	16.7
	Metro	25,999	25.6	13.8
Málaga	City bus	2,500	19.9	9.1
	Metro	287	27.6	7.8
Palma	City bus	2,491	31.9	16.1
	Metro	25	36.5	28.0
Sevilla	City bus	2,937	8.2	9.5
	Metro	463	24.0	5.0
Valencia	City bus	4,006	20.9	3.7
	Metro	2,558	22.7	4.8

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	81,419	20.4	17.4
Andalucía	10,348	16.4	11.4
Aragón	5,536	24.5	20.0
Asturias, Principado de	1,988	21.7	15.4
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	3,817	8.1	22.0
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	2,958	14.3	16.6
Castilla - La Mancha	812	15.0	11.4
Cataluña	13,389	27.4	25.8
Comunitat Valenciana	7,020	21.5	7.7
Extremadura	452	18.0	17.5
Galicia	3,273	16.9	13.6
Madrid, Comunidad de	19,506	21.0	16.7
Murcia, Región de	703	43.3	1.5
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	4,377	18.2	20.7
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	70,872	27.8	14.7
Bus	37,668	25.8	15.6
Local	25,117	19.2	15.6
Regional	11,623	41.1	16.9
Long-distance	928	45.2	-3.5
Rail ¹	28,026	27.0	13.1
Local rail	24,104	21.2	12.9
Regional rail	1,849	56.4	15.0
Long-distance rail	2,073	109.1	14.2
AVE train	1,262	121.0	12.1
Rest of long-distance rail	811	93.0	18.0
Air (domestic)	3,825	57.7	23.2
Mainland Spain	1,019	96.2	6.1
Mainland-Rest of territory	2,352	53.7	33.7
Inter-island	454	20.7	27.3
Maritime (cabotage)	1,353	34.9	17.0

¹ Local rail includes RENFE and all the autonomic 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	11,676	85.0	55.0
Special	5,160	26.3	78.4
School	206	225.7	117.7
Work	4,954	23.2	21.2
Unscheduled	6,516	192.7	-6.2