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## Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) September 2021. Provisional data

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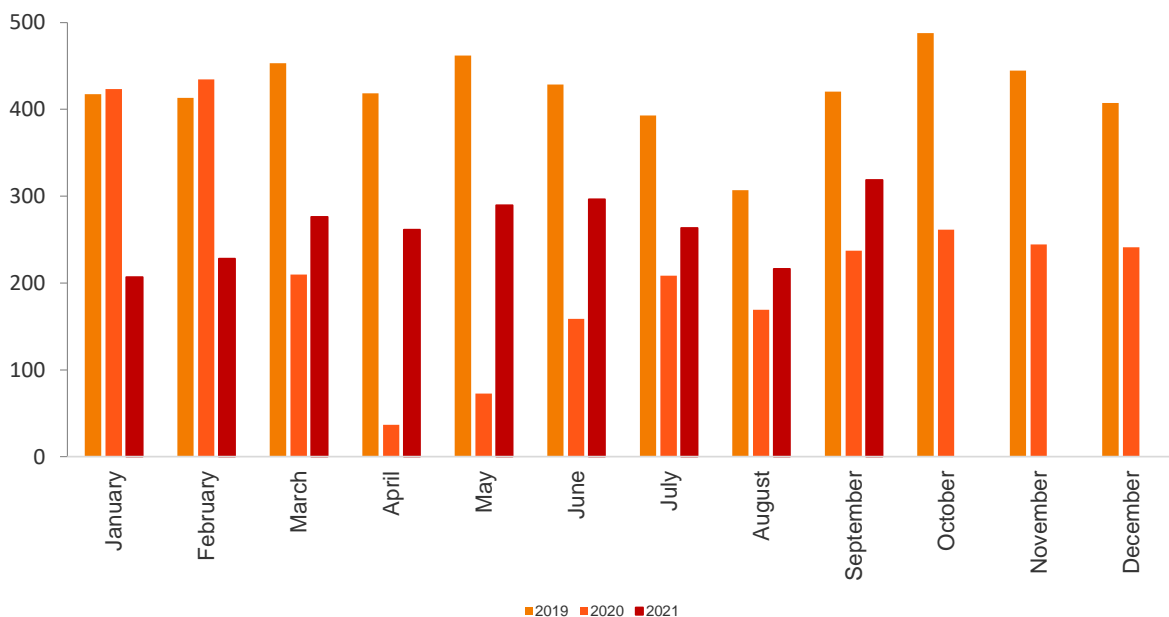
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### Evolution of passenger transport

More than 318.5 million passengers used public transport in September, 34.2% more than in the same month of 2020.

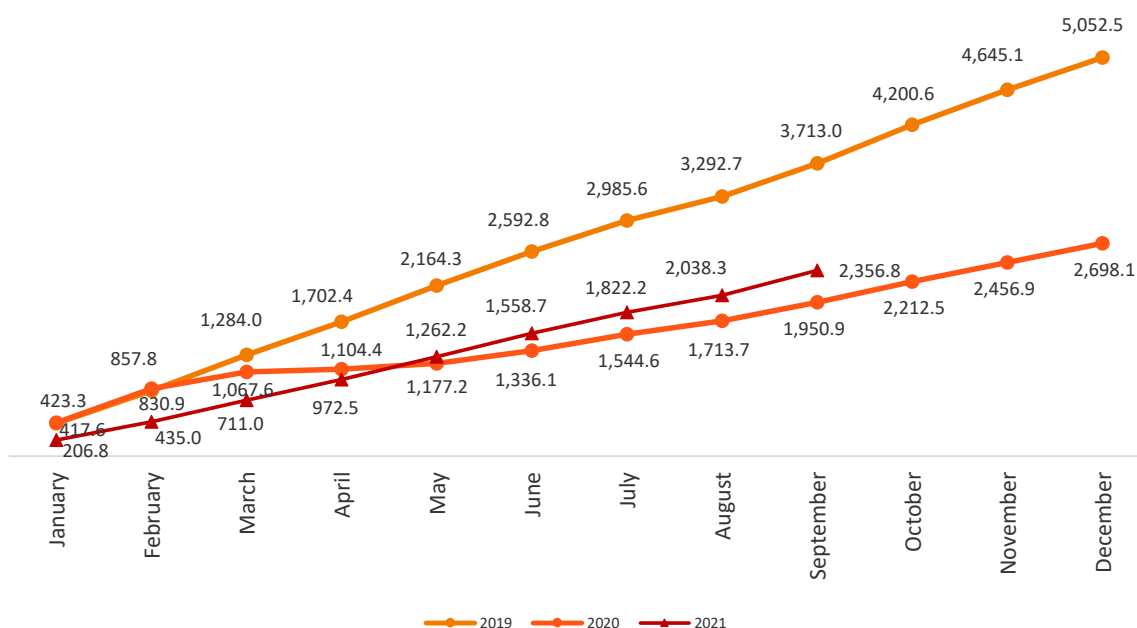
The annual rate for city transport increases by 34.3% and for inter-city transport 37.1%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 85.9% rise in the air transport.

### Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2021. Millions.



In the first nine months of 2021 the number of passengers has increased by 20.8% compared to the same period last year.

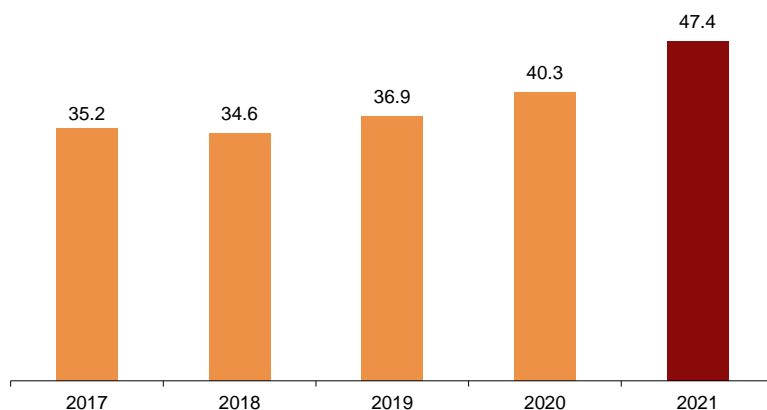
### Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2021. Millions.



### Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in September as compared with August was 47.4%. 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 September as compared with August



## City transport

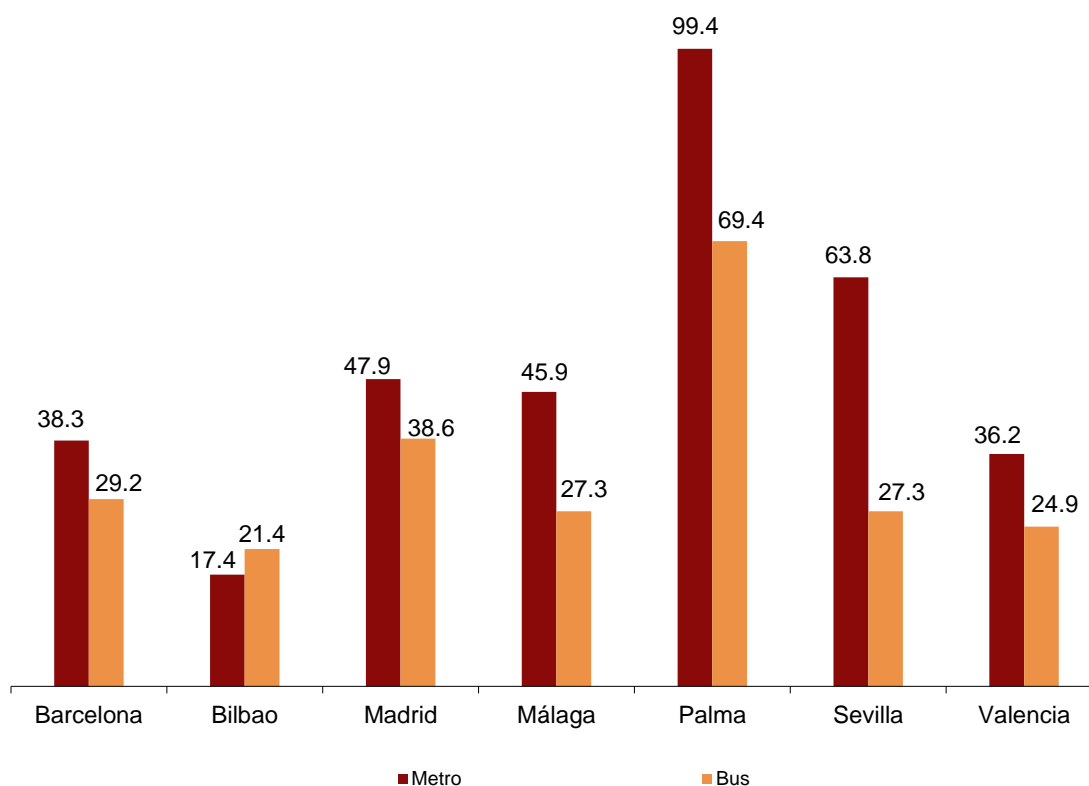
City transport was used by more than 193.8 million passengers in September, 34.3% more than in the same month of 2020.

Metro transport increased by 41.4% in annual rate. Palma's metro registered the highest increase (99.4%) and Bilbao's the lowest (17.4%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Palma (69.4%) and the lowest in Bilbao (21.4%).

### City transport passengers in cities with metro. September 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage



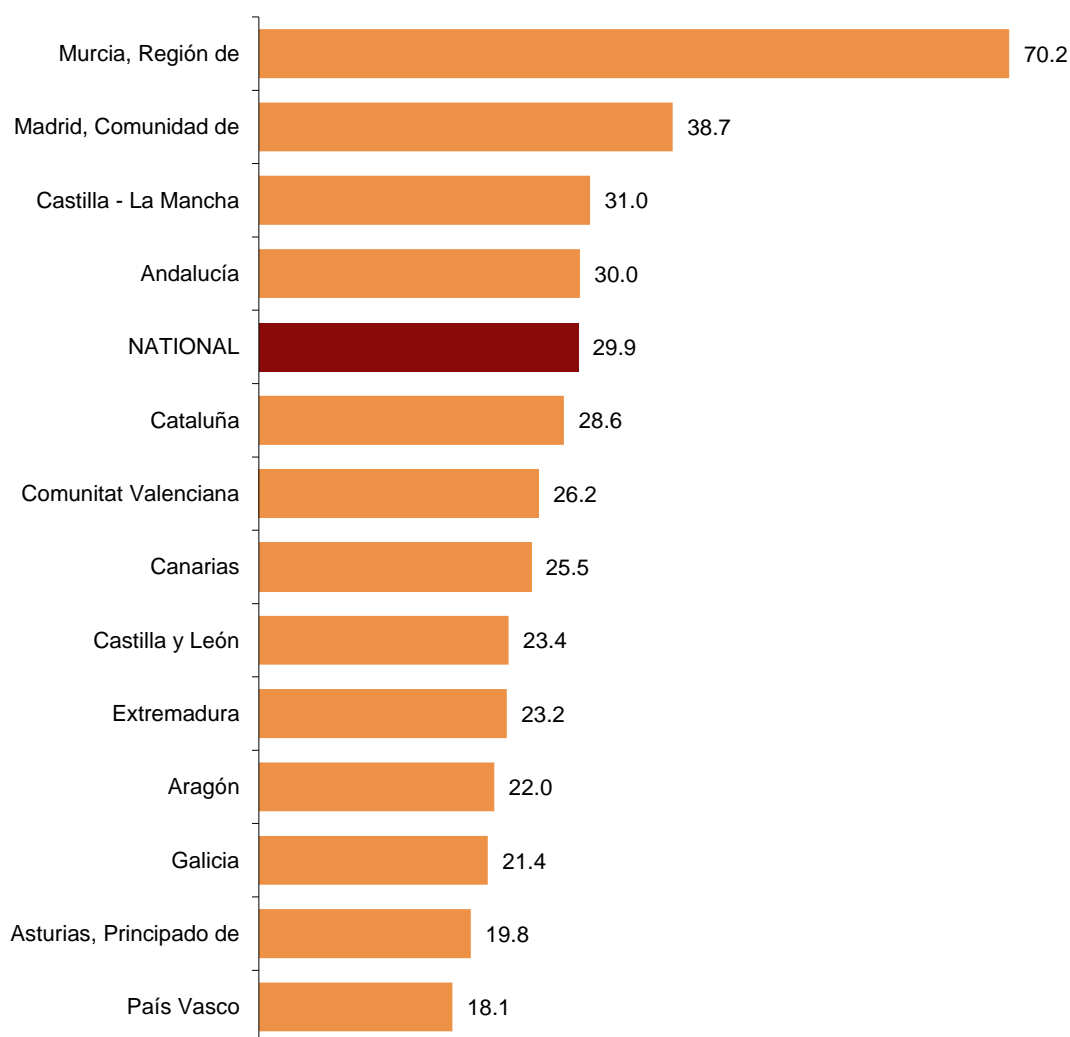
City transport by bus increased by 29.9% in September, as compared with the same month of 2020.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Región de Murcia (70.2%), Comunidad de Madrid (38.7%) and Castilla - La Mancha (31.0%).

In turn, País Vasco (18.1%), Principado de Asturias (19.8%) and Galicia (21.4%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

### **City transport by bus<sup>1</sup>. September 2021.**

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 91.7 million passengers used inter-city transport in September, representing a 37.1% increase as compared with the same month of 2020.

By mode of transport, the air transport increased by 85.9%, the maritime transport by 61.2%, the rail transport by 36.4%, and the bus transport by 34.9%.

Commuter transport increased by 32.5% by bus and by rail transport by 32.0%. Regional transport increased by 40.2% by bus and by 59.7% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 62.8% by bus and by 141.2% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 155.6%.

## Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. September 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	48,457	34.9
Local	34,687	32.5
Regional	13,030	40.2
Long-distance	740	62.8
Rail <sup>1</sup>	39,127	36.4
Local	35,006	32.0
Regional	2,082	59.7
Long-distance	2,039	141.2
AVE train	1,342	155.6
Rest of long-distance rail	697	117.4
Air (domestic)	3,233	85.9
Mainland Spain	1,049	127.4
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,782	78.6
Inter-island	402	43.7
Maritime (cabotage)	922	61.2

<sup>1</sup> Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators and regional and long-distance rail include only RENFE

## Special and unscheduled transport

More than 32.9 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in September, indicating an increase of 26.4% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 5.1%, reaching more than 24.7 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 5.4% and work transport did so by 4.4%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 225.5% as compared with the same month of 2020, with more than 8.1 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/dyngs/INEbase/en/operacion.htm?c=Estadistica\\_C&cid=1254736176906&menu=metodologia&idp=1254735576820](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>

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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## Passenger Transport Statistics

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### 1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT</b>	<b>318,538</b>	<b>34.2</b>	<b>20.8</b>
City transport	193,819	34.3	18.3
Inter-city transport	91,739	37.1	17.4
Special and unscheduled transport	32,980	26.4	50.6

### 2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>CITY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>193,819</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>18.3</b>
Metro	78,686	41.4	17.4
Bus <sup>1</sup>	115,132	29.9	18.9

<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	14,105	29.2	25.5
	Metro	25,410	38.3	19.3
Bilbao	City bus	2,409	21.4	26.5
	Metro	5,996	17.4	16.1
Madrid	City bus	27,407	38.6	19.2
	Metro	41,215	47.9	17.5
Málaga	City bus	2,814	27.3	11.2
	Metro	429	45.9	12.1
Palma	City bus	2,649	69.4	21.3
	Metro	78	99.4	35.4
Sevilla	City bus	4,866	27.3	11.6
	Metro	1,046	63.8	11.4
Valencia	City bus	5,700	24.9	6.2
	Metro	4,513	36.2	8.7

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

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>115,132</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>18.9</b>
Andalucía	14,312	30.0	13.7
Aragón	8,120	22.0	20.3
Asturias, Principado de	2,168	19.8	16.0
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	4,646	25.5	22.4
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	4,063	23.4	17.4
Castilla - La Mancha	1,192	31.0	13.7
Cataluña	19,693	28.6	26.2
Comunitat Valenciana	9,353	26.2	10.0
Extremadura	731	23.2	18.3
Galicia	4,109	21.4	14.6
Madrid, Comunidad de	31,673	38.7	19.2
Murcia, Región de	1,276	70.2	8.4
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	5,813	18.1	20.4
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
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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>32,980</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>50.6</b>
Special	24,784	5.1	64.6
School	18,403	5.4	92.5
Work	6,381	4.4	19.0
Unscheduled	8,196	225.5	7.9