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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) October 2020. Provisional data

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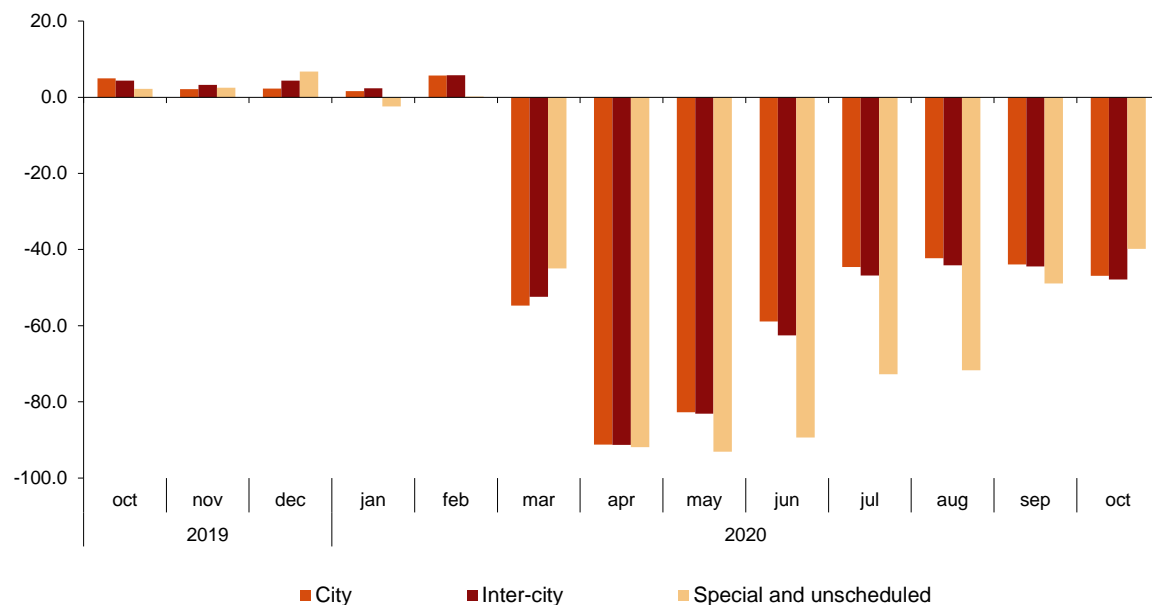
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 261.5 million passengers used public transport in October, 46.4% less than in the same month of 2019.

The annual rate for city transport decreases by 46.9% and for inter-city transport by 47.9%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 63.1% fall in the air transport.

Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

Annual rate. Percentage

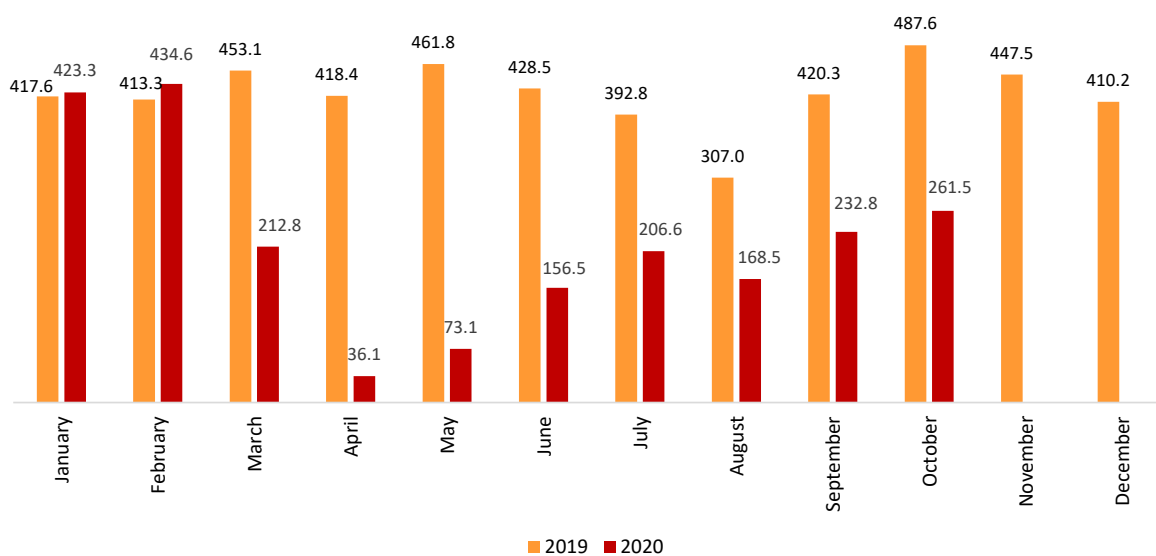


Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2019 October	4.9	4.4	2.2
November	2.1	3.3	2.5
December	2.3	4.4	6.8
2020 January	1.6	2.4	-2.4
February	5.7	5.8	0.2
March	-54.7	-52.4	-45.0
April	-91.3	-91.3	-91.9
May	-82.8	-83.1	-93.1
June	-58.9	-62.5	-89.4
July	-44.6	-46.8	-72.7
August	-42.3	-44.1	-71.7
September	-43.9	-44.5	-48.9
October	-46.9	-47.9	-39.8

Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2020.

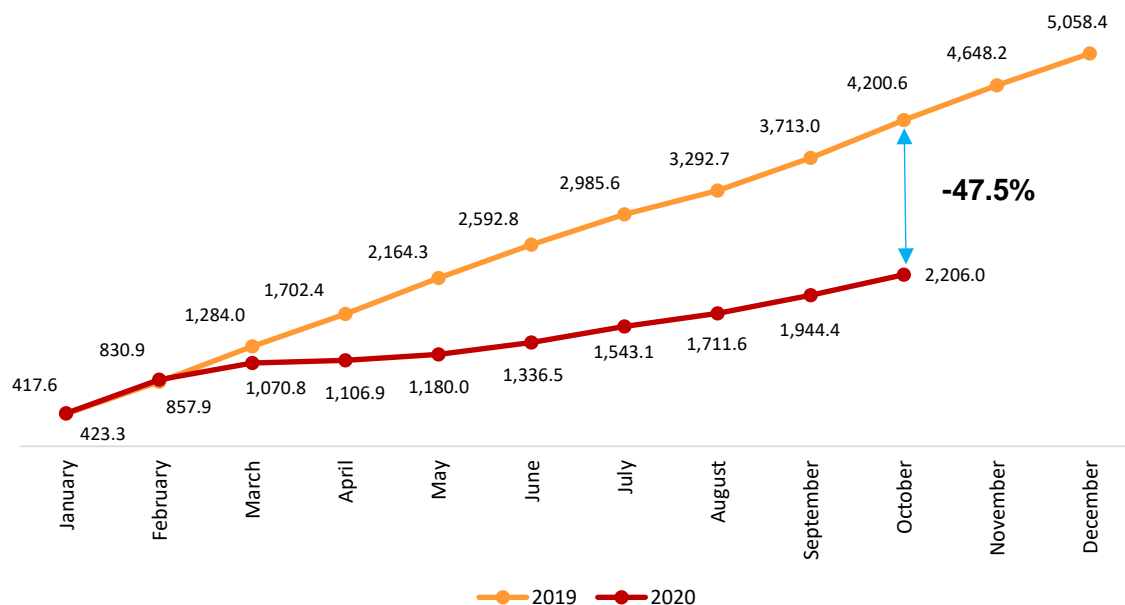
Millions



In the first ten months of 2020 the number of passengers has almost halved compared to the same period last year.

Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2020.

Millions

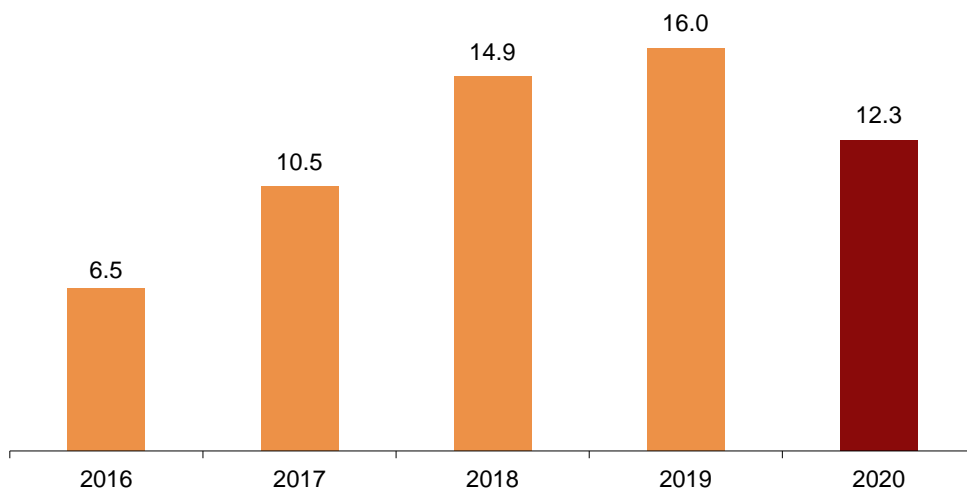


Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in October as compared with September was 12.3%. 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 October as compared with September.

Percentage.



City transport

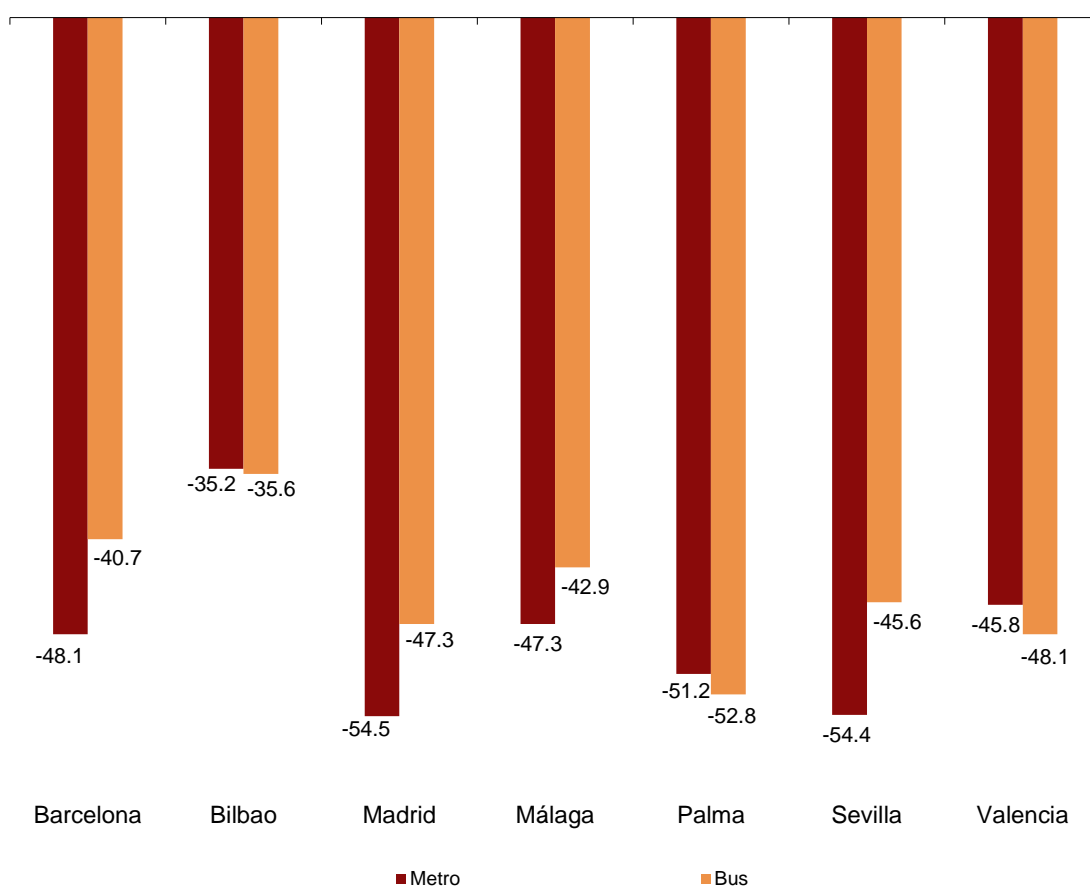
City transport was used by more than 158.5 million passengers in October, 46.9% less than in the same month of 2019.

Metro transport decreased by 50.6% in annual rate. Madrid's metro registered the highest decrease (-54.5%). The Bilbao's metro registers the lowest decrease (-35.2%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest decrease in bus transport was registered in Palma (-52.8%) and the lowest decrease (-35.6%), in Bilbao.

City transport passengers in cities with metro. October 2020.

Annual rate. Percentage



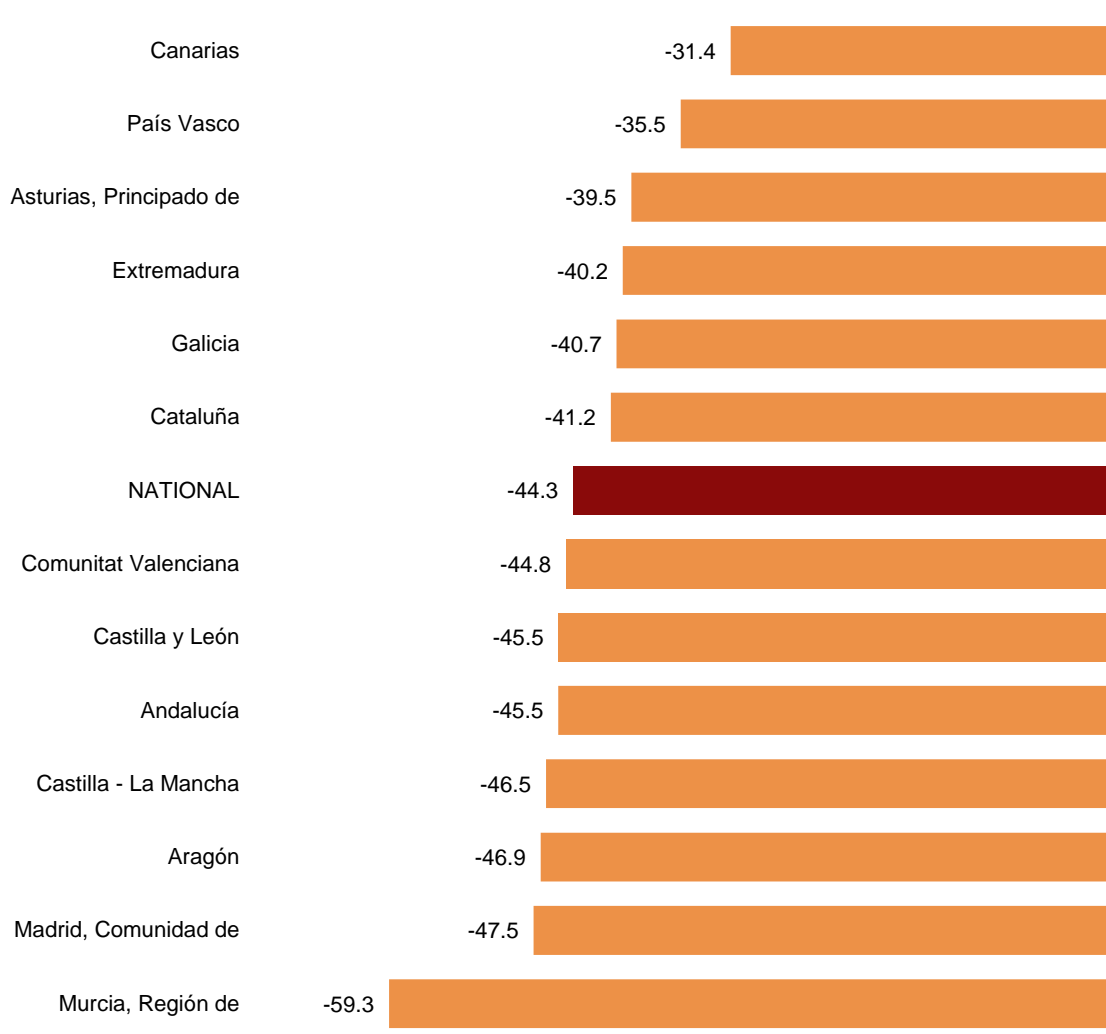
City transport by bus decreased by 44.3% in October, as compared with the same month of 2019.

All the Autonomous Communities showed negative annual rates in bus transport passengers. The highest decreases were showed in Región de Murcia (-59.3%), Comunidad de Madrid (-47.5%) and Aragón (-46.9%).

In turn, Canarias (-31.4%), País Vasco (-35.5%) and Principado de Asturias (-39.5%) showed the lowest decreases in bus transport passengers.

City transport by bus¹. October 2020.

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 69.6 million passengers used inter-city transport in October, representing a 47.9% decrease as compared with the same month of 2019.

By mode of transport, the bus transport decreased by 45.4%, the rail transport by 49.8%, the maritime transport by 51.0%, and the air transport by 63.1%.

Commuter transport decreased by 44.7% for bus transport and by 48.1% for rail transport. Regional transport dropped by 45.3% by bus and by 54.7% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport decreased by 72.9% by bus by 76.9% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) decreased by 78.8%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. October 2020.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %	
Bus	37,664	-45.4	
Local	28,085	-44.7	
Regional	9,225	-45.3	
Long-distance	354	-72.9	
Rail	30,234	-49.8	
Local	28,198	-48.1	
Regional	1,340	-54.7	
Long-distance	696	-76.9	
AVE train	428	-78.8	
Rest of long-distance rail	269	-72.9	
Air (domestic)	1,359	-63.1	
Mainland Spain	404	-74.2	
Mainland-Rest of territory	657	-59.7	
Inter-island	297	-38.8	
Maritime (cabotage)	434	-51.0	

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 33.3 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in October, indicating a decrease of 39.8% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 14.6%, reaching more than 30.3 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 14.1% and work transport did so by 16.1%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreased by 85.0% as compared with the same month of 2019, with more than 2.9 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	261,543	-46.4	-47.5
City transport	158,522	-46.9	-46.2
Inter-city transport	69,690	-47.9	-47.2
Special and unscheduled transport	33,331	-39.8	-55.6

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	158,522	-46.9	-46.2
Metro	60,708	-50.6	-47.1
Bus ¹	97,813	-44.3	-45.6

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	12,139	-40.7	-47.6
	Metro	20,199	-48.1	-47.0
Bilbao	City bus	2,242	-35.6	-41.0
	Metro	5,590	-35.2	-39.1
Madrid	City bus	22,732	-47.3	-46.7
	Metro	30,067	-54.5	-48.2
Málaga	City bus	2,400	-42.9	-45.2
	Metro	384	-47.3	-45.9
Palma	City bus	1,894	-52.8	-53.6
	Metro	77	-51.2	-52.1
Sevilla	City bus	4,445	-45.6	-46.4
	Metro	784	-54.4	-52.3
Valencia	City bus	4,755	-48.1	-46.6
	Metro	3,606	-45.8	-47.2

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	97,813	-44.3	-45.6
Andalucía	11,499	-45.5	-46.3
Aragón	7,068	-46.9	-43.2
Asturias, Principado de	1,898	-39.5	-41.7
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	4,316	-31.4	-36.6
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	3,586	-45.5	-46.4
Castilla - La Mancha	1,070	-46.5	-46.3
Cataluña	17,094	-41.2	-47.4
Comunitat Valenciana	7,714	-44.8	-45.0
Extremadura	697	-40.2	-44.0
Galicia	3,662	-40.7	-41.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	26,571	-47.5	-46.7
Murcia, Región de	882	-59.3	-48.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	5,451	-35.5	-41.6
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	69,690	-47.9	-47.2
Bus	37,664	-45.4	-46.2
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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	33,331	-39.8	-55.6
Special	30,339	-14.6	-42.5
School	23,831	-14.1	-47.9
Work	6,508	-16.1	-27.8
Unscheduled	2,992	-85.0	-74.3