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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
December 2019 and year 2019. Provisional data

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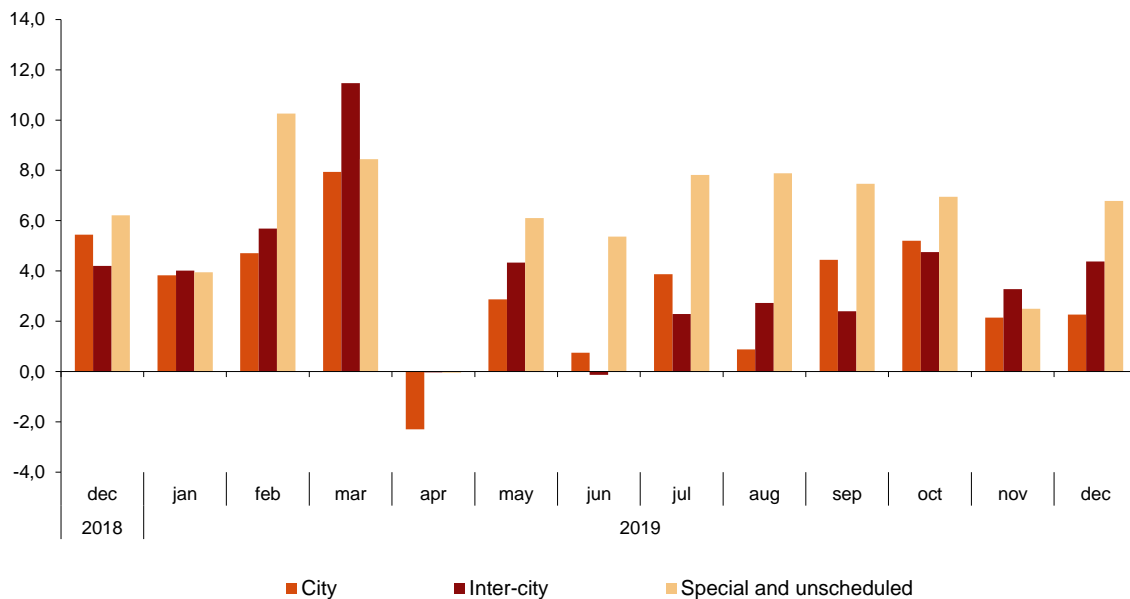
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 410.3 million passengers used public transport in December, 3.3% more than in the same month of 2018.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 2.3% and for inter-city transport 4.4%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 7.3% rise in the bus transport.

Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

Annual rate. Percentage



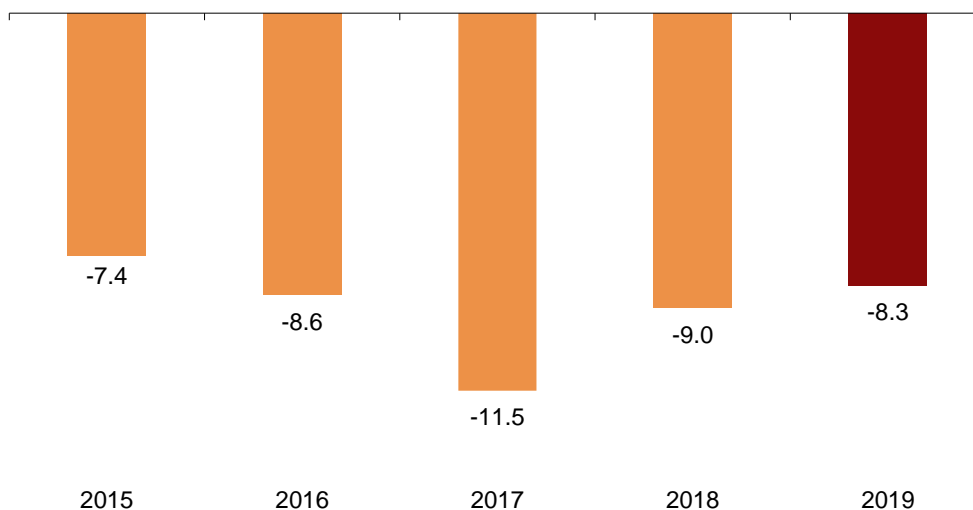
Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

	City	Inter-city	Special and unscheduled
2018 December	5.4	4.2	6.2
2019 January	3.8	4.0	3.9
February	4.7	5.7	10.3
March	7.9	11.5	8.4
April	-2.3	0.0	0.0
May	2.9	4.3	6.1
June	0.7	-0.1	5.4
July	3.9	2.3	7.8
August	0.9	2.7	7.9
September	4.4	2.4	7.5
October	5.2	4.7	7.0
November	2.1	3.3	2.5
December	2.3	4.4	6.8

Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in December as compared with November was -8.3% . 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 December as compared with November



City transport

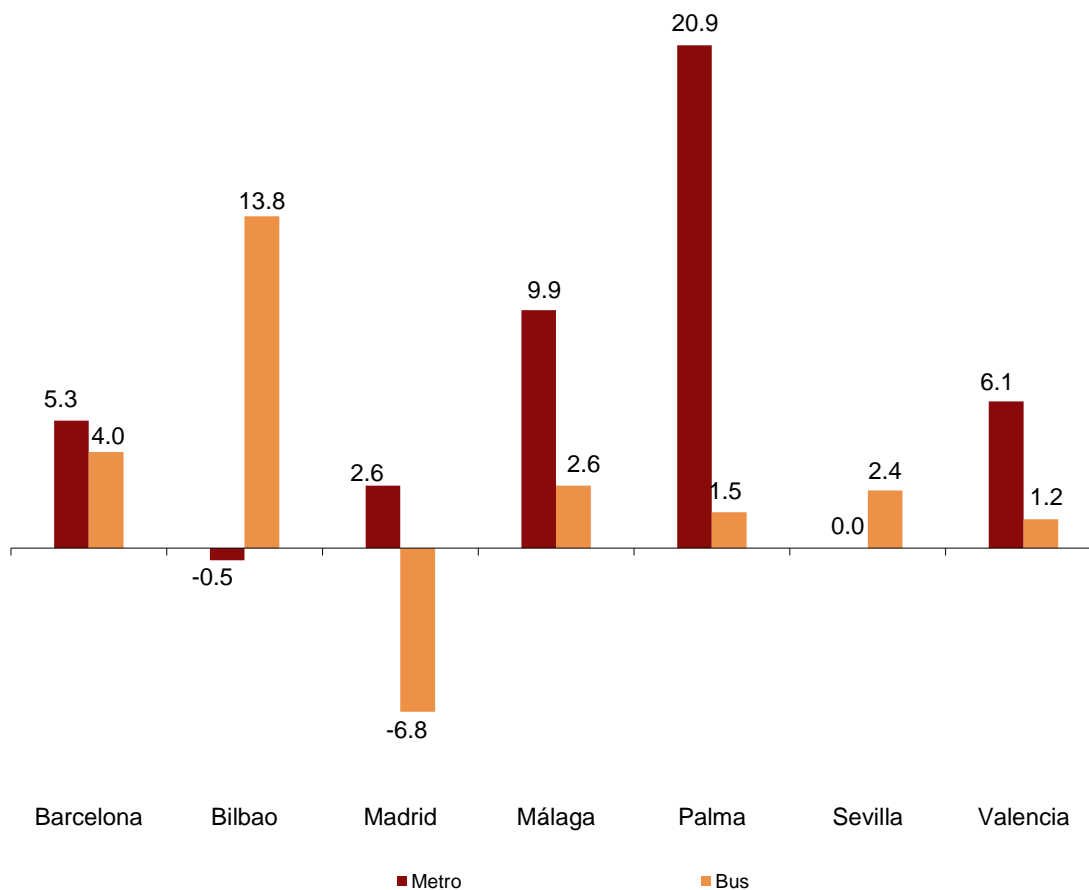
City transport was used by more than 256.6 million passengers in December, 2.3% more than in the same month of 2018.

Metro transport increased by 3.4% in annual rate. Palma's metro registered the highest increase (20.9%), and Bilbao's metro the only decrease (0.5%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest rise in bus transport was registered in Bilbao (13.8%) and the only decrease was registered in Madrid (-6.8%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. December 2019.

Annual rate. Percentage



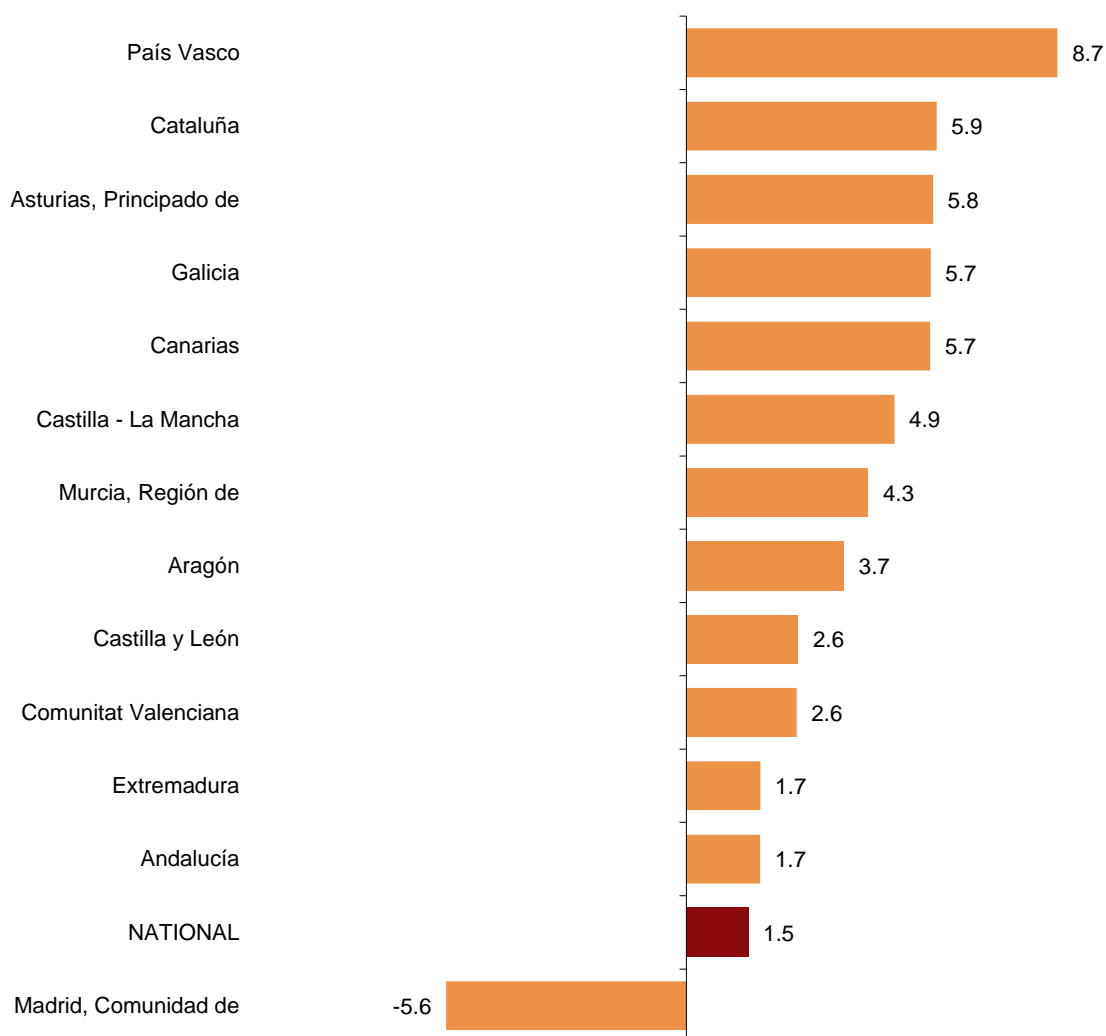
City transport by bus increased by 1.5% in December, as compared with the same month of 2018.

The number of bus transport passengers were showed the highest increases in País Vasco (8.7%), Cataluña (5.9%) and Principado de Asturias (5.8%).

In turn, the only decrease in bus transport passengers was showed in Comunidad de Madrid (-5.6%) in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. December 2019.

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 114.9 million passengers used inter-city transport in December, representing a 4.4% increase as compared with the same month of 2018.

By mode of transport, the bus transport increased by 7.3%, the air transport by 4.3%, and the rail transport by 1.4%.

Commuter transport increased by 7.8% by bus and by rail transport by 1.2%. Regional transport increased by 6.3% by bus and by 2.3% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 4.8% by bus and by 4.6% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 7.1%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. December 2019.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	57,599	
Local	40,014	7.3
Regional	16,267	7.8
Long-distance	1,319	6.3
Rail	53,338	
Local	47,848	1.4
Regional	2,706	1.2
Long-distance	2,784	2.3
AVE train	1,799	4.6
Rest of long-distance rail	985	7.1
Air (domestic)	3,228	
Mainland Spain	1,311	4.3
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,468	3.3
Inter-island	449	4.6
Maritime² (cabotage)	758	5.9
		4.4

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 38.7 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in December, indicating an increase of 6.8% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 4.1%, reaching more than 24.9 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 2.3% and work transport did so by 10.1%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 11.9% as compared with the same month of 2018, with more than 13.7 million passengers.

Results for the whole of the year 2019

In the whole of 2019, the number of travellers that used public transport exceeded 5,091.5 million, which represents an increase of 3.6% compared to 2018.

City transport increased by 3.1% and inter-city transport did so by 3.6%.

Within urban transport, metro transport grew by 2.4% and bus transport by 1.5%.

The number of passengers using inter-city air transport increased by 6.4%, maritime transport by 5.9%, bus by 5.4% and railway by 1.7%.

Special and unscheduled transport increased by 5.9% in 2019. Unscheduled transport increased by 7.1%, and special transport by 5.1%.

Passenger transport. Year 2019.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	% Annual rate
TOTAL	5,081,514	3.6
City transport	3,107,274	3.1
Metro	1,275,640	2.4
City bus	1,831,633	3.6
Inter-city transport	1,422,061	3.7
Road	731259.3	5.4
Local	506,889	5.5
Regional	208,335	5.3
Long-distance	16,036	3.7
Rail	636253.0	1.7
Local rail	568,492	1.7
Regional rail	33,219	1.1
Long-distance rail	34,542	2.7
AVE train	22,370	4.9
Rest of long-distance rail	12,172	-1.1
Air (domestic)	42855.7	6.4
Mainland Spain	17,069	5.8
Mainland-Rest of territory	20,138	7.2
Inter-island	5,650	5.7
Maritime (cabotage)	11,693	5.9
Special and unscheduled transport	552,179	5.9
Special	331,332	5.1
Unscheduled	220,847	7.1

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	410,303	3.3	3.6
City transport	256,634	2.3	3.1
Inter-city transport	114,923	4.4	3.7
Special and unscheduled transport	38,746	6.8	5.9

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	256,634	2.3	3.1
Metro	109,101	3.4	2.4
Bus ¹	147,533	1.5	3.6

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	17,572	4.0	3.8
	Metro	34,612	5.3	1.1
Bilbao	City bus	3,305	13.8	-0.4
	Metro	8,067	-0.5	1.8
Madrid	City bus	33,032	-6.8	4.7
	Metro	58,045	2.6	3.1
Málaga	City bus	3,968	2.6	-0.5
	Metro	642	9.9	9.1
Palma	City bus	2,970	1.5	2.9
	Metro	97	20.9	24.7
Sevilla	City bus	7,180	2.4	2.5
	Metro	1,632	0.0	0.4
Valencia	City bus	8,198	1.2	0.8
	Metro	6,006	6.1	3.5

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	147,533	1.5	3.6
Andalucía	20,040	1.7	2.5
Aragón	10,908	3.7	3.1
Asturias, Principado de	2,727	5.8	3.4
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	5,615	5.7	7.8
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	5,823	2.6	1.9
Castilla - La Mancha	1,719	4.9	3.8
Cataluña	24,554	5.9	4.5
Comunitat Valenciana	12,349	2.6	1.7
Extremadura	854	1.7	1.9
Galicia	5,273	5.7	2.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	38,231	-5.6	4.7
Murcia, Región de	1,757	4.3	1.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	7,897	8.7	1.4
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

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¹ Local rail includes all rail operators and regional and long-distance rail include only RENFE

² Estimated data

4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	38.746	6.8	5.9
Special	24,960	4.1	5.1
School	18,809	2.3	4.4
Work	6,150	10.1	7.4
Unscheduled	13,786	11.9	7.1