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**Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)**  
September 2024. Provisional data

**Main results**

- The number of passengers using public transport increased by 4.1% in September, as compared with the same month of 2023.
- The annual rate for city transport increased by 5.6% and for inter-city transport by 2.3%.

**More information**

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More than 468.6 million passengers used public transport in September, 4.1% more than in the same month of 2023.

The annual rate for city transport increased by 5.6% and for inter-city transport 2.3%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 6.5% rise in the bus transport.

**Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport**  
Percentage

		City	Intercity	Special and unscheduled
2023	September	17.0	13.7	-5.8
	October	18.4	14.4	-3.5
	November	16.2	11.8	-1.9
	December	15.4	10.1	-2.9
2024	January	15.1	12.9	5.7
	February	17.4	17.5	3.4
	March	-0.7	-2.6	-16.5
	April	20.6	20.5	23.8
	May	8.7	6.8	1.1
	June	4.6	3.5	-0.5
	July	8.0	7.7	-5.5
	August	5.3	3.4	-10.7
	September	5.6	2.3	-0.3

City transport

City transport was used by more than 291.1 million passengers in September, 5.6% more than in the same month of 2023.

Metro transport increased by 7.0% in annual rate and City transport by bus increased by 4.6% in September.

Inter-city transport

More than 137.8 million passengers used inter-city transport in September, representing a 2.3% increase as compared with the same month of 2023.

By mode of transport, the bus transport increased by 6.5%, the maritime transport by 3.4%, the air transport by 3.1%, whereas the rail transport decreased by 3.0%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. September 2024  
Annual rate. Percentage

			Passengers (thousands)	Annual rate (%)
Bus	TOTAL		75,500	6.5
	Local		51,680	4.5
	Regional		22,126	10.1
	Long-distance		1,694	25.7
Rail <sup>1</sup>	TOTAL		56,814	-3.0
	Local		48,375	0.0
	Regional		4,156	-36.8
	TOTAL		4,282	18.1
	Long-distance	High Speed	3,463	24.5
		Rest of long-distance rail	820	-2.9
Air (domestic)	TOTAL		4,397	3.1
	Mainland Spain		1,553	1.9
	Mainland - Rest of territory		2,298	3.2
	Inter-island		546	6.1
Maritime (cabotage)	TOTAL		1,180	3.4

<sup>1</sup>Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators. Long-distance rail includes AVE, AVLO, OUIGO and IRYO.

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 39.6 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in September, indicating a decrease of 0.3% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 1.5%, reaching more than 25.2 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 4.8%, whereas work transport decreased by 7.1%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreased by 3.4% as compared with the same month of 2023, with more than 14.3 million passengers.

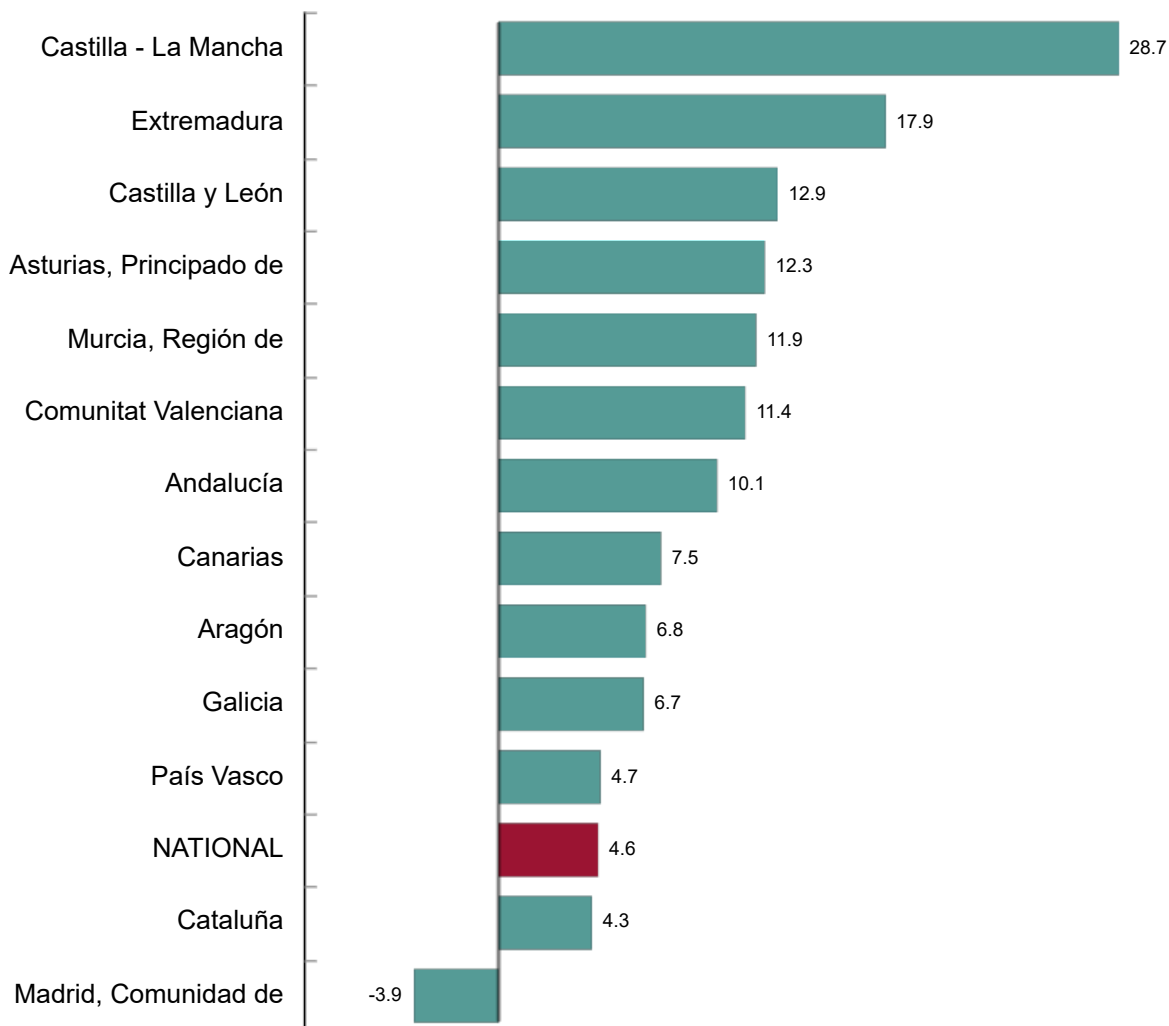
## Results by Autonomous Communities

The number of bus transport passengers showed the highest increases in Castilla - La Mancha (28.7%), Extremadura (17.9%) and Castilla y León (12.9%).

In turn, the largest decrease in bus transport passengers was showed in Comunidad de Madrid (-3.9%) in bus transport.

### City transport by bus<sup>1</sup>. September 2024

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.

Metro transport increased in all cities with this type of transport as compared with the same month of the previous year, except Palma's, which decreased by 4.3%. Málaga's metro registered the highest increase (17.7%).

## 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](#) and in the [standardized methodological report](#).

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