

Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) December 2024 and Year 2024. Provisional data

Main results

- The number of passengers using public transport increased by **5.8%** in December, as compared with the same month of 2023.
- The annual rate for city transport increased by 6.2% and for inter-city transport by **5.9%**.
- In the year 2024 as a whole the number of public transport passengers increases by **7.1%**.

More information

- [Tables annex](#) (includes information by autonomous community and type of transport)
- [Detailed results \(monthly and annual data\)](#)

More than **452.4** million passengers used public transport in December, **5.8%** more than in the same month of 2023.

The annual rate for city transport increased by 6.2% and for inter-city transport **5.9%**. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 9.4% rise in the bus transport.

Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

Percentage

		City	Intercity	Special and unscheduled	
2023	December	15.4	48.6	-9.3	
	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	
	2024	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
		October	8.9	4.7	-1.8
		November	0.8	5.1	-6.5
	December	6.2	5.9	1.4	

In the year 2024 as a whole, the number of passengers that used public transport exceeded **5,539.4** million, which represents an increase of **7.1%** compared to 2023.

City transport

City transport was used by more than 289.4 million passengers in December, 6.2% more than in the same month of 2023.

Metro transport increased by 5.4% in annual rate and City transport by bus increased by 6.8% in December.

Inter-city transport

More than 130.3 million passengers used inter-city transport in December, representing a 5.9% increase as compared with the same month of 2023.

By mode of transport, the bus transport increased by 9.4%, the air transport by 5.0%, the maritime transport by 3.0%, and the rail transport by 2.1%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. December 2024

Annual rate. Percentage

		Passengers (thousands)	Annual rate (%)
Bus	TOTAL	69,061	9.4
	Local	47,942	9.3
	Regional	19,662	9.4
	Long-distance	1,457	13.3
Rail ¹	TOTAL	56,655	2.1
	Local	49,164	4.1
	Regional	3,460	-26.0
	TOTAL	4,031	12.0
	Long-distance	High Speed	3,364
	Rest of long-distance rail	668	-16.0
Air (domestic)	TOTAL	3,788	5.0
	Mainland Spain	1,436	1.7
	Mainland - Rest of territory	1,865	7.9
	Inter-island	487	4.3
Maritime (cabotage)	TOTAL	808	3.0

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

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 32.7 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in December, indicating an increase of 1.4% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 0.1%, reaching more than 21.2 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 0.9%, whereas work transport decreased by 2.7%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 4.4% as compared with the same month of 2023, with more than 11.4 million passengers.

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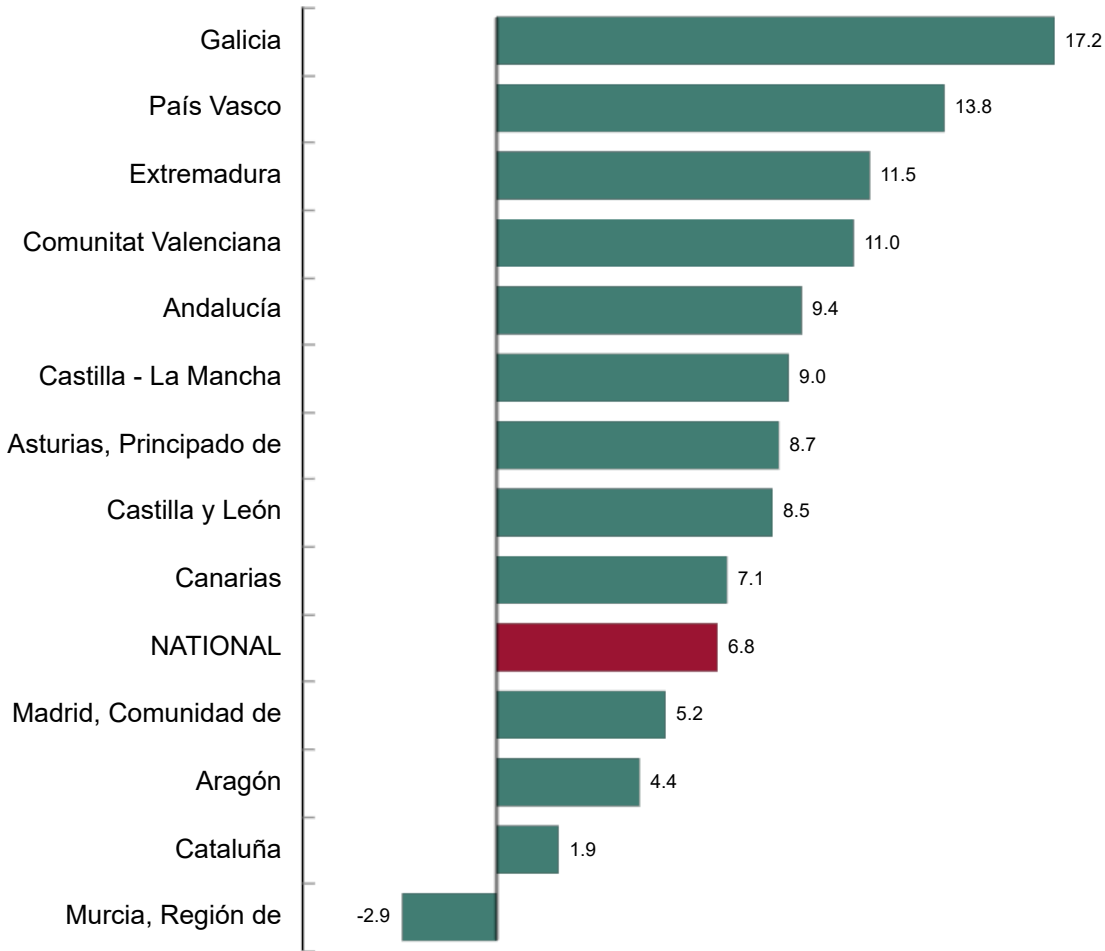
Results by Autonomous Communities

The number of bus transport passengers showed the highest increases in Galicia (17.2%), País Vasco (13.8%) and Extremadura (11.5%).

In turn, the largest decrease in bus transport passengers was showed in Región de Murcia (-2.9%) in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. December 2024.

Annual rate. Percentage



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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.

Metro transport increased in all cities with this type of transport as compared with the same month of the previous year, except Valencia's, which decreased by 27.4%. Palma's metro registered the highest increase (21.5%).

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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