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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
March 2019. Provisional data

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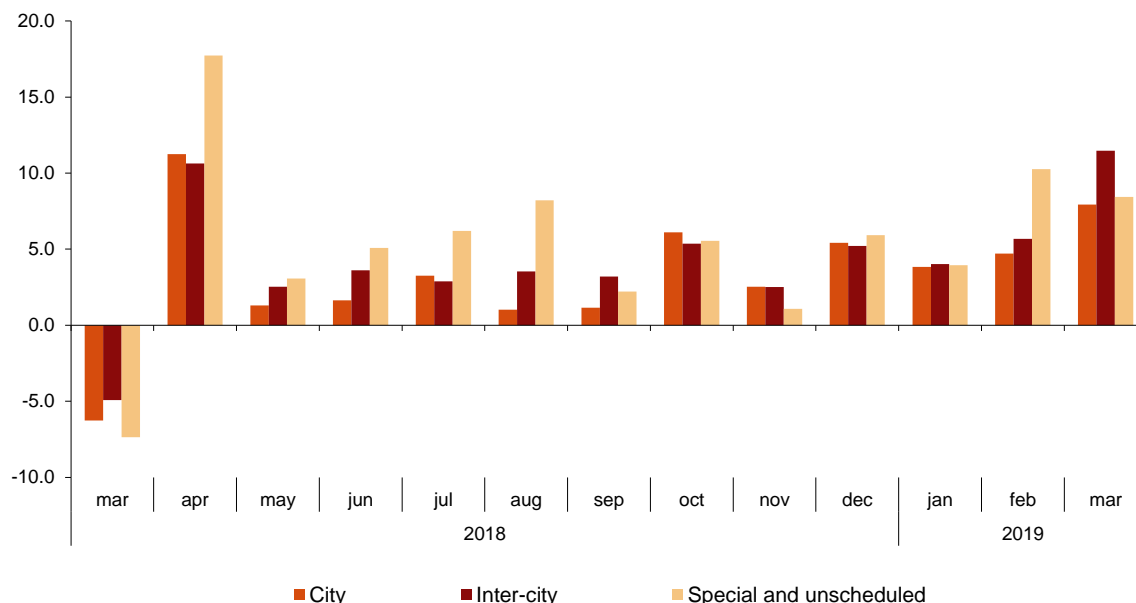
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 455.6 million passengers used public transport in March, 8.9% more than in the same month of 2018.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 7.9% and for inter-city transport 11.5%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 14.2% rise in the rail transport.

Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

Annual rate. Percentage



¹ Easter, which this year took place in April, while in 2018 took place between March and April, has positive and negative effects on the passenger transport series depending on the type of transport. It would be appropriate to wait to have the next month's results to make a joint analysis of the different types of transport.

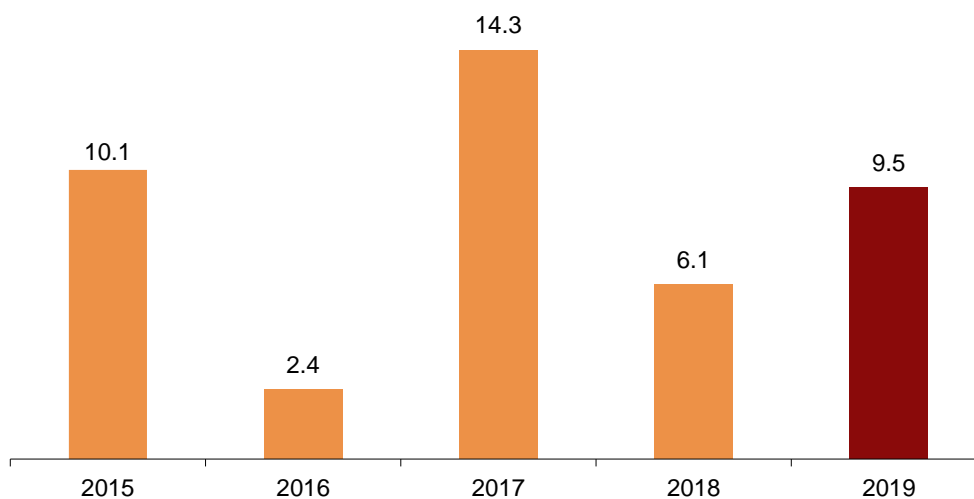
Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2018 March	-6.3	-4.9	-7.4
April	11.3	10.6	17.7
May	1.3	2.5	3.1
June	1.6	3.6	5.1
July	3.3	2.9	6.2
August	1.0	3.5	8.2
September	1.1	3.2	2.2
October	6.1	5.4	5.5
November	2.5	2.5	1.1
December	5.4	5.2	5.9
2019 January	3.8	4.0	3.9
February	4.7	5.7	10.3
March	7.9	11.5	8.4

Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in March as compared with February was 9.5%. 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 March as compared with February



City transport

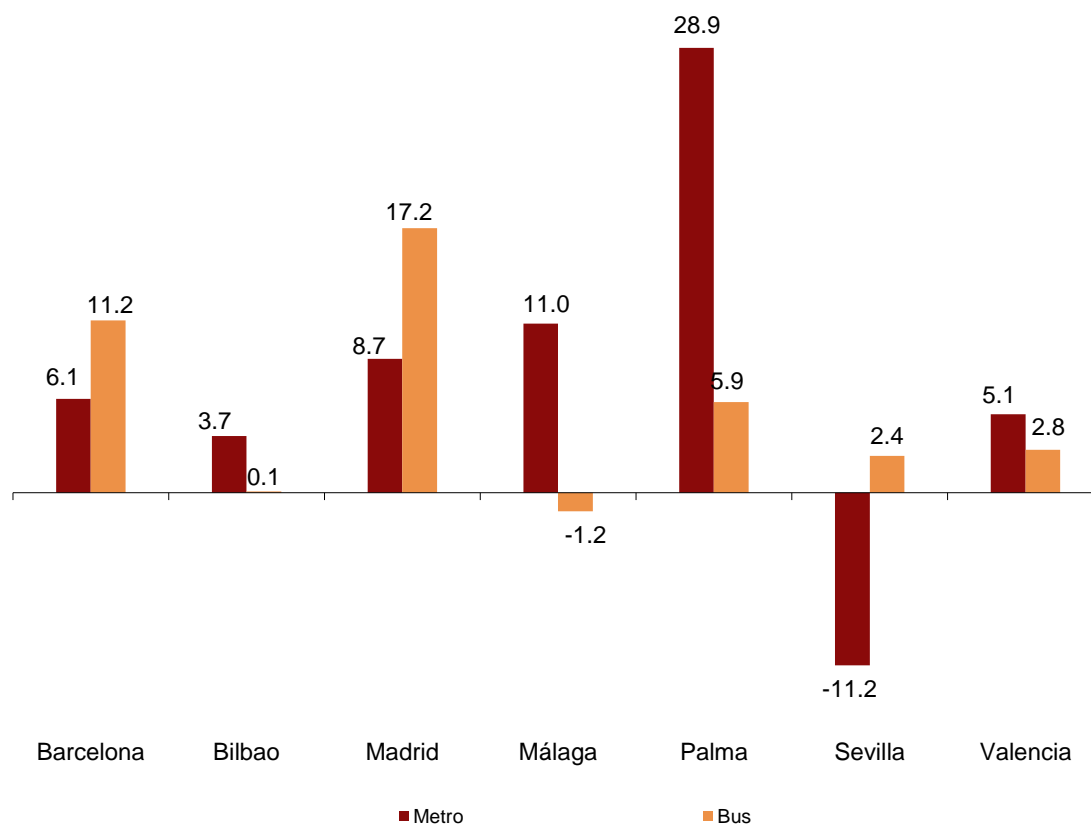
City transport was used by more than 278.6 million passengers in March, 7.9% more than in the same month of 2018.

Metro transport increased by 7.0% in annual rate. Palma's metro registered the highest increase (28.9%) and Sevilla's the only one decrease (-11.2%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest rise in bus transport was registered in Madrid (17.2%) and the only decrease was registered in Málaga (-1.2%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. March 2019.

Annual rate. Percentage



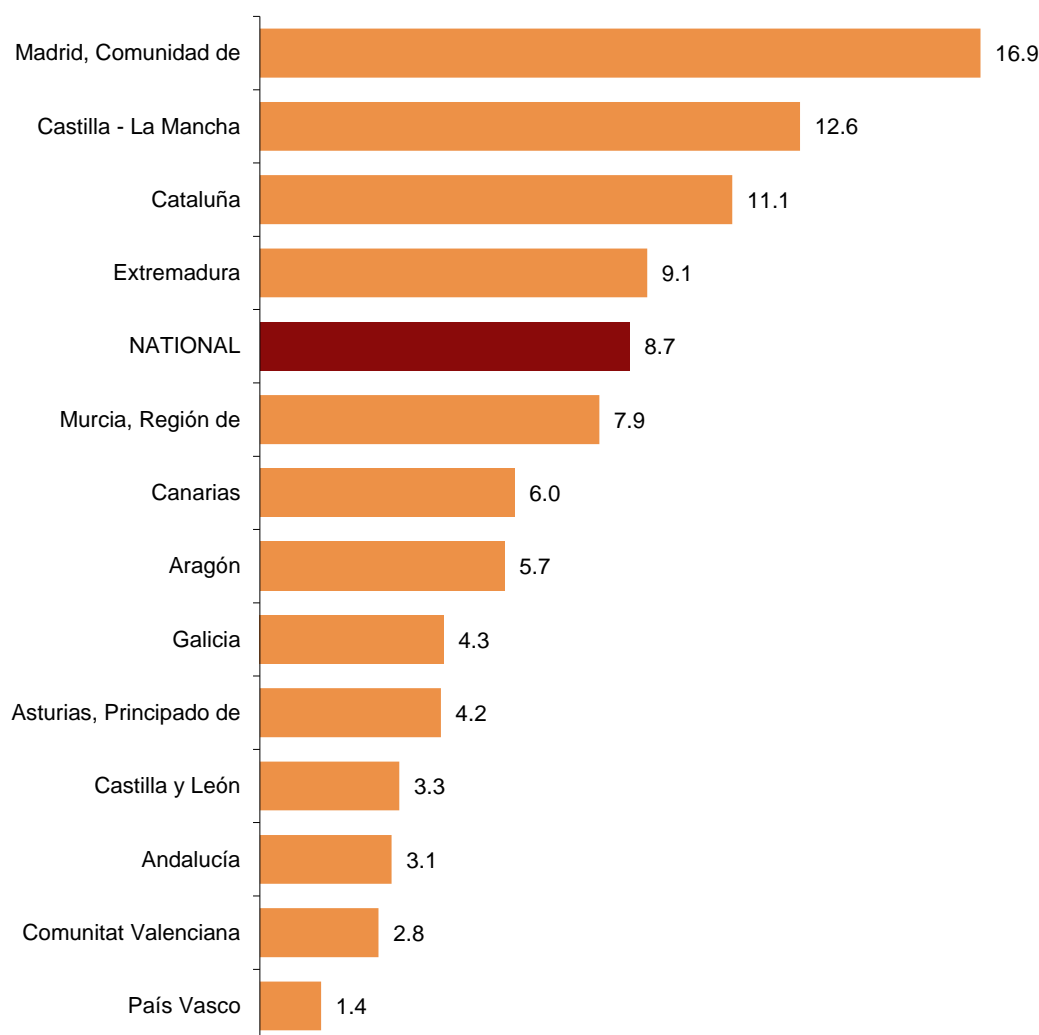
City transport by bus increased by 8.7% in March, as compared with the same month of 2018.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Comunidad de Madrid (16.9%), Castilla-La Mancha (12.6%) and Cataluña (11.1%).

In turn, País Vasco (1.4%), Comunitat Valenciana (2.8%) and Andalucía (3.1%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

City transport by bus. March 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 125.6 million passengers used inter-city transport in March, representing a 11.5% increase as compared with the same month of 2018.

By mode of transport, the rail transport increased by 14.2%, the bus transport by 9.3%, the air transport by 6.8% and the maritime transport by 4.8%.

Commuter transport increased by 10.6% by bus and by rail transport by 15.6%. Regional transport increased by 6.7% by bus and by 3.5% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport decreased by 0.1% by bus and increased by 2.9% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 6.5%.

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

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	62,263	
Local	43,618	9.3
Regional	17,404	10.6
Long-distance	1,241	6.7
Rail	59,225	-0.1
Local	53,582	14.2
Regional	2,771	15.6
Long-distance	2,871	3.5
AVE train	1,908	2.9
Rest of long-distance rail	963	6.5
Air (domestic)	3,426	-3.6
Mainland Spain	1,505	6.8
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,461	3.0
Inter-island	461	9.4
Maritime (cabotage)	760	11.7
		4.8

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 51.3 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in March, indicating an increase of 8.4% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 11.1%, reaching more than 33.7 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 11.9% and work transport did so by 8.4%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 3.6% as compared with the same month of 2018, with more than 17.5 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/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	455,664	8.9	6.2
City transport	278,618	7.9	5.5
Inter-city transport	125,674	11.5	7.1
Special and unscheduled transport	51,372	8.4	7.6

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	278,618	7.9	5.5
Metro	116,626	7.0	5.1
Bus ¹	161,992	8.7	5.8

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	20,037	11.2	7.6
	Metro	37,374	6.1	5.2
Bilbao	City bus	3,136	0.1	-1.8
	Metro	8,079	3.7	4.0
Madrid	City bus	41,249	17.2	10.4
	Metro	61,467	8.7	5.5
Málaga	City bus	4,001	-1.2	-0.5
	Metro	602	11.0	10.1
Palma	City bus	3,378	5.9	5.7
	Metro	111	28.9	21.8
Sevilla	City bus	7,393	2.4	2.6
	Metro	1,551	-11.2	-3.1
Valencia	City bus	8,674	2.8	1.4
	Metro	7,444	5.1	3.6

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	161,992	8.7	5.8
Andalucía	20,846	3.1	1.3
Aragón	11,036	5.7	3.2
Asturias, Principado de	2,877	4.2	1.7
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	5,487	6.0	10.2
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	6,186	3.3	2.4
Castilla - La Mancha	1,806	12.6	7.8
Cataluña	27,758	11.1	7.8
Comunitat Valenciana	12,950	2.8	2.1
Extremadura	980	9.1	3.4
Galicia	5,226	4.3	4.7
Madrid, Comunidad de	47,119	16.9	10.3
Murcia, Región de	1,814	7.9	3.1
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	7,702	1.4	0.7
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.

3. Inter-city transport

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4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	51,372	8.4	7.6
Special	33,790	11.1	8.7
School	26,506	11.9	9.5
Work	7,284	8.4	5.8
Unscheduled	17,582	3.6	5.2