

Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) May 2024. Provisional data

Main results

- The number of passengers using public transport increased by 7.3% in May, as compared with the same month of 2023.
- The annual rate for city transport increased by 8.7% and for inter-city transport by 6.8%.

More information

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More than 500.6 million passengers used public transport in May, 7.3% more than in the same month of 2023.

The annual rate for city transport increased by 8.7% and for inter-city transport 6.8%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 10.3% rise in the bus transport.

Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport Percentage

		City	Intercity	Special and unscheduled
2023	May	19.9	16.3	0.2
	June	21.7	18.5	1.9
	July	24.1	19.3	2.5
	August	23.5	22.1	15.1
	September	17.0	13.5	-9.7
	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

City transport

City transport was used by more than 308.8 million passengers in May, 8.7% more than in the same month of 2023.

Metro transport increased by 7.6% in annual rate and City transport by bus increased by 9.4% in May.

Inter-city transport

More than 138.9 million passengers used inter-city transport in May, representing a 6.8% increase as compared with the same month of 2023.

By mode of transport, the bus transport increased by 10.3%, the maritime and the air transport by 6.7%, in both cases, and the rail transport by 2.6%.

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

Annual rate. Percentage

		Passengers (thousands)	Annual rate (%)	
Bus	TOTAL	74,885	10.3	
	Local	52,419	9.6	
	Regional	21,022	11.1	
	Long-distance	1,443	22.4	
Rail ¹	TOTAL	58,765	2.6	
	Local	49,591	-0.1	
	Regional	4,983	24.2	
	TOTAL	4,190	15.9	
	Long-distance	High Speed	3,384	20.4
		Rest of long-distance rail	806	0.1
Air (domestic)	TOTAL	4,319	6.7	
	Mainland Spain	1,620	3.7	
	Mainland - Rest of territory	2,153	8.8	
	Inter-island	546	7.7	
Maritime (cabotage)	TOTAL	940	6.7	

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

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 52.9 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in May, indicating an increase of 1.1% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 2.3%, reaching more than 34.0 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 4.0%, whereas work transport decreased by 4.1%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreased by 0.9% as compared with the same month of 2023, with more than 18.9 million passengers.

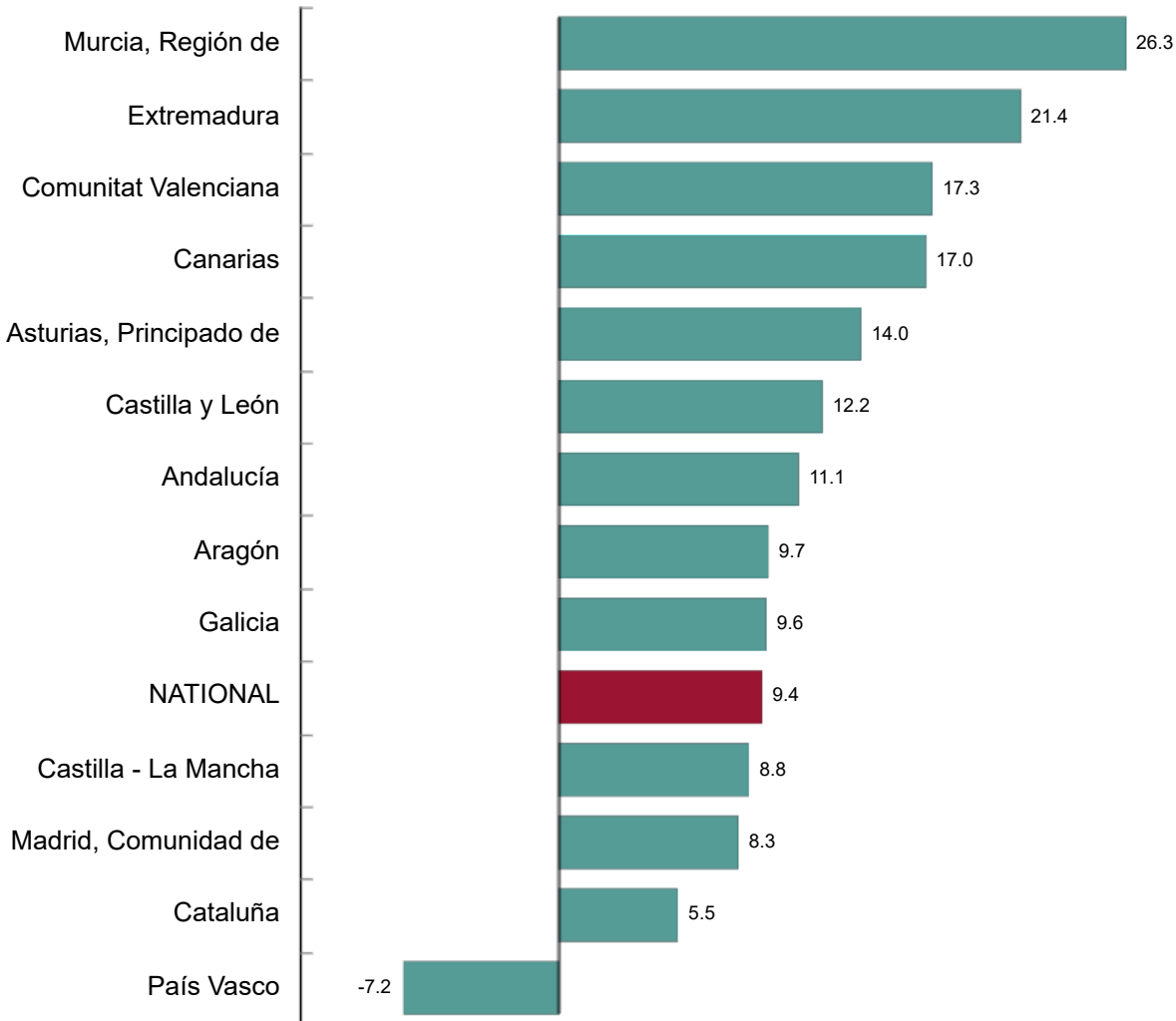
Results by Autonomous Communities

The number of bus transport passengers showed the highest increases in Región de Murcia (26.3%), Extremadura (21.4%) and Comunitat Valenciana (17.3%).

The only decrease in bus transport passengers was showed in País Vasco (-7.2%) in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. May 2024

Annual rate. Percentage



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¹In 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. Málaga's metro registered the highest increase (31.9%), and Barcelona's registered the lowest (6.0%).

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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