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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
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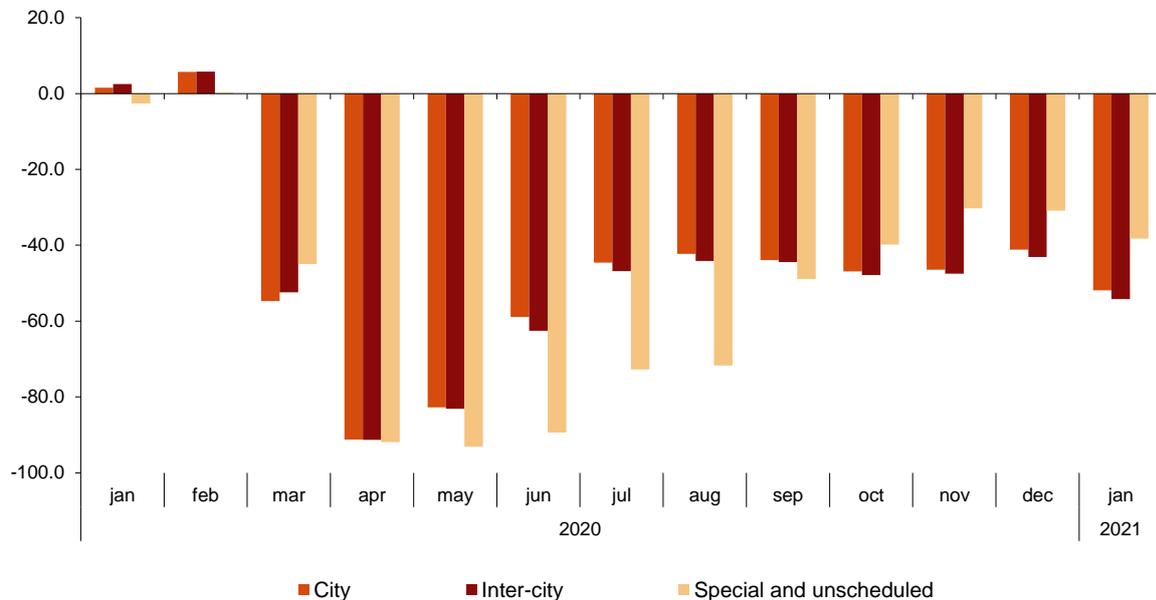
Evolution of passenger transport

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Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

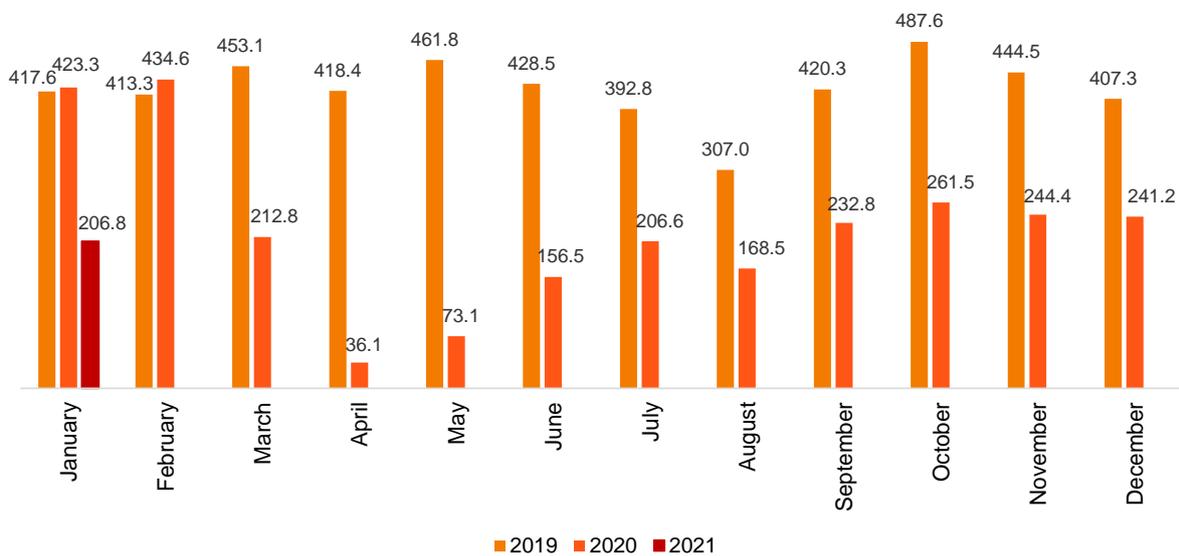
Annual rate. Percentage



Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2020 January	1.6	2.5	-2.7
February	5.7	5.8	0.2
March	-54.7	-52.4	-45.0
April	-91.3	-91.3	-91.9
May	-82.8	-83.1	-93.1
June	-58.9	-62.5	-89.4
July	-44.6	-46.8	-72.7
August	-42.3	-44.1	-71.7
September	-43.9	-44.5	-48.9
October	-46.9	-47.9	-39.8
November	-46.5	-47.5	-30.3
December	-41.2	-43.1	-30.9
2021 January	-51.9	-54.2	-38.2

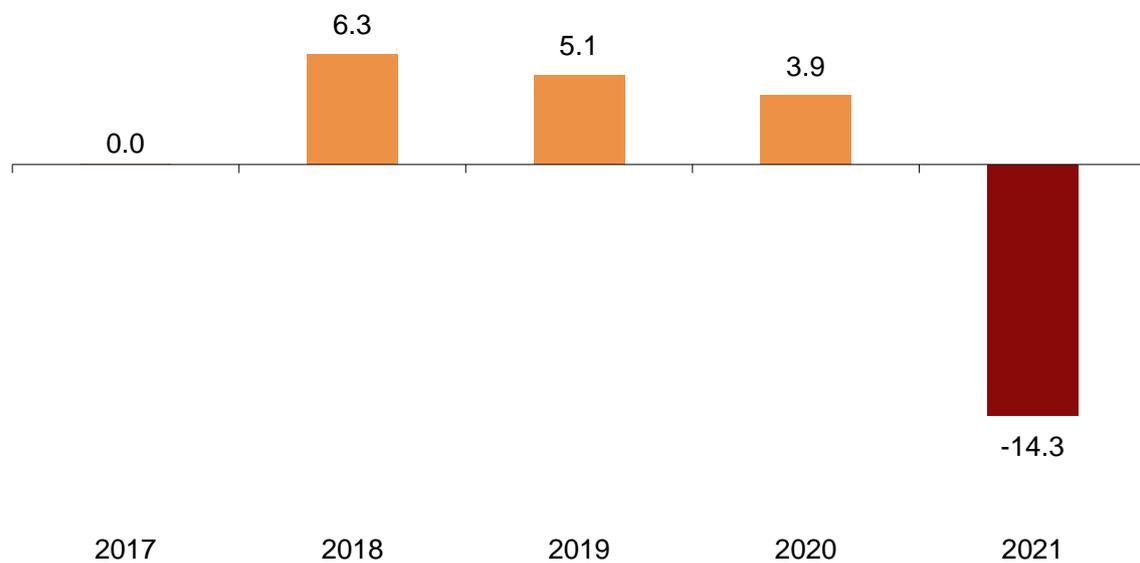
Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.
Millions.



Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in January as compared with December was -14.3%. 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 January as compared with December



City transport

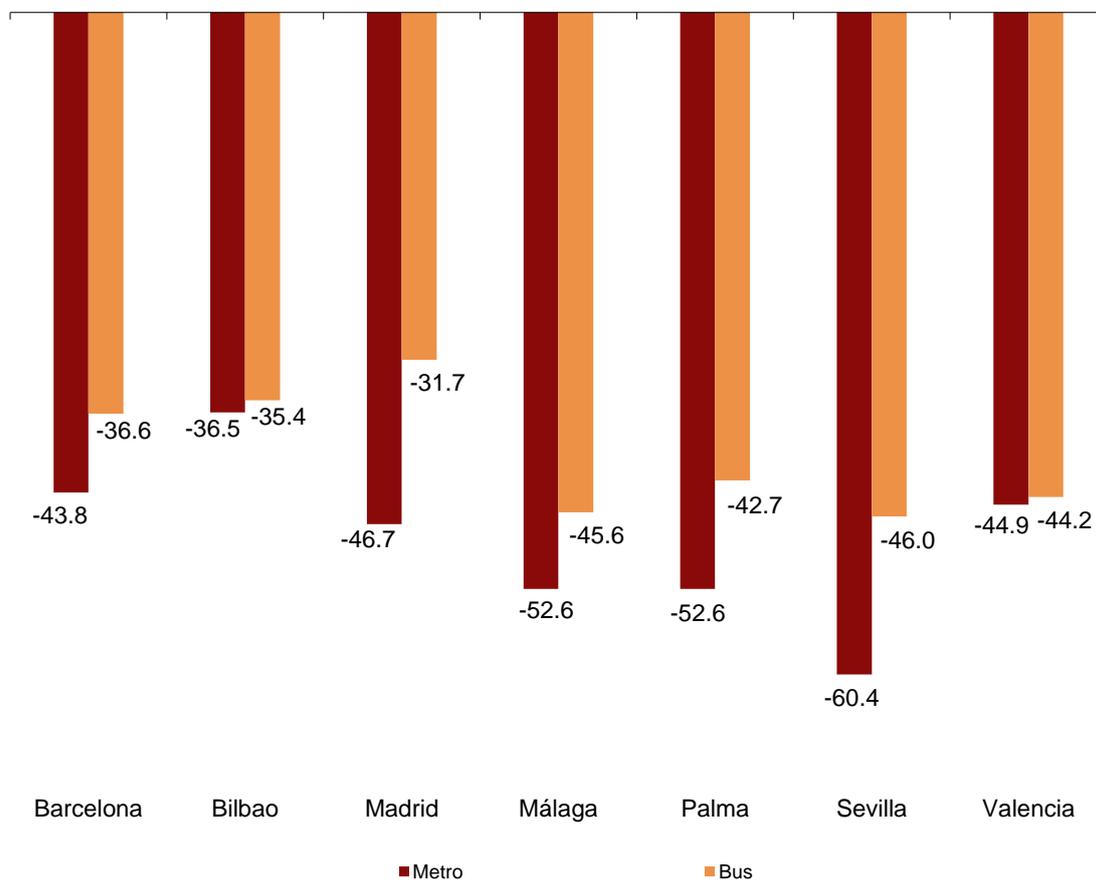
City transport was used by more than 127.8 million passengers in January, 51.9% less than in the same month of 2020.

Metro transport decreased by 50.8% in annual rate. Sevilla's metro registered the highest decrease (-60.4%). And Bilbao's the lowest decrease (-40.6%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest decrease in bus transport was registered in Madrid (-63.2%). And Bilbao's the lowest decrease (-36.8%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. January 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage



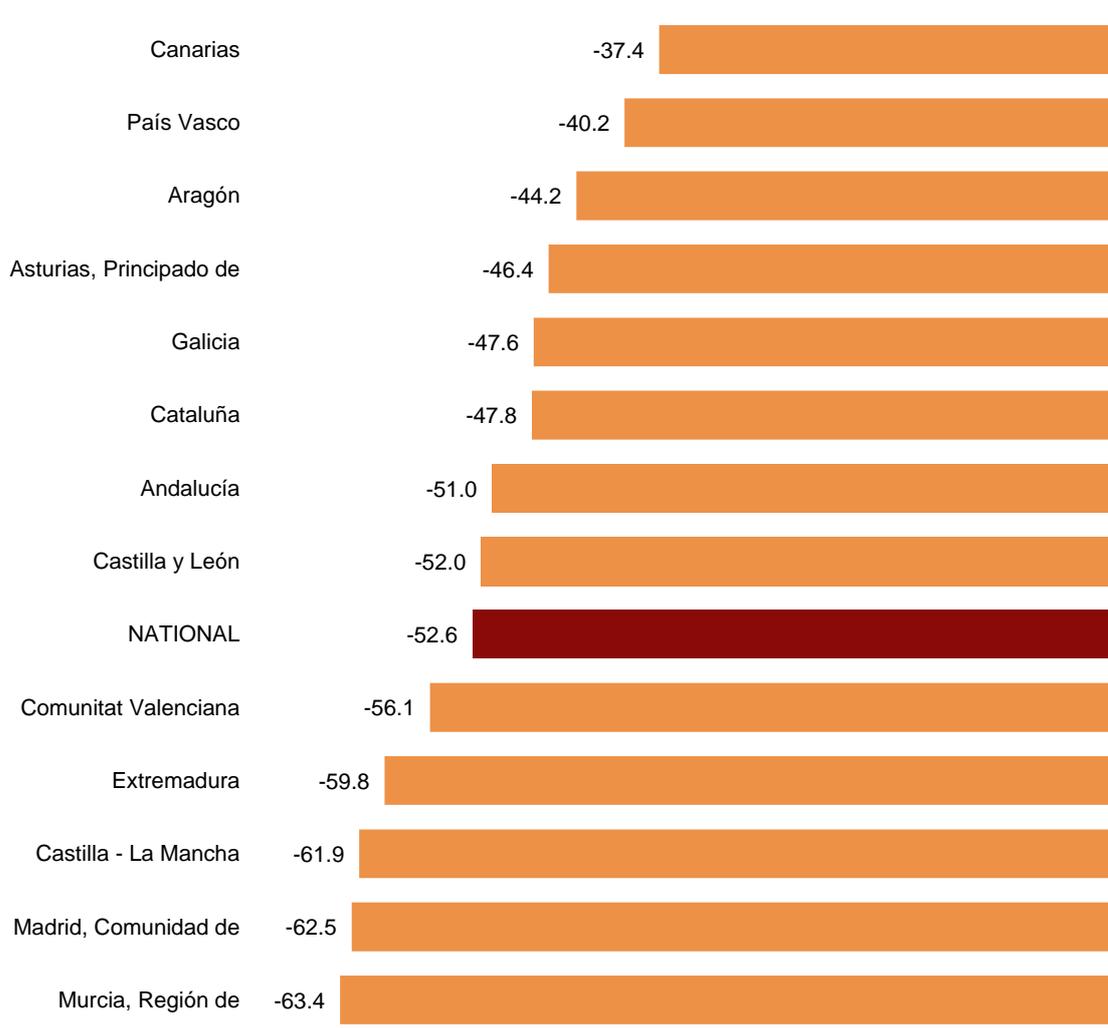
City transport by bus decreased by 52.6% in January, as compared with the same month of 2020.

All the Autonomous Communities showed negative annual rates in bus transport passengers. The highest decrease were showed in Región de Murcia (-63.4%), Comunidad de Madrid (-62.5%) and Castilla - La Mancha (-61.9%).

In turn, Canarias (-37.4%), País Vasco (-40.2%) and Aragón (-44.2%) showed the lowest decreases in bus transport passengers in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. January 2021.

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 52.8 million passengers used inter-city transport in January, representing a 54.2% decrease as compared with the same month of 2020.

By mode of transport, the air transport by 73.9%, the maritime transport by 65.9%, the bus transport by 54.4% and the rail transport decreased by 52.7%.

Commuter transport decreased by 53.8% for bus transport and by 50.8% for rail transport. Regional transport dropped by 54.3% by bus and by 64.6% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport decreased by 78.9% by bus by 75.0% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) decreased by 77.2%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. January 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	27,379	-54.4
Local	20,284	-53.8
Regional	6,856	-54.3
Long-distance	239	-78.9
Rail	24,470	-52.7
Local	22,950	-50.8
Regional	886	-64.6
Long-distance	634	-75.0
AVE train	382	-77.2
Rest of long-distance rail	251	-70.6
Air (domestic)	776	-73.9
Mainland Spain	259	-79.4
Mainland-Rest of territory	348	-73.5
Inter-island	169	-58.3
Maritime (cabotage)	232	-65.9

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 26.1 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in January, indicating a decrease of 38.2% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 21.1%, reaching more than 24.2 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 22.6% and work transport did so by 16.0%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreased by 83.4% as compared with the same month of 2020, with more than 1.9 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	206,817	-51.1	-51.1
City transport	127,812	-51.9	-51.9
Inter-city transport	52,857	-54.2	-54.2
Special and unscheduled transport	26,148	-38.2	-38.2

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	127,812	-51.9	-51.9
Metro	54,450	-50.8	-50.8
Bus ¹	73,362	-52.6	-52.6

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	9,649	-48.0	-48.0
	Metro	17,002	-51.7	-51.7
Bilbao	City bus	2,035	-36.8	-36.8
	Metro	4,792	-40.6	-40.6
Madrid	City bus	14,364	-63.2	-63.2
	Metro	29,268	-50.9	-50.9
Málaga	City bus	1,854	-50.5	-50.5
	Metro	263	-57.7	-57.7
Palma	City bus	1,386	-53.3	-53.3
	Metro	38	-55.0	-55.0
Sevilla	City bus	3,474	-51.1	-51.1
	Metro	572	-60.4	-60.4
Valencia	City bus	3,316	-58.7	-58.7
	Metro	2,514	-55.8	-55.8

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	73,362	-52.6	-52.6
Andalucía	8,888	-51.0	-51.0
Aragón	6,020	-44.2	-44.2
Asturias, Principado de	1,544	-46.4	-46.4
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	3,640	-37.4	-37.4
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	2,910	-52.0	-52.0
Castilla - La Mancha	663	-61.9	-61.9
Cataluña	13,482	-47.8	-47.8
Comunitat Valenciana	5,387	-56.1	-56.1
Extremadura	350	-59.8	-59.8
Galicia	2,816	-47.6	-47.6
Madrid, Comunidad de	17,059	-62.5	-62.5
Murcia, Región de	646	-63.4	-63.4
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	4,718	-40.2	-40.2
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

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3. Inter-city transport

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

4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	26,148	-38.2	-38.2
Special	24,219	-21.1	-21.1
School	18,431	-22.6	-22.6
Work	5,789	-16.0	-16.0
Unscheduled	1,928	-83.4	-83.4