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**Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)**  
March 2022. Provisional data

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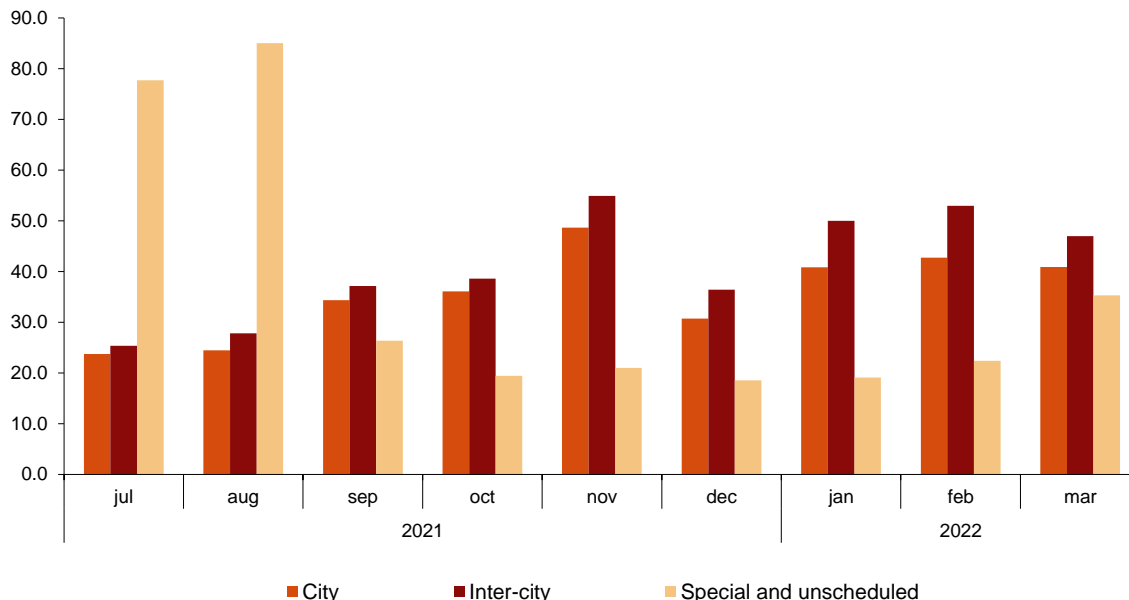
**Evolution of passenger transport**

More than 392.5 million passengers used public transport in March, 41.8% more than in the same month of 2021.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 40.9% and for inter-city transport 47.0%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 197.7% rise in the air transport.

**Passenger Transport by mode of transport.**

Annual rate. Percentage



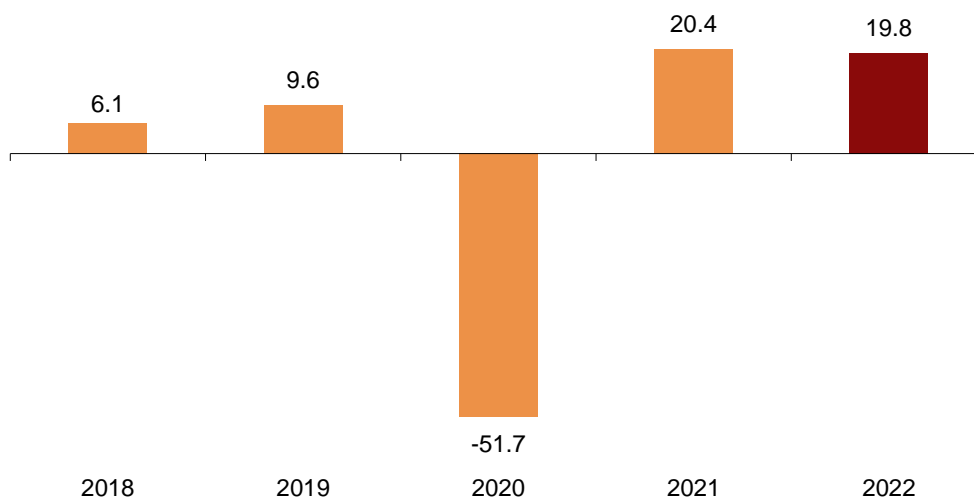
### Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2021 March	34.0	24.2	40.4
April	622.9	582.7	611.5
May	267.8	276.8	715.5
June	70.6	76.3	454.4
July	23.7	25.4	77.7
August	24.5	27.8	85.0
September	34.3	37.1	26.4
October	36.1	38.6	19.4
November	48.7	54.9	21.0
December	30.7	36.4	18.6
2022 January	40.8	50.0	19.1
February	42.7	52.9	22.4
March	40.9	47.0	35.3

### Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in March as compared with February was 19.8%. 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

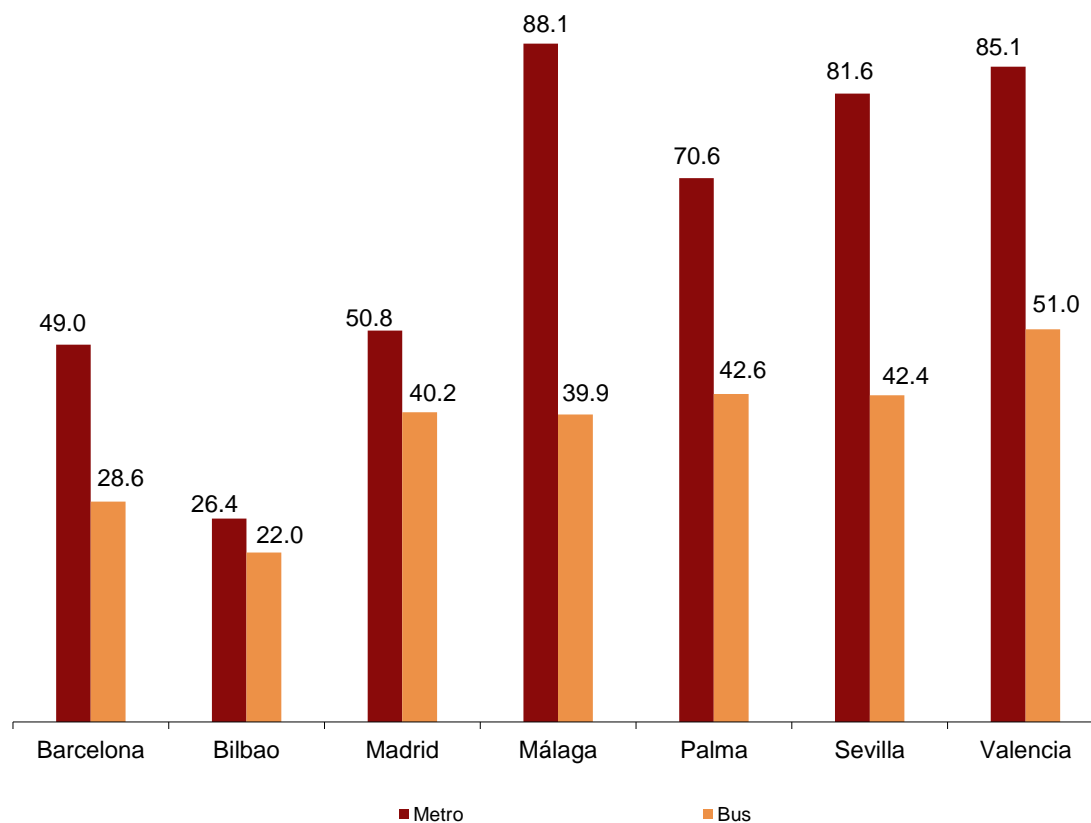
City transport was used by more than 237.9 million passengers in March, 40.9% more than in the same month of 2021.

Metro transport increased by 50.3% in annual rate. Málaga's metro registered the highest increase (88.1%), and Bilbao's the lowest (26.4%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Valencia (51.0%), and the lowest in Bilbao's (22.0%).

### City transport passengers in cities with metro. March 2022.

Annual rate. Percentage



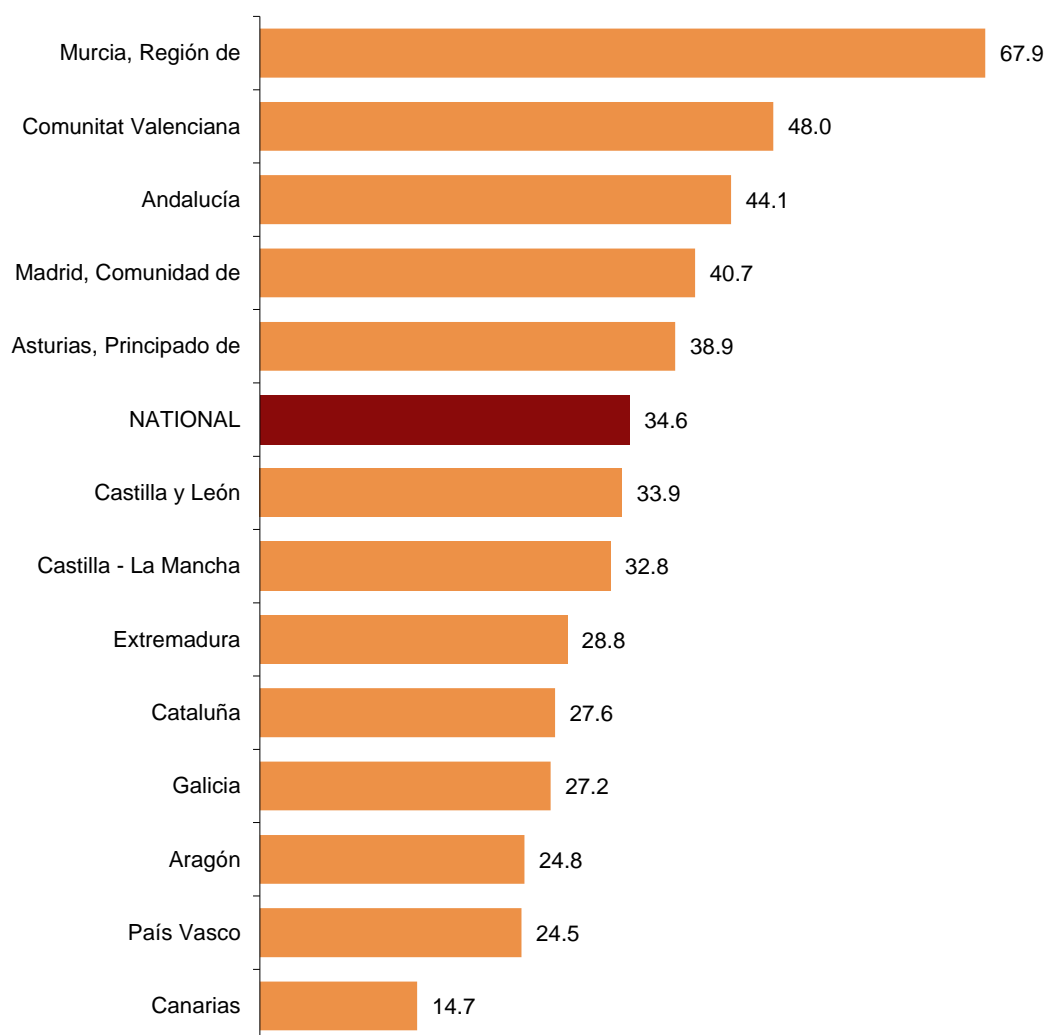
City transport by bus increased by 34.6% in March, as compared with the same month of 2021.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Región de Murcia (67.9%), Comunitat Valenciana (48.0%) and Andalucía (44.1%).

In turn, Canarias (14.7%), País Vasco (24.5%) and Aragón (24.8%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

### City transport by bus<sup>1</sup>. March 2022.

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.

## Inter-city transport

More than 108.2 million passengers used inter-city transport in March, representing a 47.0% increase as compared with the same month of 2021.

By mode of transport the air transport increased by 197.7%, the maritime transport by 80.3%, the rail transport by 46.2%, and the bus transport by 43.8%.

Commuter transport increased by 40.4% by bus and by rail transport by 41.3%. Regional transport increased by 50.3% by bus and by 76.8% by rail transport.

Finally, Long distance transport increased by 145.7% by bus and by 162.5% by rail transport. Within the latter, High Speed increased by 183.5%.

## Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. March 2022.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
Bus	56,891	43.8
Local	41,423	40.4
Regional	14,582	50.3
Long-distance	886	145.7
Rail <sup>1</sup>	47,937	46.2
Local	43,169	41.3
Regional	2,344	76.8
Long-distance	2,424	162.5
High Speed <sup>2</sup>	1,700	183.5
Rest of long-distance rail	724	123.7
Air (domestic)	2,847	197.7
Mainland Spain	1,072	270.6
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,365	231.9
Inter-island	410	60.4
Maritime (cabotage)	564	80.3

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## Special and unscheduled transport

More than 46.4 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in March, indicating an increase of 35.3% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 10.2%, reaching more than 34.8 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 11.8% and work transport did so by 4.7%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 326.6% as compared with the same month of 2021, with more than 11.6 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](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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## Passenger Transport Statistics

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### 1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT</b>	<b>392,597</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>41.6</b>
City transport	237,940	40.9	41.5
Inter-city transport	108,239	47.0	49.7
Special and unscheduled transport	46,417	35.3	26.2

### 2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>CITY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>237,940</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>41.5</b>
Metro	100,954	50.3	46.4
Bus <sup>1</sup>	136,987	34.6	38.0

<sup>1</sup> 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	16,698	28.6	31.1
	Metro	32,562	49.0	47.5
Bilbao	City bus	2,861	22.0	20.0
	Metro	7,312	26.4	29.2
Madrid	City bus	35,376	40.2	50.3
	Metro	52,844	50.8	45.1
Málaga	City bus	3,143	39.9	43.0
	Metro	594	88.1	84.2
Palma	City bus	2,761	42.6	43.5
	Metro	141	70.6	58.6
Sevilla	City bus	6,264	42.4	42.7
	Metro	1,454	81.6	85.4
Valencia	City bus	6,509	51.0	53.7
	Metro	6,046	85.1	72.8

## 2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>136,987</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>38.0</b>
Andalucía	16,018	44.1	44.3
Aragón	9,250	24.8	20.1
Asturias, Principado de	2,534	38.9	42.4
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	5,126	14.7	17.3
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	5,065	33.9	33.8
Castilla - La Mancha	1,498	32.8	46.0
Cataluña	23,416	27.6	30.5
Comunitat Valenciana	10,381	48.0	51.3
Extremadura	844	28.8	40.4
Galicia	4,481	27.2	34.4
Madrid, Comunidad de	41,368	40.7	50.3
Murcia, Región de	1,551	67.9	73.9
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	6,787	24.5	22.1
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
<b>SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT</b>	<b>46,417</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>26.2</b>
Special	34,806	10.2	7.3
School	27,473	11.8	8.6
Work	7,333	4.7	2.8
Unscheduled	11,612	326.6	283.4