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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
May 2021. Provisional data

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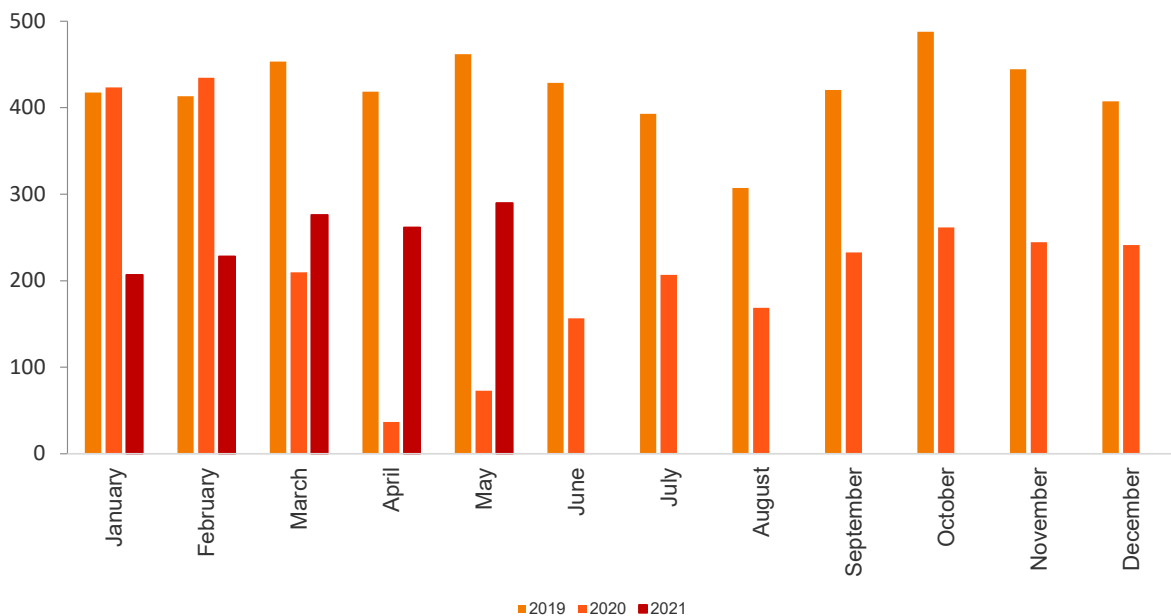
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Evolution of passenger transport

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Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2021

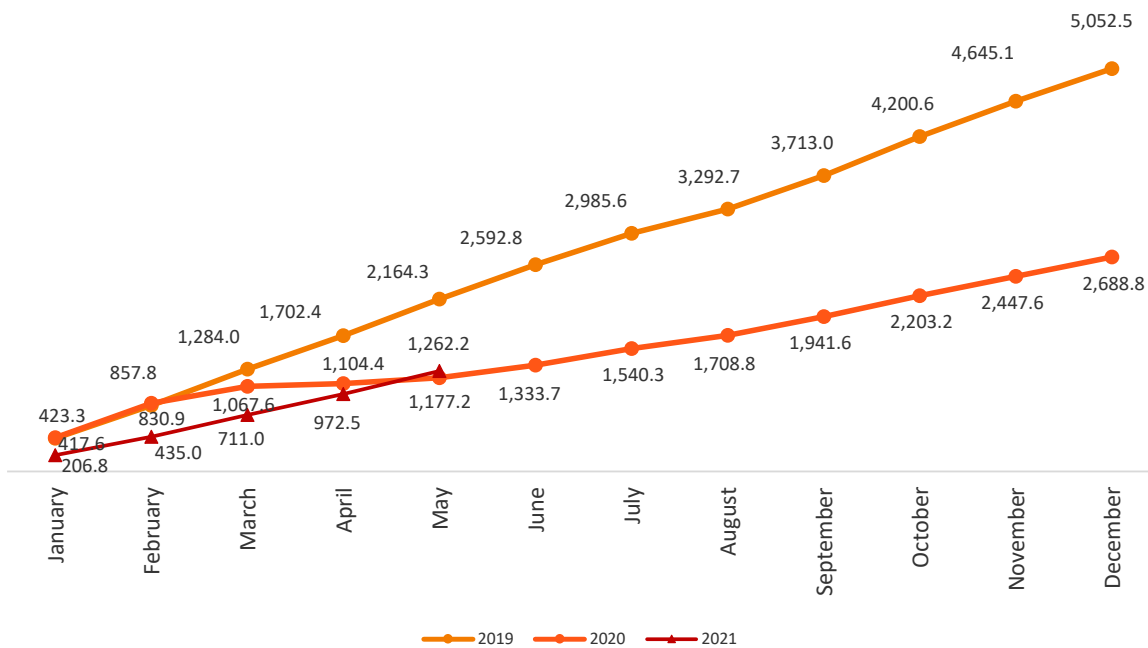
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¹ Because of to the low values presented by the passenger transport series in the month of May 2020, the annual variation rates are abnormally high. In order not to lose the statistical significance of the comparison, absolute values are offered in this note instead of annual variation rates. Anyway, the annual comparison appears in the final tables of the press release.

In the first five months of 2021 the number of passengers has increased by 7.2% compared to the same period last year.

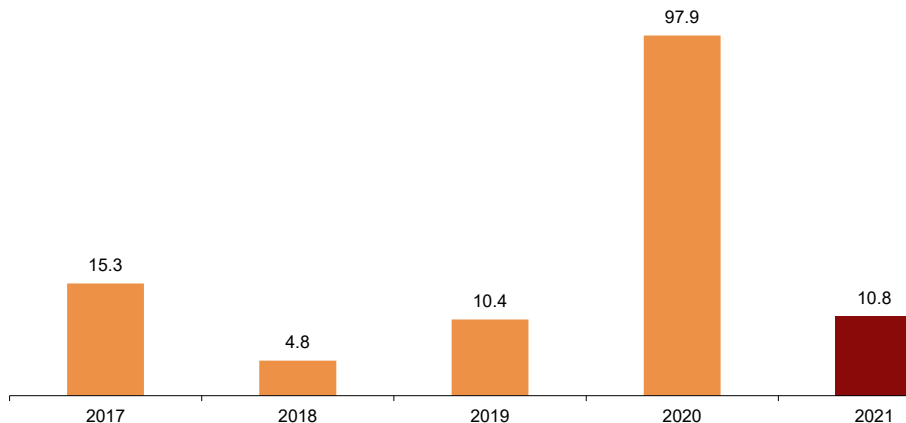
Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2021
Millions



Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in May as compared with April was 10.8%. 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 May as compared with May. Percentage



City transport

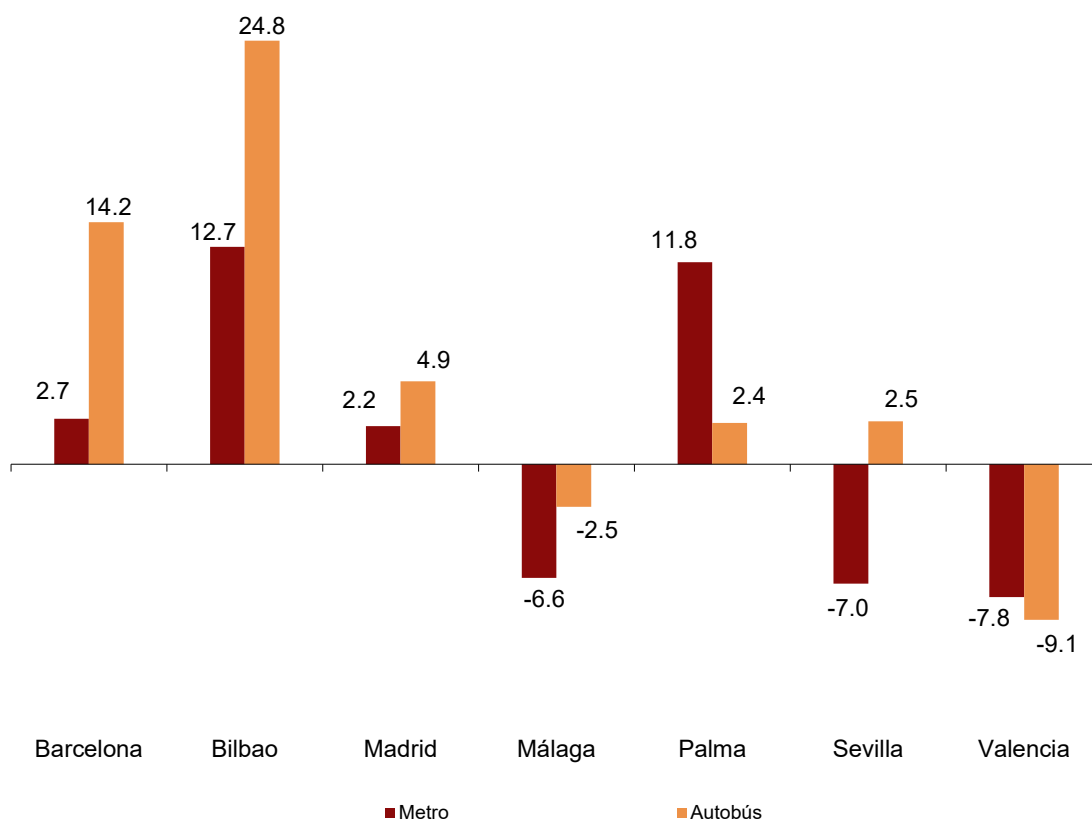
City transport was used by more than 175.8 million passengers in May, compared to 47.8 million in the same month of 2020.

In the period from January to May, the number of passengers who have used urban transport has increase by 5.6% compared to the same period in 2020

The number of metro users in May exceeded 69.6 million, while in the same month last year it exceeded 19.9 million passengers.

Urban transport travelers in cities that have a subway. January- May 2021.

Cumulative annual rate. Percentage.



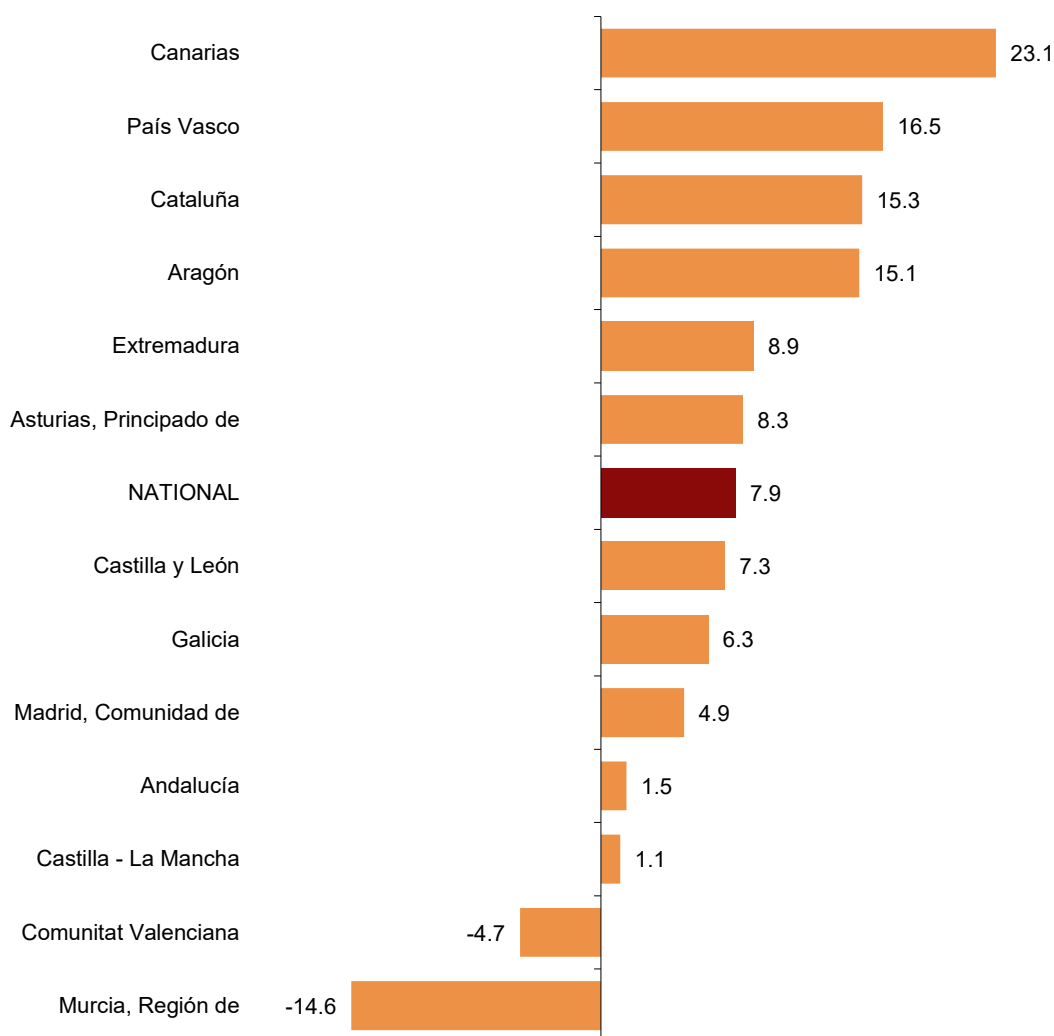
In May, more than 106.2 million passengers used urban transport by bus, more than three times the number of users in the same month last year (more than 27.9 million).

The cumulative variation rate for the first five months of the year is positive in all the autonomous communities, except in Región de Murcia (−14.6%) and in Comunitat Valenciana (−4.7%).

Likewise, Canarias (23.1%), País Vasco (16.5%) y Cataluña (15.3%) registered the largest rates in the first five months of the year.

City transport by bus¹. January - May 2021

Cumulative 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 77.5 million passengers used inter-city transport in May, almost three times more than in the same month last year, where it was used by more than 20.6 million.

In the first five months of 2021, air transport decreased by 32.2%, maritime by 14.0%, while by rail it increased 1.1% and by bus 3.6%.

With respect to the same period, commuter transport increased 5.8% in bus transport and 3.5% in rail transport. The regional transport decreased 0.4% in bus transport and 14.1% in rail.

Finally, long distance transport decreased 38.5% in bus transport and 32.5% in rail. Within the latter, the AVE (high-speed train) decreased 34.5%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. May 2021. May 2020.

Cumulative annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers may-21 (thousands)	Passengers may-20 (thousands)	Year-to-date average mean %
Bus	40,846	10,825	
Local	30,340	8,463	3.6
Regional	10,041	2,320	5.8
Long-distance	465	42	-38.5
Rail	34,581	9,576	
Local rail	31,729	9,104	1.1
Regional rail	1,545	360	3.5
Long-distance rail	1,308	111	-14.1
AVE train	847	52	-32.5
Rest of long-distance rail	461	59	-34.5
Air (domestic)	1,610	80	
Mainland Spain	513	10	-32.2
Mainland-Rest of territory	754	37	-48.5
Inter-island	343	32	-30.6
Maritime (cabotage)	486	91	
			-14.0

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 36.3 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in May, compared to more than 4.4 in the same month of 2020.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 32.2% in the first five months of 2021 compared to the same period last year. Within this, the school transport increased 84.2% and the work transport increased 19.0%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreases in the period from January to May by 51.5% compared to the same period in 2020.

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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Passenger Transport Statistics

May 2021

Provisional data

1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT	289,703	297.8	7.2
City transport	175,821	267.8	5.6
Inter-city transport	77,522	276.8	1.5
Special and unscheduled transport	36,360	715.5	32.2

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	175,821	267.8	5.6
Metro	69,618	249.8	2.5
Bus ¹	106,203	280.6	7.9

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	13,163	305.0	14.2
	Metro	22,835	235.8	2.7
Bilbao	City bus	2,404	239.4	24.8
	Metro	5,734	163.4	12.7
Madrid	City bus	26,237	337.6	4.9
	Metro	36,111	274.4	2.2
Málaga	City bus	2,504	177.1	-2.5
	Metro	379	348.9	-6.6
Palma	City bus	2,229	192.2	2.4
	Metro	76	645.2	11.8
Sevilla	City bus	4,489	229.5	2.5
	Metro	814	309.6	-7.0
Valencia	City bus	5,195	255.1	-9.1
	Metro	3,668	272.3	-7.8

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	106,203	280.6	7.9
Andalucía	11,992	240.3	1.5
Aragón	7,715	228.2	15.1
Asturias, Principado de	1,956	250.3	8.3
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	4,357	226.0	23.1
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	3,850	441.2	7.3
Castilla - La Mancha	1,120	281.3	1.1
Cataluña	18,577	315.8	15.3
Comunitat Valenciana	8,331	246.5	-4.7
Extremadura	635	253.9	8.9
Galicia	3,600	200.0	6.3
Madrid, Comunidad de	30,550	335.3	4.9
Murcia, Región de	1,031	268.3	-14.6
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	5,502	223.7	16.5
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.

3. Inter-city transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
INTER-CITY TRANSPORT	77,522	276.8	1.5
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Local	30,340	258.5	5.8
Regional	10,041	332.7	-0.4
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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	36,360	715.5	32.2
Special	31,367	711.3	64.0
School	24,601	623350.8	84.2
Work	6,765	75.2	19.0
Unscheduled	4,993	743.0	-51.5