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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
September 2020. Provisional data

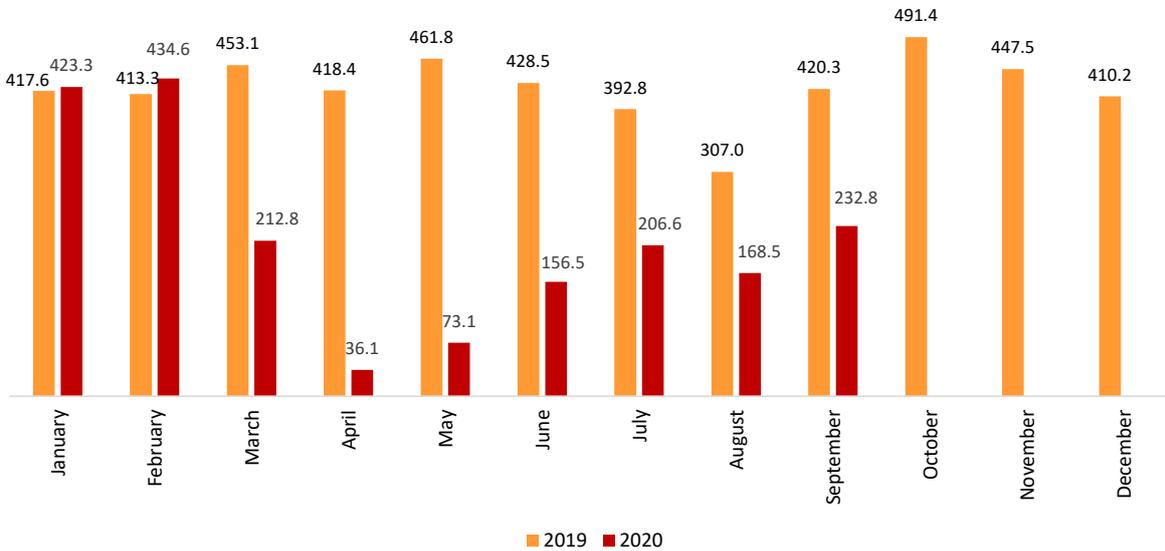
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Main results

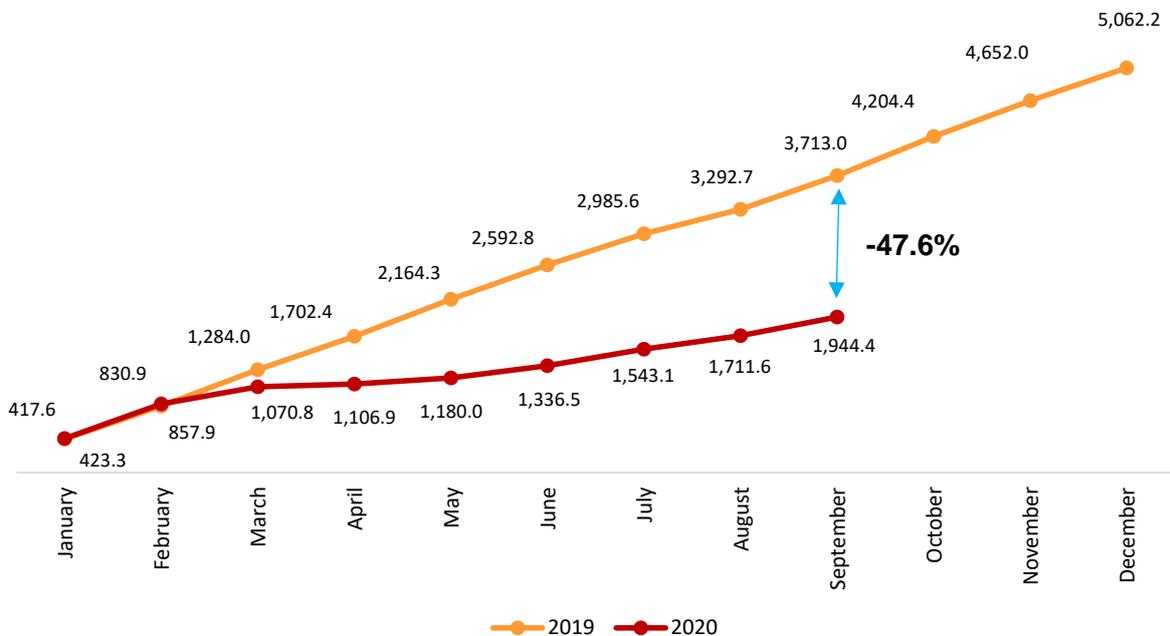
- The number of users of public transport decreased by 44.6% in September in the annual rate (232.8 million, compared to 420.3 million for the same month of 2019).
- In the first nine months of 2020, the number of travellers dropped by almost half compared to the same period last year.
- Urban transport was used by more than 143.3 million passengers in September, 43.9% less than in the same month of 2019. This decrease was registered both in bus transport (-42.1%), and in the metro (-46.7%).
- Inter-city transport was used by more than 66.7 million passengers in September, 44.5% less than in the same month of 2019.
- Among long-distance services, the most affected have been the AVE and other long-distance rail services (with an annual decrease of 71.7%). For their part, long-distance bus transport fell by 65.4% and air travel by 56.0%.

Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2020. Millions



In the first nine months of 2020 the number of passengers has almost halved compared to the same period last year.

Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2020. Millions



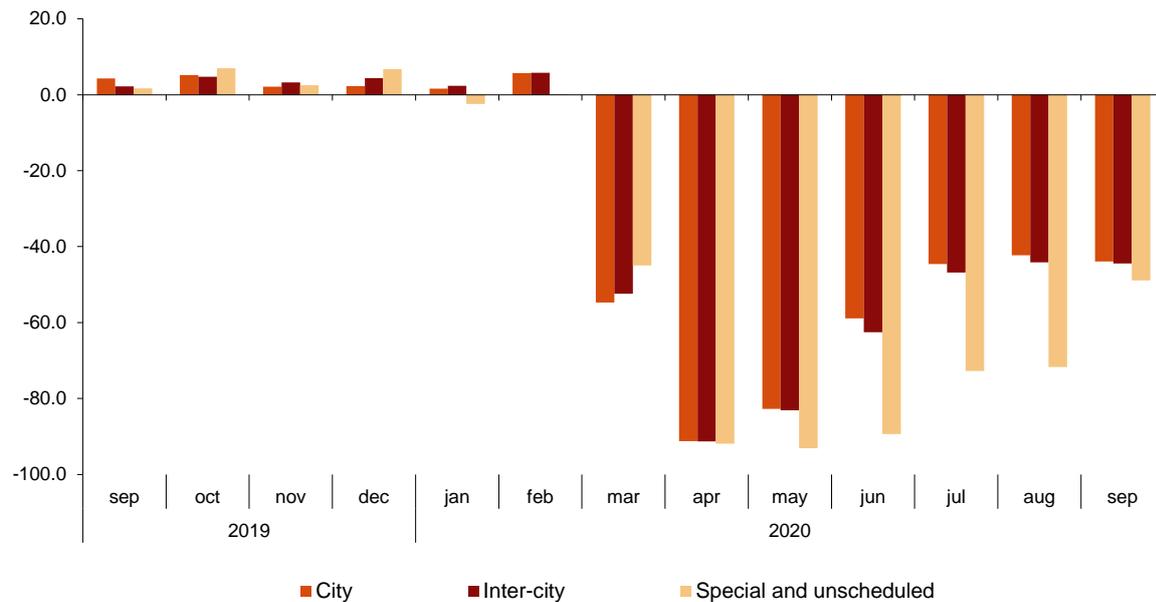
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 232.8 million passengers used public transport in September, 44.6% less than in the same month of 2019.

The annual rate for city transport decreases by 43.9% and for inter-city transport by 44.5%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 56.0% fall in the air transport.

Passenger Transport by mode of transport.

Annual rate. Percentage



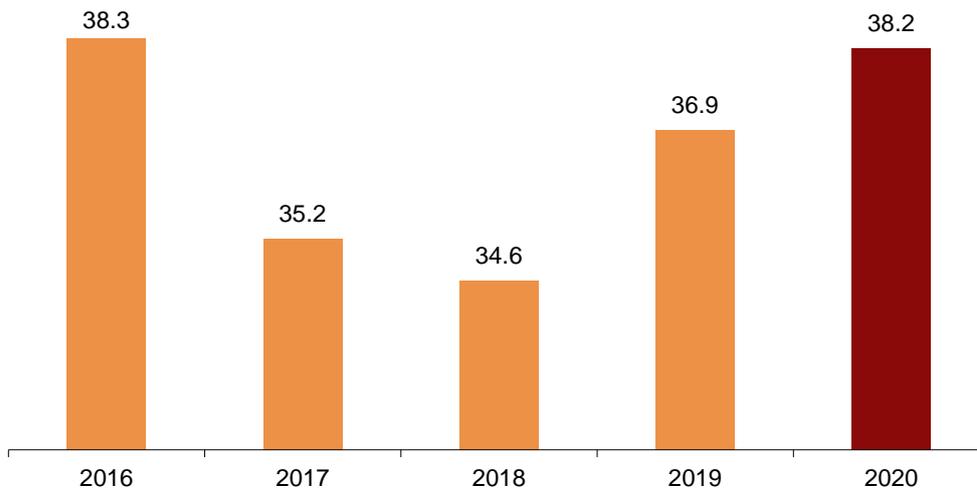
Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2019 September	4.3	2.2	1.7
October	5.2	4.7	7.0
November	2.1	3.3	2.5
December	2.3	4.4	6.8
2020 January	1.6	2.4	-2.4
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

Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in September as compared with August was 38.2%. 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 September as compared with August



City transport

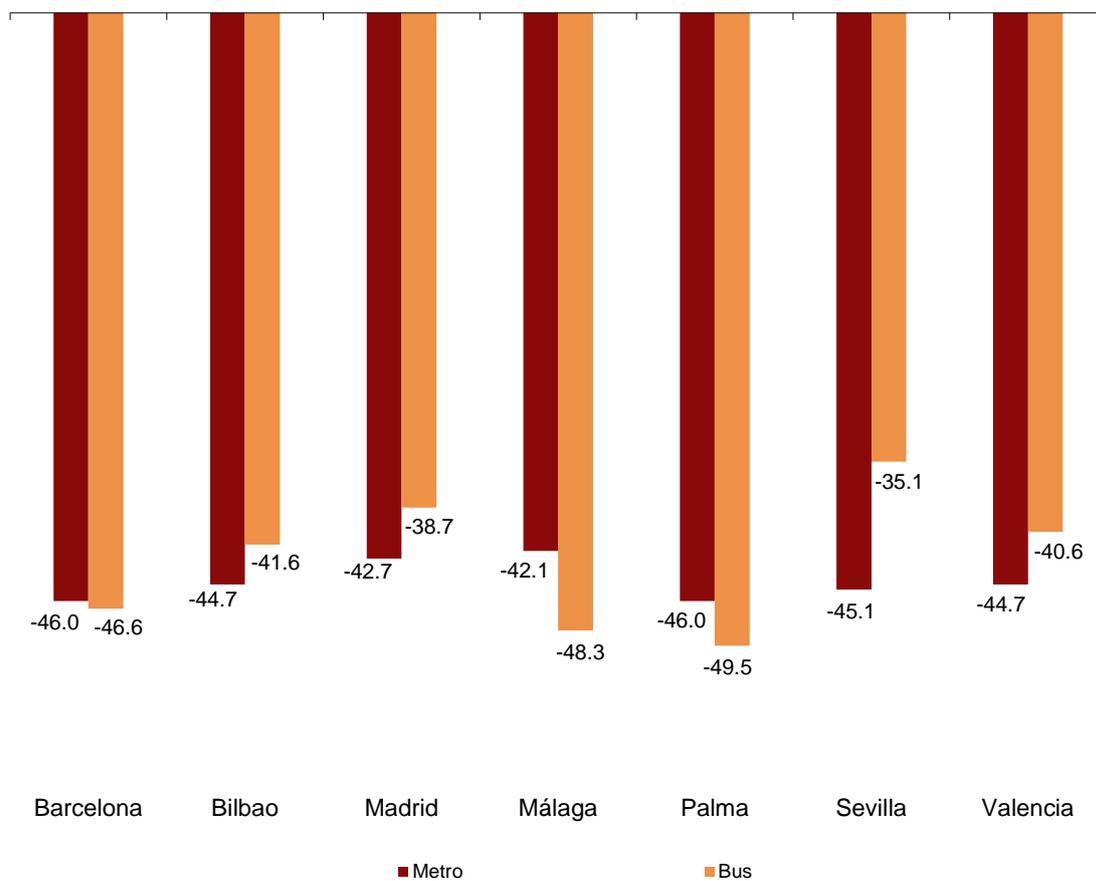
City transport was used by more than 143.3 million passengers in September, 43.9% less than in the same month of 2019.

Metro transport decreased by 46.7% in annual rate. Palma's metro registered the highest decrease (67.5%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest decrease in bus transport was registered in Palma (-78.7%), while the smallest decrease is also recorded in Bilbao (-34.3%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. September 2020.

Annual rate. Percentage



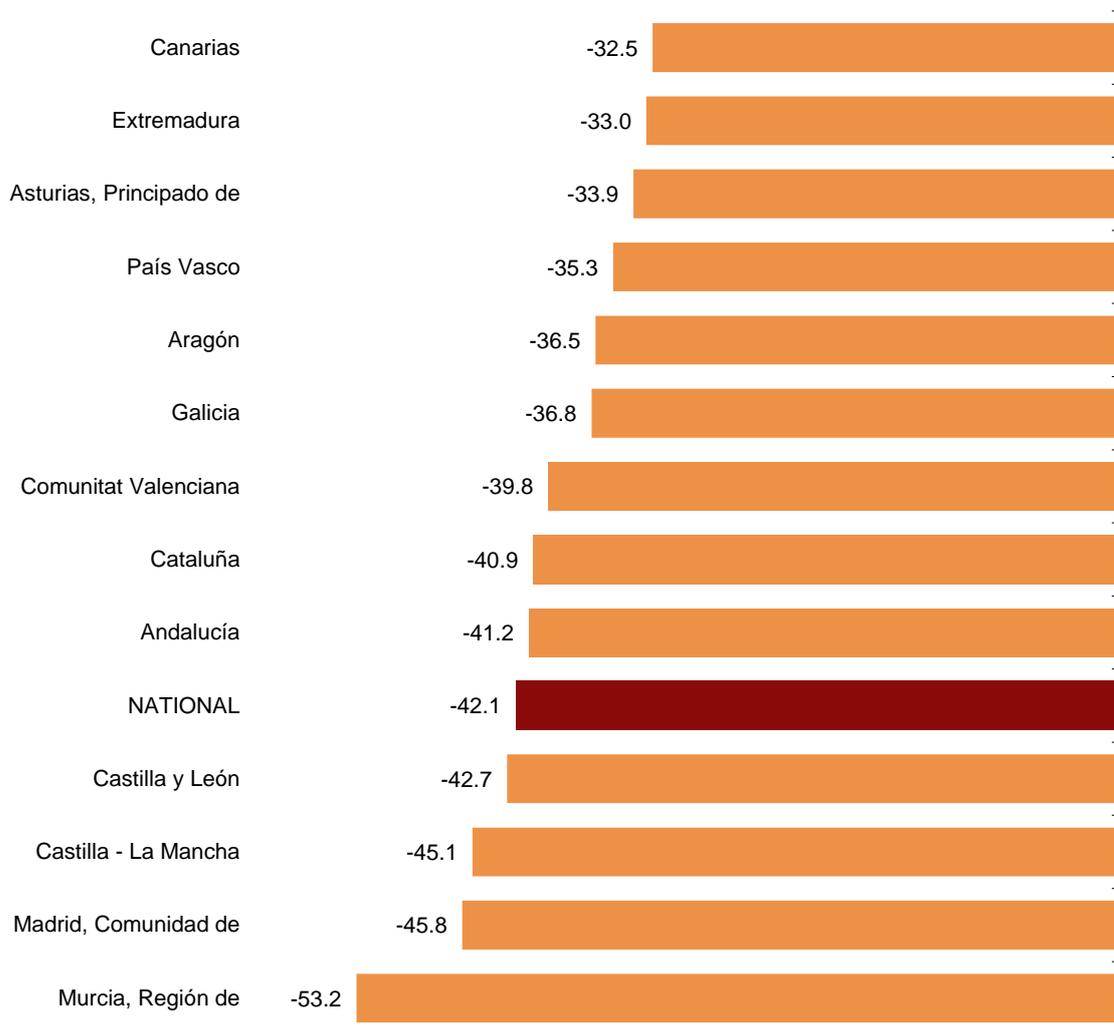
City transport by bus decreased by 42.1% in September, as compared with the same month of 2019.

All the Autonomous Communities showed negative annual rates in bus transport passengers. The highest decrease were showed in Región de Murcia (-53.2%), Comunidad de Madrid (-45.8%) and Castilla - La Mancha (-45.1%).

In turn, Canarias (-32.5%), Extremadura (-33.0%) and Principado de Asturias (-33.9%) showed the lowest decreases in bus transport passengers in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. September 2020.

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 66.7 million passengers used inter-city transport in September, representing a 44.5% decrease as compared with the same month of 2019.

By mode of transport, the bus transport decreased by 43.9%, the rail transport by 44.1%, the maritime transport by 52.2%, and the air transport by 56.0%.

Commuter transport decreased by 43.0% for bus transport and by 41.6% for rail transport. Regional transport dropped by 44.6% by bus and by 55.3% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport decreased by 65.4% by bus by 71.7% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) decreased by 73.0%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. September 2020.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %	
Bus	35,702		
Local	26,106	-43.9	
Regional	9,137	-43.0	
Long-distance	459	-44.6	
Rail	28,709	-65.4	
Local	26,560	-44.1	
Regional	1,303	-55.3	
Long-distance	845	-71.7	
AVE train	525	-73.0	
Rest of long-distance rail	320	-69.4	
Air (domestic)	1,739	-56.0	
Mainland Spain	461	-69.0	
Mainland-Rest of territory	998	-48.9	
Inter-island	280	-44.9	
Maritime (cabotage)	572	-52.2	

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 22.7 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in September, indicating a decrease of 48.9% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 22.9%, reaching more than 20.0 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 23.8% and work transport did so by 20.5%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreased by 85.7% as compared with the same month of 2019, with more than 2.6 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/dyngs/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	232,807	-44.6	-47.6
City transport	143,362	-43.9	-46.1
Inter-city transport	66,722	-44.5	-47.1
Special and unscheduled transport	22,724	-48.9	-57.8

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	143,362	-43.9	-46.1
Metro	55,630	-46.7	-46.7
Bus ¹	87,732	-42.1	-45.8

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	10,913	-41.2	-48.4
	Metro	18,374	-44.2	-46.8
Bilbao	City bus	1,984	-34.3	-41.7
	Metro	5,109	-31.2	-39.6
Madrid	City bus	19,775	-45.8	-46.6
	Metro	27,861	-50.5	-47.3
Málaga	City bus	2,210	-41.1	-45.5
	Metro	294	-41.1	-45.7
Palma	City bus	828	-78.7	-53.7
	Metro	39	-67.5	-52.3
Sevilla	City bus	3,823	-40.7	-46.5
	Metro	639	-51.2	-52.0
Valencia	City bus	4,566	-43.0	-46.4
	Metro	3,313	-42.4	-47.3

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	87,732	-42.1	-45.8
Andalucía	10,631	-41.2	-46.4
Aragón	6,652	-36.5	-42.7
Asturias, Principado de	1,809	-33.9	-42.0
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	3,683	-32.5	-37.3
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	3,293	-42.7	-46.5
Castilla - La Mancha	907	-45.1	-46.2
Cataluña	15,328	-40.9	-48.1
Comunitat Valenciana	7,395	-39.8	-45.0
Extremadura	593	-33.0	-44.6
Galicia	3,378	-36.8	-42.1
Madrid, Comunidad de	23,211	-45.8	-46.6
Murcia, Región de	747	-53.2	-46.9
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	4,929	-35.3	-42.4
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

(.) Data not available due to statistical secrecy.

3. Inter-city transport

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INTER-CITY TRANSPORT	66,722	-44.5	-47.1
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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	22,724	-48.9	-57.8
Special	20,085	-22.9	-46.8
School	14,299	-23.8	-53.7
Work	5,786	-20.5	-29.2
Unscheduled	2,638	-85.7	-73.0