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Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)
October 2021. Provisional data

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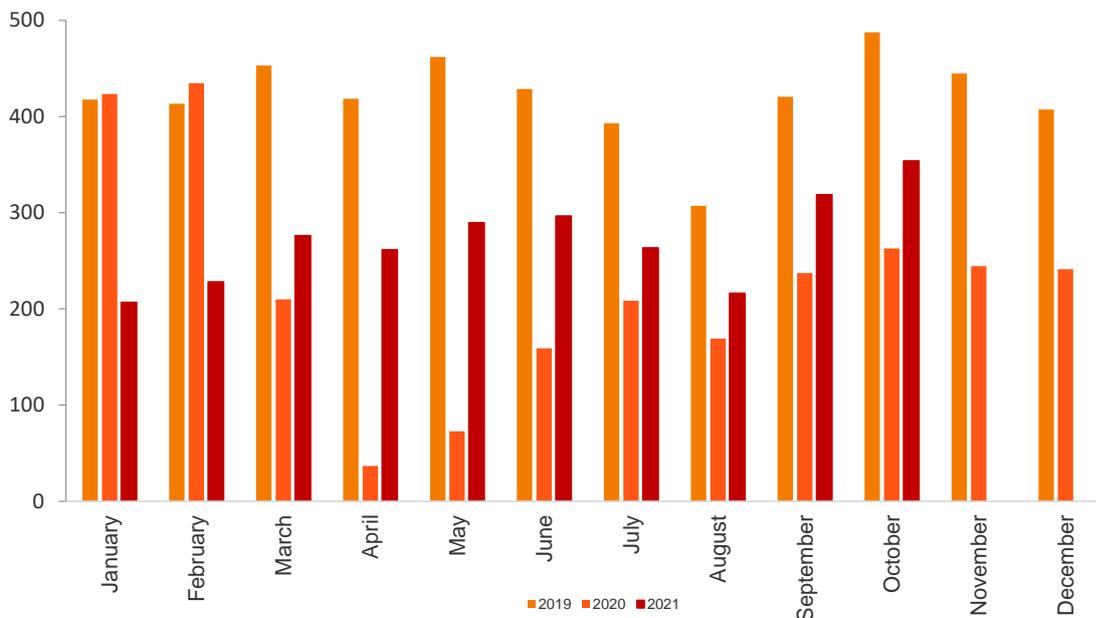
Evolution of passenger transport

More than 353.8 million passengers used public transport in October, 34.6% more than in the same month of 2020.

The annual rate for city transport increases by 36.1% and for inter-city transport 38.6%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 124.8% rise in the air transport.

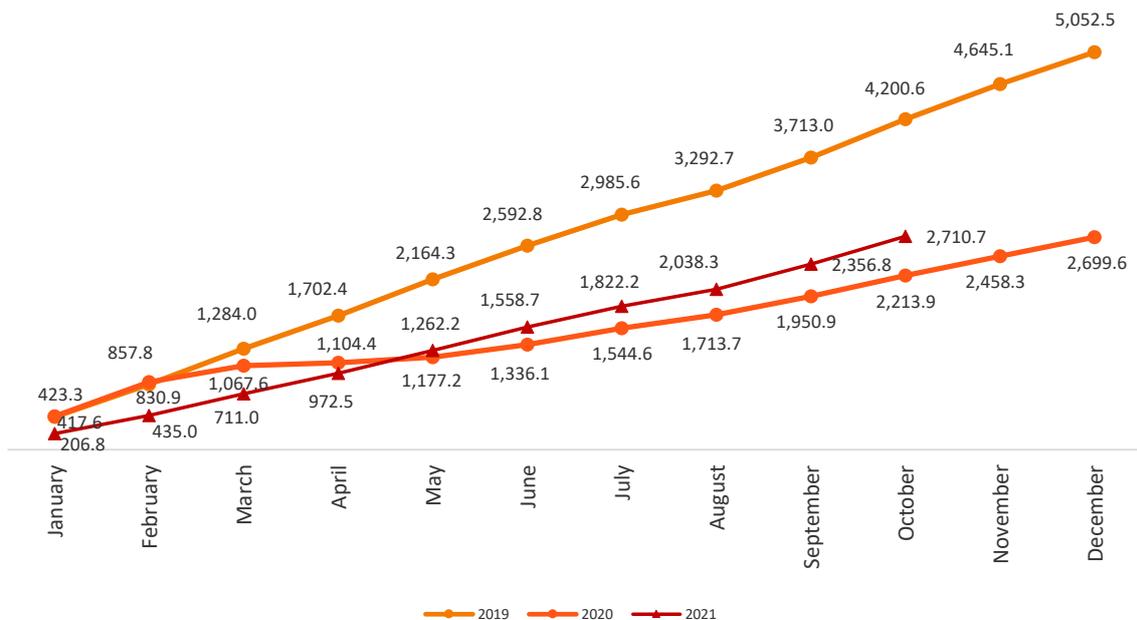
Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.

Millions.



In the first ten months of 2021 the number of passengers has increased by 22.4% compared to the same period last year.

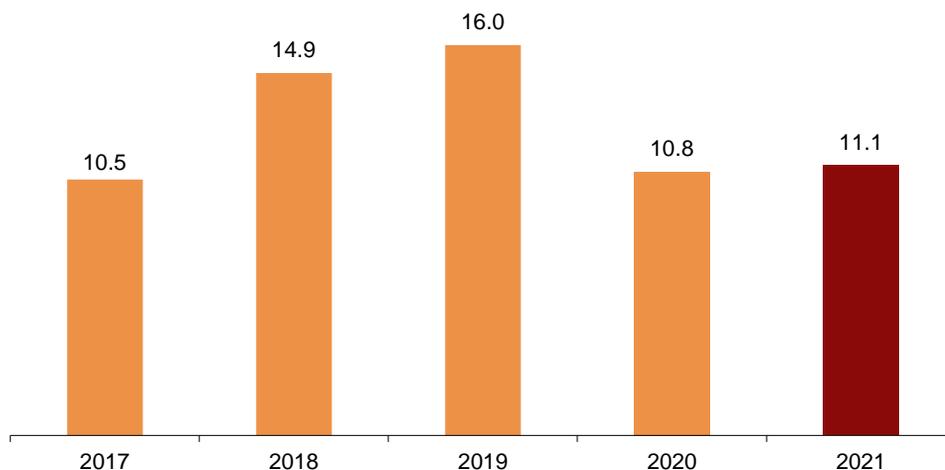
Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2021.
Millions.



Evolution of the monthly rate

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in October as compared with September was 11.1%. 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 October as compared with September



City transport

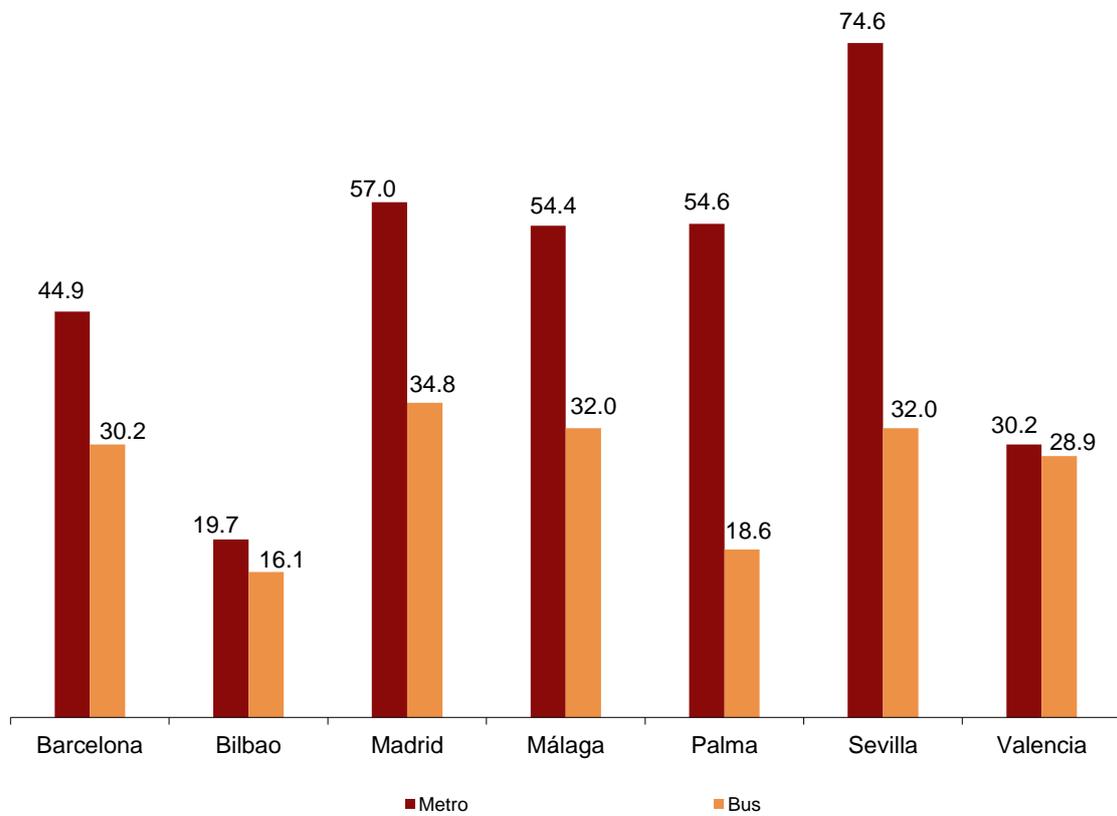
City transport was used by more than 215.8 million passengers in October, 36.1% more than in the same month of 2020.

Metro transport increased by 48.2% in annual rate. Sevilla's metro registered the highest increase (74.6%) and Bilbao's the lowest (19.7%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest increase in bus transport was registered in Madrid (34.8%) and the lowest in Bilbao (16.1%).

City transport passengers in cities with metro. October 2021.

Annual rate. Percentage



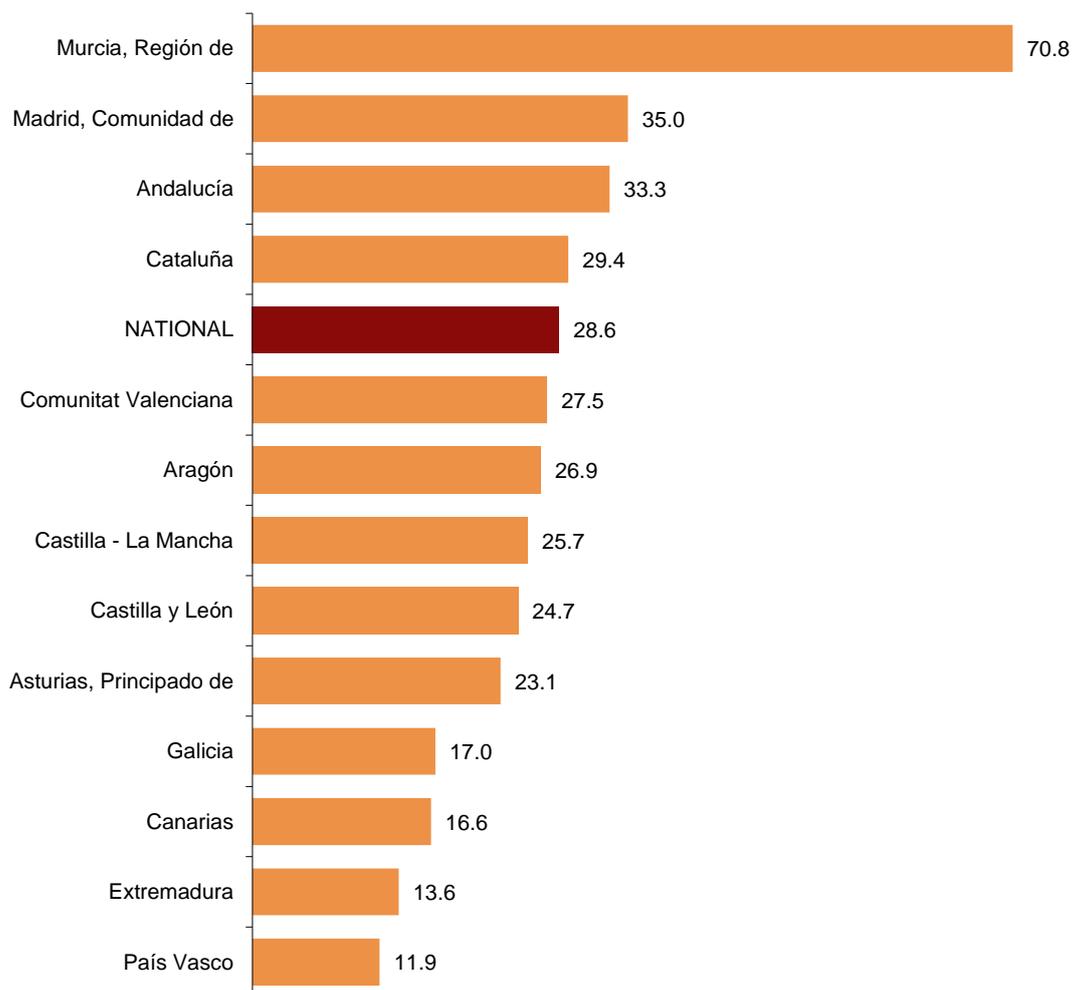
City transport by bus increased by 28.6% in October, as compared with the same month of 2020.

All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates. The highest increases were showed in Región de Murcia (70.8%), Comunidad de Madrid (35.0%) and Andalucía (33.3%).

In turn,País Vasco (11.9%), Extremadura (13.6%) and Canarias (16.6%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹. October 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 97.0 million passengers used inter-city transport in October, representing a 38.6% increase as compared with the same month of 2020.

By mode of transport, the air transport increased by 124.8%, the maritime transport increased by 85.4%, the bus transport by 38.3% and the rail transport by 34.3%.

Commuter transport increased by 35.1% by bus and by rail transport by 28.6%. Regional transport increased by 43.1% by bus and by 62.6% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport increased by 167.1% by bus and by 212.7% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) increased by 243.5%.

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

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate	
			%
Bus	52,663		38.3
Local	38,097		35.1
Regional	13,620		43.1
Long-distance	946		167.1
Rail ¹	40,542		34.3
Local	36,187		28.6
Regional	2,178		62.6
Long-distance	2,177		212.7
AVE train	1,469		243.5
Rest of long-distance rail	709		163.6
Air (domestic)	3,054		124.8
Mainland Spain	1,138		181.5
Mainland-Rest of territory	1,521		131.4
Inter-island	395		33.2
Maritime (cabotage)	804		85.4

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

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 40.9 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in October, indicating an increase of 19.4% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 2.2%, reaching more than 30.6 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 2.4% and work transport did so by 1.3%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 254.1% as compared with the same month of 2020, with more than 10.2 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	353,859	34.6	22.4
City transport	215,862	36.1	20.4
Inter-city transport	97,063	38.6	19.7
Special and unscheduled transport	40,934	19.4	45.3

2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
CITY TRANSPORT	215,862	36.1	20.4
Metro	89,941	48.2	20.8
Bus ¹	125,921	28.6	20.1

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	15,808	30.2	26.1
	Metro	29,270	44.9	22.2
Bilbao	City bus	2,603	16.1	25.2
	Metro	6,693	19.7	16.5
Madrid	City bus	30,639	34.8	21.0
	Metro	47,203	57.0	21.6
Málaga	City bus	3,168	32.0	13.6
	Metro	593	54.4	17.5
Palma	City bus	2,246	18.6	21.0
	Metro	120	54.6	38.6
Sevilla	City bus	5,866	32.0	14.1
	Metro	1,369	74.6	19.0
Valencia	City bus	6,128	28.9	8.8
	Metro	4,693	30.2	11.2

2.2 Urban transport by bus by Autonomous Cities and Communities

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year-to-date average
NATIONAL	125,921	28.6	20.1
Andalucía	15,977	33.3	16.0
Aragón	8,966	26.9	21.1
Asturias, Principado de	2,332	23.1	16.8
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	5,034	16.6	21.7
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	4,473	24.7	18.3
Castilla - La Mancha	1,349	25.7	15.1
Cataluña	22,124	29.4	26.6
Comunitat Valenciana	9,827	27.5	12.0
Extremadura	793	13.6	17.6
Galicia	4,276	17.0	14.9
Madrid, Comunidad de	35,310	35.0	21.0
Murcia, Región de	1,506	70.8	15.0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	6,097	11.9	19.3
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
SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT	40,934	19.4	45.3
Special	30,699	-2.2	51.3
School	24,261	-2.4	69.5
Work	6,438	-1.3	16.6
Unscheduled	10,235	254.1	24.0