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**Passenger Transport Statistics (PT)**  
December 2020 and year 2020. Provisional data

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**The annual rate for city transport decreases by 41.2% and for inter-city transport by 43.1%**

**In 2020 the number of public transport users decreases by 46.7%**

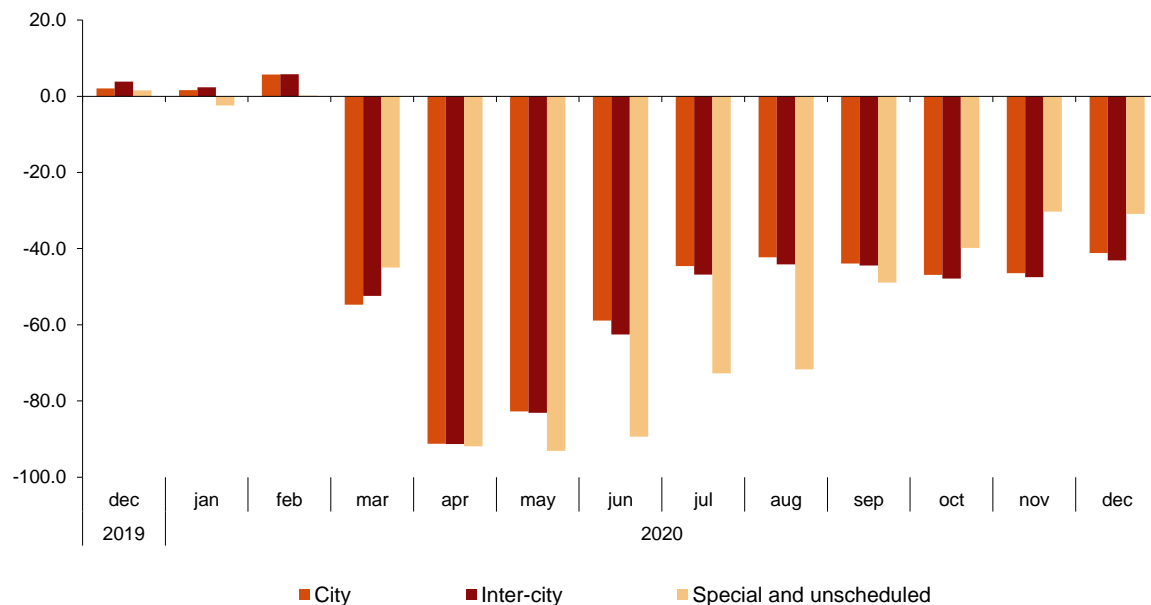
**Evolution of passenger transport**

More than 241.2 million passengers used public transport in December, 40.8% less than in the same month of 2019.

The annual rate for city transport decreases by 41.2% and for inter-city transport by 43.1%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 66.1% fall in the air transport.

**Passenger Transport by mode of transport.**

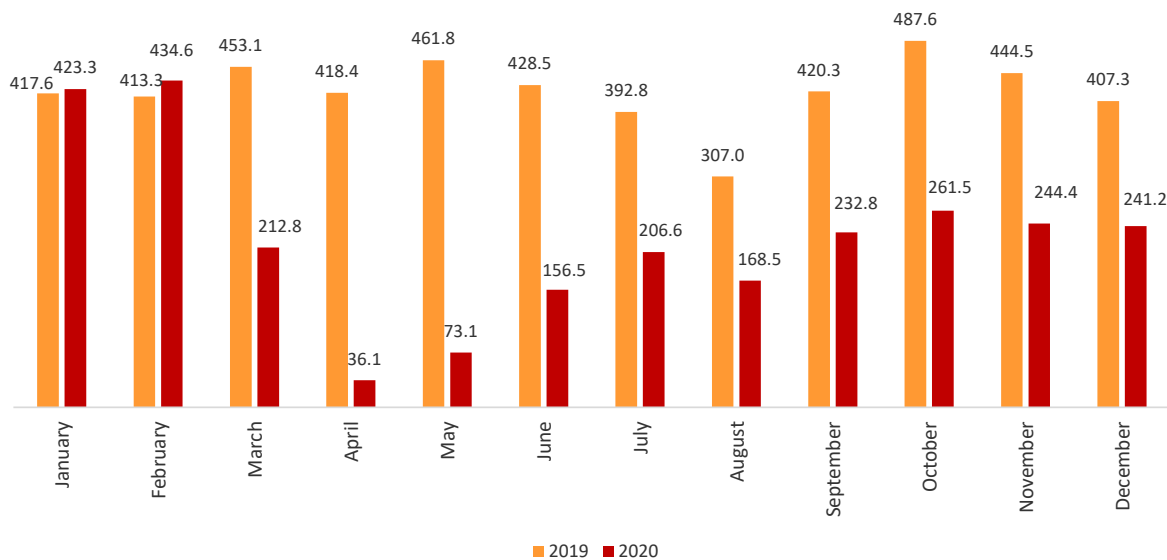
Annual rate. Percentage



**Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport**

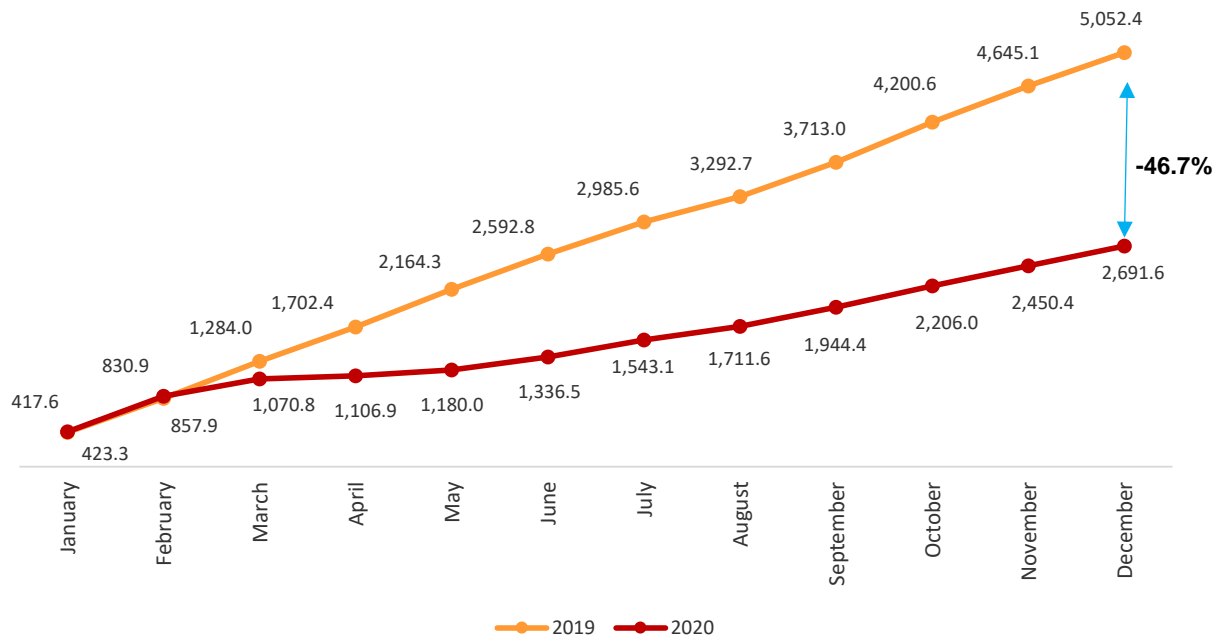
	City	Inter-city	Special and unschedule
2019 December	2.1	3.8	1.5
2020 January	1.6	2.4	-2.4
February	5.7	5.8	0.2
March	-54.7	-52.4	-45.0
April	-91.3	-91.3	-91.9
May	-82.8	-83.1	-93.1
June	-58.9	-62.5	-89.4
July	-44.6	-46.8	-72.7
August	-42.3	-44.1	-71.7
September	-43.9	-44.5	-48.9
October	-46.9	-47.9	-39.8
November	-46.5	-47.5	-30.3
December	-41.2	-43.1	-30.9

**Monthly passengers. Comparative 2019-2020.**  
Millions



In 2020 the number of passengers has almost halved compared to 2019.

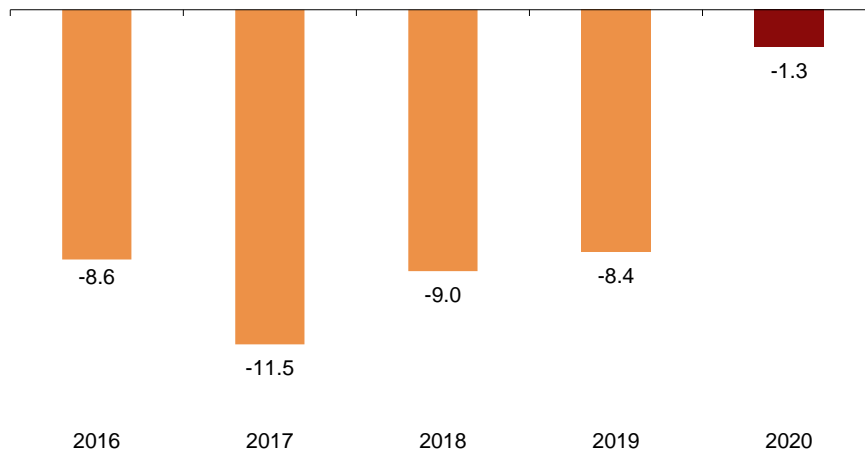
**Cumulative passengers. Comparative 2019-2020.**  
Millions



**Evolution of the monthly rate**

The variation rate of the number of public transport passengers in December as compared with November was -1.3%. 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 December as compared with November**



### City transport

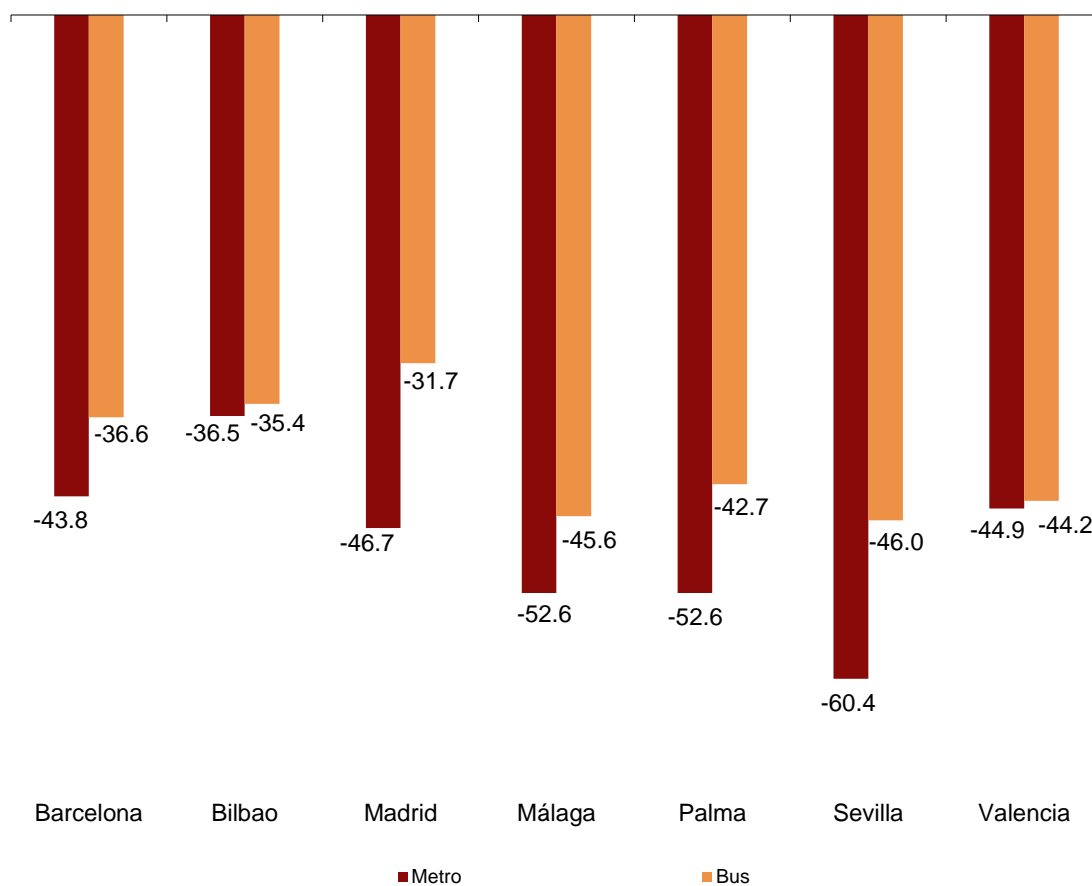
City transport was used by more than 150.7 million passengers in December, 41.2% less than in the same month of 2019.

Metro transport decreased by 45.2% in annual rate. Sevilla's metro registered the highest decrease (60.4%), and Barcelona's the lowest decrease (-43.8%).

Among the cities with metro, the highest decrease in bus transport was registered in Sevilla (-46.0%), and Madrid registered the lowest decrease (-31.7%).

### City transport passengers in cities with metro. December 2020.

Annual rate. Percentage



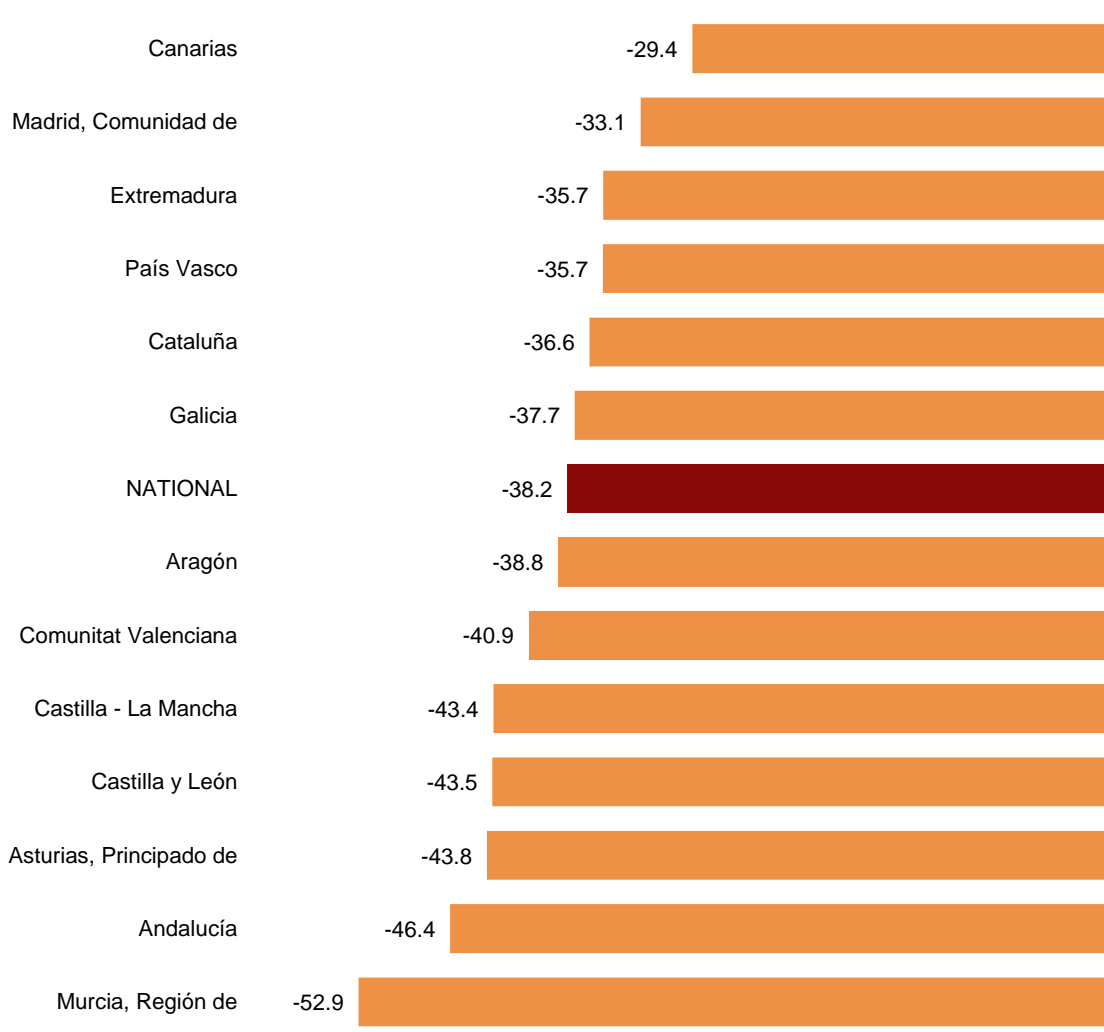
City transport by bus decreased by 38.2% in December, as compared with the same month of 2019.

All the Autonomous Communities showed negative annual rates in bus transport passengers. The highest decrease were showed in Región de Murcia (-52.9%), Andalucía (-46.4%) and Principado de Asturias (-43.8%).

In turn, Canarias (-29.4%), Comunidad de Madrid (-33.1%) and Extremadura (-35.7%) showed the lowest decreases in bus transport passengers in bus transport.

**City transport by bus<sup>1</sup>. December 2020.**

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 65.0 million passengers used inter-city transport in December, representing a 43.1% decrease as compared with the same month of 2019.

By mode of transport, the bus transport decreased by 40.0%, the rail transport by 44.8%, the maritime transport by 55.8%, and the air transport by 66.1%.

Commuter transport decreased by 37.6% for bus transport and by 42.4% for rail transport. Regional transport dropped by 43.8% by bus and by 60.1% by rail transport.

Finally, long distance transport decreased by 73.7% by bus by 72.5% by rail transport. Within the latter, AVE (high speed railway) decreased by 73.5%.

## Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. December 2020.

Annual rate. Percentage

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Annual rate %
<b>Bus</b>	34,248	-40.0
Local	25,934	-37.6
Regional	7,982	-43.8
Long-distance	332	-73.7
<b>Rail</b>	29,395	-44.8
Local	27,550	-42.4
Regional	1,079	-60.1
Long-distance	766	-72.5
AVE train	478	-73.5
Rest of long-distance rail	289	-70.7
<b>Air (domestic)</b>	1,093	-66.1
Mainland Spain	334	-74.5
Mainland-Rest of territory	494	-66.3
Inter-island	265	-41.0
<b>Maritime (cabotage)</b>	335	-55.8

## Special and unscheduled transport

More than 25.4 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in December, indicating a decrease of 30.9% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers decreased by 3.9%, reaching more than 22.8 million users. Within this, school transport decreased by 3.7% and work transport did so by 4.2%.

Finally, unscheduled transport decreased by 80.0% as compared with the same month of 2019, with more than 2.6 million passengers.

## Results for the whole of the year 2020

In the whole of 2020, the number of passengers that used public transport exceeded 2,691.6 million, which represents a decrease of 46.7% compared to 2019.

City transport decrease by 45.8% and inter-city transport did so by 46.9%.

Within urban transport, bus transport decrease by 44.8% and metro transport by 47.3%.

The number of passengers using inter-city air transport decrease by 60.5%, maritime transport by 52.1%, railway by 47.4% and bus by 45.5%.

Special and unscheduled transport decrease by 51.6% in 2020. Unscheduled transport decrease by 75.2%, and special transport by 35.8%.

### Passenger transport. Year 2020.

	Passengers transported (thousands)	% Annual rate Year 2020
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,691,617	-46.7
City transport	1,680,181	-45.8
Metro	672,741	-47.3
City bus	1,007,440	-44.8
Inter-city transport	754,786	-46.9
Road	397,327.1	-45.5
Local	288,675	-44.9
Regional	102,616	-46.0
Long-distance	6,036	-61.4
Rail	334,895.6	-47.4
Local rail	308,328	-45.8
Regional rail	14,748	-55.6
Long-distance rail	11,888	-65.6
AVE train	7,603	-66.0
Rest of long-distance rail	4,285	-64.8
Air (domestic)	16,909.9	-60.5
Mainland Spain	5,507	-67.7
Mainland-Rest of territory	8,360	-58.5
Inter-island	3,043	-46.1
Maritime (cabotage)	5,611	-52.1
Special and unscheduled transport	256,649	-51.6
Special	204,053	-35.8
Unscheduled	52,596	-75.2

## 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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### 1. Passenger transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year 2020.
<b>BY TYPE OF TRANSPORT</b>	<b>241.237</b>	<b>-40,8</b>	<b>-46,7</b>
City transport	150.710	-41,2	-45,8
Inter-city transport	65.072	-43,1	-46,9
Special and unscheduled transport	25.455	-30,9	-51,6

### 2. City transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year 2020.
<b>CITY TRANSPORT</b>	<b>150.710</b>	<b>-41,2</b>	<b>-45,8</b>
Metro	59.821	-45,2	-47,3
Bus <sup>1</sup>	90.889	-38,2	-44,8

<sup>1</sup> Including trams and funiculars

## 2.1 City transport in major cities with Metro

		Passengers transported (thousands)	% variation	
			Annual	Yea 2020.
Barcelona	City bus	11.147	-36,6	-46,3
	Metro	19.461	-43,8	-47,1
Bilbao	City bus	2.136	-35,4	-40,1
	Metro	5.123	-36,5	-38,9
Madrid	City bus	22.561	-31,7	-45,1
	Metro	30.933	-46,7	-48,4
Málaga	City bus	2.158	-45,6	-45,4
	Metro	304	-52,6	-47,3
Palma	City bus	1.702	-42,7	-52,0
	Metro	46	-52,6	-50,8
Sevilla	City bus	3.878	-46,0	-46,7
	Metro	646	-60,4	-54,1
Valencia	City bus	4.579	-44,2	-46,5
	Metro	3.309	-44,9	-46,9

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

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year 2020.
<b>NATIONAL</b>	<b>90.889</b>	<b>-38,2</b>	<b>-44,8</b>
Andalucía	10.079	-46,4	-46,8
Aragón	6.666	-38,8	-42,8
Asturias, Principado de	1.531	-43,8	-42,9
Balears, Illes	.	.	.
Canarias	3.962	-29,4	-35,6
Cantabria	.	.	.
Castilla y León	3.292	-43,5	-46,3
Castilla - La Mancha	971	-43,4	-45,9
Cataluña	15.581	-36,6	-46,1
Comunitat Valenciana	7.293	-40,9	-44,5
Extremadura	550	-35,7	-42,8
Galicia	3.267	-37,7	-41,3
Madrid, Comunidad de	26.107	-33,1	-45,3
Murcia, Región de	828	-52,9	-50,0
Navarra, Comunidad Foral de	.	.	.
País Vasco	5.078	-35,7	-40,8
Rioja, La	.	.	.
Ceuta	.	.	.
Melilla	.	.	.

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### 3. Inter-city transport

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### 4. Special and unscheduled transport

	Passengers transported (thousands)	Rate (%)	
		Annual	Year 2020.
<b>SPECIAL AND UNSCHEDULED TRANSPORT</b>	<b>25.455</b>	<b>-30,9</b>	<b>-51,6</b>
Special	22.841	-3,9	-35,8
School	17.097	-3,7	-40,0
Work	5.743	-4,2	-24,2
Unscheduled	2.614	-80,0	-75,2