

Passenger Transport Statistics (PT) February 2024. Provisional data

Main results

- The number of passengers using public transport increased by 16.0% in February, as compared with the same month of 2023.
- The annual rate for city transport increased by 17.4% and for inter-city transport by 17.5%.

More information

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More than 465.1 million passengers used public transport in February, 16.0% more than in the same month of 2023.

The annual rate for city transport increased by 17.4% and for inter-city transport 17.5%. Within the latter, it is worth noting the 20.1% rise in the bus transport.

Annual evolution of passenger transport by mode of transport

Percentage

	City	Intercity	Special and unscheduled
2023			
February	23.8	24.3	2.4
March	21.5	24.7	8.8
April	19.6	18.6	0.2
May	19.9	16.6	1.9
June	21.7	18.5	1.9
July	24.1	19.3	2.5
August	23.5	22.1	15.1
September	17.0	13.5	-9.7
October	18.4	14.4	-3.5
November	16.2	11.8	-1.9
December	15.4	10.1	-2.9
2024			
January	15.1	12.9	5.7
February	17.4	17.5	3.4

City transport

City transport was used by more than 291.2 million passengers in February, 17.4% more than in the same month of 2023.

Metro transport increased by 13.7% in annual rate and City transport by bus increased by 20.3% in February.

Inter-city transport

More than 132.1 million passengers used inter-city transport in February, representing a 17.5% increase as compared with the same month of 2023.

By mode of transport, the bus transport increased by 20.1%, the rail transport by 15.0%, the air transport by 10.8%, and the maritime transport by 5.9%.

Inter-city transport by mode of transport and distance. February 2024

Annual rate. Percentage

		Passengers (thousands)	Annual rate (%)
Bus	TOTAL	70,399	20.1
	Local	49,451	19.1
	Regional	19,686	22.2
	Long-distance	1,262	29.8
Rail¹	TOTAL	57,706	15.0
	Local	50,201	13.8
	Regional	4,020	19.3
	TOTAL	3,484	29.6
	Long-distance	2,771	36.2
	Rest of long-distance rail	713	9.1
Air (domestic)	TOTAL	3,354	10.8
	Mainland Spain	1,318	9.3
	Mainland - Rest of territory	1,592	14.2
	Inter-island	444	3.7
Maritime (cabotage)	TOTAL	654	5.9

¹Local rail includes RENFE and all autonomic rail operators. Long-distance rail includes AVE, AVLO, OUIGO and IRYO.

Special and unscheduled transport

More than 41.8 million passengers used special and unscheduled transport in February, indicating an increase of 3.4% in annual rate.

The number of special transport passengers increased by 2.9%, reaching more than 30.1 million users. Within this, school transport increased by 3.0% and work transport did so by 2.6%.

Finally, unscheduled transport increased by 4.6% as compared with the same month of 2023, with more than 11.6 million passengers.

Results by Autonomous Communities

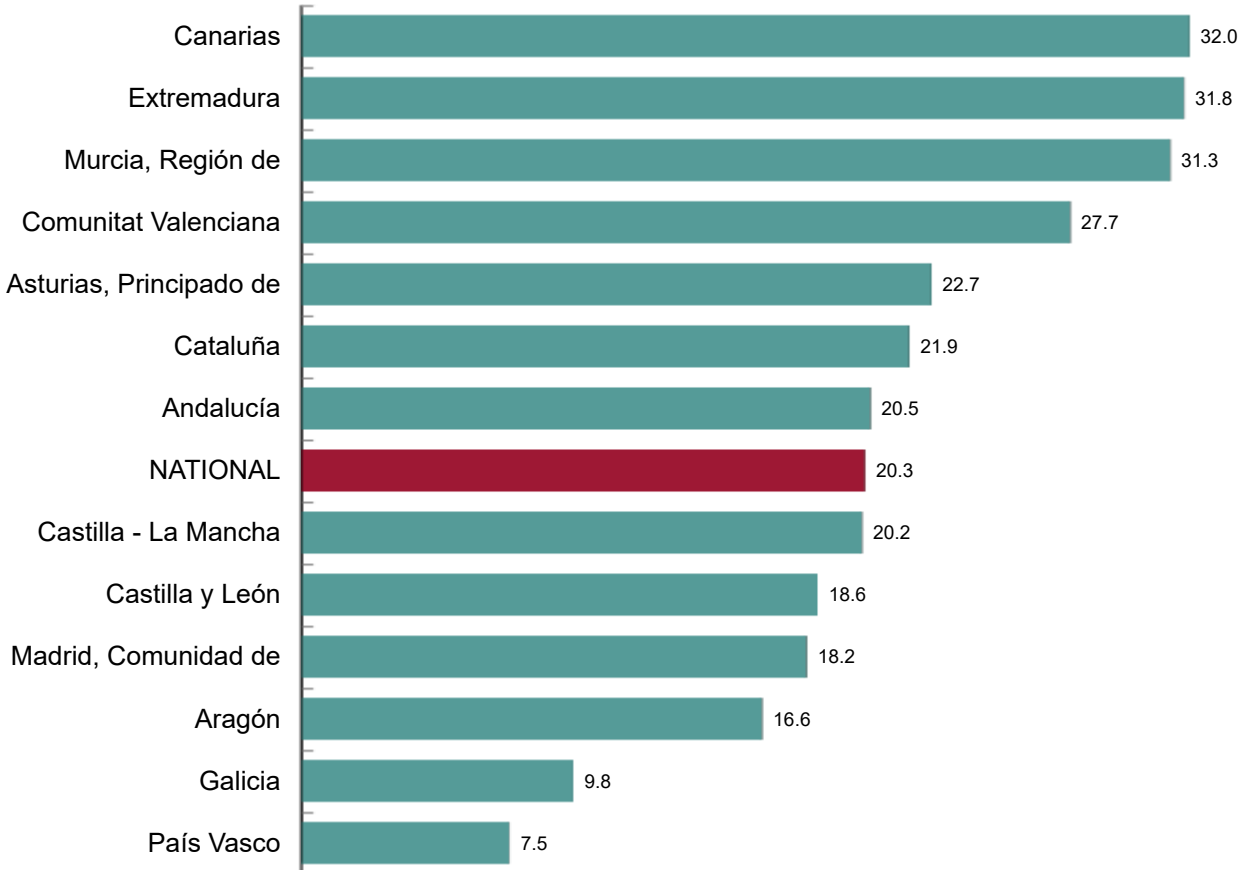
All the Autonomous Communities showed positive annual rates.

The highest increases were showed in Canarias (32.0%), Extremadura (31.8%) and Región de Murcia (31.3%).

In turn, País Vasco (7.5%), Galicia (9.8%) and Aragón (16.6%) showed the lowest increases in bus transport.

City transport by bus¹ . February 2024

Annual rate. Percentage



¹In 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

Metro transport increased in all cities with this type of transport as compared with the same month of the previous year. Málaga's metro registered the highest increase (116.4%), and Bilbao's registered the lowest (10.8%).

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](#).

Current press release at: <https://www.ine.es/dyngs/Prensa/en/TV0224.htm>

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](#) and in the [standardized methodological report](#).

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