

Measurement template

Field	Notes
Short title	Bus passenger journeys
Technical definition	Passenger journeys on local bus services
Rationale	The measure has been selected to show the level of bus usage.
Formula	The number of bus journeys on local bus services per quarter. The figures reported are then seasonally adjusted using the x12 ARIMA software package.
Start date	Data available from financial year 2004-05
Performance	Performance will have been judged to improved or deteriorated if the annual total number of passenger journeys increases or decreases.
Behavioural impact	Collecting the data is unlikely to have any behavioural impact or create perverse incentives.
Comparability	Comparable statistics are available for Wales and Scotland.
Collection frequency	Quarterly
Time lag	Approximately 3 months. Data are usually published in the March, June, September, and December of each year.
Data source	Quarterly estimates are based on a panel of the 18 largest non-metropolitan operators, Passenger Transport Executives (for metropolitan areas) and Transport for London (TfL). The panel covers over 90 per cent of the journeys made in Great Britain. Data from the quarterly panel is scaled to annual figures from the Department's main annual survey of 700 PSV operators, and figures are then seasonally adjusted. More information is in the Guidance Notes (see link in Further guidance below).
Type of data	National Statistics
Robustness and data limitations	<p>The quarterly figures are less precise than the annual statistics which aim to report on all journeys, including those covered by smaller operators.</p> <p>Quarterly figures are subject to revision due to the nature of the seasonal adjustment, and scaling to annual figures. However, these will typically be minor and not affect overall patterns shown.</p>
Collecting organisation	The data are published by the Department for Transport.

Return format	Number
Geographical coverage	England
How indicator can be broken down	Data are available for London, English metropolitan areas (as a group) and English non-metropolitan areas (as a group).
Further guidance	The full guidance on DfT bus statistics can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/buses-statistics-guidance Related bus statistics are available here: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/bus-statistics