



Public Transport

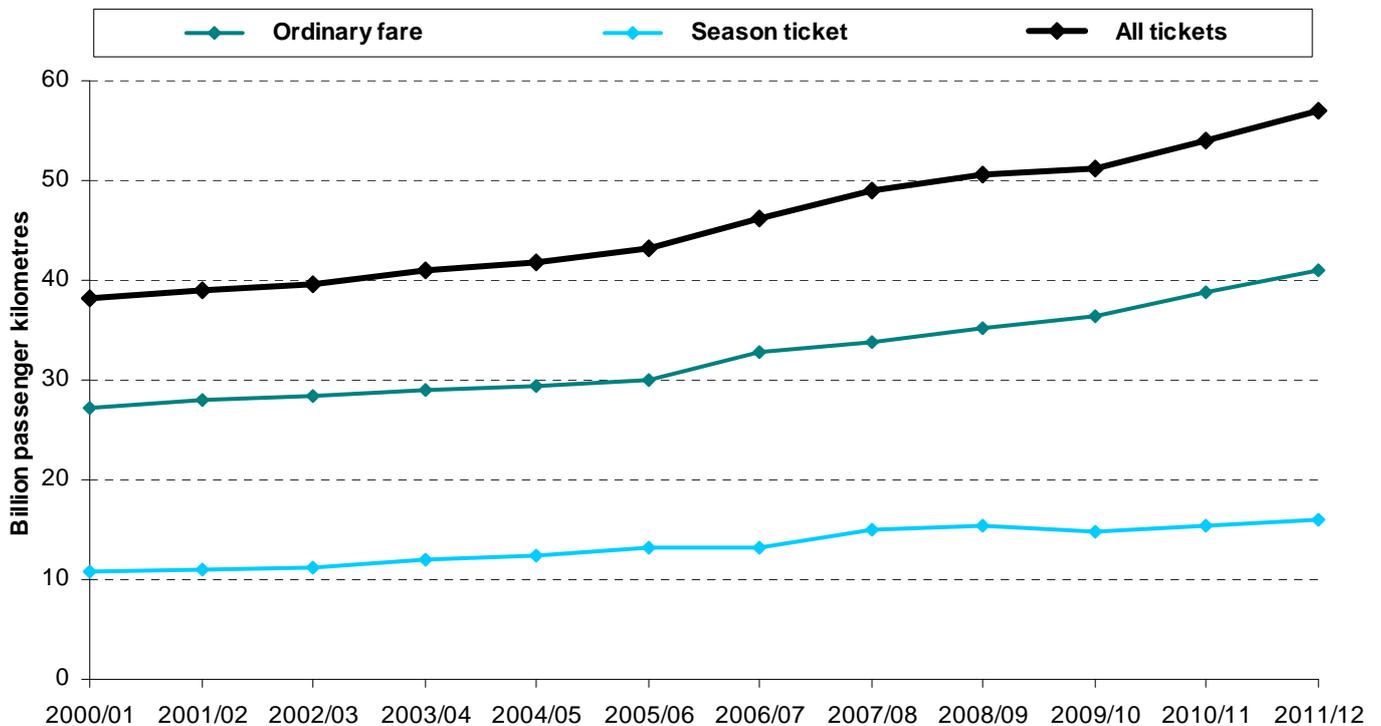
This section looks at the use of public transport in Great Britain and related data about public transport from Transport Statistics Great Britain published in December 2012.

Public Transport includes:

- National Rail
- Underground systems
- Light Rail and Tram systems
- Buses and Concessionary Travel
- Taxis

National Rail

Passenger kilometres on national railways, by ticket type: Great Britain, annual from 2000/01 (Table RAI0103)



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- Since privatisation (1994/95), the number of journeys made by national rail has doubled, from 0.7 billion to 1.5 billion in 2011/12 (52 per cent since 2001/02). During this period the number of journeys has risen every year apart from a slight drop between 2008/09 and 2009/10, which was likely a result of the recession. Between 2010/11 and 2011/12 the number of journeys rose again, by 7.8 per cent.
 - Passenger kilometres travelled by national rail follow a similar trend to passenger journeys, and have doubled since 1994/95, increasing from 28.7 billion to 57.3 billion passenger kilometres in 2011/12. The effects of the Hatfield crash in October 2000 briefly caused an interruption in the steady upward trend, but usage has increased again since then.
 - Punctuality and reliability are measured through the Public Performance Measure (PPM), which combines figures for punctuality and reliability into a single performance measure, measuring the proportion of trains that arrive at their destinations on time. In 2011/12, 91.6 per cent of all services arrived on time, which is higher than all previous years since records began in 1997/98. PPM fell sharply as a result of the speed restrictions imposed following the Hatfield crash in October 2000, dropping to a low of 78.0 per cent in 2001/02. Long distance services were particularly affected. Since the Hatfield crash, PPM for all the sectors has been improving gradually.
 - National railways revenue for all franchised operators has increased by 104 per cent between 2001/02 and 2011/12, from £3.5 billion to £7.2 billion. To take into account inflation, the figures have also been adjusted to 2011/12 prices and these figures show that over the same period revenue has increased by 60 per cent.

Detailed statistics on national rail and the channel tunnel can be found on the [DfT Rail Statistics website](#)

Underground Systems

- There were 1.2 billion passenger journeys on the London Underground and 13 million journeys on the Glasgow Subway in 2011/12.

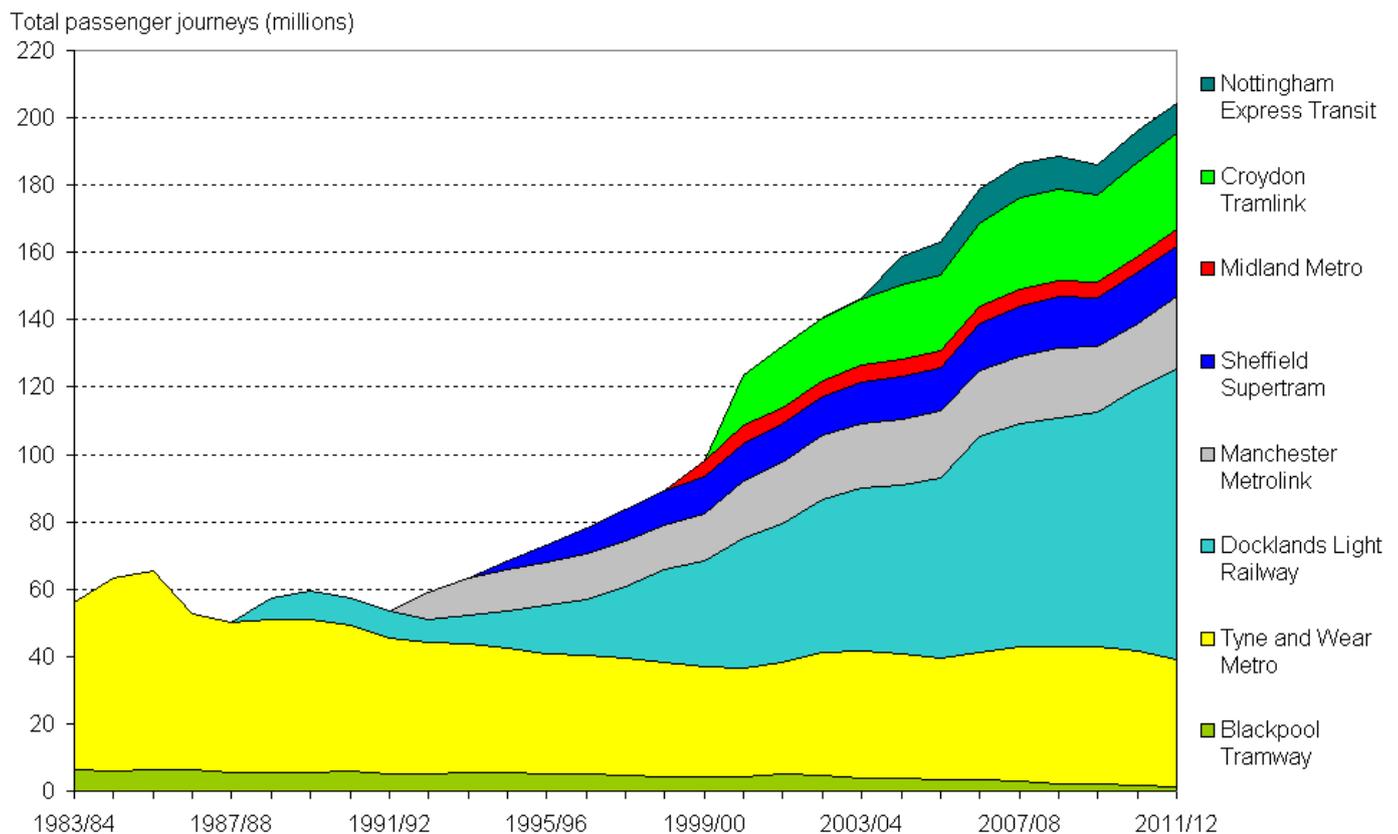
Detailed statistics (tables and charts) on Underground Systems can be found on the [DfT Light Rail Statistics website](#), table numbers LRT9901 and LRT9902.

Light Rail and Tram Systems

- Light rail and tram passenger journeys in England increased by 4 per cent between 2010/11 and 2011/12. In 2011/12, there were 204 million passenger journeys. This represents the highest number of passenger journeys to date.
- Light rail and tram vehicle miles in England increased by 4 per cent between 2010/11 and 2011/12. In 2011/12 there were 14.5 million vehicle miles.

Annual Share of Passenger Journeys: England, 1983/84 onwards

(Table LRT0101)



- Light rail and tram passenger revenue in England increased by 9.1 per cent in real terms between 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- At March 2012, there were 406 passenger cars on light rail systems in England, a slight increase on March 2011 due to an increase in passenger cars on the Manchester Metrolink from 47 to 56. Since 2004/05, there has been an increase of around 9 per cent, with increases on the DLR and Metrolink partially offset by a large fall in the number of Blackpool trams where the old fleet has been largely replaced by a smaller number of higher capacity, accessible vehicles as part of the refurbishment work.

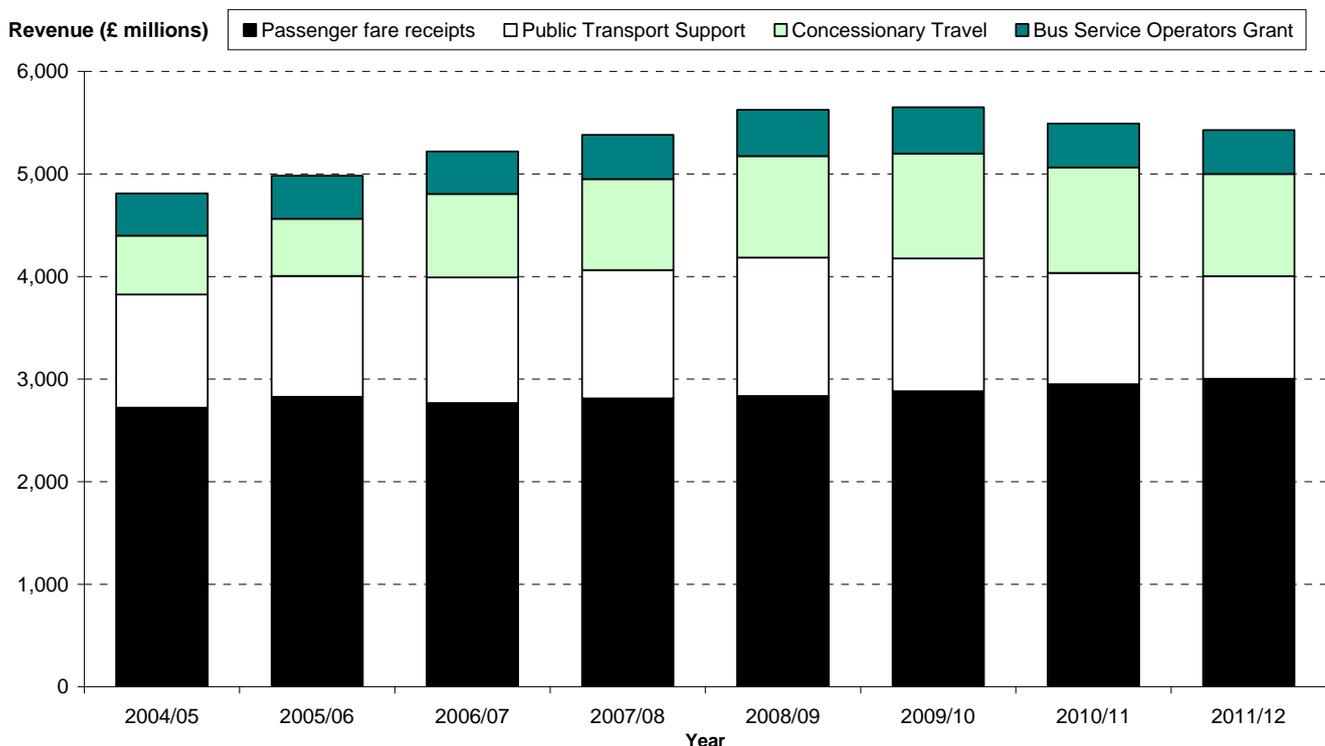
Detailed statistics (tables and charts) on Light Rail and Tram Systems can be found on the [DfT Light Rail Statistics website](#), table numbers LRT0101 to LRT0302.

Buses and Concessionary Travel

- There were 4.7 billion bus passenger journeys in England in 2011/12. This is a 0.5 per cent increase from the 2010/11 level. Journeys in London increased by 2.4 per cent over this period and now account for half of all bus passenger journeys in England.
- Bus vehicle miles in England increased by 0.8 per cent between 2010/11 and 2011/12, with 21 per cent of mileage outside London on local authority supported services in 2011/12.
- Bus fares in England increased by 6 per cent between March 2011 and March 2012. The all items Retail Prices Index rose by 4 per cent over the same period.
- 55 per cent of operating revenue for local bus services came from passenger fare receipts in 2011/12 (54 per cent in 2010/11).
- Net public funding support for local bus services in England decreased by 5 per cent in real terms between 2010/11 and 2011/12.

Estimated operating revenue for local bus services by revenue type, England (at 2011/12 prices) 2004/05 to 2011/12 (in £ millions)

(Table BUS0501)



- In 2011/12, there were 53 thousand Public Service Vehicles (PSVs) in use by local bus operators in Great Britain, of which 42 thousand (80 per cent) were buses and the remainder minibuses and coaches.

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- In 2011/12, there were around 9.8m older and disabled concessionary bus passes in England, with an average of 109 bus journeys per pass per year.

Detailed statistics (tables and charts) on buses and concessionary travel can be found on the [DfT Bus Statistics website](#), table numbers BUS0101 to BUS1003.

Taxis

- There were 78,000 licensed taxis in England and Wales as at 31 March 2011. Of these 73,000 were in England, an increase of 3% from 2009, the last time that this information was collected.
- There were 155,100 licensed Private Hire Vehicles (PHVs) in England and Wales as at 31 March 2011. 150,900 of these were in England, an increase of 3% compared with 2009.
- Overall, there were 299,200 licensed taxi or PHV drivers in England and Wales, with 287,300 of these in England (an increase of 5% compared with 2009).

Detailed statistics (tables and charts) on taxis can be found on the [DfT Taxi Statistics website](#), table numbers TAXI0101 to TAXI0104.

Background notes

Full guidance on the methods used to compile these statistics and their sources can be accessed from the [Transport Statistics Great Britain Page](#).