
DfT bus statistics: Content and timing of publications from autumn 2012



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This note is to inform users of the Department's bus statistics of the publications scheduled for the next year. We welcome feedback from users on any aspect of these statistics, including content, format and timing. This can be provided by email to bus.statistics@dft.gsi.gov.uk or by phone on 020 7944 3076.

Publications to be issued during autumn 2012

The Department is currently redeveloping the data systems used to produce the annual bus statistics and, in order to complete this work, the annual release originally scheduled for October 2012 will instead be published in November. The following bus publications will be issued:

September 2012

- *Quarterly statistics, Q2 2012*. This release includes information on quarterly changes in bus fares, in response to a recommendation in the review of the bus fares index completed in 2011.
- Tables showing the annual fares index for 2011 and bus punctuality statistics for 2011/12 (collected from local authorities) have been published alongside the quarter two release as they are available now.

November 2012

- *Annual bus statistics 2011/12*. This publication will include final estimates of bus patronage in 2011/12, together with statistics for kilometres run, vehicles and staff. Following changes made to reduce burdens on bus operators, all statistics in this publication now relate to local bus services. Users of the statistics may wish to note that in redeveloping the data systems for these statistics, this publication will include revisions to figures for all years back to 2004/05. It is expected that these will typically be minor and will not affect trends shown significantly.
- Annual bus statistics 2011/12 will not contain provisional data on revenue, costs and government support for buses. As in previous years, final figures for these tables will be published alongside the Quarterly bus statistics Q3 2012 release in December to allow out-turn data from local government finance statistics (usually published in late November by DCLG) to be included.
- *Concessionary travel statistics 2011/12*. This is an update of the statistics on concessionary travel in England collected from local authorities. The 2010/11 edition was published in March 2012.

December 2012

- *Quarterly bus statistics Q3 2012 incorporating annual revenue and costs statistics*. This release will contain quarterly data on bus patronage and fares. This publication will also contain the tables on annual 2011/12 revenue, costs and government support for buses.

Future publications in the ‘bus’ series, 2013 onwards

The following provides brief details of publications in the ‘buses’ series in 2013. It is hoped that future years will follow a similar pattern, though further changes are possible to reflect user requirements and data availability.

Please check <http://www.dft.gov.uk/statistics/forthcoming-ts-publications/> which will be updated to reflect any changes, and will show exact publication dates at least 4 weeks prior to release.

Month	Quarterly statistics	Annual statistics
March	Q4 2012 – bus patronage and fares (tables bus0106 and bus0415)	Data from ATCO survey on local authority bus contracts (table bus 0504) Bus service provision and real time information (tables bus10xx)
June	Q1 2013 – bus patronage and fares (tables bus0106 and bus0415) including financial year totals (table bus0103 and bus0405)	
September/October	Q2 2013 – bus patronage and fares (tables bus0106 and bus0415)	Final annual figures on bus patronage, vehicle and passenger distance travelled, vehicles operated, staff employed and bus punctuality (tables bus01xx , bus02xx , bus03xx , bus06xx , bus07xx , bus09xx)
December	Q3 2013 – bus patronage and fares (tables bus0106 and bus0415)	Final annual figures on revenue, costs and support (tables bus04xx , bus05xx)

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