Measurement template

Field	Notes
Short title	Rail Passenger Miles
Technical definition	The total number of miles covered by passengers on rail journeys over a set time period
Rationale	Publishing this information forms part of the Government's wider transparency agenda.
Formula	Passenger kilometres totals are published quarterly by the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR). The rail industry's central ticketing system, LENNON, is the basis for passenger kilometres data. LENNON holds information on the vast majority of national rail tickets purchased in Great Britain and is used to allocate the revenue from ticket sales between train operating companies. ORR also receives quarterly non-LENNON kilometres data from train operators. Non-LENNON data are information not recorded within the LENNON system such as operator specific tickets and Passenger Transport Executive (PTE) multi-modal tickets. The statistics are converted to miles by DfT for the purposes of this publication.
Start date	October 2012
Latest data	Data are published quarterly, 2 to 3 months after the end of the quarter.
Behavioural impact	NA
Comparability	Total rail passenger miles can be compared directly against other transport modes and other countries.
Collection frequency	Quarterly
Time lag	2 to 3 months
Data source	Office of Rail Regulation Data Portal http://dataportal.orr.gov.uk Totals are converted from kilometres to miles.

Type of data	Passenger kilometres data are official statistics
Robustness and data limitations	See methodological notes published by ORR: http://dataportal.orr.gov.uk
Collecting organisation	Data are collected through both through LENNON, the rail industry's central ticketing system, and directly from train operators.
Return format	Billion passenger miles
Geographical coverage	Great Britain
How indicator can be broken down	Train operator sectors (Long Distance, London and South East and Regional operators), train operators.