

Public transport in the Barcelona area ends 2021 with 718 million journeys, 27 % more than in 2020

- All modes of transport combined recover 152 million validations, but still remain at 68 % of the demand when compared with 2019
- As a basic and essential service, the public transport network has enabled safe mobility during the different phases of the pandemic

Barcelona, 21 January 2022.- In the second year of the COVID-19 pandemic that was declared in March 2020, the Metropolitan Transport Authority (Autoritat del Transport Metropolità – ATM) ended 2021 with a recorded demand for public transport in the Barcelona area of almost **718 million journeys, 27 % higher than in 2020**. In 2020, there was a homogenous fall in demand of around 45 % compared with 2019, whilst last year demand for public transport **already reached 68 %** of the figure recorded the year before the pandemic. In 2021, despite recording 152.2 million more journeys than in 2020, we were still far from the record of 1,056.6 million journeys recorded in 2019, which represents a 32.1 % drop in demand compared with the pre-pandemic situation. The efforts made by all public transport system operators in applying safety, protection and hygiene measures against COVID-19 have restored the population's confidence in the use of public transport, which has continued to offer maximum service levels.

OPERADORS	VIATGES ANY 2021	VIATGES ANY 2020	VIATGES ANY 2019	2021 / 2020		2021 / 2019	
				absoluts	%	absoluts	%
Metro	278,203	217,930	411,946	60,273	27,66%	-133,743	-32,47%
Bus TMB	147,266	115,464	215,399	31,803	27,54%	-68,133	-31,63%
Total TMB	425,470	333,394	627,345	92,076	27,62%	-201,875	-32,18%
Bus Metropolità (gestió indirecta)	69,688	55,818	102,796	13,871	24,85%	-33,107	-32,21%
Total AMB (TMB + gestió indirecta)	495,158	389,211	730,141	105,947	27,22%	-234,983	-32,18%
FGC	60,938	47,516	91,058	13,422	28,25%	-30,121	-33,08%
Rodalies Catalunya (Renfe)	76,548	62,082	119,208	14,466	23,30%	-42,660	-35,79%
Tramvia	20,386	16,007	29,772	4,379	27,36%	-9,386	-31,53%
Autobusos DGTM	30,960	23,557	41,531	7,403	31,43%	-10,571	-25,45%
Autobusos urbans	33,484	26,895	44,866	6,590	24,50%	-11,381	-25,37%
TOTAL	717,474	565,268	1.056,575	152,205	26,9%	-339,102	-32,1%
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Rodalies Catalunya (Renfe)	0,104	0,076	0,134	0,029	37,97%	-0,030	-22,37%
Autobusos DGTM	0,358	0,290	0,455	0,068	23,40%	-0,097	-21,30%
TOTAL	0,463	0,366	0,590	0,097	26,4%	-0,127	-21,5%
TOTAL VIATGES	717,936	565,634	1057,165	152,302	26,9%	-339,229	-32,1%

Data in millions

*DGTM: Directorate-General for Transport and Mobility (Direcció General de Transports i Mobilitat)

Demand grew throughout 2021 and, apart from the usual fall in the months of July and August, the upward trend continued until December. It was in this last month of 2021, coinciding with the arrival of the sixth wave of COVID-19 infections, that a change the trend occurred.

mensuals	VIATGES MES ANY 2021	VIATGES MES ANY 2020	VIATGES MES ANY 2019	2021 / 2020		2021 / 2019		7a CORONA			2021 / 2020		2021 / 2019	
				absoluts	%	absoluts	%	ANY 2021	ANY 2020	ANY 2019	absoluts	%	absoluts	%
gener	43,648	88,279	88,640	-44,631	-50,56%	-44,992	-50,76%	0,026	0,050	0,047	-0,024	-48,62%	-0,022	-45,46%
febrer	47,721	90,367	85,489	-42,645	-47,19%	-37,767	-44,18%	0,029	0,051	0,047	-0,022	-42,39%	-0,018	-37,94%
març	58,429	44,259	94,614	14,170	32,02%	-36,186	-38,25%	0,037	0,027	0,051	0,010	35,92%	-0,014	-27,43%
abril	55,153	6,967	88,264	48,186	691,68%	-33,111	-37,51%	0,036	0,003	0,050	0,033	1035,12%	-0,014	-28,38%
maig	60,713	16,070	97,124	44,643	277,80%	-36,411	-37,49%	0,039	0,008	0,048	0,031	411,81%	-0,009	-19,19%
juny	63,057	34,909	87,374	28,149	80,63%	-24,317	-27,83%	0,038	0,018	0,048	0,020	111,27%	-0,010	-20,92%
juliol	59,987	46,587	89,072	13,400	28,76%	-29,085	-32,65%	0,038	0,031	0,049	0,007	21,03%	-0,011	-22,84%
agost	46,959	35,037	64,448	11,922	34,03%	-17,489	-27,14%	0,038	0,033	0,046	0,005	15,28%	-0,007	-15,95%
setembre	66,438	50,048	84,807	16,390	32,75%	-18,369	-21,66%	0,044	0,036	0,049	0,008	22,05%	-0,005	-10,39%
octubre	73,824	54,814	99,072	19,010	34,68%	-25,248	-25,48%	0,048	0,039	0,053	0,010	25,42%	-0,004	-7,71%
novembre	76,313	47,714	92,619	28,599	59,94%	-16,306	-17,61%	0,047	0,034	0,052	0,013	36,75%	-0,005	-10,28%
desembre	65,232	50,220	85,053	15,012	29,89%	-19,821	-23,30%	0,042	0,035	0,049	0,007	19,63%	-0,007	-14,42%
TOTAL	717,474	565,268	1.056,575	152,205	26,93%	-339,102	-32,09%	0,463	0,366	0,590	0,097	26,40%	-0,127	-21,55%

With regard to the use of transport tickets, the tariff policy of maintaining the fares in 2021 meant that the ticket use structure remained the same as in 2020, with over 55 % of validations being with travel cards (frequent use of public transport).

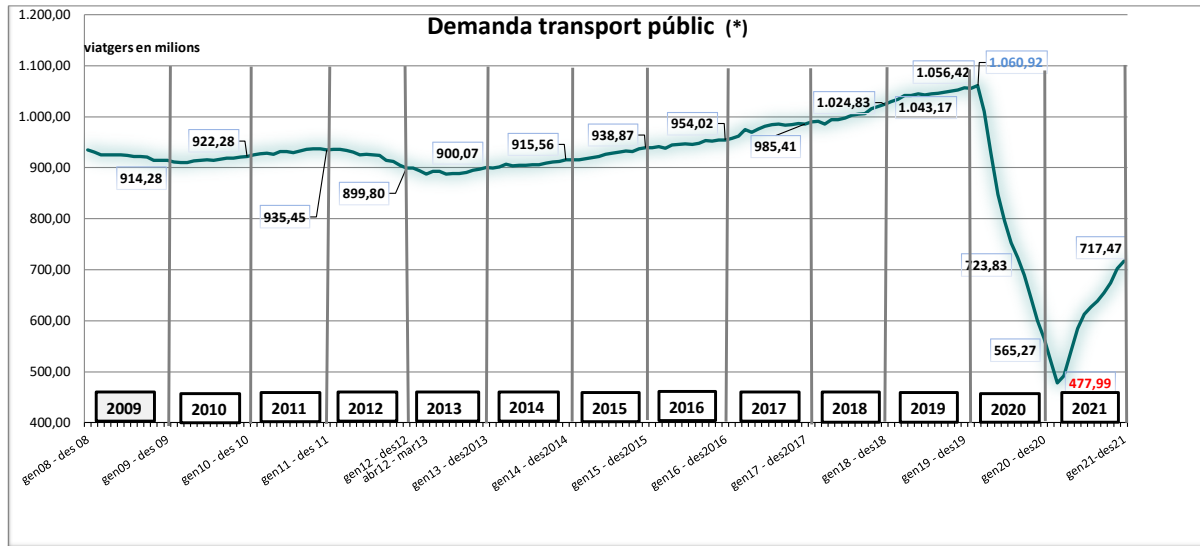
The percentage of discounted fares (T-16, T-jove, transport tickets for single-parent families and large families and for the unemployed) continued to rise slightly compared with other tickets, representing 19.14 % in 2021, whilst it was 16.75 % in 2020 and 14.53 % in 2019.

TÍTOL	Ac. desembre 2021		Ac. desembre 2020		Ac. desembre 2019		INCREMENT 21 / 20		INCREMENT 21 / 19	
	VALIDACIONS	%	VALIDACIONS	%	VALIDACIONS	%	Abs.	%	Abs.	%
Targetes multiviatge (T-casual, T-70/30, T-familiar)	221.289.517	30,84%	179.933.927	31,84%	489.295.669	46,31%	41.355.590	22,98%	-268.006.152	-54,77%
Abonaments (T-usual)	190.065.580	26,49%	155.274.816	27,48%	138.804.375	13,14%	34.790.764	22,41%	51.261.205	36,93%
Abonaments socials (T-16, T-jove, T-FW/FN, T-mes/usual bonificada)	137.305.378	19,14%	94.650.069	16,75%	153.569.416	14,53%	42.655.309	45,07%	-16.264.038	-10,59%
Resta títols	6.127.982	0,85%	4.219.300	0,75%	11.901.869	1,13%	1.908.682	45,24%	-5.773.887	-48,51%
Total títols ATM	554.788.457	77,33%	434.078.112	76,81%	793.571.329	75,11%	120.710.345	27,81%	-238.782.872	-30,09%
Total títols socials AMB / FGC	83.659.794	11,66%	69.720.439	12,34%	121.863.910	11,53%	13.939.355	19,99%	-38.204.116	-31,35%
Total títols propis	79.025.318	11,01%	61.319.630	10,85%	141.140.067	13,36%	17.705.688	28,87%	-62.114.749	-44,01%
TOTAL SISTEMA	717.473.569	100,00%	565.118.181	100,00%	1.056.575.306	100,00%	152.355.388	26,96%	-339.101.737	-32,09%

The drop in the number of journeys continues to result in a reduction in revenue throughout the entire integrated tariff system. As far as integrated tickets are concerned, the revenue collected in 2021 was **353 million euros**, which, despite being **20 % more than in 2020**, still represents nearly 35 % less than in 2019, before the pandemic.

	2021	2020	2019	Abs. 21/20	% 21/20	Abs. 21/19	Abs. 21/19
	Ac. desembre	Ac. desembre	Ac. desembre				
RECAPTACIÓ TÍTOLS INTEGRATS (€)	353.003.427,10	293.012.627,47	540.849.378,20	59.990.799,64	20,47%	-187.845.951,10	-34,73%
VALIDACIONS TÍTOLS INTEGRATS	554.788.457	434.078.112	793.571.329	120.710.345	27,81%	-238.782.872	-30,09%

The following graph shows, year on year, the public transport system's accumulated demand, expressed in millions of journeys. It can be seen that in 2021 there was a steady recovery up to December, coinciding with the arrival of the sixth wave of the pandemic.



The comparative evolution in demand over the last three years is also shown, highlighting the drop in March 2020 at the start of the pandemic. From April 2020, a steady recovery can be observed, only interrupted in the month of August of both years and by the successive waves of infection, including the sixth, with a marked decline in December 2021.

2021 ended with the expectation of a gradual recovery in demand for public transport in 2022, with the hope that it will reach pre-pandemic levels by 2023.

At all times, the administrations and all transport operators will continue to comply strictly with the regulations determined by the health authorities and with the **reinforcement of safety and hygiene protocols to help fight the epidemic outbreak**, providing constant ventilation systems, the installation of partitions in buses, and communicating obligations and regulations to ensure user safety. Thus, at the moment, it is still obligatory to wear a well-fitted mask and people are advised to make their journeys in silence, not to eat or drink, to apply hand sanitiser gel, and to avoid crowds.