

Public transport in the Barcelona area closed 2023 with a record number of 1,087 million journeys, 17% more than in 2022

- All the means of transport together recorded 158 million more validations than in 2022, a figure 3% above the demand in 2019.
- The proportion of passes continued to increase, accounting for 80% of the integrated tickets in 2023 and 60% of the total number of tickets in the system. The T-usual was the one most often used (29%).
- Validations with T-mobilitat, which accounted for approximately 65% of the total of integrated passes, recorded over 305 million journeys in 2023.

Barcelona, 25 January 2024.- The Autoritat del Transport Metropolità closed 2023 with recorded demand for public transport in the Barcelona area totalling close to **1,087 million journeys**, which represents **17% more than last year and a new high**, exceeding the figure of 1,057 million journeys in 2019. During the year, around 158 million more journeys than in 2022 were recorded, with nearly 30 million more than in the pre-pandemic situation of 2019, representing **3% higher demand than in the last pre-Covid year**.

The demand increased in 2023 and the upward trend continued until December, with the third quarter gaining the most passengers in comparison with 2019.

quadrimestral	VIATGES	VIATGES	VIATGES	VIATGES	VIATGES	2023 / 2022		2023 / 2019	
	QUADRIMESTRE ANY 2023	QUADRIMESTRE ANY 2022	QUADRIMESTRE ANY 2021	QUADRIMESTRE ANY 2020	QUADRIMESTRE ANY 2019	absoluts	%	absoluts	%
1r Quadrimestre	357,101	288,338	204,972	229,871	357,007	68,763	23,85%	0,094	0,03%
2n Quadrimestre	350,305	297,621	230,809	132,603	338,018	52,684	17,70%	12,287	3,64%
3r Quadrimestre	379,100	342,298	284,550	202,645	361,550	36,802	10,75%	17,550	4,85%
TOTAL	1.086,506	928,257	720,331	565,118	1.056,575	158,249	17,05%	29,931	2,83%

(dades en milions)

Among the rail operators, the Metro was in the lead in terms of demand recovery compared to 2019 and ended 2023 only 6.8% points below the pre-pandemic figures, followed by the tram (+4%). Rodalies de Catalunya (Renfe) also recovered its travel data for 2019 (+0.63%) and FGC almost matched the data recorded in the last year before Covid.

As for bus travel, the recovery of the intercity bus (+9.28%) stood out, followed by the urban bus (+3.99%) and the metropolitan bus (+2.74). As for the TMB bus, the number of passengers increased by 16% compared to 2022, although it still stood 3.9 points higher than in the last pre-pandemic year.

OPERADORS	VIATGES ANY 2023	VIATGES ANY 2022	VIATGES ANY 2021	VIATGES ANY 2020	VIATGES ANY 2019	2023/22		2023 / 2019	
						absoluts	%	absoluts	%
Metro	440,064	371,679	278,239	217,930	411,946	68,385	18,40%	28,118	6,83%
Bus TMB	206,980	178,174	147,274	115,464	215,399	28,806	16,17%	-8,420	-3,91%
Total TMB	647,043	549,853	425,513	333,394	627,345	97,191	17,68%	19,698	3,14%
Bus Metropolità (gestió indirecta)	105,609	92,834	71,809	55,818	102,796	12,774	13,76%	2,813	2,74%
Total AMB (TMB + gestió indirecta)	752,652	642,687	497,322	389,211	730,141	109,965	17,11%	22,511	3,08%
FGC	90,888	79,023	60,990	47,516	91,058	11,864	15,01%	-0,170	-0,19%
Rodalies Catalunya (Renfe)	119,963	100,276	76,547	62,082	119,208	19,687	19,63%	0,756	0,63%
Tramvia	30,963	26,730	20,386	16,007	29,772	4,233	15,84%	1,190	4,00%
Autobusos DG TM	45,384	40,148	31,278	23,557	41,531	5,236	13,04%	3,853	9,28%
Autobusos urbans	46,656	39,393	33,808	26,745	44,866	7,263	18,44%	1,791	3,99%
TOTAL	1.086,506	928,257	720,331	565,118	1.056,575	158,249	17,0%	29,931	2,8%

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Rodalies Catalunya (Renfe)	0,038	0,117	0,104	0,076	0,134	-0,078	-67,31%	-0,096	-71,62%
Autobusos DG TM	0,535	0,449	0,358	0,290	0,455	0,085	19,03%	0,079	17,40%
TOTAL	0,573	0,566	0,463	0,366	0,590	0,007	1,2%	-0,017	-2,9%

TOTAL VIATGERS	1087,079	928,823	720,794	565,484	1057,165	158,256	17,0%	29,914	2,8%
<small>(dades en milions)</small>									

*DGTM: Directorate General of Transport and Mobility

The use of passes grew and the T-usual became the most popular kind of ticket

With regard to the use of travel tickets, **80% of journeys with integrated tickets in 2023 were made with passes** (recurring use of public transport: T-usual, T-jove, T-16 and passes for single-parent and large families), amounting to a 15.4% increase compared to 2022.

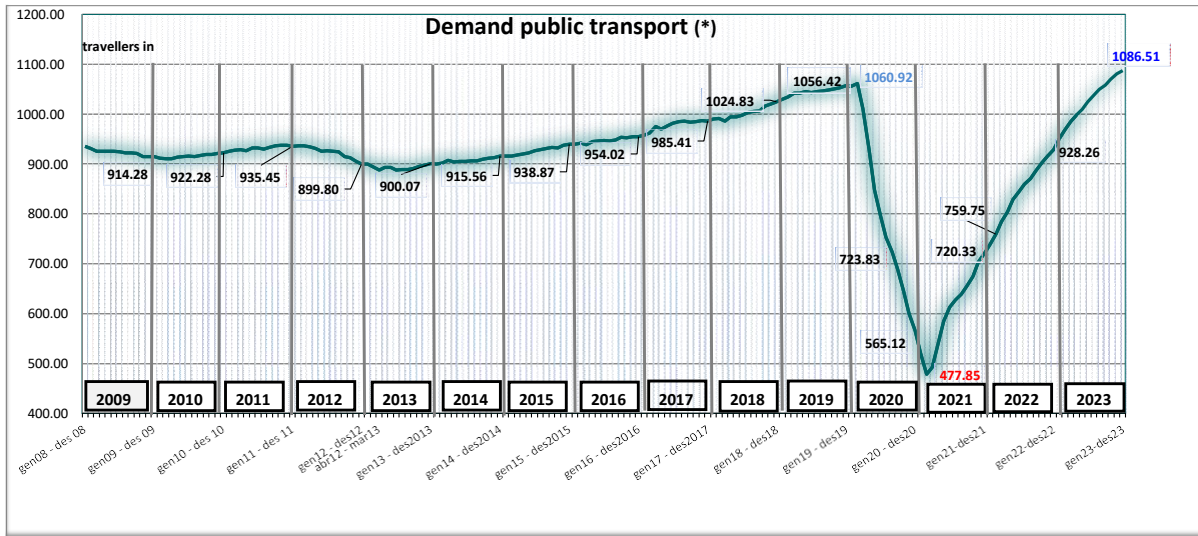
The **T-usual pass thus positioned itself as the most popular transport ticket in the entire network** of the integrated fare system (29% of the total).

TICKE T	2023		2022		2021		2020		2019		INCREASE 23 / 22		INCREASE 23 / 19	
	Uqd. December VALIDATIONS	%	Uqd. December VALIDATIONS	%	Uqd. December VALIDATIONS	%	Uqd. December VALIDATIONS	%	Uqd. December VALIDATIONS	%	Abs.	%	Abs.	%
Multi-trip cards (T-casual, T-70/30, T-familiar)	157679873	14.51%	242.705.618	26.15%	221934525	30.81%	179974375	31.85%	489295669	46.31%	-85025745	-35.03%	-331615796	-67.77%
Passes (T-usual)	403842740	37.17%	269605320	29.04%	190655911	26.47%	155296910	27.48%	134341692	12.71%	134237421	49.79%	269501048	200.61%
Social passes (T-16, T-jove, T-FM/FN, T-mensual with discount)	244227830	22.48%	182989664	19.71%	137890951	19.14%	94671097	16.75%	165471285	15.66%	61238165	33.47%	78756545	47.60%
Other tickets	4815852	0.44%	5540854	0.60%	6164030	0.86%	4215931	0.75%	4462683	0.42%	-725002	-13.08%	353169	7.91%
Total ATM tickets	810566295	74.60%	700841456	75.50%	556645417	77.28%	434158313	76.83%	793571329	75.11%	109724839	15.66%	16994966	2.14%
Total social tickets AMB /	102397840	9.42%	94285657	10.16%	84241575	11.69%	69735944	12.34%	121889415	11.54%	8112183	8.60%	-19491575	-15.99%
Total own tickets	173542104	15.97%	133130291	14.34%	79444213	11.03%	61223924	10.83%	141114562	13.36%	40411813	30.36%	32427542	22.98%
TOTAL SYSTEM	1086506239	100.00%	928257404	100.00%	720331205	100.00%	565118181	100.00%	1056575306	100.00%	158248835	17.05%	29930933	2.83%

As for integrated tickets, the T-casual, the main multi-trip ticket, continues its decline; in 2019 it accounted for 53.5% of all integrated tickets (the one most used by far), but it has fallen to second place, accounting for 17%, well below the figure for the T-usual, which is now the one most used, with a proportion totalling over 50% of [the integrated ATM tickets of Barcelona](#)

2023 was characterised by the maintenance of the rates for 2022, the special discounts applied starting in September 2022 (a 50% discount on the T-usual and T-jove in all their versions) and the expansion of the T-jove up to the age of 30, as well as the unification of the price for six zones and that of one.

The graph below shows, year on year, the accumulated demand for the public transport system, expressed in millions of journeys. Thus, during 2023, a sustained recovery is observed throughout the year.



T-mobilitat, with penetration totalling 65%, recorded more than 305 million journeys in 2023

In 2023, T-mobilitat recorded more than 305 million validations with integrated passes, accounting for 37% of the annual total. As of now, these validations already amount to **2 million per day**, which means that the penetration level of the contactless and rechargeable validation system **has already reached around 65%**.

At present, practically the entire range of integrated passes of the Barcelona ATM can be used with the new contactless system. All that remains is the integration of the T-usual for the unemployed, the T-verda and the T-dia, which will do so in the coming months.