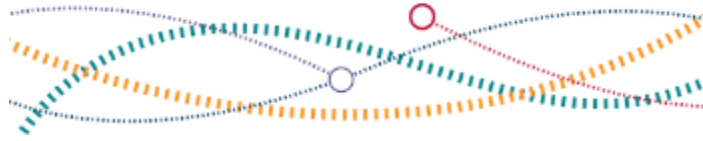# ORR rail statistics

Newsletter

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This newsletter aims to update our statistics users about changes and improvements we are making over the next few months to the statistics we publish on the [ORR data portal](#). We post information on our [user engagement page](#), however we would like to ensure you are kept up to date directly with any changes to the statistics you may use.

We hope you find the information useful and welcome any questions or feedback. Please email us at: rail.stats@orr.gov.uk. If you would **not** like to receive this newsletter in future, please email us using this [unsubscribe](#) link.

Delay to some upcoming publications

In our last quarterly [Passenger Rail Usage](#) statistical release (published 8 June) we highlighted a technical issues in LENNON (the data source for these statistics) which resulted in overestimates for Elizabeth line passenger journeys and kilometres. We have been working with TfL to obtain data to adjust the numbers from LENNON to more accurately reflect the actual number of journeys made and kilometres travelled, both historically and going forwards. This is taking longer than we had hoped, but is essential work, therefore we need to delay the next quarterly publication. We are hoping to be able to publish this by the end of October. We will update the [publication dates](#) on our data portal when we can confirm the exact date (which will be set at least four weeks in advance of publication).

As passenger usage data is used as a normaliser in some of our other statistical releases, these have been delayed too, i.e. quarterly [Passenger Rail Service Complaints](#) and annual [Rail Emissions](#). Again, we will set the exact date for these as soon as possible after we have accurate usage data.

Improvements to Rail Emissions statistics

In our next Rail Emissions statistical release, covering the year April 2022 to March 2023, we are planning to publish fuel consumption and associated emissions for each individual Passenger and Freight operating company. Previously, published data have been aggregated totals only. Additionally, we have been collecting more data from operators, e.g. water usage and waste, and hope to be able to publish that in the future as well, to widen the scope of publicly available rail environmental data.

Data portal upgrade

Our data portal has seen some improvements recently which means pages load faster and it is easier to see the different format options available when downloading data tables.

If you have any feedback about our data portal please email us.

Rail Data Marketplace

The Rail Data Marketplace (RDM) is a central platform for finding and sharing data from across the rail sector. See: raildata.org.uk.

We have recently made available via the RDM a copy of our recently updated Station Attributes data table, which is also published on our own data portal (Table 6329). Usually, the RDM would not duplicate data published on our portal, but we agreed with DfT and RDG that this is a useful dataset for the RDM to also show as it contains reference data rather than statistics for all stations in Great Britain, e.g. geographic data.

Following support from operators' open data champions and endorsement from RDG's Data Committee, we are working on making the Origin and Destination Matrix (ODM) available via the RDM soon. This is the dataset which underpins our annual Estimates of Station Usage and Regional Rail Usage statistical releases. The ODM contains the number of journeys between every pair of stations in Great Britain.