

# Disabled Persons Railcards

## 2021-22 rail periods 1 to 4 (1 April 2021 to 24 July 2021)

4 November 2021

### Background:

This factsheet contains information on **Disabled Persons Railcards (DPRC)** in circulation and issued (by one and three years in length) in Great Britain.

DPRC enable disabled passengers to get a discount of a third off adult travel on the National Rail network in Great Britain.

We collect this data as part of our [Accessible Travel Policy \(ATP\)](#) compliance monitoring.

Source: Rail Delivery Group

Latest periods: 2021-22 rail periods 1 to 4 (1 April 2021 to 24 July 2021)

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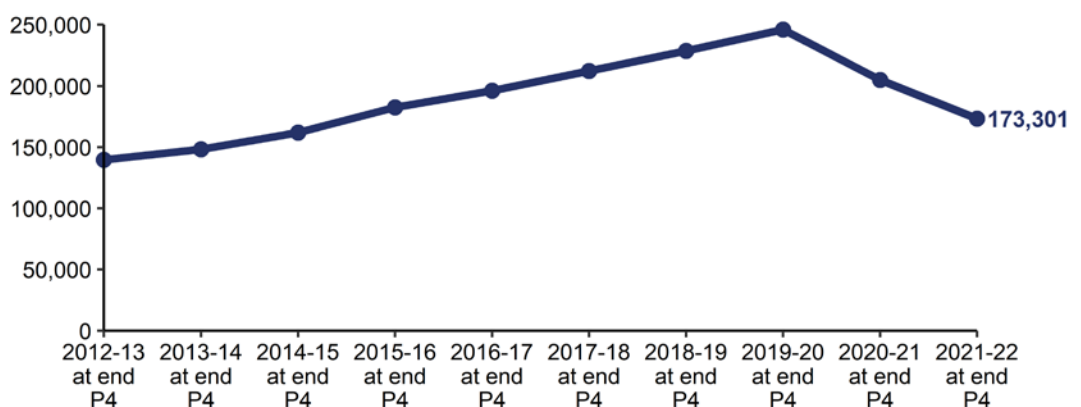
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The number of Disabled Persons Railcards (DPRC) in circulation decreased in the last two years as [rail passenger journeys](#) declined due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. However, as rail usage has begun to increase during 2021-22 rail periods 1 to 4, there has been an increase in the number of DPRC issued. Similar to rail journeys, the number of DPRC issued and in circulation both remain significantly below pre-coronavirus years.

There were **173,301 DPRC in circulation** at the end of 2021-22 rail period 4 (24 July 2021). This represents a decrease of 15.4% compared with a year ago, and is 29.6% lower than two years ago.

**Figure 1.1 Fewer DPRC were in circulation at the end of 2021-22 P4 compared with the previous year**

DPRC in circulation at the end of rail period 4 each year, Great Britain, 2012-13 to 2021-22 (Table 4310)



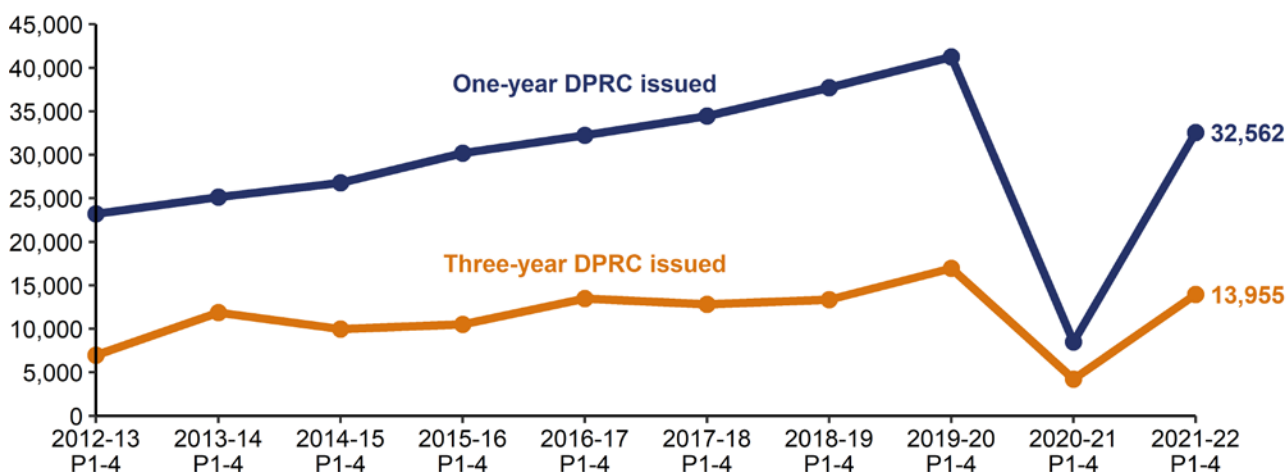
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Overall, **32,562 one-year DPRC** were issued during 2021-22 rail periods 1 to 4. This is almost 4 times (284.3%) higher than the same rail periods in 2020-21. However, this is still down 21.1% compared with the same rail periods in 2019-20.

There were **13,955 three-year DPRC** issued during 2021-22 rail periods 1 to 4. This is over 3 times (230.1%) higher than the same rail periods in 2020-21. However, this is still down 17.6% compared with the same rail periods in 2019-20.

**Figure 1.2 The number of DPRC issued has increased but remains below pre-coronavirus years**

DPRC issued, Great Britain, rail periods 1 to 4, 2012-13 to 2021-22 (Table 4310)

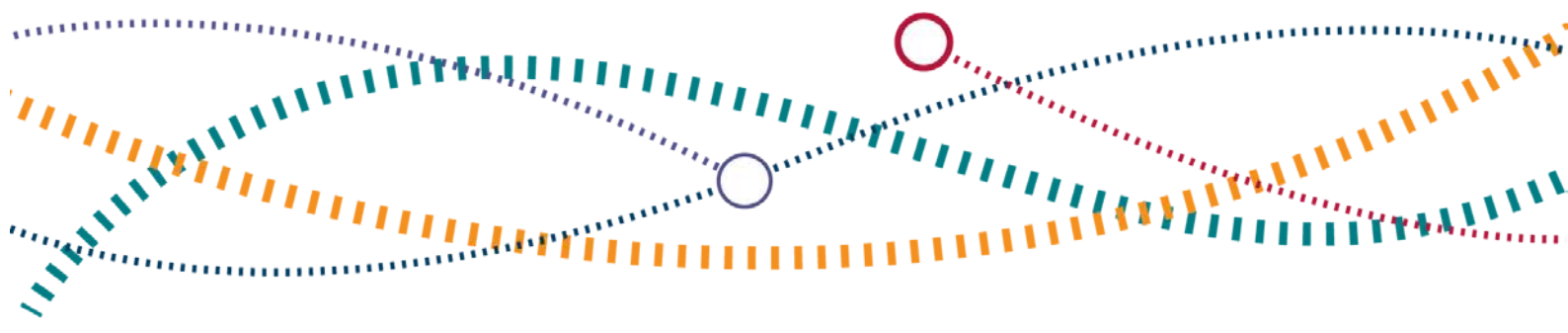


## Definitions

- **DPRC** enable disabled passengers to get a discount of a third off adult rail fares for travel on the National Rail network in Great Britain.
- **DPRC in circulation:** The number of Disabled Persons Railcards in circulation which are valid to use for a discount on rail fares. This includes both one-year and three-year railcards.
- **DPRC issued:** The number of Disabled Persons Railcards that have been issued during the year. These can be either for one year or three years in length.

## Data tables

Table 4310 - *Disabled Persons Railcards (DPRC) in circulation and issued* can be accessed on the [Disabled Persons Railcards page](#) of the data portal free of charge in OpenDocument Spreadsheet (.ods) format. We can also provide data in csv format on request.





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