

# Disabled Persons Railcards

## 2021-22 rail periods 5 to 7 (25 July 2021 to 16 October 2021)

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### 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 5 to 7 (25 July 2021 to 16 October 2021)

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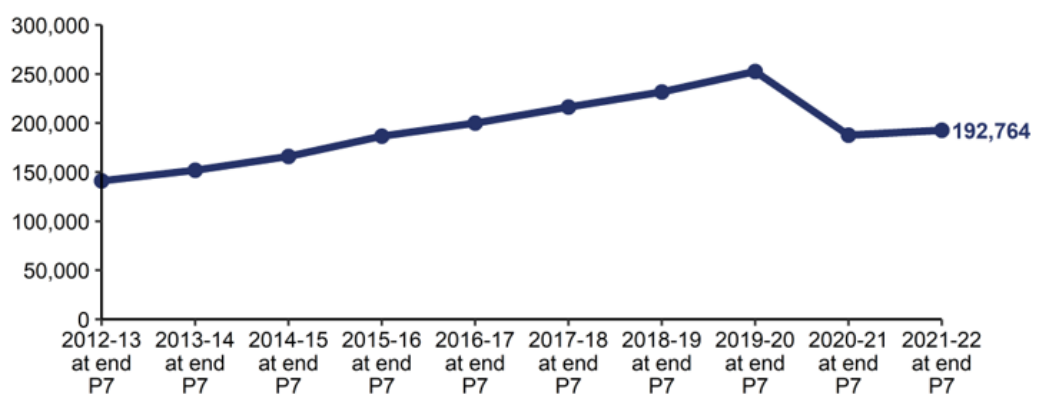
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The number of Disabled Persons Railcards (DPRC) in circulation increased slightly in 2021-22 rail periods 5 to 7 compared with the same rail periods last year but remains significantly lower than before the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. As [rail passenger journeys](#) increased during the second quarter of 2021-22 (1 July to 30 September 2021), the number of DPRC issued increased and is now above pre-pandemic levels.

There were **192,764 DPRC in circulation** at the end of 2021-22 rail period 7 (16 October 2021). This represents an increase of 2.7% compared with a year ago but is 23.7% lower than two years ago.

**Figure 1.1 The number of DPRC in circulation remains lower than before the pandemic**

DPRC in circulation at the end of rail period 7 each year, Great Britain, 2012-13 to 2021-22 (Table 4310)



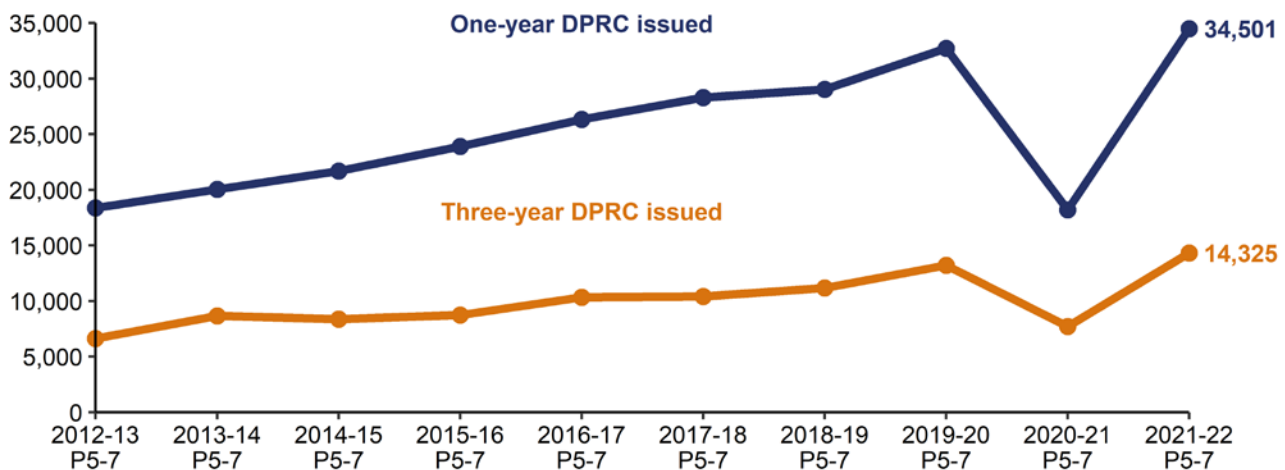
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Overall, **34,501 one-year DPRC** were issued during 2021-22 rail periods 5 to 7. This is 89.7% higher than the same rail periods in 2020-21 and 5.4% higher than the same rail periods in 2019-20.

There were **14,325 three-year DPRC** issued during 2021-22 rail periods 5 to 7. This is 85.9% higher than the same rail periods in 2020-21 and 8.4% higher than the same rail periods in 2019-20.

**Figure 1.2 The number of DPRC issued is now higher than before the pandemic**  
DPRC issued, Great Britain, rail periods 5 to 7, 2012-13 to 2020-21 (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. The format of this table was changed in January 2022 to improve accessibility. We can also provide data in csv format on request.



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