

ORR rail statistics



Newsletter

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It has been some time since we issued our last Office of Rail and Road (ORR) rail statistics newsletter (in 2023!). We have had a few staff changes since including a new Head of Profession for Statistics, Jay Symonds.

This newsletter aims to update our statistics users about recent and future changes and improvements we are making to the statistics we publish on the [ORR data portal](#). We also 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 no longer wish to receive this newsletter and would like to be removed from our distribution list, please email us using this [unsubscribe link](#).

ORR data portal

During 2025, we launched newly formatted periodic data tables on our [data portal](#), allowing users to download the latest data in xlsx, csv or json format. These reports are updated every four weeks using the latest rail period data available and cover passenger and freight rail performance and freight rail usage.

In the coming months, we will be adding tables on passenger journeys and passenger revenue to our suite of periodic reports; these will be disaggregated by Department for Transport Operator Limited (DFTO) and non-DFTO train companies.

We will also be launching a new public consumption API soon, which will give users the opportunity to run bespoke queries against the periodic data we publish. We plan to expand the API to cover our other official statistics later in 2026.

In Spring 2026, we will be running a survey to gather users' feedback on the data portal itself as well as our statistical outputs.

If you have any feedback about our data portal, please [email us](#).

Developing our published rail statistics

In November, we published our latest [Rail environment statistics](#), covering the year April 2024 to March 2025. This release includes official statistics in development on non-traction energy consumption, water consumption and waste generation for passenger and freight operators. We expect to publish a development plan in the

coming months to involve users and stakeholders in assessing their suitability and quality.

We started publishing [Passenger lifts at stations statistics](#) last year. We expect to publish a plan for these official statistics in development later in the year.

In December, we published [Rail Trends 2025 statistics](#) jointly with Department for Transport (DfT). This replaced similar compendia statistics published by DfT and ORR respectively.

We welcome any feedback on these statistics via rail.stats@orr.gov.uk.

Station level data

In December, we published our latest [Estimates of station usage statistics](#). These present annual estimates of the number of entries and exits at each mainline train station in Great Britain. Alongside the statistical release, we also publish an interactive dashboard which allows users to search for data for their local station.

On the same day we published our [Regional rail use statistics](#) which include estimated passenger rail journeys within and between Scotland, Wales and the regions of England. The release document for these statistics included some changes to the content presented in previous years and a proposal to combine these statistics with Estimates of station usage.

The latest dataset that underpins both sets of statistics above, the Origin Destination Matrix (ODM), is available on the [Rail Data Marketplace](#). The ODM presents the number of passenger journeys between each pair of stations.

Since March 2025, we have been publishing new [Performance at stations data](#). This includes data on the punctuality and reliability of trains for individual stations. The interactive dashboard that sits alongside this data allows users to search and view performance data for their local station and how this has changed over time.