

Disabled Persons Railcards

Rail periods 11 to 13

4 January to 31 March 2026

30 June 2026

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: Rail periods 11 to 13 (4 January to 31 March 2026)

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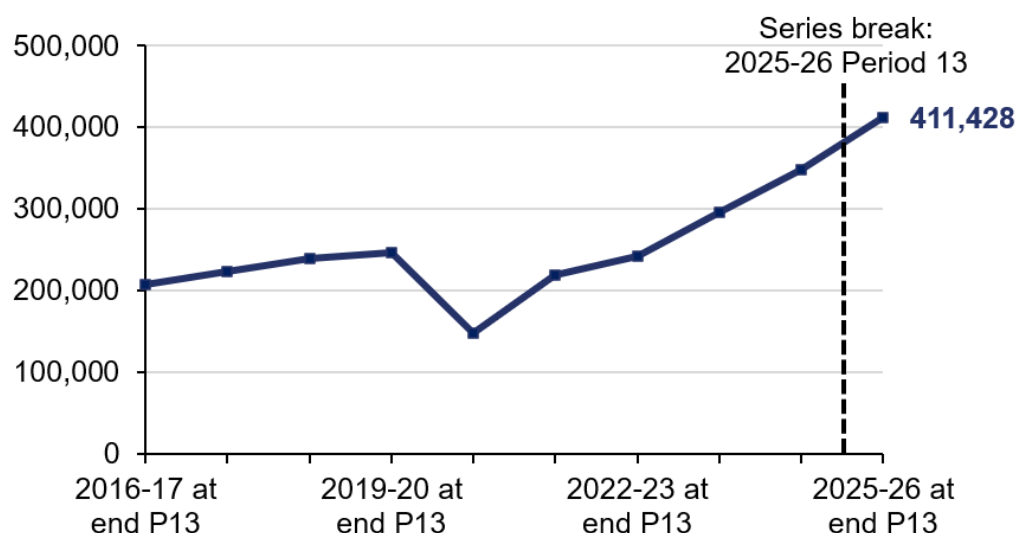
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There were **411,428 Disabled Persons Railcards (DPRC)** in circulation at the end of rail period 13 of the latest financial year (31 March 2026). This is an increase of 18% compared with the end of the same rail period in the previous year. This is the highest number in circulation since the start of the series in 2012.

Figure 1.1 DPRC in circulation at the end of rail period 13 since March 2017, Great Britain, (Table 4310)



Note: The [eligibility criteria for DPRC expanded](#) from 1 March 2026. See page 4 for details of the changes.

The data table, a quality and methodology report and interactive dashboard associated with this factsheet are published on the [Disabled Persons Railcards page](#) of the ORR data portal. Key definitions are at the end of this factsheet.

Impact of changes to the eligibility criteria

The [eligibility criteria for DPRC expanded](#) on 1 March 2026. See page 4 for details of the changes.

A total of 26,314 **one-year DPRC** were issued in rail period 13 (1 March 2026 to 31 March 2026). This was up 78% on the 14,759 issued in period 13 of the previous year (2 March 2025 to 31 March 2026). The average increase in the preceding 13 periods was 15%.

A total of 9,902 **three-year DPRC** were issued in rail period 13. This was up 53% on the previous year. The average increase in the preceding 13 periods was 17%.

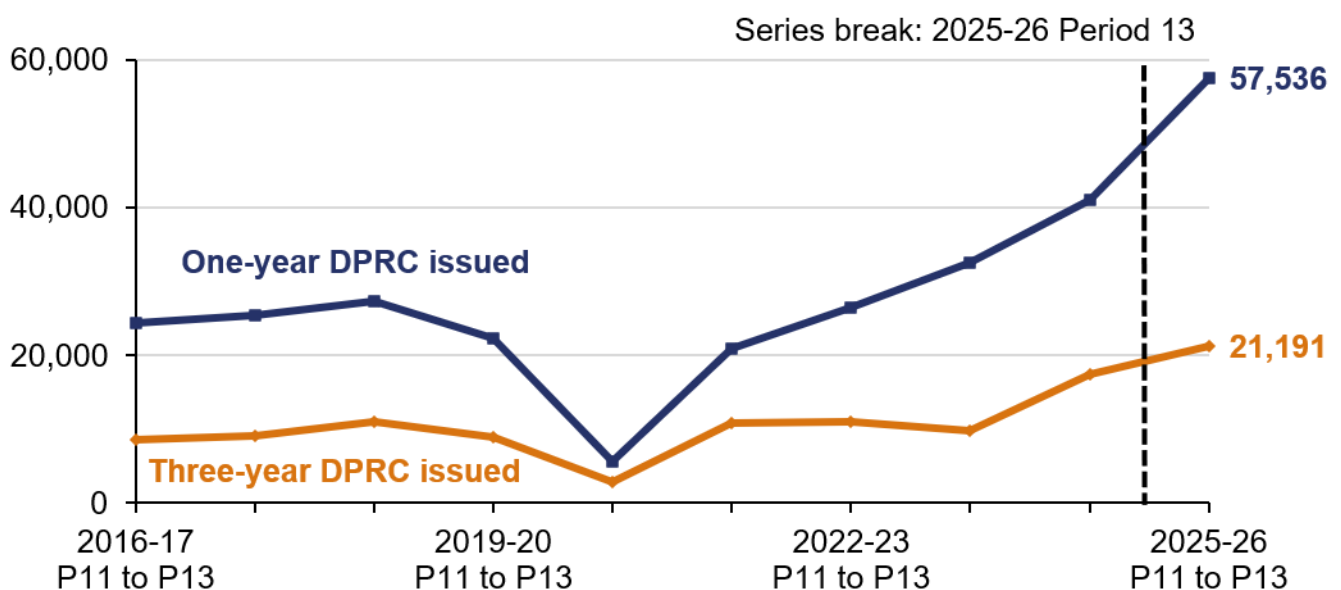
Rail periods 11 to 13

Overall, **57,536 one-year DPRC** were issued during rail periods 11 to 13 (4 January 2026 to 31 March 2026), an increase of 40% on the number issued in the same rail periods the previous year. This is the highest number issued for these rail periods since the start of the series in 2012.

There were **21,191 three-year DPRC** issued during rail periods 11 to 13, an increase of 21% on the number issued in the same rail periods the previous year. This is the highest number issued for these rail periods since the start of the series in 2012.

Figure 1.2 The number of one-year and three-year DPRC issued continues to increase

DPRC issued, Great Britain, rail periods 11 to 13 since March 2017 (Table 4310)



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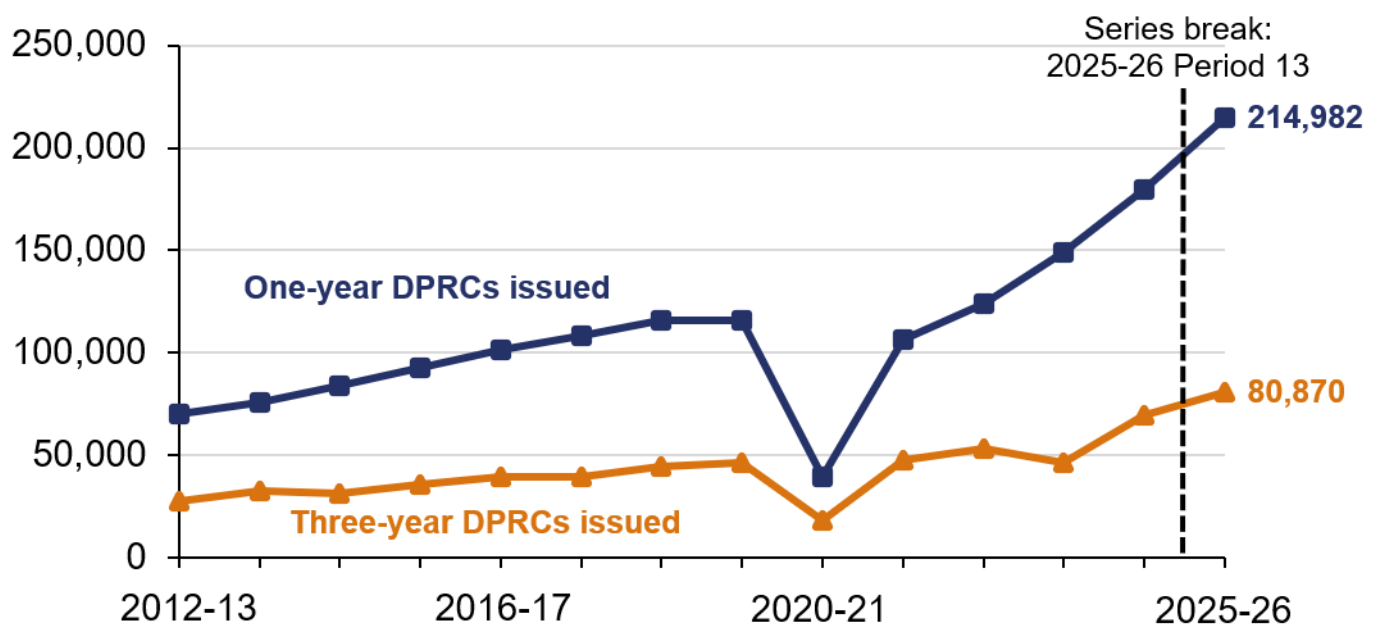
April 2025 To March 2026 annual

Overall, **214,982 one-year DPRC** were issued in the latest year (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026). This is an increase of 20% on the number issued in the previous year and is the highest number since the start of series in April 2012 to March 2013.

There were **80,870 three-year DPRC** issued in the latest year (1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026). This is an increase of 17% on the number issued in the previous year and is the highest number since the start of series in April 2012 to March 2013.

Figure 1.3 The number of one-year and three-year DPRC issued has increased

DPRC issued, Great Britain, annual data since April 2012 to March 202 (Table 4310)



Note: The [eligibility criteria for DPRC expanded](#) from 1 March 2026. See page 4 for details of the changes.

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 ORR 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.

Disabled Persons Railcard (DPRC) eligibility conditions

Since 1 March 2026, the [eligibility criteria for the Disabled Persons Railcard](#) have changed. Data from April 2025 to March 2026 period 13 is not comparable with earlier data. From 1 March 2026, eligibility for the Disabled Persons Railcard was expanded under Phase 1 of a reform agreed by Rail Delivery Group, Department for Transport, and the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee. Eligibility was extended to those who qualify under any of the following: receive a Disabled Persons Bus Pass in England, Scotland or Wales; receive a London Disabled Persons Freedom Pass; have a Blue Badge; are unable to drive on medical grounds; receive Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) benefits; receive Industrial Injuries Benefit for 20% degree of disablement or higher; are without speech.

More changes, further extending eligibility, are expected to launch in September 2026.

Revisions

There have been no revisions to previously published data.

Data presented in this release is correct at the time of publication and may change due to subsequent revisions.

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