

# Transport of passengers by bus and train

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**FEWER PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED IN FEBRUARY 1997**

*The total number of passengers transported reflected a decrease of 7,6% when February 1997 (75,9 million) is compared with February 1996 (82,1 million). The number of passengers transported by private undertakings and municipal passenger transport departments during February 1997 decreased by 18,0% each, whereas that transported by Transnet Ltd increased by 3,1% over the same period.*

The number of buses in stock of private transport undertakings increased by 3,9% from 8 144 in February 1996 to 8 461 in February 1997 and revenue-earning kilometres travelled increased by 3,8% (1,1 million kilometres). Total transport earnings increased by 16,2% over the same period.

The number of passengers transported during the three months ended February 1997 by private undertakings, Transnet Ltd and municipal passenger transport departments decreased by 11,43%, 9,3% and 6,3% respectively, after seasonal adjustment, compared with the previous three months.

Due to financial restrictions, this series will unfortunately be discontinued. The March 1997 survey, to be published in May 1997, will be the last edition in the P7141 series.

**NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED BY BUS/TRAIN FOR REWARD**

PERIOD		TYPE OF TRANSPORTER		
		PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS	TRANSNET LTD	MUNICIPAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENTS
ACTUAL FIGURES				
DEC. 1996	- FEB. 1997	1 000	78 150	102 128
DEC. 1995	- FEB. 1996	1 000	88 155	100 518
PERCENTAGE CHANGE		%	-11,3	+1,6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES				
				20 656
				22 848
				-9,6

DEC. 1996	-	FEB. 1997	1 000	82 313	109 575	22 377
SEP. 1996	-	NOV. 1996	1 000	92 899	120 759	23 870
PERCENTAGE CHANGE			%	-11,4	-9,3	-6,3

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. This statistical release contains data on the transport of passengers for reward by transporters which include private sector institutions (private undertakings which operate a public passenger transport service for reward), Transnet Ltd and municipal passenger transport departments.
2. In the case of public transport by private sector institutions the estimates are based on particulars collected by means of a monthly sample survey based on the results of the 1986 Census of transport and allied services.
3. Actual figures often show a seasonal pattern which means that every year figures show a specific repetitive tendency.  
An example is the fact that salaries and wages usually show a peak during December months. This seasonal effect is eliminated to produce seasonal adjusted figures which could be compared with that of the previous month.
4. As seasonally adjusted figures are recalculated monthly, small adjustments may occur each month.
5. To calculate the year figures, the following figures are used:
  - (i) Number of passenger buses: Average of year in question.
  - (ii) Number of persons employed: June figure.
6. Salaries and wages relate to gross salaries and wages and include, inter alia, overtime payments, allowances, commission and bonuses.

7. The average salaries and wages at constant 1990 prices is obtained by deflating the average salaries and wages at current prices by means of the consumer price index for the higher income group for Whites, that for the middle income group for Coloureds and Asians and that for the lower income group for Blacks on base 1990=100.

In order to improve timeliness, some information for the current month has been estimated due to late response. The information for the latest month is therefore preliminary and subject to revision.

#### 8. Symbols used

.. = not available

\* = revised

#### 1.1 PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS WORK PERFORMANCE STATISTICS

ITEM	UNIT	1997		1996	1996
		FEB.	JAN.	FEB.	
PASSENGER BUSES IN STOCK	NUMBER	8 461	8 519	8 144	8 107
PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED	1 000	26 769	25 460	32 638	377 461
REVENUE-EARNING KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	1 000	29 265	29 632	28 206	348 833
UNLADEN KILOMETRES TRAVELLED	1 000	3 699	3 560	2 976	36 459
TOTAL TRANSPORT EARNINGS	R1 000	167 385	155 346	144 092	1 869 812

NUMBER OF PASSENGERS TRANSPORTED BY BUS/TRAIN FOR REWARD

1 000

TYPE OF TRANSPORTER

YEAR AND MONTH	PRIVATE UNDERTAKINGS		TRANSNET LTD		MUNICIPAL PASSENGER TRANSPORT DEPARTMENTS	
	ACTUAL FIGURES	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES	ACTUAL FIGURES	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES	ACTUAL FIGURES	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES
1994	375 435		405 581		101 015	
1995	347 809		453 218		100 197	
1996	377 461		468 725		96 948	
1996 - J	30 330	32 420	29 900	35 221	8 088	8 331
F	32 638	32 942	40 584	36 229	8 902	8 471
M	33 992	31 519	52 193	39 871	8 786	7 690
A	31 511	34 199	26 420	37 917	7 929	9 010
M	33 232	33 830	38 587	39 719	9 205	8 759
J	32 687	31 637	41 048	41 507	7 848	7 408
J	29 049	29 922	37 274	38 720	7 759	8 135
A	30 655	30 209	42 554	41 254	8 353	7 820
S	32 274	30 634	47 082	42 056	7 897	7 760
O	33 032	31 533	40 704	38 511	8 582	8 223
N	32 140	30 730	42 929	40 190	7 939	7 886
D	25 921	27 982	29 450	35 555	5 660	7 504
1997 - J	25 460	27 290	30 842	36 443	7 697	7 910
F	26 769	27 040	41 836	37 577	7 299	6 961

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