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Average number trips by surface rail by purpose: Great Britain, 2002-2010

Surface rail trips per person per year									
Purpose	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commuting	6	7	8	7	7	8	8	7	8
Business	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1
Education/escort education	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Shopping	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Other escort	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Personal business	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Leisure/other ¹	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5
All purposes	13	14	16	16	16	17	18	16	19
Unweighted sample size:									
surface rail trips	3,622	4,521	5,071	5,192	5,395	5,720	5,586	5,687	6,001

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Average distance travelled by surface rail trips by purpose: Great Britain, 2002-2010

Surface rail distance per person per year (miles)									
Purpose	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commuting	159	148	168	155	167	180	183	160	185
Business	68	60	69	88	60	102	89	81	63
Education/escort education	15	21	18	21	22	19	19	21	22
Shopping	17	22	24	27	27	22	27	25	26
Other escort	4	3	5	3	7	7	6	6	7
Personal business	20	18	22	17	20	23	22	23	34
Leisure/other ¹	173	155	172	196	210	206	203	200	226
All purposes	455	427	478	508	514	559	548	516	564
Unweighted sample size:									
surface rail trips	3,622	4,521	5,071	5,192	5,395	5,720	5,586	5,687	6,001

¹ Visit friends at home and elsewhere, entertainment, sport, holiday, day trip and other (inc. just walk).

Source: National Travel Survey

Note: The results presented in this table are weighted. The base (unweighted sample size) is shown in the table for information. Weights are applied to adjust for non-response to ensure the characteristics of the achieved sample match the population of Great Britain and for the drop off in trip recording. The survey results are subject to sampling error. For more information on the NTS weighting methodology see Section 5 of the Technical Report at:

<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/statistics/series/national-travel-survey/nts2010-technical.pdf>

Also see Appendix A of the National Travel Survey for the background information and definitions used, available at:

<http://assets.dft.gov.uk/statistics/releases/national-travel-survey-2010/nts2010-notes.pdf>

Surface rail trips (proportion by purpose)									
Purpose	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commuting	47%	47%	49%	45%	45%	47%	48%	42%	45%
Business	8%	8%	8%	9%	7%	9%	8%	8%	7%
Education/escort education	7%	7%	8%	8%	8%	5%	6%	9%	7%
Shopping	8%	8%	8%	8%	10%	8%	8%	7%	8%
Other escort	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%
Personal business	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%
Leisure/other ¹	24%	25%	20%	25%	25%	25%	24%	27%	27%
All purposes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted sample size:									
surface rail trips	3,622	4,521	5,071	5,192	5,395	5,720	5,586	5,687	6,001

Surface rail distance travelled (proportion by purpose)									
Purpose	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commuting	35%	35%	35%	31%	33%	32%	33%	31%	33%
Business	15%	14%	14%	17%	12%	18%	16%	16%	11%
Education/escort education	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%
Shopping	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	5%
Other escort	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Personal business	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%
Leisure/other ¹	38%	36%	36%	39%	41%	37%	37%	39%	40%
All purposes	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted sample size:									
surface rail trips	3,622	4,521	5,071	5,192	5,395	5,720	5,586	5,687	6,001

Sample size - surface rail trips by purpose: Great Britain, 2002-2010

Purpose	Number of surface rail trips recorded								
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commuting	1,676	2,085	2,416	2,279	2,373	2,610	2,588	2,344	2,588
Business	305	358	414	477	396	557	492	497	444
Education/escort education	251	328	360	405	437	279	352	504	392
Shopping	283	338	418	458	542	441	464	406	453
Other escort	54	41	84	61	71	93	73	96	104
Personal business	187	209	286	214	197	278	232	260	366
Leisure/other¹	866	1,162	1,093	1,298	1,379	1,462	1,385	1,580	1,654
All purposes	3,622	4,521	5,071	5,192	5,395	5,720	5,586	5,687	6,001

¹ Visit friends at home and elsewhere, entertainment, sport, holiday, day trip and other (inc. just walk).

Sample size - all individuals who completed a travel diary: Great Britain, 2002-2010

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
All individuals	16,886	19,467	19,199	19,904	19,490	19,735	18,983	19,914	19,072

Source: National Travel Survey

Small unweighted sample size (less than 300 trips). Estimates based on these trips should not be used.

Small unweighted sample size (less than 1,000 trips). Please use estimates with caution.

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Average distance travelled by trip purpose: Great Britain, 1995/97 to 2010¹

Miles/number/thousands											
	Miles per person per year										
Purpose	1995/97	1998/00	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Commuting	1,425	1,444	1,389	1,407	1,428	1,391	1,391	1,435	1,340	1,266	1,342
Business	730	718	693	707	726	723	682	700	630	551	591
Education	193	207	211	220	208	211	205	210	207	193	199
Escort education	88	99	101	104	108	94	100	107	99	96	110
Shopping	917	963	912	912	884	879	926	848	877	833	829
Other escort	402	436	510	494	488	495	488	468	503	470	497
Personal business	478	489	511	468	472	521	488	482	502	502	504
Visiting friends at private home	1,174	1,218	1,143	1,121	1,097	1,195	1,121	1,103	1,081	1,111	987
Visiting friends elsewhere	234	270	272	257	258	255	293	298	274	273	273
Entertainment/public activity	315	302	367	373	390	394	371	385	337	365	338
Sport: participate	144	158	129	127	122	101	108	105	119	117	111
Holiday: base	467	475	495	567	521	511	525	524	508	559	491
Day trip	362	334	359	394	357	392	387	391	397	394	410
Other including just walk	50	51	43	40	45	46	48	46	48	46	44
All purposes	6,981	7,164	7,135	7,192	7,103	7,208	7,133	7,103	6,923	6,775	6,726
Unweighted sample size:											
individuals	22,861	21,868	16,886	19,467	19,199	19,904	19,490	19,735	18,983	19,914	19,072
trips ('000s)	461	432	326	370	364	379	369	353	342	359	336

¹ There is an apparent under-recording of short walks in 2002 and 2003; and short trips in 2007 and 2008 compared to other years.

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Average number of trips (trip rates) by purpose and main mode: Great Britain, 2010

										Trips/thousands
Trips per person per year										
Purpose	Walk	Bicycle	Car/van driver	Car/van passenger	Motorcycle	Other private ¹	Local bus	Rail ²	Other public ³	All modes
Commuting	16	5	87	13	1	-	14	12	1	150
Business	2	-	20	2	-	-	1	2	-	29
Education/escort education	40	1	24	24	-	3	12	2	1	106
Shopping	43	2	86	39	-	1	18	2	2	193
Other escort	9	-	52	27	-	-	2	-	1	91
Personal business	21	1	42	23	-	1	7	2	1	98
Leisure ⁴	40	5	92	85	1	2	14	7	6	252
Other including just walk	40	0	-	-	0	0	-	0	0	41
All purposes	210	15	405	213	3	8	67	27	13	960
Unweighted sample size: trips ('000s)	76	5	140	76	1	3	22	8	4	336

1 Mostly private hire bus (including school buses).

2 Surface rail and London underground.

3 Non-local bus, taxi/minicab and other public transport (air, ferries, light rail).

4 Visit friends at home and elsewhere, entertainment, sport, holiday and day trip.

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Table NTS0410

Average distance travelled by purpose and main mode: Great Britain, 2010

Miles per person per year										Miles/thousands
Purpose	Walk	Bicycle	Car/van driver	Car/van passenger	Motorcycle	Other private ¹	Local bus	Rail ²	Other public ³	All modes
Commuting	13	16	889	95	14	7	66	223	17	1,342
Business	1	1	431	49	2	4	4	68	31	591
Education/escort education	24	3	92	76	-	27	54	25	8	310
Shopping	26	3	435	245	1	7	74	29	7	829
Other escort	6	1	292	175	-	7	6	7	3	497
Personal business	13	2	254	146	2	8	29	38	11	504
Leisure ⁴	29	16	1,006	1,042	10	80	67	240	120	2,611
Other including just walk	38	0	5	-	0	0	-	0	0	44
All purposes	151	41	3,406	1,829	30	141	301	631	197	6,726
Unweighted sample size: trips ('000s)	76	5	140	76	1	3	22	8	4	336

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