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PUBLIC TRANSPORT USE AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN EU SINCE 2000

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Public transport usage in the EU is at its highest level since 2000, with almost 57 billion journeys made throughout the EU in 2012 according to a new study carried out by UITP (the International Association of Public Transport).

UITP's first annual publication tracking and analysing public transport demand trends in the EU member states studied the pace of growth in public transport journeys since 2000, reflecting **fluctuations in the economic situation**, the **growth in urban population** and emerging changes in **urban mobility patterns**.

The publication also reveals the breakdown of journeys by public transport modes in urban and suburban areas, with buses carrying some 56% of the total passengers, followed by metros, tramways and suburban railways with 16%, 14% and 14% respectively.

"What we can clearly see from this study is that public transport plays a considerable role in managing and delivering sustainable urban mobility in the EU," explained UITP Secretary General, **Alain Flausch**. "There are approximately 182m journeys being made on an average working day in the bloc with this figure showing no signs of slowing down".

For more information and detailed statistics on each of the 28 EU Member States, please visit: www.uitp.org/statistics

NOTE TO EDITORS

The International Association of Public Transport (UITP) is a passionate champion of sustainable urban mobility and is the only worldwide network to bring together all public transport stakeholders and all sustainable transport modes. We have 1,300 member companies giving access to 14,000 contacts from 92 countries. Our members are public transport authorities and operators, policy decision-makers, research institutes and the public transport supply and service industry. Visit our website www.uitp.org. Follow us on Twitter: [@UITPpressoffice](https://twitter.com/UITPpressoffice)

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