

DfT releases strike passenger figures for rail and Tube

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The Department for Transport has released **estimated passenger numbers which cover the strike period.**

The numbers are expressed as a percentage comparison against pre-COVID lockdown ticket sales. They are a rolling average of seven days, expressed as a proportion of the equivalent week in 2019.

This means the numbers, unlike those for the Tube which are calculated differently, start high before dropping steeply.

The figures are:

- 21 June 78% (against 93% of the week before)
- 23 June 62% (against 92% of the week before)
- 25 June 49% (against a 93% of the week before)

Although the numbers are estimates for this strike week, and drop sharply thanks to being averaged out, we see the numbers usually revise upwards when updated seven days later. For example, the 93% for Tuesday 14 June was 86% when originally released as an estimate.

The numbers accounting for industrial action on the Tube, which took place on Tuesday 21 June, was 4% for that day compared with pre-COVID numbers. This is calculated differently from rail, as a daily figure. The week before, passenger numbers for the same day were at 70%.

You can view the figures [here](#).