

Tube stats see stations closed 76 days in just over three years

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Statistics reveal that potential passengers were unable to access the tube for the equivalent of two-and-a-half months on 1,658 separate occasions.

The figures cover from January 2019 until the end of April 2022.

Kentish Town was shut to the public for the longest stretch of time, amounting to 112 hours, or nearly five days, from 17 individual closures. Fulham Broadway closed 18 times resulting in 79 hours, or more than three days. Northwick Park was inaccessible for 40 hours. Ruislip Manor and Regents Park both had closures amounting to 36 hours. Turnpike Lane closed for 32 hours and Stepney Green for 31 hours. Some 13 stations were closed for more than a day.

A total of 1,045 closures at 132 of London's 272 Underground stations between January 2019 and April 2022 were due to staff shortages, of which 765 were categorised as being due to COVID-19. While 248 Underground stations experienced station closures due to reasons other than staff shortages and COVID-19. In 2021 there was a rise, with 590 closures mainly due to an increase in stations infrastructure incidents (215) and customer-related incidents (143) on the network.

<u>Stations closed for more than 24 hours</u>
Kentish Town – 112 hours
Fulham Broadway – 79 hours
Northwick Park – 40 hours
Ruislip Manor – 36 hours
Regents Park – 36 hours
Turnpike Lane – 32 hours
Stepney Green – 31 hours
Wood Green – 30 hours
Walthamstow Central – 29 hours
Maida Vale – 28 hours
Tufnell Park – 28 hours
Borough – 26 hours
Oval – 24 hours
<u>Selected others</u>
Stockwell – 23 hours
Chancery Lane – 23 hours
Marble Arch – 22 hours
Holloway Road – 22 hours
Marylebone – 21 hours
Holborn – 20 hours
Kings Cross – 20 hours
Bond Street – 20 hours
Heathrow Terminal 4 – 19 hours
Heathrow Terminal 5 – 19 hours
Archway – 19 hours
Oxford Circus – 18 hours
Whitechapel – 18 hours

The figures were obtained by Labour London Assembly Member, Elly Baker AM, through a written question.

Baker praised TfL workers and said this data pressed the need for a long-term funding deal. Transport secretary Grant Shapps [has said that in order for this to happen, the relationship between himself and the London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, would need a “reset”](#).