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# The Story So Far

**THE NUMBER OF PASSENGER JOURNEYS IN ENGLAND  
DROPPED BY 6.4% 2009-2019  
BUT THEY DROPPED AT NEARLY TWICE THAT RATE (12.1%) IN  
THE COUNTIES.  
THIS WAS BEFORE COVID.**

# HERE IN THE SOUTH WEST

## BUS JOURNEYS PER HEAD

2009/10-2019/20

	2009/10	2014/15	2019/20	
<b>South West</b>	<b>202.0</b>	<b>218.5</b>	<b>198.9</b>	
Bath and North East Somerset	11.4	12.9	12.1	+6%
Bournemouth	15.6	18.6	15.2	
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Bristol, City of	28.1	35.7	40.3	+43%
Cornwall	10.4	10.2	7.9	+21%
Devon	25.6	26.4	23.6	
Dorset	10.3	10.0	7.6	
Gloucestershire	21.3	20.4	17.1	
North Somerset	4.4	6.0	5.3	
Plymouth	20.1	19.5	17.8	
Poole	7.7	10.9	9.0	
Somerset	9.8	9.7	5.9	-40%
South Gloucestershire	7.3	8.8	8.4	+15%
Swindon	12.1	11.8	11.9	
Torbay	7.7	7.8	7.3	
Wiltshire	10.4	9.9	9.5	-9%



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STRATEGY

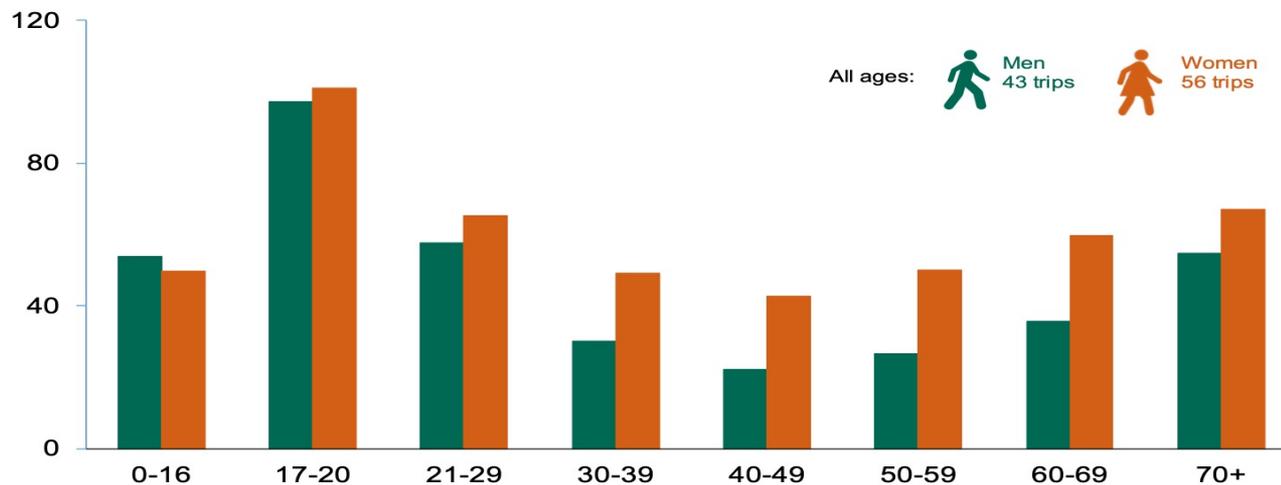
Bus Back Better





**IN 2019, PEOPLE IN THE LOWEST REAL INCOME QUINTILE MADE 75 LOCAL BUS TRIPS ON AVERAGE, MORE THAN ANY OTHER INCOME QUINTILE, WHILE THOSE IN THE HIGHEST INCOME QUINTILE MADE THE LEAST (31).**

**Chart 23: Local bus trips per person per year, by age and gender, England, 2019 ([NTS0601](#))**



  
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# Bus Back Better



March 2021

## Somerset County Council

Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)



October  
2021

Improving Lives



SOMERSET  
County Council

## BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (BSIP)

This Somerset BSIP was finalised and submitted to the DfT at the end of October 2021

ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP  
Greater detail relating to specific policies and deliverables.

Many of these policies and deliverables will require further consultation, particularly regarding bus priority schemes.

# Somerset County Council Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

The Somerset County Council BSIP is an ambitious plan, focused on revitalising the local bus network, halting, and reversing the decline in local bus passenger use, supporting our Climate Emergency Strategy, meeting the aspirations set out by key stakeholders and the public through this process, and marking Somerset as a centre of excellence for rural transport



Somerset County Council  
Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)

AMBITIOUS



£165,000,000



## **WE HAVE WRITTEN TO:**

- THE PRIME MINISTER**
- THE TRANSPORT MINISTER**
- OUR SOMERSET MPS**

**ASKING THEM TO BACK  
THE SOMERSET BSIP BID.**

The logo for the Financial Times, consisting of the letters 'FT' in a bold, serif font, set against a white background within an orange square.

FINANCIAL  
TIMES

# “Bus operators say £5bn funding gap threatens England’s transport plan”

Financial Times  
November 25 2021

Local authorities and operators have demanded £7.2bn in funding to improve bus services to deliver the national bus strategy released by the government in March — the sector’s biggest policy shake-up in decades.

The figure, calculated by the Confederation of Passenger Transport, a trade group, is based on plans submitted by 40 areas that account for 70 per cent of England’s bus journeys outside of London and is far higher than the £2.2bn of fresh funding earmarked for buses in the autumn spending review.

**APRIL**

**2022**

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**OPERATIONAL DATE FOR  
ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP**

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**Bus Recovery Grant**

in July, Under-Secretary of State for Transport Baroness Vere **told operators** in a letter that the £226.5m fund will pay a fixed subsidy based on “key metrics.”

The formula will consider **farebox revenue** loss and mileage operated during the life of the scheme. Baseline information that is central to the formula is required by the Department by 17 September.

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**BUS SUPPORT  
GRANT ENDS.  
PROSPECT OF  
MAJOR CUTS  
TO BUS SERVICES.**

