UK Broadband Speedtest Results May 2011

This press release gives the aggregated speedtest results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for May 2011.

Average download & upload speeds – May 2011		
ISP	**Average Download speed (Mbps)**	**Average Upload Speed (Mbps)**
AOL	3.017	0.377
Be and O2*	5.685	0.739
BT	5.439	0.824
Eclipse	7.412	0.701
Orange	2.667	0.359
Plusnet	4.321	0.405
Sky	4.233	0.499
Talk Talk	5.190	0.520
Tiscali	4.320	0.474
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	4.947	0.507
Virgin Media	12.854	1.480
All providers	**6.970**	**0.851**

* Note that although O2 and Be share a common infrastructure they are separate trading entities

Virgin Media yet again retain first place, but their average speed again falls from the previous month. Eclipse hold second spot with a big gain and comfortably break the 7Mbps barrier. O2/Be take a drop from last month and are close to being overtaken for third spot by BT.

Overall the average of all suppliers falls a little from the previous month and ends up just below the 7Mbps level.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – May 2011			
ISP	Overnight (00:00 to 08:00) Average download speed (Mbps)	Daytime (08:00 to 18:00)Average download speed (Mbps)	Evening (18:00 to 00:00)Average download speed (Mbps)
AOL	5.511	2.775	2.864
Be and O2*	6.342	5.848	5.421
BT	5.467	5.560	5.247
Eclipse	7.309	8.017	6.236
Orange	3.823	2.708	2.455
Plusnet	6.023	4.004	4.316
Sky	6.062	4.117	3.919
Talk Talk	5.519	4.957	5.454
Tiscali	5.365	4.345	4.056
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	5.475	4.797	5.037
Virgin Media	13.714	13.399	12.080
All providers	7.533	7.009	6.799

Our average speed by time of day shows how the average broadband speed is heavily influenced by the time of day (and therefore likely level of network congestion).

The overnight levels show a significantly higher average speed than the evening peak period. This clearly shows the effects of network congestion on the average broadband connection at peak hours.

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About the broadband.co.uk speedtest results

- Our results are taken from our website users performing speedtests using our speedchecker at http://www.broadband.co.uk/broadband-speed-test/
- We record tens of thousands of speedtests every month.
- Unlike other speedtest services we record the Internet Service Provider (ISP) by IP address making our ISP recording very accurate rather than relying on self selection
- We pick out the following ISP's for reporting every month
  - AOL
  - Be Broadband and O2 (O2 and Be are separate trading entities; however they share a common infrastructure)
  - BT
  - Eclipse
  - Orange
  - Plusnet
  - Sky
  - TalkTalk
  - Tiscali
  - Tiscali and Talk Talk combined (as TalkTalk purchased Tiscali and began merging the brands in January 2010).
  - Virgin

About broadband.co.uk

- Our broadband price comparison is accredited by Ofcom as open, honest and transparent.
- We are the only major comparison engine that provides FTTC availability data and speed estimates.
- We are one of the original broadband information and comparison sites having been launched in 2004
- With well over 1 million visitors per year we are one of the UK's leading sources of broadband information and advice
- We provide beginners guides to all areas of broadband along with discussion forums, speedtester and broadband postcode lookup functionality
- We provide a unique free "Ask the expert" service where our broadband expert answers any query related to broadband, technical, comparison and related

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