UK Broadband Speedtest Results May 2008

This press release gives the aggregated speedtest results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for May 2008.

Average download & upload speeds - May 2008		
ISP	**Average Download speed (Mbps)**	**Average Upload Speed (Mbps)**
AOL	1.963	0.262
Be/O2	5.552	0.746
BT	2.584	0.343
Eclipse	1.352	0.352
Orange	3.301	0.398
Plusnet	2.477	0.339
Sky	3.496	0.449
Talk Talk	2.773	0.306
Tiscali	2.482	0.328
Virgin Media	4.877	0.424
All providers	**3.363**	**0.375**

O2 and Be top the charts with an average download speed of 5.55Mbps and an average download speed of 0.745Mbps, this is not surprising given that they provide all their broadband services using ADSL2+ which provides for speeds up to 24Mbps.

Eclipse Broadband trail in last place with an average download speed of only 1.35Mbps.

The average over all tests was a download speed of 3.36Mbps, which is an improvement of 0.13Mbps on April 2008's average of 3.23Mbps, and a great improvement of 0.69Mbps on the November 2007 average of only 2.67Mbps. This would appear to show the trend for average broadband speeds in the UK continuing to rise.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – May 2008			
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	1.850	2.131	1.781
Be/O2	5.316	5.676	5.495
BT	2.425	2.752	2.385
Eclipse	3.658	1.434	1.000
Orange	2.659	3.090	3.558
Plusnet	3.502	2.475	2.272
Sky	3.904	3.681	3.524
Talk Talk	2.845	2.902	2.620
Tiscali	3.101	2.378	2.473
Virgin Media	4.935	5.284	4.458
All providers	3.699	3.494	3.182

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, with daytime use between the two. This clearly shows the effects of network congestion on the average broadband connection at peak hours.

Some suppliers networks clearly show strain during the evening peak such as Eclipse, Tiscali and Plusnet, whereas other such as Orange, Be/O2 and TalkTalk appear more resilient.

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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.jsp
- 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 / O2 (although marketed separately they share a common infrastructure)
    - BT
    - Eclipse
    - Orange
    - Plusnet
    - Sky
    - TalkTalk
    - Tiscali
    - Virgin

About broadband.co.uk

- We are one of the original broadband information and comparison sites having been running since 2004
- With well over 1 million visitors per year we are the UK's leading source 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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