

UK Broadband Speed Test Results August 2012

This press release gives the aggregated speed test results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for August 2012.

Average download & upload speeds – August 2012		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
BE and O2*	6.063	0.801
BT	14.172	2.787
Eclipse	15.746	2.645
Orange	4.587	0.572
Plusnet	9.372	0.950
Sky	6.848	0.753
TalkTalk	6.091	0.793
Tiscali	5.368	0.580
Talk/Tiscali combined	5.949	0.751
Virgin Media	33.401	2.805
All providers	16.720	2.009

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

Virgin Media retains first place, with average download speeds this month increasing by 2Mbps. Eclipse speeds drop slightly, though they remain stable in second place, while BT retain third place with speeds also taking a drop from last month.

Overall the average download and upload speeds for all providers have dropped slightly since June.

Having fallen beneath a sensible threshold of tests-per-month that ensure results are statistically useful, AOL have been removed from the list.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – August 2012			
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)
BE and O2*	5.396	5.863	6.634
BT	18.264	13.672	14.125
Eclipse	17.140	16.253	14.444
Orange	4.695	4.481	4.691
Plusnet	8.701	10.022	8.704
Sky	7.293	6.730	6.888
TalkTalk	8.987	5.321	6.537
Tiscali	6.459	5.614	4.869
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	8.692	5.378	6.176
Virgin Media	42.047	32.510	32.169
All providers	21.480	15.749	16.931

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 level shows significantly higher average speeds 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 speed test results

- Our results are taken from our website users performing speed tests using our speed checker at <http://www.broadband.co.uk/broadband-speed-test/>
- We record tens of thousands of speed tests every month.
- Unlike other speed test 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
 - 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 Media

About [broadband.co.uk](http://www.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, speed tester and broadband postcode look-up 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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