

UK Broadband Speed Test Results December 2014

This press release gives the aggregated speed test results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for December 2014.

Average download & upload speeds – December 2014		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
BT	20.597	5.817
EE	11.320	2.627
Plusnet	14.526	4.044
Sky	12.149	2.840
TalkTalk	12.573	1.714
Tiscali	11.130	1.576
Talk/Tiscali combined	12.125	1.671
Three (mobile)	7.163	1.871
Virgin Media	43.558	5.417
All fixed line providers	22.653	4.068

Virgin Media retain first place, with average download speeds increasing by 1.42Mb compared to last month. BT remain in second place, with download speeds increasing by 0.37Mb. Plusnet retain third place, but with a significant 3.93Mb drop in average download speeds. TalkTalk take fourth place with a 0.33Mb increase in download speeds, while Sky drop to fifth place, with a small 0.36Mb decrease in download speeds.

Overall, the average download speed across all providers has increased by 0.43Mb compared to last month.

Please note, Three Mobile have been added to the list as a comparison but are not included in the overall average speeds as these are limited to fixed line broadband suppliers only.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – December 2014			
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)
BT	21.849	20.482	20.585
EE	16.080	10.390	11.679
Plusnet	15.234	14.543	14.290
Sky	12.697	12.361	11.728
TalkTalk	13.551	12.652	12.218
Tiscali	11.289	11.343	10.646
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	13.103	12.209	11.771
Virgin Media	48.153	45.378	40.019
All fixed line providers	24.549	22.831	21.975

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).

For providers such as Virgin Media and Plusnet, the overnight level shows significantly higher average speeds than the evening peak periods. This clearly shows the effects of network congestion on the average broadband connection at peak hours.

Three have been removed from this list due to having too few overnight numbers to make the results statistically significant.

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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
 - BT
 - EE (excluding 4G mobile broadband)
 - Plusnet
 - Sky
 - TalkTalk
 - Tiscali
 - Tiscali and Talk Talk combined (as TalkTalk purchased Tiscali and began merging the brands in February 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 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 detailed buyers guides to the major broadband providers, 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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