

UK Broadband Speed Test Results February 2012

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

Average download & upload speeds – February 2012		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
AOL	4.482	0.405
BE and O2*	6.027	0.892
BT	8.574	1.542
Eclipse	12.273	2.086
Orange	4.022	0.552
Plusnet	5.697	0.549
Sky	4.663	0.605
TalkTalk	5.128	0.620
Tiscali	4.101	0.536
Talk/Tiscali combined	4.846	0.597
Virgin Media	17.653	2.435
All providers	9.322	1.357

** 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 again by more than 2Mbps over last month. Eclipse are again in second place with 2.6Mbps increase in download speed. BT are still in third place, with a 1Mbps increase in download speeds.

Overall the average download for all providers has increased since January, with upload speeds remaining stable.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – February 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)
AOL	3.935	4.914	3.445
BE and O2*	6.909	5.824	6.110
BT	8.158	8.651	8.534
Eclipse	13.783	10.961	14.467
Orange	4.775	3.888	4.055
Plusnet	9.110	4.974	6.097
Sky	6.106	4.617	4.391
TalkTalk	5.629	5.278	4.820
Tiscali	3.616	4.482	3.603
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	4.931	5.058	4.506
Virgin Media	23.909	17.356	16.876
All providers	11.310	9.038	9.316

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
 - 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 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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