

UK Broadband Speed Test Results February 2013

This press release gives the aggregated speed test results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for February 2013.

Average download & upload speeds – February 2013		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
BE and O2*	7.811	0.829
BT	16.584	4.324
Eclipse	16.194	3.072
EE (formerly Orange)	5.797	0.904
Plusnet	15.010	3.997
Sky	9.048	1.457
TalkTalk	5.732	0.720
Tiscali	5.873	0.728
Talk/Tiscali combined	5.768	0.722
Virgin Media	32.094	3.109
All providers	16.514	2.704

** 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 dropping by 1.7Mbps. BT jump to second place from fourth with a 1.7Mbps increase in download speed. Eclipse remain in third place with a 0.27Mbps download speed increase, while Plusnet drop from second place down to fourth with a 1.8Mbps drop in speed.

Overall the average download speed for all providers has remained stable, while upload speeds have increased by 0.3Mbps.

Please note, Orange are now trading under the name EE. These figures include only EE's fixed line broadband results, and not results from their 4G plans.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – February 2013			
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*	8.137	7.873	7.592
BT	15.135	16.793	16.612
Eclipse	17.940	15.909	16.201
EE (formerly Orange)	8.820	5.560	5.475
Plusnet	16.806	14.190	15.828
Sky	11.534	8.895	8.640
TalkTalk	6.210	5.758	5.576
Tiscali	5.566	5.779	6.060
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	6.106	5.763	5.709
Virgin Media	42.298	32.845	29.228
All providers	19.115	16.234	16.346

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 and December holiday daytime peak periods. 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
 - ◆ 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 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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