

UK Broadband Speed Test Results February 2015

This press release gives the aggregated speed test results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for February 2015.

Average download & upload speeds – February 2015		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
BT	19.873	5.968
EE	11.446	2.465
Plusnet	15.740	4.784
Sky	13.367	3.441
TalkTalk	13.478	1.749
Tiscali	9.366	1.072
Talk/Tiscali combined	12.463	1.582
Three (mobile)	7.531	2.878
Virgin Media	40.982	5.502
All fixed line providers	21.428	4.317

Virgin Media retain first place, with average download speeds dropping by 0.63Mb compared to last month. BT are in second place, with download speeds dropping by 0.53Mb. Plusnet stay in third place, with speeds increasing by 0.89Mb, while TalkTalk remain in stable in fourth place. Sky hold fifth place, with download speeds increasing by 1.34Mb compared to last month.

Overall, the average download speed across all providers has decreased by 0.48Mb since 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 – February 2015			
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	18.698	19.606	20.556
EE	10.672	11.171	11.962
Plusnet	19.649	15.388	15.603
Sky	13.690	13.497	13.148
TalkTalk	13.361	12.710	14.870
Tiscali	9.640	9.050	9.878
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	12.557	11.802	13.619
Virgin Media	46.499	44.562	35.799
All fixed line providers	23.236	21.406	21.160

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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