

UK Broadband Speed Test Results January 2012

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

Average download & upload speeds – January 2012		
ISP	Average Download speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
AOL	4.045	0.388
BE and O2*	5.620	0.895
BT	7.518	1.453
Eclipse	9.647	1.532
Orange	3.710	0.554
Plusnet	5.972	0.587
Sky	4.597	0.593
Talk Talk	4.733	0.583
Tiscali	3.339	0.518
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	4.308	0.563
Virgin Media	15.331	2.463
All providers	8.210	1.313

** 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 more than 1Mbps over last month. Eclipse remains in second place despite falling in speed since last month. BT are still in third place, though download speeds are down a little.

Overall the average download and upload speeds for all providers has increased since December.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – January 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	4.156	4.219	3.801
BE and O2*	6.060	5.716	5.424
BT	7.653	7.283	7.883
Eclipse	15.389	9.144	9.584
Orange	3.806	3.601	3.853
Plusnet	8.378	5.916	5.477
Sky	5.303	4.365	4.732
Talk Talk	5.218	4.856	4.460
Tiscali	4.177	3.512	2.977
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	4.989	4.434	4.006
Virgin Media	19.220	15.975	14.084
All providers	9.704	8.021	8.188

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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