

UK Broadband Speed Test Results January 2015

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

Average download & upload speeds – January 2015		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
BT	20.349	5.677
EE	11.369	2.612
Plusnet	14.583	4.408
Sky	12.030	2.950
TalkTalk	13.217	1.879
Tiscali	10.499	1.410
Talk/Tiscali combined	12.459	1.748
Three (mobile)	5.841	1.729
Virgin Media	41.611	5.454
All fixed line providers	21.907	4.088

Virgin Media retain first place, with average download speeds dropping by 1.95Mb compared to last month. BT remain in second place, with download speeds remaining stable. Plusnet retain third place, also remaining stable in comparison to December. TalkTalk take fourth place with a 0.64Mb increase in download speeds, while Sky remain in fifth place, with download speeds at a similar level to last month.

Overall, the average download speed across all providers has decreased by 0.75Mb 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 – January 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	21.505	20.084	20.658
EE	13.194	11.391	11.041
Plusnet	17.985	13.882	14.858
Sky	12.914	11.710	12.334
TalkTalk	15.006	13.428	12.513
Tiscali	10.621	10.359	10.718
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	13.496	12.593	12.012
Virgin Media	47.457	44.620	36.707
All fixed line providers	23.907	22.106	21.236

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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