

UK Broadband Speedtest Results June 2008

This press release gives the aggregated speedtest results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for June 2008.

Average download & upload speeds - June 2008				
ISP	Average Download speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)		
AOL	2.118	0.272		
Be and O2*	7.021	0.819		
BT	2.568	0.352		
Eclipse	1.614	0.362		
Orange	3.220	0.417		
Plusnet	2.526	0.357		
Sky	3.462	0.415		
Talk Talk	2.915	0.303		
Tiscali	2.289	0.329		
Virgin Media	4.768	0.421		
All providers	3.330	0.373		

^{*} Note that although O2 and Be share a common infrastructure they are separate trading entities

O2 and Be top the charts by a considerable margin with an average download speed of 7.02Mbps and an average upload speed of 0.819Mbps. O2 now provide an average download speed of over twice the national average of 3.33Mbps, and an average speed 47% faster than that of their nearest rival Virgin Media.

Eclipse Broadband again trail in last place with an average download speed of only 1.61Mbps.

The average over all tests was a download speed of 3.30Mbps, which is a marginal decrease on April 2008's average of 3.36Mbps.



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Average download speeds split by time of day – June 2008				
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	2.676	2.299	1.787	
Be and O2	5.673	7.657	6.539	
BT	3.204	2.564	2.455	
Eclipse	2.566	3.442	1.045	
Orange	2.575	1.689	3.404	
Plusnet	3.393	2.811	1.804	
Sky	3.805	3.442	3.426	
Talk Talk	3.092	3.395	2.358	
Tiscali	2.674	2.443	2.052	
Virgin Media	5.547	5.130	4.177	
All providers	3.908	3.518	2.994	

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 levels show a significantly higher average speed than the evening peak period, with daytime use between the two. This clearly shows the effects of network congestion on the average broadband connection at peak hours.

The winner this month is again O2 and Be who are showing speeds streets ahead of any rival consistently throughout the day. Sky and Virgin Media must also be given credit for keeping speed levels reasonably consistent throughout the day.



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About the broadband.co.uk speedtest results

- Our results are taken from our website users performing speedtests using our speedchecker at http://www.broadband.co.uk/broadband-speed-test.jsp
- We record tens of thousands of speedtests every month.
- Unlike other speedtest 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
 - Virgin

About broadband.co.uk

- 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 the UK's leading source of broadband information and advice
- We provide beginners guides to all areas of broadband along with discussion forums, speedtester and broadband postcode lookup 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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