

UK Broadband Speed Test Results March 2014

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This press release gives the aggregated speed test results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for March 2014.

Average download & upload speeds – March 2014		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
BE and O2*	6.475	0.746
BT	22.330	5.469
EE (formerly Orange)	14.212	2.909
Plusnet	14.129	3.284
Sky	11.201	2.451
TalkTalk	9.111	1.397
Tiscali	9.469	1.306
Talk/Tiscali combined	9.226	1.368
Three (mobile)	8.568	2.057
Virgin Media	38.191	4.140
All fixed line providers	20.631	3.449

** Note that although O2 and BE share a common infrastructure they are separate trading entities*

Virgin Media retain first place, with average download speeds increasing significantly by 4.94Mbps. BT remain in second place, with a 2.13Mbps rise in download speeds. EE overtake both Plusnet and Sky to go into third place with a 4.55Mbps download speeds increase. Plusnet are down in fourth place, but their download speeds have improved by 1.47Mbps.

Overall, the average download speeds for all providers have increased by 3.53Mbps over last month.

Please note, Eclipse have been removed from the list due to too few tests being carried out to make the data statistically significant. Three Mobile have been added to the list as a comparison and are not included in the overall average speeds.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – March 2014			
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*	6.556	6.819	5.856
BT	25.390	21.404	23.196
EE (formerly Orange)	14.774	14.344	14.013
Plusnet	14.741	13.530	15.063
Sky	12.384	11.017	11.132
TalkTalk	12.713	8.709	8.976
Tiscali	9.400	9.450	9.510
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	11.930	8.936	9.174
Three (mobile)	11.795	8.878	5.378
Virgin Media	41.736	39.432	35.858
All fixed line providers	23.588	19.893	21.090

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. Both are now owned by Sky and are being migrated over to the Sky network)
 - 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 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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