

UK Broadband Speed Test Results March 2015

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

Average download & upload speeds – March 2015		
ISP	Average Download Speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
BT	19.854	5.806
EE	11.260	2.209
Plusnet	14.591	5.077
Sky	12.799	3.239
TalkTalk	14.255	1.762
Tiscali	9.430	1.223
Talk/Tiscali combined	13.115	1.634
Three (mobile)	6.802	1.891
Virgin Media	39.688	5.339
All fixed line providers	21.112	4.215

Virgin Media retain first place, with average download speeds dropping by 1.29Mb compared to last month. BT are in second place, with download speeds remaining stable. Plusnet stay in third place, with speeds falling by 1.15Mb, while TalkTalk remain in fourth place with a 0.78Mb increase in speed. Sky hold fifth place, with download speeds decreasing by 0.57Mb compared to last month.

Overall, the average download speed across all providers has decreased by 0.32Mb since last month.

Please note, EE are now owned by BT but will remain on the list until such time as current EE customers are transferred to the BT network.

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 – March 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	21.581	19.534	20.106
EE	12.987	10.917	11.530
Plusnet	15.262	14.457	14.699
Sky	13.040	12.884	12.640
TalkTalk	16.228	13.566	14.927
Tiscali	11.207	9.367	9.177
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	15.193	12.527	13.639
Virgin Media	48.774	43.663	33.446
All fixed line providers	25.226	21.079	20.379

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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