



UK Broadband Speedtest Results November 2008

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

Average download & upload speeds - November 2008		
ISP	Average Download speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
AOL	1.961	0.286
Be and O2*	5.216	0.729
BT	2.238	0.327
Eclipse	2.589	0.391
Orange	1.152	0.284
Plusnet	2.134	0.330
Sky	3.059	0.385
Talk Talk	2.609	0.393
Tiscali	2.221	0.340
Virgin Media	6.311	0.475
All providers	3.216	0.387

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

During November 2008 Virgin Media have improved their average speed by over 0.5Mbps confirming them as the UK's fastest broadband supplier.

The average over all tests was a download speed of 3.216Mbps, which is now the fourth monthly drop in a row since July 2008's average of 3.609Mbps.



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Average download speeds split by time of day – November 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	2.619	2.234	1.542
Be and O2*	5.935	5.555	4.798
BT	3.058	2.405	1.941
Eclipse	4.390	2.791	2.088
Orange	3.022	1.567	0.675
Plusnet	2.284	2.316	1.871
Sky	3.188	3.076	3.014
Talk Talk	2.708	2.883	2.305
Tiscali	3.078	2.460	1.787
Virgin Media	7.102	6.854	5.621
All providers	4.088	3.430	2.851

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.

Virgin Media for the third month running take the number 1 slot in all three time periods with increased average speeds.



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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](http://www.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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