



UK Broadband Speedtest Results September 2008

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

Average download & upload speeds - September 2008		
ISP	Average Download speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
AOL	2.009	0.294
Be and O2*	5.321	0.807
BT	2.388	0.343
Eclipse	1.892	0.357
Orange	3.021	0.407
Plusnet	2.230	0.358
Sky	3.163	0.402
Talk Talk	2.398	0.312
Tiscali	2.710	0.329
Virgin Media	6.128	0.459
All providers	3.539	0.379

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

The big change for September 2008 is that Virgin Media have now comprehensively taken the crown for the fastest UK broadband provider. O2 had previously held the position all year.

Eclipse Broadband again trail in last place with an average download speed of only 1.892Mbps but this is a great improvement from 1.490Mbps average speed last month.

The average over all tests was a download speed of 3.539Mbps, which is a slight drop from July 2008's average of 3.585Mbps.



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Average download speeds split by time of day – September 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	2.238	2.348	1.637
Be and O2	6.725	5.987	4.578
BT	2.871	2.530	2.153
Eclipse	2.261	1.778	2.011
Orange	3.044	3.134	2.911
Plusnet	1.936	2.628	1.725
Sky	2.940	3.457	2.855
Talk Talk	2.890	2.594	2.066
Tiscali	2.910	3.527	1.803
Virgin Media	7.006	6.667	5.420
All providers	4.196	3.864	3.084

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 Virgin Media, who take the top spot in all three slots. O2/Be show their lowest ever evening average speed; maybe their rapid expansion is now beginning to test their network capacity.

AOL drop below Eclipse broadband for the first time in the evening slot.



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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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