

CPT Cost Index

Summary of results: change in bus & coach industry costs for the 12 months to 31 December 2007

	Overall national result	Regional indices:					
		London & Home Counties	Midlands	Northern England	South West England	Wales	Scotland
Overall change in operating costs	5.3%	5.6%	4.1%	6.4%	1.1%	3.8%	5.9%

Change in individual cost categories:

	Overall national result	London & Home Counties	Midlands	Northern England	South West England	Wales	Scotland
1 Drivers wages and on costs	5.2%	4.8%	5.9%	5.9%	2.9%	5.4%	5.8%
2 Other labour and staff costs	6.4%	6.2%	3.2%	7.0%	8.6%	4.9%	6.8%
3 Insurance and claims	1.7%	10.9%	0.7%	-0.4%	-10.8%	-4.5%	-2.5%
4 Fuel	7.2%	10.7%	9.6%	6.4%	4.3%	4.4%	4.6%
5 Maintenance materials	-0.1%	-1.9%	0.2%	2.3%	-4.5%	3.5%	-0.5%
6 Vehicle depreciation	10.7%	18.9%	-2.2%	6.6%	4.1%	16.6%	14.7%
7 Other operating costs	2.8%	0.0%	0.6%	11.7%	-13.8%	-7.6%	5.4%

Sample size:

	Overall national result	London & Home Counties	Midlands	Northern England	South West England	Wales	Scotland
Number of respondents	72	16	8	22	11	4	11
Representing operating costs of:	£2,830,900,000	£918,300,000	£260,700,000	£884,000,000	£233,600,000	£115,000,000	£419,300,000

All data are weighted by the size of each respondent's cost base and by the relative spend in each cost category.

Compiled by an independent consultant using data supplied directly to the consultant by a representative selection of bus and coach operators who are members of CPT.

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Comments on individual categories

There continue to be a range of experiences in the change in fuel costs, probably largely due to some operators having hedging programmes in place and others not, so that the timing of changes in market prices varies from operator to operator.

The individual percentage changes in items such as depreciation and other operating costs should be treated with care, as it is possible some respondents have changed from operating leases to owned vehicles (or vice versa), moving certain costs from one heading to another but with little impact on the overall index result.

Summary of previous results:

In each case, covering the 12 months to:

June 2004	7.7%
December 2004	7.8%
June 2005	8.7%
December 2005	8.2%
June 2006	7.8%
December 2006	7.1%
June 2007	5.2%

Breakdown of bus & coach industry operating costs for the 12 months to 31 December 2007

In response to requests, we are now also showing how much each cost category represents as a percentage of the overall total.

	Overall national result	Regional indices:					
		London & Home Counties	Midlands	Northern England	South West England	Wales	Scotland
Total operating costs	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
<i>Percentage that each cost category represents:</i>							
1 Drivers wages and on costs	48.4%	53.7%	45.7%	45.6%	45.7%	46.0%	46.7%
2 Other labour and staff costs	15.2%	14.0%	15.2%	14.9%	17.7%	16.6%	16.8%
3 Insurance and claims	3.1%	2.6%	2.6%	4.1%	2.5%	3.4%	2.3%
4 Fuel	9.4%	7.4%	9.8%	10.9%	9.1%	9.3%	10.7%
5 Maintenance materials	5.3%	4.5%	6.7%	5.3%	5.7%	5.0%	5.7%
6 Vehicle depreciation	6.5%	6.0%	7.4%	6.9%	6.1%	6.6%	6.5%
7 Other operating costs	12.2%	11.8%	12.6%	12.4%	13.2%	13.1%	11.2%