

**Overview**

**User Engagement on “Northern Ireland Transport Statistics” publication**

The Northern Ireland Transport Statistics publication ([link](https://www.infrastructure-ni.gov.uk/articles/northern-ireland-transport-statistics)) presents information on the road network, public transport and accessible transport in Northern Ireland.

**Introduction**

This statistical report is a compendium publication produced by the Analysis, Statistics and Research Branch (ASRB) of the Department for Infrastructure (DfI). It brings together mainly management information on the road network and public transport along with National Statistics and management information on accessible transport in Northern Ireland. The report is published each year around September/October and is produced in accordance with the Code of Practice for Statistics ([link](https://code.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Code-of-Practice-for-Statistics.pdf)).

ASRB statisticians have recently been engaging with key customers on the Northern Ireland Transport Statistics publication. It is clear there is a need for official statistics on public transport and ASRB are considering focusing resources on the development of official public transport statistics from Translink’s data. ASRB would therefore like to engage more widely with users of this report.

**Why we are consulting**

ASRB statisticians would welcome your views on the cessation of this statistical publication in its current format and also on proposals for a new official statistics publication on public transport.  We also want your views on the provision/publication of the existing management information.

An anonymised summary of the results and the outcome of this user engagement will be published on the DfI website.

The survey should take approximately five minutes to complete.

**Annex A User Engagement Survey**

1. Are you aware of the statistical publication on Northern Ireland Transport Statistics?

| Yes | Please go to Q2 |
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| No | No further responses are required |

1. Have you used the information within the Northern Ireland Transport Statistics?

| Yes | Please go to Q3 |
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| No | No further responses are required |

1. If your answer was Yes to Q2 … What do you use the Northern Ireland Transport Statistics publication for (please select all that apply):

| Monitoring / benchmarking |  |
| --- | --- |
| Briefing (eg to Ministers / colleagues) |  |
| Policy development / review |  |
| Programme for Government |  |
| Academic or other research |  |
| Transport modelling/planning |  |
| Media use |  |
| Commercial purposes |  |
| Personal use  |  |
| General information |  |

Other, (please specify below): -

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1. How often do you make use of the Northern Ireland Transport Statistics publication?

| Monthly |  |
| --- | --- |
| Quarterly  |  |
| Annually |  |
| Ad hoc |  |

1. Which sources of Northern Ireland Transport Statistics information do you **use** (please tick all that apply)?

| Main Report |  |
| --- | --- |
| Infographic |  |
| Tables and figures |  |

Other, (please specify below): -

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1. Which of the following chapters / sections from Northern Ireland Transport Statistics do you currently use? And which are you likely to need in the future? (please select all that apply)

| **Chapter 1: Road Network** | **Currently Use** | **Need in the future** |
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| Road network summary lengths |  |  |
| NI public road lengths by Local Government District and DfI Roads division by type of road |  |  |
| Public expenditure on NI roads |  |  |
| **Chapter 2: Public Transport** |  |  |
| Ulsterbus/ Metro/ Glider vehicle stock and staff |  |  |
| Ulsterbus/ Metro/ Glider passenger journeys, bus miles, kilometres and receipts |  |  |
| NI Rail service assets and staff |  |  |
| NI Rail service passenger journeys, miles, kilometres and receipts |  |  |
| Public transport passenger journeys |  |  |
| **Chapter 3: Transport and Disability** |  |  |
| Concessionary travel passes (SmartPasses) held and used by older people and people with a disability in Northern Ireland |  |  |
| Valid Blue Badges held by category of entitlement in Northern Ireland |  |  |
| Buses and coaches used as Public Service Vehicles - compliance with accessibility regulations |  |  |
| Railway carriages used as Public Service Vehicles |  |  |
| Mobility status by age and gender, Northern Ireland |  |  |
| Travel by mobility status and main mode/ mode, Northern Ireland |  |  |
| Travel by mobility status and journey purpose, Northern Ireland |  |  |

1. If any of the chapters/sections outlined in Question 6 are required in the future, what format would you need this information in: (please select all that apply)

| Statistical bulletin |  |
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| Management information report with commentary |  |
| Tables of data |  |
| Infographics |  |
| Opendata |  |

Other, (please specify below): -

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1. Thinking of the information you are likely to use in the future, how often would you need this information updated: -

| Annually |  |
| --- | --- |
| Twice a year |  |
| Quarterly |  |

Other, (please specify below): -

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1. Would you be supportive of our proposal to cease production of the Northern Ireland Transport Statistics report in its current format and consider alternative ways of meeting user need including the publication of a new official statistics report on public transport?

| Yes |  |
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| No |  |

1. Please provide reasons why you support / do not support the proposal to cease the publication: -

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1. Please provide any general feedback on the Northern Ireland Transport Statistics report below which will help us to understand and consider your future user needs: -

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1. Please provide your contact details below if you are content that ASRB can contact you about your responses: -

| Contact details: -  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Name |  |
| Organisation (if applicable) |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |

Note: - your contact details will only be used in relation to this user engagement and will be deleted once responses are analysed and clarified.

**Responses should be returned no later than 9 July 2021**

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**Many thanks for your response.**