

## Games effect sees London rail records tumble

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The London Olympics resulted in London Underground transporting more passengers on Friday than on any other day in the network's history.

Transport for London says 4.4 million passengers used the Tube on 3 August, breaking the 4.31m record set the previous day (2 August) which in turn broke the 4.25m record set the day before (1 August).

In the same week last year, daily London Underground passenger numbers were around 3.7-3.8m. TfL says the previous busiest day in the Tube's history was Friday 9 December 2011 when passenger numbers were boosted by Christmas shoppers.

On Friday the Docklands Light Railway carried half a million passengers for the first time, a figure up more than 70% on normal daily levels. On Monday 31 July 490,000 people used the DLR, a 65% increase on regular figures.

The impact of spectators travelling to the Olympic Park and Games venues across the capital also resulted in London Overground reporting a record week with the 2.86m passengers transported up 27% on normal weekly levels. On Saturday 4 August the Emirates Air Line carried 24,451 people, the most since the cable car launched at the end of June 2012.

While the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme only extends to the edge of the Olympic Park a record 47,000 cycle hires were recorded on 26 July, the most hires in one day since the scheme launched over two years ago. There were more than one million hires in July, 300,000 hires in the week commencing 23 July - both records for the scheme.

The record transport numbers came as Londoners flocked to BT London Live sites at Hyde Park and Victoria Park with more than an estimated 110,000 attending on Saturday 2 August, boosted by the appearance of Londoner, Tour de France and Team GB gold medal hero, Bradley Wiggins.

London's transport commissioner Peter Hendy said: "Just like our Team GB athletes, records on the Tube are tumbling almost every day right now. On Friday 3 August, 4.4 million people travelled to Olympic events and attractions across London, breaking the record of 4.31 million set the previous day. The last week has also seen record numbers travelling on the DLR, London Overground and using Barclays Cycle Hire, proving people are out and about making the most of all the Games and the capital has to offer."

Hendy added: "We're carrying these record numbers and keeping London moving and open for business because people are following our advice and planning their travel. What we're seeing is some people avoiding the peak hours and travelling at less busy times. I would like to thank our passengers for taking our advice on board and helping the transport network to support a great London 2012 Games."

*London Underground: record 4.4 million passengers transported on 3 August 2012*



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