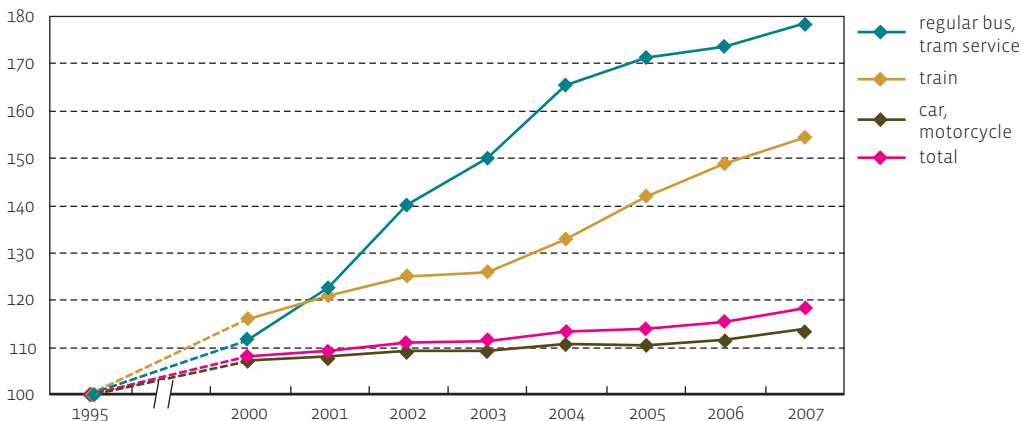


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From 2002 onwards school transport is included in regular bus/tram service.

Source: De Lijn, FODMV, NMBS

Rail grew fastest over the last three years

The number of passenger kilometres travelled with public transport has increased strongly since 1995. Between 1995 and 2000 there was a larger growth for train transport than for the regular bus/tram services. In the period 2000-2004 mainly passenger transport with bus/tram services grew explosively (+48%). Passenger transport by train has experienced again a larger growth in the last four years (+23%). A focused pricing strategy and an expanded service stimulated the use of bus/tram services. For rail travel there are also reduced prices for certain groups. The capacity was also increased further by a 5% increase in the number of train kilometres and the introduction of more double deck carriages. Last year the train continued its growth by 3.8%, regular bus/tram services reinforced their growth in return and increased by 2.9%. Passenger transport by car and motorcycle continued to increase. In 2007 the increase was 2.3%, the largest growth since 1999.

Limited modal shift in passenger transport

In 2007 the total number of passenger kilometres amounted to 72.47 billion, 2.4% higher than in 2006 and 18.2% higher than in 1995. In 2007 private motorised transport still accounted for 88% of transport flows, regular bus/tram services represented 4% and rail transport 8%. In 1995 the shares were 91% (car, motorcycle), 3% (regular service bus/tram) and 6% (rail). Despite the significant growth in public transport, only a limited modal shift has been observed.

passenger transport (billion passenger km)	1995	2000	2005	2007
regular bus, tram service	1.64	1.83	2.80	2.92
train	3.79	4.39	5.38	5.85
car, motorcycle	55.87	59.98	61.69	63.70
<i>total</i>	<i>61.29</i>	<i>66.20</i>	<i>69.87</i>	<i>72.47</i>