

UK Broadband Speedtest Results April 2010

This press release gives the aggregated speedtest results from tests carried out by site users at www.broadband.co.uk for April 2010.

Average download & upload speeds – April 2010		
ISP	Average Download speed (Mbps)	Average Upload Speed (Mbps)
AOL	2.251	0.319
Be and O2*	5.654	0.729
BT	3.582	0.401
Eclipse	3.455	0.396
Orange	3.682	0.448
Plusnet	2.811	0.337
Sky	3.734	0.475
Talk Talk	3.747	0.471
Tiscali	2.819	0.34
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	3.511	0.348
Virgin Media	9.373	0.594
All providers	4.958	0.482

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

Virgin media retain their number 1 position and burst through the 9Mbps barrier. Second place O2/Be also improve on the previous month but Virgin are still in a different league.

Overall the average of all suppliers hits an all time high of 4.958Mbps achingly close to 5Mbps.

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Average download speeds split by time of day – April 2010			
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	2.910	2.389	1.939
Be and O2*	6.060	5.880	5.338
BT	3.925	3.672	3.424
Eclipse	2.968	3.575	3.269
Orange	3.606	3.776	3.566
Plusnet	2.884	2.945	2.649
Sky	4.555	3.856	3.762
Talk Talk	4.119	3.866	3.570
Tiscali	3.212	3.094	2.505
TalkTalk/Tiscali combined	3.859	3.682	3.286
Virgin Media	10.233	10.727	9.138
All providers	5.695	5.256	4.873

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.

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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/>
- 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
 - Tiscali and Talk Talk combined (as TalkTalk purchased Tiscali and began merging the brands in January 2010).
 - Virgin

About [broadband.co.uk](http://www.broadband.co.uk)

- Our broadband price comparison is accredited by Ofcom as open, honest and transparent.
- 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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