

2023 - 2025

Go-Ahead Ireland - Outer Dublin Metropolitan Area (ODMA) Bus Routes
Punctuality Report



Punctuality Overview

Punctuality is a KPI (Key Performance Indicator) of the performance of Go-Ahead Ireland, as part of the terms of their PSO contract with the NTA.

For the purpose of measuring punctuality, Go-Ahead Ireland ODMA routes are divided into two groups – Low Frequency Routes and High Frequency Routes. Further details for each group are provided below.

The following pages detail the Punctuality and Regularity performance achieved by Go-Ahead Ireland for each relevant period.

Low Frequency Routes are defined as services which operates less than 5 times per hour on a weekday, outside the peak periods.

Low Frequency Punctuality:

The Punctuality of Low Frequency Routes is calculated as follows:

$$\text{Punctuality (\%)} = \frac{\text{Number of Actual Departures on Time}}{\text{Number of Actual Departures}} \times 100$$

Go-Ahead Ireland must achieve the Punctuality Standards set out in the table below for Low Frequency Routes:

Period	2023/24	2025
P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 (Late Winter / Spring)	80%	80%
P6, P7, P8, P9 (Summer)		
P10, P11, P12, P13 (Autumn / Early Winter)		

If the relevant punctuality Minimum Performance Standard for each period is not achieved, financial penalties apply. For each full 1% of departures below the Minimum Performancs Standard, 0.2% of the maximum of period payment is deducted, up to a maximum of 5% of the maximum period payment.

Notes:
The *Number of Actual Departures* is the total number of bus departures from individual bus stops, along all routes combined for all services during the relevant period.

The *Number of Actual Departures on Time* is the total number of “on time” bus departures from individual bus stops, along all routes combined for all services during the relevant period - where “*on time*” is defined as a bus which departs from a bus stop not more than one minute early or not more than five minutes and fifty nine seconds late when compared to the scheduled departure time.

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In compliance with the ODMA Contract, punctuality deductions did not apply in respect of any Services during the initial operations mobilisation phase and commenced in Period 5 of 2019.
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Covid-19 Note: Applicable from 16th March 2020, the Punctuality Standard for on time services according to the approved schedule (-1 minute to +5:59 minutes of schedule) was reduced by 10% compared to the contractual standards (e.g. an original standard of 65% would reduce to 55%). The Punctuality Performance Payment and the Punctuality Incentive Payment were reduced to one half of amounts stated in the operating contract. The Covid -19 MPS reduction as outlined above ended in Period 6 2020.

High Frequency Routes are defined as services which operate at a frequency of 12 minutes or greater on a weekday, outside the peak periods. Go-ahead Ireland operates two route in this category as part of the ODMA contract, Route N6 and S4.

High Frequency Regularity:

High Frequency Routes differ from Low Frequency Routes, as passengers on High Frequency Routes are less likely to base their journey on the bus schedule and are instead more likely to just turn up at the bus stop and wait for the next bus to arrive. These passengers are generally more concerned with the average amount of time they must wait at the stop for the next bus to arrive, as opposed to whether the bus is running to schedule.

On this basis, the NTA has introduced a means of measuring regularity of High Frequency Routes called Excess Wait Time (EWT). This metric provides a measure of the average time a passenger must wait for the next high frequency bus, in excess of the wait time which would be expected as per the schedule for that route – i.e. if you are a passenger who arrives at a stop for a high frequency bus route without checking the schedule, the EWT will calculate how much longer you have to wait for the next bus, in comparison to a baseline situation where all buses are calculated to the timetabled gap (headway) between services. Up until P9 2018, the punctuality methodology for low frequency routes was also applied to high frequency routes.

Go-Ahead Ireland ODMA EWT KPI deductions became live in Q4 2022.

Period 10 (2022) is the first Period where specific minimum performance EWT standards apply. For each 0.1 minute that EWT is greater than the EWT Minimum Performance Standard, an EWT Deduction of 0.2% of the Maximum Period Payment for that as outlined in Schedule 20 shall apply.

High Frequency Regularity:

The Regularity of High Frequency Routes is calculated as follows:

$$\text{EWT (min)} = \text{Average Actual Waiting Time (min)} - \text{Average Planned Waiting Time}$$

Go-Ahead Ireland must achieve the Regularity (EWT) Standard of 1.4 minutes for the ODMA Network:

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2025 Route By Route Punctuality Data



PUNCTUALITY - GO-AHEAD IRELAND (see note on interpretation of this data at bottom of table)													
	2025												
Route	P13	P12	P11	P10	P9	P8	P7	P6	P5	P4	P3	P2	P1
102 /a/c/p/t								67.8%	65.0%	68.4%	71.4%	73.8%	72.8%
104								78.8%	81.2%	82.4%	79.9%	77.2%	76.9%
111								64.1%	58.7%	59.9%	62.1%	68.7%	73.0%
114								75.3%	66.4%	65.8%	65.4%	63.9%	72.2%
161								74.9%	74.5%	73.7%	76.5%	74.8%	69.9%
184								No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	64.5%
197								73.0%	84.1%	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data
185 / t								62.2%	52.8%	51.2%	48.0%	59.5%	79.1%
220 / a / t								71.9%	70.7%	70.3%	68.1%	64.2%	69.0%
236 / a / t								81.9%	81.7%	75.3%	73.3%	70.1%	72.9%
238								82.4%	81.7%	83.4%	79.2%	79.6%	79.9%
270 / t								86.3%	86.2%	83.8%	81.8%	83.3%	86.7%
33A								68.0%	68.8%	68.8%	69.5%	71.5%	66.6%
33B / t								78.9%	77.3%	78.1%	80.1%	79.7%	79.7%
45A / b								60.2%	53.9%	58.0%	57.6%	62.6%	62.9%
59								74.8%	68.6%	74.0%	79.6%	83.3%	81.5%
63 / a								No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	No Data	60.4%
L1								75.9%	78.8%	79.5%	80.2%	79.3%	81.9%
L15								82.7%	83.1%	83.5%	80.9%	83.1%	86.1%
L2								69.3%	67.2%	71.9%	71.6%	72.0%	81.2%
L26								77.4%	74.3%	71.0%	72.7%	70.2%	75.0%
L27								77.4%	73.0%	72.7%	72.0%	70.5%	77.8%
L3								86.4%	85.8%	86.6%	88.6%	88.1%	91.0%
L51								77.4%	74.3%	73.6%	77.0%	77.2%	80.5%
L52								70.4%	69.6%	70.9%	71.2%	71.6%	74.4%
L55								77.9%	78.6%	75.7%	79.2%	82.0%	83.7%
N2								71.9%	72.0%	71.8%	72.0%	68.7%	70.5%
S6								62.4%	55.6%	54.2%	55.5%	53.3%	59.2%
S8								57.4%	51.7%	53.3%	53.9%	53.3%	58.7%
W2								77.3%	75.0%	75.3%	74.1%	73.4%	77.1%

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The following routes will be discontinued as part of BusConnects Phase 5b: 17 / d, 18, 175, 76, 76A, 75 / a.

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2024 Route By Route Punctuality Data



PUNCTUALITY - GO-AHEAD IRELAND (see note on interpretation of this data at bottom of table)													
Route	2024												
	P13	P12	P11	P10	P9	P8	P7	P6	P5	P4	P3	P2	P1
102 /a/c/p/t	69.4%	70.7%	71.9%	70.5%	67.7%	67.9%	65.1%	64.8%	64.1%	67.2%	69.2%	70.3%	72.7%
104	73.3%	72.0%	76.3%	70.6%	79.1%	81.2%	80.3%	80.5%	76.7%	76.1%	73.4%	73.0%	75.6%
111	69.4%	72.5%	75.8%	70.0%	75.8%	77.6%	79.8%	76.9%	70.5%	75.6%	76.8%	77.7%	81.9%
114	71.9%	68.4%	72.8%	75.0%	76.9%	79.0%	79.9%	78.7%	75.6%	77.4%	75.1%	76.1%	77.6%
161	66.0%	70.2%	75.9%	74.5%	76.0%	82.5%	78.3%	75.4%	78.2%	77.2%	77.3%	76.3%	81.3%
184	62.8%	58.0%	64.3%	65.8%	65.7%	68.6%	70.2%	71.5%	69.5%	66.9%	69.9%	69.3%	71.3%
185 / t	76.4%	74.4%	80.9%	80.5%	83.3%	81.8%	85.1%	83.0%	79.1%	78.3%	80.9%	82.8%	82.4%
220 / a / t	63.4%	60.9%	65.6%	60.0%	67.3%	77.0%	68.7%	67.7%	65.6%	67.5%	65.2%	67.8%	70.1%
236 / a / t	70.8%	65.4%	69.3%	72.3%	78.7%	87.2%	86.2%	81.4%	78.6%	82.1%	71.3%	74.0%	78.0%
238	69.5%	71.3%	78.8%	77.7%	82.3%	89.2%	84.3%	78.5%	76.7%	75.5%	77.9%	78.8%	82.8%
270 / t	77.7%	77.1%	84.8%	82.2%	85.7%	93.4%	90.4%	88.8%	88.6%	87.0%	86.6%	86.4%	85.2%
33A	70.7%	67.1%	69.2%	71.4%	68.9%	64.4%	67.2%	62.7%	64.7%	68.9%	70.5%	66.9%	72.0%
33B / t	75.6%	76.8%	80.1%	79.6%	78.2%	77.0%	78.3%	82.5%	80.9%	80.3%	82.0%	83.1%	84.4%
45A / b	58.6%	56.4%	58.4%	59.9%	59.5%	61.6%	65.4%	58.1%	56.0%	60.1%	59.6%	61.6%	68.0%
59	75.7%	81.6%	80.6%	78.1%	73.3%	77.1%	80.9%	81.1%	75.5%	78.4%	81.4%	79.6%	84.8%
63 / a	57.0%	58.7%	59.5%	58.4%	63.7%	69.4%	72.7%	67.0%	60.0%	66.9%	64.0%	64.5%	69.9%
L51	76.5%	74.3%	75.2%	77.7%	78.5%	83.1%	82.3%	78.7%	78.4%	79.3%	80.7%	79.2%	81.8%
L52	74.0%	67.7%	70.7%	68.3%	72.1%	79.6%	77.7%	75.9%	73.6%	76.3%	76.4%	75.5%	77.6%
L55	77.7%	74.6%	77.2%	80.0%	82.8%	84.4%	81.5%	80.3%	75.2%	76.0%	79.2%	77.9%	84.2%
N2	73.3%	69.1%	72.1%	70.9%	New Route	New Route	New Route	New Route	New Route	New Route	New Route	New Route	New Route
S6	55.9%	48.1%	53.2%	51.5%	58.9%	66.0%	66.3%	65.0%	60.1%	62.1%	62.8%	61.7%	64.0%
S8	57.2%	52.4%	58.4%	57.6%	61.2%	64.7%	63.3%	63.6%	59.2%	61.6%	62.3%	60.5%	63.8%
W2	71.9%	69.7%	73.2%	72.8%	74.0%	77.0%	77.7%	74.3%	75.8%	74.1%	74.5%	73.5%	74.6%

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161	70.0%	81.3%	83.2%	81.6%	80.1%	88.8%	84.2%						
17 / d	Route Replaced	64.6%	64.0%	62.9%	69.5%	73.9%	73.7%						
175	Route Replaced	59.8%	61.2%	59.2%	68.6%	78.4%	68.8%						
18	Route Replaced	63.3%	64.7%	67.5%	67.7%	71.8%	70.5%						
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45A / b	62.8%	64.2%	63.9%	64.9%	66.0%	73.4%	75.1%						
59	74.4%	80.9%	83.5%	83.1%	75.6%	82.9%	83.2%						
63 / a	66.0%	63.3%	65.8%	64.0%	71.1%	78.8%	77.5%						
75 / a	Route Replaced	63.5%	64.3%	66.3%	67.4%	73.0%	70.8%						
76	Route Replaced	53.9%	57.7%	64.3%	65.7%	69.3%	66.9%						
76A	Route Replaced	34.9%	43.6%	50.7%	55.7%	63.8%	59.3%						
L51	76.7%	80.2%	79.2%	79.9%	81.7%	85.4%	84.1%						
L52	75.9%	71.8%	75.4%	73.7%	76.9%	81.6%	80.2%						

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Route	2025 Excess Wait Time (mins)												
	P13	P12	P11	P10	P9	P8	P7	P6	P5	P4	P3	P2	P1
N6								1.30	1.18	1.28	1.37	2.56	1.68
S4								1.63	1.37	1.73	1.66	3.03	2.05

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N6	1.34	1.37	1.33	1.23	0.95	1.54	0.99	0.97	0.99	0.91	1.05	1.13	1.11
S4	1.77	2.03	3.19	1.72	1.30	1.09	1.19	1.24	1.32	1.26	1.26	1.30	1.38

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