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Once a year the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) produce estimates of the number of travellers using each of Britain's almost 2,600 stations. It releases the figures in December each year for usage from April-March. It takes a long time to produce estimated from ticket sales because station usage is not recorded electronically (ticket barriers do not count entries and exits).

There are a variety of reasons why the figures can only ever be estimates. One is that a ticket may be valid at several station. Another is that a season ticket allows unlimited use.

In East Anglia, one remarkable achievement is that a million users pass through Cambridge stations every month

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EAST ANGLIA STATION USAGE ESTIMATES 2013-2018 (As published by Office of Rail & Road 11/12/18)

Station name	Year ended 31st March		2018	% change 2018 to:	
	2013	2017		2013	2017
Norwich	4,126,012	4,111,338	4,156,302	0.7	1.1
Salhouse	8,412	13,350	10,448	24.2	-21.7
Hoveton & Wroxham	119,696	125,282	129,552	8.2	3.4
Worstead	21,140	24,652	26,766	26.6	8.6
North Walsham	242,386	251,382	257,940	6.4	2.6
Guntton	18,400	15,848	17,008	-7.6	7.3
Roughton Road	13,052	15,998	16,846	29.1	5.3
Cromer	194,444	201,300	204,582	5.2	1.6
West Runton	25,124	26,186	24,844	-1.1	-5.1
Sheringham	190,844	209,952	221,480	16.1	5.5
Brundall Gardens	12,144	14,360	14,022	15.5	-2.4
Brundall	94,554	108,202	99,930	5.7	-7.6
Lingwood	46,640	49,208	47,934	2.8	-2.6
Acle	52,356	47,714	44,914	-14.2	-5.9
Great Yarmouth	461,574	399,182	384,966	-16.6	-3.6
Cantley	18,008	23,216	21,682	20.4	-6.6
Reedham (Norfolk)	46,112	50,302	46,020	-0.2	-8.5
Berney Arms	1,054	1,126	966	-8.3	-14.2
Haddiscoe	9,662	13,098	12,924	33.8	-1.3
Buckenham	72	122	202	180.6	65.6
Somerleyton	11,902	11,638	12,378	4.0	6.4
Oulton Broad North	126,064	117,920	115,400	-8.5	-2.1
Lowestoft	459,166	449,864	452,118	-1.5	0.5
Oulton Broad South	28,030	48,616	47,996	71.2	-1.3
Beccles	85,040	109,906	110,774	30.3	0.8
Brampton (Suffolk)	6,628	7,842	9,004	35.8	14.8
Halesworth	84,350	100,186	97,870	16.0	-2.3
Darsham	47,676	55,880	57,728	21.1	3.3
Saxmundham	132,418	152,074	154,322	16.5	1.5
Wickham Market	38,900	46,392	47,890	23.1	3.2
Melton	63,196	68,340	77,748	23.0	13.8
Woodbridge	186,486	204,654	206,028	10.5	0.7
Westerfield	13,282	9,580	11,110	-16.4	16.0
Derby Road	45,720	49,014	48,310	5.7	-1.4
Trimley	40,164	32,888	32,420	-19.3	-1.4
Felixstowe	210,762	198,934	202,568	-3.9	1.8
Ipswich	3,348,394	3,342,366	3,351,902	0.1	0.3
Mistley	59,548	77,606	71,082	19.4	-8.4
Wrabness	24,484	25,172	30,526	24.7	21.3
Harwich International	89,844	90,506	105,802	17.8	16.9
Dovercourt	145,740	173,364	174,788	19.9	0.8
Harwich Town	156,344	134,614	140,520	-10.1	4.4
Diss	646,158	685,326	689,962	6.8	0.7
Manningtree	1,093,178	1,068,642	1,078,502	-1.3	0.9
Colchester	4,291,055	4,475,581	4,378,758	2.0	-2.2
Colchester Town	743,017	774,969	758,206	2.0	-2.2
Hythe	112,316	204,786	234,522	108.8	14.5
Wivenhoe	351,316	393,050	389,822	11.0	-0.8
Alresford	57,342	69,720	61,752	7.7	-11.4
Great Bentley	66,450	81,140	76,770	15.5	-5.4
Weeley	23,244	31,820	33,354	43.5	4.8
Thorpe-le-Soken	121,300	134,164	127,928	5.5	-4.6
Clacton	743,038	824,270	790,866	6.4	-4.1
Kirby Cross	43,816	46,332	46,386	5.9	0.1
Frinton	175,226	208,252	191,352	9.2	-8.1
Walton-On-Naze	117,288	132,296	131,148	11.8	-0.9

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	2013	2017	2018	2013	2017
Marks Tey	473,162	557,456	577,550	22.1	3.6
Chappel & Wakes Colne	41,642	37,408	38,544	-7.4	3.0
Bures	57,632	62,838	58,680	1.8	-6.6
Sudbury	326,340	320,042	323,052	-1.0	0.9
Kelvedon	812,610	865,706	844,570	3.9	-2.4
Needham Market	85,078	91,706	100,648	18.3	9.8
Stowmarket	927,856	951,396	935,244	0.8	-1.7
Elmswell	79,482	71,566	68,546	-13.8	-4.2
Thurston	64,082	69,258	72,388	13.0	4.5
Bury St Edmunds	566,110	633,362	652,084	15.2	3.0
Kennett	27,530	37,150	39,512	43.5	6.4
Newmarket	268,696	363,784	358,798	33.5	-1.4
Dullingham	31,596	40,376	39,028	23.5	-3.3
Shelford	154,060	182,138	204,618	32.8	12.3
Whittlesford	396,622	509,744	538,972	35.9	5.7
Great Chesterford	110,484	114,146	109,116	-1.2	-4.4
Audley End	810,540	930,960	1,011,626	24.8	8.7
Newport (Essex)	208,416	176,142	184,798	-11.3	4.9
Elsenham	172,546	219,542	246,268	42.7	12.2
Stansted Airport	3,692,934	7,632,108	8,934,250	141.9	17.1
Stansted Mountfitchet	485,210	569,860	584,288	20.4	2.5
Foxton	87,974	92,908	102,170	16.1	10.0
Shepreth	86,304	110,756	114,294	32.4	3.2
Meldreth	221,774	269,934	307,868	38.8	14.1
Royston	1,229,092	1,483,338	1,477,616	20.2	-0.4
Ashwell & Morden	119,042	150,384	152,372	28.0	1.3
Baldock	535,106	648,738	653,280	22.1	0.7
Letchworth	1,569,410	1,890,116	1,900,970	21.1	0.6
Hitchin	2,764,232	3,213,416	3,237,946	17.1	0.8
Arlesey	535,054	693,548	674,194	26.0	-2.8
Biggleswade	819,356	1,029,086	1,058,184	29.1	2.8
Sandy	456,216	522,584	529,072	16.0	1.2
St Neots	1,181,134	1,351,480	1,337,948	13.3	-1.0
Huntingdon	1,685,132	1,840,936	1,845,126	9.5	0.2
Peterborough	4,290,598	4,774,744	4,909,286	14.4	2.8
Whittlesea	23,494	30,474	32,556	38.6	6.8
March	350,246	395,950	403,972	15.3	2.0
Manea	2,898	13,452	15,894	448.4	18.2
Ely	1,878,426	2,209,350	2,281,710	21.5	3.3
Shippea Hill	50	156	276	452.0	76.9
Lakenheath	440	518	468	6.4	-9.7
Brandon	101,396	112,670	115,932	14.3	2.9
Thetford	287,024	302,920	297,388	3.6	-1.8
Harling Road	3,592	3,022	3,074	-14.4	1.7
Eccles Road	1,930	1,294	2,700	39.9	108.7
Attleborough	157,792	159,466	159,916	1.3	0.3
Spooner Row	264	1,256	1,628	516.7	29.6
Wymondham	168,486	188,224	186,924	10.9	-0.7
King's Lynn	879,836	998,316	988,498	12.4	-1.0
Watlington	137,874	144,114	146,014	5.9	1.3
Downham Market	452,674	523,846	533,426	17.8	1.8
Littleport	206,596	242,814	245,786	19.0	1.2
Waterbeach	335,660	440,142	430,050	28.1	-2.3
Cambridge North (opened 21/5/17)		0	488,878	0.0	0.0
Cambridge	9,168,938	11,424,902	11,530,238	25.8	0.9
Total	59,221,236	70,041,064	72,375,174	22.2	3.3