BUS FLEET AUDIT

31st March 2026

This is an audit of the London Buses contracted fleet using data collated on 31st March 2026. This is the 31st audit and the report represents the results and makes comparisons with previous audits.

1. Summary

This year's fleet size of 8,982 buses represents an increase of 185 buses in comparison to last year's fleet total of 8,797. The number of vehicles in the fleet will change from time to time, as new vehicles enter service and the vehicles they are replacing are decommissioned.

As at 31 March 2026, the fleet comprised 2,936 Electric buses, 1 New Routemaster retrofitted to Electric, 20 Hydrogen and 3,668 Hybrid buses (including 996 new Routemasters). All vehicles in the fleet are PSVAR compliant.

2. London Bus Fleet by Age and Type as at 31st March 2026

The current data as at 31st March 2026 shows the fleet size and the quantity registered in each year by type as follows:

	OVERALL FLEET AGE PROFILE AS AT 31 MARCH 2026							
Year of Registration	DD	SD	Diesel	Electric	Fuel Cell	NRM Hybrid	Hybrid	Total
2009	21	3	24	-	-	-	-	24
2010	110	45	153	-	-	-	2	155
2011	263	149	373	-	-	-	39	412
2012	406	128	402	-	-	7	125	534
2013	449	65	252	1*	-	109	152	514
2014	452	57	67	-	-	236	206	509
2015	626	146	165	-	-	307	300	772
2016	785	213	234	42	-	227	495	998
2017	676	319	301	18	-	109	567	995
2018	461	265	199	66	-	1	460	726
2019	262	206	174	98	-	-	196	468
2020	223	32	13	108	4	-	130	255
2021	236	84	-	304	16	-	-	320
2022	177	57	-	234	-	-	-	234
2023	310	232	-	542	-	-	-	542
2024	378	186	-	564	-	-	-	564
2025	683	246	-	929	-	-	-	929
2026	10	21	-	31	-	-	-	31
TOTAL	6528	2454	2357	2937*	20	996	2672	8982

*Euro V NRM retrofitted to Zero Emission Electric

3. London Bus Fleet by Type – 31st March 2016 to 31st March 2026

Year as at 31 March 2026		2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
TOTAL		9186	9616	9396	9142	9102	9068	8795	8643	8776	8797	8982
Single deck	Diesel	2617	2612	2587	2435	2406	2309	2130	2083	1972	1734	1453
	Hybrid	18	18	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Fuel Cell	8	8	10	10	2	2	2	-	-	-	-
	Electric	17	66	91	150	201	268	335	362	543	747	1001
	TOTAL	2660	2704	2701	2595	2609	2579	2467	2445	2515	2481	2454
Double deck	Diesel	4804	4390	3463	2873	2605	2388	2004	1755	1560	1315	904
	Hybrid	1717	2517	3227	3669	3773	3884	3854	3835	3826	3776	3668
	Fuel Cell	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	20	20	20	20
	Electric	5	5	5	5	115	217	450	587	854	1204	1935
	Electric NRM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
	TOTAL	6526	6912	6695	6547	6493	6489	6328	6198	6261	6316	6528

4. Fleet Emission Standard changes – 31st March 2016 to 31st March 2026

Emissions as at 31 March	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Euro VI	1194	2300	3383	4045	4274	4409	4361	4346	4339	4268	4181
Euro VI upgraded from EEV	-	-	135	225	378	396	311	282	246	203	152
Euro VI upgraded from Euro V	-	-	752	2296	2846	3028	2812	2654	2489	2200	1670
Euro VI upgraded from Euro IV	-	-	176	358	688	672	504	391	284	154	23
EEV	631	564	309	194	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
Euro V	3633	3585	2611	848	259	9***	-	-	-	-	-
Euro IV	1628	1627	1256	861	288	57***	-	-	-	-	-
Euro IV upgraded from Euro III	2060	1451	658	140	25	10***	-	-	-	-	-
Euro II	10	10	10	10	7	0	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel Cell	8	8	10	10	2	2	22	20	20	20	20
Electric	22	71	96	155	316	485	785	949	1397	1951	2936
Electric upgraded from Euro V	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1
Fleet Total	9186	9616	9396	9142	9102	9068	8795	8643	8776	8797	8982
Hybrid (incl NRM)	1735	2535	3240	3669	3773	3884	3854	3835	3826	3776	3668

As at 31st March 2026, a total of 8,982 buses in the fleet are to the equivalent of Euro VI emissions standard or better. This represents a total of 100% of the fleet. The fleet included 2,957 Zero Emission buses which is 32.92% of the total fleet.

5. Fleet Emissions by Bus Type & Operator as at 31st March 2026

Fuel	Body Type	EU Standard	31/03/26	Arriva Group	First ^	Go Ahead Group	Metroline	Stagecoach	Transport UK*	University Bus
Diesel	Single deck	Euro VI upgraded from Euro IV	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
		Euro VI upgraded from Euro V	387	25	12	156	90	47	56	1
		Euro VI upgraded from EEV	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Euro VI	1063	71	244	225	92	254	172	5
	Double deck	Euro VI upgraded from Euro IV	20	20	-	-	-	-	-	-
		Euro VI upgraded from Euro V	661	231	14	205	23	166	-	22
		Euro VI upgraded from EEV	132	-	-	-	128	-	-	4
		Euro VI	91	30	5	3	-	52	-	1
Hybrid	Double deck	Euro VI upgraded from Euro V	621	239	66	97	83	49	87	-
		Euro VI upgraded from EEV	20	-	18	-	-	-	-	2
		Euro VI	3027	535	244	778	618	513	338	1
Fuel cell	Double deck	Zero Emission	20	-	-	-	20	-	-	-
Electric	Single deck	Zero Emission	1001	19	151	405	163	111	152	-
	Double deck	Zero Emission	1935	319	271	563	292	307	173	10
		Zero Emission upgraded from Euro V	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
		Total	8982	1489	1025	2432	1513	1499	978	46

^ First formally RATP
***Transport UK formally Abellio**

6. Operator Fleet Changes

The data as at 31st March from 2016 to 2026 details the individual bus operator fleet size by vehicle quantity, the respective % of the overall network fleet and fleet average age:

Fleet size as at 31st March 2026											
OPERATOR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arriva Group	1634	1768	1706	1652	1648	1590	1527	1515	1528	1466	1489
Ensignbus	-	-	-	-	-	*10*	-	-	-	-	-
First$	1047	1066	1076	1112	1086	1069	1234	1187	1119	1007	1024
Quality Line	89	89	89								
Go Ahead Group	2251	2370	2354	2141	2254	2265	2210	2161	2270	2368	2433
Metrobus	315	315									
Metroline	1680	1735	1678	1729	1602	1532	1491	1429	1437	1496	1513
HCT Group*	92	152	129	152	157	163	159	1463	1488	1504	1499
Stagecoach	1287	1290	1232	1176	1102	1198	1191				
Tower Transit*^	426	479	407	388	381	321	139				
Sullivan Buses	26	43	64	68	69	78	74	74	59	0	0
Transport UK~	738	708	745	720	798	831	756	800	848	919	978
University Bus	5	5	5	4	5	11	14	14	27	37	46
Total	9186	9616	9396	9142	9102	9068	8795	8643	8776	8797	8982
Less than 10 years	7384	8186	8332	8163	7590	7261	6380	5907	5850	5655	5800

% of total fleet as at 31st March 2026											
OPERATOR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arriva Group	17.79	18.39	18.17	18.07	18.11	17.53	17.36	17.52	17.41	16.66	16.58
Ensignbus	-	-	-	-	-	*0.11*	-	-	-	-	-
First$	11.40	11.09	11.43	12.16	11.93	11.79	14.03	13.73	12.75	11.45	11.40
Quality Line	0.99	0.99	0.99								
Go Ahead Group	24.50	24.65	25.07	23.42	24.76	24.98	25.13	24.99	25.87	26.92	27.09
Metrobus	3.60	3.60									
Metroline	18.29	18.04	17.86	18.91	17.60	16.89	16.95	16.53	16.37	17.01	16.84
HCT Group*	1.00	1.58	1.37	1.66	1.72	1.80	1.81	16.92	16.96	17.10	16.69
Stagecoach	14.01	13.42	13.11	12.86	12.11	13.21	13.54				
Tower Transit*^	4.64	4.98	4.33	4.24	4.19	3.54	1.58				
Sullivan Buses	0.28	0.45	0.68	0.74	0.76	0.86	0.84	0.86	0.67	-	-
Transport UK~	8.03	7.36	7.93	7.88	8.77	9.16	8.60	9.25	9.66	10.44	10.89
University Bus	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.12	0.16	0.16	0.31	0.42	0.51
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Less than 10 years	80.38	85.13	88.70	89.29	83.38	80.07	72.54	68.34	66.66	64.28	64.57

Average age of fleet as at 31st March 2026 (years)											
OPERATOR	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Arriva Group	6.17	5.93	5.28	6.07	6.76	7.40	8.06	8.99	9.64	9.81	9.03
Ensignbus	-	-	-	-	-	*6.56*	-	-	-	-	-
First$	5.73	6.82	6.73	5.62	5.91	6.64	5.95	6.21	6.80	7.19	7.15
Quality Line	4.07	4.07									
Go Ahead Group	6.83	5.78	5.63	5.54	6.06	6.65	7.25	7.84	7.77	7.99	7.74
Metrobus	6.70										
Metroline	6.41	6.31	6.16	6.09	6.08	6.83	7.51	8.37	8.69	8.97	8.15
HCT Group*	7.00	2.36	2.67	3.20	4.26	5.22	6.15	7.85	8.55	8.46	7.77
Stagecoach	6.73	6.43	6.50	5.91	6.19	6.26	7.02				
Tower Transit*^	5.38	5.41	5.48	5.27	6.18	6.34	7.11				
Sullivan Buses	9.42	8.31	5.63	6.09	7.04	8.31	8.67	9.68	9.82	-	-
Transport UK~	5.96	5.24	4.64	4.98	5.57	6.12	6.25	6.72	7.22	7.52	7.59
University Bus	2.60	3.37	4.43	3.75	6.39	6.19	6.99	7.93	10.76	11.58	11.67
Total	6.41	6.47	6.00	5.77	5.70	6.11	6.69	7.12	7.82	8.42	7.96

$ RATP Dev Transit London formally taken over by First Group in February 2025.
*** HCT & Lea Interchange operations of Tower Transit absorbed into Stagecoach between 31st March 2022 & 31st March 2023.**
^ Westbourne Park operation of Tower Transit absorbed into RATP Dev Transit London between 31st March 2021 & 31st March 2022.
~ Transport UK re-branded from Abellio in 2024.

7. All Single Deck Vehicles – Breakdown by Year and Length

The tables below show the single deck fleet profile for both Diesel Euro VI compliant and Zero Emission buses as at 31st March 2026, split by respective vehicle lengths. As at 31st March 2026, 40.8% of the single deck fleet comprises Zero Emission vehicles.

	Single Deck Bus age and length profile at 31st March 2026							
Registration Year	7.8–7.9m	8.7-9.0m	9.3-9.7m	9.9-10.2m	10.3-10.5m	10.6-10.9m	11.5-12.0m	Total
2009				3				3
2010			9	35		1		45
2011		23	29	72		25		149
2012		19	33	46		30		128
2013		22	1	6		36		65
2014		20	8			29		57
2015		69	6		8	63		146
2016		58	41	1		73		173
2017		64	41		37	159		301
2018	6	13	19		14	140	7	199
2019		32	18		32	66	26	174
2020		13*						13
Total	6	333	205	163	91	622	33	1453

*Last New Diesel vehicles to enter the fleet

	ZERO EMISSION Single Deck Bus age and length profile at 31st March 2026							
Registration Year	7.8–7.9m	8.8-9.0m	9.3-9.7m	9.9-10.2m	10.4-10.5m	10.6-10.9m	11.5-12.0m	Total
2016							40	40
2017						18		18
2018						66		66
2019			10	22				32
2020			1			18		19
2021			12	24		48		84
2022		11				46		57
2023		21	47	56	24	76	8	232
2024		3	22	12	30	107	12	186
2025		57	8	18	24	139		246
2026*			1	2		18		21
Total	-	92	101	134	78	536	60	1001

*To 31st March 2026

8. Double Deck Vehicles – Breakdown by Year

The double deck fleet profile as at 31st March 2026 shows the quantity by year registered and the transition from Diesel to Hybrid and then to Zero Emission technology. As at 31st March 2026, 30.0% of the double deck fleet comprises Zero Emission vehicles.

	Double Deck Bus age profile at 31st March 2026			
Year	Diesel	Hybrid (inc NRM)	Electric	Hydrogen
2009	21			
2010	108	2		
2011	224	39		
2012	274	132		
2013	187	261	1*	
2014	10	442		
2015	19	607		
2016	61	722	2	
2017		676		
2018		461		
2019		196	66	
2020		130	89	4
2021			220	16
2022			177	
2023			310	
2024			378	
2025			683	
2026^			10	
Total	904	3668	1936	20

^ To 31st March 2026
***Euro V NRM retrofitted to Zero Emission Electric in 2022**