

Taiwan Local Public Transportation Infrastructure

Total bus ridership vs. population for Taiwan counties/cities, 2018

Taiwan is a small island country. It is developing its local public transportation infrastructure for local residents and tourists to make good use of it. It is also responding to environmental protection and sustainable development.

Outlying Islands regions have developed their own local tour bus systems for local residents and tourists to easily travel around their islands.

Therefore, some tour bus departure times will match the arrival time of some flights or boats.

*Kinmen County

Some regions that are still not having good bus services would rely on railway branches. Or, they might have a very flourishing private vehicle transportation industry, such as taxi.

The west side of Taiwan has local bus services, railway system, and high speed rail.

★ Union Station

These major cities are having 3 different public railway transportation, which are *Taiwan High Speed Rail*, *Taiwan Railway*, and their city *Metro System*, at the same station. Most of them will also have bus transfer stations within a five-minute walk

Central Range and Coastal Range severely constraint the transportation system development to the east side of Taiwan.

The east side of Taiwan has only a very slender plat area, so the railway can barely go through Hualien and Taitung. Thus, railway is the main transportation way for people to go to the east side of Taiwan. But the railway volume is mostly underserving.

In responding to the underserving of the railway volume.

Hualien and Taitung have developed and shared some of the bus lines making tourists and local people can have choices to take either buses or train to their destination.

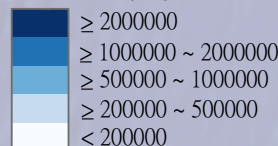
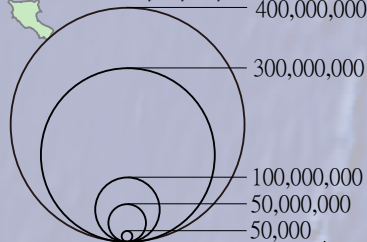
Although Tainan is a major city, local residents in Tainan love high mobility vehicles, especially motorcycles. They are reluctant to use public transportation, even bus services cannot make reasonable income for bus companies. Thus, their bus services volume is greatly lower than other Taiwan major cities.

BusServiceVolume

Unit: people/year

CityPopulation

Unit: people



★ Major City

— Taiwan High Speed Rail

— Taiwan Railway System

*Lienchiang County and Kinmen County are not to scale.

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Mainland Taiwan

1:1,800,000

Projection: TWD 1997 TM Taiwan

Central Meridian 121°E

Inset Map (Lienchiang and Kinmen)

Projection: TWD 1997 TM Taiwan

Central Meridian 121°E

Lienchiang County

1:1,000,000

Kinmen County

1:3,000,000

Data Source:

Base Map - Open Data from Taiwan Map Store

Background Ocean Image - Natural Earth Data

Bus Volume Data - Aggregated Open Data from Taiwan city agency official websites

and the related link provided on their websites.

City Population Data - The 15th weekly report, 2018, from Department of Statistics, Ministry of the Interior, Taiwan

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