

# Comparing operator bus fares across the PTE areas

This paper has been prepared for the ITA SIG who requested a comparison of fare offers from individual operators across the PTE areas.

Please note:

- The data below has been compiled from information available from operator websites and from individual PTEs, however, it may not present a complete picture.
- Fares across areas may not be directly comparable given differing market conditions, geographical context, number of bus services offered and length and complexity of routes.
- In addition to the fares below, many operators have additional, route specific, fare offers.
- Where data is marked 'not available' or is missing this is because the fare could not be found on the operator website or by the PTE. This may be because the fare does not exist, or it may be because the information on the operator website is incomplete.

Operators covered are:

- **First**
- **Arriva**
- **Stagecoach**
- **Go-ahead**
- **National Express**

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## First

### First - Metropolitan areas

#### *Adult Single fares*

Cost of a single bus fare for a...			
	1 mile trip into largest city centre	3 mile trip into largest city centre	6 mile trip into largest city centre
Greater Manchester	£2.10	£2.50	£3.10
South Yorkshire	£1.40	£2.00	£2.50
West Yorkshire	£1.10	£2.10	£2.80 (peak), £2.50 (off peak)

#### *Adult tickets*

	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Greater Manchester	£4.00	£13.00	£48.00	£480.00
South Yorkshire	£5.00	£20.00	£74.70	£747.00
West Yorkshire	£4.60	£19.50	£65.00	£650.00

#### *Other adult fare offers*

- In South Yorkshire, £1 FirstXtra tickets allow you to extend the validity of tickets - e.g. if you buy a Weekly ticket to Rotherham but want to go into Sheffield.

#### *Notes*

- With the exception of single tickets, adult fares are consistently highest in South Yorkshire and lowest in Greater Manchester.

#### *Child tickets*

	Child day	Child weekly
Greater Manchester	£2.00	£6.50
West Yorkshire	£2.10	£7.00

#### *Notes*

- A child day ticket is 10p more in West Yorkshire than in Greater Manchester, a weekly ticket is 50p more.

### Family tickets

Family day	
Greater Manchester	£8.60
South Yorkshire	£8.50
West Yorkshire	£7.80

#### Notes

- For family fares Greater Manchester is the most expensive – 80p more than in West Yorkshire and 10p more than in South Yorkshire.

### Student tickets

- Students in Greater Manchester can buy a quarterly ticket at £110
- Students in South Yorkshire can buy a weekly ticket at £15
- Students in West Yorkshire can buy a monthly ticket at £40 or a term ticket at £109

## First - Larger cities

### Adult tickets

	Adult single (min/max fare)	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Leeds	£1.10/£2.80	£4.60 (WY wide) (£3.90 from 05.01.14)	£13.50 (£14.00 from 05.01.14)	£65.00 (WY wide) (£52.00 from 05.01.14)	£650.00 (WY wide) (£520.00 from 05.01.14)
Manchester	£1.20/£3.80	£4.00 (GM wide)	£13.00 (GM wide)	£48.00 (GM wide)	£480.00 (GM wide)
Sheffield	£1.00/£3.50	£3.60	£11.50	£42.00	£420.00

#### Notes

- Although South Yorkshire-wide adult fares were higher than the other Met areas, travel within Sheffield is cheaper than in the other core cities of Leeds and Manchester. This seems to be because Sheffield specific tickets are available whereas for the other two cities, often only Metropolitan area-wide tickets are available.

### Student tickets

- Students in Sheffield get extra discounts for travel – they can buy a single ticket for 80p or a weekly ticket for £7 (saving £8 compared to the standard SY student weekly ticket).

- In Leeds, Students can buy £1 single tickets on certain services.

## First - Other zones

### Adult tickets

		Adult day (min/max)	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
West Yorkshire	Bradford	£3.70 (£3.90 from 05.01.14)	£15.00 (£14.00 from 05.01.14)	£60.00 (£52.00 from 05.01.14)	£650.00 (WY wide) (£520.00 from 05.01.14)
	Calderdale and Huddersfield	£4.60 (WY wide) (£3.80 off-peak, Calderdale and Huddersfield only)	£19.50 (WY wide)	£65.00 (WY wide)	£650.00 (WY wide)
	Hebden Bridge	£2.80	£19.50 (WY wide)	£65.00 (WY wide)	£650.00 (WY wide)
	Halifax	£4.60 (WY wide)	£10.00 (Halifax only)	£65.00 (WY wide)	£650.00 (WY wide)
	Holme Valley	£3.00	£19.50 (WY wide)	£65.00 (WY wide)	£650.00 (WY wide)
	Huddersfield	£4.60 (WY wide) (£3.80 off-peak, Calderdale and Huddersfield only)	£12.00 (Huddersfield only)	£65.00 (WY wide)	£650.00 (WY wide)
South Yorkshire	Doncaster	£3.00/£4.60	£13.00	£50.00	£500.00
	Rotherham	£4.60	£13.00	£50.00	£500.00

### Other adult fare offers

- Calderdale and Huddersfield has a First Week NHS ticket for NHS/ISS employees costing £16.00.

### Notes

- A number of the areas above have zone-specific tickets which offer savings if journeys only need to be made in the local area.
- Interestingly, a day ticket for Doncaster or Rotherham, at £4.60, is 40p less than a South Yorkshire-wide ticket, however, in West Yorkshire £4.60 buys Metropolitan area-wide travel.

# Arriva

## Arriva – Regions

### **Adult tickets**

	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Midlands	£6.00	£25.00	£55.00 (£49.50 online/DD)	£590.00
North East	£7.30	£26.00	£99.00 (£89.10 online/DD)	£960.00
North West	£4.80	£19.00 (also covers Wales)	£66.50 (£59.85 online) (also covers Wales)	£665.00

### *Notes*

- Tickets for North East-wide travel are consistently more expensive than North West or Midlands tickets. The reasons for this would need further exploration but it could be, for example, that Arriva offers more services in the North East or covers a larger geographical area.

### **Child tickets**

	Child day
Midlands	£4.00
North East	£5.00
North West	£3.20

- In addition to the above, a child weekly ticket is available in the Midlands for £17.00.
- A child monthly ticket is available in the North West for £39.60.

### *Notes*

- The North East again offers the most costly ticket of the three regions.

### **Family tickets**

	Family day
Midlands	Not available
North East	£13.00
North West	£12.00

## Arriva - Metropolitan areas

### Adult single fares

	Cost of a single bus fare for a...		
	1 mile trip into largest city centre	3 mile trip into largest city centre	6 mile trip into largest city centre
Greater Manchester	£1.80	£2.50	£3.20
Merseyside	£2.10 Liverpool flat fare; £3.20 (Liverpool-Wirral) Cross River Service	£2.10 Liverpool flat fare; £3.20 (Liverpool-Wirral) Cross River Service	£2.10 Liverpool flat fare; £2.70 Liverpool Boundary - Liverpool City Centre; £3.20 (Liverpool - Wirral) Cross River Service
Tyne and Wear	£1.30	Up to 3 miles, £1.30 or £1.50; 2-3 miles £1.50 or £1.70	£2.30
West Midlands	£1.70	£1.90	£1.90
West Yorkshire	£1.20	£2.30	£2.60

### Adult tickets

	Adult single (min/max fare)	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Greater Manchester	£1.30/£3.30	£4.20	£13.50	£47.00 (£42.30 online/DD)	£470.00
Merseyside	Not available as a single zone	Not available as a single zone	£15.00	Not available as a single zone	Not available as a single zone
Tyne and Wear	£1.00/£3.00	£4.10	£16.30	£65.00	£535.00
West Yorkshire	£0.90/£2.90	£4.50	£17.50	£66.00 (£59.40 online/DD)	£660.00

#### Notes

- Whilst weekly and monthly tickets are quite similar in price between Tyne and Wear and West Yorkshire, annual tickets are considerably cheaper in Tyne and Wear.

### Child tickets

Child day	
Greater Manchester	£2.10
West Yorkshire	£2.25

- Child weekly (£6.75), monthly (£23.50, £21.15 online/DD) and annual (£235.00) tickets are also available in Greater Manchester.

### **Student tickets**

- Student weekly (£12.50) and monthly (£43.40) tickets are available in Greater Manchester.
- In Tyne and Wear, a 15 week Tyne and Wear student ticket costs £185 and an academic year ticket costs £505.

## **Arriva - Other zones**

### **Adult tickets**

Met area	Zone	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Merseyside	Liverpool	£4.00	£15.00 (covers Merseyside)	£52.50 (£47.25 online/DD)	£525.00
	Southport	Not available	£12.00 (on town services only)	£37.80	£420.00
	Wirral	£4.00	Not available	Not available	Not available
West Midlands	Black Country	£3.80	£11.00	Not available	Not available

### **Other adult ticket offers**

- Commuter day (£3.50) and weekly (£12.00) tickets are available for the Quorum, Cobalt and Doxford Business Parks in Tyne and Wear.

### **Child tickets**

- Child day (£1.90) and weekly (£5.50) tickets are available in the Black Country.

# Stagecoach

## Stagecoach - Regions/counties

### Adult tickets

	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Lancashire (includes Liverpool, Wigan, Bolton and more)	£7.00 (Mon-Fri after 9am)	Not available	Not available	Not available
Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, South Yorkshire (incl tram), West Yorkshire, Gainsborough	Not available	Not available	£69.00	£828.00
North West	£10.30 (does not include Stagecoach Manchester)	£26.00	£96.00	£999.00

### Child tickets

- A Child day ticket is available in the North East for £2.30, a weekly ticket for £7.80 and a monthly ticket for £30.00.

### Family tickets

- A family day ticket is available for Lancashire (includes Liverpool, Wigan, Bolton and more) at £15.90.
- A family day ticket is available for the North West at £23.00

### Student tickets

- For the North East, a student term ticket is available at £110.00 (105.00 online) or a two term ticket at £170 (£165 online).



## Stagecoach - Metropolitan areas

### Adult single fares

	Cost of a single bus fare for a...		
	1 mile trip into largest city centre	3 mile trip into largest city centre	6 mile trip into largest city centre
Greater Manchester	£1.70	£2.20	£3.00
Merseyside	£2.00 Flat fare (For services in Liverpool zone); £2.70 (Liverpool - Wirral) Cross River Service	£2.00 Flat fare (For services in Liverpool zone); £2.70 (Liverpool - Wirral) Cross River Service	£2.00 Flat fare (For services in Liverpool zone); £2.70 (Liverpool - Wirral) Cross River Service
South Yorkshire	£1.40	£1.40	£1.65
Tyne and Wear	£1.35	£1.45 or £1.80	£2.10 or £2.20
West Midlands	£1.60	£1.80	£1.80

### Adult tickets

	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Greater Manchester	£4.00	£12.50	£46.00 (28 days)	Not available
Liverpool and Wirral	£3.70	£12.50	£46.00	£515.00
Merseyside and West Cheshire	£4.00	£15.00	£56.00	£610.00
Tyne and Wear	£3.80	Not available	Not available	Not available

### Notes

- It is interesting to note that whilst a day ticket costs the same for Greater Manchester and for Merseyside, a weekly ticket costs £2.50 more for Merseyside.

### Other adult offers

- A 50% discount on single and return fares for jobseekers is available on Merseyside. This is likely to be available in other areas, but it is unclear from the Stagecoach website where this offer applies.

### Child tickets

- A child day ticket in Greater Manchester costs £2.00 or £6.25 for a weekly ticket. A Dayrider Plus One ticket is also available – one adult and one child travel for £6.00.

- A child monthly ticket is available in Tyne and Wear for £30.00.

### **Family tickets**

- A family day ticket is available in Greater Manchester for £8.80.

### **Student tickets**

- A student term ticket is available in Greater Manchester for £60.00.

## **Stagecoach - Larger cities**

### **Adult tickets**

	Adult single (min/max)	Adult day	Adult weekly (min/max)	Adult monthly (min/max)	Adult annual (min/max)
Liverpool (plus Wirral, St Helens, Southport)	£2.00	£3.70	£12.50	£46.00/£56.00	£515.00/£610.00
Manchester	£1.20/£3.00	£4.00	£12.50	£46.00 (28 days, covers Greater Manchester)	Not available
Newcastle	£1.15/£3.20	£3.80	£12.50	£48.00/£58.00	£576.00/£696.00
Sheffield	Not available	£3.60	£11.50	£42.00	£495.00
Sheffield plus tram	Not available	£4.00	£13.50/£14.50	£46.00/£54.00	£540.00/£648.00

### **Notes**

- Fares across the larger cities are broadly similar, although fares for Sheffield (without the tram) are consistently the cheapest.

### ***Student tickets***

	<b>Student term ticket (Spring)</b>	<b>Annual</b>
Liverpool and Wirral	£100.00	£245 (excluding summer holidays, valid September 2013-July 2014); £285 (including summer holidays, valid September 2013-September 2014)
Manchester	£90.00	£205.00 (valid September 2013 - July 2014)
Newcastle	£105.00	£165 (Spring/summer term only)
Sheffield	£78.00 for Universities	£180 (valid September 2013-July 2014) for Universities
Sheffield plus tram	£120.00 for Universities and Sheffield College	£280 (valid September 2013-July 2014) for Universities; £315 for Sheffield College (valid September 2013 – Mid July 2014).

### ***Other student fare offers***

- A student single ticket is available in Sheffield for 80p or £7.00 for a weekly ticket.
- A student single fare of £1.50 is available in Liverpool. A student annual ticket is available for Liverpool (plus Wirral, St Helens, Southport) at £230.00.

## Stagecoach - Other zones

### Adult tickets

Met area	Zone	Adult single (min/max)	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
Greater Manchester	Wigan	£1.50/£3.80	Not available	£11.00	£46.00 (28 day)	Not available
South Yorkshire	Barnsley	Not available	£3.00	£9.50/£12.00	£34.00/£44.00	£528.00
	Dearne Valley	Not available	£3.70	£10.00	£38.00	£456.00
Tyne and Wear	South Shields	£1.15/£3.20	£3.80	£10.80/£13.80	£40.00/£52.00	£480.00/£624.00
	Sunderland	£1.15/£3.20	£3.80	£12.00	£48.00 (£44.80 online/DD)	£538.00
West Midlands	Coventry	Not available	Not available	Not available	£39.50/£59.00	£590.00
West Yorkshire	Pontefract	£1.00/£2.80	Not available	£14.00	Not available	Not available
	Wakefield to Bradford	£0.90 / £3.00	Not available	£14.00	Not available	Not available

### Student tickets

Met area	Zone	Student term ticket (Spring term)	Student annual ticket
South Yorkshire	Barnsley	£110.00 (Barnsley College)	£335 (valid September 2013-July 2014)

### Notes

- There was previously a student ticket term ticket for Dearne Valley College in South Yorkshire (at £90.00) but this is not available for 2013/14.

## Go-ahead

### Go-ahead - Regions

#### Child tickets

Across the North East, a range of child tickets are available £3.65 (day), £15.40 (£14.90 online) (weekly), £58.00 (monthly), £218.34 (term), £576.00 (annual).

### Go-ahead – Metropolitan areas

Met area	Cost of a single bus fare for a...		
	1 mile trip into largest city centre	3 mile trip into largest city centre	6 mile trip into largest city centre
Tyne and Wear	£1.40	Up to 3 miles £1.40-£1.45; 2-3 miles £1.90	£2.50

### Go-ahead - Larger cities

	Adult single (min/max)	Adult day
Newcastle	£1.40/£1.90	£3.30
Newcastle Metrocentre	£2.50	£3.40

### Go-ahead - Other zones

Met area	Zone	Adult single (min/max)	Adult day (min/max)	Adult weekly
Tyne and Wear	South Tyneside	£1.40/£2.50	£3.40	£11.40
	Sunderland	£1.35/£2.00	£3.40	£11.40
	Wallsend	£1.45	£3.65/£4.65 (latter includes travel to Newcastle and Metrocentre)	£12.50/£18.00 (latter includes travel to Newcastle and Metrocentre)
	Washington	£1.45/£1.95	£3.10	£10.30
	Whitley Bay and North Shields	£1.45/£1.95	£2.80/£4.65 (latter includes travel to Newcastle and Metrocentre)	£18.00 (includes travel to Newcastle and Metrocentre)

# National Express

## National Express - Metropolitan areas

### Adult single fares

	Cost of a single bus fare for a...		
	1 mile trip into largest city centre	3 mile trip into largest city centre	6 mile trip into largest city centre
West Midlands	£1.70	£2.00	£2.00

### Adult tickets

	Adult single	Adult day	Adult weekly	Adult monthly	Adult annual
West Midlands	From £1.70	£3.90	£15.50	£55.50 (£49.50 online/DD)	£594.00
West Midlands (plus Metro)	Not available	Not available	£22.00	£76.00 (£65.00 online/DD)	£780.00

### Other adult fare offers

- Adult weekly off-peak tickets are available in West Midlands - this ticket is £11.50 for the West Midlands and £13.30 for the West Midlands plus Metro.
- Adult monthly earlybird tickets available in West Midlands for travel between 4am and 9.30am – this ticket is £27.75 for the West Midlands and £38.00 for the West Midlands plus Metro. Annual versions are also available at £297.00 (West Midlands) or £390.00 (West Midlands plus Metro).
- An evening5 ticket can be purchased in the West Midlands allowing unlimited travel all evening for 5 people after 6pm, priced at £5.00.

### Child tickets

	Child day	Child monthly	Child term
West Midlands	£2.70	£27.75 (£23.00 online/DD)	£82.50
West Midlands plus Metro	Not available	£38.00 (£29.00 online/DD)	£100.00

### **Family tickets**

- A family day ticket is available for the West Midlands at £8.00.

### **Student tickets**

- A student term ticket is available for the West Midlands at £134.00 and for the West Midlands plus Metro at £186.00.

## **National Express - Other zones**

### **Adult tickets**

<b>Met area</b>	<b>Zone</b>	<b>Adult day</b>	<b>Adult weekly</b>	<b>Adult monthly</b>	<b>Adult annual</b>
West Midlands	Black Country		£14.00	£49.00 (£43.50 online/DD)	£522.00
	Coventry	£3.70	£13.00	£45.25 (£40.25 online/DD)	£483.00

### **Other adult fare offers**

- An adult weekly off-peak ticket is available in Coventry at £9.50.

### **Child tickets**

- A child day ticket for Coventry cost £2.60.

### **Student tickets**

- A student term ticket is available in the Black Country for £118.00.