

# Communications

## Did you know?

The Liverpool and Manchester Railway (L&MR) was the UK's first passenger train line, opening in 1830.

## By train

Merseyside is well served by national and regional railways. The main long-distance station is Lime Street in Liverpool, with direct services to and from London Euston, Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds and Sheffield. The flagship station is Liverpool South Parkway, part of a fully integrated public transport hub with direct links to John Lennon Airport, as well as to Manchester, Birmingham and Norwich.

In the city centre the local stations are underground. The local network is operated by Merseyrail and Northern Rail, running 88 stations and providing over 38 million passenger journeys a year.

## By bus

Merseyside has a comprehensive network of buses, many of which call at local train stations, giving a wide range of transport options.

There are many different operators around the region but Merseytravel provides information for all bus services, no matter who runs them, making it easier to plan journeys.

## By road

From the M6 the city is easily reached via the M58, M56 and M62 motorways. Liverpool city centre is approximately 45 minutes drive from Chester, Manchester and North Wales. It is just over one hour from Blackpool, the Lake District, the Yorkshire Moors and the Peak District National Parks, and just under four hours from London.

## Accessibility

Information on accessibility around Liverpool for disabled travellers can be found online at:  
[www.merseytravel.gov.uk/information\\_access-guide.html](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk/information_access-guide.html)  
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