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GREATER MANCHESTER 2009**

**SUMMARY**

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**PUBLIC STATISTICS GREATER MANCHESTER 2009****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****Rail Patronage**

- The number of rail passengers travelling towards Manchester City Centre from stations in the GMPTE area during the morning peak period remained 45% higher in 2009 than in 1991 despite the closure of stations on the Oldham loop prior to conversion to Metrolink.
- The number of off-peak passengers increased by 121% between 1991 and 2009.
- Peak patronage decreased by 3% between 2008 and 2009 with falls on the Rochdale/Oldham, Marple/Glossop and Stockport lines. In contrast, off-peak patronage increased by 4% to continue its upward trend.

**Metrolink Patronage**

- The number of inbound peak boarders on the Altrincham line decreased by 6% between 2008 and 2009 leaving patronage nearly 13% lower than in 2006, prior to the line's closure for track upgrading. Off-peak boarders decreased by 9% between 2008 and 2009, to a level 11% lower than in 2006.
- Weekday peak period (07:30-09:30) boarders on Manchester bound trams on the Bury line decreased by 25% between 2008 and 2009 to their lowest level in ten years. Off-peak (09:30-13:30) boarders decreased by 20% but remained 8% above 1999 levels.
- Peak boarders inbound to Manchester on the Eccles line decreased by 14% between 2008 and 2009, following almost continuous year-on-year increases since 2000. Peak alighters outbound from Manchester decreased by 16% to a level 33% below that in 2007.
- Off-peak boarders towards Manchester decreased by 24% between 2008 and 2009 and alighters towards Eccles decreased by 33%.

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## RAIL PATRONAGE

### Rail Passenger Counts

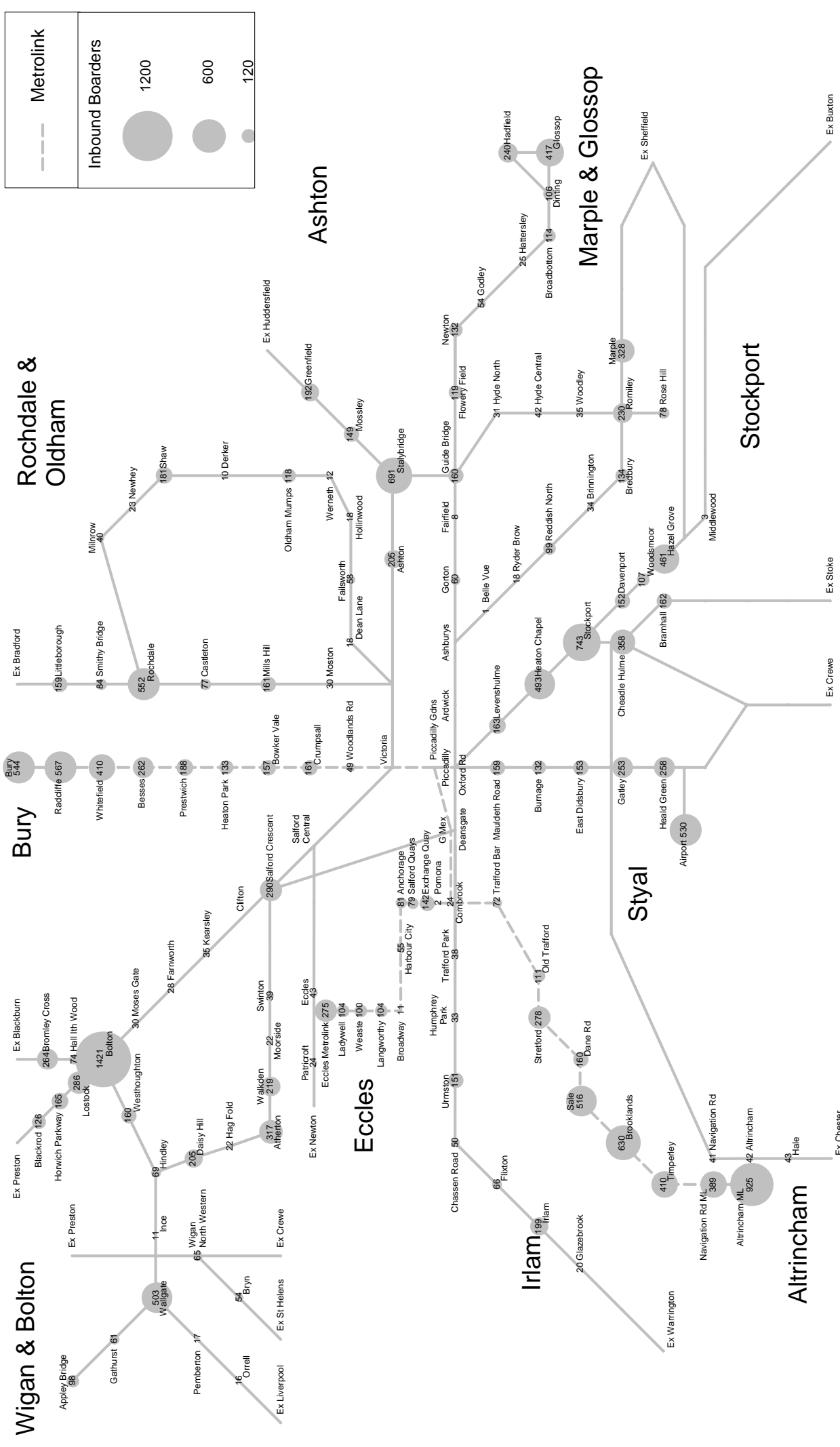
- 5.1 GMTU undertook counts of boarding and alighting rail passengers both inbound towards and outbound from Manchester City Centre in Autumn 2009 at a sample of stations throughout the county.
- 5.2 A total of 62 railway stations were surveyed. The stations were generally selected to give the highest percentage of travellers on each corridor for the fewest stations counted. The Oldham loop line was closed in October 2009 because of construction work on the Metrolink extension, therefore no surveys could be undertaken at those stations.
- 5.3 A summary of the results of all rail passenger counts undertaken in 2009 is given in Table 5.1 and a diagram of the rail network in Greater Manchester is given in Figure 5.1. This diagram also shows the most recent count of peak period inbound boarders at each station.

Station	AM Peak 07:30-09:29					Off-Peak 09:30-13:29				
	Inbound		Outbound		Total	Inbound		Outbound		Total
	Board	Alight	Board	Alight		Board	Alight	Board	Alight	
Airport	0	502	530	0	1032	0	907	1199	0	2106
Appley Bridge	98	1	11	22	132	46	1	3	11	61
Ashton	205	35	16	53	309	221	47	31	161	460
Atherton	317	13	107	8	445	125	42	78	37	282
Blackrod	126	0	11	4	141	22	1	2	7	32
Bolton	1421	494	396	354	2665	1059	428	395	589	2471
Bramhall	162	8	21	10	201	78	8	6	25	117
Bredbury	134	7	11	33	185	95	10	4	31	140
Bromley Cross	264	16	20	118	418	97	8	11	42	158
Bryn	54	14	35	3	106	84	20	39	27	170
Burnage	132	2	25	6	165	68	6	7	24	105
Castleton	77	9	7	8	101	67	5	11	28	111
Cheadle Hulme	358	65	52	65	540	151	23	25	80	279
Daisy Hill	205	2	43	4	254	54	7	24	13	98
Davenport	152	56	4	8	220	94	21	4	21	140
Eccles	43	26	13	28	110	43	7	11	35	96
Farnworth	28	4	4	3	39	14	7	23	7	51
Flowery Field	119	30	10	30	189	60	9	9	23	101
Gathurst	61	23	4	18	106	43	6	8	25	82
Gatley	253	8	20	35	316	91	3	2	18	114
Glossop	417	0	0	128	545	246	0	0	153	399
Gorton	60	6	3	2	71	69	9	10	13	101
Greenfield	192	2	17	6	217	92	3	5	23	123
Guide Bridge	160	55	14	23	252	95	20	16	38	169
Hadfield	240	0	0	18	258	118	0	0	37	155
Hag Fold	22	11	29	4	66	16	19	35	4	74
Hall I'Th'Wood	74	29	30	16	149	18	1	2	12	33
Hazel Grove	461	29	6	28	524	204	14	7	54	279
Heald Green	258	11	24	130	423	134	4	9	53	200
Heaton Chapel	493	24	63	24	604	165	22	33	32	252
Hindley	69	3	162	6	240	110	47	72	26	255
Horwich Parkway	165	23	24	141	353	126	40	20	101	287
Ince	11	2	18	6	37	13	2	3	5	23

Table 5.1 Boarders and Alighters at 62 Rail Stations Surveyed in 2009										
Station	AM Peak 07:30-09:29					Off-Peak 09:30-13:29				
	Inbound		Outbound		Total	Inbound		Outbound		Total
	Board	Alight	Board	Alight		Board	Alight	Board	Alight	
Irlam	199	13	18	38	268	45	10	12	30	97
Kearsley	35	2	7	2	46	15	5	10	2	32
Levenshulme	163	16	50	24	253	135	13	38	49	235
Littleborough	159	2	13	10	184	101	2	12	18	133
Lostock Junction	286	5	22	3	316	60	9	3	24	96
Marple	328	8	20	26	382	170	3	7	62	242
Mauldeth Road	159	4	23	7	193	140	4	14	30	188
Mills Hill	161	9	11	11	192	132	10	12	39	193
Moorside	22	10	11	4	47	7	7	6	3	23
Moses Gate	30	7	3	3	43	9	3	5	4	21
Mossley	149	3	4	2	158	123	1	9	20	153
Moston	30	6	5	11	52	53	2	5	20	80
Orrell	16	14	10	5	45	36	3	7	59	105
Patricroft	24	5	3	2	34	2	3	3	12	20
Pemberton	17	0	6	4	27	24	2	4	11	41
Reddish North	99	7	23	4	133	25	18	9	10	62
Rochdale	552	85	43	64	744	533	91	74	155	853
Romiley	230	4	16	10	260	143	5	4	53	205
Rose Hill	78	0	0	45	123	53	0	0	23	76
Salford Crescent	290	527	95	581	1493	397	405	191	867	1860
Stalybridge	691	78	107	17	893	221	45	51	55	372
Stockport	743	765	839	370	2717	444	682	810	324	2260
Swinton	39	17	20	22	98	45	26	27	20	118
Urmston	151	31	40	20	242	84	25	17	24	150
Walkden	219	18	33	45	315	94	14	27	38	173
Westhoughton	160	5	23	22	210	71	8	14	29	122
Wigan North Western	151	131	329	263	874	247	173	343	323	1086
Wigan Wallgate	503	119	84	412	1118	769	234	178	538	1719
Woodsmoor	107	17	0	21	145	71	3	3	18	95

## Notes:

1. Glossop outbound patronage refers to patronage to Hadfield
2. Manchester Airport patronage refers to patronage to and from Manchester Airport
3. Rochdale inbound patronage includes patronage via Oldham
4. Wigan North Western patronage refers to patronage to and from Wigan North Western. Two AM peak trains travel inbound to Manchester. These had 65 boarders and 92 alighters in total.



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Rail & Metrolink Peak (07:30-09:30) MCR Bound Boarders at stations inside the GMPTE Area 2006-2009

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## Rail Patronage by Corridor

5.4 Tables 5.2 and 5.3 show the inbound (towards Manchester City Centre) rail boarders on each corridor in the years 1991 and 1999 to 2009 for the peak and off-peak periods respectively. Figure 5.2 illustrates trends in patronage for north side, south side and all Greater Manchester inbound rail boarders in the peak and off-peak periods from 1991 to 2009. The information for 1999 to 2009 is also shown graphically in Figures 5.3 and 5.4 by corridor.

5.5 Tables 5.4 to 5.7 show numbers of rail boarders travelling towards Manchester City Centre on the Wigan/Bolton and Ashton corridors respectively.

<b>Table 5.2 Manchester Bound Boarders by Corridor 1991 and 1999-2009</b>												
<b>(excluding the Eccles Corridor) Peak Period (0730-0930)</b>												
<b>Line/Corridor</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Wigan/Bolton	2541	3306	3356	3624	2970	3338	3574	3898	3937	4444	4573	4599
Rochdale/Oldham	1200	1268	1377	1383	1133	1322	1572	1619	1437	1518	1442	1104
Ashton	407	931	871	930	1046	1061	1230	1273	1268	1261	1244	1237
North Side Total	4148	5505	5604	5937	5149	5721	6376	6790	6642	7223	7259	6940
Patronage Index	100	133	135	143	124	138	154	164	160	174	175	167
% Total Patronage	42	49	50	53	50	50	51	51	49	50	50	49
Marple/Glossop	2111	2173	2280	2026	1793	2038	2270	2400	2335	2539	2518	2426
Stockport	2633	2396	2175	2152	2218	2392	2216	2513	2576	2801	2941	2760
Styal Excl. Airport	505	523	568	550	460	616	709	802	807	884	966	953
Manchester Airport	N/A	213	178	256	222	282	429	298	455	407	435	530
Irlam	411	367	366	369	380	405	399	483	607	546	515	564
South Side Total	5660	5672	5567	5353	5073	5733	6023	6496	6780	7177	7375	7233
Patronage Index	100	100	98	95	90	101	106	115	120	127	130	128
% Total Patronage	58	51	50	47	50	50	49	49	51	50	50	51
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9808</b>	<b>11177</b>	<b>11171</b>	<b>11290</b>	<b>10222</b>	<b>11454</b>	<b>12399</b>	<b>13286</b>	<b>13422</b>	<b>14400</b>	<b>14635</b>	<b>14173</b>
<b>Patronage Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>145</b>
<b>Grand Total (excl. Rochdale/Oldham)</b>	<b>8608</b>	<b>9909</b>	<b>9794</b>	<b>9907</b>	<b>9089</b>	<b>10132</b>	<b>10827</b>	<b>11667</b>	<b>11985</b>	<b>12882</b>	<b>13193</b>	<b>13069</b>
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### Notes:

Figures for 1991 are based on full counts at every station in each corridor.

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### Note on Industrial Action:

There was sustained industrial action in 2002 by employees of First North Western and Arriva. While an attempt was made to avoid actual strike days the work to rule by First North Western staff in particular may have had an effect on passenger numbers.

<b>Table 5.3 Manchester Bound Borders by Corridor 1991 &amp; 1999 to 2009 (excluding the Eccles Corridor) Off-Peak Period (0930-1330)</b>												
<b>Line/Corridor</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Wigan/Bolton	1215	2148	1847	2159	1878	2522	2174	2436	3133	3320	3549	3354
Rochdale/Oldham	632	681	795	881	727	918	986	1023	1120	1192	1389	1282
Ashton	159	361	362	312	363	506	548	557	582	624	639	657
North Side Total	2006	3190	3004	3352	2968	3946	3708	4015	4835	5136	5577	5293
Patronage Index	100	159	150	167	148	197	185	200	241	256	278	264
% Total Patronage	44	55	52	52	53	56	53	53	56	56	58	53
Marple/Glossop	817	819	937	981	850	1009	994	1090	1107	1449	1336	1463
Stockport	1305	999	996	1062	857	982	968	1114	1179	1268	1348	1437
Styal Excl. Airport	280	258	288	265	244	332	320	380	430	383	423	492
Manchester Airport	N/A	445	453	598	535	678	860	810	930	848	826	1199
Irlam	128	115	101	134	145	148	109	149	151	159	139	159
South Side Total	2530	2636	2775	3040	2631	3149	3251	3543	3797	4107	4072	4750
Patronage Index	100	104	110	120	104	124	128	140	150	162	161	188
% Total Patronage	56	45	48	48	47	44	47	47	44	44	42	47
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4536</b>	<b>5826</b>	<b>5779</b>	<b>6392</b>	<b>5599</b>	<b>7095</b>	<b>6959</b>	<b>7558</b>	<b>8631</b>	<b>9243</b>	<b>9650</b>	<b>10043</b>
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<b>Grand Total (excl. Rochdale/Oldham)</b>	<b>3904</b>	<b>5145</b>	<b>4984</b>	<b>5511</b>	<b>4872</b>	<b>6177</b>	<b>5973</b>	<b>6535</b>	<b>7512</b>	<b>8051</b>	<b>8261</b>	<b>8761</b>
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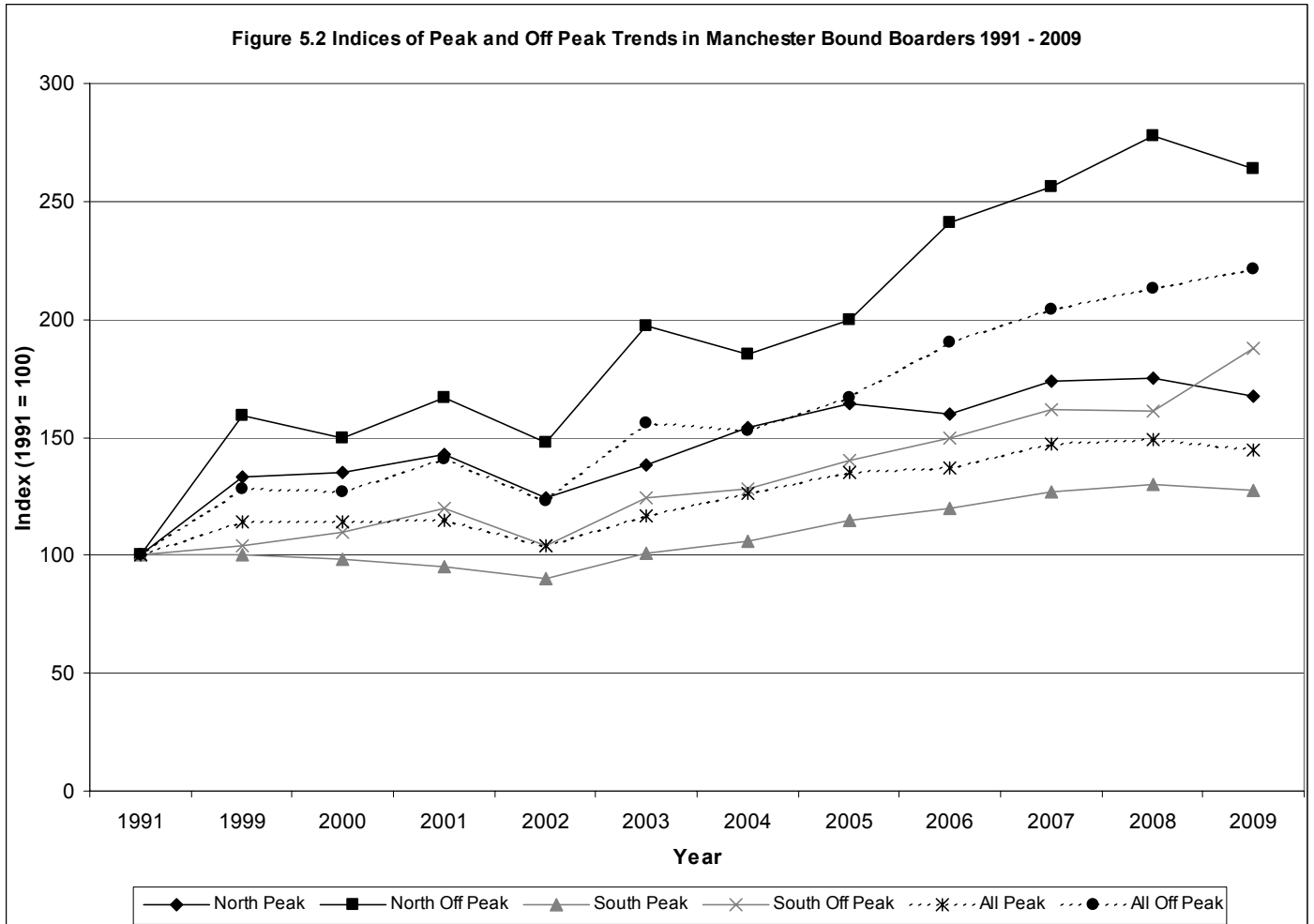


Figure 5.3: Rail Peak Period Patronage by Corridor 1999 - 2009

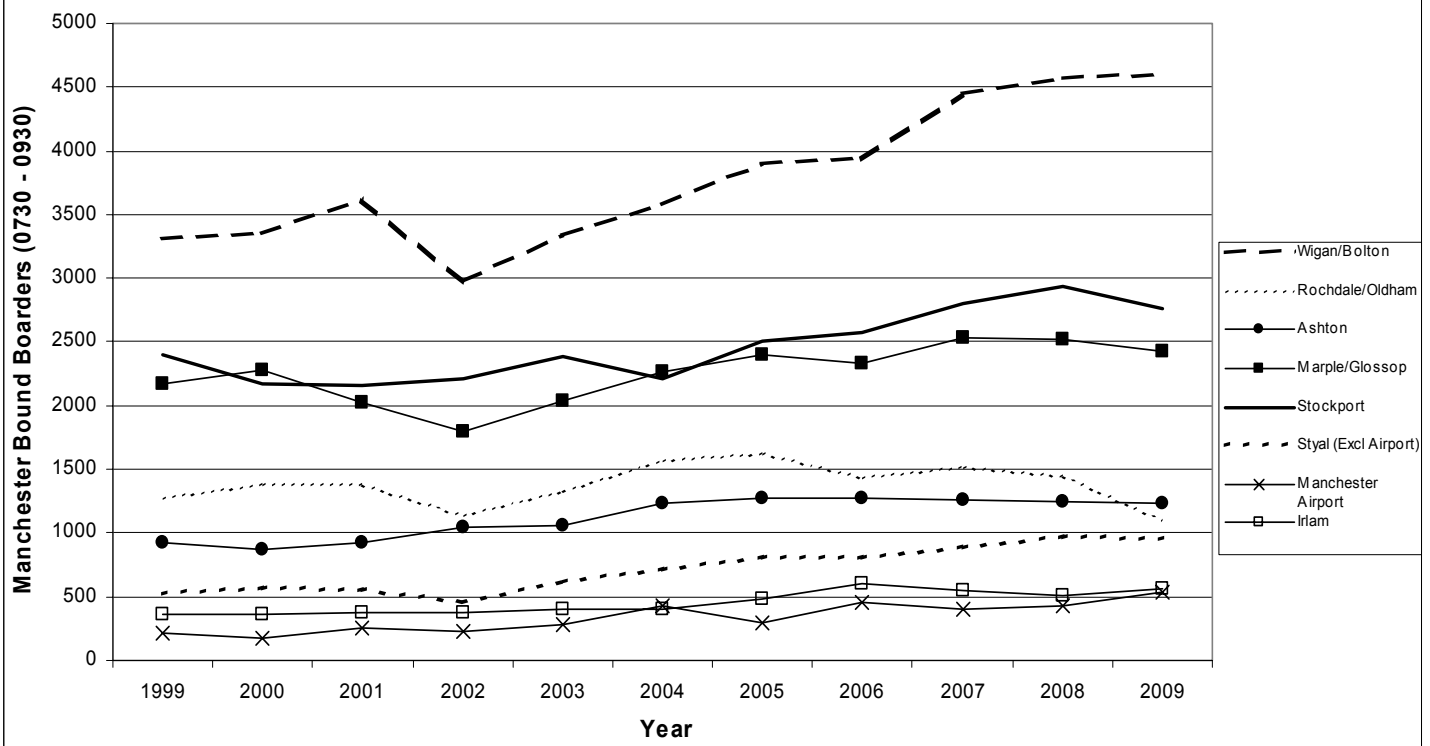
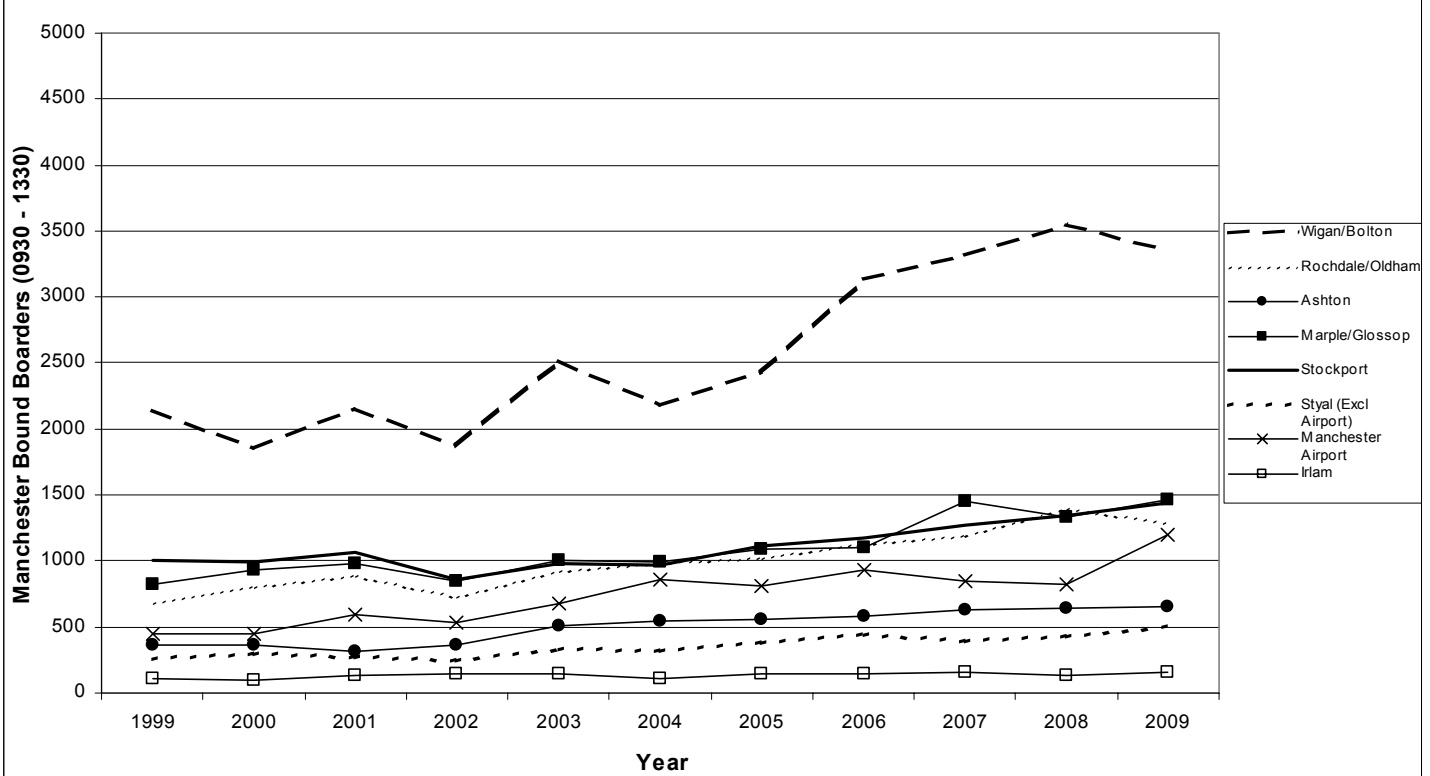


Figure 5.4: Rail Off-Peak Period Patronage by Corridor 1999 - 2009



<b>Station</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Appley Bridge			61			55			76			98
Atherton	114	218	237	251	225	231	202	230	267	238	255	317
Blackrod	45	87	67			84			95			126
Bolton	749	993	938	1134	917	718	1164	1343	1196	1189	1442	1421
Bromley Cross	188	166	156	174	155	173	224	242	196	215	226	264
Bryn			28			21			61			54
Clifton	7		0						0			0
Daisy Hill	119	120	143	157		164	163	176	187	192	222	205
Farnworth	24		22			18			29			28
Gathurst	22		40			36			48			61
Hag Fold	23		28			21			21			22
Hall i' th' Wood	45		29			32			43			74
Hindley	43		88	107		99	68		111			69
Horwich Parkway			120	148	142	174	149	160	237	208	192	165
Ince	37		14			16			10			11
Kearsley	20		15			16			27			35
Lostock	108	211	232	233	160	190	190	222	222	249	198	286
Moorside	25		18			15			30			22
Moses Gate	32		39			29			31			30
Orrell	22		4			17			16			16
Pemberton	9		29			17			31			17
Pendleton	5								N/A			n/a
Salford Crescent	347	318	292	248	201	492	253	302	271	603	434	290
Swinton	33		23			31			41			39
Walkden	88	110	130	136		111	108	143	157	182	200	219
Westhoughton	60		74	87		83	86		137			160
Wigan North Western		62	34			11	30	36	25	33	55	67
Wigan Wallgate	376	448	495	467	376	484	500	355	372	424	412	503
<b>Total</b>	<b>2541</b>		<b>3356</b>			<b>3338</b>			<b>3937</b>			<b>4599</b>
<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>132</b>			<b>131</b>			<b>155</b>			<b>181</b>

**Notes:**

Figures for Wigan North Western and Bryn stations refer to Manchester bound trains only.  
No Manchester bound trains stop at Clifton between 07:30 and 09:30

<b>Station</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
Appley Bridge			24			36			60			46
Atherton	34	49	74	63	67	107	83	104	132	155	187	125
Blackrod	15		14			22			37			22
Bolton	371	601	471	687	565	782	664	810	978	1079	1100	1059
Bromley Cross	31	52	76	83	67	79	60	95	72	81	114	97
Bryn			22			31			40			84
Clifton	2								0			0
Daisy Hill	17	35	24	22		37	35	48	58	35	50	54
Farnworth	7		8			4			8			14
Gathurst	3		11			20			139			43
Hag Fold	9		16			12			9			16
Hall i' th' Wood	10		11	37		10			18			18
Hindley	18		26	34	28	34	38		58			110
Horwich Parkway		60	28			55	40	62	128	106	78	126
Ince	8					7			5			13
Kearsley	4		3			4			6			15
Lostock	25	34	27	32	18	55	58	57	61	84	72	60
Moorside	16		98			5			12			7
Moses Gate	4		7			6			8			9
Orrell	21		24			37			53			36
Pemberton	16		12			24			41			24
Pendleton	3								n/a			n/a
Salford Crescent	233	421	390	369	310	549	414	490	435	508	493	397
Swinton	19		32			21			19			45
Walkden	32	45	41	43		58	41	65	91	102	102	94
Westhoughton	18		28	18		32	37		54			71
Wigan North Western									0	0	0	0
Wigan Wallgate	299	470	473	547	524	495	498	410	611	569	711	769
<b>Total</b>	<b>1215</b>		<b>1847</b>			<b>2522</b>			<b>3133</b>			<b>3354</b>
<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>152</b>			<b>208</b>			<b>258</b>			<b>276</b>

**Notes:**

No Manchester bound trains stop at Wigan North Western, Clifton between 09:30 and 13:30.

Northbound trains from Bryn have been included in this table as it is possible to travel to Manchester by changing in Wigan

Station	1991	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Ashton</b>	72	132	178	223	181	210	239	257	241	221	291	205
<b>Greenfield</b>	32	154	*144	131	160	167	175	161	190	177	206	192
<b>Mossley</b>	66	183	144	183	202	188	214	185	230	220	218	149
<b>Stalybridge</b>	237	462	405	393	503	496	602	670	607	643	529	691
<b>Total</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>1046</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>1230</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1261</b>	<b>1244</b>	<b>1237</b>
<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>304</b>

**Note:**

\* estimate

Station	1991	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>Ashton</b>	48	119	130	78	111	206	162	185	162	193	266	221
<b>Greenfield</b>	10	28	*28	38	62	41	65	64	82	83	105	92
<b>Mossley</b>	16	81	51	59	57	79	67	78	89	95	94	123
<b>Stalybridge</b>	85	133	153	137	133	180	254	230	249	253	174	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>548</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>657</b>
<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>413</b>

**Note:**

\* estimate

## METROLINK PATRONAGE

### Metrolink Passenger Counts 2009

5.6 Counts of boarding and alighting passengers were undertaken at all Metrolink stations outside the Manchester City Centre 'Central Zone' in 2009. Passengers travelling both inbound towards and outbound away from Manchester were counted. Tables 5.8 to 5.10 give a summary of all Metrolink counts undertaken in Autumn 2009 on the Altrincham, Bury and Eccles lines respectively. Counts of inbound peak period boarders at each station are included in the diagram of the rail and Metrolink network (Figure 5.1).

<b>Table 5.8 Boarders and Alighters on the Altrincham Line Surveyed in Autumn 2009</b>							
<b>AM Peak 07:30-09:30</b>	<b>Mcr Bound</b>		<b>Alt Bound</b>		<b>Both Directions</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>All</b>
Altrincham	925	0	0	1196	925	1196	2121
Navigation Road	389	15	40	105	429	120	549
Timperley	410	29	210	178	620	207	827
Brooklands	630	87	232	101	862	188	1050
Sale	516	71	276	164	792	235	1027
Dane Road	160	17	65	53	225	70	295
Stretford	278	127	350	99	628	226	854
Old Trafford	111	158	144	203	255	361	616
Trafford Bar	72	55	104	181	176	236	412
Cornbrook Alt	32	105	139	27	171	132	303
<b>Total</b>	<b>3523</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>2307</b>	<b>5083</b>	<b>2971</b>	<b>8054</b>
<b>Off-peak 09:30-13:30</b>							
	<b>Mcr Bound</b>		<b>Alt Bound</b>		<b>Both Directions</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>All</b>
Altrincham	771	0	0	800	771	800	1571
Navigation Road	231	65	50	148	281	213	494
Timperley	276	60	117	224	393	284	677
Brooklands	363	51	92	142	455	193	648
Sale	575	215	246	328	821	543	1364
Dane Road	125	27	38	60	163	87	250
Stretford	402	179	218	223	620	402	1022
Old Trafford	273	101	113	274	386	375	761
Trafford Bar	144	77	95	140	239	217	456
Cornbrook Alt	44	99	112	68	156	167	323
<b>Total</b>	<b>3204</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>1081</b>	<b>2407</b>	<b>4285</b>	<b>3281</b>	<b>7566</b>

<b>Table 5.9 Boarders and Alighters on the Bury Line Surveyed in Autumn 2009</b>							
<b>AM Peak 07:30-09:30</b>	<b>Mcr Bound</b>		<b>Bury Bound</b>		<b>Both Directions</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>All</b>
Bury Interchange	544	0	0	848	544	848	1392
Radcliffe	567	26	210	67	777	93	870
Whitefield	410	49	176	37	586	86	672
Besses O'th'Barn	262	10	127	11	389	21	410
Prestwich	188	50	191	189	379	239	618
Heaton Park	133	211	88	24	221	235	456
Bowker Vale	157	17	182	12	339	29	368
Crumpsall	161	37	171	69	332	106	438
Woodlands Road	49	9	95	38	144	47	191
<b>Total</b>	<b>2471</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>1240</b>	<b>1295</b>	<b>3711</b>	<b>1704</b>	<b>5415</b>
<b>Off-peak 09:30-13:30</b>	<b>Mcr Bound</b>		<b>Bury Bound</b>		<b>Both Directions</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>All</b>
Bury Interchange	1146	0	0	1274	1146	1274	2420
Radcliffe	343	145	277	144	620	289	909
Whitefield	316	162	224	162	540	324	864
Besses O'th'Barn	218	68	110	80	328	148	476
Prestwich	346	215	285	187	631	402	1033
Heaton Park	167	89	144	98	311	187	498
Bowker Vale	189	66	102	73	291	139	430
Crumpsall	274	80	123	155	397	235	632
Woodlands Road	87	18	38	56	125	74	199
<b>Total</b>	<b>3086</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>1303</b>	<b>2229</b>	<b>4389</b>	<b>3072</b>	<b>7461</b>

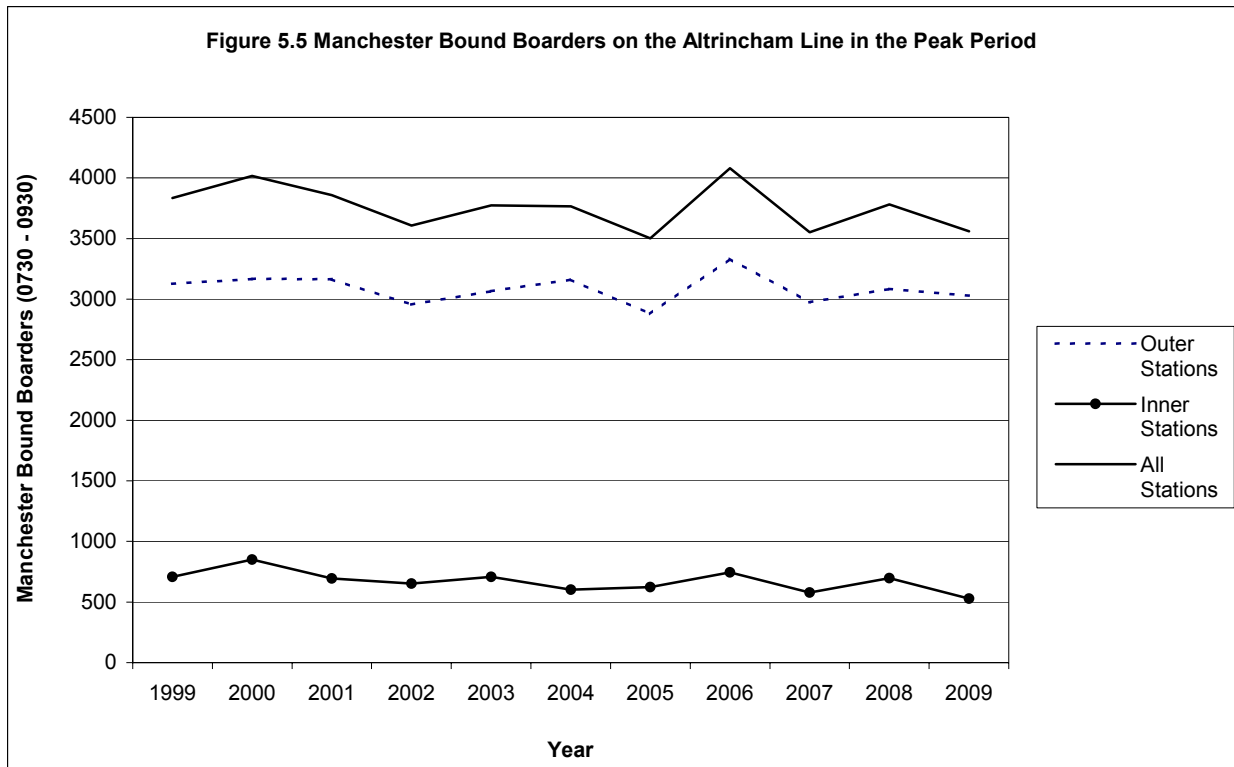
<b>Table 5.10 Boarders and Alighters on the Eccles Line Surveyed in Autumn 2009</b>							
<b>AM Peak 07:30-09:30</b>	<b>Mcr Bound</b>		<b>Eccles Bound</b>		<b>Both Directions</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>All</b>
Eccles ML	275	0	0	102	275	102	377
Ladywell	104	0	24	69	128	69	197
Weaste	100	26	38	83	138	109	247
Langworthy	104	23	17	62	121	85	206
Broadway	11	35	7	83	18	118	136
Harbour City	55	25	10	151	65	176	241
Anchorage	81	33	23	124	104	157	261
Salford Quays	79	32	34	105	113	137	250
Exchange Quay	142	37	35	184	177	221	398
Pomona	2	1	0	3	2	4	6
Cornbrook Ecc	24	77	152	15	176	92	268
<b>Total</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>1270</b>	<b>2587</b>
<b>Off-peak 09:30-13:30</b>	<b>Mcr Bound</b>		<b>Eccles Bound</b>		<b>Both Directions</b>		
<b>Station</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>Boarders</b>	<b>Alighters</b>	<b>All</b>
Eccles ML	297	0	0	209	297	209	506
Ladywell	131	14	18	85	149	99	248
Weaste	68	39	63	25	131	64	195
Langworthy	88	38	57	52	145	90	235
Broadway	36	34	21	62	57	96	153
Harbour City	82	29	13	138	95	167	262
Anchorage	77	16	12	60	89	76	165
Salford Quays	98	31	27	91	125	122	247
Exchange Quay	131	19	14	63	145	82	227
Pomona	4	0	0	4	4	4	8
Cornbrook Ecc	12	86	140	18	152	104	256
<b>Total</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>1389</b>	<b>1113</b>	<b>2502</b>

## The Altrincham Line

- 5.7 The Altrincham rail line, operated by British Rail, closed in December 1991 and reopened on 15 June 1992 as Metrolink.
- 5.8 Counts of passengers boarding Manchester bound trams in 1992 and 1999 to 2009 are given in Tables 5.11 and 5.12. Patronage figures for the Altrincham rail line were last reported in GMTU Report 641 'Transport Statistics Greater Manchester 1999'.
- 5.9 Figures 5.5 and 5.6 show trends in peak and off-peak Manchester bound Metrolink patronage at each station. On the day of the 2007 counts, the Altrincham line was affected by a problem with a crossing barrier at Navigation Road, and four Altrincham bound trams turned at Timperley. The line was closed from 2 July until 28 August 2007 for track upgrade work.

Zone	Station	Year												
		1992	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Outer Area (Zones F and G)	Altrincham	518	972	937	988	1000	762	776	831	893	933	868	864	925
	Navigation Road	172	426	435	426	378	376	422	416	262	351	376	430	389
	Timperley	257	366	412	401	419	386	422	380	405	410	408	412	410
	Brooklands	403	659	636	637	646	676	690	664	746	933	694	639	630
	Sale	331	567	545	558	582	579	566	722	453	549	480	560	516
	Dane Road	98	147	163	156	138	176	191	149	120	160	147	180	160
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1779</b>	<b>3137</b>	<b>3128</b>	<b>3166</b>	<b>3163</b>	<b>2955</b>	<b>3067</b>	<b>3162</b>	<b>2879</b>	<b>3336</b>	<b>2973</b>	<b>3085</b>	<b>3030</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>170</b>
Inner Area (Zone E)	Stretford	141	476	404	536	411	393	410	333	383	413	328	392	278
	Old Trafford	88	159	128	157	145	122	126	113	102	142	100	128	111
	Trafford Bar	63	163	175	149	134	133	170	154	122	151	101	108	72
	Cornbrook Alt	N/A	N/A	N/A	9	4	4	2	3	17	38	50	68	68
	<b>Total</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>798</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>851</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>603</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>529</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>181</b>
<b>All Stations</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2071</b>	<b>3935</b>	<b>3835</b>	<b>4017</b>	<b>3857</b>	<b>3607</b>	<b>3775</b>	<b>3765</b>	<b>3503</b>	<b>4080</b>	<b>3552</b>	<b>3781</b>	<b>3559</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>172</b>

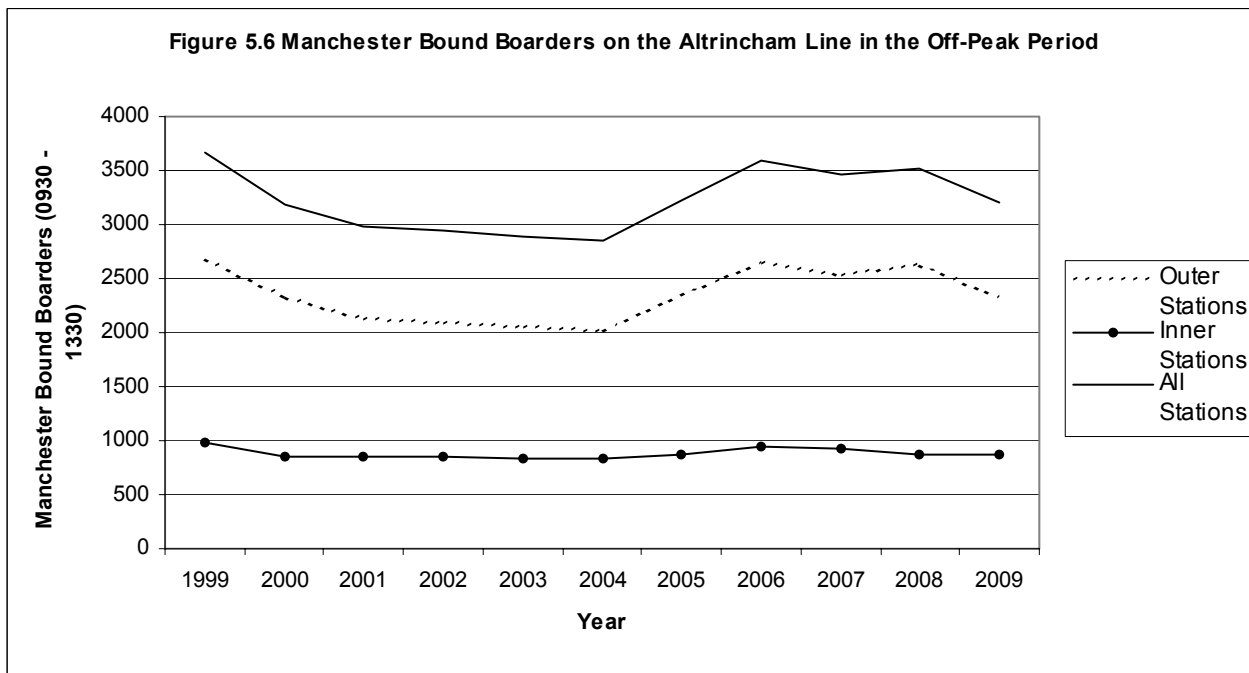
\* Cornbrook station opened in Dec. 1999 with the Eccles extension. Street access available only from Sept. 2005.



**Table 5.12 Weekday Off-Peak Inbound Boarders on the Altrincham Metrolink Line (09:30-13:30)**

Zone	Station	Year												
		1992	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Outer Area (Zones F and G)	Altrincham	692	726	1053	919	776	848	757	679	876	993	952	862	771
	Navigation Rd	108	126	227	184	201	156	194	201	168	224	238	236	231
	Timperley	181	215	265	267	229	267	236	259	312	311	320	358	276
	Brooklands	190	259	396	308	300	257	277	290	323	417	335	374	363
	Sale	371	450	634	555	527	478	476	508	543	587	584	687	575
	Dane Road	75	85	104	108	103	86	110	85	121	120	102	117	125
	Total	1617	1861	2679	2341	2136	2092	2050	2022	2343	2652	2531	2634	2341
	Index	100	115	166	145	132	129	127	125	145	164	157	163	145
Inner Area (Zone E)	Stretford	159	362	528	419	443	394	401	382	395	475	468	425	402
	Old Trafford	150	200	214	196	206	213	215	233	255	204	225	214	273
	Trafford Bar	144	209	248	217	182	235	206	204	193	212	183	153	144
	Cornbrook Alt	N/A	N/A	N/A	21	13	9	11	17	32	54	49	87	44
	Total	453	771	990	853	844	851	833	836	875	945	925	879	863
	Index	100	170	219	188	186	188	184	185	193	209	204	194	191
All Stations	Total	2070	2632	3669	3194	2980	2943	2883	2858	3218	3597	3456	3513	3204
	Index	100	127	177	154	144	142	139	138	155	174	167	170	155

\* Cornbrook station opened in Dec. 1999 with the Eccles extension. Street access available only from Sept. 2005.

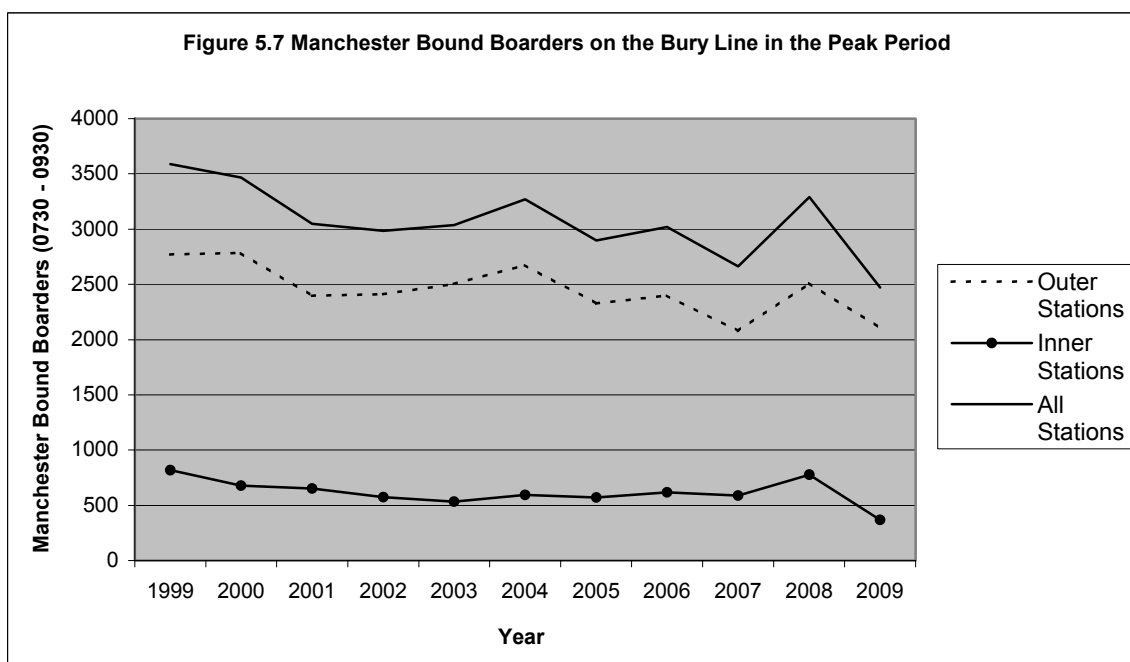


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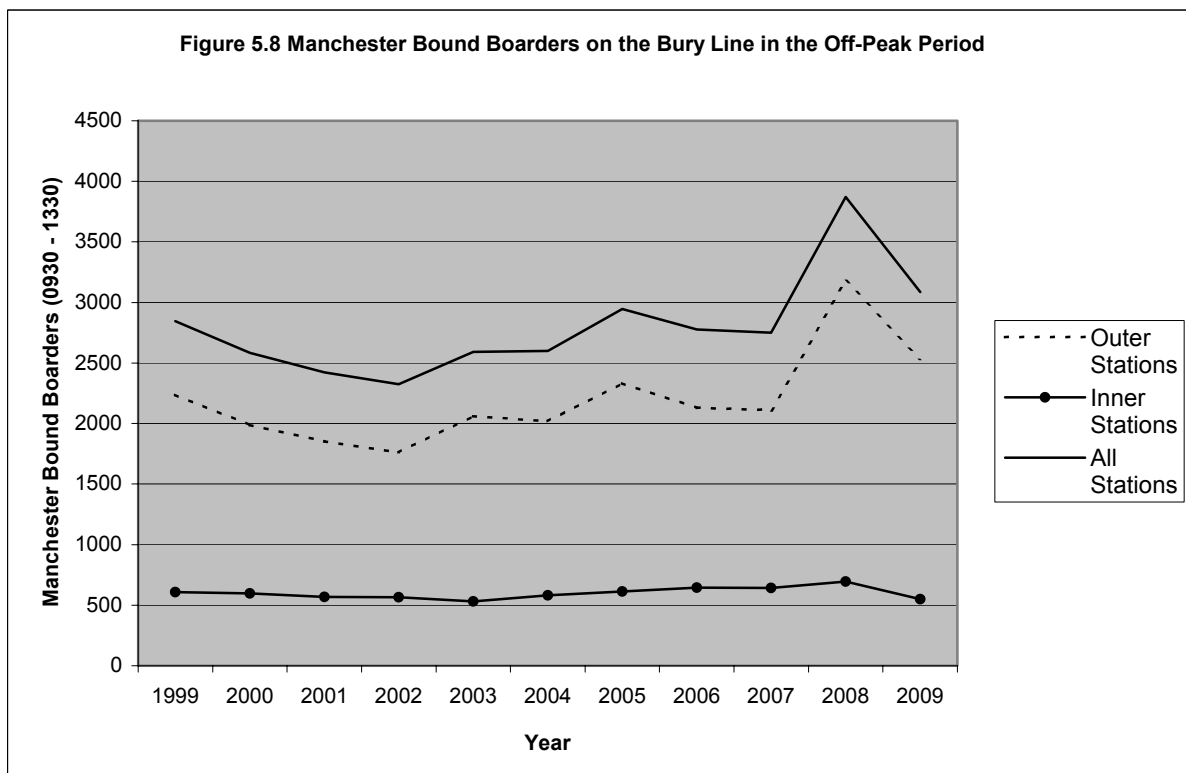
5.10 The former Bury to Manchester rail line closed in August 1991 and reopened on 6 April 1992 as Metrolink.

5.11 Counts of peak period passengers boarding Manchester bound trams in 1992 and 1999 to 2009 are given in Tables 5.13 and 5.14. Figures 5.7 and 5.8 show trends in Manchester bound peak and off-peak patronage at each station. Patronage figures for the Bury rail line, before its conversion to Metrolink, can be found in GMTU Report 641 'Transport Statistics Greater Manchester 1999'. Bury Metrolink line was closed for major track upgrade work from 29 May until 13 September in 2007 for major track upgrade work. On the day of the 2009 survey there was minor disruption to the service between Bury and Whitefield early in the morning.

Table 5.13 Weekday Peak Inbound Boarders on the Bury Metrolink Line (07:30-09:30)														
Zone	Station	Year												
		1992	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Outer Area	Bury Interchange	497	889	874	811	709	756	811	761	671	638	514	726	544
	Radcliffe	305	641	675	653	571	531	577	674	572	597	504	640	567
	Whitefield	237	383	374	478	390	418	421	402	405	477	425	409	410
	Besses	178	327	282	263	266	282	281	307	284	279	251	254	262
	Prestwich	162	365	354	406	279	266	259	289	221	257	226	304	188
	Heaton Park	91	218	212	175	181	158	155	242	173	152	156	179	133
	Total	1470	2823	2771	2786	2396	2411	2504	2675	2326	2400	2076	2512	2104
	Index	100	192	189	190	163	164	170	182	158	163	141	171	143
Inner Area	Bowker Vale	190	318	320	300	292	272	212	293	265	273	267	315	157
	Crumpsall	251	359	413	305	292	234	249	228	239	287	250	335	161
	Woodlands Rd	55	107	84	75	68	68	73	74	68	59	71	126	49
	Total	496	784	817	680	652	574	534	595	572	619	588	776	367
	Index	100	158	165	137	131	116	108	120	115	125	119	156	74
All Stations	Total	1966	3607	3588	3466	3048	2985	3038	3270	2898	3019	2664	3288	2471
	Index	100	183	183	176	155	152	155	166	147	154	136	167	126



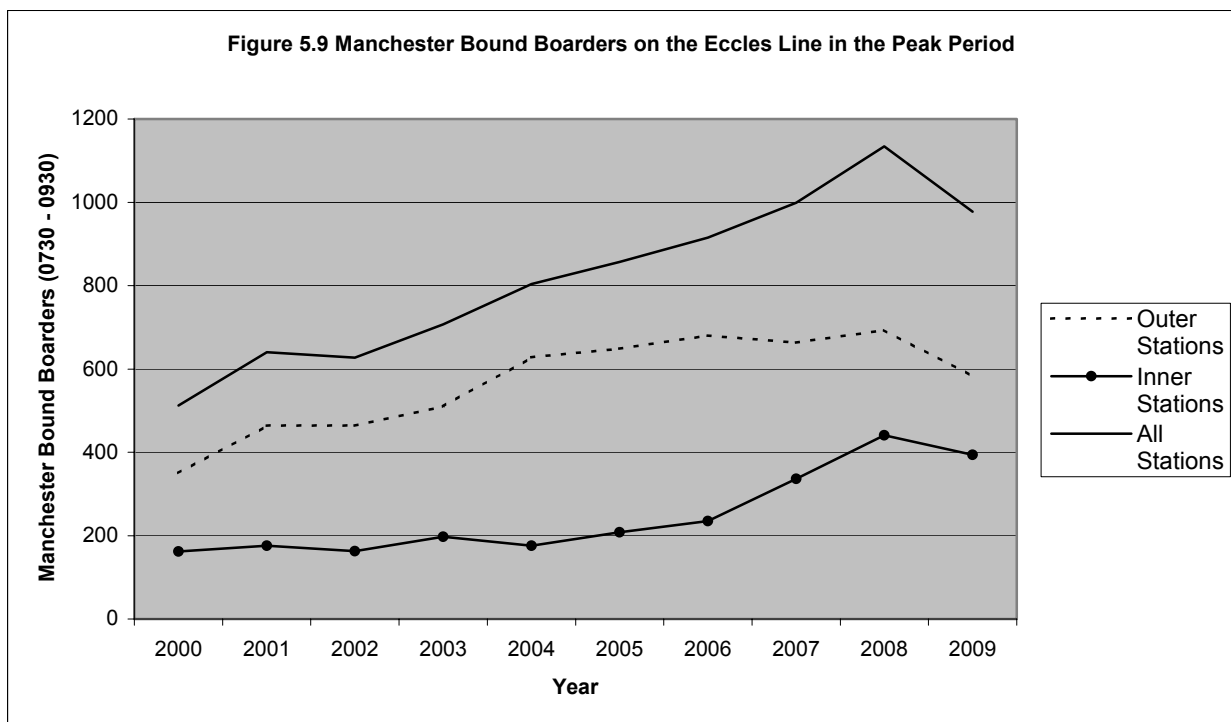
Zone	Station	Year												
		1992	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Outer Area	Bury Interchange	732	926	1035	821	806	770	970	947	1137	961	960	1718	1146
	Radcliffe	188	240	276	240	228	236	263	276	326	276	288	328	343
	Whitefield	189	266	297	281	250	214	252	258	300	305	267	366	316
	Besses O'Th'Barn	126	147	137	141	128	136	148	143	141	155	147	172	218
	Prestwich	256	338	328	343	318	269	284	301	314	304	313	422	346
	Heaton Park	101	127	164	161	123	136	143	93	114	130	136	169	167
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>2237</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1853</b>	<b>1761</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2332</b>	<b>2131</b>	<b>2111</b>	<b>3175</b>	<b>2536</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>159</b>
Inner Area	Bowker Vale	147	167	168	181	165	155	165	170	178	165	184	204	189
	Crumpsall	278	339	336	317	290	253	277	335	324	380	371	354	274
	Woodlands Road	64	117	104	100	114	157	90	76	111	100	86	138	87
	<b>Total</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>550</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>112</b>
All Stations	<b>Total</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>2667</b>	<b>2845</b>	<b>2585</b>	<b>2422</b>	<b>2326</b>	<b>2592</b>	<b>2599</b>	<b>2945</b>	<b>2776</b>	<b>2752</b>	<b>3871</b>	<b>3086</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>148</b>



### **The Eccles Line**

- 5.12 The Metrolink extension to Salford Quays and Eccles opened in two stages. The first section to Broadway opened on 6 December 1999. The second section from Broadway to Eccles opened on 21 July 2000.
- 5.13 The Eccles line joins the Altrincham line at Cornbrook, which up until September 2005 was an interchange station only for passengers transferring between the two lines and had no pedestrian access.
- 5.14 Whereas the Bury and Altrincham lines have their main passenger flows to the regional centre in the morning peak, this is not true of the Eccles line, which serves Salford Quays. The following tables are therefore presented in a different format to the tabulations for the other Metrolink lines so that Manchester bound boarders and Eccles bound alighters can be identified.
- 5.15 Counts of peak period passengers boarding Manchester bound and alighting Eccles bound trams are given in Tables 5.15 and 5.16 for 2000 to 2009. Figures 5.9 and 5.10 show the corresponding trends in peak patronage at each station. Counts of off-peak passengers boarding Manchester bound and alighting Eccles bound trams are given in Tables 5.17 and 5.18 for 2000 to 2009. Figures 5.11 and 5.12 show the corresponding trends in off-peak patronage at each station.

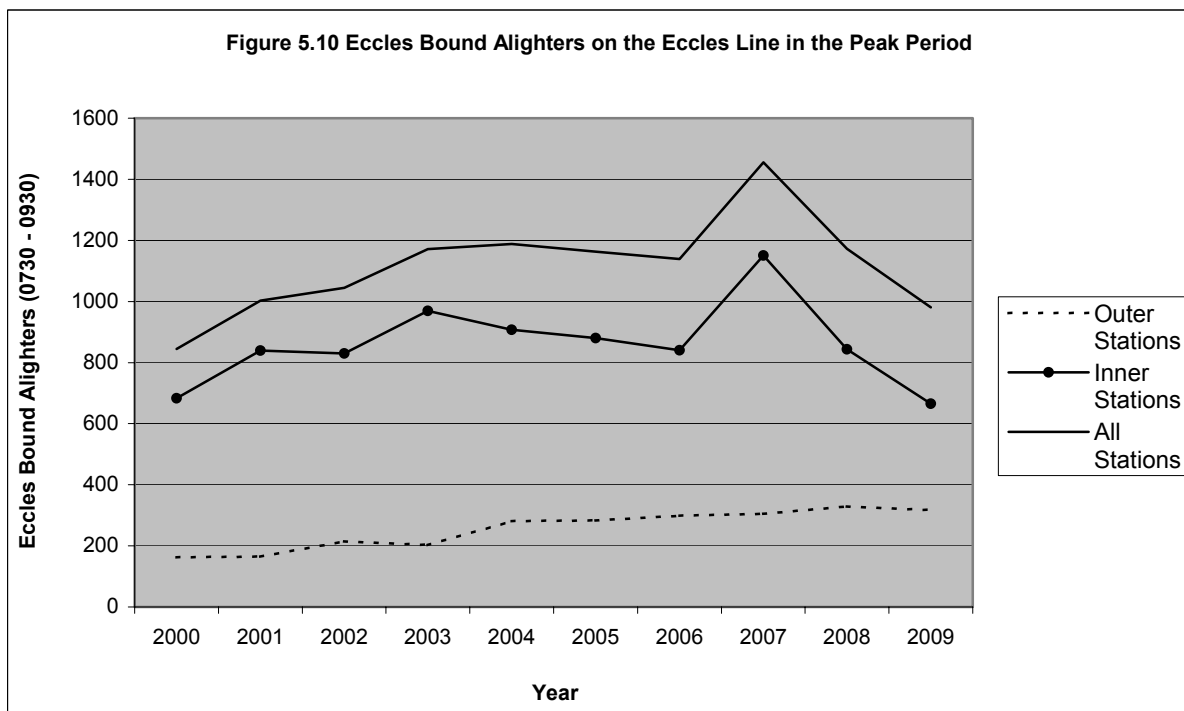
Zone	Station	Year									
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Outer Area	Eccles	204	245	245	272	318	284	339	373	339	275
	Ladywell	29	62	76	99	111	105	110	98	117	104
	Weaste	38	57	54	53	72	102	106	93	112	100
	Langworthy	79	100	89	86	127	158	125	99	125	104
	Total	350	464	464	510	628	649	680	663	693	583
	Index	100	133	133	146	179	185	194	189	198	167
Inner Area	Broadway	8	4	5	3	3	14	12	24	33	11
	Harbour City	12	13	8	14	18	29	30	60	67	55
	Anchorage	42	39	41	45	43	38	46	45	79	81
	Salford Quays	51	62	49	85	66	78	74	83	93	79
	Exchange Quays	47	42	57	48	39	34	55	99	151	142
	Pomona	0	13	1	2	3	4	1	0	2	2
	Cornbrook Ecc	2	3	2	0	4	11	17	25	16	24
	Total	162	176	163	197	176	208	235	336	441	394
	Index	100	109	101	122	109	128	145	207	272	243
	All Stations	<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1134</b>
<b>Index</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>191</b>



**Table 5.16 Weekday Peak Eccles Bound Alighters on the Eccles Metrolink Line (07:30-09:30)**

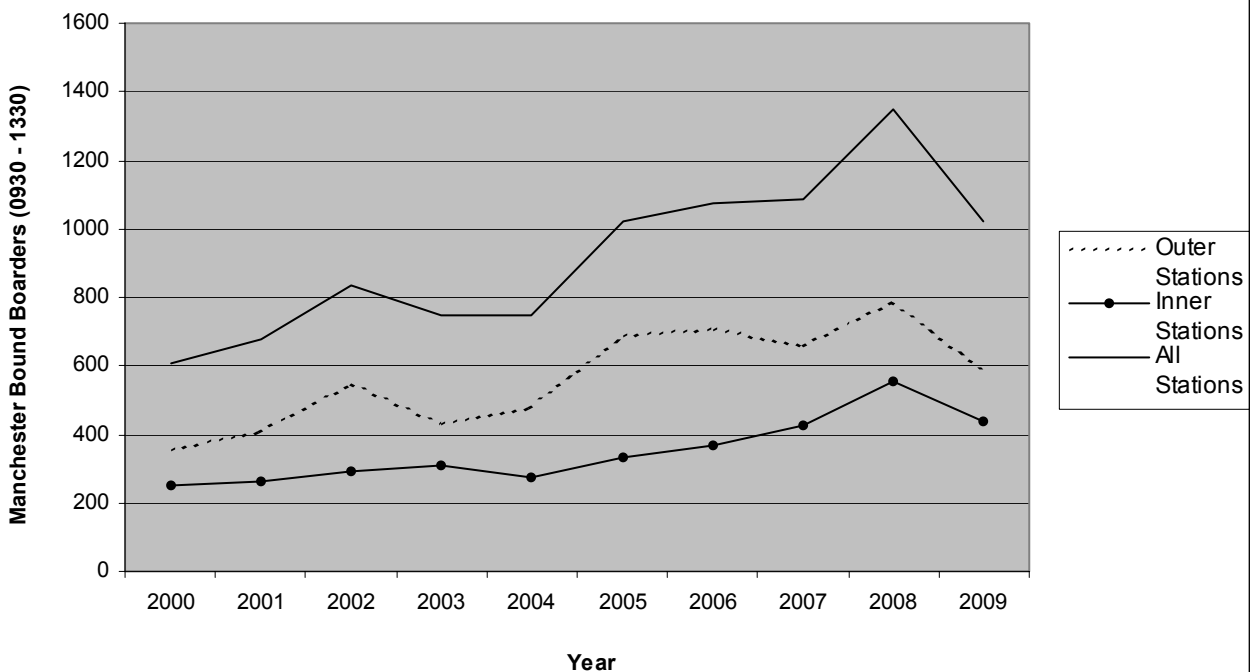
Zone	Station	Year									
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Outer Area	Eccles	81	77	110	88	97	94	95	90	102	102
	Ladywell	28	23	34	33	46	39	40	67	70	69
	Weaste	30	46	42	55	56	76	66	67	82	83
	Langworthy	23	18	29	26	82	74	98	81	75	62
	Total	162	164	215	202	281	283	299	305	329	316
	Index	100	101	133	125	173	175	185	188	203	195
Inner Area	Broadway	73	58	62	31	67	59	77	88	95	83
	Harbour City	96	116	81	139	163	164	181	221	173	151
	Anchorage	178	200	187	215	159	158	165	219	162	124
	Salford Quays	95	99	87	140	172	138	157	140	125	105
	Exchange Quays	204	314	387	395	322	335	233	455	262	184
	Pomona	8	36	5	25	10	3	6	8	11	3
	Cornbrook Ecc	29	16	21	24	14	23	21	19	15	15
	Total	683	839	830	969	907	880	840	1150	843	665
	Index	100	123	122	142	133	129	123	168	123	97
All Stations	Total	845	1003	1045	1171	1188	1163	1139	1455	1172	981
	Index	100	119	124	139	141	138	135	172	139	116

\*Passenger numbers may be down in 2008 following the closure of Piccadilly Station and Piccadilly Gardens Metrolink Stations from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 21<sup>st</sup> November.



<b>Table 5.17 Weekday Off-Peak Manchester Bound Borders on the Eccles Metrolink Line (09:30-13:30)</b>											
<b>Zone</b>	<b>Station</b>	<b>Year</b>									
		<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Outer Area</b>	Eccles	221	242	323	262	265	296	395	363	417	297
	Ladywell	39	48	89	68	82	173	142	131	162	131
	Weaste	42	62	66	37	56	94	71	81	99	68
	Langworthy	55	58	69	68	73	124	100	83	112	88
	<b>Total</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>584</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Inner Area</b>	Broadway	14	26	31	35	48	38	29	56	64	36
	Harbour City	41	49	39	39	30	45	65	92	120	82
	Anchorage	58	44	49	52	58	61	60	65	90	77
	Salford Quays	61	63	76	66	56	75	95	76	117	98
	Exchange Quays	70	76	92	99	66	93	95	110	128	131
	Pomona	7	3	3	18	14	12	3	8	2	4
	Cornbrook Ecc	2	4	0	2	0	9	19	21	35	12
	<b>Total</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>440</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>All Stations</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>1346</b>	<b>1024</b>
	<b>Index</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>168</b>

Figure 5.11 Manchester Bound Borders on the Eccles Line in the Off-Peak Period



Zone	Station	Year									
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Outer Area	Eccles	139	157	223	174	224	199	355	263	267	209
	Ladywell	16	38	59	50	74	73	94	73	92	85
	Weaste	17	20	10	20	23	28	34	43	42	25
	Langworthy	27	18	36	32	49	82	76	68	77	52
	Total	199	233	328	276	370	382	559	447	478	371
	Index	100	117	165	139	186	192	281	225	240	186
Inner Area	Broadway	42	51	68	49	71	65	39	68	85	62
	Harbour City	71	167	145	198	129	282	168	173	287	138
	Anchorage	48	63	79	82	87	95	99	76	81	60
	Salford Quays	59	80	103	90	83	129	110	102	131	91
	Exchange Quays	104	122	135	168	127	111	103	145	100	63
	Pomona	7	2	5	6	11	19	6	7	4	4
	Cornbrook Ecc	22	13	20	14	19	33	37	28	30	18
	Total	353	498	555	607	527	734	562	599	718	436
	Index	100	141	157	172	149	208	159	170	203	124
All Stations	Total	552	731	883	883	897	1116	1121	1046	1196	807
	Index	100	132	160	160	163	202	203	189	217	146

