

The experience in Monterrey is similar to the other larger cities. All routes are independently run, each with its own fare and no transfer privileges. Therefore, the only way the authorities can introduce no-transfer routes is to allow a premium fare.

BUS SERVICES IN OTHER CITIES AND RURAL AREAS

In most other parts of Mexico, buses are privately operated by concessionaires, many of which are single-bus owners and operators. The buses used are usually either older school or minibus types. Fares are low — typically approximately \$0.40 pesos — and this restricts investment in higher quality buses. Routes are planned and controlled by state or municipal governments.



INTERCITY BUS SYSTEM

Buses are the predominant mode of public intercity travel. More than two billion trips on intercity buses were taken in 1992. This represents 95 percent of all intercity passenger travel. The air travel share was 4 percent, with rail being 1 percent during the same year.

There are approximately 700 intercity bus companies with the largest company having 7,500 vehicles. Bus types include high-quality 40-foot integral designs with air suspension, air conditioning, reclining seats and washrooms. There are also many low-cost body-on-chassis buses, mini-buses and modified vans. There is a system for fare and service interlining, but it applies only to the largest operators.