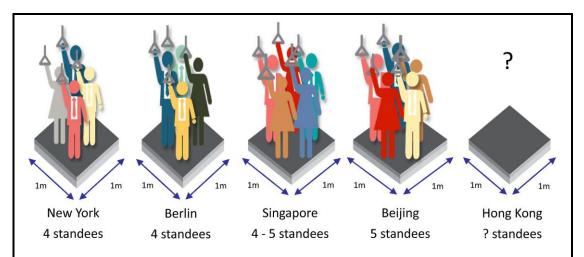
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Cities like New York, Berlin, Singapore and Beijing have set out the number of standees per square metre as the measurement for crowdedness of train compartments while Hong Kong does not have any specific indicator.

	Berlin	London	Tokyo
Railway operator	Government department or public corporation		
Discount ticket	10 a.m. monthly pass	Oyster card (a smart card for paying train fares)	Off-peak coupon ticket
Use of the ticket	Mondays to Fridays after 10 a.m., and Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays	Mondays to Fridays (excluding public holidays) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:59 p.m. and after 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays	Mondays to Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays
Rate of discount off the regular fare	About 28%	25% - 40% depending on the number of zones travelled. The more zones the commuters travel, the bigger the discount they can enjoy	About 9%

Overseas cities such as Berlin, London and Tokyo have adopted off-peak pricing approach and put in place different incentive schemes to attract commuters travelling during non-peak hours.