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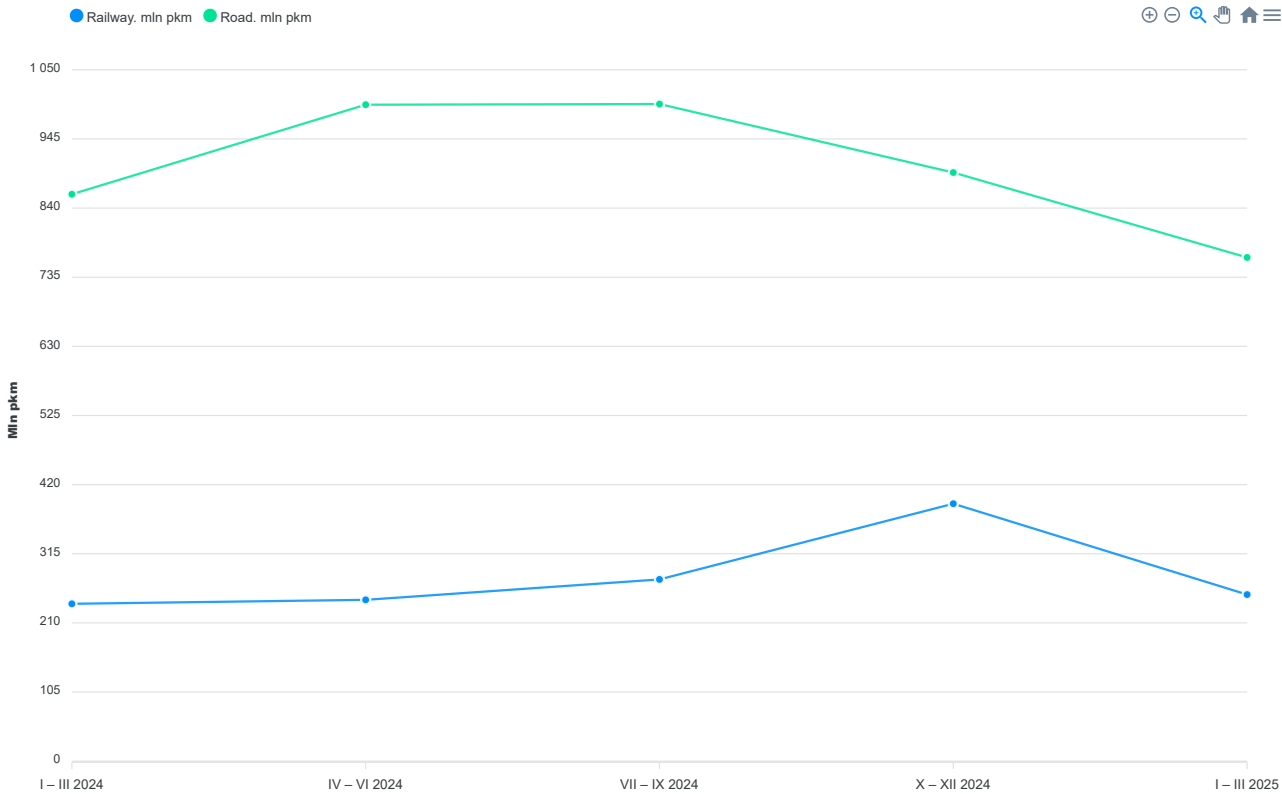
The total number of passengers carried in the first quarter of 2025 amounted to **18.9 million**, which was an increase of 4.4% compared to the first quarter of 2024. An increase was realised in road line transport by coaches, of 4.8%, as well as by Croatian air carriers, of 13.7%. In the railway transport, according to provisional data, 5.3% more passengers were transported. A decrease was recorded by Croatian shippers in seawater and coastal transport, of 3.9%.

According to final data, in the period from January to December 2024, the total number of passengers transported amounted to 84.0 million, which was 0.2% less than in the same period of 2023. A decrease was recorded in the road line transport of passengers, of 3.5%. On the other hand, an increase was recorded in railway transport, of 3.1%, in air transport, of 2.7%, and in seawater and coastal transport, of 3.1%

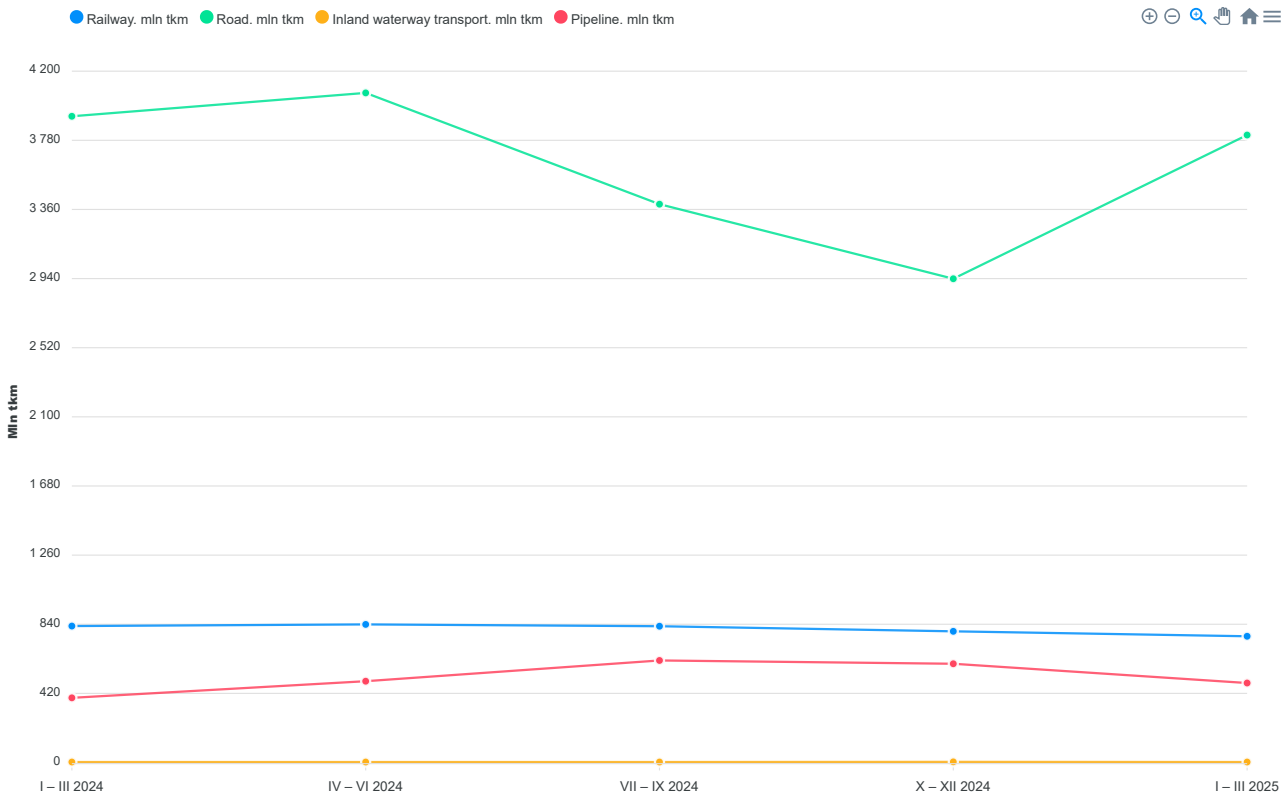
A total of **32.3 million** tonnes of goods were transported in the first quarter of 2025, which was an increase of 6.4% compared to the first quarter of 2024. An increase in the transport of goods was recorded in the transport of goods by freight vehicles with Croatian plates, of 9.3%, and in seawater and coastal transport by Croatian shippers, of 24.5%. An increase in the transport was also recorded in pipeline transport, of 40.9%. A decrease in the transport of goods was recorded in inland waterway transport by ships under all flags, of 43.1%, by Croatian air carriers, of 2.5%, and by railway carriers, of 29.7%.

1) See Notes on Methodology.

G-1 PASSENGER-KILOMETRES PERFORMED IN INLAND TRANSPORT, 2024 AND 2025



G-2 TONNE-KILOMETRES PERFORMED IN INLAND TRANSPORT, 2024 AND 2025



1 TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS AND GOODS, BY TRANSPORT MODES

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{X – XII 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{I – III 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2024}}{\text{I – XII 2023}}$
Passengers carried ¹⁾	'000	18 104	21 011	83 961	18 899	89,9	104,4	99,8
Railway transport ¹⁾	'000	5 773	7 540	24 597	6 076	80,6	105,3	103,1
Road line transport	'000	10 247	10 723	41 111	10 741	100,2	104,8	96,5
Seawater and coastal transport	'000	1 641	2 128	15 394	1 578	74,1	96,1	103,1
Air transport	'000	443	620	2 858	504	81,3	113,7	102,7
Passenger-kilometres ¹⁾	Mln	1 678	2 096	9 027	1 777	84,8	105,9	102,5
Railway transport ¹⁾	Mln	239	391	1 150	253	64,6	105,9	100,5
Road line transport	Mln	861	894	3 751	765	85,6	88,9	107,7
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	80	105	748	77	73,0	95,8	103,7
Air transport	Mln	498	705	3 378	682	96,7	136,9	97,6
Goods carried	'000 t	30 396	31 926	133 431	32 336	101,3	106,4	105,1
Railway transport	'000 t	4 542	3 299	15 672	3 191	96,7	70,3	104,0
Road line transport	'000 t	21 453	22 358	93 828	23 453	104,9	109,3	106,4
Seawater and coastal transport	'000 t	2 640	3 642	14 559	3 289	90,3	124,5	106,9
Inland waterway transport ²⁾	'000 t	90	134	392	51	38,2	56,9	107,7
Air transport	'000 t	0	0	1	0	93,2	97,5	92,6
Transport via pipelines	'000 t	1 670	2 492	8 978	2 353	94,4	140,9	92,7
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	19 110	18 670	86 421	19 682	105,4	103,0	87,0
Railway transport	Mln	829	797	3 293	767	96,2	92,6	104,7
Road line transport	Mln	3 926	2 939	14 325	3 812	129,7	97,1	100,0
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	13 958	14 330	66 681	14 617	102,0	104,7	83,9
Inland waterway transport ²⁾	Mln	3	4	13	3	77,6	80,7	77,3
Air transport	Mln	0	0	1	0	94,9	100,0	88,3
Transport via pipelines	Mln	393	600	2 107	483	80,5	123,0	88,6

1) Provisional data for 2025.

2) Transit is not included.

2 RAILWAY TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{X - XII\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{I - III\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - XII\ 2024}{I - XII\ 2023}$
Passengers carried ¹⁾	'000	5 773	7 540	24 597	6 076	80,6	105,3	103,1
National transport ¹⁾	'000	5 707	7 477	24 272	6 027	80,6	105,6	103,2
International transport ¹⁾	'000	66	63	326	49	78,1	74,9	96,4
Passenger-kilometres ¹⁾	Mln	239	391	1 150	253	64,6	105,9	100,5
National transport ¹⁾	Mln	237	389	1 123	251	64,7	106,0	101,4
International transport ¹⁾	Mln	2	3	27	2	60,0	91,4	72,7
Goods carried	'000 t	4 542	3 299	15 672	3 191	96,7	70,3	104,0
National transport	'000 t	699	554	2 519	519	93,6	74,3	96,6
International transport – loading	'000 t	1 592	1 140	5 823	1 049	92,0	65,9	102,1
International transport – unloading	'000 t	322	259	1 154	322	124,5	100,1	77,2
Transit	'000 t	1 930	1 346	6 177	1 301	96,7	67,4	117,4
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	829	797	3 293	767	96,2	92,6	104,7
National transport	Mln	158	138	594	131	95,2	83,1	100,3
International transport – loading	Mln	271	323	1 239	305	94,4	112,7	116,4
International transport – unloading	Mln	92	84	328	88	104,7	95,2	68,1
Transit	Mln	308	252	1 133	243	96,4	78,9	112,5
Out of total goods transport – transport of dangerous goods	'000 t	512	204	1 101	172	84,1	33,6	70,1

1) Provisional data for 2025

3 ROAD LINE TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS BY COACHES

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{X - XII\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{I - III\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - XII\ 2024}{I - XII\ 2023}$
Passengers carried	'000	10 247	10 723	41 111	10 741	100,2	104,8	96,5
National transport	'000	9 674	10 184	37 968	10 060	98,8	104,0	95,5
International transport	'000	573	539	3 143	681	126,3	118,8	110,8
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	861	894	3 751	765	85,6	88,9	107,7
National transport	Mln	687	734	2 917	626	85,3	91,1	105,4
International transport	Mln	174	160	833	140	87,4	80,1	116,6

4 URBAN TRANSPORT BY BUSES AND TRAMS

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{X - XII\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{I - III\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - XII\ 2024}{I - XII\ 2023}$
Buses	Number	1 374	1 344	1 344	1 387	103,2	100,9	98,1
Kilometres travelled by buses	'000	16 675	16 746	65 293	16 764	100,1	100,5	93,6
Passengers carried	'000	31 370	34 944	130 303	33 009	94,5	105,2	105,7
Trams ¹⁾	Number	326	331	331	313	94,6	96,0	101,5
Kilometres travelled by trams	'000	2 901	2 685	10 606	3 040	113,2	104,8	91,8
Passengers carried	'000	27 668	35 249	121 733	33 906	96,2	122,5	110,6

1) Including motorised cars and trailers.

5 ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{X - XII\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - III\ 2025}{I - III\ 2024}$	$\frac{I - XII\ 2024}{I - XII\ 2023}$
Goods carried – total	'000 t	21 453	22 358	93 828	23 453	104,9	109,3	106,4
National transport	'000 t	17 098	18 350	78 099	18 821	102,6	110,1	108,3
Dispatched to foreign countries	'000 t	1 589	1 538	5 841	1 750	113,8	110,1	105,5
Received from foreign countries	'000 t	1 509	1 331	5 005	1 710	128,5	113,3	88,6
Cross-trade transport	'000 t	1 257	1 139	4 883	1 171	102,8	93,2	100,8
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	3 926	2 939	14 325	3 812	129,7	97,1	100,0
National transport	Mln	1 273	983	5 110	1 246	126,8	97,9	98,9
Dispatched to foreign countries	Mln	955	755	3 351	840	111,2	88,0	114,1
Received from foreign countries	Mln	813	602	2 781	957	158,8	117,6	92,4
Cross-trade transport	Mln	885	598	3 083	769	128,6	86,9	95,9
Road transport of goods for hire or reward								
Goods carried	'000 t	11 208	11 013	47 233	13 212	120,0	117,9	98,0
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	3 380	2 365	11 996	3 341	141,3	98,8	98,2
Road transport of goods for own account								
Goods carried	'000 t	10 245	11 345	46 596	10 240	90,3	100,0	116,6
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	546	574	2 329	471	82,1	86,2	109,9
Out of total goods transport – transport of dangerous goods	'000 t	(685)	(420)	3 506	(688)	163,8	100,4	87,7

6 TRANSPORT VIA PIPELINES

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{X – XII 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{I – III 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2024}}{\text{I – XII 2023}}$
Oil transport	'000 t	763	1 744	5 847	1 405	80,6	184,1	92,6
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	210	434	1 468	272	62,7	129,6	84,3
Gas transport	'000 t	907	749	3 131	947	126,5	104,5	92,9
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	183	166	638	211	127,4	115,5	100,3

7 SEAWATER AND COASTAL TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{X – XII 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{I – III 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2024}}{\text{I – XII 2023}}$
Passengers carried	'000	1 641	2 128	15 394	1 578	74,1	96,1	103,1
National transport	'000	1 632	2 107	15 275	1 572	74,6	96,3	103,0
International transport	'000	9	21	119	6	26,4	60,3	109,6
Out of total, carried by ferries	'000	1 333	1 654	11 975	1 280	77,4	96,0	102,6
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	80	105	748	77	73,0	95,8	103,7
National transport	Mln	78	100	722	75	75,3	96,8	103,5
International transport	Mln	2	5	26	1	27,6	60,3	110,4
Goods carried	'000 t	2 640	3 642	14 559	3 289	90,3	124,5	106,9
National transport	'000 t	90	149	588	169	113,5	187,7	101,5
International transport	'000 t	2 550	3 493	13 971	3 119	89,3	122,3	107,1
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	13 958	14 330	66 681	14 617	102,0	104,7	83,9
National transport	Mln	18	36	136	36	99,6	203,8	95,2
International transport	Mln	13 940	14 294	66 545	14 581	102,0	104,6	83,9

8 AIR TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2024			2025	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{X – XII 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2025}}{\text{I – III 2024}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2024}}{\text{I – XII 2023}}$
Passengers carried	'000	443	620	2 858	504	81,3	113,7	102,7
National transport	'000	89	112	461	92	82,5	103,2	107,1
International transport	'000	354	508	2 398	412	81,0	116,3	101,9
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	498	705	3 378	682	96,7	136,9	97,6
National transport	Mln	29	36	144	29	81,6	101,3	106,1
International transport	Mln	470	670	3 234	653	97,5	139,1	97,2
Freight carried	t	364	381	1 408	355	93,2	97,5	92,6
National transport	t	11	11	76	9	81,8	81,8	93,8
International transport	t	353	370	1 332	346	93,5	98,0	92,5
Tonne-kilometres	'000	278	293	1 062	278	94,9	100,0	88,3
National transport	'000	3	3	22	3	100,0	100,0	91,7
International transport	'000	275	290	1 040	275	94,8	100,0	88,2

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

It may happen that the sum total does not equal the sum of individual figures and that cumulative data do not always equal the sum of individual quarterly results due to the rounding of numbers.

The final quarterly data on the railway transport of passengers for 2025 will be published in May 2026 in Excel format on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics <https://podaci.dzs.hr/en/> under [Statistics in Line](#) "Transport".

The data on traffic of ships, passengers and goods in seaports were published in the First Release TRAN-2025-3-1 "Traffic in Seaports", and the data on traffic of passengers and freight in airports in the First Release TRAN-2025-2-1 "Traffic in Airports".

Sources and methods of data collection

The data on transport are collected through weekly, monthly and quarterly statistical surveys. The purpose of the surveys is to collect the data on the transport of passengers and goods and to calculate the performance indicators on transport expressed in tonne-kilometres and passenger-kilometres.

Observation and reporting units on road line passenger transport, urban transport, pipeline transport, seawater and coastal transport, and air transport are national carriers, that is, operators registered in the transport activity (section H of the NKD 2007) in the Statistical Business Register of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

Observation units in the statistical survey on the road transport of goods are freight road vehicles (including road tractors) with a loading capacity of over 3 500 kg that are registered with the Ministry of the Interior. Reporting units are business entities (legal entities and natural persons) who own or just use a freight road vehicle selected by the sample.

Since the third quarter of 2022, the data on inland waterway transport have been collected via the Inland Navigation Information System (ISUP) of the Ministry of Sea, Traffic and Infrastructure. Until the third quarter of 2022, the data were collected by the Report on Arrival of Vessels in Inland Waterway Ports and the Report on Departure of Vessels from Inland Waterway Ports. The data were delivered by harbour master's offices of inland waterway ports.

Coverage

The data on the railway transport of passengers include the urban and suburban transport of passengers and passengers in transit through the Republic of Croatia. The data on railway transport of goods relate to the operation of all railway carriers in the railway network of the Republic of Croatia.

The data on the road transport refer to the operation of owners or users of freight vehicles selected by the sample. In the quarterly dynamics, 2 600 vehicles have been selected in the sample. The data, that is, estimates with the variation coefficient values ranging between 10.0 and 30.0 are separately marked as less accurate values.

The data on the road line transport of passengers relate to the activity of business entities (legal entities and natural persons) engaged in the transport of passengers by coaches and holding the concession for performing the public line transport of passengers on international, inter-county and county lines.

The urban transport of passengers covers the organised public transport of passengers in cities with a population of over 40 000 and is conducted by business entities engaged in the urban transport of passengers (by trams and buses). Included are active business entities employing more than 10 persons registered in section H, class 49.31 Urban and suburban passenger land transport of the NKD 2007 in the Statistical Business Register of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

The survey on the seawater and coastal transport covers all business entities engaged in the public seawater and coastal line transport of passengers and business entities whose principal or subsidiary activity is seawater and coastal transport of goods. The selection of reporting units engaged in the activity of transporting goods is prepared every year on the basis of the defined threshold for being included in the survey (10 or more persons in employment). Cross-trade transport is included.

The data on air transport of passengers and freight are submitted by national air operators engaged in the commercial air transport of passengers and freight (goods and mail).

The transport via pipelines covers oil transport and gas transport. The data refer to activities of legal entities engaged in oil and gas transport via pipelines.

The data on the transport in inland waterways include the transport of goods on vessels under domestic and foreign flags on the territory of the Republic of Croatia. Transit is not included.

Definitions

International transport includes conveying between the place of embarkation/loading in the Republic of Croatia and the place of disembarkation/unloading abroad, or vice versa, as well as between two places in another country.

Transit implies a transport through the Croatian territory in the same means of transport between two places (the place of embarkation/loading and the place of disembarkation/unloading), both located in another country or in other countries.

Cross-trade road transport implies international transport of goods performed by domestic operators with the place of loading and unloading being located in a foreign country.

Passenger-kilometre is a unit of measure representing the transport of one person over a distance of one kilometre. The calculation of passenger-kilometres for the rail transport takes into account only the distance travelled on the territory of the Republic of Croatia.

Tonne-kilometre is a unit of measure representing the transport of one tonne over a distance of one kilometre. The calculation of tonne-kilometres for the rail transport takes into account only the distance travelled on the territory of the Republic of Croatia including transit. The calculation of tonne-kilometres for the inland waterway transport takes into account only the distance travelled on the territory of the Republic of Croatia, but transit is not included.

The road transport of goods and road tonne-kilometres relate to the movement of freight vehicles registered in the Republic of Croatia.

Abbreviations

kg	kilogram
mln	million
NKD 2007	National Classification of Activities, 2007 version
pkm	passenger-kilometre
t	tonne
tkm	tonne-kilometre
'000	thousand

Symbols

()	less accurate data
0	value not zero, but less than 0.5 of the unit of measure used

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