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TRANSPORT, THIRD QUARTER OF 2025¹⁾

The total number of passengers carried in the third quarter of 2025 amounted to **24.9 million**, which was an increase of 4.9% compared to the third quarter of 2024. An increase was also realised in road line transport by coaches, of 7.0%. In railway transport, according to provisional data, 8.4% more passengers were transported. An increase was also recorded by Croatian air carriers, of 4.5%, while shippers in seawater and coastal transport had a decrease, of 0.1%.

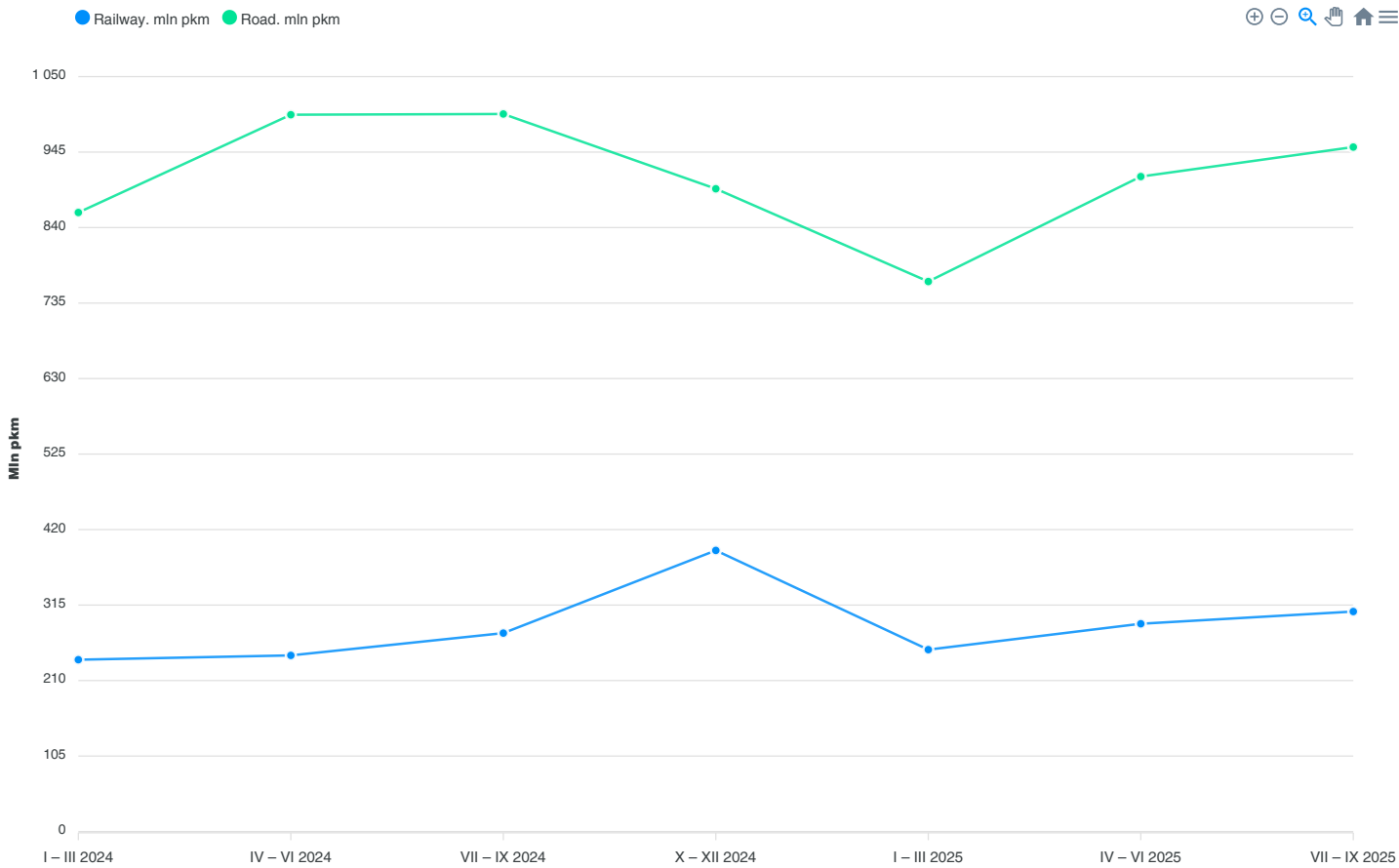
In the period from January to September 2025, the total number of passengers transported amounted to 66.3 million, which was 5.4% more than in the same period of 2024. An increase was recorded in the road line transport of passengers, of 4.7%, in railway transport, of 10.2%, in air transport, of 6.3%, and in seawater and coastal transport, of 0.6%.

A total of 33.7 million tonnes of goods were transported in the third quarter of 2025, which was an increase of 0.4% compared to the third quarter of 2024. An increase in the transport of goods was recorded by freight vehicles with Croatian plates, of 4.3%, and by Croatian shippers in seawater and coastal transport, of 9.5%. A decrease was recorded in the transport of goods by railway carriers, of 23.2%, and by Croatian air carriers, of 6.4%, as well as in inland waterway transport by ships under all flags, of 11.9%, and in pipeline transport, of 13.1%.

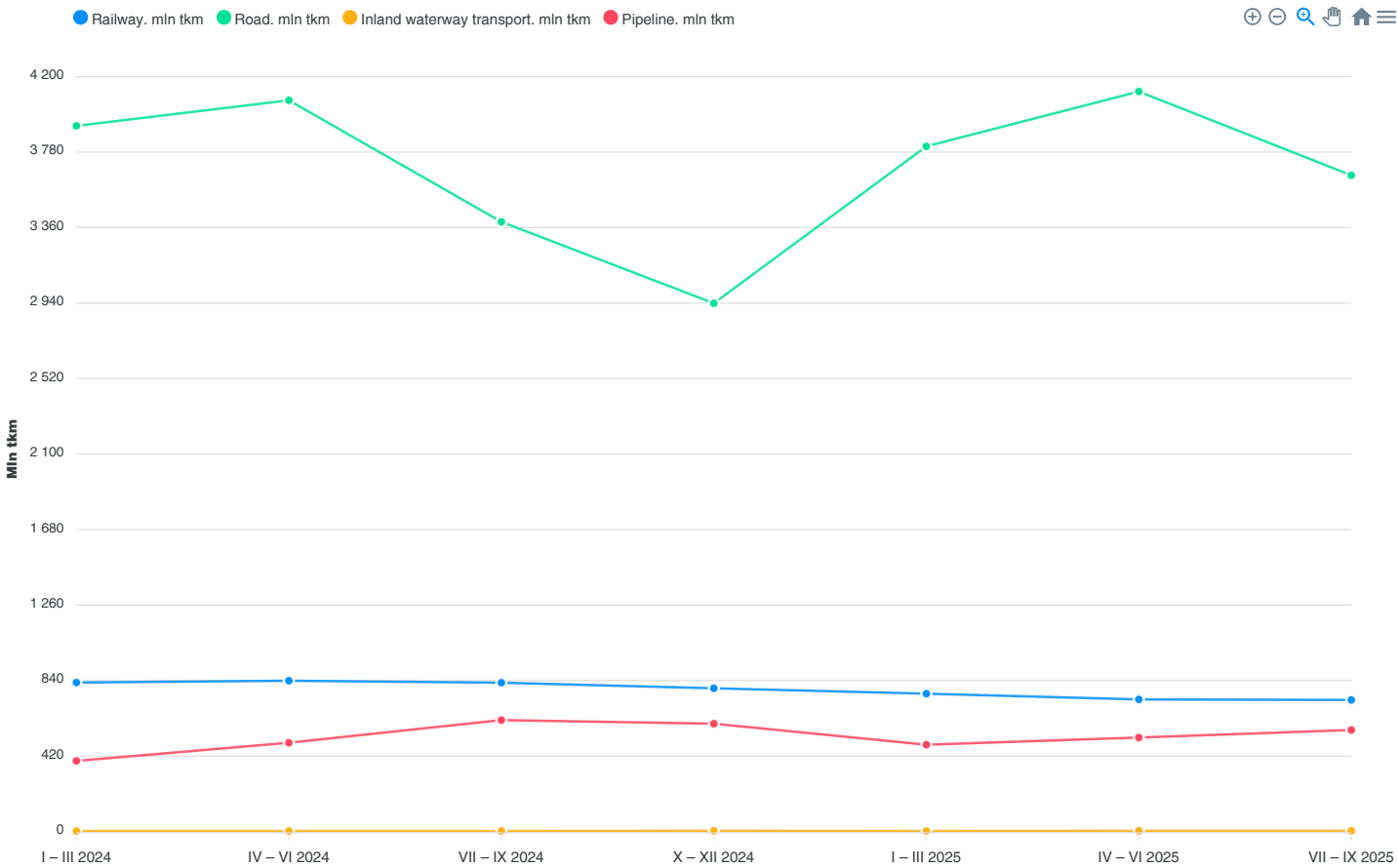
In the period from January to September 2025, a total of **99.2 million** tonnes of goods were transported, which was 2.3% less than in the same period of 2024. A decrease was recorded in road transport, of 0.6%, in railway transport, of 25.8%, in air transport, of 1.8%, and in inland waterway transport, of 16.5%. An increase was realised in pipeline transport, of 10.2%, and in seawater and coastal transport, of 6.1%.

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		
		VII - IX	I - IX	VII - IX	I - IX	<u>VII - IX 2025</u> <u>IV - VI 2025</u>	<u>VII - IX 2025</u> <u>VII - IX 2024</u>	<u>I - IX 2025</u> <u>I - IX 2024</u>
Passengers carried ¹⁾	'000	23 695	62 950	24 868	66 345	110,1	104,9	105,4
Railway transport ¹⁾	'000	5 615	17 057	6 089	18 796	91,8	108,4	110,2
Road line transport	'000	9 381	30 388	10 038	31 826	90,9	107,0	104,7
Seawater and coastal transport	'000	7 666	13 266	7 662	13 343	186,7	99,9	100,6
Air transport	'000	1 032	2 239	1 079	2 381	135,2	104,5	106,3
Passenger-kilometres ¹⁾	Mln	2 922	6 931	2 872	6 977	123,4	98,3	100,7
Railway transport ¹⁾	Mln	275	759	306	849	105,8	111,4	111,8
Road line transport	Mln	998	2 857	952	2 629	104,6	95,4	92,0
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	368	642	368	642	186,1	99,9	100,0
Air transport	Mln	1 280	2 673	1 245	2 858	133,9	97,3	106,9
Goods carried	'000 t	33 527	101 506	33 662	99 185	101,4	100,4	97,7
Railway transport	'000 t	3 784	12 374	2 905	9 186	94,0	76,8	74,2
Road line transport	'000 t	22 734	71 470	23 704	71 057	99,2	104,3	99,4
Seawater and coastal transport	'000 t	4 253	10 917	4 658	11 579	128,2	109,5	106,1
Inland waterway transport ²⁾	'000 t	94	258	83	215	101,8	88,1	83,5
Air transport	'000 t	0	1	0	1	95,8	93,6	98,2
Transport via pipelines	'000 t	2 662	6 486	2 312	7 146	93,2	86,9	110,2
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	25 885	67 751	23 999	65 483	110,1	92,7	96,7
Railway transport	Mln	828	2 496	732	2 235	99,6	88,4	89,5
Road line transport	Mln	3 392	11 386	3 651	11 579	88,7	107,6	101,7
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	21 041	52 351	19 047	50 087	116,0	90,5	95,7
Inland waterway transport ²⁾	Mln	3	10	4	10	102,7	111,5	104,2
Air transport	Mln	0	1	0	1	94,7	99,2	102,7
Transport via pipelines	Mln	620	1 507	565	1 571	108,0	91,0	104,3

1) Provisional data for 2025.

2) Transit is not included.

2 RAILWAY TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2024		2025		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>IV – VI 2025</u>	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>VII – IX 2024</u>	<u>I – IX 2025</u> <u>I – IX 2024</u>
Passengers carried ¹⁾	'000	5 615	17 057	6 089	18 796	91,8	108,4	110,2
National transport ¹⁾	'000	5 510	16 795	5 975	18 578	90,8	108,4	110,6
International transport ¹⁾	'000	105	262	114	217	211,1	108,4	82,8
Passenger-kilometres ¹⁾	Mln	275	759	306	849	105,8	111,4	111,8
National transport ¹⁾	Mln	259	735	288	824	101,4	111,2	112,1
International transport ¹⁾	Mln	16	24	18	25	339,5	114,5	103,5
Goods carried	'000 t	3 784	12 374	2 905	9 186	94,0	76,8	74,2
National transport	'000 t	591	1 964	577	1 666	101,3	97,7	84,8
International transport – loading	'000 t	1 580	4 683	1 089	3 251	97,9	69,0	69,4
International transport – unloading	'000 t	290	895	260	875	88,6	89,6	97,8
Transit	'000 t	1 324	4 832	979	3 394	87,8	74,0	70,2
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	828	2 496	732	2 235	99,6	88,4	89,5
National transport	Mln	149	456	156	431	108,5	104,3	94,5
International transport – loading	Mln	340	916	307	921	99,6	90,4	100,6
International transport – unloading	Mln	75	244	76	242	96,6	102,1	99,3
Transit	Mln	264	880	193	641	94,6	73,1	72,8
Out of total goods transport – transport of dangerous goods	'000 t	187	897	231	554	152,6	123,1	61,7

1) Provisional data for 2025

3 ROAD LINE TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS BY COACHES

	Unit of measure	2024		2025		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>IV – VI 2025</u>	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>VII – IX 2024</u>	<u>I – IX 2025</u> <u>I – IX 2024</u>
Passengers carried	'000	9 381	30 388	10 038	31 826	90,9	107,0	104,7
National transport	'000	8 133	27 784	8 770	29 038	85,9	107,8	104,5
International transport	'000	1 248	2 604	1 268	2 788	151,1	101,6	107,1
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	998	2 857	952	2 629	104,6	95,4	92,0
National transport	Mln	720	2 184	637	1 936	94,5	88,4	88,6
International transport	Mln	278	673	316	693	133,0	113,5	103,0

4 URBAN TRANSPORT BY BUSES AND TRAMS

	Unit of measure	2024		2025		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>IV – VI 2025</u>	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>VII – IX 2024</u>	<u>I – IX 2025</u> <u>I – IX 2024</u>
Buses	Number	1 376	1 376	1 390	1 390	101,0	101,0	101,0
Kilometres travelled by buses	'000	16 108	48 547	17 547	51 510	102,0	108,9	106,1
Passengers carried	'000	31 970	95 359	35 599	105 555	96,4	111,4	110,7
Trams ¹⁾	Number	330	330	304	304	100,0	92,1	92,1
Kilometres travelled by trams	'000	2 296	7 921	2 641	8 596	90,6	115,0	108,5
Passengers carried	'000	30 791	86 484	32 961	102 596	92,3	107,0	118,6

1) Including motorised cars and trailers.

5 ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS

	Unit of measure	2024		2025		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>IV – VI 2025</u>	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>VII – IX 2024</u>	<u>I – IX 2025</u> <u>I – IX 2024</u>
Goods carried – total	'000 t	22 734	71 470	23 704	71 057	99,2	104,3	99,4
National transport	'000 t	19 426	59 749	19 864	57 655	104,7	102,3	96,5
Dispatched to foreign countries	'000 t	1 294	4 303	1 390	4 897	79,2	107,4	113,8
Received from foreign countries	'000 t	994	3 675	1 179	4 598	69,0	118,6	125,1
Cross-trade transport	'000 t	1 020	3 744	1 272	3 907	86,9	124,7	104,4
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	3 392	11 386	3 651	11 579	88,7	107,6	101,7
National transport	Mln	1 371	4 127	1 390	3 926	107,8	101,4	95,1
Dispatched to foreign countries	Mln	725	2 596	688	2 549	67,4	94,9	98,2
Received from foreign countries	Mln	591	2 179	710	2 625	74,0	120,2	120,5
Cross-trade transport	Mln	706	2 485	863	2 479	101,8	122,3	99,8
Road transport of goods for hire or reward								
Goods carried	'000 t	10 953	36 219	12 084	37 925	95,7	110,3	104,7
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	2 835	9 631	3 103	9 987	87,6	109,4	103,7
Road transport of goods for own account								
Goods carried	'000 t	11 781	35 251	11 620	33 132	103,1	98,6	94,0
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	557	1 755	548	1 593	95,6	98,5	90,7
Out of total goods transport – transport of dangerous goods	'000 t	(1 510)	3 086	(843)	2 183	129,1	55,8	70,7

6 TRANSPORT VIA PIPELINES

	Unit of measure	2024		2025		Indices		
		VII - IX	I - IX	VII - IX	I - IX	<u>VII - IX 2025</u> IV - VI 2025	<u>VII - IX 2025</u> VII - IX 2024	<u>I - IX 2025</u> I - IX 2024
Oil transport	'000 t	1 903	4 104	1 706	4 642	111,4	89,6	113,1
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	470	1 034	430	1 050	123,4	91,5	101,6
Gas transport	'000 t	759	2 382	607	2 504	63,8	80,0	105,1
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	151	473	135	520	77,2	89,5	110,1

7 SEAWATER AND COASTAL TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2024		2025		Indices		
		VII - IX	I - IX	VII - IX	I - IX	<u>VII - IX 2025</u> IV - VI 2025	<u>VII - IX 2025</u> VII - IX 2024	<u>I - IX 2025</u> I - IX 2024
Passengers carried	'000	7 666	13 266	7 662	13 343	186,7	99,9	100,6
National transport	'000	7 601	13 168	7 596	13 262	185,5	99,9	100,7
International transport	'000	65	98	66	80	756,3	101,7	81,9
Out of total, carried by ferries	'000	5 885	10 321	5 905	10 415	182,9	100,4	100,9
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	368	642	368	642	186,1	99,9	100,0
National transport	Mln	355	622	354	625	180,9	99,8	100,6
International transport	Mln	13	21	14	17	754,9	101,7	81,4
Goods carried	'000 t	4 253	10 917	4 658	11 579	128,2	109,5	106,1
National transport	'000 t	179	439	200	572	98,9	111,8	130,2
International transport	'000 t	4 074	10 478	4 458	11 008	129,9	109,4	105,1
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	21 041	52 351	19 047	50 087	116,0	90,5	95,7
National transport	Mln	44	100	51	129	117,8	114,2	129,6
International transport	Mln	20 997	52 252	18 997	49 958	116,0	90,5	95,6

8 AIR TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2024		2025		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>IV – VI 2025</u>	<u>VII – IX 2025</u> <u>VII – IX 2024</u>	<u>I – IX 2025</u> <u>I – IX 2024</u>
Passengers carried	'000	1 032	2 239	1 079	2 381	135,2	104,5	106,3
National transport	'000	139	349	164	388	124,9	118,4	111,2
International transport	'000	894	1 890	915	1 993	137,3	102,3	105,4
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	1 280	2 673	1 245	2 858	133,9	97,3	106,9
National transport	Mln	41	109	51	122	121,6	122,9	112,1
International transport	Mln	1 239	2 564	1 194	2 736	134,4	96,4	106,7
Freight carried	t	342	1 027	320	1 009	95,8	93,6	98,2
National transport	t	30	65	25	56	113,6	83,3	86,2
International transport	t	312	962	295	953	94,6	94,6	99,1
Tonne-kilometres	'000	251	769	249	790	94,7	99,2	102,7
National transport	'000	9	19	8	18	114,3	88,9	94,7
International transport	'000	242	750	241	772	94,1	99,6	102,9

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 the 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 the 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 NKD 2025) 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 the 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 the 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 of goods 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 the Statistical Business Register of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics in section H of NKD 2025, subclass 49.31.0 Road line transport of passengers.

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 in 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 abroad.

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 in 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 in 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 in 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 2025	National Classification of Activities, 2025 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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