



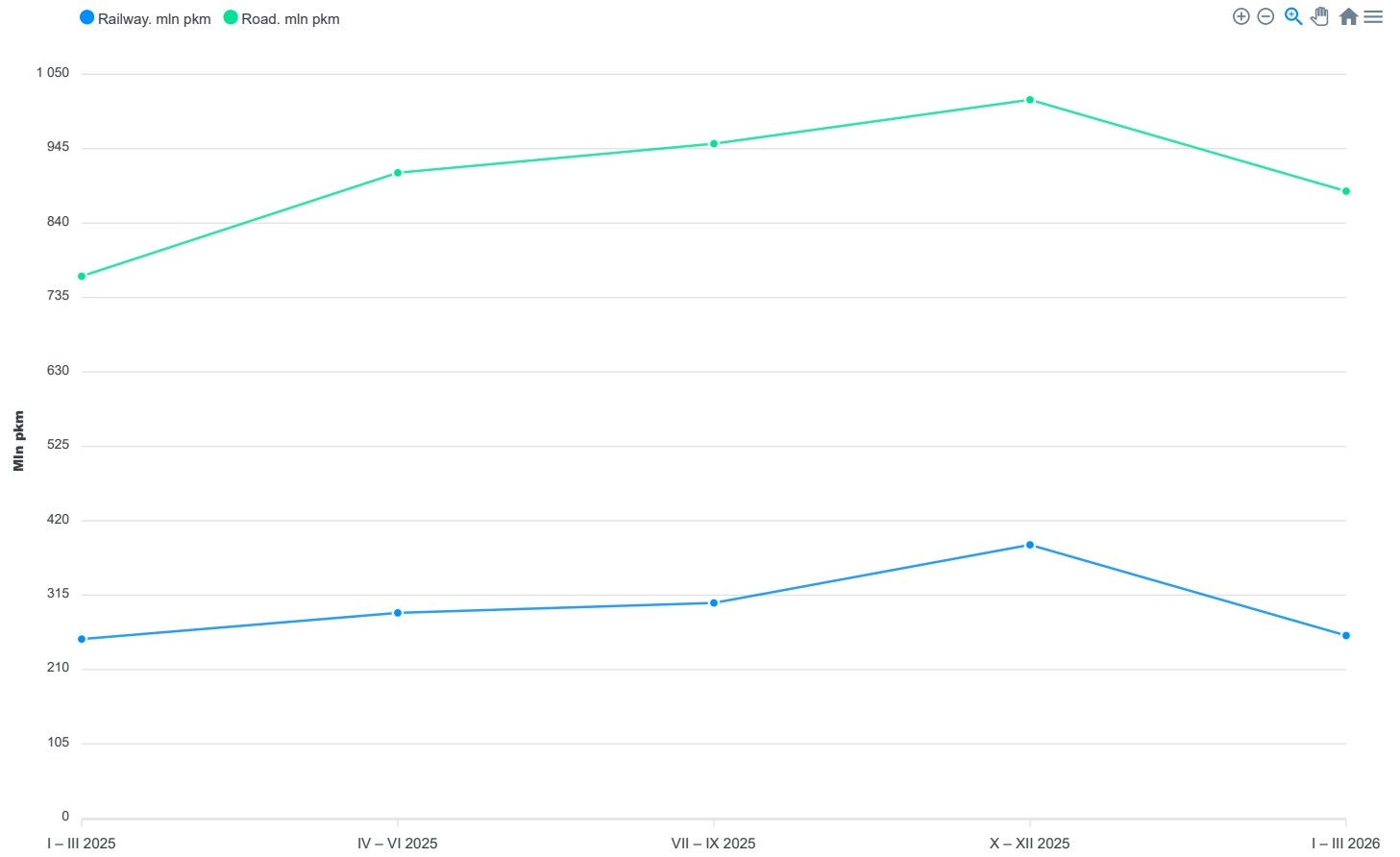
TRANSPORT, FIRST QUARTER OF 2026

The total number of passengers carried in the first quarter of 2026 amounted to **19.4 million**, which was an increase of 2.8% compared to the first quarter of 2025. An increase was realised in road line transport by coaches, of 2.4%, as well as by Croatian shippers in seawater and coastal transport, of 5.6%. In railway transport, according to provisional data, 3.0% more passengers were transported. A decrease was recorded by Croatian air carriers, of 0.3%.

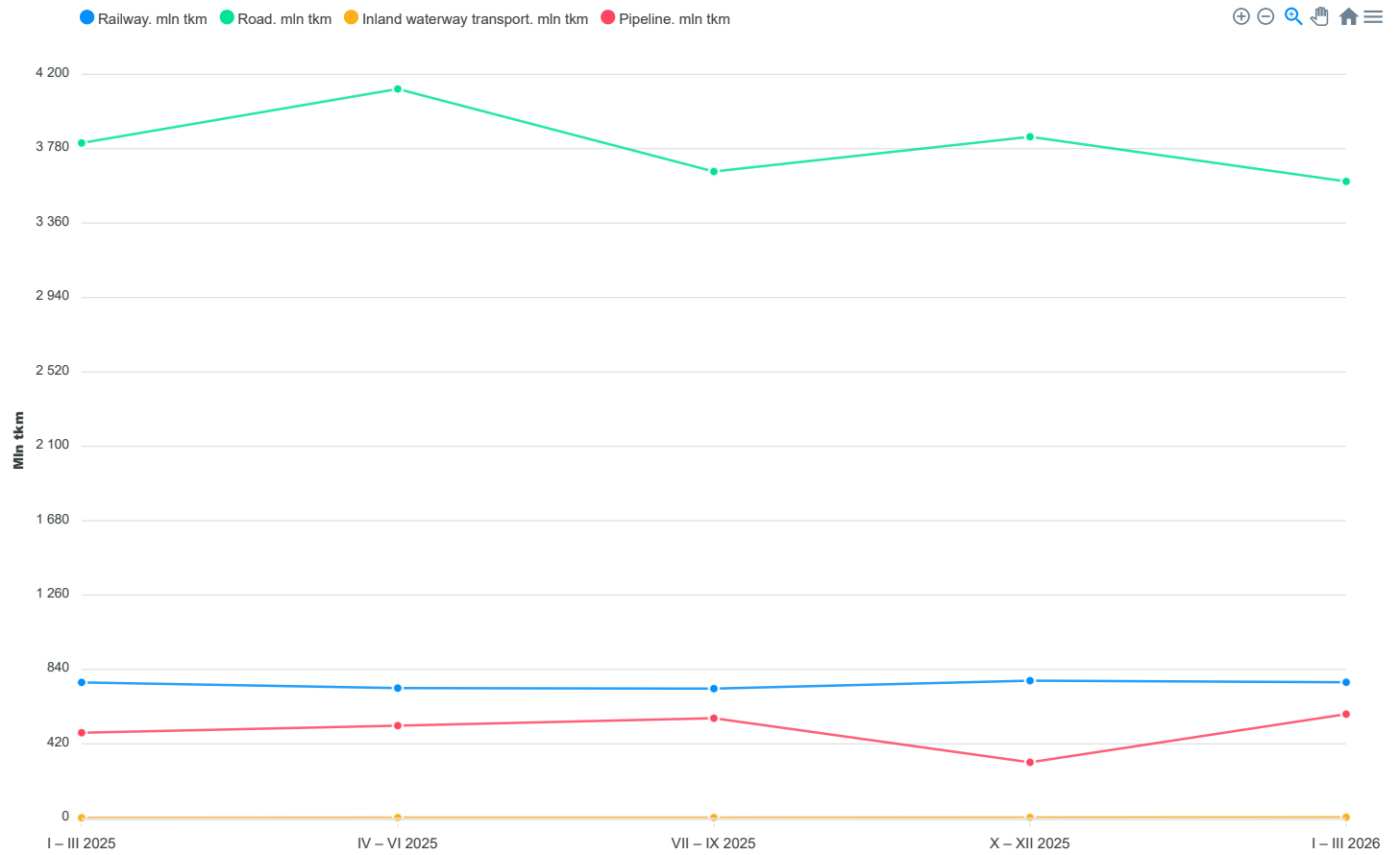
According to final data, from January to December 2025, the total number of passengers transported amounted to 88.2 million, which was 5.0% more than in the same period of 2024. An increase was recorded in the road line transport of passengers, of 5.3%, in railway transport, of 7.3%, in air transport, of 5.7%, and in seawater and coastal transport, of 0.6%.

A total of **29.7 million** tonnes of goods were transported in the first quarter of 2026, which was a decrease of 8.2% compared to the first quarter of 2025. A decrease in the transport of goods was recorded by freight vehicles with Croatian plates, of 13.1%, and by Croatian air carriers, of 7.0%. An increase was recorded in inland waterway transport by ships under all flags, of 81.0%, by Croatian shippers in seawater and coastal transport, of 8.5%, in the transport of goods by railway carriers, of 3.8%, as well as in pipeline transport, of 0.1%.

G-1 PASSENGER-KILOMETRES PERFORMED IN INLAND TRANSPORT, 2025 AND 2026



G-2 TONNE-KILOMETRES PERFORMED IN INLAND TRANSPORT, 2025 AND 2026



1 TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS AND GOODS, BY TRANSPORT MODES

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{X – XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{I – III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2025}}{\text{I – XII 2024}}$
Passengers carried ¹⁾	'000	18 900	21 834	88 189	19 425	89,0	102,8	105,0
Railway transport ¹⁾	'000	6 078	7 598	26 403	6 261	82,4	103,0	107,3
Road line transport	'000	10 741	11 454	43 280	10 995	96,0	102,4	105,3
Seawater and coastal transport	'000	1 578	2 141	15 483	1 666	77,8	105,6	100,6
Air transport	'000	504	642	3 022	502	78,3	99,7	105,7
Passenger-kilometres ¹⁾	Mln	1 777	2 177	9 152	1 682	77,2	94,6	101,4
Railway transport ¹⁾	Mln	253	386	1 232	258	66,9	102,0	107,1
Road line transport	Mln	765	1 014	3 643	885	87,3	115,6	97,1
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	77	106	748	80	75,9	104,5	100,1
Air transport	Mln	682	672	3 530	459	68,3	67,3	104,5
Goods carried	'000 t	32 336	32 816	132 000	29 698	90,5	91,8	98,9
Railway transport	'000 t	3 191	3 163	12 349	3 313	104,7	103,8	78,8
Road transport	'000 t	23 453	23 719	94 776	20 370	85,9	86,9	101,0
Seawater and coastal transport	'000 t	3 289	3 863	15 442	3 567	92,3	108,5	106,1
Inland waterway transport ²⁾	'000 t	51	104	319	93	89,0	181,0	81,6
Air transport	'000 t	0	0	1	0	85,1	93,0	99,2
Transport via pipelines	'000 t	2 353	1 966	9 112	2 354	119,8	100,1	101,5
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	19 682	19 031	84 514	18 095	95,1	91,9	97,8
Railway transport	Mln	767	777	3 012	768	98,9	100,1	91,5
Road transport	Mln	3 812	3 847	15 426	3 595	93,4	94,3	107,7
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	14 617	14 085	64 173	13 138	93,3	89,9	96,2
Inland waterway transport ²⁾	Mln	3	5	15	6	110,3	201,9	114,4
Air transport	Mln	0	0	1	0	84,3	95,0	103,8
Transport via pipelines	Mln	483	316	1 887	588	185,7	121,6	89,6

1) Provisional data for 2026.

2) Transit is not included.

2 RAILWAY TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I - III	X - XII	I - XII	I - III	$\frac{\text{I - III 2026}}{\text{X - XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I - III 2026}}{\text{I - III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I - XII 2025}}{\text{I - XII 2024}}$
Passengers carried ¹⁾	'000	6 078	7 598	26 403	6 261	82,4	103,0	107,3
National transport ¹⁾	'000	6 027	7 530	26 108	6 210	82,5	103,0	107,6
International transport ¹⁾	'000	51	68	295	51	75,3	100,9	90,5
Passenger-kilometres ¹⁾	Mln	253	386	1 232	258	66,9	102,0	107,1
National transport ¹⁾	Mln	251	383	1 206	257	67,0	102,1	107,4
International transport ¹⁾	Mln	2	3	25	1	45,0	78,9	94,4
Goods carried	'000 t	3 191	3 163	12 349	3 313	104,7	103,8	78,8
National transport	'000 t	519	597	2 262	434	72,7	83,6	89,8
International transport - loading	'000 t	1 049	1 123	4 374	1 135	101,1	108,2	75,1
International transport - unloading	'000 t	322	345	1 220	349	101,3	108,3	105,7
Transit	'000 t	1 301	1 099	4 494	1 395	126,9	107,2	72,7
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	767	777	3 012	768	98,9	100,1	91,5
National transport	Mln	131	155	586	114	73,6	86,9	98,7
International transport - loading	Mln	305	321	1 242	315	98,2	103,3	100,2
International transport - unloading	Mln	88	100	342	84	84,1	95,5	104,3
Transit	Mln	243	201	842	255	126,8	105,0	74,4
Out of total goods transport - transport of dangerous goods	'000 t	172	198	752	104	52,2	60,2	68,3

1) Provisional data for 2026

3 ROAD LINE TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS BY COACHES

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I - III	X - XII	I - XII	I - III	$\frac{\text{I - III 2026}}{\text{X - XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I - III 2026}}{\text{I - III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I - XII 2025}}{\text{I - XII 2024}}$
Passengers carried	'000	10 741	11 454	43 280	10 995	96,0	102,4	105,3
National transport	'000	10 060	10 724	39 762	10 502	97,9	104,4	104,7
International transport	'000	681	730	3 518	646	88,5	94,9	111,9
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	765	1 014	3 643	885	87,3	115,6	97,1
National transport	Mln	626	763	2 699	743	97,3	118,7	92,5
International transport	Mln	140	251	944	204	81,2	145,8	113,3

4 URBAN TRANSPORT BY BUSES AND TRAMS

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{X – XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{I – III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2025}}{\text{I – XII 2024}}$
Buses	Number	1 387	1 404	1 404	1 373	97,8	99,0	104,5
Kilometres travelled by buses	'000	16 764	17 509	69 019	17 531	100,1	104,6	105,7
Passengers carried	'000	33 009	36 166	141 721	34 292	94,8	103,9	108,8
Trams ¹⁾	Number	313	304	304	306	100,7	97,8	91,8
Kilometres travelled by trams	'000	3 040	3 176	11 772	3 090	97,3	101,6	111,0
Passengers carried	'000	33 906	37 149	139 745	35 998	96,9	106,2	114,8

1) Including motorised cars and trailers.

5 ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{X – XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{I – III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2025}}{\text{I – XII 2024}}$
Goods carried – total	'000 t	23 453	23 719	94 776	20 370	85,9	86,9	101,0
National transport	'000 t	18 821	19 630	77 284	15 948	81,2	84,7	99,0
Dispatched to foreign countries	'000 t	1 750	1 301	6 198	1 389	106,8	79,4	106,1
Received from foreign countries	'000 t	1 710	1 032	5 630	1 716	166,3	100,4	112,5
Cross-trade transport	'000 t	1 171	1 756	5 663	1 317	75,0	112,5	116,0
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	3 812	3 847	15 426	3 595	93,4	94,3	107,7
National transport	Mln	1 246	1 545	5 471	1 153	74,6	92,5	107,1
Dispatched to foreign countries	Mln	840	692	3 241	764	110,5	91,0	96,7
Received from foreign countries	Mln	957	610	3 235	812	133,0	84,9	116,3
Cross-trade transport	Mln	769	999	3 479	866	86,6	112,5	112,8
Road transport of goods for hire or reward								
Goods carried	'000 t	13 212	12 600	50 525	11 425	90,7	86,5	107,0
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	3 341	3 261	13 248	3 101	95,1	92,8	110,4
Road transport of goods for own account								
Goods carried	'000 t	10 240	11 119	44 251	8 945	80,4	87,4	95,0
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	471	585	2 178	494	84,4	104,9	93,5
Out of total goods transport – transport of dangerous goods	'000 t	(688)	(650)	2 833	(1 043)	160,5	151,6	80,8

6 TRANSPORT VIA PIPELINES

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{X – XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{I – III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2025}}{\text{I – XII 2024}}$
Oil transport	'000 t	1 405	1 088	5 731	1 391	127,7	98,9	98,0
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	272	122	1 172	370	303,6	136,0	79,8
Gas transport	'000 t	947	877	3 381	964	109,9	101,8	108,0
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	211	194	715	218	111,9	103,1	112,0

7 SEAWATER AND COASTAL TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{X – XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{I – III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2025}}{\text{I – XII 2024}}$
Passengers carried	'000	1 578	2 141	15 483	1 666	77,8	105,6	100,6
National transport	'000	1 572	2 118	15 381	1 660	78,4	105,6	100,7
International transport	'000	6	22	103	6	28,3	115,1	86,4
Out of total, carried by ferries	'000	1 280	1 672	12 087	1 342	80,3	104,8	100,9
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	77	106	748	80	75,9	104,5	100,1
National transport	Mln	75	100	726	79	78,4	104,3	100,5
International transport	Mln	1	5	22	2	29,6	115,1	86,5
Goods carried	'000 t	3 289	3 863	15 442	3 567	92,3	108,5	106,1
National transport	'000 t	169	140	711	146	104,8	86,3	120,9
International transport	'000 t	3 119	3 724	14 731	3 421	91,9	109,7	105,4
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	14 617	14 085	64 173	13 138	93,3	89,9	96,2
National transport	Mln	36	30	160	32	106,2	90,0	117,6
International transport	Mln	14 581	14 055	64 013	13 106	93,2	89,9	96,2

8 AIR TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2025			2026	Indices		
		I – III	X – XII	I – XII	I – III	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{X – XII 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – III 2026}}{\text{I – III 2025}}$	$\frac{\text{I – XII 2025}}{\text{I – XII 2024}}$
Passengers carried	'000	504	642	3 022	502	78,3	99,7	105,7
National transport	'000	92	123	511	105	85,0	113,6	111,0
International transport	'000	412	518	2 511	398	76,7	96,6	104,7
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	682	672	3 530	459	68,3	67,3	104,5
National transport	Mln	29	39	161	32	83,6	111,9	111,4
International transport	Mln	653	633	3 369	426	67,3	65,3	104,2
Freight carried	'000 t	355	388	1 397	330	85,1	93,0	99,2
National transport	'000 t	9	18	75	12	66,7	133,3	98,7
International transport	'000 t	346	369	1 322	318	86,2	91,9	99,2
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	278	313	1 102	264	84,3	95,0	103,8
National transport	Mln	3	5	23	3	60,0	100,0	104,5
International transport	Mln	275	308	1 080	261	84,7	94,9	103,8

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 2026 will be published in May 2027 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-2026-3-1 "Traffic in Seaports", and the data on the traffic of passengers and freight in airports in the First Release TRAN-2026-2-1 "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.

The data on inland waterway transport have been collected via the Inland Navigation Information System (ISUP) of the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure.

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 included in 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 Scheduled passenger transport by road.

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. 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 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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