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TRANSPORT, THIRD QUARTER OF 2026

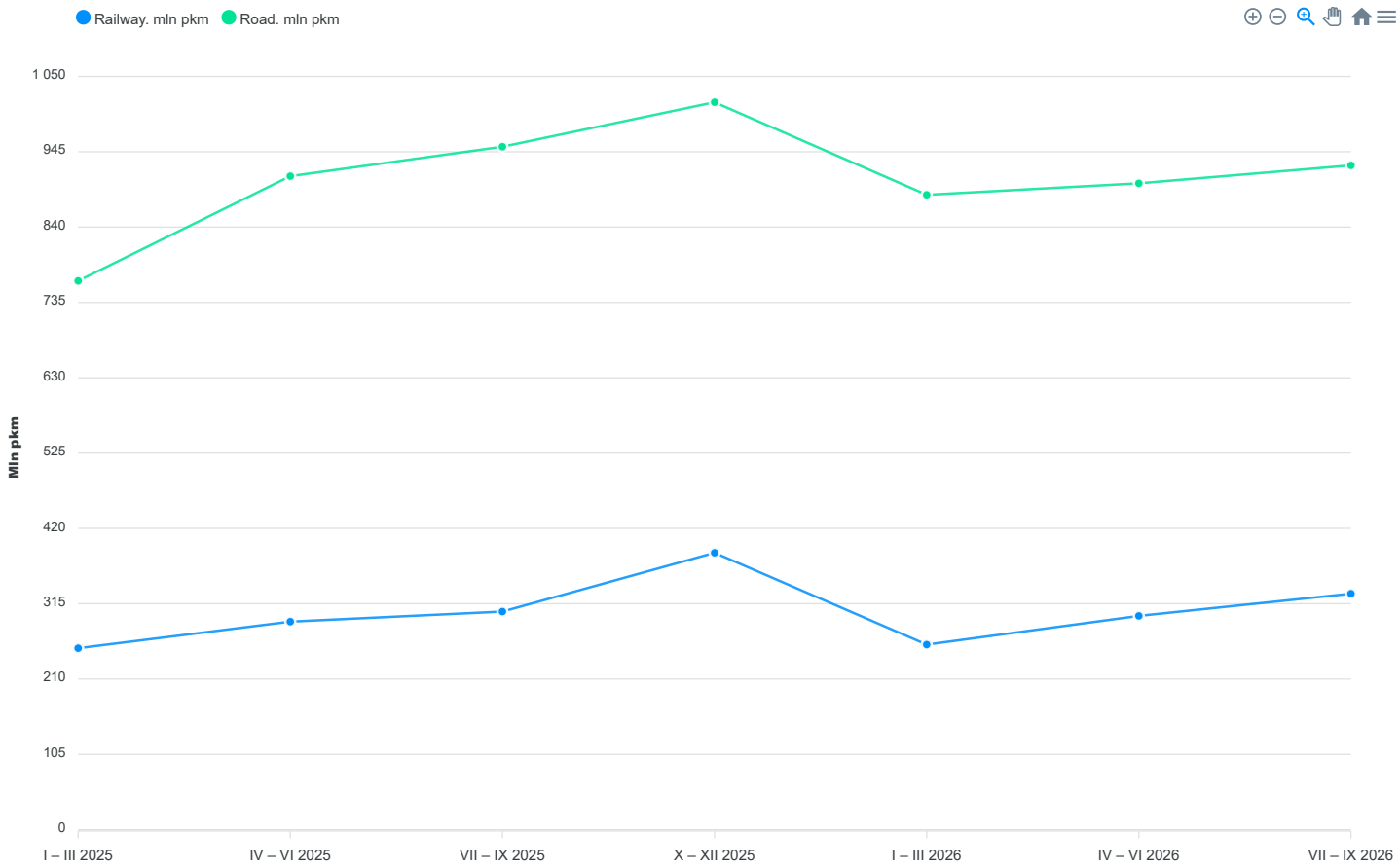
The total number of passengers carried in the third quarter of 2026 amounted to **25.2 million**, which was an increase of 1.6% compared to the third quarter of 2025. An increase in the transport of passengers was realised by Croatian air carriers, of 0.3%, and by Croatian shippers in seawater and coastal transport, of 0.3%. A decrease in transport, of 1.2%, was realised in road line transport by coaches. In railway transport, according to provisional data, 8.0% more passengers were transported.

From January to September 2026, the total number of passengers transported amounted to 67.9 million, which was 2.3% more than in the same period of 2025. The road line transport of passengers by coaches increased by 1.4%, Croatian shippers transported 1.0% more passengers in seawater and coastal transport, and Croatian air carriers also transported 1.0% more passengers. In railway transport, according to provisional data, 4.7% more passengers were transported.

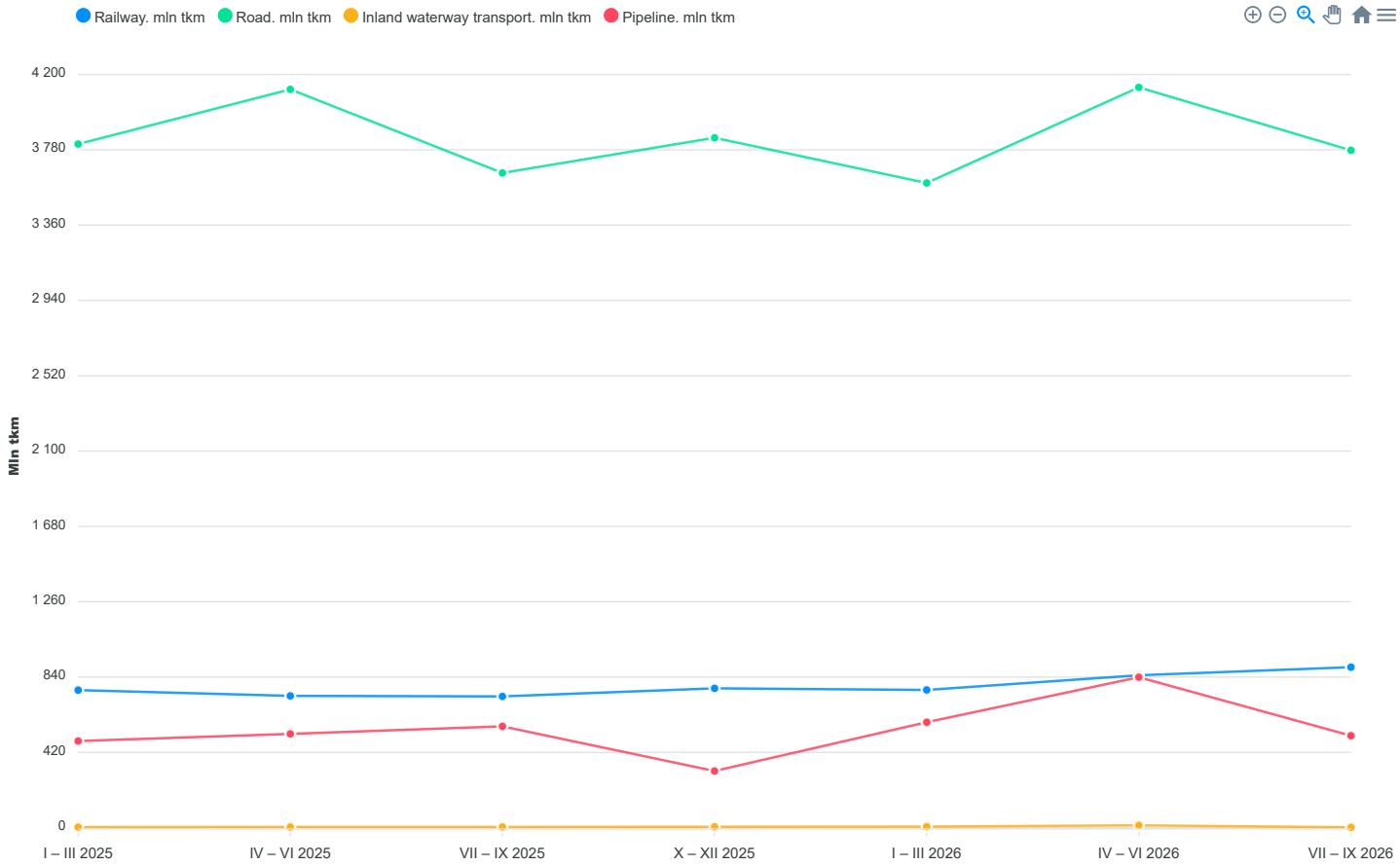
A total of **34.8 million** tonnes of goods were transported in the third quarter of 2026, which was an increase of 3.3% compared to the third quarter of 2025. An increase in the transport of goods was recorded by railway carriers, of 16.5%, whereas the transport by freight vehicles with Croatian plates remained at the same level as in 2025. An increase was also recorded by Croatian shippers in seawater and coastal transport, of 8.6%, by Croatian air carriers, of 12.2%, and in pipeline transport, of 11.1%. A decrease in the transport of goods, of 31.3%, was recorded in inland waterway transport by ships under all flags.

From January to September 2026, a total of 100.0 million tonnes of goods were transported, which was an increase of 0.8% compared to the same period of 2025. An increase was recorded in railway transport, of 9.6%, in inland waterway transport, of 52.2%, in pipeline transport, of 19.8%, in seawater and coastal transport, of 6.8%, and in air transport, of 0.9%. A decrease was recorded in road transport, of 3.4%.

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		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Passengers carried[1)]	‘000	24 861	66 355	25 248	67 855	109,6	101,6	102,3
Railway transport[1)]	‘000	6 082	18 805	6 568	19 692	95,7	108,0	104,7
Road line transport	‘000	10 038	31 826	9 913	32 286	88,3	98,8	101,4
Seawater and coastal transport	‘000	7 662	13 343	7 686	13 473	186,5	100,3	101,0
Air transport	‘000	1 079	2 381	1 082	2 404	132,0	100,3	101,0
Passenger-kilometres[1)]	Mln	2 869	6 975	3 176	7 124	140,0	110,7	102,1
Railway transport[1)]	Mln	304	846	329	884	110,6	108,4	104,5
Road line transport	Mln	952	2 629	926	2 710	102,8	97,2	103,1
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	368	642	359	636	182,2	97,6	99,1
Air transport	Mln	1 245	2 858	1 562	2 893	178,9	125,4	101,3
Goods carried	‘000 t	33 662	99 185	34 775	99 969	98,0	103,3	100,8
Railway transport	‘000 t	2 905	9 186	3 384	10 070	100,3	116,5	109,6
Road transport	‘000 t	23 704	71 057	23 705	68 641	96,5	100,0	96,6
Seawater and coastal transport	‘000 t	4 658	11 579	5 060	12 367	135,3	108,6	106,8
Inland waterway transport[2)]	‘000 t	83	215	57	328	32,0	68,7	152,2
Air transport	‘000 t	0	1	0	1	109,1	112,2	100,9
Transport via pipelines	‘000 t	2 312	7 146	2 569	8 562	70,6	111,1	119,8
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	23 999	65 483	24 118	63 070	115,6	100,5	96,3
Railway transport	Mln	732	2 235	895	2 513	105,3	122,2	112,5
Road transport	Mln	3 651	11 579	3 777	11 500	91,5	103,5	99,3
Seawater and coastal transport	Mln	19 047	50 087	18 931	47 097	126,0	99,4	94,0
Inland waterway transport[2)]	Mln	4	10	2	20	13,9	47,3	197,8
Air transport	Mln	0	1	0	1	111,0	117,3	103,7
Transport via pipelines	Mln	565	1 571	513	1 939	61,1	90,8	123,5

1) Provisional data for 2026.

2) Transit is not included.

2 RAILWAY TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2025		2026		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Passengers carried[1)]	‘000	6 082	18 805	6 568	19 692	95,7	108,0	104,7
National transport[1)]	‘000	5 975	18 578	6 462	19 441	95,5	108,2	104,6
International transport[1)]	‘000	107	227	106	251	112,8	98,8	110,5
Passenger-kilometres[1)]	Mln	304	846	329	884	110,6	108,4	104,5
National transport[1)]	Mln	288	824	314	864	107,1	109,0	104,9
International transport[1)]	Mln	15	23	15	21	337,1	97,3	91,7
Goods carried	‘000 t	2 905	9 186	3 384	10 070	100,3	116,5	109,6
National transport	‘000 t	577	1 666	449	1 370	92,0	77,7	82,3
International transport – loading	‘000 t	1 089	3 251	1 143	3 341	107,5	104,9	102,8
International transport – unloading	‘000 t	260	875	491	1 210	133,1	189,1	138,2
Transit	‘000 t	979	3 394	1 301	4 149	89,5	132,9	122,2
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	732	2 235	895	2 513	105,3	122,2	112,5
National transport	Mln	156	431	115	350	94,2	73,5	81,3
International transport – loading	Mln	307	921	369	1 043	103,1	120,2	113,2
International transport – unloading	Mln	76	242	152	371	112,4	199,7	152,9
Transit	Mln	193	641	259	750	110,2	134,1	117,0
Out of total goods transport – transport of dangerous goods	‘000 t	231	554	349	723	128,9	151,3	130,6

1) Provisional data for 2026

3 ROAD LINE TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS BY COACHES

	Unit of measure	2025		2026		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Passengers carried	‘000	10 038	31 826	9 913	32 286	88,3	98,8	101,4
National transport	‘000	8 770	29 038	8 461	29 397	81,1	96,5	101,2
International transport	‘000	1 268	2 788	1 452	2 889	183,6	114,5	103,6
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	952	2 629	926	2 710	102,8	97,2	103,1
National transport	Mln	637	1 936	615	2 018	88,1	96,6	104,3
International transport	Mln	316	693	311	702	153,5	98,6	101,3

4 URBAN TRANSPORT BY BUSES AND TRAMS

	Unit of measure	2025		2026		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Buses	Number	1 390	1 390	1 432	1 432	103,9	103,0	103,0
Kilometres travelled by buses	‘000	17 547	51 510	16 961	51 646	98,9	96,7	100,3
Passengers carried	‘000	35 599	105 555	36 837	107 643	100,9	103,5	102,0
Trams[1)]	Number	304	304	295	295	100,7	97,0	97,0
Kilometres travelled by trams	‘000	2 641	8 596	2 512	8 552	85,2	95,1	99,5
Passengers carried	‘000	32 961	102 596	35 298	108 426	95,1	107,1	105,7

1) Including motorised cars and trailers.

5 ROAD TRANSPORT OF GOODS

	Unit of measure	2025		2026		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Goods carried – total	‘000 t	23 704	71 057	23 705	68 641	96,5	100,0	96,6
National transport	‘000 t	19 864	57 655	19 222	55 094	96,5	96,8	95,6
Dispatched to foreign countries	‘000 t	1 390	4 897	1 664	4 478	116,8	119,7	91,4
Received from foreign countries	‘000 t	1 179	4 598	1 333	4 643	83,6	113,1	101,0
Cross-trade transport	‘000 t	1 272	3 907	1 486	4 426	91,5	116,8	113,3
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	3 651	11 579	3 777	11 500	91,5	103,5	99,3
National transport	Mln	1 390	3 926	1 387	3 879	103,5	99,8	98,8
Dispatched to foreign countries	Mln	688	2 549	755	2 372	88,6	109,8	93,1
Received from foreign countries	Mln	710	2 625	742	2 494	79,0	104,6	95,0
Cross-trade transport	Mln	863	2 479	892	2 754	89,6	103,4	111,1
Road transport of goods for hire or reward								
Goods carried	‘000 t	12 084	37 925	12 427	37 310	92,3	102,8	98,4
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	3 103	9 987	3 256	9 969	90,1	104,9	99,8
Road transport of goods for own account								
Goods carried	‘000 t	11 620	33 132	11 278	31 331	101,5	97,1	94,6
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	548	1 593	521	1 531	101,0	95,1	96,1
Out of total goods transport – transport of dangerous goods	‘000 t	(843)	2 183	(1 146)	2 785	192,3	135,9	127,6

6 TRANSPORT VIA PIPELINES

	Unit of measure	2025		2026		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Oil transport	‘000 t	1 706	4 642	1 535	5 472	60,3	90,0	117,9
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	430	1 050	318	1 325	49,8	73,9	126,1
Gas transport	‘000 t	607	2 504	1 034	3 090	94,7	170,5	123,4
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	135	520	195	614	96,6	144,6	118,1

7 SEAWATER AND COASTAL TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2025		2026		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Passengers carried	‘000	7 662	13 343	7 686	13 473	186,5	100,3	101,0
National transport	‘000	7 596	13 262	7 664	13 435	186,4	100,9	101,3
International transport	‘000	66	80	22	38	226,5	33,1	47,2
Out of total, carried by ferries	‘000	5 905	10 415	5 840	10 332	185,5	98,9	99,2
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	368	642	359	636	182,2	97,6	99,1
National transport	Mln	354	625	355	628	181,7	100,1	100,5
International transport	Mln	14	17	5	8	226,1	33,1	48,3
Goods carried	‘000 t	4 658	11 579	5 060	12 367	135,3	108,6	106,8
National transport	‘000 t	200	572	191	508	111,3	95,4	88,9
International transport	‘000 t	4 458	11 008	4 870	11 859	136,5	109,2	107,7
Tonne-kilometres	Mln	19 047	50 087	18 931	47 097	126,0	99,4	94,0
National transport	Mln	51	129	42	114	104,7	82,4	88,0
International transport	Mln	18 997	49 958	18 890	46 983	126,0	99,4	94,0

8 AIR TRANSPORT

	Unit of measure	2025		2026		Indices		
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2026 / IV – VI 2026	VII – IX 2026 / VII – IX 2025	I – IX 2026 / I – IX 2025
Passengers carried	'000	1 079	2 381	1 082	2 404	132,0	100,3	101,0
National transport	'000	164	388	150	382	117,1	91,1	98,5
International transport	'000	915	1 993	932	2 022	134,8	101,9	101,4
Passenger-kilometres	Mln	1 245	2 858	1 562	2 893	178,9	125,4	101,3
National transport	Mln	51	122	46	120	113,6	90,8	98,1
International transport	Mln	1 194	2 736	1 515	2 774	182,1	126,9	101,4
Freight carried	t	320	1 009	359	1 018	109,1	112,2	100,9
National transport	t	25	56	25	59	113,6	100,0	105,4
International transport	t	295	953	335	960	109,1	113,6	100,7
Tonne-kilometres	'000	249	790	292	819	111,0	117,3	103,7
National transport	'000	8	18	7	16	116,7	87,5	88,9
International transport	'000	241	772	285	803	110,9	118,3	104,0

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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