



**GOODS AND PASSENGERS CARRIED AND TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE BY
 MODE OF TRANSPORT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2015
 (PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Quarterly changes

According to preliminary seasonally adjusted data in the first quarter of 2015 compared to the previous quarter there was an increase both in the freight and in the passenger transport.

The transported goods and transport performance by the land and water transport rose by 1.5% and 4.4%, respectively (Figure 1). In comparison with the fourth quarter of 2014 transported passengers by land, water and urban electrical transport were by 0.4% more and the transport performance increased by 0.1% (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Goods carried and transport performance by freight transport (Seasonally adjusted data)

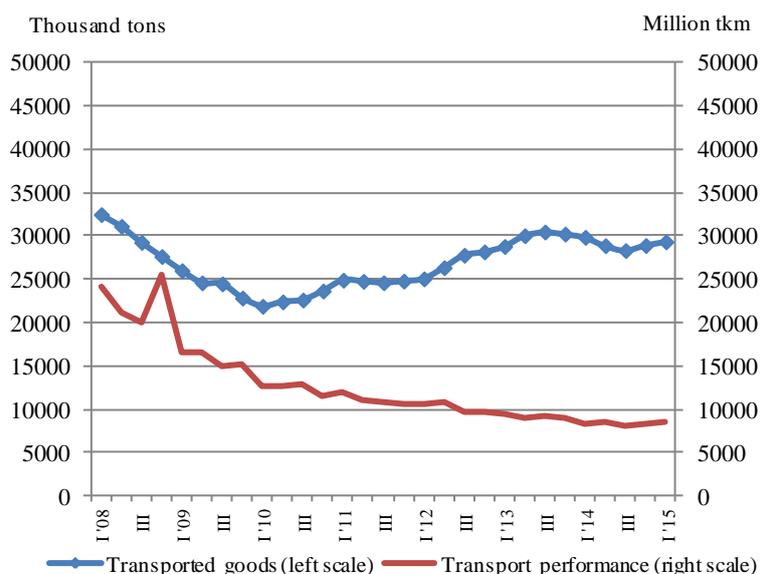
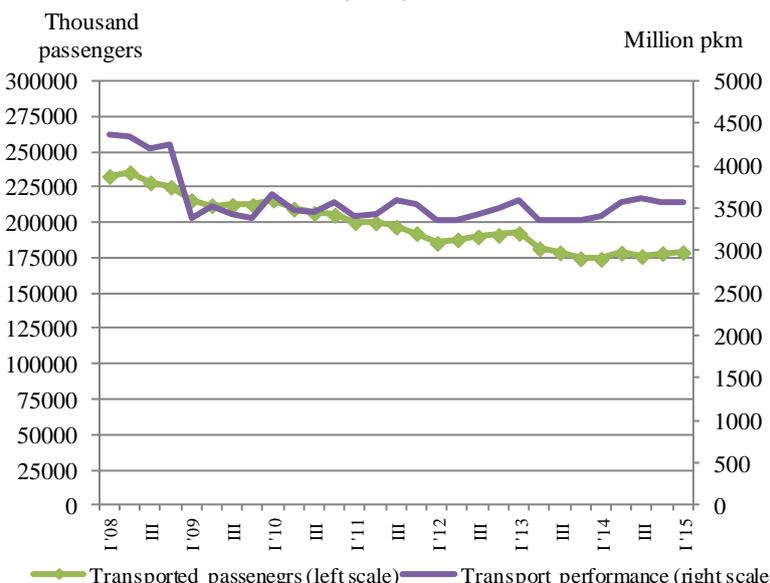


Figure 2. Transported passengers and transport performance by passenger transport (Seasonally adjusted data)





Annual changes

According to preliminary data during the first quarter of 2015 in comparison with the same period of 2014 there was a growth in the transported goods (by 13.3%) as well in the transport performance (by 13.6%) from the freight transport.

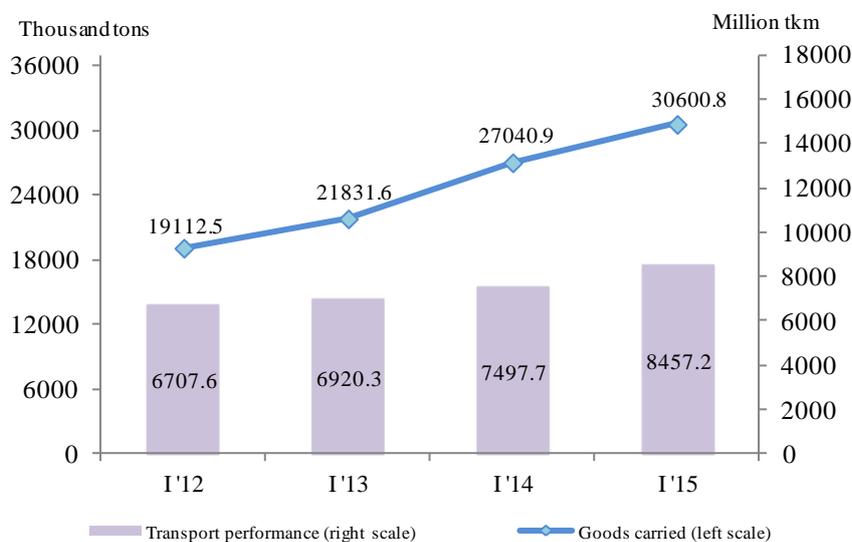
Compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year the number of transported passengers, as well the transport performance by passenger transport (land, water and urban electrical transport) rose by 2.6% and 4.6%, respectively.

Land transport

In the first quarter of 2015 the **transported goods** by land transport were 30 600.8 thousand tons or by 13.2% more than the corresponding quarter of 2014 (Figure 3), the increase was observed both in national and in international carriages.

The **transport performance** in the first quarter of 2015 also increased by 12.8% compared to the first quarter of 2014 and reached 8 457.2 million tkm (Figure 3). The transport performance by railway transport increased by 9.0% and by road freight transport by 18.5%.

Figure 3. Transported goods and transport performance by land transport

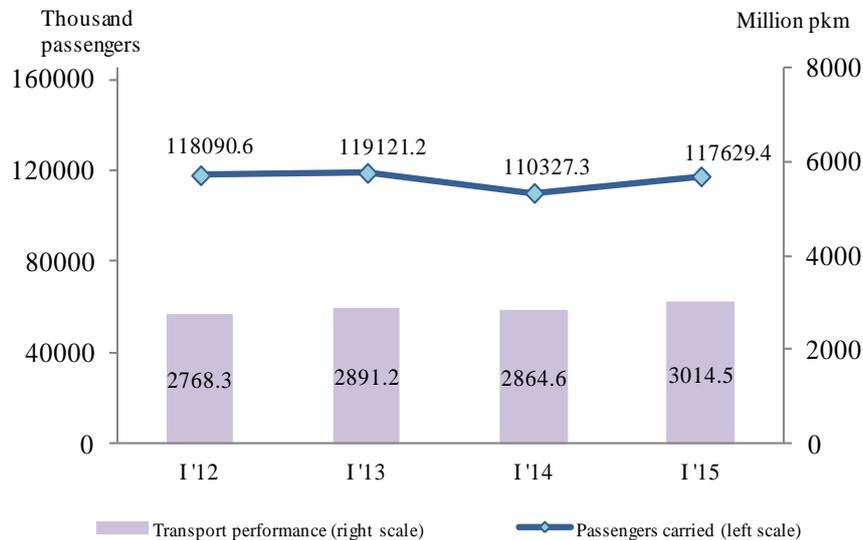


In the first quarter of 2015 the transported passengers by rail and bus transport were 117 629.4 thousand, or by 6.6% more than the same period of the previous year (Figure 4), which was due to growth in the international carriages. The transported passengers by bus transport rose by 7.6%, while in the railway transport there was a 10.6% decrease.

The **transport performance** also rose by 5.2% compared to the corresponding quarter of 2014 and reached 3 014.5 million passenger-kilometres (Figure 4). The increase was a result of the carriages by bus transport (growth by 8.0%), while the transport performance by the railway transport dropped by 12.1%.



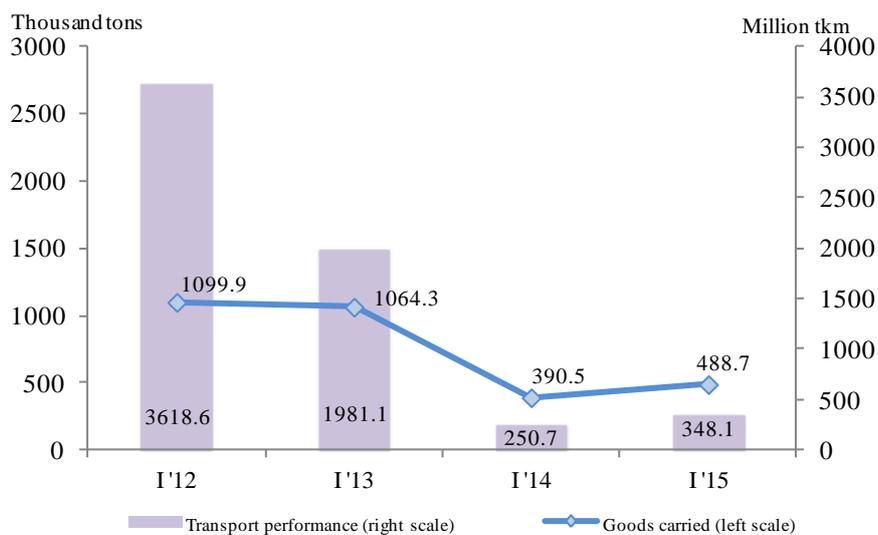
Figure 4. Transported passengers and transport performance by land transport



Water transport

The **transported goods** as well the **transport performance** by the water transport rose compared to the first quarter of 2014 - by 98.2 thousand tons and 97.4 million tkm, respectively (Figure 5). The registered growth was mainly due to the increased volume of transported goods as well due to the greater average distance travelled by the maritime transport.

Figure 5. Transported goods and transport performance by water transport

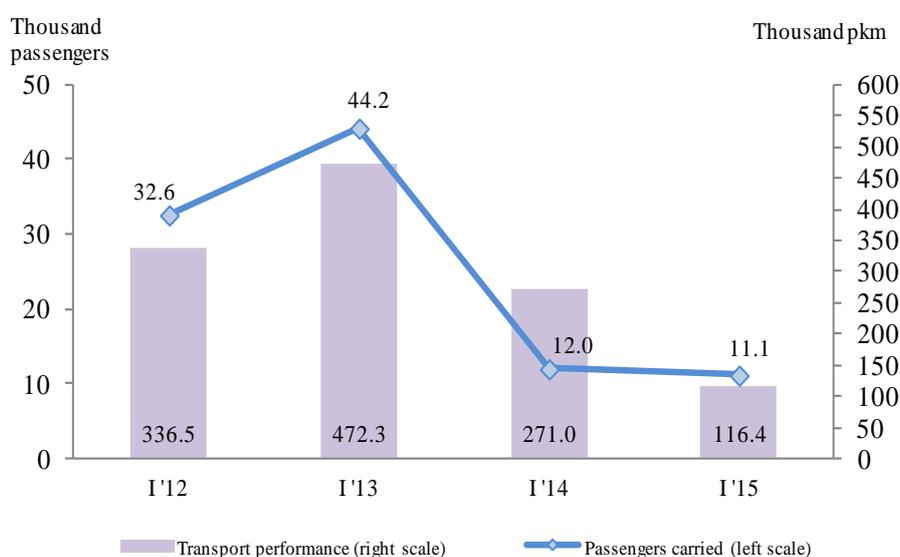




The **transported passengers** by water transport decreased by 7.0% in the first quarter of 2015 compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year, which was mainly due to less number of passengers carried by maritime transport (Figure 6).

The **transport performance** measured in passenger-kilometres also registered a drop of 57.0% in comparison with the first quarter of 2014. The decrease in the maritime transport was by 60.0% and in the inland waterway transport - by 9.4%.

Figure 6. Transported passengers and transport performance by water transport



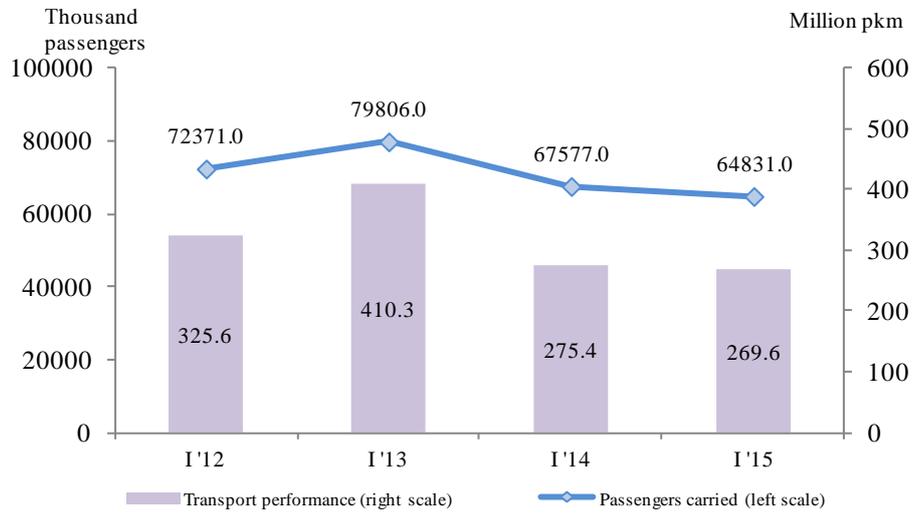
Urban electrical transport

During the first quarter of 2015 the enterprises in urban electrical transport (trams, trolleybuses and metro) transported **64 831.0 thousand passengers** or by 4.1% less in comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2014 (Figure 7). The smallest decrease (of 1.8%) was registered in the metro carriages, while the tram and trolleybus transport fell by 5.9% and 4.0%, respectively.

The **transport performance** measured in passenger-kilometres also registered a 2.1% drop compared to the first quarter of 2014 and reached 269.6 million pkm, which was due to less transported passengers by all types of urban electrical transport.



Figure 7. Transported passengers and transport performance by urban electrical transport





Methodological notes

Land freight transport covers the freight carriages by road and rail transport from vehicles with Bulgarian registration as well as transmission of goods by pipelines.

Land passenger transport covers the passengers' carriages by road and rail transport from vehicles with Bulgarian registration.

Water transport covers the passengers' or freight carriages and transport performance by maritime and IWW vessels with Bulgarian registration.

Urban electrical transport includes passengers carried and transport performance of trolleybus transport in the country, tramway transport, and metro in Sofia.

Goods carried (tons) - measures the total volume of goods carried **for hire or reward** between two places (place of loading and place of unloading).

Transport performance of freight transport (tonne-kilometres) - corresponds to the transportation of one ton over one kilometre.

Passengers carried (in numbers) - measures the total number of passengers **with paid fares** carried by the corresponding type of transport between two places (place of embarkation and place of disembarkation).

Transport performance of passenger transport (passenger-kilometres) - corresponds to the transportation of one passenger over one kilometre.

Since April 2013 the number of the transported passengers in the urban carriages in Sofia (stolitsa) has been calculated according to a new methodology applied by the 'Centre for urban mobility' AD - Sofia according to which the distribution of the transported passengers from the tram, trolleybus and bus transport and the metro is made on the basis of inquiry survey of the urban carriages. In order a comparability of data to be ensured, data since 2012 have been recalculated according to the new methodology.



Annex

Table 1

**Main indicators of the freight transport activity,
first quarter of 2014 and 2015**

Freight transport	I-st quarter 2014	I-st quarter 2015	Change compared to the first quarter of 2014 - %
Land transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	27040.9	30600.8	113.2
National	19190.6	21587.7	112.5
International	7850.3	9013.1	114.8
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	7497.7	8457.2	112.8
National	1630.5	1938.1	118.9
International	5867.2	6519.1	111.1
Water transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	390.5	488.7	125.1
National	-	1.8	-
International	390.5	486.9	124.7
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	250.7	348.1	138.9
National	-	0.3	-
International	250.7	347.8	138.7



Table 2

**Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,
first quarter of 2014 and 2015**

Passenger transport	I-st quarter 2014	I-st quarter 2015	Change compared to the first quarter of 2014 - %
Land transport - transported passengers			
Total - in thousands	110327.3	117629.4	106.6
National	109988.3	117198.5	106.6
International	339.0	430.9	127.1
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	2864.6	3014.5	105.2
National	2492.1	2545.1	102.1
International	372.5	469.4	126.0
Water transport - transported passengers			
Total - in thousands	12.0	11.1	93.0
National	-	-	-
International	12.0	11.1	93.0
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	0.27	0.12	43.0
National	-	-	-
International	0.27	0.12	43.0
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
Total - in thousands	67577.0	64831.0	95.9
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	275.4	269.6	97.9

‘-’ - no case.