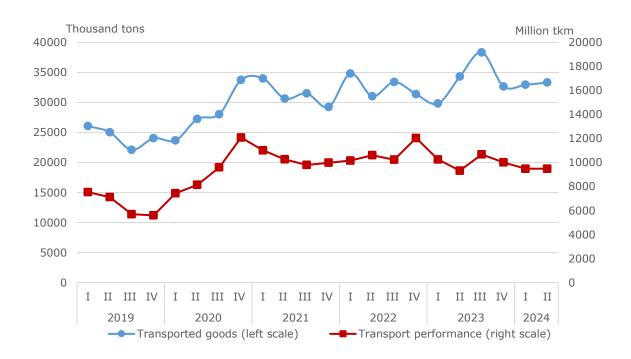




Quarterly changes

In the second quarter of 2024 there was a 1.2% rise in the goods carried by freight transport in comparison with the previous quarter, while the transport performance remained unchanged (Figure 1). The data are preliminary and seasonally adjusted.

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



Both the passengers carried by **passenger transport** (land, water and urban electrical transport) and the transport performance decreased by 1.7% and 5.8%, respectively (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Transported passengers and transport performance by passenger transport

(Seasonally adjusted data)



Annual changes

In the second quarter of 2024, the goods carried by freight land and water transport dropped by 2.9%, whereas the transport performance increased by 1.7% in comparison with the same quarter of 2023. The data are preliminary.

The number of passengers carried by passenger transport (land, water and urban electrical transport) increased by 12.0% as did the transport performance, which recorded a 12.3% rise.

Freight land transport

The **goods carried** by land transport in the second quarter of 2024 were 30 777.8 thousand tonnes, which was 3.1% less than the same quarter of 2023 (Figure 3). The national carriages increased by 5.7%, while the international ones decreased by 20.0%.

The **transport performance** stood at 8 975.9 million tkm, which was 1.1% more than in the same quarter of the previous year (Figure 3).

Thousand tonnes Million tkm 48000 24000 42000 21000 36000 18000 31771.2 30777.8 28272.2 28776.1 25708.6 30000 15000 23621.2 24000 12000 18000 9000 12000 6000 10107.1 9538.9 8882.6 8975.9 7727.8 6730.4 6000 3000

Figure 3. Transported goods and transport performance by land transport by quarters

Freight water transport

II '19

II '20

Transport performance (right scale)

0

The **goods transported** by sea and inland waterway transport were 35.5 thousand tonnes more than the second quarter of 2023, due to the greater volumes of goods carried by inland waterway transport (Figure 4).

II '21

II '22

II '23

Goods carried (left scale)

The **transport performance**, measured in tonne-kilometres, increased by 32.8% on the same period of the previous year.

0

II '24

Million tkm Thousand tonnes 1500 1500 1268.4 1232.9 1250 1250 1054.5 1068.6 1000 1000 750 750 592.1 611.2 500 500 250 250 284.3 266.9 257.2 234.7 235.1 177.0

II '21

Figure 4. Transported goods and transport performance

by water transport by quarters

Passengers land transport

II '19

II '20

Goods carried (left scale)

0

The number of **transported passengers** by land transport was 87 632.9 thousand, or 0.7% up on the same period of the previous year (Figure 5). Bus passenger numbers increased by 0.7%, while rail passenger volumes dropped by 0.6%.

II '22

II '23

Transport performance (right scale)

The **transport performance** was 2 290.8 million passenger-kilometres, which represented a rise of 8.4% on the second quarter of 2023.

0

II '24

Thousand Million pkm passengers 8000 160000 114939.0 6000 120000 87632.9 88463.0 87061.0 77383.7 63221.1 4000 80000 2000 40000 3121.5 2290.8 2113.7 1993.4 1517.1 1142.9 0 0

II '21

Figure 5. Transported passengers and transport performance

by land transport by quarters

Passengers water transport

II '19

II '20

Transport performance (right scale)

There was a decline of 3.3 thousand passengers in the number of **transported passengers** by water transport, compared to the same period of 2023, due to the smaller number of passengers carried by inland waterway transport. The **transport performance** also fell by 6.8% (Figure 6).

II '22

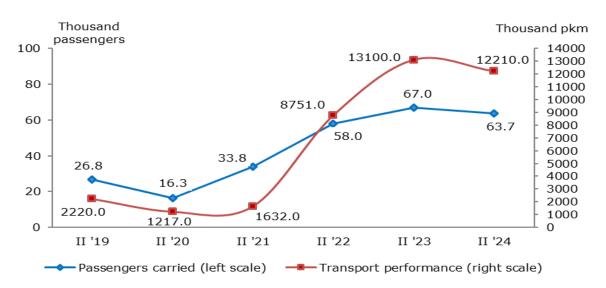
II '23

Passengers carried (left scale)

II '24

Figure 6. Transported passengers and transport performance

by water transport by quarters



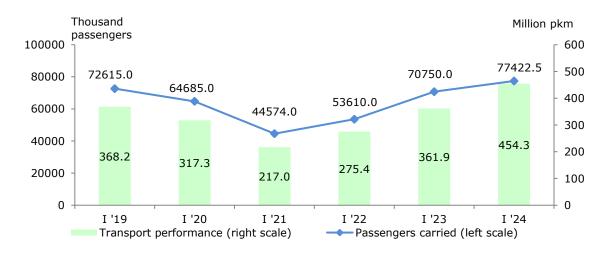
Urban electrical transport

During the period April - June 2024, the enterprises performing urban electric transport carried a total of **82 350 thousand passengers**, or 27.3% more than in the same period of 2023 (Figure 7). The greatest rise was observed in electric bus transport - by 115.0%.

Meanwhile the **transport performance** also increased by 37.0% and reached 475.4 million passenger-kilometres.

Figure 7. Transported passengers and transport performance

by urban electrical transport by quarters



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' and freight carriages and transport performance by maritime and IWW vessels with Bulgarian registration.

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

Goods carried (tonnes) - 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 tonne 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.

Annex

Table 1

Main indicators of the freight transport activity, second quarter of 2023 and 2024

Freight transport	II-nd quarter 2023	II-nd quarter 2024	Index of change compared to the second quarter of 2023
L	and transport - transported g	oods	
Total - thousand tonnes	31770.9	30777.8	96.9
National	20881.7	22066.8	105.7
International	10889.2	8711.1	80.0
Lan	d transport - transport perfor	mance	
Total - million tkm	8882.5	8975.9	101.1
National	2388.4	3485.1	145.9
International	6494.1	5490.8	84.6
W	ater transport - transported g	oods	
Total - thousand tonnes	1232.9	1268.4	102.9
National	_1	-	-
International	1232.9	1268.4	102.9
Wat	er transport - transport perfo	rmance	
Total - million tkm	177.0	235.1	132.8
National	-	-	-
International	177.0	235.1	132.8

 $^{^{1}}$ "-" – no case registered.

Table 2

Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,

second quarter of 2023 and 2024

Passenger transport	II-nd quarter 2023	II-nd quarter 2024	Index of change compared to the second quarter of 2023
Land transp	ort - transported pass	engers	
Total - thousands	87061.0	87632.9	100.7
National	85957.8	86481.0	100.6
International	1103.2	1151.9	104.4
Land transp	ort - transport perfor	mance	
Total - million pkm	2113.7	2290.8	108.4
National	1741.3	1827.9	105.0
International	372.4	462.9	124.3
Water transp	ort - transported pas	sengers	
Total - thousands	67.0	63.7	95.0
National	2.5	1.1	44.0
International	64.5	62.6	97.0
Water trans	port - transport perfor	rmance	
Total - million pkm	13.1	12.2	93.5
National	0.1	0.0	16.7
International	13.0	12.2	93.8
Urban electrical ti	ransport - transported	passengers	
Total - thousands	64708.0	82350.0	127.3
Urban electrical t	ransport - transport p	erformance	
Total - million pkm	347.1	475.4	137.0