



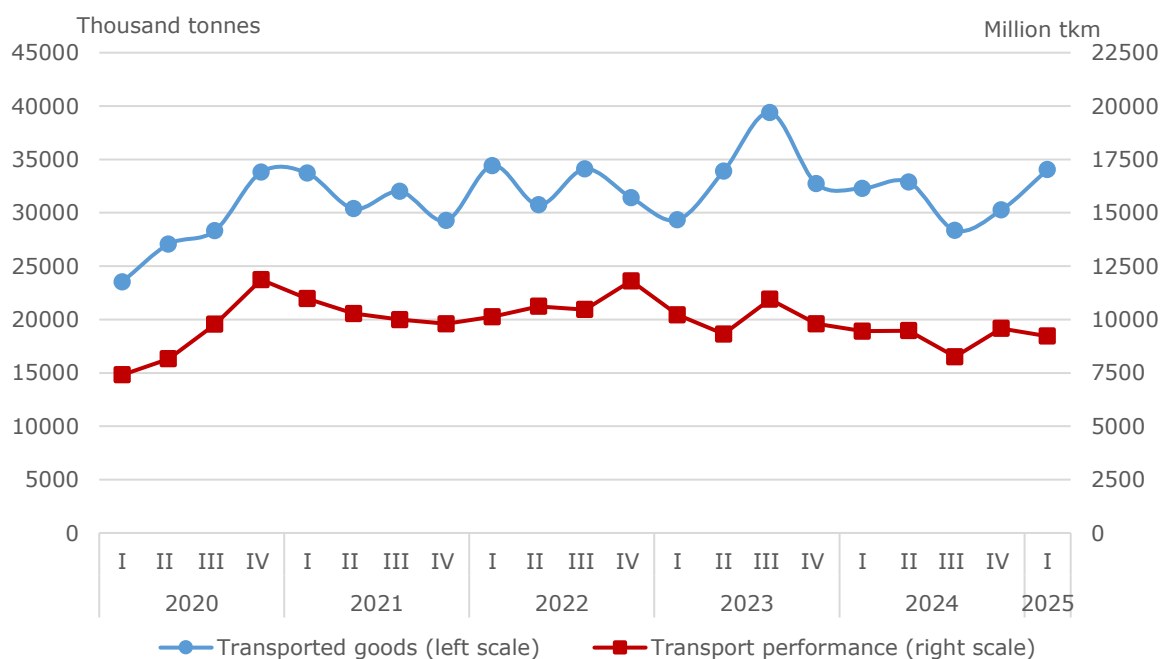
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**Transport - Total**

**Quarterly changes**

In the first quarter of 2025, there was a 12.5% increase in the goods carried by land and water **freight transport** in comparison with the previous quarter, while transport performance decreased by 3.8% (Figure 1). The data are preliminary and seasonally adjusted.

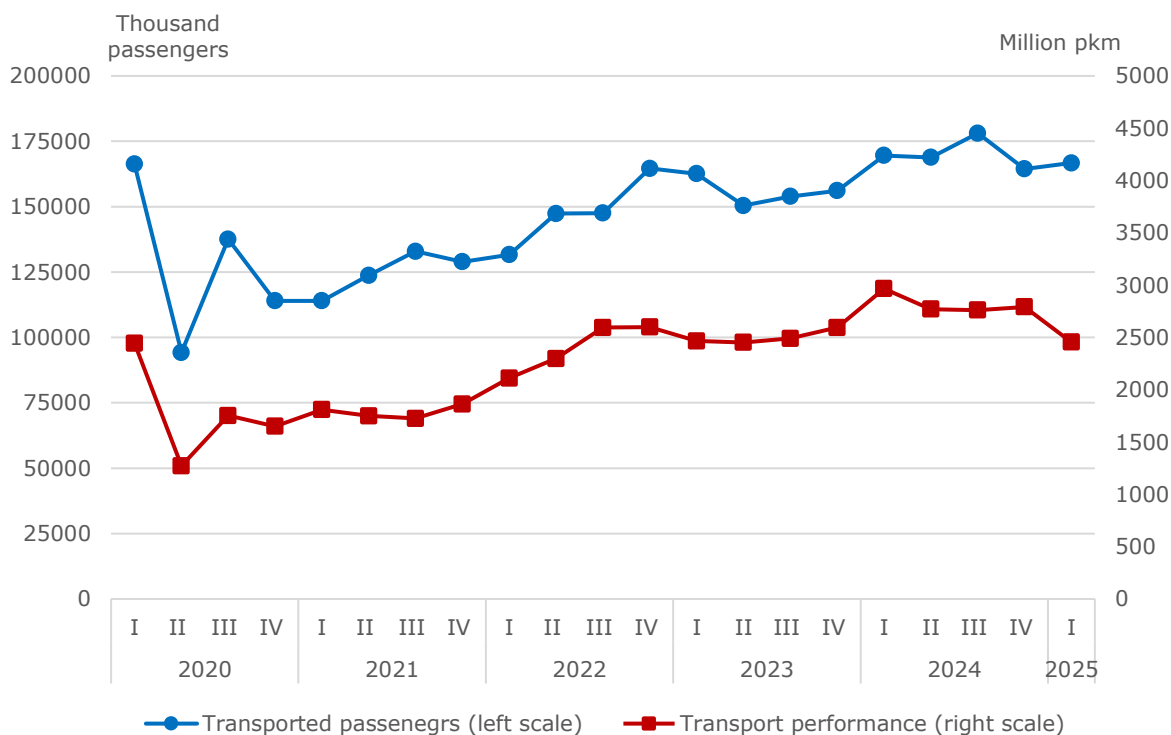
**Figure 1. Goods carried and transport performance of freight transport by  
quarter for the period 2020-2025  
(seasonally adjusted data)**



The passengers carried by **passenger transport** (land, water and urban electrical transport) rose by 1.4%. Meanwhile the transport performance dropped by 12.1% (Figure 2). The data are preliminary and seasonally adjusted.

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**Figure 2. Transported passengers and transport performance of passenger transport by quarter for the period 2020-2025  
(seasonally adjusted data)**



### Annual changes

In the first quarter of 2025, the goods carried by land and water **freight transport** marked a 5.8% increase, while the transport performance fell by 2.5% in comparison with the same quarter of 2024. The data are preliminary.

The number of passengers as well as the transport performance of **passenger transport** (land, water and urban electrical transport) dropped by 1.7% and 19.1%, respectively. The data are preliminary.

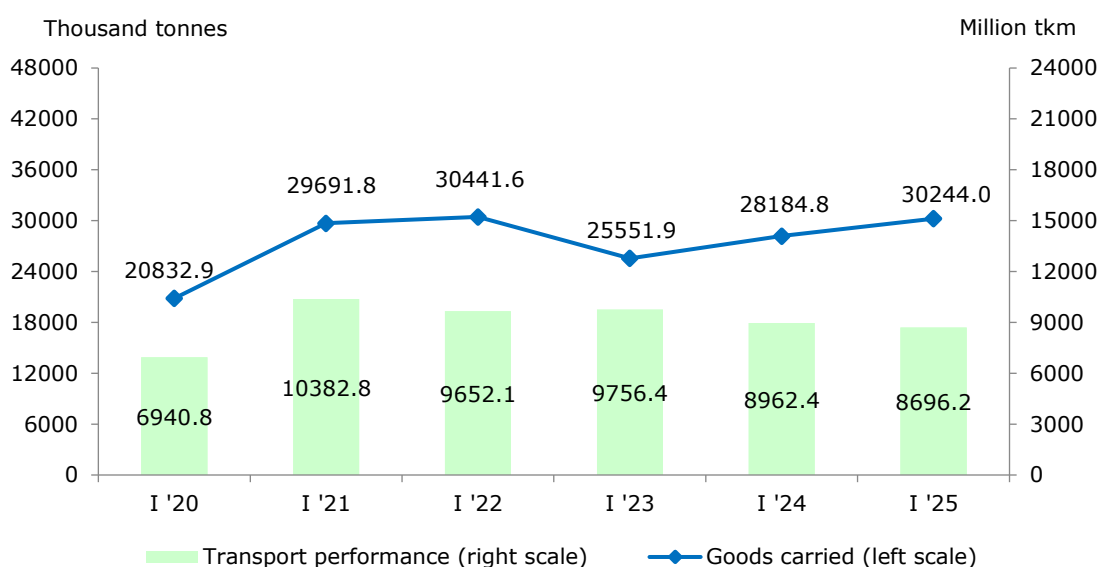
### Freight land transport

The **goods carried** by land transport in the first quarter of 2025 totalled 30 244.0 thousand tonnes, which was 7.3% up on the same quarter of 2023 (Figure 3). The national carriages increased by 12.5%, whereas the international ones dropped by 3.6%.

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The **transport performance** stood at 8 696.2 million tkm, which was 3.0% down on the same quarter of the previous year (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Transported goods and transport performance  
of land transport in the first quarter of the respective year**



### Freight water transport

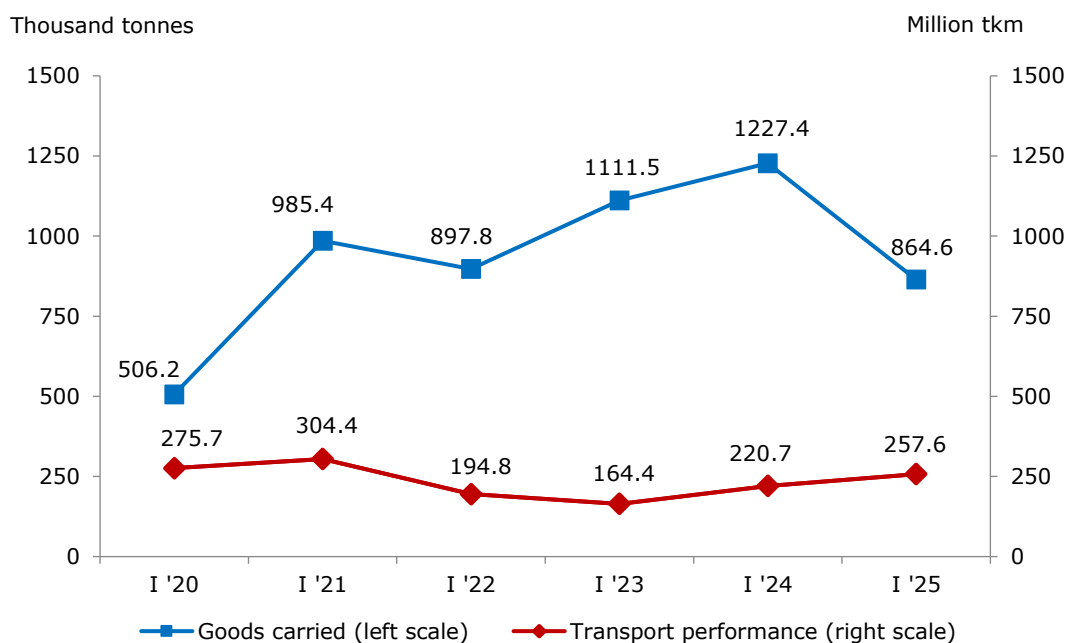
The **goods carried** by sea and inland waterway transport were 362.8 thousand tonnes less than in the first quarter of 2024, due to the smaller volumes of goods carried by inland waterway transport (Figure 4).

The **transport performance**, measured in tonne-kilometres, increased by 16.7% on the same period of the previous year due to the greater distance travelled.

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**Figure 4. Transported goods and transport performance of water transport in the first quarter of the respective year**



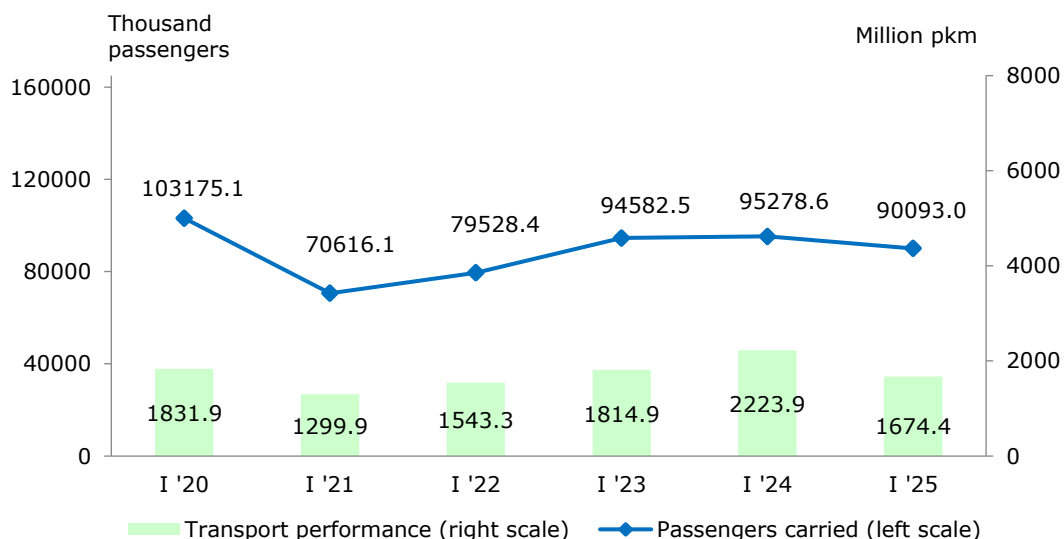
### Passengers land transport

The number of **transported passengers** by land transport was 90 093.0 thousand, or 5.4% down on the first quarter of 2024 (Figure 5). Bus and rail passenger numbers decreased by 5.6% and 2.3%, respectively.

The **transport performance** reached 1 674.4 million passenger-kilometres, which represented a 24.7% decline on the corresponding quarter of 2024, as a result of a decreased activity in both bus and rail passenger transport.

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**Figure 5. Transported passengers and transport performance  
of land transport in the first quarter of the respective year**



### Passenger water transport

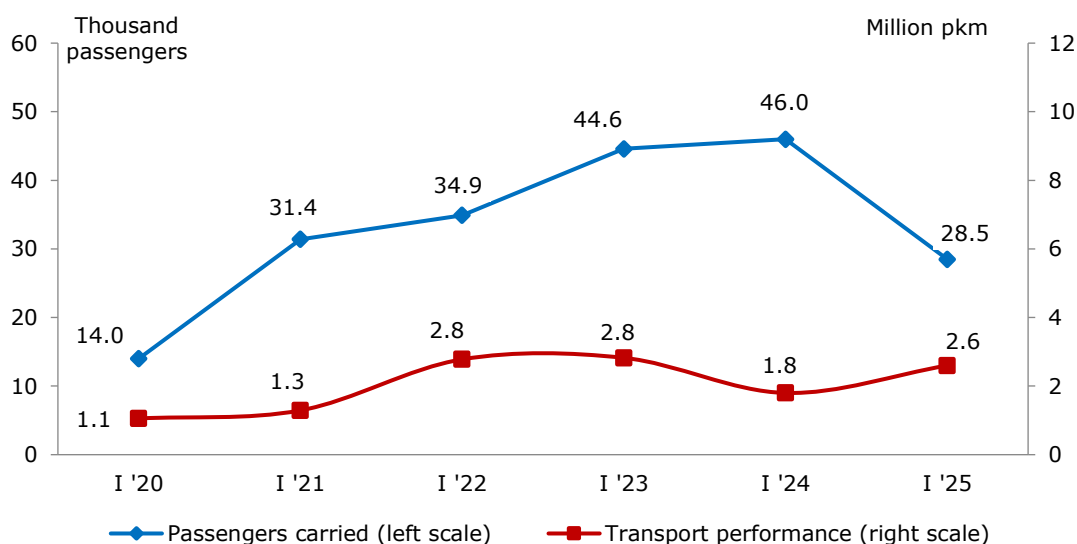
There was a fall of 17.5 thousand passengers in the number of **passengers carried** by water transport, compared to the same period of 2024, due to the smaller number of passengers carried by inland waterway transport.

Meanwhile, the **transport performance** increased by 0.8 million pkm as a result of the greater average distance travelled (Figure 6).

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**Figure 6. Transported passengers and transport performance  
of water transport in the first quarter of the respective year**

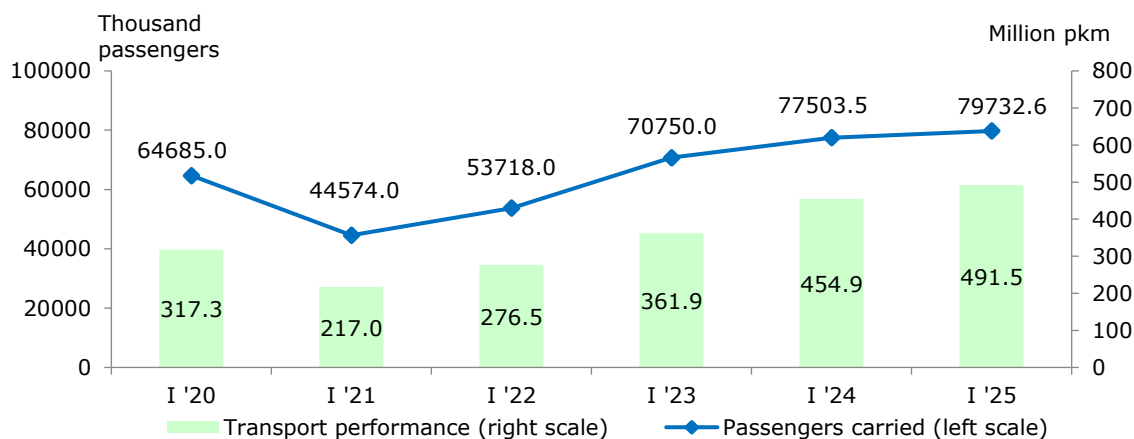


### Urban electrical transport

During the period January - March 2025, the enterprises performing urban electric transport carried a total of 79 732.6 thousand **passengers**, or 2.9% more than in the same period of 2024 (Figure 7).

The **transport performance** also increased by 8.0% and reached 491.5 million passenger-kilometres.

**Figure 7. Transported passengers and transport performance  
of urban electrical transport in the first quarter of the respective year**



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**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.

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**Annex**

**Table 1**

**Main indicators of the freight transport activity,  
first quarter of 2024 and 2025**

<b>Freight transport</b>	<b>I quarter 2024</b>	<b>I quarter 2025</b>	<b>Index of change compared to the first quarter of 2024</b>
Land transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tonnes</b>	<b>28184.8</b>	<b>30244.0</b>	<b>107.3</b>
National	19108.3	21498.0	112.5
International	9076.5	8746.0	96.4
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>8962.4</b>	<b>8696.2</b>	<b>97.0</b>
National	2618.0	2465.0	94.2
International	6344.4	6231.2	98.2
Water transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tonnes</b>	<b>1227.4</b>	<b>864.6</b>	<b>70.4</b>
National	- <sup>1</sup>	-	-
International	1227.4	864.6	70.4
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>220.7</b>	<b>257.6</b>	<b>116.7</b>
National	-	-	-
International	220.7	257.6	116.7

<sup>1</sup> - no registered case.



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**Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,  
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<b>Passenger transport</b>	<b>I quarter 2024</b>	<b>I quarter 2025</b>	<b>Index of change compared to the first quarter of 2024</b>
Land transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>95278.6</b>	<b>90093.0</b>	<b>94.6</b>
National	94454.9	89279.8	94.5
International	823.7	813.2	98.7
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>2223.9</b>	<b>1674.4</b>	<b>75.3</b>
National	1893.6	1477.1	78.0
International	330.3	197.3	59.7
Water transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>62.0</b>
National	-	-	-
International	46.0	28.5	62.0
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>144.4</b>
National	-	-	-
International	1.8	2.6	144.4
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>77503.5</b>	<b>79732.6</b>	<b>102.9</b>
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>454.9</b>	<b>491.5</b>	<b>108.0</b>