



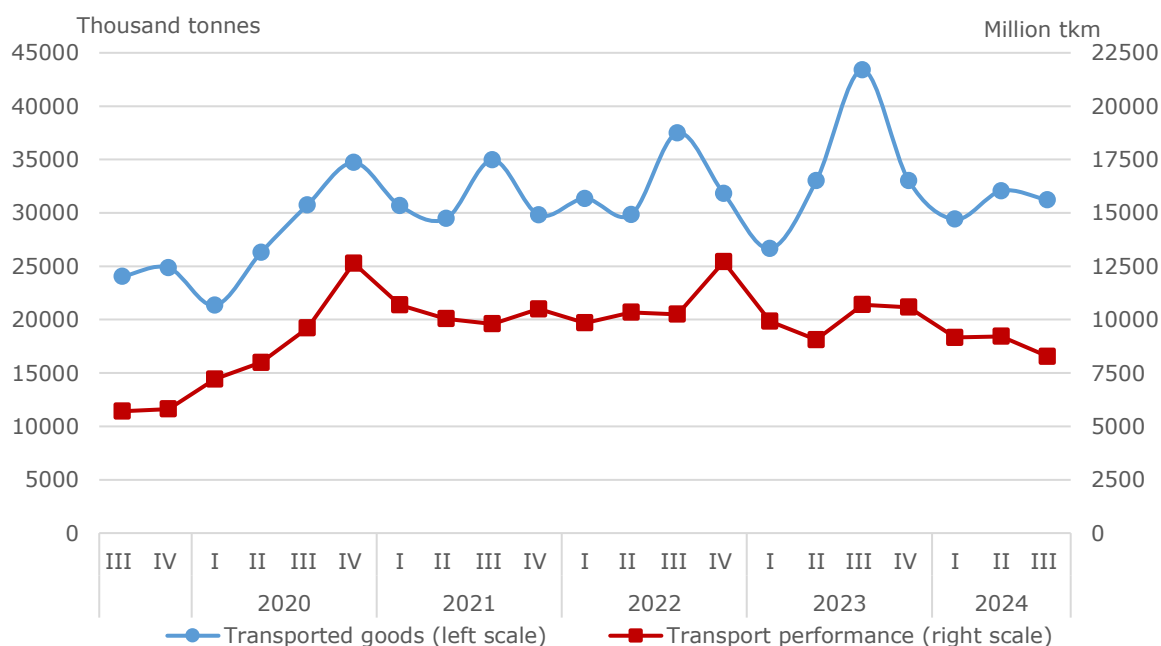
## TRANSPORT (FREIGHT AND PASSENGER, LAND, WATER AND URBAN ELECTRIC TRANSPORT) IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2024 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

### Transport - Total

#### Quarterly changes

In the third quarter of 2024, there was a decrease both in the goods carried by freight transport of 2.7% and the transport performance of 10.2% in comparison with the previous quarter (Figure 1). The data are preliminary and seasonally adjusted.

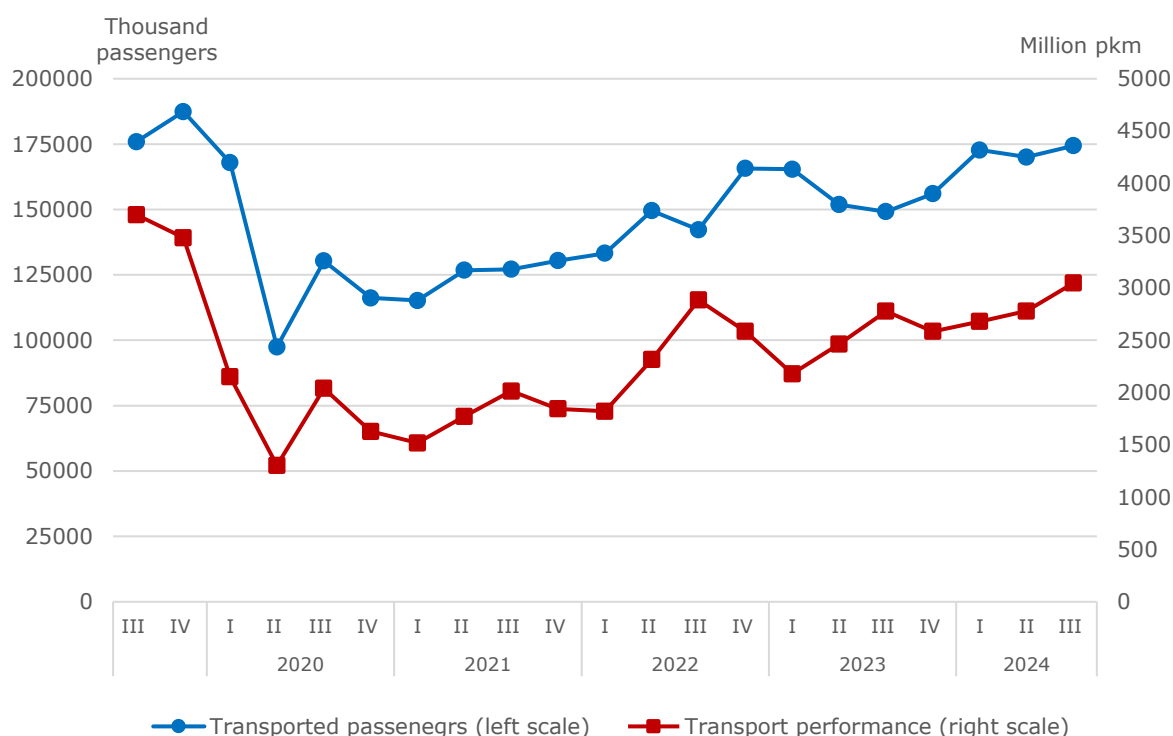
**Figure 1. Goods carried and transport performance by freight transport  
(Seasonally adjusted data)**



The passengers carried by **passenger transport** (land, water and urban electrical transport), as well as the transport performance increased by 2.5% and 9.6% respectively (Figure 2).

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



### Annual changes

In the third quarter of 2024, the goods carried by freight land and water transport dropped by 28.1% and the transport performance - by 22.7% 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 16.9% as did the transport performance, which recorded a 9.7% rise.

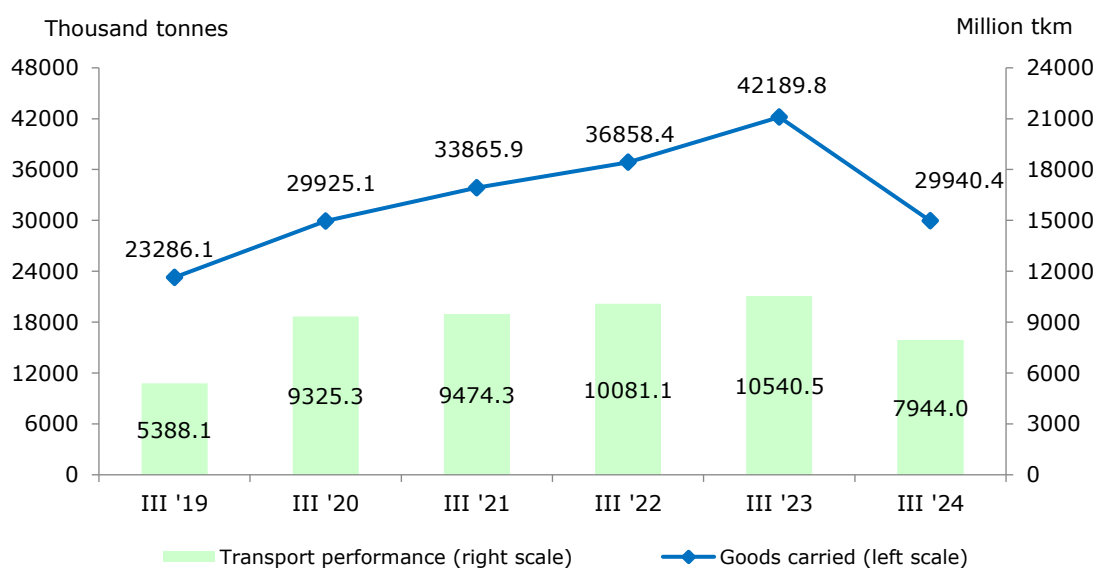
### Freight land transport

The **goods carried** by land transport in the third quarter of 2024 totalled 29 940.4 thousand tonnes, which was 29.0% less than the same quarter of 2023 (Figure 3). The national carriages declined by 29.5%, while the international ones decreased by 27.8%.

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The **transport performance** stood at 7 944.0 million tkm, which was 24.6% down on the same quarter of the previous year (Figure 3).

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



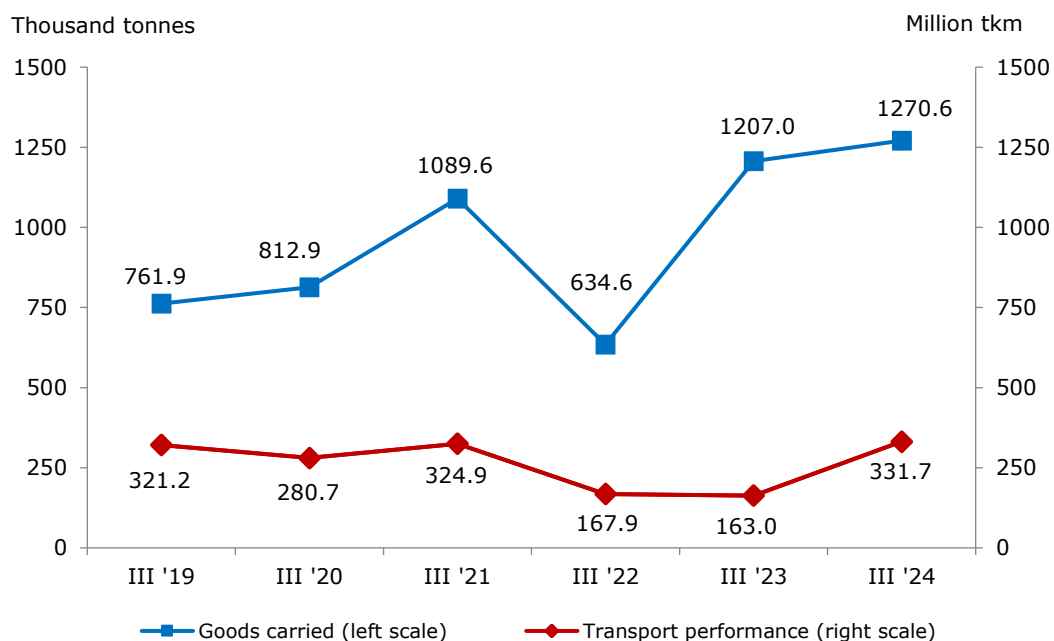
### Freight water transport

The **goods transported** by sea and inland waterway transport were 63.6 thousand tonnes more than in the third quarter of 2023, due to the greater volumes of goods carried by inland waterway transport (Figure 4).

The **transport performance**, measured in tonne-kilometres, increased by 103.5% in the same period of the previous year due to the greater distance travelled.

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**Figure 4. Transported goods and transport performance by water transport by quarters**



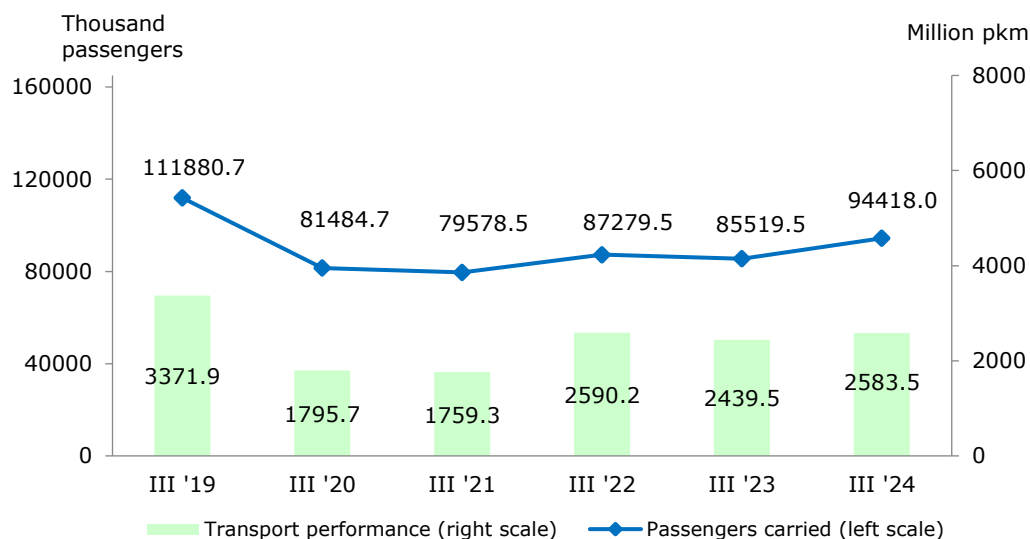
### Passengers land transport

The number of **transported passengers** by land transport was 94 418.0 thousand, or 10.4% up on the third quarter of 2023 (Figure 5). Bus passenger numbers increased by 11.6%, while rail passenger volumes dropped by 5.3%.

The **transport performance** reached 2 583.5 million passenger-kilometres, which represented a rise of 5.9% in the corresponding quarter of 2023.

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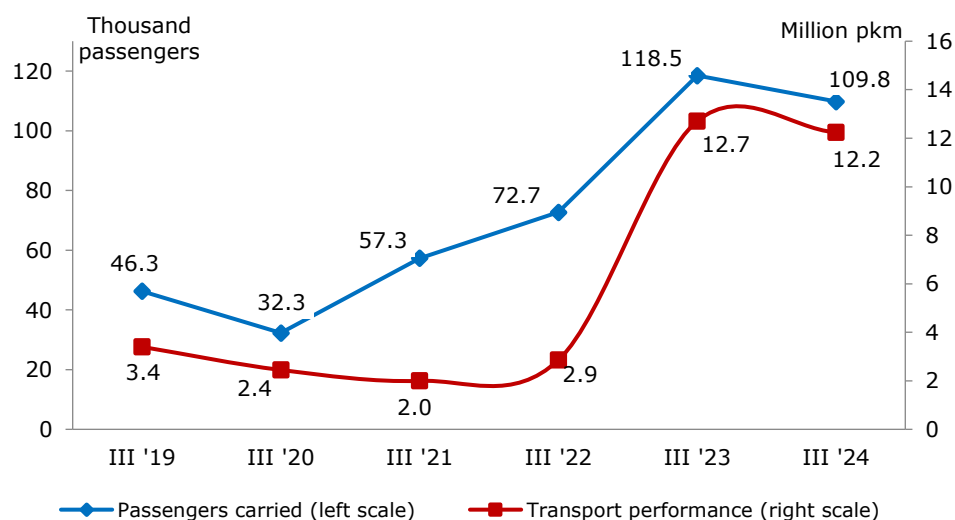
**Figure 5. Transported passengers and transport performance by land transport by quarters**



### Passengers water transport

There was a decline of 8.7 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 3.9% (Figure 6).

**Figure 6. Transported passengers and transport performance by water transport by quarters**



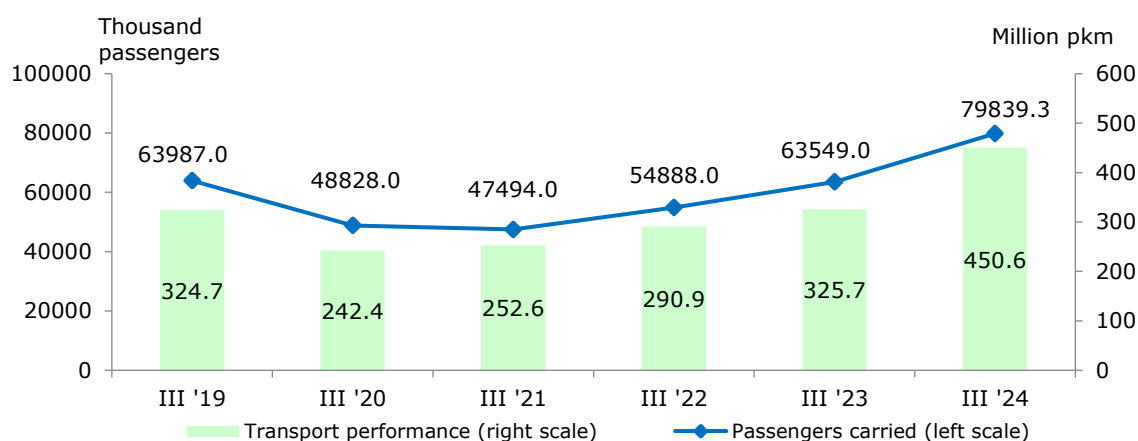
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### Urban electrical transport

During the period July - September 2024, the enterprises performing urban electric transport carried a total of **79 839 thousand passengers**, or 25.6% more than in the same period of 2023 (Figure 7). The greatest rise was observed in electric bus transport - by 105.4%.

Meanwhile, the **transport performance** also increased by 38.3% and reached 450.6 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).

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**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,  
third quarter of 2023 and 2024**

<b>Freight transport</b>	<b>III-rd quarter 2023</b>	<b>III-rd quarter 2024</b>	<b>Index of change compared to the third quarter of 2023</b>
Land transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tonnes</b>	<b>42188.5</b>	<b>29940.4</b>	<b>71.0</b>
National	31000.8	21859.3	70.5
International	11187.7	8081.1	72.2
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>10540.3</b>	<b>7944.0</b>	<b>75.4</b>
National	2249.1	2924.5	130.0
International	8291.2	5019.5	60.5
Water transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tonnes</b>	<b>1207.0</b>	<b>1270.6</b>	<b>105.3</b>
National	-	-	-
International	1207.0	1270.6	105.3
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>331.7</b>	<b>203.5</b>
National	- <sup>1</sup>	-	-
International	163.0	331.7	203.5

<sup>1</sup> "-" – no case registered



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**Table 2**

**Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,  
third quarter of 2023 and 2024**

<b>Passenger transport</b>	<b>III-rd quarter 2023</b>	<b>III-rd quarter 2024</b>	<b>Index of change compared to the third quarter of 2023</b>
Land transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>85519.4</b>	<b>94418.0</b>	<b>110.4</b>
National	84332.9	92791.8	110.0
International	1186.5	1626.2	137.1
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>2439.4</b>	<b>2583.5</b>	<b>105.9</b>
National	1906.1	1897.1	99.5
International	533.3	686.4	128.7
Water transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>118.5</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>92.7</b>
National	25.5	32.5	127.5
International	93.0	77.3	83.1
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>96.4</b>
National	0.3	0.8	254.50
International	12.4	11.4	92.2
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>63549.0</b>	<b>79839.3</b>	<b>125.6</b>
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>325.7</b>	<b>450.6</b>	<b>138.3</b>