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GOODS AND PASSENGERS CARRIED AND TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT

1. Land transport

1.1. Freight transport

According to the preliminary data of NSI in the fourth quarter of 2010 a drop by 2.4% of the **transported goods** was registered in comparison with the previous quarter, which is due to decreased volume of the goods carried by the road transport. Compared to the same period of the previous year the transported goods grew by 0.9%, due to the increased volume of the goods transported by the international carriages of road and pipeline transport.

During the fourth quarter of 2010 the **transport performance** in tonne-kilometres reached 6 301.8 million tkm. Compared to the previous three months, as well as to the corresponding quarter of 2009 a growth was registered, by 1.7 and by 19.2% respectively, due to the increased average distance travelled mainly in the international carriages by road transport.

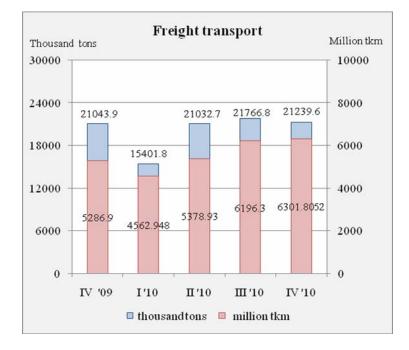


Figure 1. Transported goods and transport performance by the land transport



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1.2. Passenger transport

The **transported passengers** by land transport in fourth quarter of 2010 were 144 604.3 thousand. In comparison with the previous three months, as well with same period of 2009 an increase was observed – by 13.5% by 1.2% respectively. The international carriages fell by 20.2% comparing to the previous quarter, but their low share (of 0.3%) in the structure of the passengers carried does not influence the total trend.

At the same time during the period October – December of 2010 the **transport performance** in passengers-kilometers declined by 2.7% compared to the previous three months and reached 3 240.8 million pkm, while in comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2009 rose by 6.4%.

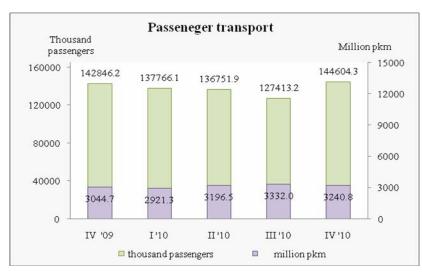


Figure 2. Transported passengers and transport performance by the land transport

2. Water transport

2.1. Freight transport

The volume of the **goods carried** by water transport in the fourth quarter of 2010 was 1 909.8 thousand tones. Compared to the previous three months and, as well to the same quarter of 2009 a drop was registered by 9.6%, by 26.9%, respectively. In the inland waterway transport an insignificant increase by 5.2% was observed, but his low share cannot compensate the overall trend.

The **transport performance** (in tkms) was 6 126 million tkm or by 18.3% less than the third quarter of 2010, mainly due to the international carriages. In comparison with the fourth quarter of 2009 the transport performance fell by 54.1%.



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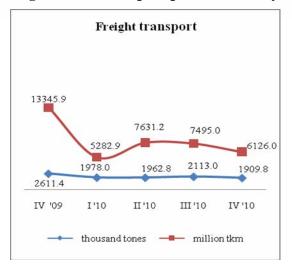


Figure 3. Transported goods and transport performance by the water transport

2.2. Passenger transport

The number of the **transported passengers** by water transport in the fourth quarter of 2010 declined by 34.3% as compared to the previous three months. In comparison with the same period of 2009 a drop by 30.4% was also registered, due to the decreased number of transported passengers by the inland waterway transport.

Transport performance in passenger-kilometers decreased by 110 thousand pkm as compared to the third quarter of 2010, while in comparison whit the fourth quarter of 2009 a growth both in international and in the international carriages was registered.

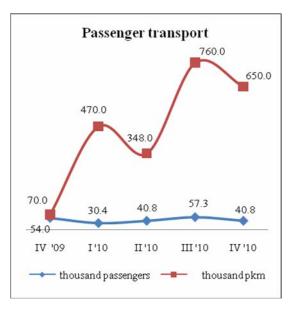


Figure 4. Transported passengers and transport performance by the water transport

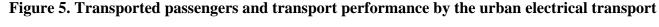


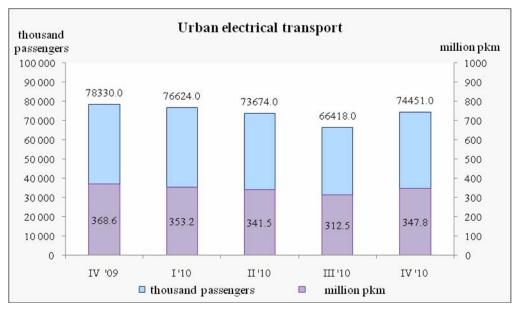
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3. Urban electrical transport

During the fourth quarter of 2010 the **passengers transported** by urban electrical transport were 74 451 thousand, or by 12.1% more than the previous quarter, mainly due to the increased number of transported passengers by the metro. Compared to the corresponding quarter of 2009 they fell by 5.0%.

The **transport performance** in pkms remained 11.3% above its level in the third quarter of 2010. In comparison with the fourth quarter of 2009 the transport performance fell by 5.6%, due to the decreased average distance travelled at which the passengers have been transported.





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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' 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, transport, and metro in Sofia.

Goods carried - (tons) is measured the total volume of goods carried 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 (number) - 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.