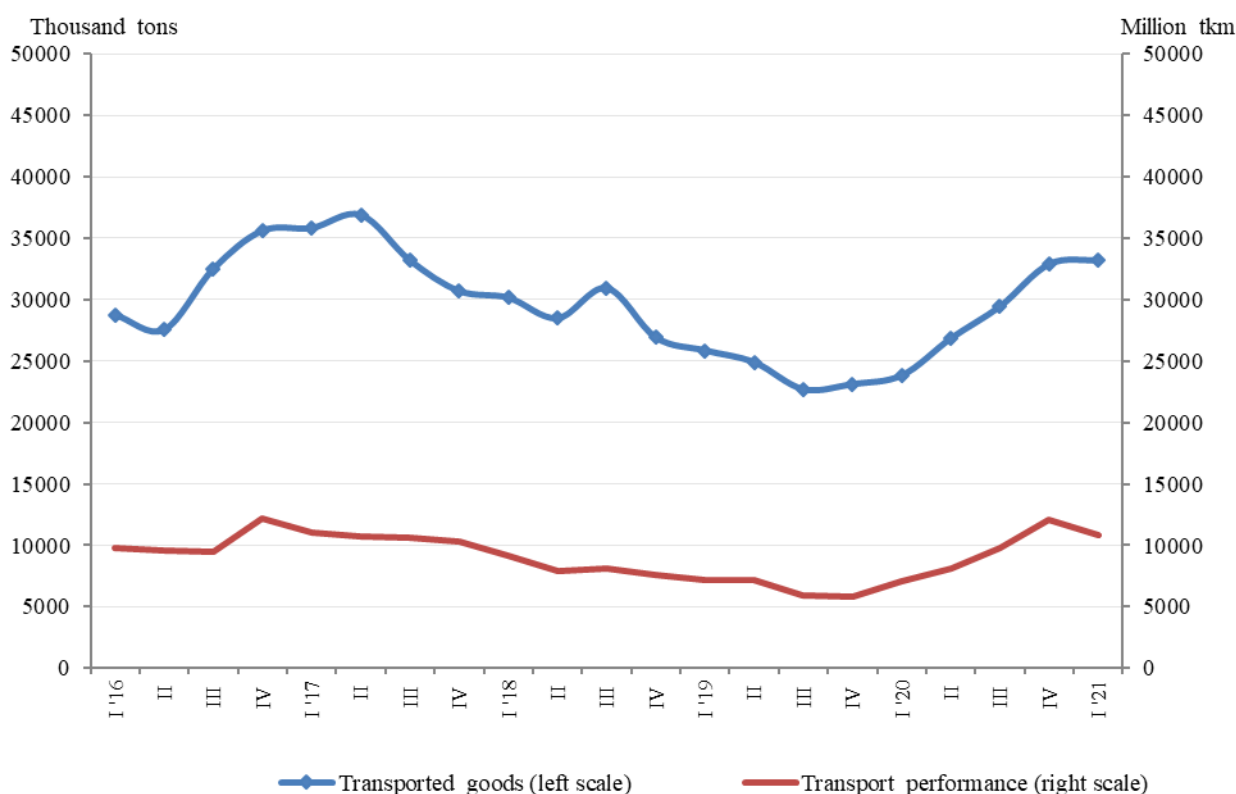


**GOODS AND PASSENGERS CARRIED AND TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE BY
 MODE OF TRANSPORT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2021
 (PRELIMINARY DATA)**

Quarterly changes

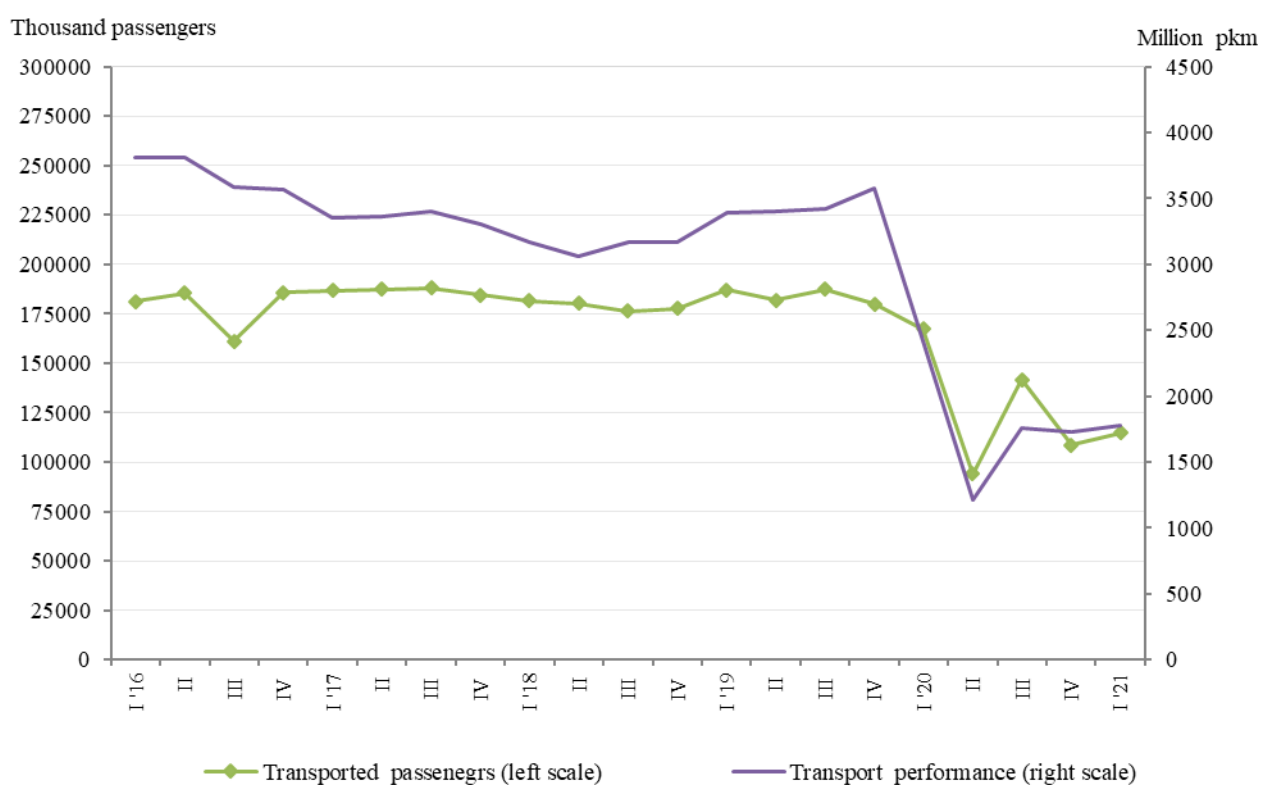
According to preliminary seasonally adjusted data in the first quarter of 2021 compared to the previous quarter the transported goods by the **freight transport** rose by 1.0%, while the transport performance fell by 10.5% (Figure 1).

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



The passengers carried and the transport performance from **passenger transport** (land, water and urban electrical transport) increased by 5.7% and by 2.9% compared to the fourth quarter of 2020 (Figure 2).

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



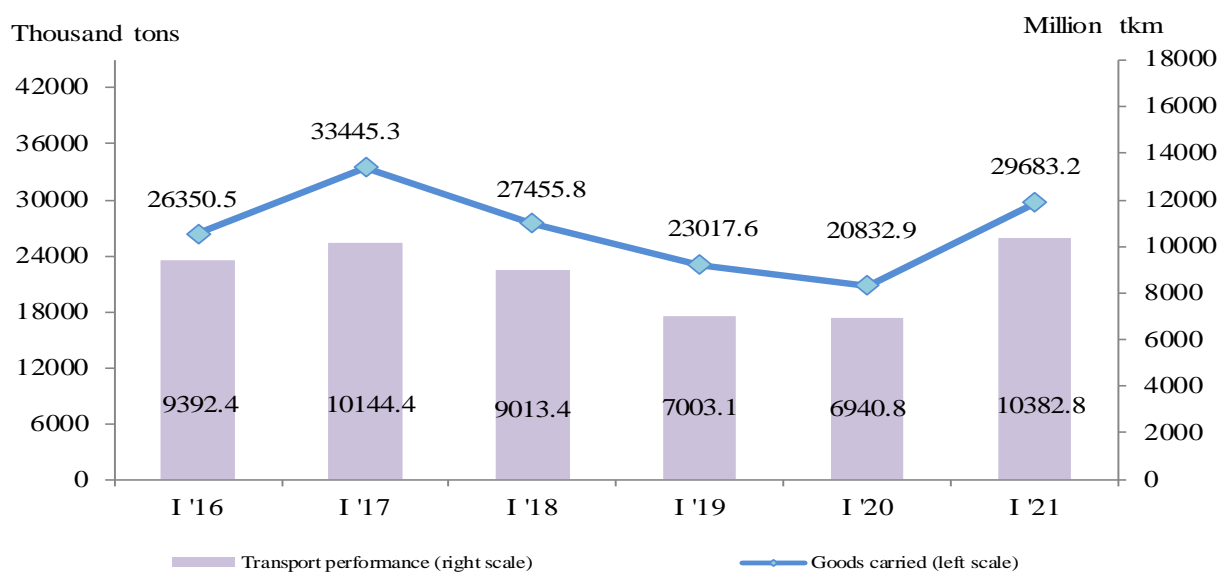
Annual changes

According to preliminary data during the first quarter of 2021 the goods carried and the transport performance by the freight land and water transport increased in comparison with the same period of 2020. At the same time in the first quarter of 2021 there was a decrease, both in the transported passengers (by 31.4%) and the transport performance (by 29.4%) from the passenger transport compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

Freight land transport

In the first quarter of 2021 the **transported goods** by the land transport were 29 683.2 thousand tons or by 8 850.3 thousand tons more than the same quarter of 2020 (Figure 3). An increase was observed in all types of transport. The **transport performance** also grew compared to the same quarter of 2020 and reached 10 382.8 million tkms.

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

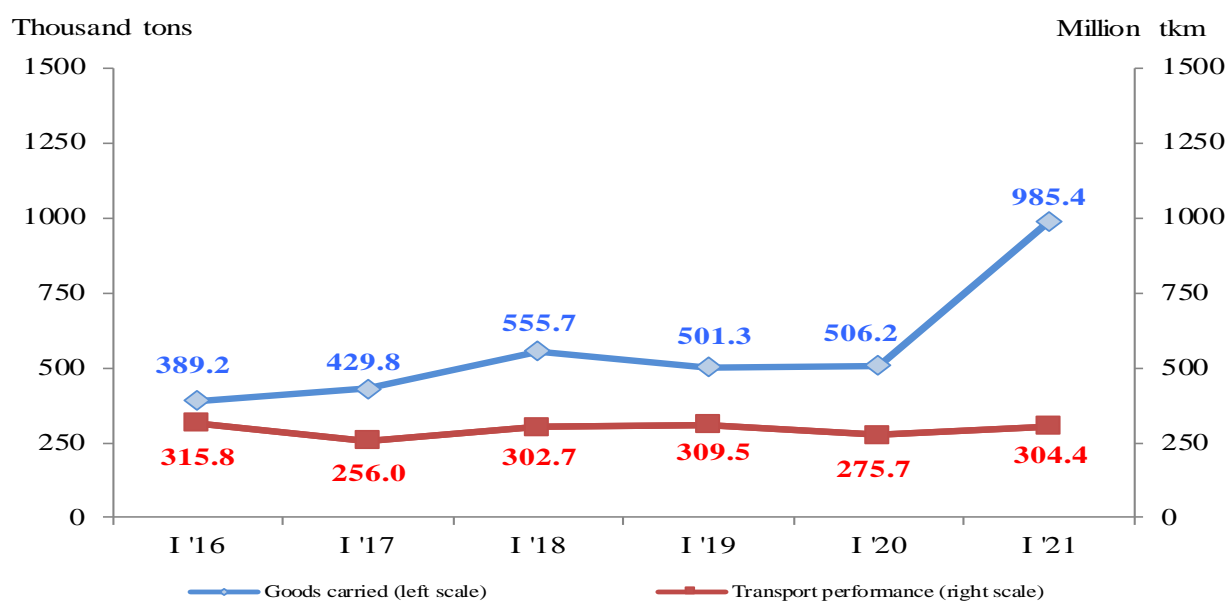


Freight water transport

The **transported goods** by sea and inland waterway transport, which in the current quarter of 2021 have performed only international carriages, increased by 479.2 thousand tons in comparison with the first quarter of 2020, due to the more transported goods by the inland waterway and maritime transport (Figure 4).

The **transport performance**, measured in tonne-kilometres, also rose and reached 304.4 million tkm due to the larger distance on which the goods by the maritime transport were transported.

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

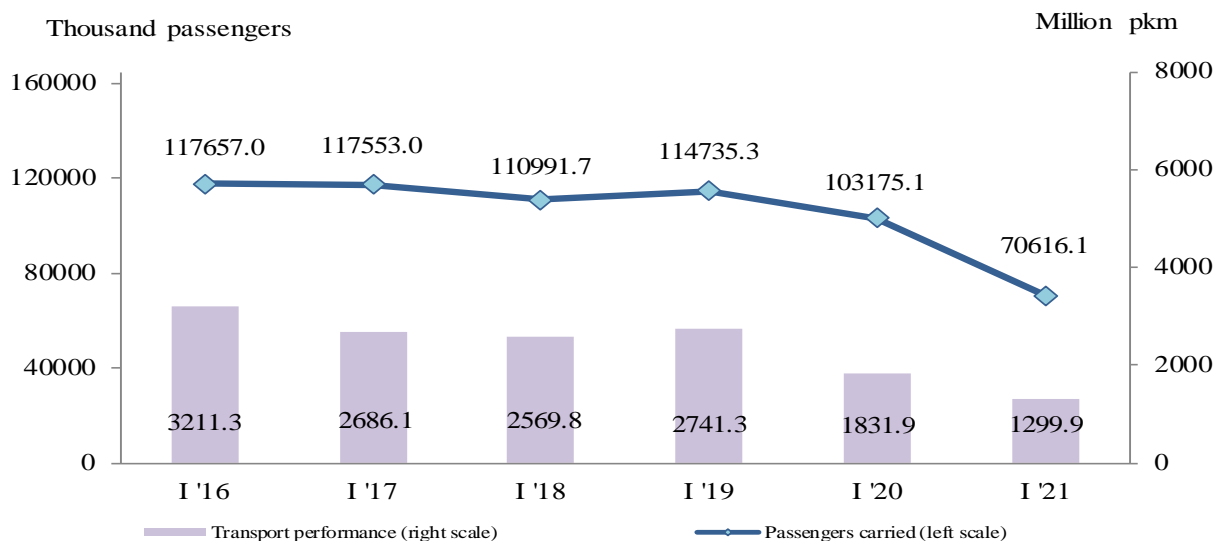


Passengers land transport

The number of the **transported passengers** by land transport in the first quarter of 2021 was 70 616.1 thousand, or by 31.6% less than the same period of the previous year (Figure 5). There was a decline, both in the bus and railway carriages by 32.1% and by 19.4%, respectively.

The **transport performance** also declined by 29.0% and reached 1 299.9 million passenger-kilometres (Figure 5).

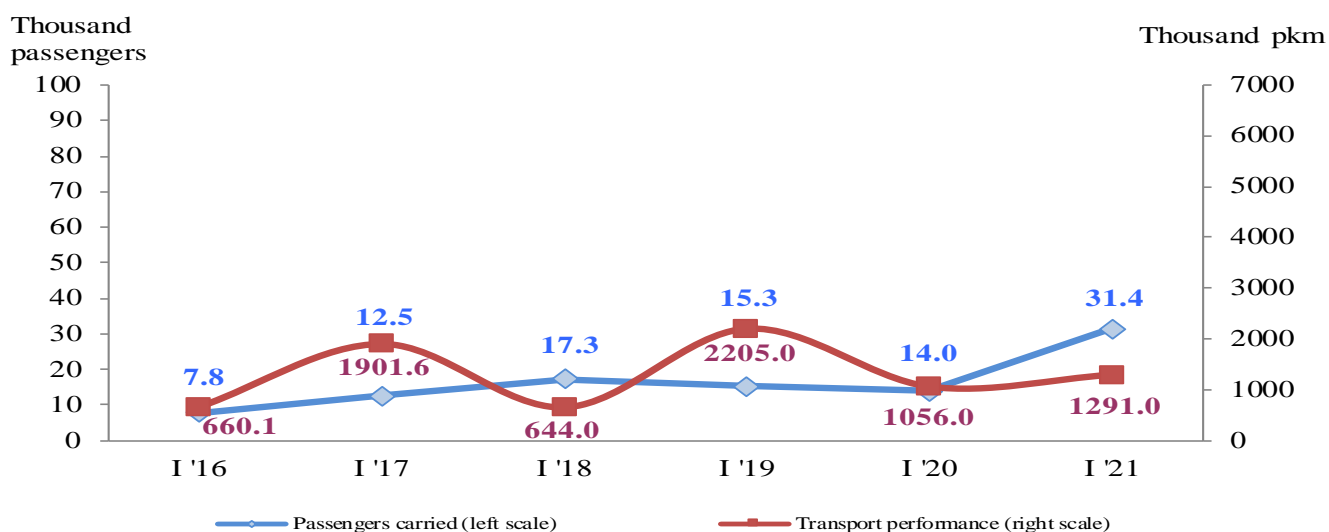
Figure 5. Transported passengers and transport performance by land transport by quarters



Passengers water transport

In the first quarter of 2021 there was an increase both in the **transported passengers** as well in the **transport performance** by water transport, by 17.4 thousand passengers and 233.8 thousand pkm, respectively. The rise was due to the more transported passengers by the inland waterway transport (Figure 6).

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

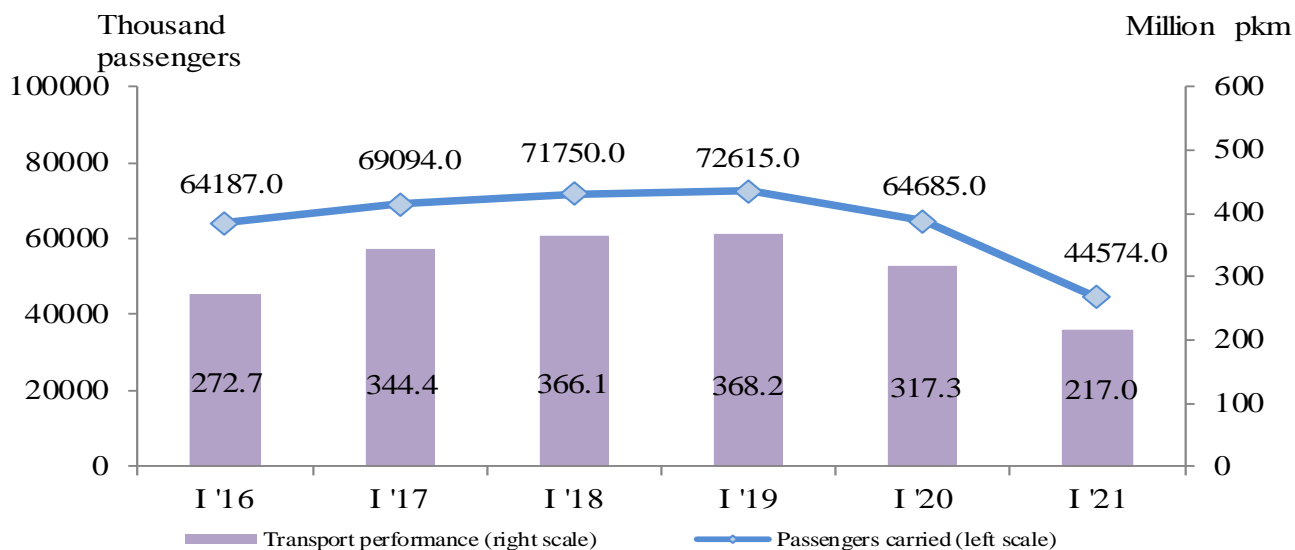


Urban electrical transport

During the period January - March of 2021 the enterprises performing urban electrical transport (tram, trolleybus and metro) transported **44 574.0 thousand passengers** or by 31.1% less than the same period of 2020 (Figure 7). A decline was observed in all types of public transport.

The **transport performance** measured in passenger-kilometres also registered a drop by 31.6% and reached 217.0 thousand pkm.

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 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.

Annex

Table 1

**Main indicators of the freight transport activity,
first quarter of 2020 and 2021**

Freight transport	I quarter 2020	I quarter 2021	Index of change compared to the first quarter of 2020
Land transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	20832.9	29683.2	142.5
National	12565.3	17806.2	141.7
International	8267.6	11877.0	143.7
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	6940.8	10382.8	149.6
National	1615.4	2306.0	142.8
International	5325.4	8076.8	151.7
Water transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	506.2	985.4	194.7
National	-	-	-
International	506.2	985.4	194.7
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	275.7	304.4	110.4
National	-	-	-
International	275.7	304.4	110.4

„-“ - no case registered.

**Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,
first quarter of 2020 and 2021**

Passenger transport	I quarter 2020	I quarter 2021	Index of change compared to the first quarter of 2020
Land transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	103175.1	70616.1	68.4
National	102707.2	70526.7	68.7
International	467.9	89.4	19.1
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	1831.9	1299.9	71.0
National	1618.2	1215.9	75.1
International	213.7	84.0	39.3
Water transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	14.0	31.4	224.3
National	-	-	-
International	14.0	31.4	224.3
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	1.1	1.3	122.3
National	-	-	-
International	1.1	1.3	122.3
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	64685.0	44574.0	68.9
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	317.3	217.0	68.4

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