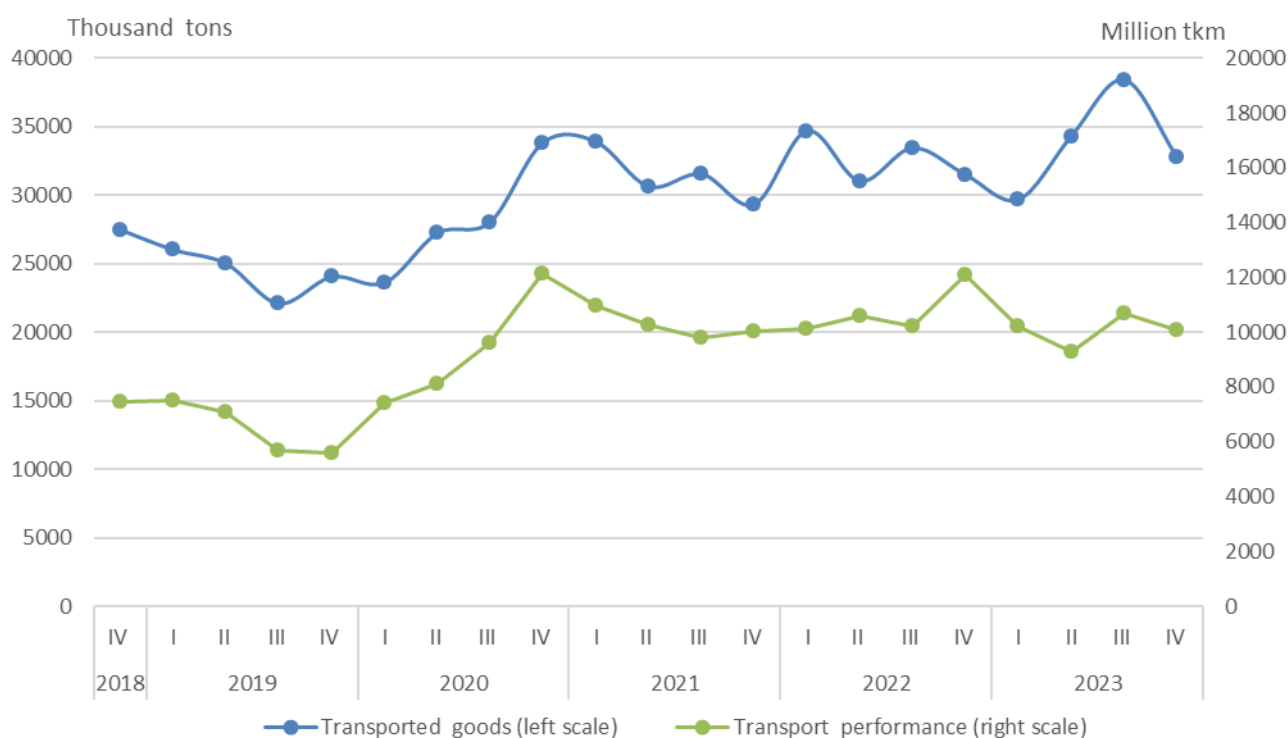


**GOODS AND PASSENGERS CARRIED AND TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE BY  
MODE OF TRANSPORT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2023  
(PRELIMINARY DATA)**

**Quarterly changes**

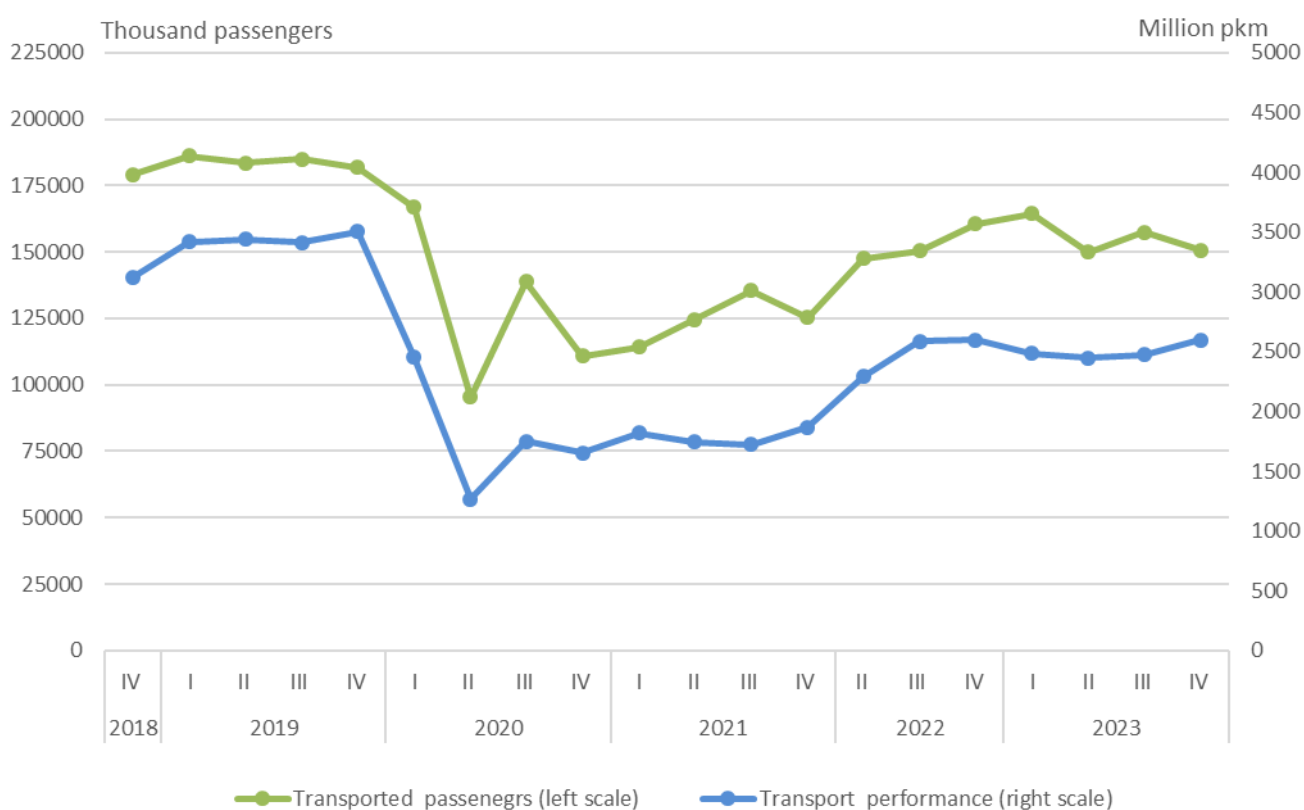
In the fourth quarter of 2023 both the goods carried by freight transport and the transport performance declined by 14.6% and 5.9% respectively in comparison with the previous quarter (Figure 1). The data are preliminary and seasonally adjusted.

**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) decreased by 4.2%, while the transport performance increased by 4.9% (Figure 2).

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



### Annual changes

In the fourth quarter of 2023, the goods carried by freight land and water transport rose by 3.8%, whereas the transport performance dropped by 16.8% in comparison with the same quarter of 2022. The data are preliminary.

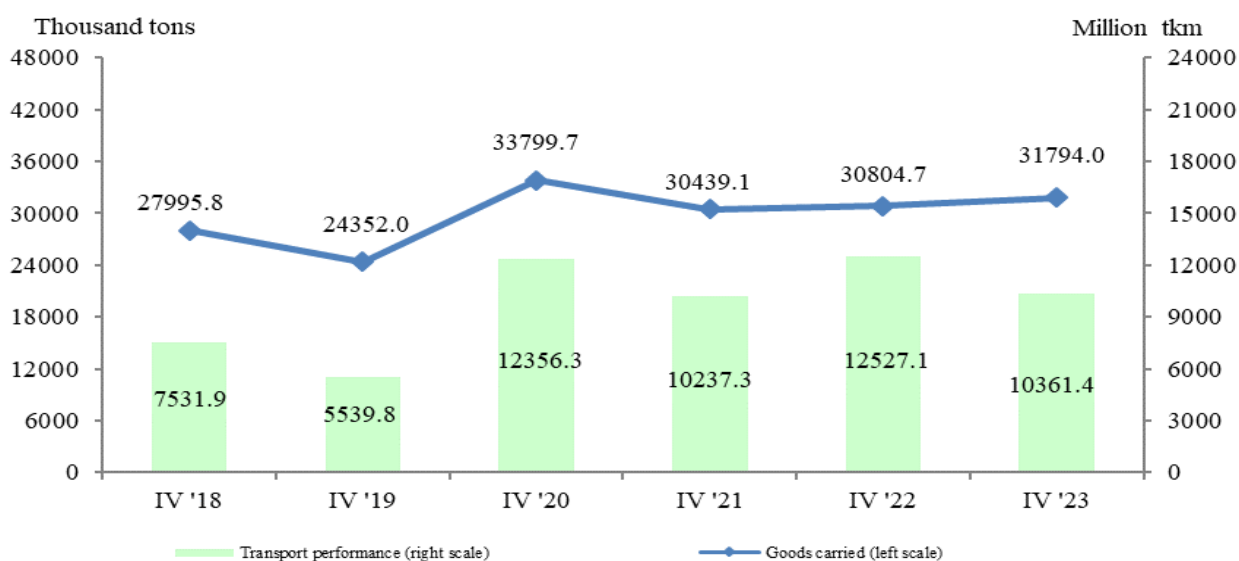
The number of passengers carried by passenger transport (land, water and urban electrical transport) was 5.9% down in the fourth quarter of 2023 and the transport performance recorded a decline of 0.3%.

### Freight land transport

The **goods carried** by land transport in the fourth quarter of 2023 were 31 794.0 thousand tons, which was 3.2% more than the same quarter of 2022 (Figure 3). The national carriages increased by 13.3%, while the international ones decreased by 11.3%.

The **transport performance** was 10 361.4 million tkm, which was 17.3% less than in the last quarter of 2022 (Figure 3).

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

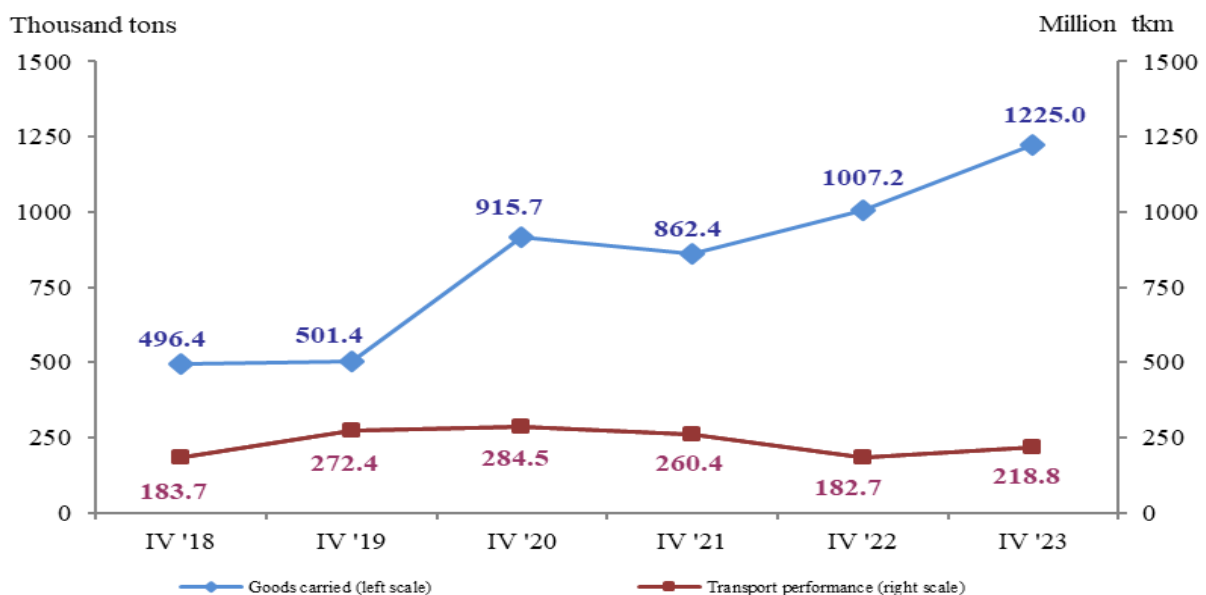


## Freight water transport

The **goods transported** by the sea and inland waterway transport were 217.8 thousand tonnes more than in the fourth quarter of 2022, due to the greater volumes of goods transported by the inland waterway transport (Figure 4).

The **transport performance**, measured in tonne-kilometres, increased by 19.8%.

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

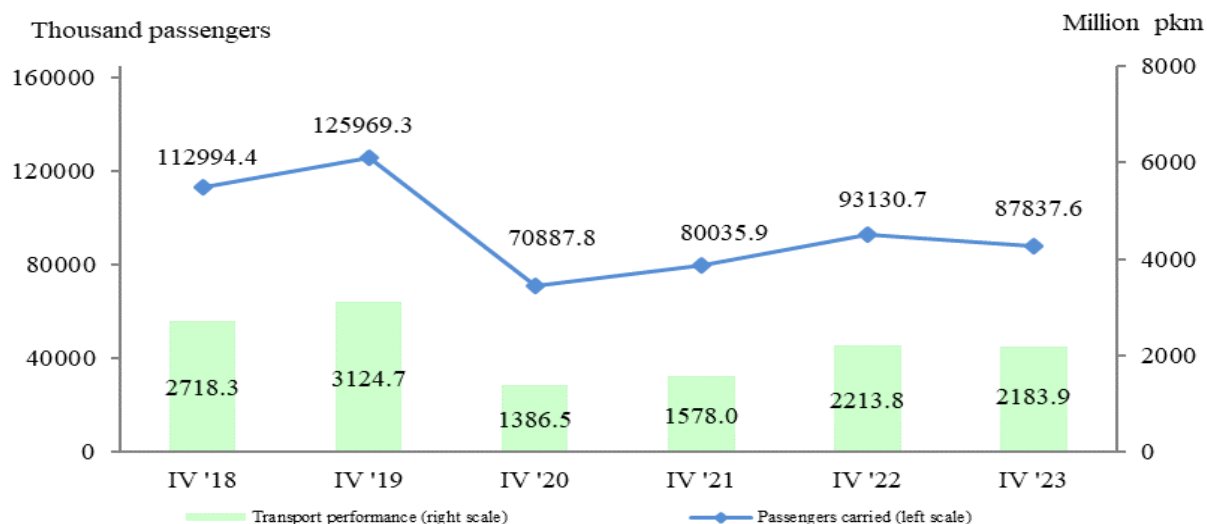


## Passengers land transport

The number of **transported passengers** by land transport was 87 837.6 thousand, or 5.7% down on the same period of the previous year (Figure 5). The decrease in railway transport passenger numbers was by 14.3%, and in bus transport - by 5.1%.

The **transport performance** was 2 183.9 million passenger-kilometres, which represented a drop of 1.4%.

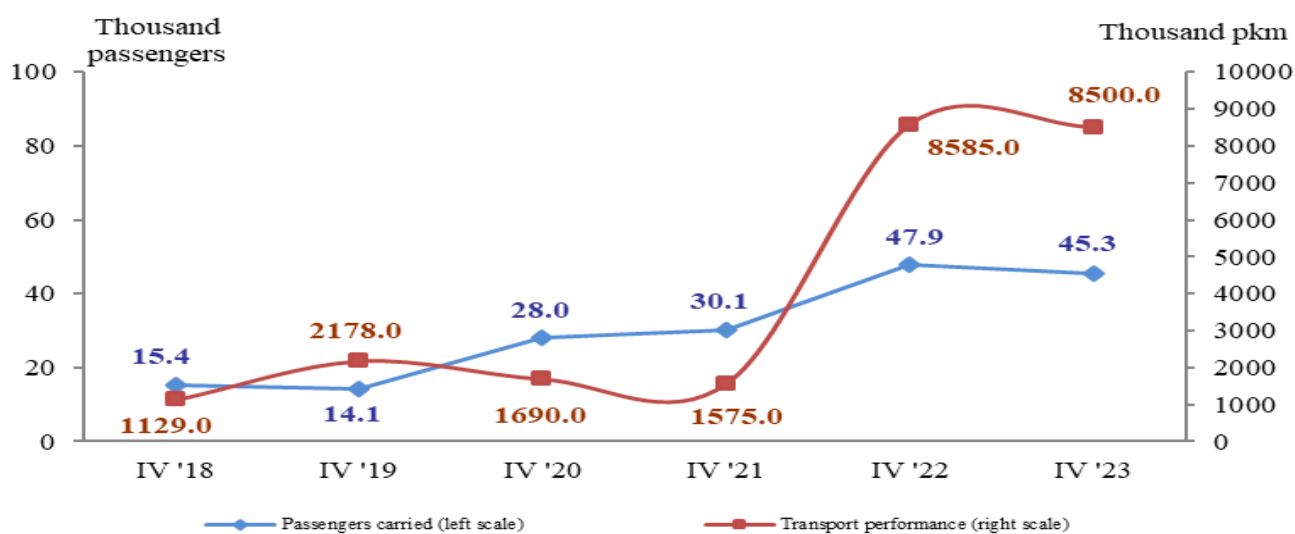
**Figure 5. Transported passengers and transport performance by land transport by quarters**



### Passengers water transport

There was a decrease of 1.8 thousand passengers in the volume of **transported passengers** by water transport due to the smaller number of passengers carried by inland waterway transport. The **transport performance** also declined by 0.6% (Figure 6).

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

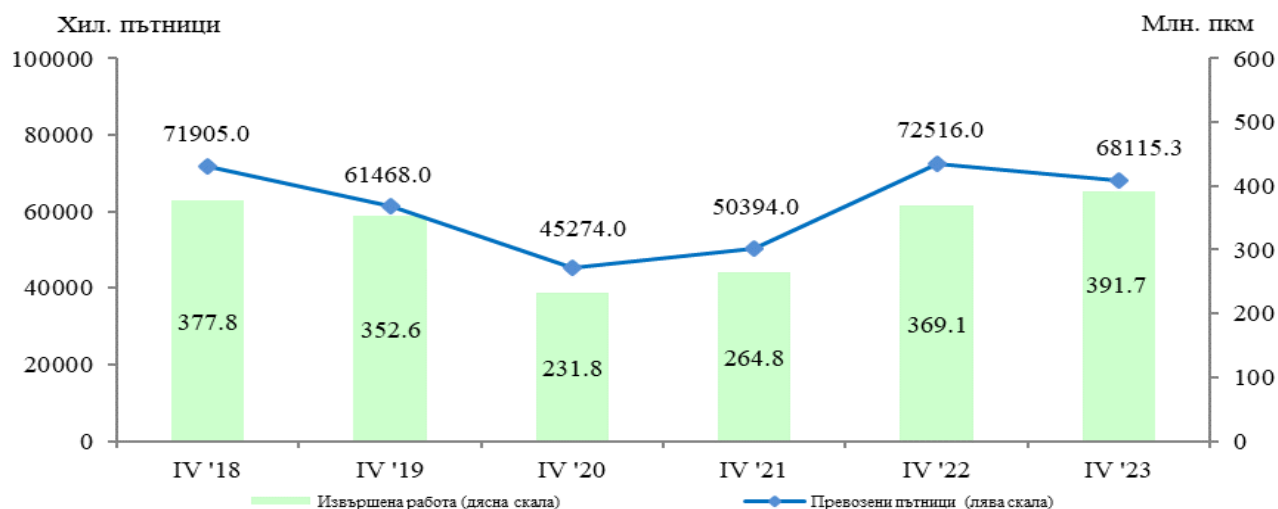


## Urban electrical transport

During the period October - December 2023, the enterprises performing urban electric transport carried a total of **68 115.3 thousand passengers**, or 6.1% less than in the same period of 2022 (Figure 7). The greatest drop was observed in trolleybus and tram transport - by 18.1 and 17.4% respectively.

The **transport performance** increased by 6.1% and reached 391.7 million pkm.

**Figure 7. Transported passengers and transport performance by urban electrical transport by quarters**





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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** (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,  
fourth quarter of 2022 and 2023

Freight transport	IV-th quarter 2022	IV-th quarter 2023	Index of change compared to the fourth quarter of 2022
Land transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tons</b>	<b>30804.7</b>	<b>31794.0</b>	<b>103.2</b>
National	18203.8	20617.3	113.3
International	12600.9	11176.7	88.7
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>12527.1</b>	<b>10361.4</b>	<b>82.7</b>
National	2205.5	2804.1	127.1
International	10321.6	7557.3	73.2
Water transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tons</b>	<b>1007.2</b>	<b>1225.0</b>	<b>121.6</b>
National	-	-	-
International	1007.2	1225.0	121.6
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>182.7</b>	<b>218.8</b>	<b>119.8</b>
National	-	-	-
International	182.7	218.8	119.8

‘-’ - no case registered.



Table 2

**Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,  
fourth quarter of 2022 and 2023**

<b>Passenger transport</b>	<b>IV-th quarter 2022</b>	<b>IV-th quarter 2023</b>	<b>Index of change compared to the fourth quarter of 2022</b>
Land transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>93130.7</b>	<b>87837.6</b>	<b>94.3</b>
National	92197.7	87085.9	94.5
International	933.0	751.7	80.6
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>2213.8</b>	<b>2183.9</b>	<b>98.6</b>
National	1697.0	1838.2	108.3
International	516.8	345.7	66.9
Water transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>47.1</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>96.2</b>
National	-	-	-
International	47.1	45.3	96.2
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>99.4</b>
National	-	-	-
International	8.5	8.5	99.4
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>72516.0</b>	<b>68115.3</b>	<b>93.9</b>
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>369.1</b>	<b>391.7</b>	<b>106.1</b>

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