

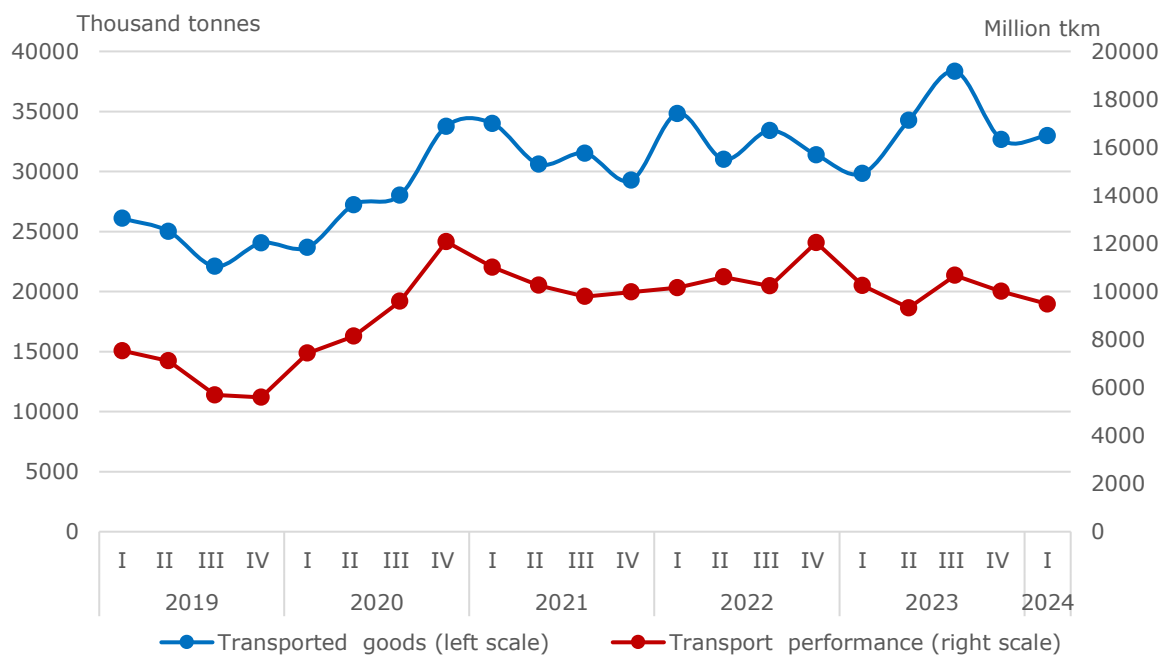


## TRANSPORT (RAILWAY, PASSENGER BUS, MARITIME, INLAND WATERWAYS, ROAD FREIGHT AND URBAN ELECTRICAL TRANSPORT) IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2024 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

### Quarterly changes

In the first quarter of 2024 there was a 0.9% rise in the goods carried by freight transport, while the transport performance declined by 5.3% in comparison with the previous quarter (Figure 1). The data are preliminary and seasonally adjusted.

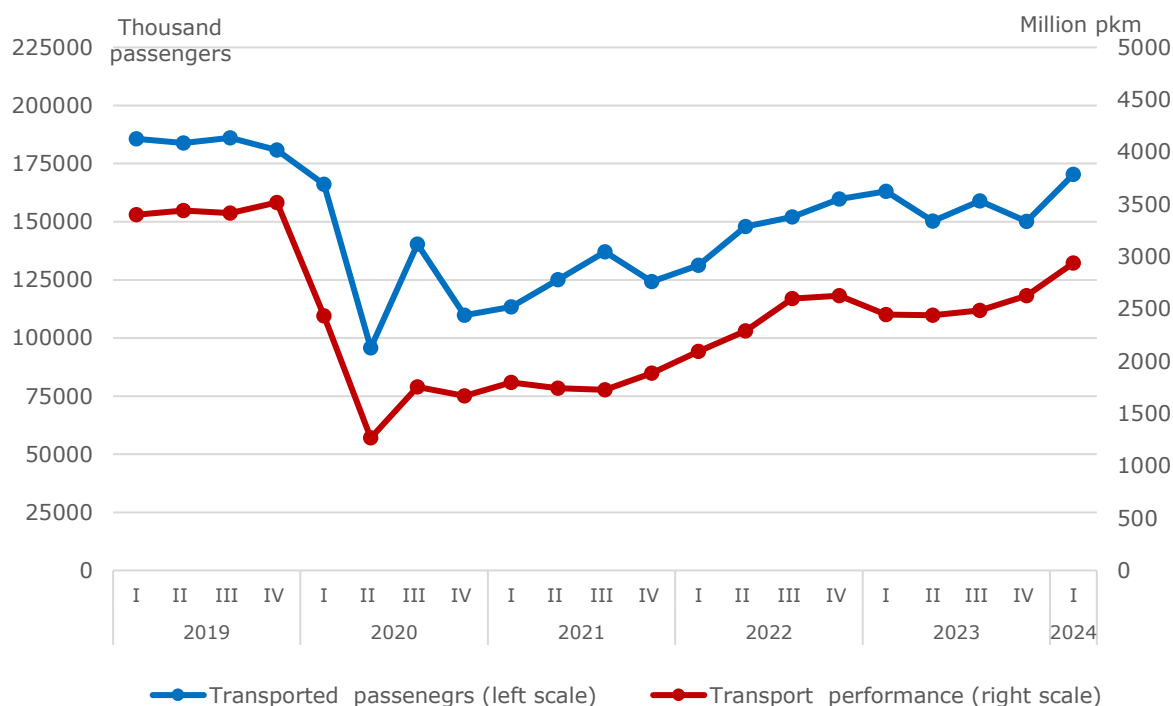
**Figure 1. Goods carried and transport performance by freight transport  
(Seasonally adjusted data)**



Both the passengers carried by **passenger transport** (land, water and urban electrical transport) and the transport performance increased by 13.4% and 11.9% respectively (Figure 2).

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



### Annual changes

In the first quarter of 2024, the goods carried by freight land and water transport rose by 10.2%, whereas the transport performance dropped by 7.6% 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 4.5% as did the transport performance, which recorded a 23% rise.

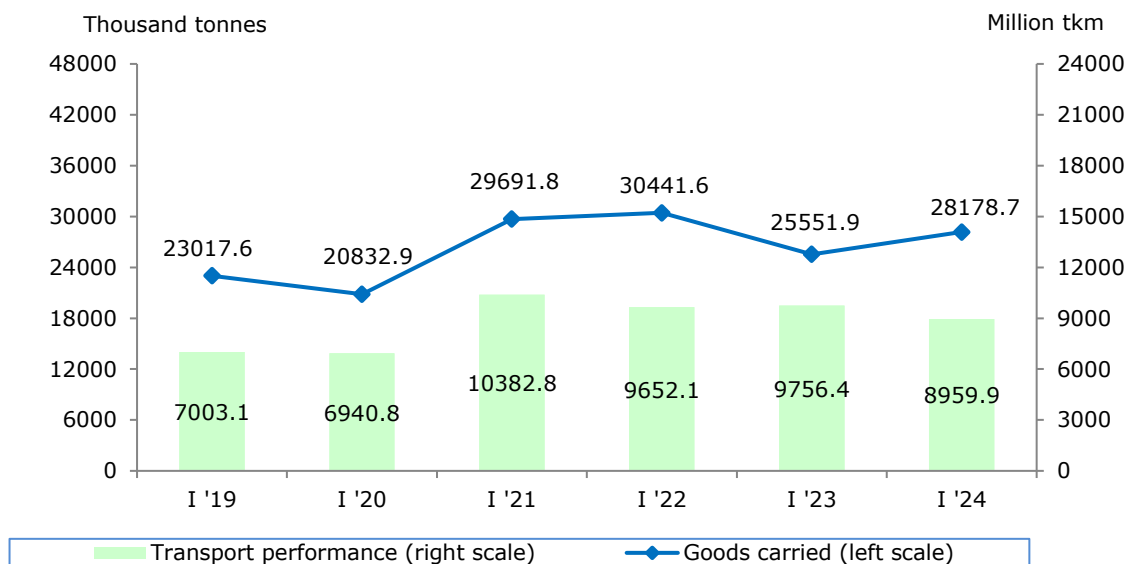
### Freight land transport

The **goods carried** by land transport in the first quarter of 2024 were 28 178.7 thousand tonnes, which was 10.3% more than the same quarter of 2023 (Figure 3). The national carriages increased by 18.8%, while the international ones decreased by 4.3%.

The **transport performance** stood at 8 959.9 million tkm, which was 8.2% less than in the last quarter of the previous year (Figure 3).

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



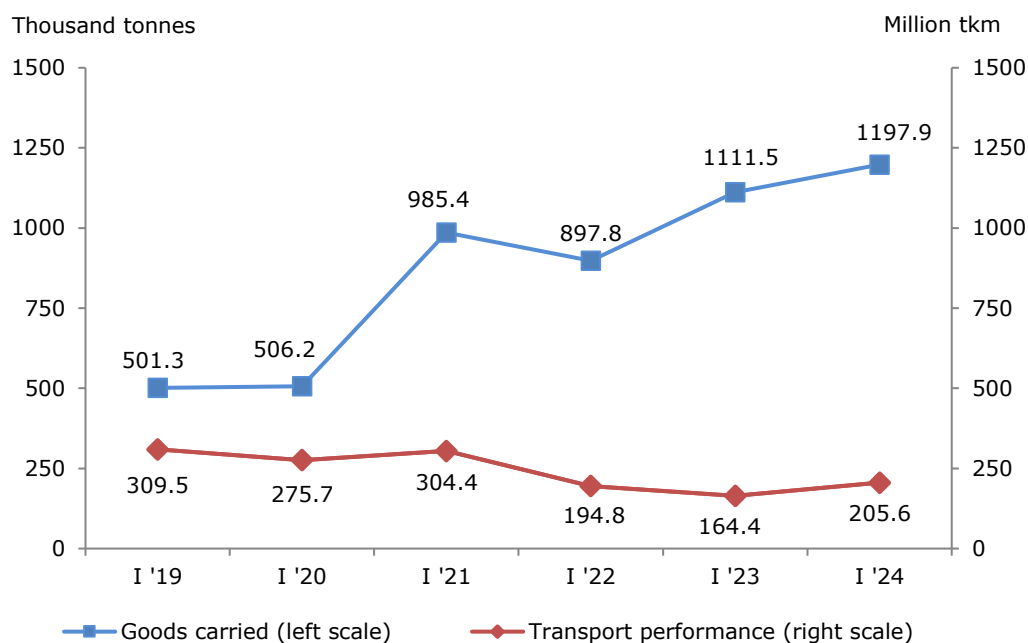
**Freight water transport**

The **goods transported** by sea and inland waterway transport were 86.4 thousand tonnes more than during the same period 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 25.1%.

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



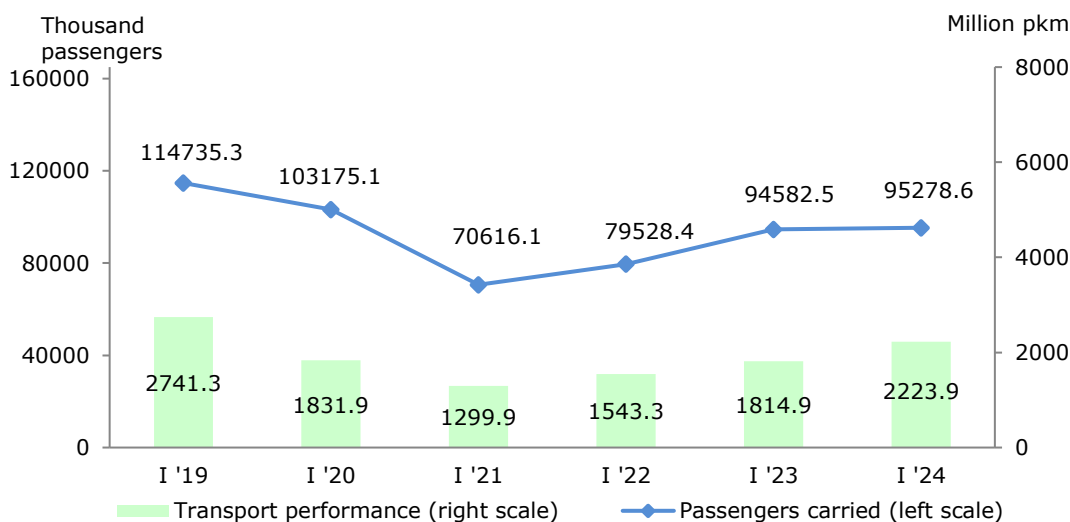
**Passengers land transport**

The number of **transported passengers** by land transport was 95 278.6 thousand, or 0.7% up on the same period of the previous year (Figure 5). Bus passenger numbers increased by 0.8%, while rail passenger volumes dropped by 0.9%.

The **transport performance** was 2 223.9 million passenger-kilometres, which represented a rise of 22.5%.

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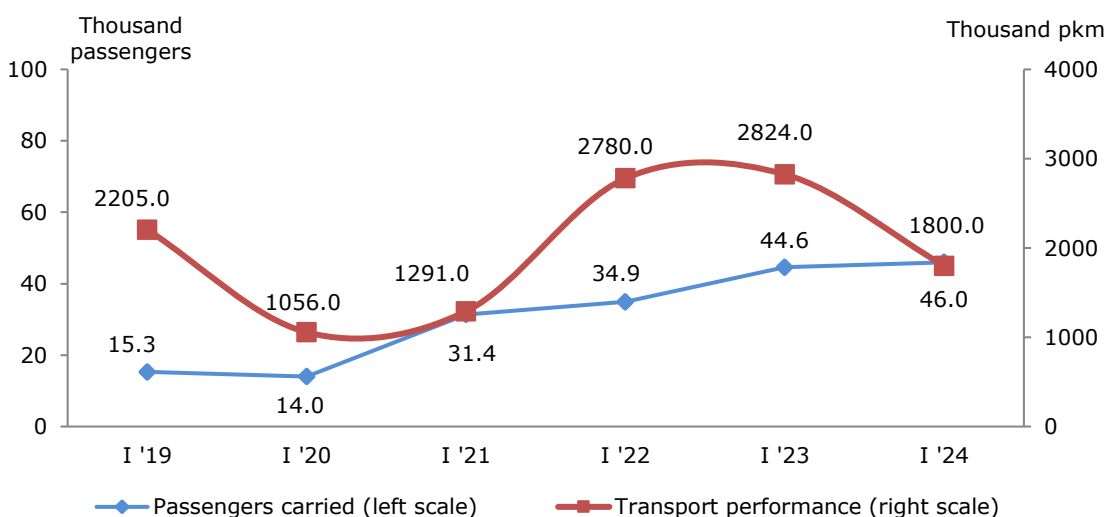
**Figure 5. Transported passengers and transport performance  
by land transport by quarters**



**Passengers water transport**

There was an increase of 1.4 thousand passengers in the number of **transported passengers** by water transport, compared to the same period of 2023, due to the greater number of passengers carried by inland waterway transport. The **transport performance** fell to 1 800.0 thousand passenger-kilometers due to the shorter average distance travelled (Figure 6).

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



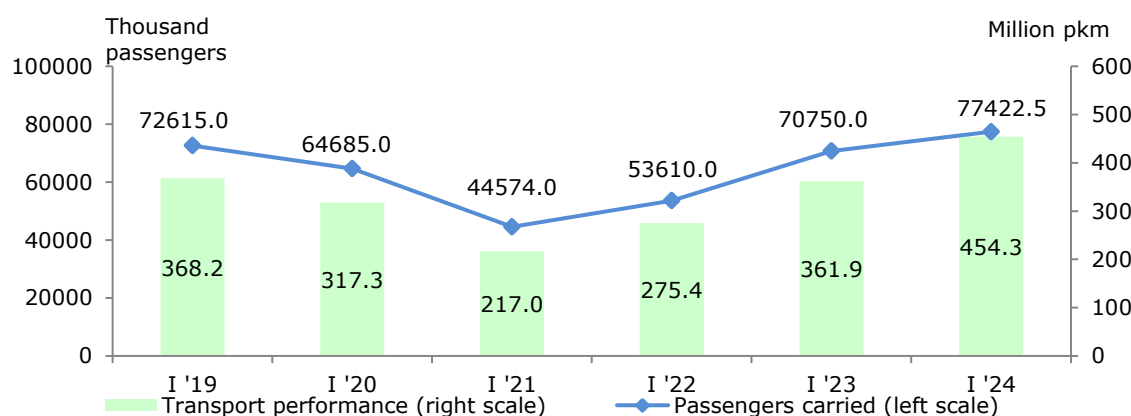
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### Urban electrical transport

During the period January - March 2024, the enterprises performing urban electric transport carried a total of **77 422.5 thousand passengers**, or 9.4% more than in the same period of 2023 (Figure 7). The greatest rise was observed in electric bus transport – by 104.6%.

The **transport performance** increased by 25.5% and reached 454.3 million 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 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.

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**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 2023 and 2024**

<b>Freight transport</b>	<b>I-st quarter 2023</b>	<b>I-st quarter 2024</b>	<b>Index of change, compared to the first quarter of 2023</b>
Land transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tonnes</b>	<b>25551.9</b>	<b>28178.7</b>	<b>110.3</b>
National	16076.5	19106.5	118.8
International	9475.4	9072.2	95.7
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>9756.4</b>	<b>8959.9</b>	<b>91.8</b>
National	2471.8	2617.7	105.9
International	7284.6	6342.2	87.1
Water transport - transported goods			
<b>Total - thousand tonnes</b>	<b>1111.5</b>	<b>1197.9</b>	<b>107.8</b>
National	- <sup>1</sup>	-	-
International	1111.5	1197.9	107.8
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million tkm</b>	<b>164.4</b>	<b>205.6</b>	<b>125.1</b>
National	-	-	-
International	164.4	205.6	125.1

<sup>1</sup> "-" – no registered case



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**Table 2**

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

<b>Passenger transport</b>	<b>I-st quarter 2023</b>	<b>I-st quarter 2024</b>	<b>Index of change, compared to the first quarter of 2023</b>
Land transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>94582.5</b>	<b>95278.6</b>	<b>100.7</b>
National	93946.1	94454.9	100.5
International	636.4	823.7	129.4
Land transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>1814.9</b>	<b>2223.9</b>	<b>122.5</b>
National	1586.5	1893.6	119.4
International	228.4	330.3	144.6
Water transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>46.0</b>	<b>103.1</b>
National	- <sup>2</sup>	-	-
International	44.6	46.0	103.1
Water transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>63.7</b>
National	-	-	-
International	2.8	1.8	63.7
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
<b>Total - thousands</b>	<b>70750.0</b>	<b>77422.5</b>	<b>109.4</b>
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
<b>Total - million pkm</b>	<b>361.9</b>	<b>454.3</b>	<b>125.5</b>

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