

# Transport of goods and passengers in 2024

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**7.6%**

Increase in passenger transport compared to 2023

In 2024, compared to the previous year, the number of passengers transported by all modes of transport increased, except for inland waterway transport. On the other hand, both the total volume of goods and the number of tonne-kilometres performed decreased slightly.

## Transport of goods

In 2024, in relation to the previous year, the volume of goods and the transport performance decreased in all modes of transport with the exception of pipeline and air transport where a slight increase in the amount of transported goods was recorded. A similar trend was observed in performed tonne-kilometres, which decreased in most modes of transport compared to the previous year. The increase was recorded only in pipeline and air transport.

In 2024 a total of 3.9% less goods were carried than in the previous year

**Table 1. Transport of goods by mode of transport**

Specification	2023	2024		
	in thousand tonnes	2023=100	2022=100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 226 309</b>	<b>2 138 473</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>93.9</b>
Railway transport <sup>a</sup>	229 935	222 028	96.6	93.5
Road transport <sup>b</sup>	1 942 800	1 861 777	95.8	94.2
of which hire or reward	1 192 441	1 160 548	97.3	98.1
of which road transport entities <sup>c</sup>	884 686	868 108	98.1	97.7
Pipeline transport	44 433	46 217	104.0	87,9
Maritime transport <sup>d</sup>	7 363	6 684	90.8	79.2
Inland waterway transport	1 689	1 674	99.1	80.6
Air transport <sup>e</sup>	89	93	103.5	77.8

a Excluding shunting. b Data partially estimated. c Classified according to the Polish Classification of Activities 2007 into the section H „Transport and storage”, excluding division “Postal and Courier Activities”. d Owned and rented ships e Scheduled and non-scheduled (Polish carriers).

**Table 1. Transport of goods by mode of transport (cont.)**

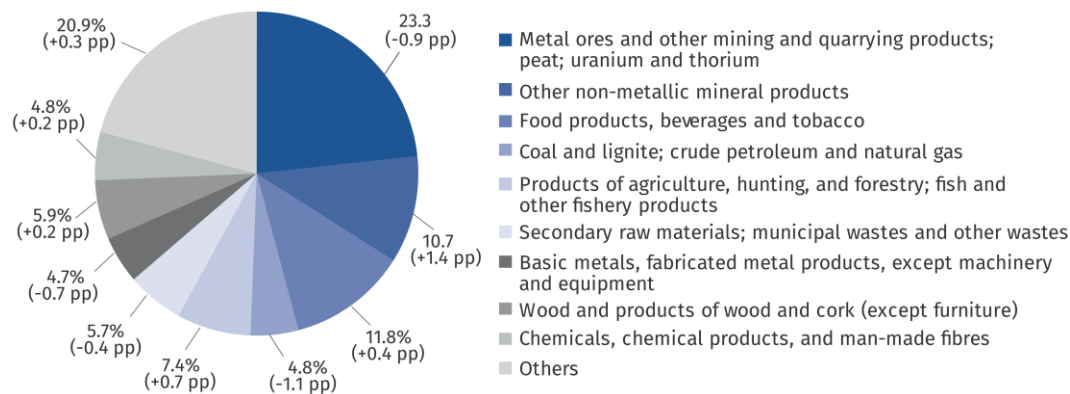
Specification	2023	2024		
		in million tonne-kilometres	2023=100	2022=100
<b>Total</b>	<b>494 563</b>	<b>483 001</b>	<b>97.7</b>	<b>97.0</b>
Railway transport <sup>a</sup>	61 085	57 818	94.7	97.5
Road transport <sup>b</sup>	400 624	392 501	98.0	96.5
of which hire or reward	349 042	338 328	96.9	95.9
of which road transport entities <sup>c</sup>	305 961	297 631	97.3	96.5
Pipeline transport	12 341	13 186	106.8	68.9
Maritime transport <sup>d</sup>	19 681	18 676	94.9	161.0
Inland waterway transport	408	385	94.2	86.4
Air transport <sup>e</sup>	424	435	102.6	97.8

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In 2024 goods from the group of “metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium” had the biggest share (23.3%) in transport structure. In maritime transport, the “roll-on roll-off self-propelled units” group of goods constituted the largest part (58.3%).

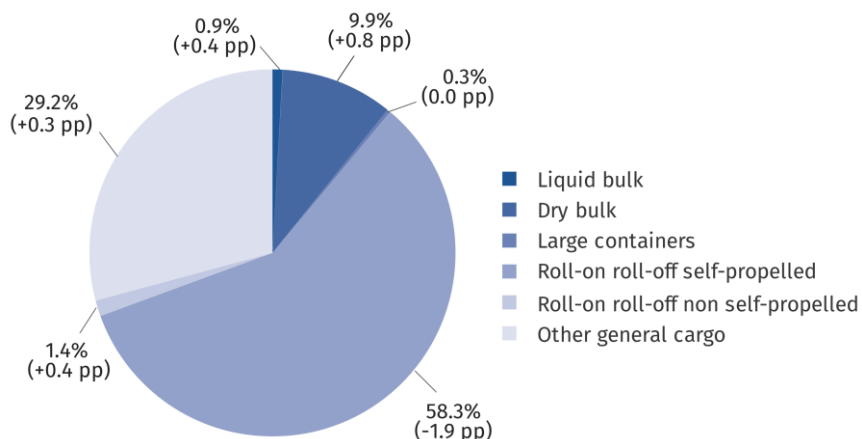
In 2024 self-propelled rolling units dominated the structure by groups of goods transported by sea (58.3%)

**Chart 1. Structure of goods transport by groups of goods in 2024 and year-over-year fluctuations <sup>a</sup>**



a Applies to railway transport, road transport and inland waterway transport.

**Chart 2. Structure of maritime transport of cargo by cargo categories in 2024 and changes compared to the previous year**



Considering transport directions, in 2024 most of goods transported by road (81.1%) and rail (64.7%) were carried in national traffic, whereas international conveyance prevailed in other modes of transport.

**Table 2. Transport of goods by direction of transport**

Specification a – 2023 b – 2024	Total in thousand tonnes	National transport	International transport				
			export	import	transit	between foreign countries	
			in percent				
Railway transport <sup>a</sup>	a	229 935	65.3	12.8	18.6	3.3	.
	b	222 028	64.7	13.0	18.5	3.8	.
Road transport <sup>b</sup>	a	1 524 740	81.7	6.1	5.2	0.3	6.7
	b	1 464 166	81.1	5.9	5.2	0.3	7.5
Maritime transport <sup>c</sup>	a	7 371	0.5	44.5	39.9	0.1	15.0
	b	6 742	0.9	43.3	39.2	0.9	15.7
Inland waterway transport	a	1 689	24.5	9.6	0.5	0.1	65.3
	b	1 674	28.4	12.4	1.8	0.1	57.3
Air transport <sup>d</sup>	a	89	0.3	99.7			
	b	93	0.3	99.7			

a Excluding shunting b Data on the basis of results a sample survey. c Owned and rented ships. d Scheduled and non-scheduled (Polish carriers).

**Table 2. Transport of goods by direction of transport (cont.)**

Specification a – 2023 b – 2024	Total in million tonne- -kilome- -tres	National transport	International transport				
			export	import	transit	between foreign countries	
			in percent				
Railway transport <sup>a</sup>	a	61 085	55.8	15.6	20.9	7.7	.
	b	57 818	56.1	15.1	19.6	9.2	.
Road transport <sup>b</sup>	a	362 694	37.2	20.8	18.7	1.8	21.5
	b	352 182	37.5	19.4	18.4	1.9	22.8
Inland waterway transport	a	408	5.4	13.3	0.8	0.1	80.4
	b	385	4.1	16.3	2.4	0.1	77.1
Air transport <sup>d</sup>	a	424	0.0	99.9			
	b	435	0.0	99.9			

a Excluding shunting b Data on the basis of results a sample survey. c Owned and rented ships. d Scheduled and non-scheduled (Polish carriers).

Taking into account national traffic by distance classes, one can note that in 2024 the most goods were transported by road and inland waterway for a distance of up to 50 km, while by rail for a distance of 150–299 km.

**Table 3. National transport of goods by distance classes**

Specification a – 2023 b – 2024		Total in thousand tonnes	Distance classes				
			49 km and less	50-149	150-299	300-499	500 km and more
			in percent				
Railway transport <sup>ab</sup>	a	150 148	25.7	20.1	29.8	12.7	11.7
	b	143 590	24.6	20.3	30.9	13.2	11.0
Road transport <sup>c</sup>	a	1 245 393	47.8	25.3	24.3		2.6
	b	1 187 229	45.0	27.1	25.4		2.5
Inland waterway transport	a	414	37.2	59.2	0.2	3.4	0.0
	b	475	54.0	45.9	–	0.0	0.1

a Excluding shunting. b Excluding official consignments. c Data on the basis of results a sample survey.

**Table 3. National transport of goods by distance classes (cont.)**

Specification a – 2023 b – 2024	Total in million tonne- kilometres	Distance classes					
		49 km and less	50-149	150-299	300-499	500 km and more	
		in percent					
Railway transport <sup>ab</sup>	a	34 101	1.4	9.1	35.2	23.4	30.9
	b	32 414	1.5	9.1	35.9	24.4	29.1
Road transport <sup>c</sup>	a	134 808	8.2	20.4	57.8		13.6
	b	131 995	8.0	20.5	58.5		13.0
Inland waterway transport	a	22	9.5	69.5	0.5	20.3	0.2
	b	16	10.5	87.2	–	0.2	2.1

a Excluding shunting. b Excluding official consignments. c Data on the basis of results a sample survey.

### Transport of passengers

In 2024, there was an increase in passenger transport by all modes, with a slight decrease noted only in inland waterway transport. In total, 7.6% more passengers were conveyed year-over-year. The largest increase was recorded in railway transport (by 8.8%), as well as in air transport (by 6.9%), in road transport (by 6.0%), and in maritime transport (by 3.0%).

In 2024, 8.8% more passengers were transported by rail than a year ago

**Table 4. Transport of passengers**

Specification	2023	2024	
	in thousand passengers		2023=100
<b>Total</b>	<b>649 453</b>	<b>698 879</b>	<b>107.6</b>
Railway transport	373 745	406 523	108.8
Road transport <sup>a</sup>	256 935	272 455	106.0
Maritime transport <sup>bcd</sup>	1 388	1 429	103.0
Inland waterway transport	1 128	1 097	97.2
Air transport <sup>e</sup>	16 257	17 375	106.9

a Excluding urban transport and provided by entities employing up to 9 persons. b Owned and rented ships. c Excluding truck drivers on board ferries. d Including coastal shipping. e Scheduled and non-scheduled (Polish carriers).

In 2024, 58.2% of all passengers were carried by railway transport

**Table 4. Transport of passengers (cont.)**

Specification	2023	2024	
	in million passenger-kilometres		2023=100
<b>Total</b>	<b>73 030</b>	<b>79 161</b>	<b>108.4</b>
Railway transport	25 791	28 361	110.0
Road transport <sup>a</sup>	12 391	13 731	110.8
Maritime transport <sup>bcd</sup>	152	145	95.1
Inland waterway transport	12	12	96.4
Air transport <sup>e</sup>	34 684	36 912	106.4

a Excluding urban transport and provided by entities employing up to 9 persons. b Owned and rented ships. c Excluding truck drivers on board ferries. d Including coastal shipping. e Scheduled and non-scheduled (Polish carriers).

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