



GOODS AND PASSENGERS CARRIED AND TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2015 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Quarterly changes

According to preliminary seasonally adjusted data in the fourth quarter of 2015 compared to the previous quarter there was a decrease both in transported goods and in transport performance, respectively by 6.8% and 4.1% (Figure 1).

At the same time the passengers carried and the transport performance from land, water and urban electrical transport increased respectively by 1.1% and 3.4% compared to the third quarter of 2015 (Figure 2).

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

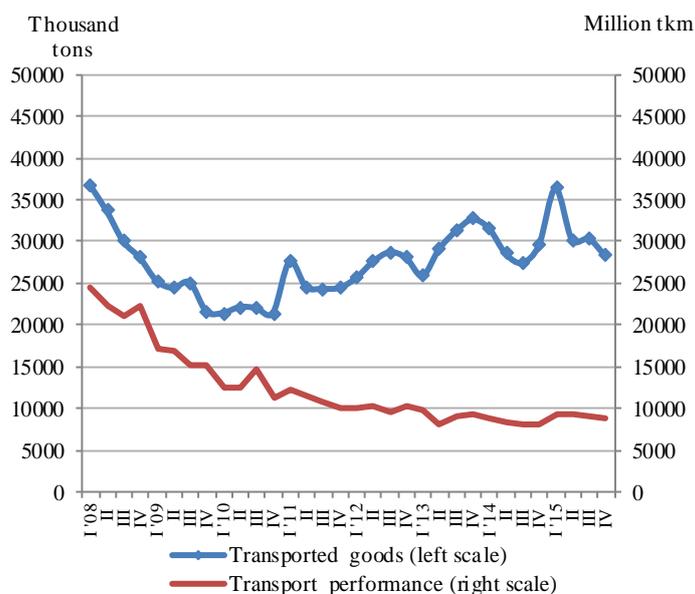
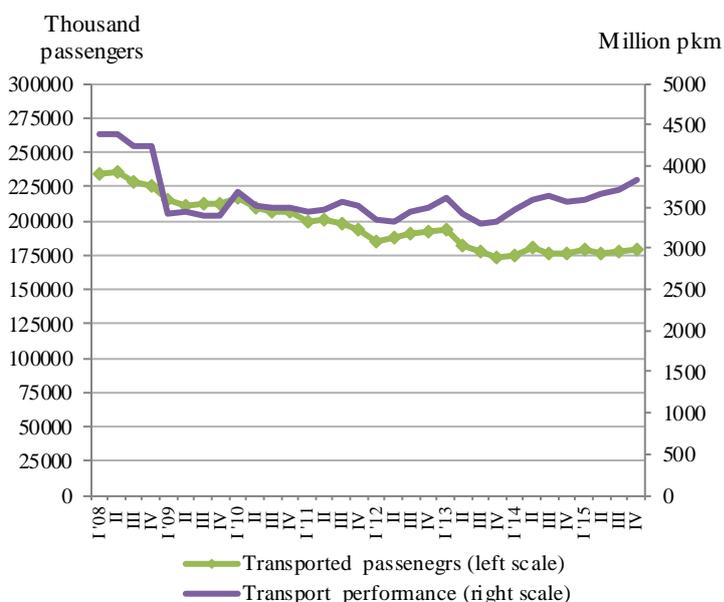


Figure 2. Transported passengers and transport performance by passenger transport (Seasonally adjusted data)





Annual changes

According to preliminary data during the fourth quarter of 2015 in comparison with the same period of 2014 there was a decrease in the transported goods - by 4.7%, while the transport performance from the freight land and water transport increased by 1.5%.

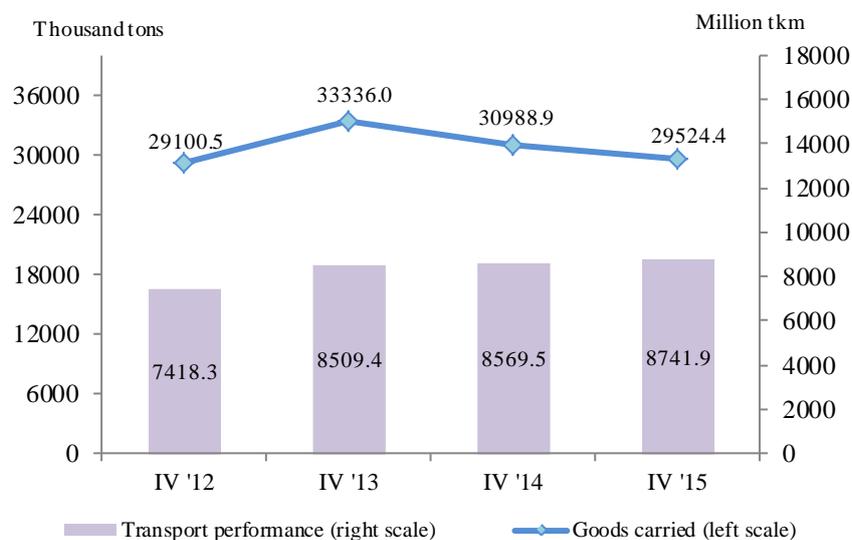
The transported passengers by passenger transport (land, water and urban electrical transport) rose in the fourth quarter of 2015 by 1.4% compared to the same period of the previous year. The transport performance also increased by 7.8% compared to fourth quarter of 2014.

Land transport

In the fourth quarter of 2015 the **transported goods** by land transport were 29 524.4 thousand tons or by 1 464.5 thousand tons less than the corresponding quarter of 2014 (Figure 3), which is mainly due to the reduced amount of transported goods by the national carriages of the road freight transport.

At the same time the **transport performance** in the fourth quarter of 2015 increased by 2.0% compared to the same quarter of 2014 and reached 8 741.9 million tkm (Figure 3), which was a result of the increased average distance traveled by the international carriages of the land transport.

Figure 3. Transported goods and transport performance by land transport

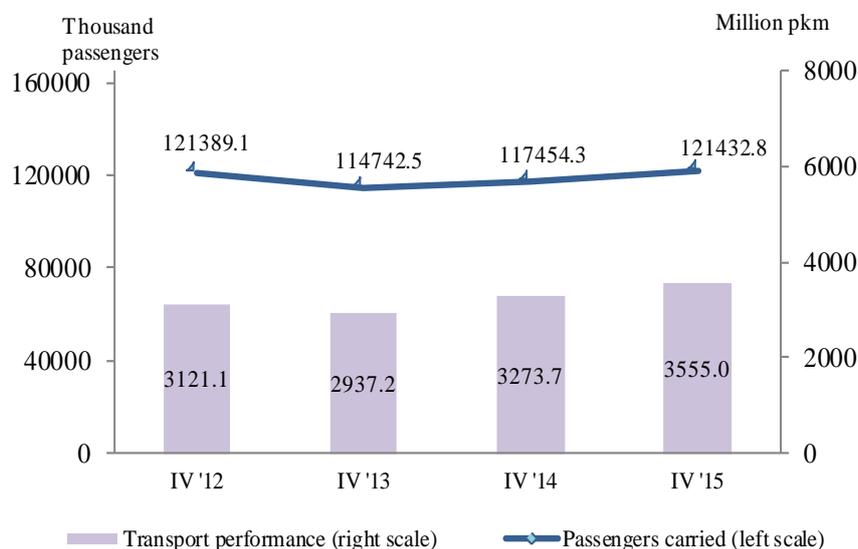


The **transported passengers** by rail and bus transport in the fourth quarter of 2015 were 121 432.8 thousand, or by 3.4% more than the same period of the previous year (Figure 4), due to the increased number transported passengers by the road transport. The number of passengers transported by bus transport rose by 4.0%, while in the railway transport there was a 7.7% decrease.

The **transport performance** in the fourth quarter of 2015 also rose by 8.6% in comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2014 and reached 3 555.0 million passenger-kilometres (Figure 4). An increase was observed in road transport - by 10.9%, while rail transport performance was by 8.1% less.



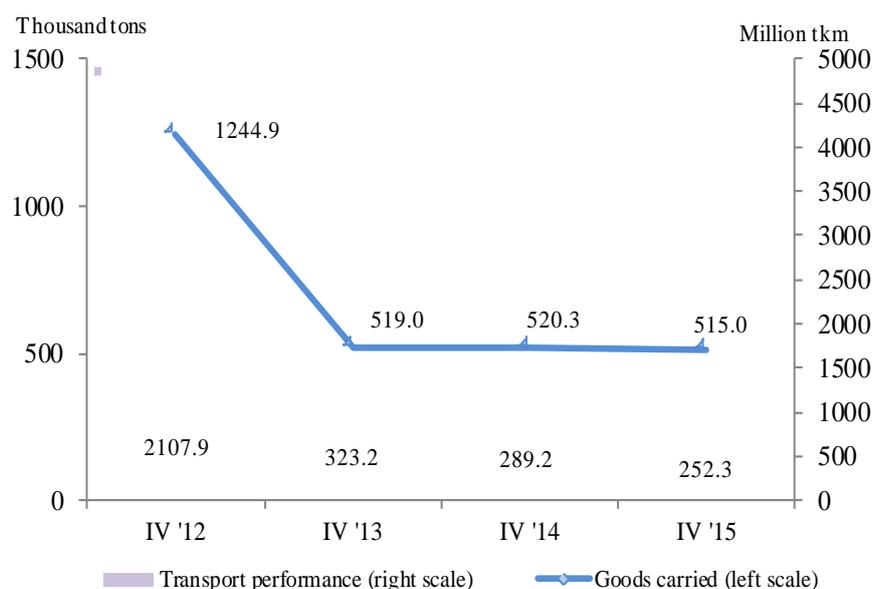
Figure 4. Transported passengers and transport performance by land transport



Water transport

In the fourth quarter of 2015 the **transported goods** as well the **transport performance** by the water transport decreased compared to the same quarter of 2014 - by 1.0% and 12.8%, respectively (Figure 5). The registered drop was due to the less volume of transported goods as well due to the decreased average distance travelled by both maritime and inland waterway transport.

Figure 5. Transported goods and transport performance by water transport

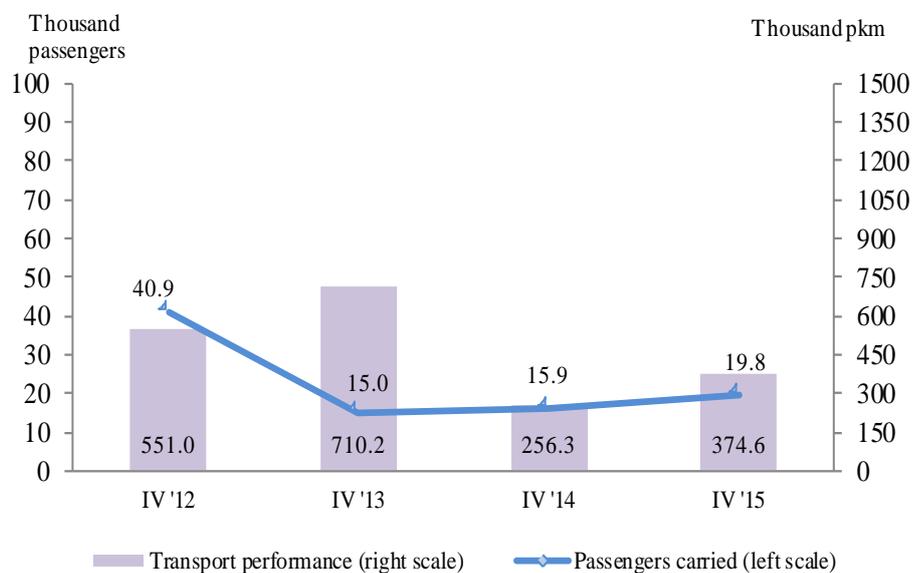




The **transported passengers** by water transport in the fourth quarter of 2015 were by 25% more compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year, due to the international carriages of the maritime and inland waterway transport (Figure 6).

The **transport performance** measured in passenger-kilometres also grew (by 118.3 thousand passenger-kilometres) in comparison with the fourth quarter of 2014 and reached 374.6 thousand pkm. The growth was due to increased average distance travelled on which the passengers were transported.

Figure 6. Transported passengers and transport performance by water transport



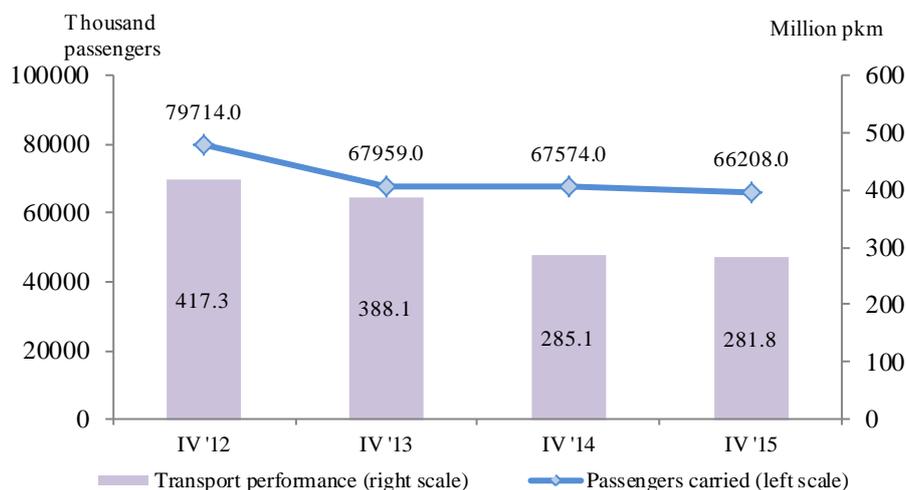
Urban electrical transport

During the fourth quarter of 2015 the enterprises in urban electrical transport (trams, trolleybuses and metro) transported **66 208.0 thousand passengers** or by 2.0% less in comparison with the corresponding quarter of 2014 (Figure 7). An increase by 8.6% was registered only in the metro carriages, while the tram and trolleybus transport fell by 7.4% and 7.2%, respectively.

The **transport performance** measured in passenger-kilometres registered a 1.2% decrease compared to the fourth quarter of 2014 and reached 281.8 million pkm, due to the less transport performance from the tram and trolleybus transport.



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



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, 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.

Since April 2013 the number of the transported passengers in the urban carriages in Sofia (stolitsa) has been calculated according to a new methodology applied by the 'Centre for urban mobility' AD - Sofia according to which the distribution of the transported passengers from the tram, trolleybus and bus transport and the metro is made on the basis of inquiry survey of the urban carriages. In order a comparability of data to be ensured, data since 2012 have been recalculated according to the new methodology.



Annex

Table 1

**Main indicators of the freight transport activity,
fourth quarter of 2014 and 2015**

Freight transport	IV-th quarter 2014	IV-th quarter 2015	Change in % compared to the fourth quarter of 2014
Land transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	30988.9	29524.4	95.3
National	22971.4	18107.6	78.8
International	8017.5	11416.8	142.4
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	8569.5	8741.9	102.0
National	2187.2	1839.0	84.1
International	6382.3	6902.9	108.2
Water transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	520.3	515.0	99.0
National	16.6	1.3	7.8
International	503.7	513.7	102.0
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	289.2	252.3	87.2
National	4.70	0.3	6.4
International	284.5	252.0	88.6


Table 2
**Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,
 fourth quarter of 2014 and 2015**

Passenger transport	IV-th quarter 2014	IV-th quarter 2015	Change in % compared to the fourth quarter of 2014
Land transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	117454.3	121432.8	103.4
National	116997.7	120760.5	103.2
International	456.6	672.3	147.2
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	3273.7	3555.0	108.6
National	2821.4	2849.9	101.0
International	452.3	705.1	155.9
Water transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	15.9	19.8	125.0
National	-	-	-
International	15.9	19.8	125.0
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	0.26	0.37	146.20
National	-	-	-
International	0.26	0.37	146.20
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	67574.0	66208.0	98.0
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	285.1	281.8	98.8

„-“ – no case