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Executive Summary

Rail Transport Statistics is – next to the surveys of the transport modes road, inland waterway, pipelines and civil air transport statistics – an important part of transport statistics.

Rail transport statistics on Austrian territory consists of:

- Freight Transport
- Passenger Transport
- Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure
- Operating Performances of rail vehicles

Freight Transport covers the transport of goods in rail cars and the transport of loaded and empty intermodal transport units - conducted by domestic as well as foreign railway undertakings and integrated railway undertakings. Railway undertakings which operate entirely or mainly within industrial and similar installations as well railway undertakings which mainly provide local tourist services are excluded. For example, transport operations on company property or within ports are not recorded.

This statistics is conducted quarterly by Statistics Austria.

Preliminary results related to the transport of goods are published in Statistic Austria’s STATcube database at the latest 90 days (three months) after the end of the reporting quarter. The final results for a year are published at the latest 150 days (five months) after the end of the reporting year in: a press release, the STATcube database, and on the homepage of Statistics Austria. Additional results are published in the publications “Verkehrsstatistik”, “Statistisches Jahrbuch”, “Statistische Übersichten” and at irregular intervals in articles in the “Statistischen Nachrichten”.

Passenger transport covers the transport of passengers by domestic as well as foreign railway undertakings and integrated railway undertakings in Austria. Railway undertakings which operate entirely or mainly within industrial and similar installations as well railway undertakings which mainly provide local tourist services are excluded, as are metro, light rails and tram systems.

The passenger transport survey is conducted quarterly by Statistics Austria for railway undertakings with an annual transport performance of at least 100 million passenger-kilometres (pkm). The collection of data on passenger transport with an annual transport performance below this threshold is conducted once a year by Schienen-Control GmbH (SCG). The underlying questionnaire was developed in cooperation between SCG and Statistics Austria. The results are published at the latest eight months after the end of the reporting period by Statistics Austria on their homepage. Additional results are published in the publications “Verkehrsstatistik” and “Statistische Übersichten”.

Data concerning the Rolling Stock of Austrian railway undertakings and data on Railway Infrastructure (reference date: December 31st) of integrated railway undertakings and railway infrastructure operators are collected by SCG. The underlying questionnaire was developed in cooperation between SCG and Statistics Austria. The results are published six months after the reference date on the Homepage of Statistics Austria.

Data on Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria by railway undertakings and integrated railway undertakings are likewise collected by SCG. The underlying questionnaire was developed in cooperation between SCG and Statistics Austria. The results are published six months after the reference date on the Homepage of Statistics Austria.

The survey of the number of trains by network segment for the analysis of traffic flows is conducted every fifth year by the Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (Bundesministerium für Verkehr, Innovation und Technologie, BMVIT).
The results are transmitted to Eurostat by Statistics Austria at the latest 18 months after the reporting period. Eurostat publishes these results in a publicly accessible database.

Additional results are transmitted annually to Eurostat through the voluntary "Common Questionnaire", a questionnaire developed by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe/International Transport Forum (UNECE/ITF) and Eurostat.

The respondents are - depending on the subject matter - railway undertakings, integrated railway undertakings, and railway infrastructure operators. Data concerning the Rolling Stock, the Rail Infrastructure and the Operating Performances of rail vehicles, and partially the data on Passenger Transport is provided by Schienen-Control GmbH on an annual basis. Data on trains per network segment is collected and made available by the BMVIT. Therefore, a high degree of coverage can be assumed.

Figure: Rail Transport Statistics in Austria
# Rail Transport Statistics from 2016 – Main Features

## Subject Matter
- **Freight- and Passenger Transport in Austria**
- **Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure in Austria**
- **Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria**

## Population
- Domestic and foreign railways that conduct freight- or passenger transport in Austria; Austrian railway infrastructure operators

## Type of statistics
- **Freight- and Passenger Transport in Austria**: primary statistics and partially secondary statistics (Passenger Transport)
- **Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure in Austria**: secondary statistics
- **Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria**: secondary statistics

## Data sources/Survey techniques
- **Data sources**:
  - Freight- and Passenger Transport in Austria: domestic and foreign railways
  - Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure in Austria: railways and railway infrastructure operators
  - Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria: railways
- **Survey form**: Complete survey

## Reference period or due day
- **Freight- and Passenger Transport in Austria**: quarterly for railways with more than 100 million pkm/year and annually for railways with less than 100 million pkm/year
- **Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure in Austria**: Due day 31st of December of the reference year
- **Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria**: annually

## Periodicity
- **Freight- and Passenger Transport in Austria**: quarterly and annual data
- **Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure in Austria**: annual data
- **Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria**: annual data

## Survey participation (in case of a survey)
- Obligatory

## Main legal acts

## Most detailed regional breakdown
- **Freight Transport in Austria**: political districts, NUTS3;
- **Passenger Transport in Austria**: NUTS0, every 5 years NUTS2;
- **Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure in Austria**: NUTS0;
- **Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria**: NUTS0 respectively network segments

## Availability of results
- **Freight Transport in Austria**: preliminary data t + 90, final annual data t + 150
- **Passenger Transport in Austria**: annual data t + 240
- **Rolling Stock and Railway Infrastructure in Austria**: annual data t + 180
- **Operating Performances of rail vehicles in Austria**: annual data t + 180 and t + 540

## Other
- Reference Manual on Rail transport statistics