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Slightly less goods transported by rail in 2022

Transit traffic accounted for almost one-third of transport volume in 2022

Vienna, 2023-04-28 – According to Statistics Austria, the transport volume on Austrian territory was 102.7 million tonnes in 2022 and declined by 1.0% compared to the previous year, whereas the transport performance on Austrian territory was with 22.1 billion tonne-kilometres 1.6% higher than in 2021.

At 102.7 million tonnes (million t), the volume of transport performed by rail was 1.0% lower in 2022 than in the previous year. A total of 46 Austrian and foreign railway companies carried out transport services in Austria, whose transport performance totalled 22.1 billion tonne-kilometres (billion tkm), which was 1.6% above the comparable value of 2021 (21.8 billion tkm). 18.4% (2021: 17.1%) of the transport volume and 16.7% of the transport performance (2021: 13.9%) were accounted for by foreign railway undertakings in 2021. Around 11% of the transport volume respectively of the transport performance were declared as dangerous goods.

31% of transport volume and 37% of transport performance attributable to transit traffic

The largest share of **transport volume** in 2022 at 31.1% was attributable to transit transport, followed by national transport at 26.9%, international receipt at 25.4% and international dispatch at 16.6%. 44.8% of the transport volume in transit was accounted for by transports from Germany to Italy and vice versa.

The distribution of the inland **transport performance** by type of transport shows a similar picture, with transit traffic accounting for 37.4%, national transport for 18.7%, international receipt for 26.7% and international dispatch for 17.2%.

A little less than a quarter of the transport volume is accounted for by transport distances of up to 100 kilometres

In the reporting year, 23.2% of the transport volume (23.8 million t) and 6.2% of the transport performance (1.4 billion tkm) were attributable to transport distances of up to 100 kilometres (km). Around half (49.6%) of the tonnage (51.0 million t) and a little less than three quarters (72.2%) of the transport performance (16.0 billion tkm) were accounted for by transport distances of 151 to 500 km.

2.0 million semi-trailers, containers and swap bodies transported

With a total of 2.0 million semi-trailers, containers and swap bodies transported, which together corresponded to 3.3 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEU), the number of the intermodal transport units mentioned increased by 0.9% compared to 2021. The transport volume was 39.1 million t and the transport performance 8.5 billion tkm.

For detailed results and further information please refer to our [website](#).

Rail freight transport in Austria by type of transport 2021 and 2022

| Type of transport | 2021 ¹ | 2022 | Change 2021/22 in % |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Transport volume in tonnes | | | |
| National transport | 28 649 625 | 27 634 713 | -3,5 |
| International goods receipt | 25 315 614 | 26 058 745 | 2,9 |
| International goods dispatch | 17 512 271 | 17 048 229 | -2,6 |
| Transit | 32 251 406 | 31 968 112 | -0,9 |
| Total | 103 728 915 | 102 709 799 | -1,0 |
| Transport performance in 1 000 tonne kilometres | | | |
| National transport | 4 340 558 | 4 134 966 | -4,7 |
| International goods receipt | 5 553 755 | 5 899 161 | 6,2 |
| International goods dispatch | 3 954 106 | 3 815 129 | -3,5 |
| Transit | 7 930 802 | 8 271 620 | 4,3 |
| Total | 21 779 221 | 22 120 876 | 1,6 |

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1) Revised data.

Information on methodology, definitions:

The data are based on full survey in cooperation with railway undertakings that operated freight traffic on the Austrian rail network in 2021 and 2022. Allocation to the individual traffic areas is based on the loading and unloading locations specified in the railway bills of lading. Values referring to the reporting year 2021 were revised due to updated data in April 2023.

Transport volume: Amount of transported goods in tonnes.

Transport performance: Product of transport volume and distance in kilometres.

Twenty-foot equivalent unit (TEU): 1 TEU is equivalent to one 20-foot-ISO-Container.

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