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# Slightly less goods transported by Austrian road freight vehicles in 2022

**Transport volume decreased by 3.2%, transport performance by 1.7%**

Vienna, 2023-05-31 – According to Statistics Austria, the transport volume of road freight vehicles registered in Austria in 2022 was 390.4 million tonnes, 3.2% below that of 2021. The transport performance in Austria and abroad was at 26.8 billion tonne-kilometres and also 1.7% below the previous year's value. Decreases were recorded in almost all transport modes, but there was a 5.5% increase in international dispatch.

In 2022, the **transport volume** in road freight transport of Austrian road freight vehicles decreased by 3.2% compared to 2021 to 390.4 million tonnes (million t). With 28.1 million **laden journeys** (–3.0%), a **transport performance** of 26.8 billion tonne-kilometres (billion tkm) was achieved on Austrian territory and abroad, which corresponds to a minus of 1.7% compared to the previous year. On the domestic route it fell by 1.9% to 19.2 billion tkm and abroad by 0.9% to 7.6 billion tkm.

## Decreases in almost all transport modes

The share of tonnage transported by Austrian road goods vehicles in national transport was 92.9% (2021: 93.1%), of which 305.0 million t (share: 84.1%) were transported **over distances of up to 80 kilometres**.

In **national transport**, the most important segment in terms of volume, the tonnage carried decreased by 3.4% to 362.8 million t. There were further declines in **international receipt** by 5.4% to 10.3 million t, in **transit transport** by 5.3% to 1.1 million t and in **other transportation abroad** by 3.0% to 5.3 million t. In contrast, the volume of **international dispatch** was by 5.5% above the previous year's level with 10.9 million t.

## Less “metal ores; mining products; peat” transported

The largest share of the volume of goods transported was accounted for by “metal ores; mining products; peat”. This division also showed the highest absolute decrease in 2022 (–8.1 million t or –5.6% to 138.0 million t). A further drop of 5.5 million t (–7.2%) to 71.8 million t was recorded for goods in the division “other non-metallic products” and a significant decrease of 1.6 million t (–5.0%) to 30.8 million t was reported for the division “products of agriculture, forestry and fishing”. On the other hand, a considerable increase of 1.7 million t (+6.1%) to 29.6 million t was registered for “food products, beverages and tobacco”.

## Slightly more than half of the goods volume provided in transport for hire or reward

53.3% or 208.2 million t of the total transport volume in 2022 were provided by companies **operating for hire or reward**, 46.7% or 182.2 million t were accounted for **by own account transport**. The transport volume in the sector for hire or reward fell by 3.9% and that in own-account transport by 2.5% compared to 2021.

For detailed results and further information on road freight transport of Austrian enterprises please refer to our [website](#).

## Road freight transport of Austrian enterprises 2021 and 2022

Type of transport	2021			2022		
	Thousand tonnes	Million tkm domestic	Million tkm abroad	Thousand tonnes	Million tkm domestic	Million tkm abroad
National transport	375 670	17 347	652	362 826	16 961	591
Compared to previous year in %	7.8	4.2	14.2	-3.4	-2.2	-9.3
International receipt	10 882	985	2 295	10 291	996	2 325
Compared to previous year in %	13.4	6.8	9.5	-5.4	1.1	1.3
International dispatch	10 317	1 076	2 562	10 889	1 077	2 598
Compared to previous year in %	2.4	4.5	5.2	5.5	0.1	1.4
Transit	1 161	156	790	1 100	150	788
Compared to previous year in %	-0.4	13.9	6.8	-5.3	-3.8	-0.2
Other transportation abroad	5 468		1 419	5 307		1 344
Compared to previous year in %	-11.4		0.5	-3.0		-5.3
<b>Total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>403 498</b>	<b>19 564</b>	<b>7 718</b>	<b>390 412</b>	<b>19 184</b>	<b>7 646</b>
<b>Compared to previous year in %</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.9</b>

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Road freight transport statistics.

1) Rounding differences may occur.

### Information on methodology, definitions:

**Transport volume:** Amount of transported goods in tonnes.

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

The survey is a combined time and vehicle sample. The selected motor vehicles of vehicle owners are assigned the same reference week, so that they are obliged to report a maximum of once per quarter for a reference week. The selection of motor vehicles (lorries with a payload of two tonnes or more or articulated lorries) was carried out separately for each quarter up to and including 2015. Since the reporting year 2016, the sample has been drawn once a year, with quarterly supplements in the event of failures. The new procedure significantly reduces the sampling error.

The NST 2007 is the applicable standard goods classification for transport statistics, which entered into force at EU level on 1 January 2008 with Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007. Further information on this classification can be found on our [website](#).

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