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Freight traffic on the road decreased in 2022

Amount of transported goods lower than in the pre-pandemic year 2019

Vienna, 2023-10-12 – Domestic and foreign road freight vehicles transported a total of 590.9 million tonnes (t) on Austria's roads in 2022, as Statistics Austria reports. This means that the transport volume decreased by 3.1% compared to the previous year. After the strong increase in freight volumes in 2021, there were declines in all transport types except transit transport in 2022.

After freight transport on Austria's roads reached more than 600 million t for the first time in 2021, the **amount of goods** measured in 2022 was with 590.9 million t by 18.6 million t lower than in the previous year (609.5 million t). Thus, the transport volume was even 1.2% below the pre-crisis value in 2019 (598.0 million t). Multiplied by the distances travelled, this resulted in a domestic **transport performance** of 56.2 billion tonne-kilometres (tkm). This is 1.2% less than in 2021, but 3.1% more than in 2019 (54.5 billion tkm).

While the amount of goods carried by **Austrian vehicles** decreased by 3.2% to 385.1 million t compared to the previous year (398.0 million t), the decline in domestic transport performance was lower with -1.9% to 19.2 billion tkm (2021: 19.6 billion tkm). The transport volume of **vehicles registered abroad** dropped by 2.7% to 205.8 million t (2021: 211.4 million t), the domestic transport performance fell by 0.8% to 37.0 billion tkm (2021: 37.3 billion tkm).

Transport volume in transit transport increased slightly

In 2022, **transport volume** decreased in all types of transport except transit transport. **National transport**, which accounted with 372.5 million t for the main part of the transport volume, dropped by 3.1%. **International receipt** (69.5 million t) and **dispatch** (62.8 million t) showed a decline by 6.2% and 3.9% compared to the preceding year. In 2022, **transit transport** (86.1 million t) recorded a plus of 0.5% in comparison to 2021.

Almost two thirds of the total **transport volume** (65.2% resp. 385.1 million t) was performed by **Austrian road freight vehicles**. While national transport was carried out primarily by Austrian vehicles (97.4% and 362.8 million t respectively), the share of domestic road freight vehicles in international receipt and dispatch reached only 14.8% (10.3 million t) and 17.3% (10.9 million t). With 1.3% (1.1 million t), Austrian vehicles contributed only marginally to transit transport.

In total **domestic transport performance**, the share of foreign freight vehicles was with 65.8% (37.0 billion tkm) significantly higher than that of Austrian freight vehicles (34.2% or 19.2 billion tkm). This is mainly due to the long journeys foreign vehicles conduct in transit transport. More than one third of the total transport performance (20.3 billion tkm) was carried out in transit transport, of which a share of 99.3% was performed by foreign vehicles.

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

Transport volume and transport performance by types of transport in Austria 2022

Types of transport	Austrian freight vehicles	Foreign freight vehicles	Total	Share of AT in %	Change to 2021 in %
Transport volume in 1 000 tonnes					
National transport	362 826	9 634	372 460	97.4	-3.1
International receipt	10 291	59 204	69 495	14.8	-6.2
International dispatch	10 889	51 957	62 846	17.3	-3.9
Transit transport	(1 100)	84 977	86 077	1.3	0.5
Total	385 105	205 773	590 878	65.2	-3.1
Transport performance in million domestic tonne-kilometres					
National transport	16 961	1 592	18 553	91.4	-1.9
International receipt	996	7 656	8 652	11.5	-4.3
International dispatch	1 077	7 565	8 642	12.5	0.2
Transit transport	150	20 166	20 316	0.7	0.2
Total	19 184	36 979	56 163	34.2	-1.2

S: STATISTICS AUSTRIA, Road freight transport statistics; Eurostat (table D3.1 and D5, see information on methodology); ASFINAG. – Rounding differences may occur. – For the value in brackets, the range of sampling error is more than ±20% at 95% statistical confidence.

Information on methodology, definitions: In accordance with Regulation (EU) No 70/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2012 (amendment of Regulation (EG) No 1172/98), all EU member states have to collect statistical data on freight transport conducted by freight vehicles registered in the respective countries since 1999. Like in Austria, data collection is usually arranged as a sampling survey. Thereby, small vehicles may be excluded, which is carried out differently among the member states. The states transfer the statistical data regularly to the statistical office of the European Union, Eurostat. From this data pool, Eurostat provides results (so-called **D tables**) in accordance with Regulation (EG) No 6/2003 to the national statistical authorities to complete their own national statistics.

Included are all reported journeys which start or/and end in or transit through Austria and which were conducted with freight vehicles registered in one of the reporting countries (EU-27 without Malta, including Norway, Switzerland and Liechtenstein). Journeys of smaller freight vehicles (mostly up to 3.5 tonnes loading capacity or 6 tonnes permissible maximum weight) are not included. As the results are derived from sampling surveys, there can be partly significant sampling errors.

Additionally, data from the Austrian **toll collection system** – which are provided by the Autobahnen- und Schnellstraßen-Finanzierungs-Aktiengesellschaft (ASFINAG) – are used for weighting the results from the D tables. Furthermore, results from countries that are not included in the D tables can be provided.

Transport volume is the amount of transported goods in tonnes (t).

Transport performance is the product of the transport volume and the distance travelled in kilometres (t*km=tkm).

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