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# Less freight transport on Austrian roads again in 2024

## National transport and transit decreased, receipt and dispatch increased

Vienna, 2025-11-07 – According to Statistics Austria, 562.6 million tonnes of goods were transported on Austrian roads in 2024. Thus, the transport volume was 1.1% lower than in the previous year. The transport performance on Austrian territory declined by 0.4% to 54.9 billion tonne-kilometres.

“Freight transport on Austria’s roads has declined for the third year in a row. In 2024, Austrian and international lorries transported a total of 562.6 million tonnes of goods, 1.1% less than in the previous year. The decline is mainly attributable to national transport, but also to transit through Austria. By contrast, the volume transported in receipt and dispatch increased,” says Manuela Lenk, Director General Statistics of Statistics Austria.

### Transport volume 1.1% lower than in the previous year

The volume of goods transported declined in national transport by –1.3% to 349.7 million t and in transit by –4.3% to 80.0 million t. However, it increased in international receipt by +0.4% to 68.6 million t and international dispatch by +2.5% to 64.3 million t.

Almost two-thirds of the total transport volume (64.4% or 362.3 million t) were attributed to road freight vehicles registered in Austria. The rest (35.6% or 200.4 million t) was performed by foreign vehicles. Vehicles from Poland (36.0 million t), Hungary (28.4 million t) and Germany (25.7 million t) were the top three foreign contributors, being responsible for 44.9% (90.0 million t) of the total transport volume of all foreign vehicles.

### Transport performance declined by 0.4% compared to the year before

The domestic transport performance, i.e., the transport volume multiplied by the kilometres driven on Austrian territory, amounted to 54.9 billion tonne-kilometres (bn tkm). While declining in national transport (–0.2% to 18.0 bn tkm) and transit (–4.4 to 18.9 bn tkm), it increased in international receipt (+2.0% to 8.9 bn tkm) and international dispatch (+5.7% to 9.1 bn tkm).

About one-third of the domestic transport volume (34.1% or 18.7 bn tkm) was attributed to road freight vehicles registered in Austria. Two-thirds (65.9% or 36.2 bn tkm) were performed by foreign vehicles. This high proportion of foreign vehicles is mainly due to the longer distances travelled and to transit transport. Total transit (18.9 bn tkm) represented more than a third of the total transport performance on Austrian territory, and 99.2% of total transit was performed by vehicles registered in foreign countries. Polish (7.7 bn tkm), Hungarian (4.6 bn tkm) and Slovenian (3.8 bn tkm) road freight vehicles represented 44.5% (16.1 bn tkm) of the total transport performance on Austrian territory of all foreign vehicles.

## Transport volume and domestic transport performance by types of transport on Austrian roads 2024

Types of transport	Austrian freight vehicles	Foreign freight vehicles	Total	Share of AT in %	Total compared to previous year in %
<b>Transport volume in tonnes</b>					
National transport	341 192 213	8 551 344	349 743 557	97.6	-1.3
International receipt	9 597 942	59 026 886	68 624 829	14.0	0.4
International dispatch	10 437 501	53 834 083	64 271 584	16.2	2.5
Transit	(1 038 450)	78 945 456	79 983 906	1.3	-4.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>362 266 106</b>	<b>200 357 769</b>	<b>562 623 876</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>
<b>Domestic transport performance in million tkm</b>					
National transport	16 534	1 460	17 994	91.9	-0.2
International receipt	946	7 955	8 901	10.6	2.0
International dispatch	1 077	8 013	9 090	11.8	5.7
Transit	143	18 740	18 883	0.8	-4.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>18 701</b>	<b>36 168</b>	<b>54 869</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

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.

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

**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 and Switzerland). 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:** weight of goods transported in tonnes.

**Transport performance:** product of transport volume and kilometres driven.

**Domestic transport performance:** product of transport volume and kilometres driven on Austrian territory.

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