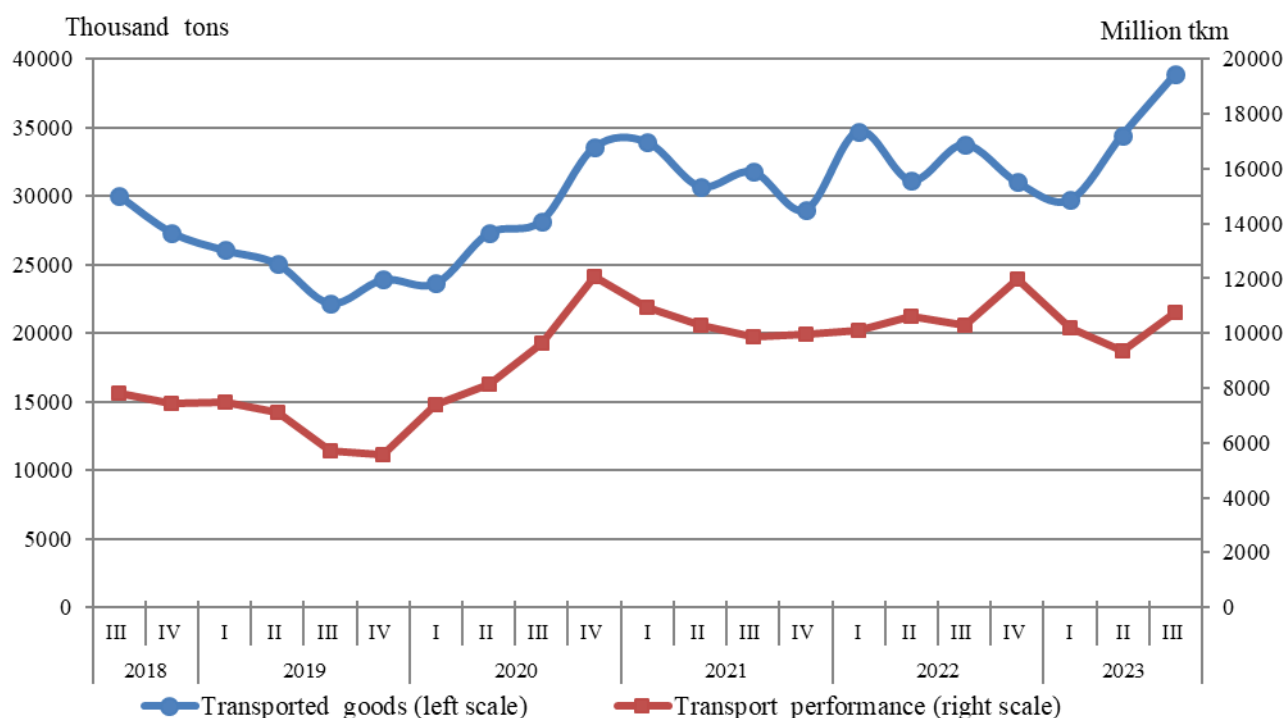


GOODS AND PASSENGERS CARRIED AND TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE BY MODE OF TRANSPORT IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2023 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

Quarterly changes

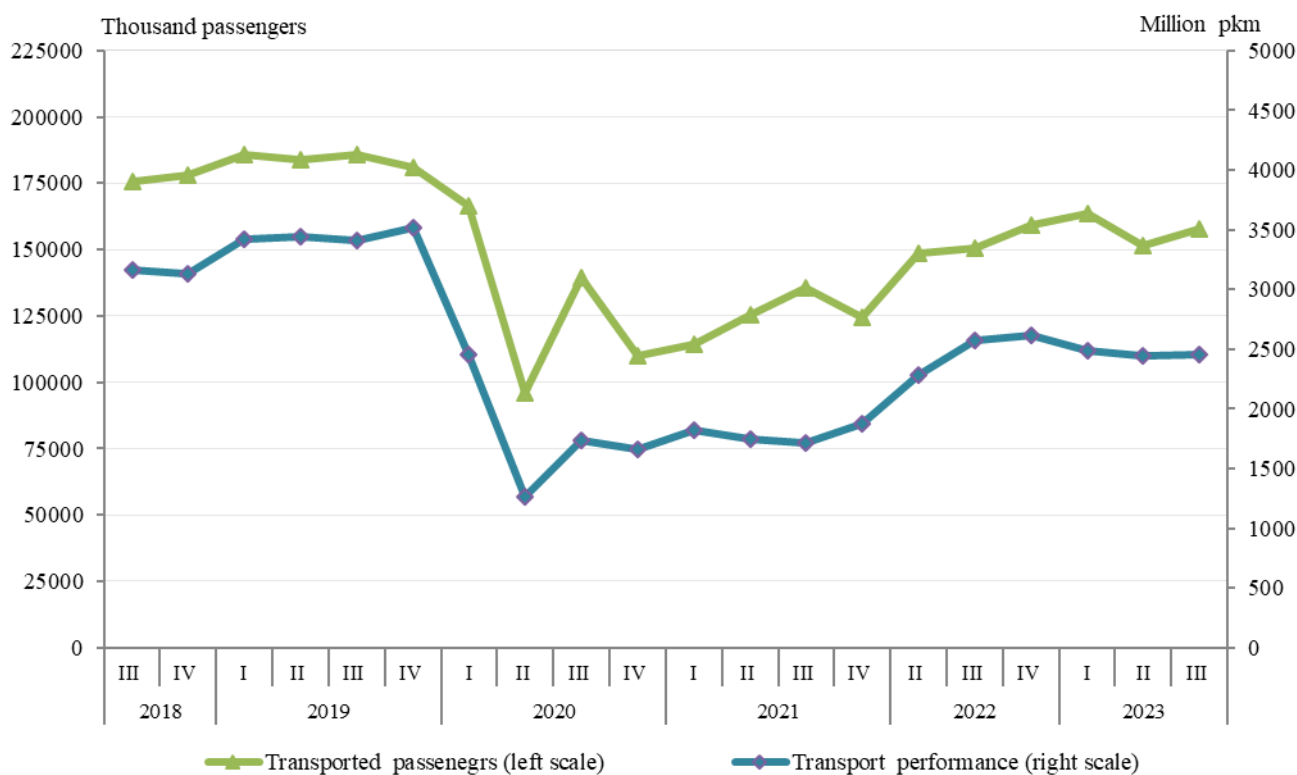
In the third quarter of 2023 both the goods carried by freight transport and the transport performance increased by 12.8% and 15.1%, respectively in comparison with the previous quarter (Figure 1). The data are preliminary and seasonally adjusted.

**Figure 1. Goods carried and transport performance by freight transport
(Seasonally adjusted data)**



The passengers carried by **passenger transport** (land, water and urban electrical transport) as well as the transport performance increased by 4.1% and 0.8%, respectively compared to the previous quarter (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Transported passengers and transport performance by passenger transport (Seasonally adjusted data)



Annual changes

In the third quarter of 2023, the goods carried by freight land and water transport rose by 15.7% and the transport performance by 4.4% in comparison with the same quarter of 2022. The data are preliminary.

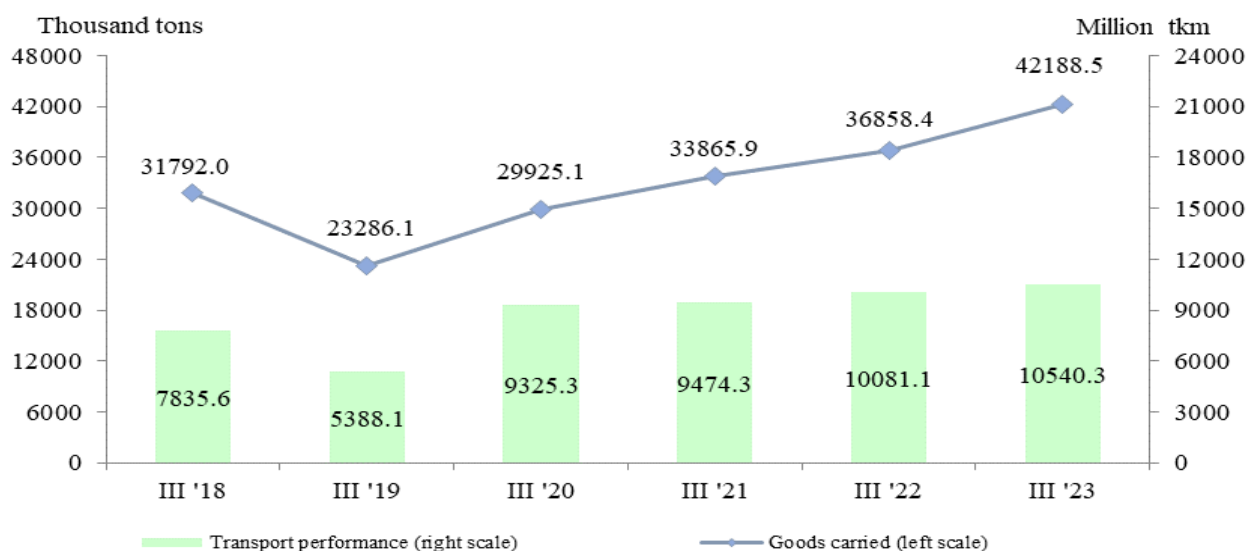
The number of passengers carried by passenger transport (land, water and urban electrical transport) increased by 4.9% in the third quarter of 2023. Meanwhile, the transport performance recorded a decline of 4.0%.

Freight land transport

In the third quarter of 2023, the **goods transported** by the land transport were 42 188.5 thousand tons, which was 14.5% up on the same quarter of 2022 (Figure 3). The national carriages increased by 24.8%, and international carriages by 6.9%.

The **transport performance** was 10 540.3 million tkm, which was 4.6% less than in the third quarter of 2022.

Figure 3. Transported goods and transport performance by land transport by quarters

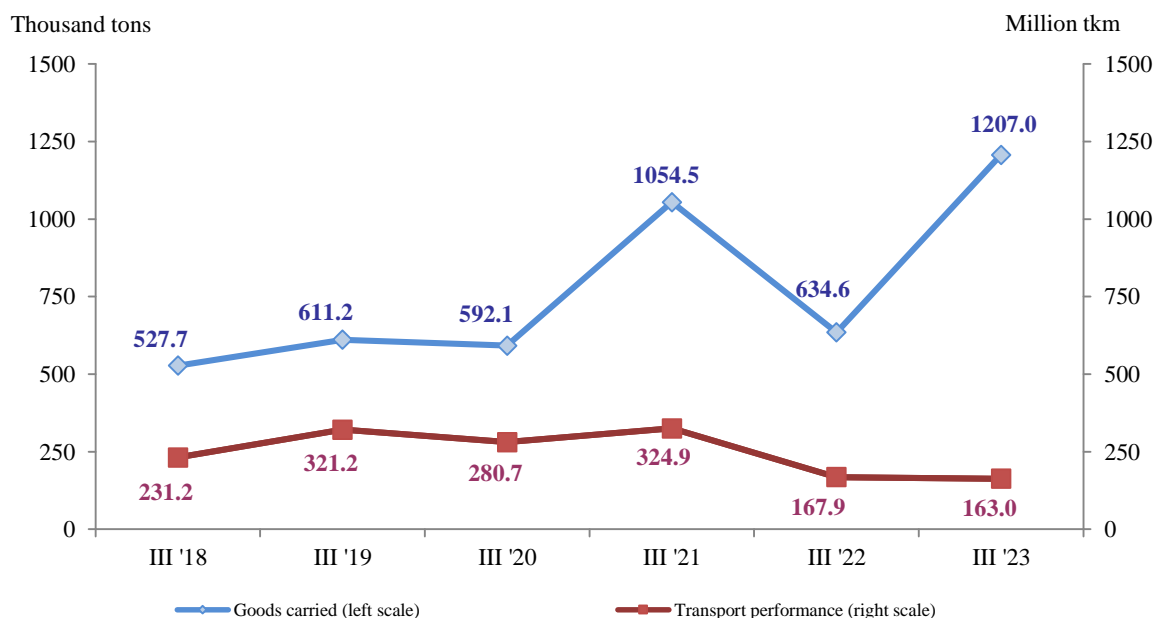


Freight water transport

The **goods transported** by the sea and inland waterway transport were 572.4 thousand tonnes more than during the same quarter of 2022, due to the greater volumes of goods transported by the inland waterway transport (Figure 4).

The **transport performance**, measured in tonne-kilometres, fell by 2.9% due to the smaller average distance, at which the goods were carried by the maritime and inland waterway transport.

Figure 4. Transported goods and transport performance by water transport by quarters

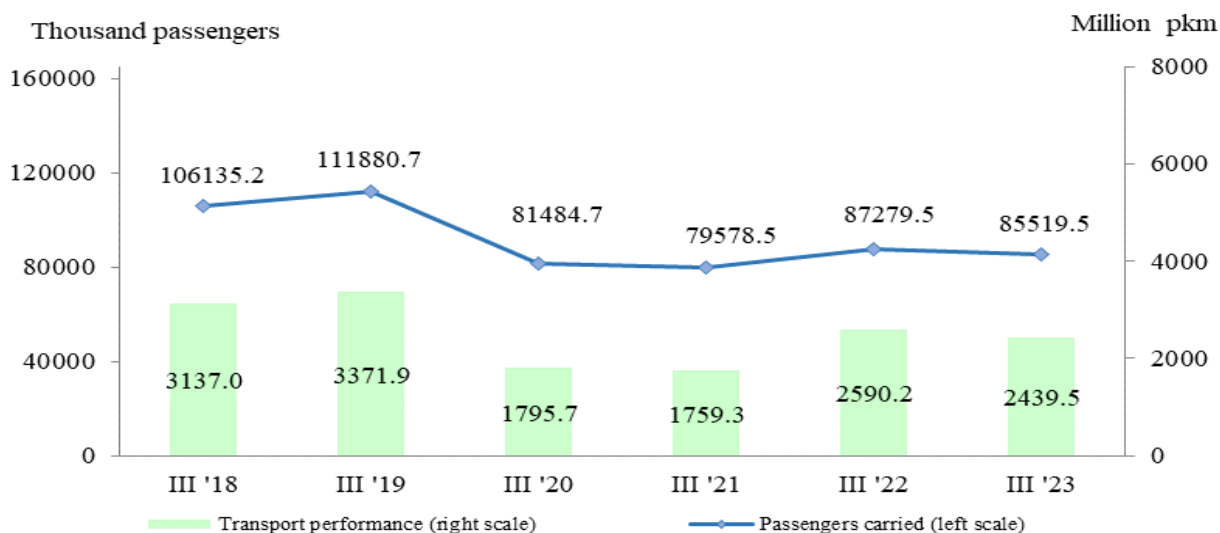


Passengers land transport

The number of **transported passengers** by land transport in the third quarter of 2023 was 85 519.5 thousand, or by 2.0% down on the same period of the previous year (Figure 5). The decrease in railway transport was by 16.1%, and in bus transport - by 0.8%.

The **transport performance** was 2 439.5 million passenger-kilometres, which represented a drop of 5.8% compared to the third quarter of 2022.

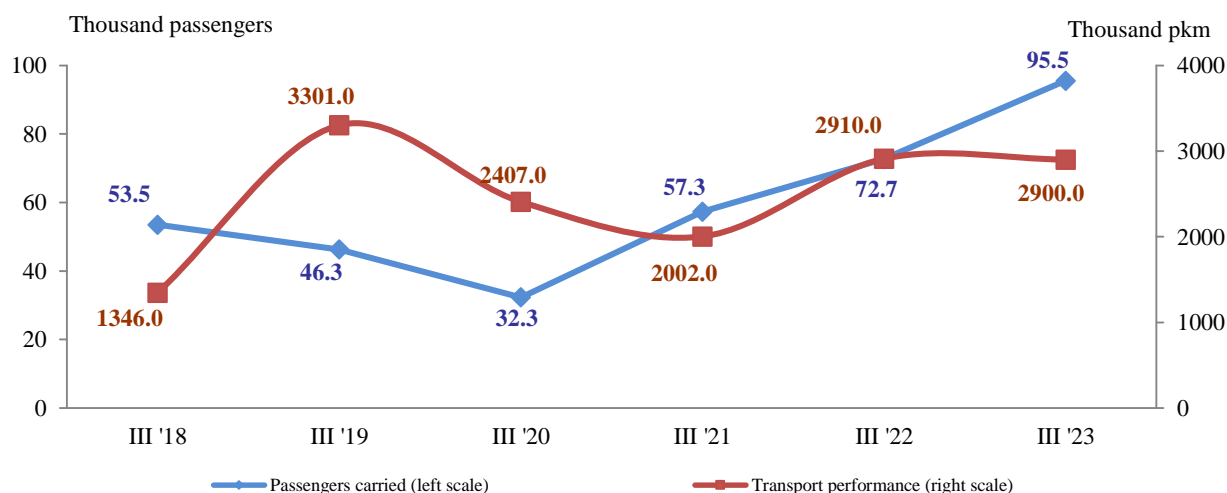
Figure 5. Transported passengers and transport performance by land transport by quarters



Passengers water transport

There was an increase of 22.8 thousand passengers in the volume of **transported passengers** by water transport due to the greater number of passengers carried by inland waterway transport, while **transport performance** declined by 10 thousand pkm (Figure 6).

Figure 6. Transported passengers and transport performance by water transport by quarters

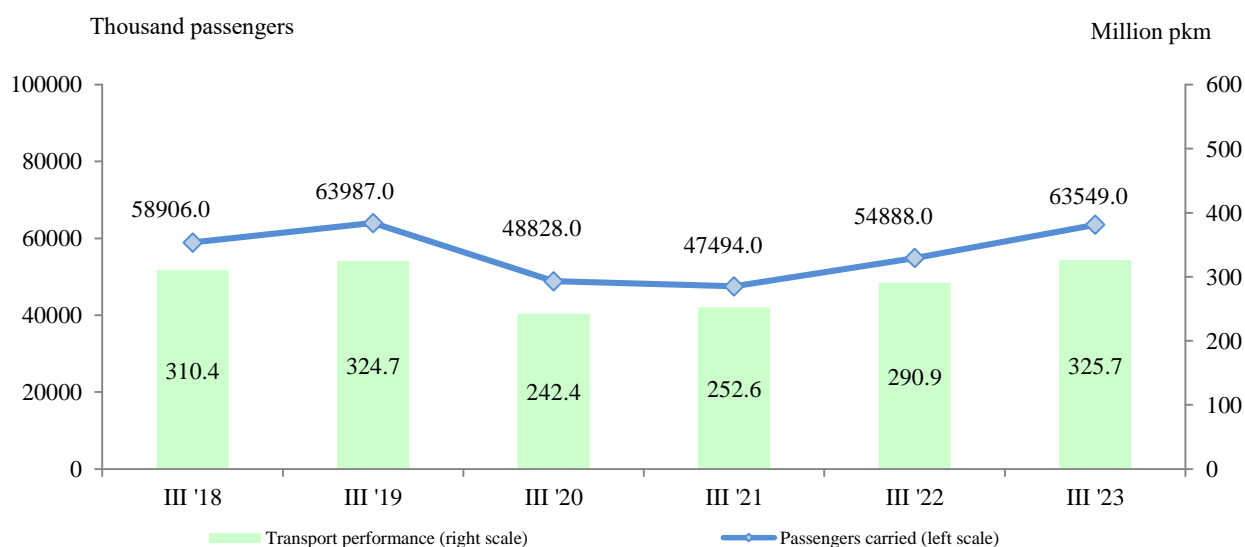


Urban electrical transport

During the period July - September 2023, the enterprises performing urban electric transport carried **63 549.0 thousand passengers**, or by 15.8% more than in the same period of 2022 (Figure 7). An increase was observed in all types of urban electric transport, as electric bus transport registered the highest growth of 47.2%.

The **transport performance** also increased by 12.0% and reached 325.7 million pkm.

Figure 7. Transported passengers and transport performance by urban electrical transport by quarters





Methodological notes

Land freight transport covers the freight carriages by road and rail transport from vehicles with Bulgarian registration as well as transmission of goods by pipelines.

Land passenger transport covers the passengers' carriages by road and rail transport from vehicles with Bulgarian registration.

Water transport covers the passengers' and freight carriages and transport performance by maritime and IWW vessels with Bulgarian registration.

Urban electrical transport includes passengers carried and transport performance of trolleybus and electric bus transport in the country, tramway transport and metro in Sofia.

Goods carried (tons) - measures the total volume of goods carried **for hire or reward** between two places (place of loading and place of unloading).

Transport performance of freight transport (tonne-kilometres) - corresponds to the transportation of one ton over one kilometre.

Passengers carried (in numbers) - measures the total number of passengers **with paid fares** carried by the corresponding type of transport between two places (place of embarkation and place of disembarkation).

Transport performance of passenger transport (passenger-kilometres) - corresponds to the transportation of one passenger over one kilometre.

Annex

Table 1

Main indicators of the freight transport activity,
third quarter of 2022 and 2023

Freight transport	III-rd quarter 2022	III-rd quarter 2023	Index of change compared to the third quarter of 2022
Land transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	36858.4	42188.5	114.5
National	24835.2	31000.8	124.8
International	12023.2	11187.7	93.1
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	10081.1	10540.3	104.6
National	2719.7	2249.1	82.7
International	7361.4	8291.2	112.6
Water transport - transported goods			
Total - thousand tons	634.6	1207.0	190.2
National	-	-	-
International	634.6	1207.0	190.2
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million tkm	167.9	163.0	97.1
National	-	-	-
International	167.9	163.0	97.1

‘-’ - no case registered.

Table 2

**Main indicators of the passenger transport activity,
third quarter of 2022 and 2023**

Passenger transport	III-rd quarter 2022	III-rd quarter 2023	Index of change compared to the third quarter of 2022
Land transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	87279.5	85519.5	98.0
National	85881.1	84332.9	98.2
International	1398.4	1186.6	84.9
Land transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	2590.2	2439.5	94.2
National	1925.7	1906.1	99.0
International	664.5	533.4	80.3
Water transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	72.7	95.5	131.4
National	29.6	2.5	8.4
International	43.1	93.0	215.8
Water transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	2.9	2.9	99.7
National	0.6	0.3	46.20
International	2.3	2.6	115.0
Urban electrical transport - transported passengers			
Total - thousands	54888.0	63549.0	115.8
Urban electrical transport - transport performance			
Total - million pkm	290.9	325.7	112.0

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