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Transport of goods and passengers in 2017



The increase in goods transport compared to 2016

In 2017, a high rate of growth was observed in goods transport by all modes of transport compared to the previous year, except for pipeline transport and inland waterway transport. The number of passengers carried by public transport increased slightly.

Transport of goods

In 2017, the growth of goods transport by all modes of transport (except for pipeline transport and inland waterway transport) in comparison with the previous year reached the not recorded level for at least a decade. The tonnes-kilometres were greater in almost all modes of transport (smaller only in pipeline transport).

Table 1. Transport of goods

SPECIFICATION	2016	2017		
		2015=100	2016=100	
TRANSPORT OF GOODS (thousand tonnes)	1 836 652	2 053 244	113.8	111.8
Railway transport ^a	222 523	239 501	106.8	107.6
Road transport ^b	1 546 572	1 747 266	116.0	113.0
of which hire or reward	954 459	1 104 209	123.8	115.7
of which road transport companies ^c	761 160	867 816	123.1	114.0
Pipeline transport	54 058	52 393	95.5	96.9
Maritime transport ^d	7 248	8 254	118.5	113.9
Inland waterways transport	6 210	5 777	48.4	93.0
Air transport ^e	41	53	140.0	127.2
TRANSPORT OF GOODS (million tonne-kilometres)	385 678	434 932	120.6	112.8
Railway transport ^a	50 650	54 797	108.3	108.2
Road transport ^b	303 560	348 559	127.6	114.8
of which hire or reward	261 560	302 259	130.1	115.6
of which road transport companies ^c	228 631	258 677	128.5	113.1
Pipeline transport	22 204	21 080	96.5	94.9
Maritime transport ^d	8 242	9 362	73.5	113.6
Inland waterways transport	832	877	40.1	105.4
Air transport ^e	190	257	164.6	134.7

a Excluding shunting. b Partially estimated data. c Included according to PKD 2007 to the Section "Transport and storage" (excluding the Division "Postal and courier activities"). d Own and leased ships. e Scheduled and non-scheduled (Polish carriers).

In 2017, carriage of goods increased the most in air transport and hire or reward road transport.

Transport of passengers

In 2017, all modes of transport carried more passengers than last year, except for road transport. Passengers travelled on further distances than a year before (except for sea transport). This was reflected in the growth of passenger-kilometres.

Table 2. Transport of passengers

SPECIFICATION	2016		2017	
			2015=100	2016=100
TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS (thousand)	693 826	696 178	98.9	100.3
Railway transport ^a	291 981	303 001	109.3	103.8
Road transport ^b	390 410	378 610	90.8	97.0
Maritime transport ^c	632	644	108.0	102.0
Inland waterways transport	2 024	2 077	117.9	102.6
Air transport ^d	8 779	11 846	162.5	134.9
TRANSPORT OF PASSENGERS (million passengers-kilometres)	54 102	61 580	117.1	113.8
Railway transport ^a	19 175	20 319	117.0	106.0
Road transport ^b	19 168	18 931	87.8	98.8
Maritime transport ^c	143	143	103.1	99.9
Inland waterways transport	25	26	117.9	103.1
Air transport ^d	15 591	22 169	164.4	142.2

a Excluding urban transport and entities employing up to 9 persons. b Own and leased ships. c Including coastal transport. d Scheduled and non-scheduled (Polish carriers).

In 2017, there was a dynamic increase in air passenger transport. In rail transport – the third year in a row – the significant growth was recorded compared to the previous year.

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