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Freight transportation: results for August 2020

Table A – Year-on-year percentage change in freight transportation (income at current prices)

	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Freight payload	-5,3	-39,7	-22,5	-18,6	-10,5	-12,4
Freight income	-0,1	-42,1	-22,2	-15,9	-8,0	-8,8

The volume of goods transported (payload) decreased by 12,4% in August 2020 compared with August 2019. The corresponding income decreased by 8,8% over the same period.

Table B – Freight transportation income at current prices for the latest three months by type of commodity

Type of commodity	Jun – Aug 2019 (R million)	Weight	Jun – Aug 2020 (R million)	% change between Jun – Aug 2019 and Jun – Aug 2020	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Agriculture and forestry primary products	2 928	6,9	2 819	-3,7	-0,3
Primary mining and quarrying products	15 010	35,4	14 566	-3,0	-1,1
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	4 685	11,0	3 574	-23,7	-2,6
Textiles, clothing and leather goods	592	1,4	590	-0,3	0,0
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	2 866	6,8	2 521	-12,0	-0,8
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	1 327	3,1	758	-42,9	-1,3
Non-metallic products	874	2,1	733	-16,1	-0,3
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	631	1,5	492	-22,0	-0,3
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	917	2,2	784	-14,5	-0,3
Paper and paper products	306	0,7	261	-14,7	-0,1
Commercial products	719	1,7	699	-2,8	0,0
Used household and office products	694	1,6	464	-33,1	-0,5
Containers	2 399	5,7	1 814	-24,4	-1,4
Parcels	890	2,1	949	6,6	0,1
Other freight	7 600	17,9	6 779	-10,8	-1,9
Total income	42 437	100,0	37 808	-10,9	-10,9

Income from freight transportation decreased by 10,9% in the three months ended August 2020 compared with the three months ended August 2019. The main contributors to this decrease were:

- manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products (-23,7% and contributing -2,6 percentage points);
- 'other' freight (-10,8% and contributing -1,9 percentage points);
- containers (-24,4% and contributing -1,4% percentage points);
- basic metals and fabricated metal products (-42,9% and contributing -1,3 percentage points); and
- primary mining and quarrying products (-3,0% and contributing -1,1 percentage points) – see Table B.

Figure 1 – Freight transportation: year-on-year percentage change in payload

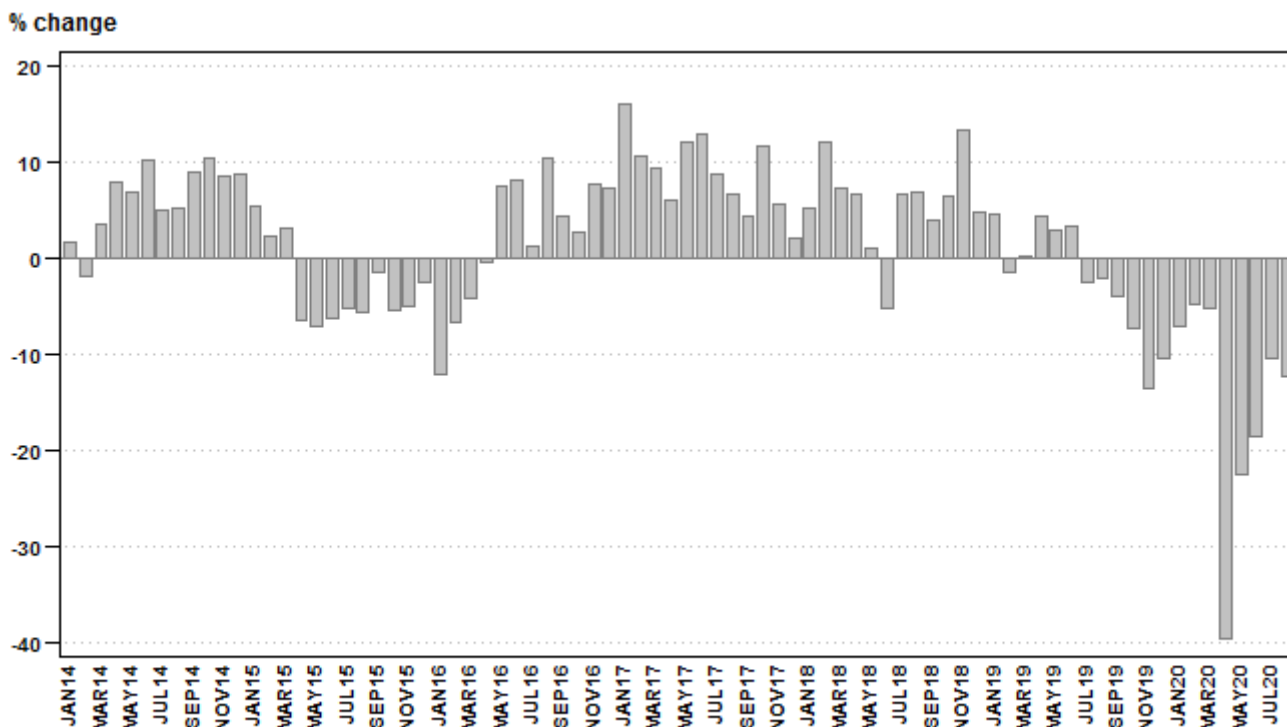


Table C – Seasonally adjusted payload for the latest three months by type of transport

Payload	Mar – May 2020 (000 tons)	Weight	Jun – Aug 2020 (000 tons)	% change between Mar – May 2020 and Jun – Aug 2020	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Rail	43 219	23,8	50 215	16,2	3,9
Road	138 305	76,2	149 909	8,4	6,4
Total	181 525	100,0	200 125	10,2	10,2

Seasonally adjusted payload increased by 10,2% in the three months ended August 2020 compared with the previous three months. Road freight increased by 8,4% (contributing 6,4 percentage points) while rail freight increased by 16,2% (contributing 3,9 percentage points) – see Table C.

Passenger transportation: results for August 2020

Table D – Year-on-year percentage change in passenger transportation (income at current prices)

	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Passenger journeys	-32,8	-84,2	-71,0	-62,5	-62,5	-62,1
Passenger income	-15,1	-81,9	-66,6	-57,8	-54,8	-53,3

The number of passenger journeys decreased by 62,1% in August 2020 compared with August 2019. The corresponding income decreased by 53,3% over the same period.

Figure 2 – Passenger transportation: year-on-year percentage change in passenger journeys

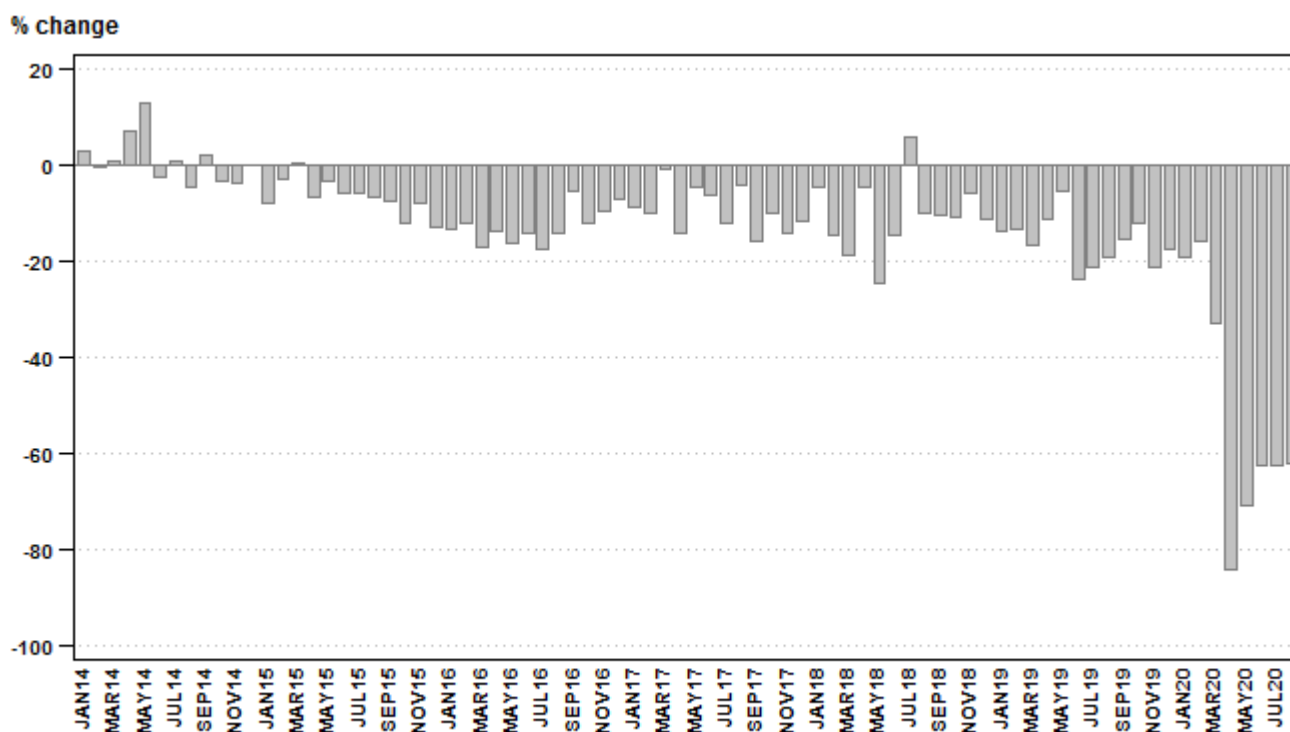


Table E – Seasonally adjusted passenger journeys for the latest three months by type of transport

Passenger journeys	Mar – May 2020 (000)	Weight	Jun – Aug 2020 (000)	% change between Mar – May 2020 and Jun – Aug 2020	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Rail	5 292	11,9	792	-85,0	-10,1
Road	39 224	88,1	41 476	5,7	5,0
Total	44 516	100,0	42 268	-5,0	-5,0

Seasonally adjusted passenger journeys decreased by 5,0% in the three months ended August 2020 compared with the previous three months. Rail passenger journeys decreased by 85,0% (contributing -10,1 percentage points) while road passenger journeys increased by 5,7% (contributing 5,0 percentage points) – see Table E.

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Tables

Table 1 – Freight transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month 1/		Rail		Road		Total	
		Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)
2019	Jan	18 652	3 660	55 214	9 575	73 866	13 235
	Feb	18 538	3 686	56 147	9 719	74 685	13 405
	Mar	17 017	3 331	58 422	9 924	75 439	13 255
	Apr	18 999	3 890	57 594	9 993	76 593	13 882
	May	18 322	3 796	59 844	10 308	78 166	14 104
	Jun	18 992	3 845	59 479	10 262	78 470	14 106
	Jul	15 265	3 219	61 169	10 485	76 433	13 704
	Aug	19 164	3 862	62 344	10 765	81 507	14 627
	Sep	19 456	4 010	57 865	10 090	77 321	14 100
	Oct	16 106	3 483	61 542	10 878	77 648	14 362
	Nov	18 685	3 881	58 795	10 535	77 480	14 415
	Dec	16 544	3 470	48 557	8 991	65 100	12 461
	Total	215 740	44 133	696 972	121 525	912 708	165 656
2020	Jan	17 219	3 561	51 315	9 225	68 534	12 786
	Feb	17 550	3 611	53 467	9 505	71 017	13 116
	Mar	17 832	3 614	53 575	9 625	71 406	13 238
	Apr	10 887	2 062	35 326	5 979	46 212	8 041
	May	14 141	2 930	46 423	8 044	60 564	10 974
	Jun	15 795	3 345	48 093	8 517	63 888	11 862
	Jul	16 089	3 395	52 332	9 216	68 421	12 612
	Aug	17 667	3 773	53 737	9 561	71 404	13 334

1/ Figures for the latest month are preliminary.

Table 2 – Year-on-year percentage change in freight transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month		Rail		Road		Total	
		Payload	Income	Payload	Income	Payload	Income
2019	Jan	5,6	8,0	4,3	6,2	4,6	6,7
	Feb	-6,7	-1,5	0,5	4,5	-1,4	2,8
	Mar	-6,6	-1,3	2,4	3,4	0,2	2,2
	Apr	2,5	6,5	4,9	6,6	4,3	6,6
	May	1,0	5,4	3,6	3,5	3,0	4,0
	Jun	3,8	5,7	3,2	3,6	3,4	4,2
	Jul	-3,3	2,4	-2,5	-1,3	-2,6	-0,5
	Aug	-1,4	2,8	-2,2	-0,3	-2,0	0,5
	Sep	-2,1	2,5	-4,5	-3,6	-3,9	-1,9
	Oct	-5,9	0,0	-7,8	-5,6	-7,4	-4,3
	Nov	-5,5	-1,5	-15,9	-11,9	-13,6	-9,3
	Dec	6,2	10,7	-14,9	-9,3	-10,4	-4,5
	Total	-1,2	3,2	-2,8	-0,7	-2,4	0,3
2020	Jan	-7,7	-2,7	-7,1	-3,7	-7,2	-3,4
	Feb	-5,3	-2,0	-4,8	-2,2	-4,9	-2,2
	Mar	4,8	8,5	-8,3	-3,0	-5,3	-0,1
	Apr	-42,7	-47,0	-38,7	-40,2	-39,7	-42,1
	May	-22,8	-22,8	-22,4	-22,0	-22,5	-22,2
	Jun	-16,8	-13,0	-19,1	-17,0	-18,6	-15,9
	Jul	5,4	5,5	-14,4	-12,1	-10,5	-8,0
	Aug	-7,8	-2,3	-13,8	-11,2	-12,4	-8,8

Table 3 – Seasonally adjusted freight transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month 1/		Rail		Road		Total	
		Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)
2019	Jan	19 221	3 796	59 842	10 379	79 063	14 174
	Feb	18 088	3 664	59 615	10 302	77 703	13 966
	Mar	17 610	3 552	59 483	10 191	77 092	13 742
	Apr	18 707	3 727	60 404	10 452	79 111	14 179
	May	18 602	3 812	58 830	10 102	77 431	13 914
	Jun	18 687	3 784	60 495	10 425	79 182	14 208
	Jul	17 167	3 473	58 684	10 071	75 851	13 544
	Aug	18 118	3 687	59 141	10 255	77 259	13 941
	Sep	17 993	3 752	56 818	9 985	74 811	13 738
	Oct	17 128	3 567	56 465	9 988	73 593	13 555
	Nov	17 521	3 682	54 512	9 693	72 033	13 376
	Dec	17 063	3 561	52 321	9 641	69 384	13 202
2020	Jan	17 692	3 744	55 471	9 967	73 163	13 710
	Feb	17 149	3 636	57 357	10 112	74 506	13 749
	Mar	18 402	3 765	54 301	9 857	72 703	13 623
	Apr	10 512	2 014	37 151	6 287	47 663	8 301
	May	14 305	2 906	46 853	8 081	61 159	10 986
	Jun	15 489	3 189	47 634	8 414	63 124	11 603
	Jul	18 031	3 675	49 785	8 830	67 816	12 504
	Aug	16 695	3 675	52 490	9 395	69 185	13 071

Table 4 – Month-on-month percentage change in seasonally adjusted freight transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month		Rail		Road		Total	
		Payload	Income	Payload	Income	Payload	Income
2019	Jan	20,7	14,1	-5,0	-4,0	0,2	0,2
	Feb	-5,9	-3,5	-0,4	-0,7	-1,7	-1,5
	Mar	-2,6	-3,1	-0,2	-1,1	-0,8	-1,6
	Apr	6,2	4,9	1,5	2,6	2,6	3,2
	May	-0,6	2,3	-2,6	-3,3	-2,1	-1,9
	Jun	0,5	-0,7	2,8	3,2	2,3	2,1
	Jul	-8,1	-8,2	-3,0	-3,4	-4,2	-4,7
	Aug	5,5	6,2	0,8	1,8	1,9	2,9
	Sep	-0,7	1,8	-3,9	-2,6	-3,2	-1,5
	Oct	-4,8	-4,9	-0,6	0,0	-1,6	-1,3
	Nov	2,3	3,2	-3,5	-3,0	-2,1	-1,3
	Dec	-2,6	-3,3	-4,0	-0,5	-3,7	-1,3
2020	Jan	3,7	5,1	6,0	3,4	5,4	3,8
	Feb	-3,1	-2,9	3,4	1,5	1,8	0,3
	Mar	7,3	3,5	-5,3	-2,5	-2,4	-0,9
	Apr	-42,9	-46,5	-31,6	-36,2	-34,4	-39,1
	May	36,1	44,3	26,1	28,5	28,3	32,3
	Jun	8,3	9,7	1,7	4,1	3,2	5,6
	Jul	16,4	15,2	4,5	4,9	7,4	7,8
	Aug	-7,4	0,0	5,4	6,4	2,0	4,5

Table 5 – Freight transportation income at current prices by type of commodity (R million)

Type of commodity	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20 1/
Agriculture and forestry primary products	866	689	854	906	971	942
Primary mining and quarrying products	4 760	3 237	4 345	4 460	4 877	5 229
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	1 560	1 004	1 245	1 202	1 164	1 208
Textiles, clothing and leather products	213	75	158	183	194	213
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	925	661	772	818	836	867
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	340	84	116	225	239	294
Non-metallic products	288	80	184	228	240	265
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	194	94	140	155	170	167
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	287	87	218	240	257	287
Paper and paper products	100	85	89	84	88	89
Commercial products	249	87	190	218	234	247
Used household and office products	158	50	119	150	156	158
Containers	616	406	567	585	597	632
Parcels	308	127	155	297	310	342
Other freight	2 375	1 274	1 822	2 108	2 279	2 392
Total	13 238	8 041	10 974	11 862	12 612	13 334

1/ Figures are preliminary.

Table 6 – Year-on-year percentage change in freight transportation income at current prices by type of commodity

Type of commodity	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Agriculture and forestry primary products	5,5	-18,6	-11,2	-1,9	0,9	-9,6
Primary mining and quarrying products	0,1	-37,4	-17,0	-14,3	5,3	1,1
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	1,3	-27,2	-16,3	-20,5	-27,2	-23,3
Textiles, clothing and leather products	23,8	-66,1	-31,6	-6,6	1,0	4,4
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	3,5	-27,1	-15,4	-11,1	-12,6	-12,4
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	-26,6	-83,8	-76,1	-55,5	-45,3	-23,4
Non-metallic products	5,1	-73,5	-37,4	-24,3	-18,1	-5,4
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	1,6	-55,0	-30,7	-20,1	-19,0	-26,4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	0,0	-69,4	-21,6	-17,5	-19,2	-6,8
Paper and paper products	2,0	-18,3	-8,2	-17,6	-13,7	-12,7
Commercial products	8,3	-61,5	-12,8	3,3	-7,9	-2,8
Used household and office products	-19,0	-71,3	-31,2	-17,6	-17,9	-50,9
Containers	-16,4	-47,3	-21,3	-23,3	-21,6	-27,8
Parcels	22,2	-51,0	-40,2	5,7	8,0	6,2
Other freight	1,1	-49,4	-28,5	-16,2	-9,3	-7,0
Total	-0,1	-42,1	-22,2	-15,9	-8,0	-8,8

Table 7 – Contribution of each type of commodity to the year-on-year percentage change in freight transportation income at current prices (percentage points)

Type of commodity	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20
Agriculture and forestry primary products	0,3	-1,1	-0,8	-0,1	0,1	-0,7
Primary mining and quarrying products	0,1	-13,9	-6,3	-5,3	1,8	0,4
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	0,2	-2,7	-1,7	-2,2	-3,2	-2,5
Textiles, clothing and leather products	0,3	-1,1	-0,5	-0,1	0,0	0,1
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	0,2	-1,8	-1,0	-0,7	-0,9	-0,8
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	-0,9	-3,1	-2,6	-2,0	-1,4	-0,6
Non-metallic products	0,1	-1,6	-0,8	-0,5	-0,4	-0,1
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	0,0	-0,8	-0,4	-0,3	-0,3	-0,4
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	0,0	-1,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,4	-0,1
Paper and paper products	0,0	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,1
Commercial products	0,1	-1,0	-0,2	0,0	-0,1	0,0
Used household and office products	-0,3	-0,9	-0,4	-0,2	-0,2	-1,1
Containers	-0,9	-2,6	-1,1	-1,3	-1,2	-1,7
Parcels	0,4	-1,0	-0,7	0,1	0,2	0,1
Other freight	0,2	-8,9	-5,1	-2,9	-1,7	-1,2
Total	-0,1	-42,1	-22,2	-15,9	-8,0	-8,8

Table 8 – Passenger transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month 1/		Rail		Road		Total	
		Passenger journeys (000)	Income (R million)	Passenger journeys (000)	Income (R million)	Passenger journeys (000)	Income (R million)
2019	Jan	16 012	204	24 212	832	40 224	1 036
	Feb	18 585	194	23 360	739	41 945	933
	Mar	18 107	200	24 392	829	42 499	1 029
	Apr	15 965	176	24 779	844	40 744	1 020
	May	14 236	186	24 645	801	38 881	987
	Jun	14 268	165	20 523	798	34 791	963
	Jul	14 246	179	25 754	833	40 000	1 012
	Aug	14 644	192	25 507	819	40 151	1 011
	Sep	13 705	187	27 017	928	40 722	1 115
	Oct	14 994	198	26 678	895	41 672	1 093
	Nov	12 661	172	24 923	853	37 584	1 025
	Dec	7 176	111	21 816	864	28 992	975
	Total	174 599	2 164	293 606	10 035	468 205	12 199
2020	Jan	8 651	177	23 911	840	32 562	1 017
	Feb	10 665	173	24 621	789	35 286	962
	Mar	5 499	103	23 060	771	28 559	874
	Apr	0	0	6 457	185	6 457	185
	May	61	4	11 199	326	11 260	330
	Jun	145	10	12 903	396	13 048	406
	Jul	274	12	14 738	445	15 012	457
	Aug	402	15	14 834	457	15 236	472

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Table 9 – Year-on-year percentage change in passenger transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month		Rail		Road		Total	
		Passenger journeys	Income	Passenger journeys	Income	Passenger journeys	Income
2019	Jan	-16,3	-3,3	-12,2	-3,0	-13,9	-3,1
	Feb	-12,2	-6,3	-13,9	-2,1	-13,2	-3,0
	Mar	-17,7	-6,5	-15,7	-2,8	-16,5	-3,6
	Apr	-38,6	-22,8	23,9	29,4	-11,4	15,9
	May	-32,9	-11,0	24,1	30,2	-5,3	19,8
	Jun	-34,1	-18,3	-14,6	3,8	-23,8	-0,8
	Jul	-42,0	-14,4	-1,6	-1,5	-21,2	-4,1
	Aug	-35,7	7,3	-4,7	2,4	-19,0	3,3
	Sep	-35,5	-11,8	0,4	13,9	-15,4	8,6
	Oct	-26,5	-10,4	-0,8	4,7	-11,9	1,6
	Nov	-38,6	-14,4	-7,8	0,7	-21,2	-2,2
	Dec	-43,1	-21,3	-3,4	2,1	-17,6	-1,2
	Total	-31,1	-11,1	-3,4	5,5	-16,0	2,1
2020	Jan	-46,0	-13,2	-1,2	1,0	-19,0	-1,8
	Feb	-42,6	-10,8	5,4	6,8	-15,9	3,1
	Mar	-69,6	-48,5	-5,5	-7,0	-32,8	-15,1
	Apr	-100,0	-100,0	-73,9	-78,1	-84,2	-81,9
	May	-99,6	-97,8	-54,6	-59,3	-71,0	-66,6
	Jun	-99,0	-93,9	-37,1	-50,4	-62,5	-57,8
	Jul	-98,1	-93,3	-42,8	-46,6	-62,5	-54,8
	Aug	-97,3	-92,2	-41,8	-44,2	-62,1	-53,3

Table 10 – Seasonally adjusted passenger transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month		Rail		Road		Total	
		Passenger journeys (000)	Income (R million)	Passenger journeys (000)	Income (R million)	Passenger journeys (000)	Income (R million)
2019	Jan	18 161	197	25 892	842	44 053	1 039
	Feb	17 838	189	22 878	791	40 715	980
	Mar	17 040	190	22 060	784	39 100	974
	Apr	17 010	183	25 882	882	42 892	1 065
	May	13 803	186	23 943	825	37 745	1 011
	Jun	14 046	185	20 974	816	35 020	1 001
	Jul	14 247	177	25 592	826	39 838	1 003
	Aug	13 332	182	24 970	829	38 302	1 010
	Sep	13 186	176	25 275	879	38 461	1 054
	Oct	12 897	178	25 996	866	38 894	1 044
	Nov	12 259	169	25 004	845	37 262	1 013
	Dec	10 140	150	24 830	849	34 969	999
2020	Jan	9 871	165	25 539	845	35 410	1 010
	Feb	9 986	164	24 869	845	34 855	1 008
	Mar	5 231	99	20 106	732	25 337	831
	Apr	0	0	7 914	219	7 914	219
	May	61	4	11 204	350	11 265	354
	Jun	140	11	12 318	416	12 458	427
	Jul	262	12	14 483	436	14 745	448
	Aug	390	15	14 675	468	15 065	483

Table 11 – Month-on-month percentage change in seasonally adjusted passenger transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month		Rail		Road		Total	
		Passenger journeys	Income	Passenger journeys	Income	Passenger journeys	Income
2019	Jan	-0,2	4,8	-2,3	1,3	-1,4	2,0
	Feb	-1,8	-4,1	-11,6	-6,1	-7,6	-5,7
	Mar	-4,5	0,5	-3,6	-0,9	-4,0	-0,6
	Apr	-0,2	-3,7	17,3	12,5	9,7	9,3
	May	-18,9	1,6	-7,5	-6,5	-12,0	-5,1
	Jun	1,8	-0,5	-12,4	-1,1	-7,2	-1,0
	Jul	1,4	-4,3	22,0	1,2	13,8	0,2
	Aug	-6,4	2,8	-2,4	0,4	-3,9	0,7
	Sep	-1,1	-3,3	1,2	6,0	0,4	4,4
	Oct	-2,2	1,1	2,9	-1,5	1,1	-0,9
	Nov	-4,9	-5,1	-3,8	-2,4	-4,2	-3,0
	Dec	-17,3	-11,2	-0,7	0,5	-6,2	-1,4
2020	Jan	-2,7	10,0	2,9	-0,5	1,3	1,1
	Feb	1,2	-0,6	-2,6	0,0	-1,6	-0,2
	Mar	-47,6	-39,6	-19,2	-13,4	-27,3	-17,6
	Apr	-100,0	-100,0	-60,6	-70,1	-68,8	-73,6
	May	1/	1/	41,6	59,8	42,3	61,6
	Jun	129,5	175,0	9,9	18,9	10,6	20,6
	Jul	87,1	9,1	17,6	4,8	18,4	4,9
	Aug	48,9	25,0	1,3	7,3	2,2	7,8

1/ Changes from zero in the preceding period cannot be calculated as a percentage.

Survey information

Introduction	1	Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) conducts a monthly survey of the land transportation industry, covering passenger and freight transportation by rail and road (see paragraph 4 below). This survey is based on a sample drawn from the 2019 business sampling frame (BSF) that contains businesses registered for value added tax (VAT) and income tax.
	2	In order to improve timeliness, some information for the latest month had to be estimated due to late response. These estimates will be revised in future statistical releases as soon as information becomes available. Published land transportation income estimates exclude VAT.
Purpose of the survey	3	The results of the monthly land transport survey are used to compile estimates of the gross domestic product (GDP) and its components, which are used in monitoring the state of the economy and formulation of economic policy. These statistics are also used in the analysis of comparative business and industry performance.
Scope of the survey	4	This survey covers enterprises involved in land transportation according to the following type of transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • railway transport (including passenger and freight transportation); • 'other' scheduled passenger land transport – urban, suburban and inter-urban bus and coach passenger lines and school buses; • 'other' non-scheduled passenger land transport – safaris and sightseeing bus tours, metered taxis and 'other' passenger transport including renting of motor cars with drivers; and • freight transport by road.
Exclusions	5	Passenger transportation excludes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minibus taxis; • metropolitan buses (including the Bus Rapid Transport system – BRT); and • rental of private cars/buses without drivers. <p>Freight transportation excludes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • renting of trucks without drivers; and • in-house transportation.
Classification	6	The 1993 edition of the <i>Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 <i>International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities</i> (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC division (two-digit) level. Each enterprise is classified to the industry which reflects its predominant activity.
Collection rate	7	The preliminary collection rate for the survey on land transportation for August 2020 was 82,9%. The improved collection rate for July 2020 was 89,1%.
Statistical unit	8	The statistical unit for which information is compiled and published is an enterprise, defined as a legal unit or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its income activities. The statistical units are derived from and linked to the South African Revenue Service (SARS) administrative data.
Revised figures	9	Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. Preliminary figures, as indicated in the relevant tables, are subject to change and when revised will not be indicated as such.

- Related publications** 10 Users may also wish to refer to the following publication available from Stats SA –
- *Stats in Brief* issued annually.
- Rounding-off of figures** 11 Where figures have been rounded off, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and the totals.
- Historical data** 12 Historical land transport data are available on the Stats SA website. To access the data electronically, use the following link:
[Click to download historical data](#)
- Past publications** 13 Past land transport releases are available on the Stats SA website. To access the releases electronically, use the following link:
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Technical notes

- Survey methodology and design** 1 The survey is conducted on a monthly basis. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of 705 enterprises from a population of 4 329 enterprises. Completed questionnaires are required to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Fax and telephone reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.
- 2 A stratified random sample was drawn at the SIC four-digit level in April 2019 from Stats SA's business sampling frame (BSF). Strata were formed using a combination of Standard Industrial Classification and the measure of size classes for enterprises (see paragraph 3 below).

The Neyman optimal allocation formula given below was used to allocate samples to each stratum:

$$n_h = n * (N_h * S_h) / [\sum (N_i * S_i)].$$

Neyman allocation formula not only allocates sample sizes to each stratum but also calculates the relative precision for each stratum as well as the relative precision for all strata. The relative precision for these strata was 0,8%.

- Sample design and class limits** 3 The land transportation industry is divided into four size groups. All large enterprises (size group one) are completely enumerated. Simple random sampling is applied to medium sized (size group two) and to small (size group three and four) enterprises. The total value of income of the large enterprises (size group one) is added to the weighted totals of size groups two, three and four to reflect the total value of income.

Measure of size classes (Rand)

Enterprise size	Size group	Lower limits	Upper limits
Very small	4	1 141 401	9 000 000
Small	3	9 000 001	39 000 000
Medium	2	39 000 001	78 000 000
Large	1	78 000 001	

- Sample weighting** 4 For those strata not completely enumerated, the weights to produce estimates are the inverse ratio of the sampling fraction, modified to take account of non-response in the survey. Stratum estimates are calculated and then aggregated with the completely enumerated stratum to form division estimates. These procedures are in line with international best practice.

- Reliability of estimates** 5 Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample and are, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all enterprises in the land transport industry in South Africa. Estimates are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors.

- 6** Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in the collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling errors. Every effort is made to minimise non-sampling errors by careful design of questionnaires, testing them in pilot studies, editing reported data and implementing efficient operating procedures. Fluctuations may occur in consecutive months as a result of seasonal and economic factors.
- Year-on-year percentage change** **7** The year-on-year percentage change in a variable for any given period is the change between that period and the corresponding period of the previous year, expressed as a percentage of the latter.
- Contribution (percentage points)** **8** The contribution (percentage points) to the annual percentage change for any given period is calculated by multiplying the percentage change of each type of commodity/service by its corresponding weight, divided by 100. The weight is the percentage contribution of each type of commodity/service to total income in the corresponding period of the previous year.
- Seasonal adjustment** **9** Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the US Bureau of the Census. Seasonal adjustment is a means of removing the estimated effects of normal seasonal variation from the series so that the effects of other influences on the series can be recognised more clearly. Seasonal adjustment does not aim to remove irregular or non-seasonal influences which may be present in any particular month. Influences that are volatile or unsystematic can still make it difficult to interpret the movement of the series even after adjustment for seasonal variations. Therefore the month-to-month movements of seasonally adjusted estimates may not be reliable indicators of trend behaviour. The X-12-ARIMA procedure for land transportation is described in more detail on the Stats SA website at:
[Click to download seasonal adjustment land transport August 2017](#)
- Note:** Owing to the impact of the COVID-19 lockdown, additive outlier and transitory change adjustments were applied. Transitory (temporary) change describes a temporary effect on the level of a series after a certain point in time. The methodology will be reviewed as more data points are added to the time series.
- Trend cycle** **10** The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates to estimates of the underlying trend cycle.

Glossary

Enterprise An enterprise is a legal entity or a combination of legal units that includes and directly controls all functions necessary to carry out its activities.

Industry An industry is made up of enterprises engaged in the same or similar kinds of economic activity. Industries are defined in the *System of National Accounts* (SNA) in the same way as in the *Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities* (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02 of January 1993.

Symbols and abbreviations	BSF	Business sampling frame
	GDP	Gross domestic product
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	VAT	Value added tax

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