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## Freight transportation: results for August 2024

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

	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24
Freight payload	-4,1	-6,1	-8,6	-3,8	-5,8	-6,7
Freight income	0,5	0,6	-1,1	-0,8	-1,1	-2,7

The volume of goods transported (payload) decreased by 6,7% in August 2024 compared with August 2023. The corresponding income decreased by 2,7% 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 2023 (R million)	Weight (%)	Jun – Aug 2024 (R million)	% change between Jun – Aug 2023 and Jun – Aug 2024	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Agriculture and forestry primary products	3 843	6,9	3 558	-7,4	-0,5
Primary mining and quarrying products	18 813	33,6	19 046	1,2	0,4
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	6 482	11,6	6 414	-1,0	-0,1
Textiles, clothing and leather goods	1 316	2,4	1 369	4,0	0,1
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	2 643	4,7	2 520	-4,7	-0,2
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	821	1,5	836	1,8	0,0
Non-metallic products	478	0,9	534	11,7	0,1
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	1 112	2,0	1 109	-0,3	0,0
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	1 545	2,8	1 610	4,2	0,1
Paper and paper products	268	0,5	263	-1,9	0,0
Commercial products	1 215	2,2	1 492	22,8	0,5
Used household and office products	1 260	2,3	1 154	-8,4	-0,2
Containers	2 628	4,7	2 988	13,7	0,6
Parcels	1 446	2,6	1 458	0,8	0,0
Other freight	12 104	21,6	10 746	-11,2	-2,4
<b>Total income</b>	<b>55 975</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>55 101</b>	<b>-1,6</b>	<b>-1,6</b>

Income from freight transportation decreased by 1,6% in the three months ended August 2024 compared with the three months ended August 2023. The main negative contributors to this decrease were:

- 'other' freight (-11,2% and contributing -2,4 percentage points); and
- agriculture and forestry primary products (-7,4% and contributing -0,5 of a percentage point).

The main positive contributors were:

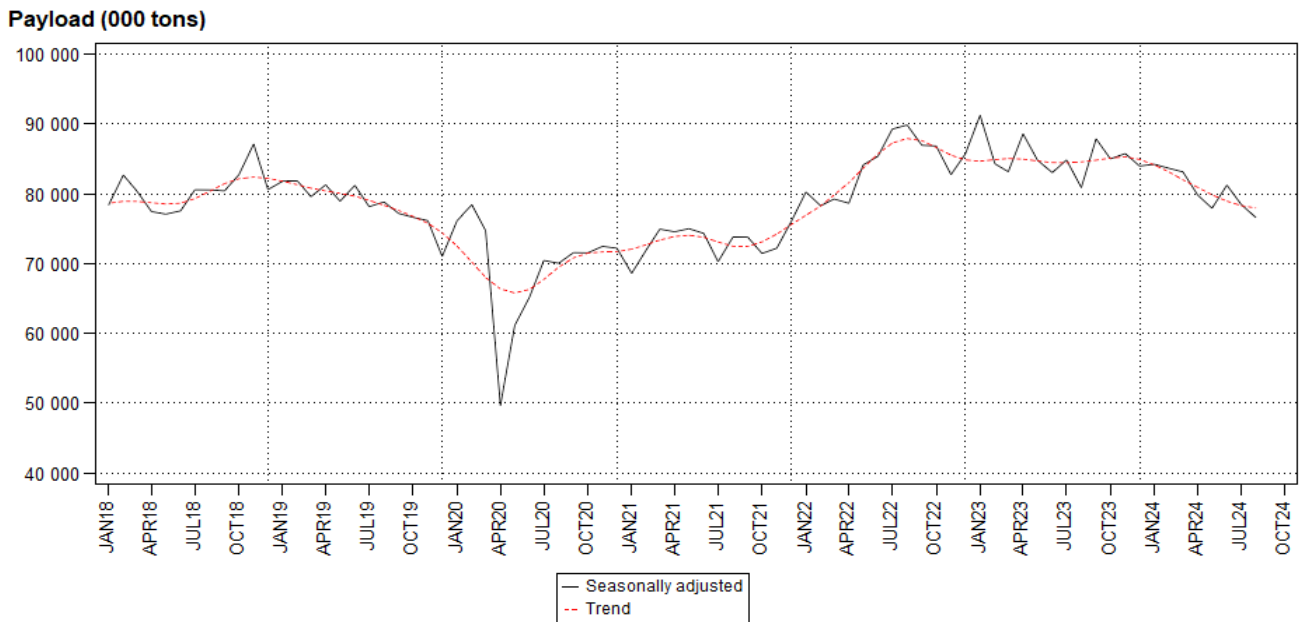
- containers (13,7% and contributing 0,6 of a percentage point); and
- commercial products (22,8% and contributing 0,5 of a percentage point) – see Table B.

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

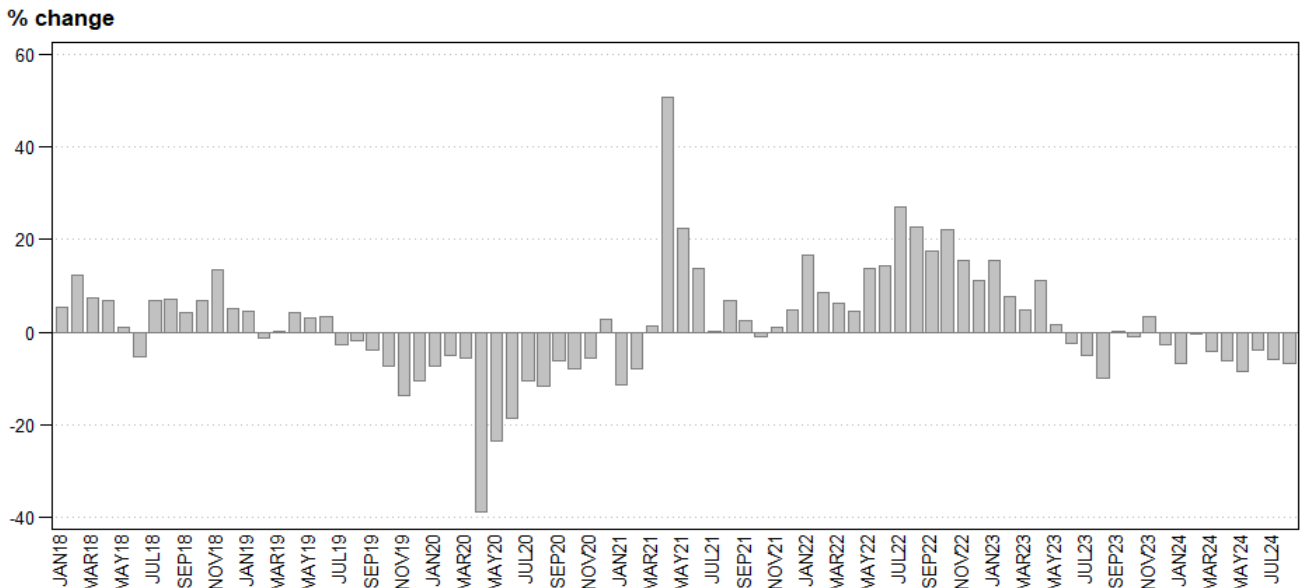
Payload	Mar – May 2024 (000 tons)	Weight (%)	Jun – Aug 2024 (000 tons)	% change between Mar – May 2024 and Jun – Aug 2024	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Rail	40 510	16,8	40 749	0,6	0,1
Road	200 359	83,2	195 537	-2,4	-2,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>240 869</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>236 285</b>	<b>-1,9</b>	<b>-1,9</b>

Seasonally adjusted payload decreased by 1,9% in the three months ended August 2024 compared with the previous three months. Road freight decreased by 2,4% (contributing -2,0 percentage points) while rail freight increased by 0,6% (contributing 0,1 of a percentage point) – see Table C.

**Figure 1 – Freight transportation: seasonally adjusted payload**



**Figure 2 – Freight transportation: year-on-year percentage change in payload**



**Passenger transportation: results for August 2024**

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

	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24
Passenger journeys	4,2	29,1	6,7	3,0	15,2	11,6
Passenger income	3,4	17,1	11,7	7,3	10,3	7,3

The number of passenger journeys increased by 11,6% in August 2024 compared with August 2023. The corresponding income increased by 7,3% over the same period.

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

Passenger journeys	Mar – May 2024 (000)	Weight (%)	Jun – Aug 2024 (000)	% change between Mar – May 2024 and Jun – Aug 2024	Contribution (% points) to the total % change
Rail	15 028	18,2	18 836	25,3	4,6
Road	67 740	81,8	64 117	-5,3	-4,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>82 770</b>	<b>100,0</b>	<b>82 953</b>	<b>0,2</b>	<b>0,2</b>

Seasonally adjusted passenger journeys increased by 0,2% in the three months ended August 2024 compared with the previous three months. Rail passenger journeys increased by 25,3% (contributing 4,6 percentage points) while road passenger journeys decreased by 5,3% (contributing -4,3 percentage points) – see Table E.

**Figure 3 – Passenger transportation: seasonally adjusted passenger journeys**

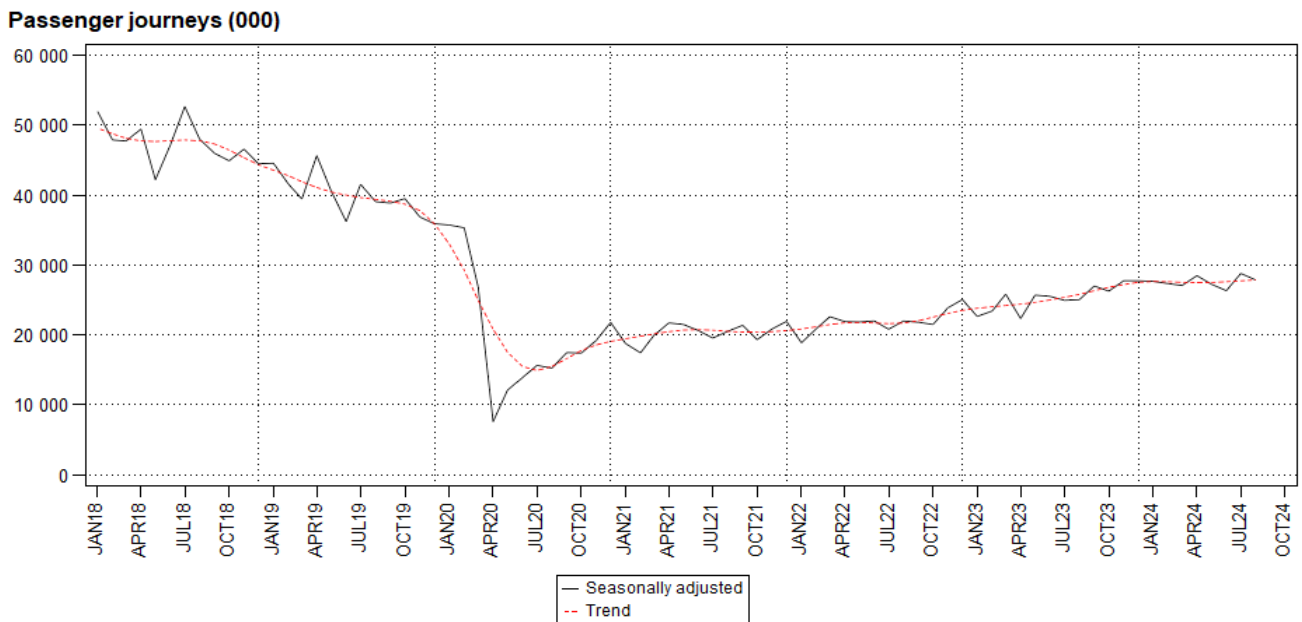
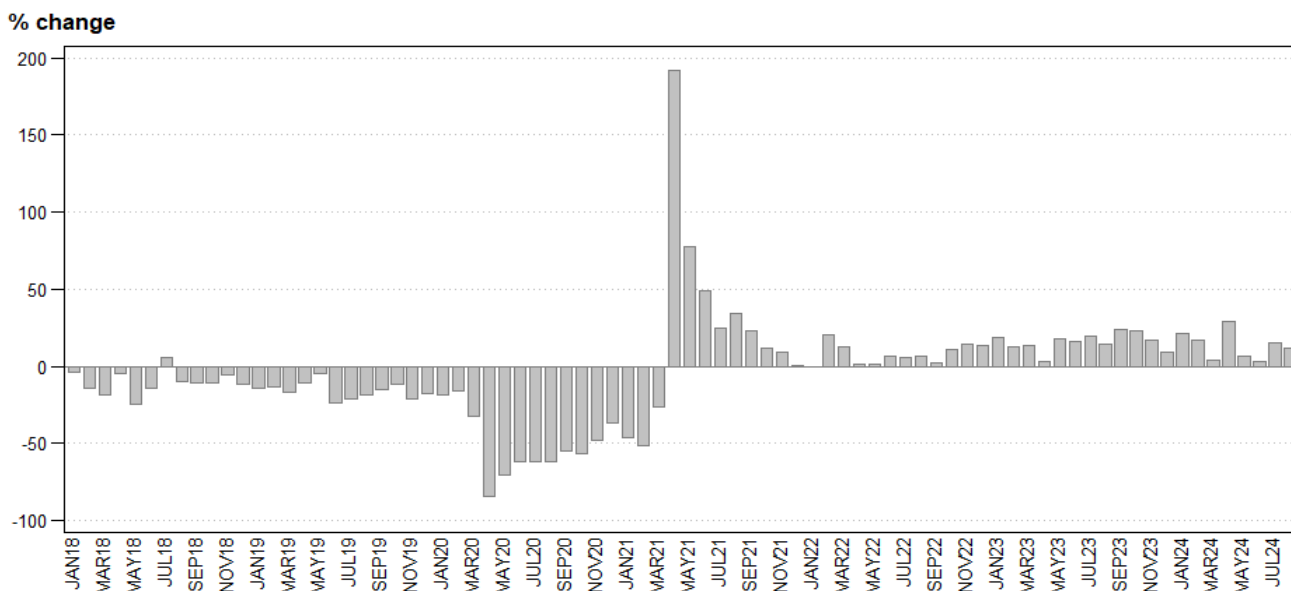


Figure 4 – Passenger transportation: year-on-year percentage change in passenger journeys



  
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## Tables

Table 1 – Freight transportation (income at current prices)

Year and month		Rail		Road		Total	
		Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)
2023	Jan	13 242	2 986	70 995	14 683	84 237	17 669
	Feb	12 961	2 976	65 887	13 854	78 848	16 830
	Mar	11 964	2 853	71 003	14 971	82 967	17 824
	Apr	13 552	3 283	71 195	14 707	84 747	17 990
	May	12 096	3 060	75 445	15 485	87 541	18 545
	Jun	13 282	3 500	70 292	14 781	83 574	18 280
	Jul	11 247	2 856	74 273	15 608	85 520	18 463
	Aug	13 841	3 485	73 709	15 747	87 550	19 232
	Sep	18 971	4 825	71 311	15 373	90 281	20 198
	Oct	11 839	3 052	76 653	16 306	88 492	19 358
	Nov	13 338	3 457	77 411	16 249	90 749	19 706
	Dec	14 042	3 822	64 158	13 987	78 200	17 809
	<b>Total</b>	<b>160 375</b>	<b>40 155</b>	<b>862 332</b>	<b>181 751</b>	<b>1 022 706</b>	<b>221 904</b>
2024	Jan	12 773	3 343	65 829	14 257	78 602	17 600
	Feb	13 855	3 617	64 879	14 253	78 734	17 870
	Mar	13 293	3 528	66 301	14 394	79 595	17 922
	Apr	13 761	3 656	65 789	14 433	79 549	18 089
	May	13 227	3 703	66 825	14 646	80 053	18 349
	Jun	13 358	3 642	67 007	14 488	80 366	18 130
	Jul	13 036	3 517	67 563	14 738	80 599	18 256
	Aug	13 586	3 758	68 097	14 957	81 684	18 715

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
2023	Jan	-5,4	3,2	20,2	21,8	15,3	18,2
	Feb	-12,3	-2,6	12,6	14,0	7,6	10,7
	Mar	-9,6	3,2	7,6	8,9	4,8	8,0
	Apr	-6,1	5,0	15,0	12,8	11,0	11,3
	May	-12,0	2,8	4,0	2,8	1,5	2,8
	Jun	0,2	14,4	-3,0	-2,6	-2,5	0,3
	Jul	-8,3	0,2	-4,4	-4,8	-4,9	-4,1
	Aug	-4,6	5,5	-10,9	-6,6	-10,0	-4,6
	Sep	28,2	38,0	-5,1	-2,9	0,3	4,5
	Oct	18,4	47,0	-3,5	0,9	-1,1	6,2
	Nov	46,0	50,6	-1,7	-2,7	3,2	3,7
	Dec	16,8	37,2	-6,2	-2,7	-2,8	3,8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,7</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>1,1</b>	<b>2,4</b>	<b>1,4</b>	<b>4,6</b>
2024	Jan	-3,5	12,0	-7,3	-2,9	-6,7	-0,4
	Feb	6,9	21,5	-1,5	2,9	-0,1	6,2
	Mar	11,1	23,7	-6,6	-3,9	-4,1	0,5
	Apr	1,5	11,4	-7,6	-1,9	-6,1	0,6
	May	9,4	21,0	-11,4	-5,4	-8,6	-1,1
	Jun	0,6	4,1	-4,7	-2,0	-3,8	-0,8
	Jul	15,9	23,1	-9,0	-5,6	-5,8	-1,1
	Aug	-1,8	7,8	-7,6	-5,0	-6,7	-2,7

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

Year and month		Rail		Road		Total	
		Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)	Payload (000 tons)	Income (R million)
<b>2023</b>	Jan	13 611	3 128	77 634	15 894	91 245	19 022
	Feb	12 621	2 973	71 682	14 939	84 303	17 912
	Mar	12 308	3 016	70 851	14 906	83 159	17 922
	Apr	13 054	3 179	75 532	15 742	88 587	18 921
	May	12 329	3 100	72 513	14 997	84 842	18 096
	Jun	13 102	3 395	69 930	14 621	83 032	18 016
	Jul	12 726	3 117	72 122	15 211	84 849	18 328
	Aug	13 039	3 290	67 848	14 754	80 887	18 044
	Sep	17 318	4 406	70 562	15 081	87 880	19 488
	Oct	13 069	3 271	71 933	15 418	85 001	18 689
	Nov	13 025	3 418	72 738	15 251	85 764	18 669
	Dec	13 692	3 696	70 285	15 145	83 977	18 840
<b>2024</b>	Jan	13 127	3 504	71 099	15 288	84 226	18 793
	Feb	13 422	3 604	70 225	15 319	83 647	18 923
	Mar	13 729	3 728	69 404	15 114	83 133	18 842
	Apr	13 226	3 544	66 574	14 552	79 800	18 097
	May	13 555	3 748	64 381	14 211	77 936	17 959
	Jun	13 193	3 546	68 044	14 689	81 237	18 235
	Jul	14 665	3 829	63 804	13 963	78 469	17 792
	Aug	12 891	3 567	63 689	14 178	76 579	17 744

**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
<b>2023</b>	Jan	15,3	14,8	5,0	3,4	6,5	5,1
	Feb	-7,3	-5,0	-7,7	-6,0	-7,6	-5,8
	Mar	-2,5	1,4	-1,2	-0,2	-1,4	0,1
	Apr	6,1	5,4	6,6	5,6	6,5	5,6
	May	-5,6	-2,5	-4,0	-4,7	-4,2	-4,4
	Jun	6,3	9,5	-3,6	-2,5	-2,1	-0,4
	Jul	-2,9	-8,2	3,1	4,0	2,2	1,7
	Aug	2,5	5,6	-5,9	-3,0	-4,7	-1,5
	Sep	32,8	33,9	4,0	2,2	8,6	8,0
	Oct	-24,5	-25,8	1,9	2,2	-3,3	-4,1
	Nov	-0,3	4,5	1,1	-1,1	0,9	-0,1
	Dec	5,1	8,1	-3,4	-0,7	-2,1	0,9
<b>2024</b>	Jan	-4,1	-5,2	1,2	0,9	0,3	-0,2
	Feb	2,2	2,9	-1,2	0,2	-0,7	0,7
	Mar	2,3	3,4	-1,2	-1,3	-0,6	-0,4
	Apr	-3,7	-4,9	-4,1	-3,7	-4,0	-4,0
	May	2,5	5,8	-3,3	-2,3	-2,3	-0,8
	Jun	-2,7	-5,4	5,7	3,4	4,2	1,5
	Jul	11,2	8,0	-6,2	-4,9	-3,4	-2,4
	Aug	-12,1	-6,8	-0,2	1,5	-2,4	-0,3



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

Type of commodity	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24
Agriculture and forestry primary products	988	1 019	1 183	1 144	1 179	1 235
Primary mining and quarrying products	6 300	6 218	6 164	6 430	6 208	6 408
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	2 081	2 053	2 115	2 077	2 117	2 220
Textiles, clothing and leather products	434	518	481	416	458	495
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	816	870	846	850	832	838
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	253	254	227	262	269	305
Non-metallic products	147	163	174	173	182	179
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	435	426	334	366	350	393
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	470	513	507	507	541	562
Paper and paper products	99	98	100	84	89	90
Commercial products	488	507	492	496	496	500
Used household and office products	394	381	371	389	393	372
Containers	1 149	1 165	1 004	998	1 038	952
Parcels	522	550	505	447	513	498
Other freight	3 348	3 354	3 846	3 488	3 591	3 667
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 922</b>	<b>18 089</b>	<b>18 349</b>	<b>18 130</b>	<b>18 256</b>	<b>18 715</b>

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

Type of commodity	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24
Agriculture and forestry primary products	-16,3	-8,4	-9,4	-10,2	-5,3	-6,7
Primary mining and quarrying products	5,3	-3,3	-5,5	-1,6	-3,0	8,9
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	-14,6	-28,8	-3,9	-4,5	0,6	0,8
Textiles, clothing and leather products	-2,5	29,8	-1,8	-8,6	8,0	13,3
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	-3,9	11,5	-7,1	0,2	-3,0	-10,6
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	11,0	-4,2	-10,3	-9,7	2,3	13,8
Non-metallic products	6,5	32,5	13,0	5,5	11,7	18,5
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	31,4	38,3	-6,2	4,0	-10,9	7,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	-4,5	10,3	-2,3	2,2	4,2	6,0
Paper and paper products	12,5	16,7	13,6	1,2	-4,3	-2,2
Commercial products	32,6	42,0	29,5	28,5	12,0	29,5
Used household and office products	2,1	14,4	-2,6	-6,9	-10,1	-8,1
Containers	40,0	43,6	15,1	18,2	12,9	10,1
Parcels	8,3	48,6	-1,2	-7,8	10,8	0,0
Other freight	-6,9	2,6	6,8	0,3	-4,0	-24,9
<b>Total</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>-1,1</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>-1,1</b>	<b>-2,7</b>

**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-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24
Agriculture and forestry primary products	-1,1	-0,5	-0,7	-0,7	-0,4	-0,5
Primary mining and quarrying products	1,8	-1,2	-1,9	-0,6	-1,0	2,7
Manufactured food, beverages and tobacco products	-2,0	-4,6	-0,5	-0,5	0,1	0,1
Textiles, clothing and leather products	-0,1	0,7	0,0	-0,2	0,2	0,3
Chemicals, coke, petroleum, rubber, plastic and other mineral products	-0,2	0,5	-0,4	0,0	-0,1	-0,5
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	0,1	-0,1	-0,1	-0,2	0,0	0,2
Non-metallic products	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,1
Electrical machinery, transport machinery and equipment	0,6	0,7	-0,1	0,1	-0,2	0,1
Motor vehicles, parts and accessories	-0,1	0,3	-0,1	0,1	0,1	0,2
Paper and paper products	0,1	0,1	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
Commercial products	0,7	0,8	0,6	0,6	0,3	0,6
Used household and office products	0,0	0,3	-0,1	-0,2	-0,2	-0,2
Containers	1,8	2,0	0,7	0,8	0,6	0,5
Parcels	0,2	1,0	0,0	-0,2	0,3	0,0
Other freight	-1,4	0,5	1,3	0,1	-0,8	-6,3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0,5</b>	<b>0,6</b>	<b>-1,1</b>	<b>-0,8</b>	<b>-1,1</b>	<b>-2,7</b>

**Table 8 – 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)
2023	Jan	2 483	125	18 901	787	21 384	912
	Feb	3 124	122	20 859	770	23 983	892
	Mar	3 567	136	24 333	903	27 900	1 039
	Apr	2 635	110	17 830	730	20 465	840
	May	3 468	113	21 437	776	24 905	889
	Jun	3 222	116	21 625	874	24 847	990
	Jul	3 163	96	21 371	849	24 534	945
	Aug	3 901	117	21 835	819	25 736	936
	Sep	3 844	143	25 668	930	29 512	1 073
	Oct	4 379	153	23 783	831	28 162	984
	Nov	4 915	143	24 225	861	29 140	1 004
	Dec	3 058	79	20 669	952	23 727	1 031
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41 759</b>	<b>1 453</b>	<b>262 536</b>	<b>10 082</b>	<b>304 295</b>	<b>11 535</b>
2024	Jan	4 078	151	21 880	885	25 958	1 036
	Feb	5 404	149	22 701	832	28 105	981
	Mar	5 096	151	23 974	923	29 070	1 074
	Apr	5 168	145	21 248	839	26 416	984
	May	5 255	134	21 311	859	26 566	993
	Jun	4 676	124	20 925	938	25 601	1 062
	Jul	6 989	117	21 262	925	28 251	1 042
	Aug	7 311	149	21 418	855	28 729	1 004

**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
2023	Jan	81,6	257,1	13,9	19,2	19,1	31,2
	Feb	58,3	106,8	7,9	11,9	12,5	19,4
	Mar	60,8	100,0	9,1	9,1	13,7	16,0
	Apr	82,9	44,7	-3,1	1,4	3,2	5,5
	May	169,9	46,8	8,4	8,4	18,3	12,1
	Jun	215,6	81,3	5,8	11,6	15,8	16,9
	Jul	199,5	5,5	9,7	10,5	19,4	10,0
	Aug	192,2	21,9	3,0	9,2	14,2	10,6
	Sep	174,6	37,5	14,4	11,9	23,8	14,8
	Oct	140,1	39,1	12,9	11,5	23,0	15,1
	Nov	112,7	37,5	6,8	9,7	16,6	12,9
	Dec	62,1	29,5	4,2	5,1	9,2	6,6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>118,4</b>	<b>53,8</b>	<b>7,8</b>	<b>9,8</b>	<b>15,8</b>	<b>13,9</b>
2024	Jan	64,2	20,8	15,8	12,5	21,4	13,6
	Feb	73,0	22,1	8,8	8,1	17,2	10,0
	Mar	42,9	11,0	-1,5	2,2	4,2	3,4
	Apr	96,1	31,8	19,2	14,9	29,1	17,1
	May	51,5	18,6	-0,6	10,7	6,7	11,7
	Jun	45,1	6,9	-3,2	7,3	3,0	7,3
	Jul	121,0	21,9	-0,5	9,0	15,2	10,3
	Aug	87,4	27,4	-1,9	4,4	11,6	7,3

**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)
2023	Jan	2 926	113	19 710	782	22 636	896
	Feb	2 914	114	20 498	839	23 412	952
	Mar	3 355	125	22 471	872	25 825	997
	Apr	2 608	113	19 728	802	22 335	916
	May	3 398	117	22 284	814	25 682	931
	Jun	3 348	126	22 159	854	25 507	979
	Jul	3 246	112	21 685	834	24 932	946
	Aug	3 607	116	21 428	844	25 035	960
	Sep	3 582	127	23 409	856	26 990	983
	Oct	3 729	130	22 520	826	26 248	955
	Nov	4 667	133	23 079	858	27 746	991
	Dec	4 613	125	23 129	897	27 742	1 022
2024	Jan	4 807	136	22 850	879	27 657	1 016
	Feb	5 018	138	22 318	886	27 336	1 024
	Mar	4 900	139	22 158	892	27 059	1 031
	Apr	4 995	149	23 473	921	28 468	1 070
	May	5 133	139	22 109	903	27 243	1 042
	Jun	4 884	135	21 433	912	26 317	1 047
	Jul	7 183	139	21 605	908	28 788	1 047
	Aug	6 769	148	21 079	884	27 848	1 031

**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
2023	Jan	3,2	17,7	-11,3	-8,8	-9,6	-5,9
	Feb	-0,4	0,9	4,0	7,3	3,4	6,3
	Mar	15,1	9,6	9,6	3,9	10,3	4,7
	Apr	-22,3	-9,6	-12,2	-8,0	-13,5	-8,1
	May	30,3	3,5	13,0	1,5	15,0	1,6
	Jun	-1,5	7,7	-0,6	4,9	-0,7	5,2
	Jul	-3,0	-11,1	-2,1	-2,3	-2,3	-3,4
	Aug	11,1	3,6	-1,2	1,2	0,4	1,5
	Sep	-0,7	9,5	9,2	1,4	7,8	2,4
	Oct	4,1	2,4	-3,8	-3,5	-2,7	-2,8
	Nov	25,2	2,3	2,5	3,9	5,7	3,8
	Dec	-1,2	-6,0	0,2	4,5	0,0	3,1
2024	Jan	4,2	8,8	-1,2	-2,0	-0,3	-0,6
	Feb	4,4	1,5	-2,3	0,8	-1,2	0,8
	Mar	-2,4	0,7	-0,7	0,7	-1,0	0,7
	Apr	1,9	7,2	5,9	3,3	5,2	3,8
	May	2,8	-6,7	-5,8	-2,0	-4,3	-2,6
	Jun	-4,9	-2,9	-3,1	1,0	-3,4	0,5
	Jul	47,1	3,0	0,8	-0,4	9,4	0,0
	Aug	-5,8	6,5	-2,4	-2,6	-3,3	-1,5

## Explanatory notes

- 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 points 3 and 4 below). This survey is based on a sample drawn from the 2023 statistical business register (SBR) that contains businesses registered for value-added tax (VAT) and income tax. Published land transportation income estimates exclude VAT.
- Purpose of the survey** 2 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** 3 This survey covers enterprises involved in land transportation according to the following types of transportation:
- 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** 4 Passenger transportation excludes:
- minibus taxis;
  - metropolitan buses (including the Bus Rapid Transport system – BRT); and
  - rental of private cars/buses without drivers.
- Freight transportation excludes:
- renting of trucks without drivers; and
  - in-house transportation.
- Classification** 5 The 1993 edition of the *Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (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 *International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities* (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** 6 The preliminary collection rate for the survey on land transportation for August 2024 was 70,7%. The revised collection rate for July 2024 was 74,1%.
- Statistical unit** 7 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** 8 Revised figures are mainly due to late submission of data to Stats SA, or respondents reporting revisions or corrections to their figures. The reasons for routine revisions are outlined in the schedule on the following page. Any unscheduled revisions will be promptly indicated in relevant tables to maintain transparency and accuracy. It is important to note that seasonally adjusted figures are revised monthly.

Statistical release	Reason for revision	Period subject to revision
Aug-24	Additional information from respondents	Jul-24
Sep-24	Additional information from respondents	Aug-24
Oct-24	Additional information from respondents	Sep-24
Nov-24	Additional information from respondents	Oct-24
Dec-24	Additional information from respondents	Nov-24
Jan-25	Additional information from respondents	Dec-24
Feb-25	Additional information from respondents	Jan-25
Mar-25	Additional information from respondents	Feb-25
Apr-25	Additional information from respondents	Mar-25
May-25	Additional information from respondents	Apr-25
Jun-25	Additional information from respondents	May-25
Jul-25	Additional information from respondents	Jun-25

**Related publications**

9 Users may also wish to refer to *Stats in Brief* available from Stats SA.

**Rounding-off of figures**

10 Where figures have been rounded off, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and the totals.

**Historical data**

11 Historical land transport data are available on the Stats SA website. To access the data electronically, use the following link:  
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**Technical notes**

**Survey methodology and design**

- The survey is conducted on a monthly basis. Questionnaires are sent to a sample of 784 enterprises from a population of 5 136 enterprises. Completed questionnaires are required to be returned to Stats SA within 10 days after the end of the reference month. Email and telephone reminders are used to follow up on non-respondents.
- A stratified random sample was drawn at the SIC four-digit level in April 2023 from Stats SA’s statistical business register (SBR). 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 1,2%.

**Sample design and class limits**

- 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 (size group two), small (size group three) and micro (size group 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 limit	Upper limit
Very small	4	1 375 366	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.
- Reliability of estimates**      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.
- Relative standard error**      7      One measure is the standard error (SE), which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of enterprises was used. The relative standard error (RSE) provides an immediate indication of the percentage errors likely to have occurred due to sampling, and thus avoids the need to refer to the size of the estimate.

**Estimates of land transport within 95% confidence limits – August 2024**

	Lower limit (R million)	Estimate (R million)	Upper limit (R million)	Relative standard error (RSE) %
Freight income	16 943	18 715	20 486	4,8
Passenger income	989	1 004	1 019	0,7

- Year-on-year percentage change**      8      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)**      9      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**      10      Seasonally adjusted estimates are generated each month using the X-12-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Program developed by the United States Census Bureau. 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 February 2022.](#)
- Trend cycle**      11      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.

<b>Symbols and abbreviations</b>	GDP	Gross domestic product
	ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	SARS	South African Revenue Service
	SBR	Statistical Business Register
	SIC	Standard Industrial Classification of All Economic Activities
	Stats SA	Statistics South Africa
	VAT	Value-added tax
	*	Revised figures

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