

Key Transport Statistics

2024 Data

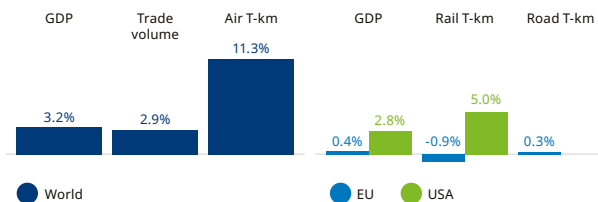
2025

Freight transport

In 2024, the global economy continued its steady recovery despite heterogeneity between regions. Global real GDP grew by 3.2% between 2023 and 2024, 1.7% in advanced economies and 4.2% in emerging and developing economies. World trade volumes increased by 2.9%, and air freight tonne-kilometres by 11.3% in 2024 compared to 2023, a more substantial growth than in 2023. Global air cargo has experienced sustained improvement since the spring of 2022, leading the industry to record high volumes in 2024. The EU27 registered stagnant surface transport growth. Rail transport (measured in tonne-kilometres) decreased by 0.9%, while road transport increased by 0.3%. In contrast, the United States showed a recovery in rail transport, which increased by 5.0%.

GDP, trade and freight transport in 2024

(Percentage change from 2023 to 2024)



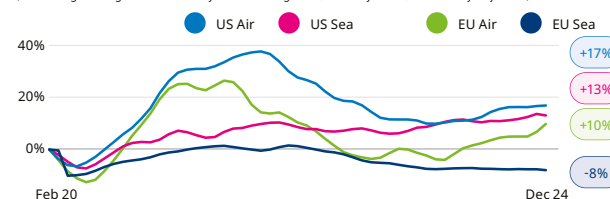
Sources: International Transport Forum, except world GDP (IMF), trade volume (WTO), air T-km (IATA). Note: EU rail T-km coverage (BEL, CYP and ROU not included. AUT, FRA and NLD 3 quarters). EU road T-km coverage (CYP, GRC, ITA, MLT, and ROU not included. AUT, BEL, FRA, DEU, IRL, NLD, and SVK 3 quarters).

Air and Sea freight volumes in 2024

EU27 freight transport showed a mixed performance in 2024. Air-borne transport showed continuous growth throughout the year and was, on average, 4% above the pre-pandemic benchmark in February 2020. In December 2024, air freight closed 10% higher than February 2020 levels. On the other hand, maritime transport in the EU27 has mostly remained below the benchmark due to international turmoil and sluggish economic growth in the years following the pandemic. Maritime freight transport in December 2024 registered levels 8% lower than the pre-pandemic benchmark. US freight transport has shown signs of resilience in the post-pandemic period, staying above the levels registered in February 2020 thanks to a rapid economic recovery. In December 2024, air freight was 17% higher than in February 2020. Maritime transport has been steadily increasing for the last four years, reaching volumes 13% bigger than the benchmark.

External trade by sea and air

(Percentage change from February 2020 in kilograms, monthly trend, seasonally adjusted)



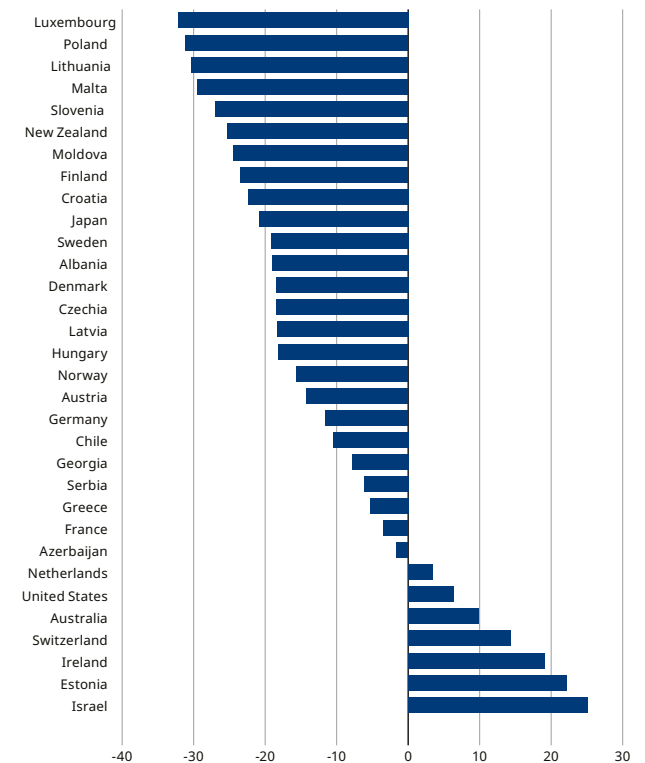
Source: Eurostat and the U.S. Census Bureau (Data processed by the International Transport Forum).

Road safety measures effective in reducing fatalities

National speed limits, authorised blood alcohol content, seat-belt and helmet laws, and infrastructure improvements have been key drivers, among other policies, in reducing road fatalities during the last decades. A comparison of road deaths between 2024 and the average number of fatalities in 2017-19 shows an improvement in road safety in 25 countries. Excluding Luxembourg and Malta due to small populations, the most significant reduction in road deaths was recorded in Poland (-34%), Lithuania (-33%), and Slovenia (-29%). Only 7 reporting countries experienced an increase in road deaths.

Number of Road Fatalities in 2024

(Percentage change from the average 2017-19)



Source: International Transport Forum

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COUNTRIES	RAIL								ROAD										INLAND WATERWAYS															
					Goods Transport (million T-km)		Passengers Carried (million P-km)						Goods Transport (million T-km)		Traffic (million V-km)		First Registration (number)				Fuel Deliveries (1000 Tons)				Road Accident Fatalities (number)						Goods Transport (million T-km)			
	National		International		Total				International		Total						Passenger Cars		Goods Vehicles		Motor Petrol		Motor Diesel											
	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23	2024	Δ% 24/23		
Albania	18	-4.0			18	-4.0	0	-3.1									90 984	8 460							175	-8.9								
Australia	447 905	1.1	..	..	447 905	1.1	152 059	15.6	248 987	3.0	..	..	248 987	3.0	259 913	2.3	898 950	0.9	321 657	-1.3	12000	1.1	28400	2.6	1 306	2.7	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Austria	3082	6.5	12 611	3.0	15 693	3.7			12 235	-1.7	6 733	-2.9	18 968	-2.1			253 789	6.1	37 535	8.9					349	-13.2	44	-4.2	1 257	10.2	1 301	9.7		
Azerbaijan	666	10.6	6 361	3.6	7 027	4.3			377	20.4			13 026	7.8	420	13.2	13 446	8.0	32 433	5.5	68 659	-7.2	10 243	-1.8			764	-11.4	7		6 964	71.9	6 971	72.0
Belgium													15 723	-3.4	8 407	3.7	24 130	-1.0			456 278	-5.2	70 242	-1.3					1907	-0.2	3 440	1.4	5 347	0.8
Bosnia-Herzegovina	230	-22.8	658	0.2	888	-7.0			28	6.6							7025	4.1	2 991	6.0							..	..	..	..	..	..		
Bulgaria	2 755	-0.2	1 681	-6.2	4 436	-2.6			1 501	-6.0	10 463	5.7	16 528	-28.8	26 991	-18.5	2 197	-13.9	8 984	32.0	9 427	6.7					17	56.8	277	-40.3	294	-38.0		
Canada	221 238	0.2	93 734	3.6	314 972	1.2			1 154	6.7																								
Chile	3 581	4.0	104	-3.6	3 686	3.8			1 036	-1.7							226 657	-1.1	107 215	-15.5	2 771	-1.3	6 216	1.5	1 727	-12.0	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Croatia	594	0.3	2 700	5.8	3 294	4.7			1 121	-2.1	5 110	-1.1	9 216	0.6	14 326	0.0			47 784	8.9	6 507	-8.9			238	-13.1	0	-100.0	13	21.1	13	-22.4		
Czechia	4 050	-10.3	11 187	6.3	15 237	1.3			10 962	8.1	29 028	1.4	41 336	14.3	70 364	8.6			231 605	4.9	29 790	-7.2	1 799	7.1	5 384	3.5	493	-1.8	10	-44.3	2	180.8	12	-33.8
Denmark	139	43.3	1 647	-8.9	1 786	-6.2			6 481	7.4	14 410	3.5	2 277	-8.4	16 687	1.7									145	-10.5	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Estonia	252	-22.9	334	-24.9	586	-24.1			382	-6.4	1 857	20.8	2 507	-5.6	4 364	4.1			25 746	12.0	4 799	-1.3			69	16.9	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Finland					8 056	1.6			5 358	3.0	25 883	-2.2	1 807	-0.1	27 690	-2.0			55 510	-19.1	10 177	-12.5			171	-7.6	50	-55.1	..	..	50	-55.1		
France	15 456	18.2	9 715	8.6	25 171	14.3			118 029	3.7	120 059	2.6	5 404	5.0	125 463	2.7			2 121 738	-3.3	63 231	-1.7	14 202	6.7	35 084	-3.1	3 190	0.7	2 781	0.0	1 600	5.5	4 381	1.9
Georgia					3 950	2.9			478	-30.4					740	0.3			124 742	-10.1	9 446	8.0			444	2.3	..	..	..	..	..	..		
Germany	61 474	-0.9	63 004	-0.5	124 478	-0.7			81 784	6.0	190 802	-0.8	22 336	-0.3	213 138	-0.8			2 817 331	-1.0	316 928	9.0			2 769	-2.5	7 746	1.2	32 409	5.9	40 155	5.0		
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Hungary	1 258	-5.2	8 849	-3.1	10 107	-3.4			15 005	44.2	12 342	-12.3	21 542	11.7	33 884	1.6			125 185	11.8	32 888	6.6	1 526	1.3	3 723	-0.9	497	5.3	3	17.5	1 538	17.1	1 541	17.1
Ireland	68	-9.3	..	..	68	-9.3			2 487	11.2	8 465	5.4	1 721	11.0	10 186	6.3			121 199	-0.6	33 659	-21.0	1 200	0.0	2 900	-3.3	176	-6.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Israel	906	1.2	..	..					3 588	5.5									269 314	0.8	19 397	-3.7	3 188	2.4	2 746	0.2	439	20.9	..	..	..	..	..	..
Italy					24 568	9.9			57 792	6.2									1 558 716	-0.5	199 728	0.0	8 590	4.6	26 180	0.4								
Japan	17 847	0.2	..	..	17 847	0.2			404 333	4.6	231 893	1.4	..	..	231 893	1.4	688 124	-0.4	3 725 615	-6.3	643 750	-11.9	31 900	-1.5	20 300	-4.2	3 221	-1.3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Korea			..	..									..	..					868 379	-7.9	128 785	-22.4	7 900	8.2	12 400	-3.1			..	..	..	..	..	..
Latvia	385	11.3	3 124	-35.5	3 509	-32.4			698	14.1	4 137	1.9	10 771	17.8	14 908	12.9	1 194	7.0	17 673	-10.0	4 219	-11.2	167	18.7	775	-18.0	111	-21.8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lithuania	3 925	2.6	1 980	-19.9	5 905	-6.2			537	15.7	4 648	11.3	61 597	4.5	66 245	5.0	4 393	3.1	31 228	11.0	9 573	-28.7			123	-23.1	10	-26.2	..	..	10	-26.2		
Luxembourg	19	-0.2	131	-15.6	150	-14.0			556	10.0	503	-9.1	5 963	-11.2	6 466	-11.0			46 635	-5.1	4 881	-28.7			1 200	0.0	18	-30.8			148	14.7	148	14.7
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Mexico	27 706	-3.7	68 059	7.4	95 764	3.9			1 221	20.3	271 736	2.6							103 963	31.8							..	..	..	..	..	..		
Moldova	164	-24.3	323	-44.9	487	-39.3			51	-13.4	906	5.9	4 554	9.3	5 460	8.7			53 230	31.7	9 457	60.4			209	5.6	0	0.2	..	..	0	0.2		
Netherlands	312	0.3	4 297	-8.0	4 609	-7.5					24 581	0.2	21 777	-2.6	46 358	-1.1			381 556	3.2	148 891	74.3	4 100	-4.7	3 800	-11.6	675	-1.3	12 344	2.4	29 838	0.9	42 182	1.3
New Zealand	2 641	-6.8	..	..	2 641	-6.8													87 421	-21.0	38 016	5.8	1 325	-0.2	1 686	0.9	267	-21.7	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Macedonia	0	-90.4	158	8.5	158	7.9			26	-18.3	2 109	2.0	11 405	14.7	13 514	12.5	1 051	10.6									..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Norway	2 843	-9.2	947	-14.8	3 790	-10.7			3 761	8.4	22 333	-1.3	1 721	-5.0	24 054	-1.5			128 661	1.3	5 526	-14.7	1 200	0.0	2 400	-4.0	89	-19.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
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Portugal	1 527	-4.0	1 370	20.2	2 897	6.1			5 440	13.1	7 558	-5.5	15 242	-21.2	22 800	-16.6			209 715	5.1	39 554	8.6	1 266	6.0	4 913	-2.6								
Romania					11 067	-12.5			5 764	-3.6																		1894	21.5	7 949	12.6	9 843	14.2	
Serbia	370	-27.2	1 893	17.1	2 263	6.5			585	10.8	1 714	2.3	7 726	2.5	9 440	2.5	793	3.8	19 288	-1.6	4 824	2.4			200	0								