Road Transport Statistics

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2.3. Metadata last update	27.11.2025
3. Statistical presentation	
3.1. Data description	Road Transport Statistics include information on the total number road vehicles with "active" and "temporarily unregistered" status circulating in the territory of the Republic of Albania. The transport statistics include information about: • Road vehicles by type; • Road vehicles according to counties; • Road vehicles by brand; • Road vehicles by type registered for the first time • Road vehicles by county registered for the first time • Road vehicles by brand registered for the first time Road Transport Statistics produced by INSTAT do not include road transport freight and passenger flows. These data are not provided by administrative sources or surveys carried out by INSTAT.
3.2. Classification system	Not applicable.
3.3. Sector coverage	The statistical information covers data on road transport statistics in the territory of the Republic of Albania.
3.4. Statistical concepts and definitons	**Passenger cars** - Motor vehicle of road transport intended for passenger transport, in which the number of seats (including the driver) does not exceed the number of 9.

	Bus - Road transport motor vehicle intended for passenger transport with the number of seats (including the driver's seat) with more than 9 seats. **Truck** - Vehicle intended for the transportation of goods and certain people with the processing or transportation of these goods. **Motorcycle** - Two, three or four-wheel road transport motor vehicle that does not exceed 400 kg in unladen weight. **Cargo trailer** - A road vehicle for the transport of goods designed to be towed by a road transport motor vehicle. **Vehicles for mixed transport (VMT)** - Includes vehicles that have a total weight with a full load not greater than 3.5 tons, or 4.5 tons when there is electric traction with batteries; are intended for the transport of people and goods with a maximum capacity of nine seats, including the driver's seat. **Vehicles for special transport (VST)** - Means of transport intended for the transport of certain goods or certain people under special conditions and characterized by being equipped in a common way, with special mechanisms that serve this purpose. **Vehicles for special use (VSU)** - Vehicles permanently equipped with special mechanisms and generally intended for the transport of these mechanisms; on these vehicles, the transport of personnel and materials related to the operational cycle of these mechanisms is allowed, as well as the transport of people and goods related to the destination of the use of these mechanisms.
3.5. Statistical unit	Statistical units according to types of transport are: Road vehicles, with "active" and "temporarily unregistered" status that circulate in the territory of the Republic of Albania.
3.6. Statistical population	The statistical population includes the number of road vehicles, with "active" and "temporarily unregistered" status that circulate in the territory of the Republic of Albania.
3.7. Reference area	Transport statistics data cover the entire territory of the country.
3.8. Time coverage	Road transport statistics date from 2019.
3.9. Base period	Not applicable.
4. Unit of measure	
4.1 Unit of measure	Data on road transport statistics are published only in absolute values and percentages. The unit of measurement in road transport, for road vehicles, is the number of road vehicles, with "active" and "temporarily unregistered" status, circulating in the territory of the Republic of Albania.
5. Reference period	
5.1 Reference period	The reference period of road transport statistics is quarterly. The reference year for this report is 2025.

6. Institutional mandate	
6.1. Legal acts and other agreements	➢ Legal basis for the production of Transport Statistics in country level are: • Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics"; • Official Statistics National Program 2022 - 2026; • Decisions of the Statistics Council. ➢ According to European Regulation: • Regulation (EU) No 70/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 January 2012 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road (recast).
6.2. Data sharing	Transport statistics are not transmitted yet to EUROSTAT. Currently, INSTAT fills in a number of questionnaires of International Organizations regarding Transport Statistics indicators such as: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), International Road Federation (IRF), Common Questionnaire, etc.
7. Confidentiality	
7.1. Confidentiality - policy	The data collected are considered as strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes and scientific research in accordance with the national Statistical Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics", and Law No.124/2024 on the "Personal Data Protection", Article 31 of the Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics" clearly define that all statistical information collected by INSTAT are confidential and may only be used or published in such summary tables that do not identify the information of the unit. The direct identification is called when a statistical unit is directly identified by the name, address or any officially recognized identification number. When data processing is performed in such a way as to enable the data subject to be identified, the data must be coded immediately so that the entities are no longer recognized.
7.2. Confidentiality - data treatment	Albanian Institute of Statistics protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units. Albania Institute of Statistics takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by Albania Institute of Statistics if and only if: a) These data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation, in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or b) The statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data. The confidential data that are transmitted to Albania Institute of Statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task. Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the staff working in Albania Institute of Statistics. The responsibilities of this staff are to recommend on: which detailed level the statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible; the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users; the access granting to researchers on confidential data for scientific purposes.

8. Release policy	
8.1. Release calendar	Notifications about the dissemination of statistics are published in the release calendar,which is available on the website. The announcements and delays are pre-announced in this calendar. In case of delays, the date of future publication must be specified, as well as the reasons for the delay.
8.2. Release calendar access	The calendar of publications is available on INSTAT website.
8.3. User access	In line with Article 34 of Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics", INSTAT disseminates statistics on INSTAT website and other media for simultaneous access, respecting professional independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner in which all users are treated equitably. The following dissemination channels are used to release the results: 1. Website - online release 2. Written requests 3. Publication "Transport Statistics" 4. Data request, section available for external users
9. Frequency of dissemination	
9.1 Frequency of dissemination	Transport statistics refer to quarterly and yearly data.
10. Accessibility and clarity	
10.1. News release	The press release contains information about the main road transport statistics indicators: • The number of road vehicles by type, regions and brand; • Number of road vehicles registered for the first time by type, regions and brand. Press release regarding road transport statistics is published online on the INSTAT website.
10.2. Publications	Road transport statistics are published in "Characteristics of road vehicles, 2024", "Regional Statistical Yearbook" and "Albania in Figures" publications. Users can find the results on INSTAT website: • Transport Statistics • Regional Sttistical Yearbook • Albania in Figures
10.3. On-line database	Data on road transport statistics are published in the official website of INSTAT, under the section: statistical database
10.4. Micro – data access	Data are not available at micro level as a result of confidentiality. Aggregated data is the only type of data provided to external users. This data are given to the users in the case these data are not confidential based on Article 31, Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics".
10.5. Other	Users can submit specific data requests through INSTAT website in a dedicated section for contact.
10.6. Documentation on methodology	The methodology is based on Eurostat Manuals and Regulations on transport statistics, which contain a wide set of recommendations on completing indicators of different types of transport. On INSTAT webpage, there is a section on the methodology regarding this activity.

10.7. Quality documentation	The Sector of Energy and Transport Statistics documents the entire work process and procedures on road transport statistics for internal purposes.
11. Quality managment	
11.1. Quality assurance	INSTAT is committed to quality assurance in the production of official statistics. Based on Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics", INSTAT uses statistical methods and processes in accordance with internationally accepted scientific principles and standards, as well as conducts continuous analysis in order to improve the quality and provision of statistics. In carrying out its duties, INSTAT follows the general principles of quality management, in accordance with the European Statistics Code of Practice of statistical processes and products, user orientation, employee orientation, effectiveness of statistical processes and reduction of interviewee workload.
11.2. Quality assessments	Transport data are compared to the transport statistics data of the previous quarter to see if there was any data coherence or significant changes.
12. Relevance	
12.1. User needs	Users on transport data are as follow: • Public Administration Institutions • Universities • Non-profit national and international organizations • Businesses • Researchers, students and other similar groups.
12.2. User satisfaction	INSTAT organizes every year User Satisfaction Survey The survey results show that the overall quality of road transport is rated 3,83 (76.6%) on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).
12.3. Completeness	The completeness of the road transport data for the quarter is judged by comparing the quality and quantity of indicators covered by INSTAT and those required from the Regulations followed. No information is provided on the road transport of goods or passengers. The data completeness rate for road transport statistics is approximately 40%.
13. Accuracy and reliability	
13.1. Overall accuracy	Data on road transport are collected through administrative sources in compliance with the legal basis and Memorandums of Understanding. No surveys are conducted for transport statistics. In general, the data have been checked with previous years to identify any significant changes in the performance of the data.
13.2. Sampling error	Not applicable as data are administrative.
13.3. Non - sampling error	The non-sampling errors are mainly errors of the administrative data sources reported data. Data review occurs only if the relevant institutions review the data sent to INSTAT for the purpose of updating or any potential human error. If the relevant institutions review the data sent to INSTAT, these changes will be reflected in the nearest publication and brief explanatory information will be provided to users.
14. Timeliness and punctuality	
14.1. Timeliness	The results of road transport statistics are published on the INSTAT website 58 days after the end of the reference period (T + 58 days). Reference period: 9/30/2025 Date of publication: 11/27/2025

	Timeliness: 58
14.2. Punctuality	The publication of 'Road Transport' has been postponed due to delays in receiving data from the General Directorate of Road Transport Services. Reference period: 9/30/2025 Date of announcement: 10/29/2025 Date of publication: 11/27/2025 Time lag: 29
15. Coherence and comparability	
15.1. Comparability - geographical	The data that INSTAT produces are compiled in accordance with EUROSTAT methodology. Data on road transport statistics are produced on country level.
15.2. Comparability - over time	Road transport statistical information was collected annually starting in 2014. From 2023 onwards, the data is published every quarter.
15.3. Coherence - cross domain	Not applicable.
15.4. Coherence - internal	The internal consistency of the data is checked before being finalized. The relation between the variables and the coherence in the various series are also checked.
16. Cost and burden	
16.1 Cost and burden	The staff involved in the preparation of transport statistics at the Sector of Energy and Transport Statistics is: 1 employee at the headquarters of INSTAT.
17. Data revision	
17.1. Data revision - policy	Revision policy of Balance of electric power is done in accordance with general revision policy introduced by INSTAT in the link below: • Revision Policy; • Errors Treatment Policy.
17.2. Data revision - practise	In the case when local authorities report changes to the data and send this information to INSTAT, this information will be updated and published in the next month's publication accompanied by an explanatory note to the user. No reviews of data on "Transport Statistics" for 2025 have been conducted, subject to this report.
18. Statistical processing	
18.1. Source data	The only source of transport data is administrative. Data are collected by the general directorate of road transport services. Coverage is country level, data is administrative and statistical information is countinuosly available.
18.2. Frequency of data collection	Data on road transport statistics are collected on a quarterly basis.
18.3. Data collection	Data on road transport are administrative data. The statistical information is collected by the general directorate of road transport services, which is detailed according to the road vehicles registered in the country, on a quarterly basis.
18.4. Data validation	Data on road transport is subjected to logical and mathematical checks. These checks are carried out for all indicators that INSTAT publishes, throughout the data processing phase.
18.5. Data compilation	Not applicable.
18.6. Adjustment	Not applicable.

19. Comment	
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