Office of Rail Transport

Passenger transport in August 2019

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In August of 2019 the number of passengers exceeded 28 million. That's almost 2 million passengers more than in the same period of last year. Transport service amounted to 2.3 billion passenger-kilometres and operational performance – to 15.1 million train-kilometres. Average travel distance of a passenger reached the level of 80 kilometres (down by 2.6%).

All carriers experienced a rise in the number of passengers in comparison to August of last year. In case of PKP Intercity – the number rose by 6.6%, and Koleje Śląskie, Łódzka Kolej Aglomeracyjna, as well as Koleje Dolnośląskie ended their August operations with a rise of at least 20%. The biggest rise in absolute figures was noted by POLREGIO – more than 640 thousand passengers.

- Railway is the only means of transport able to provide transfer of a large number of passengers in a fast and safe way. That's why railway travel is becoming the first choice for those who decide to go on vacation or intend to participate in sports, cultural, national or religious events – summed up Mr. Ignacy Góra, Sc. D., President of the Office of Rail Transport (Pol. Urząd Transportu Kolejowego, UTK). – *There are more passengers travelling during the holiday season. That's why UTK's inspectors conducted additional controlling activities with regard to more than 150 trains. Our actions mobilise the carriers to increase the standard of service toward the passengers* – he added.

Between January and August of this year the carriers transported more than 217 million passengers, which is by 13,8 million (6.8%) more than in the corresponding period of last year. The transport services amounted to 14.8 billion passenger-kilometres, and operational performance – to more than 112.7 million train-kilometres. Those values were higher than in the period January-August of 2018 by 4.4% and 2% respectively.

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