

Rail transport in August 2022

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During eight months of 2022 the number of passengers was higher than during the same period in record-breaking 2019. 30.7 m passengers travelled by train in August 2022, which is an increase by 5.8 m year-on-year. Freight carriers transported 20.9 m tonnes, which is 0.3 m tonnes less than in August 2021.

PASSENGER TRANSPORT

August was a record-breaking month for rail passenger transport this year, with the rail carriers transporting 30.7 m passengers. Over the last 10 years, the only time this value was higher was in October 2019 when 31.2 m people travelled by rail. When compared to August 2021, 5.8 m more passengers (+23.1%) chose rail services. The transport performance was 2.6 bn pass-km, i.e. 0.6 bn pass-km more (+26.8%) than in August 2021. It is also the highest value of the transport performance recorded in passenger transport over the last 10 years. A slight increase was recorded in the value of the operational performance, which amounted to 16.4 m train-km - 0.5 m train-km more (+3.1%) than in August 2021. The average distance travelled by a passenger in August was 85.2 km, 2.5 km longer (+3%) than in the previous year.

In August - when compared to July - rail carriers transported 0.2 m more passengers (+0.7%), the transport performance was 0.01 bn pass-km higher (+0.4%) and the operational performance increased by 0.1 m train-km (+0.8%). There was a slight decrease in the average distance travelled by a passenger compared to July, down by 0.3 km (-0.3%).

From January to August 2022 more than 219.3 m passengers used rail services, the transport performance was 15.8 bn pass-km and the operational performance was 124.5 m train-km. Compared to the corresponding period in 2021, it is an increase by 50.7% in the number of passengers, 61.1% in the transport performance and 5.5% in the operational performance.

In the corresponding eight-month period in 2019 rail carriers transported 218.6 m passengers, the transport performance was 14.9 bn pass-km and the operational performance was 113.5 m train-km. The basic transport parameters in 2022 - when compared to 2019 - were higher by 0.3% in the number of passengers, by 6.5% in the transport performance and by 9.6% in the operational performance.

Detailed data on rail passenger transport are available at dane.utk.gov.pl

RAIL FREIGHT

August was the first month this year in which the weight of transported goods was lower than in the same period in 2021. Rail freight companies carried a total of 20.9 m tonnes, which was 0.3 m tonnes (-1.5%) less than last year's figures. However, there was a rise in other parameters. The transport performance amounted to 5.4 bn tonne-km, 0.5 m tonne-km more than in August 2021. (+10,9%). The operational performance reached 7.6 m train-km, an increase of 0.5 m train-km (+7.3%). The average transport distance of one tonne of goods rose by 28 km and amounted to 259 km. The parameters that increased show the transport routes of the freight carriers were longer despite the marginally lower volume transported.

In the month-on-month comparison of the operational data, the same trend was maintained. The weight of goods carried in August was 0.1 m tonnes (-0.6%) lower than that recorded in July. In contrast, the transport performance increased by 28 m tonne-km (+0.5%) and the operational performance rose by 0.3 m train-km (+3.5%). When compared to July, the average transport distance of one tonne of goods rose by 3 km in August.

Since the beginning of the year almost 166 m tonnes of goods were transported by rail - 5.2% more than in the same period in 2021. The transport performance amounted to 41.3 bn tonne-km, an increase by 14.2%. The operational performance rose by 7.5%, reaching 57.6 m train-km.

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