



METHODOLOGICAL EXPLANATION

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ROAD PUBLIC SCHEDULED TRANSPORT

This methodological explanation relates to the data releases:

- Road public scheduled transport, Slovenia, annually (First Release)
- Transport, Slovenia, monthly (First Release)
- Transport, Slovenia, annually (First Release)



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1 PURPOSE

The purpose of the monthly release of data on the number of passengers and passenger-kilometres is to present the monthly trend in the activity of public passenger transport. The purpose of the annual release is to present detailed information on the field with data on the fuel consumed and the kilometres travelled by buses in public passenger transport.

2 LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- [Annual Programme of Statistical Surveys \(LPSR\) \(only in Slovene\)](#)
- [National Statistics Act \(OJ RS, No. 45/95 and 9/01\)](#)

3 UNIT DESCRIBED BY THE PUBLISHED DATA

The unit described by the published data is a passenger or their ride by bus in public scheduled transport.

The passenger performs passenger-kilometres (PKM).

4 SELECTION OF OBSERVATION UNIT

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5 SOURCES AND METHODS OF DATA COLLECTION

Data are collected monthly and annually.

Data for the monthly survey on passengers in road public scheduled transport are obtained upon sending the printed questionnaire to the reporting units. They are obliged to submit to SURS the data for the previous month by the 15th day of the current month.

For the annual survey on road public scheduled transport, the reporting units are obliged to submit to SURS the data for the previous year by 4 March of the current year.

Monthly and annual data are comparable.

From September 2016 on, due to the introduction of the integrated public passenger transport (IJPP) and uniform subsidised tickets some of the data on passengers in the public scheduled transport have been obtained from the information system of integrated public passenger transport, which is maintained by the Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Energy.

Data on passengers in interurban transport from September 2016 on have been partially estimated by the Statistical Office.

6 DEFINITIONS

Public scheduled transport is carried out on defined routes on predetermined schedule, price and general transport conditions. It can be carried out as urban, interurban, and international scheduled public transport.

Public scheduled transport is operated by buses and motor coaches. **Bus/coach** is a motor vehicle designed to carry passengers and has more than eight seats (excluding the driver).

Urban public scheduled transport is organised as a public utility service in urban areas.

Interurban public scheduled transport is carried out between two or more places in the country. It is organised as a public utility service.

International public scheduled transport is carried out between the Republic of Slovenia and other countries.

In statistical releases, **road public scheduled transport** includes interurban and international public scheduled transport.

Passenger carried is any person who bought a ticket or has any other appropriate document and entered the bus with the purpose of being carried to the place of destination.

Kilometres travelled express the distance travelled by buses on scheduled routes. Other distances are not included, e.g. travel to the initial or final bus station.

Passenger-kilometres (pkm) are the aggregate product of the number of passengers multiplied by the distances they have travelled. One pkm is the transport of one passenger over one kilometre.

The amount of **fuel consumed** is the amount of fuel that has been used for the operation of scheduled public transport.

IJPP (integrated public passenger transport) is a project implemented since 2016 by the ministry in charge of transport (see item 7.5).

7 EXPLANATIONS

7.1 CLASSIFICATIONS

Data are not published according to any classification.

7.2 DATA PROCESSING

DATA EDITING

Data were edited by using appropriate systematic and individual corrections.

For more, see the general methodological explanations [Statistical data editing](#).

WEIGHTING

Weighting was not performed.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT

Seasonal adjustment is not applicable.

7.3 INDICES

Indices are not published.

7.4 PRECISION

The precision is not calculated.

7.5 OTHER EXPLANATIONS

In September 2016, the Ministry in charge of transport began with the introduction of the integrated public passenger transportation. An integrated route ticket was introduced for pupils, students and participants in adult education. With the same ticket, they could travel by train or bus (regardless of the carrier), the ticket was subsidized, and it was also valid in urban transport. For this group of users, the system remained unchanged until 1 September 2021, when the ticket valid for the entire area of Slovenia and also during the weekend (the so-called *Slovenia ticket*) was introduced.

In 2019, transferable uniform one-time, daily, weekly, monthly and annual route tickets were introduced for the remaining users. In January 2020, a monthly

uniform non-transferable ticket was introduced.

In mid-2020, the free *Slovenia ticket* was introduced, which covers four groups of beneficiaries: retired persons, persons over 65, holders of the European disability card, and war veterans. From 1 October 2021 on, this ticket has also been valid for urban transport in Ljubljana and Maribor, and on 1 June 2022, it was extended to the municipalities Celje, Kranj, Koper, Krško and Novo mesto.

In June 2023, the general *Slovenia ticket* was introduced.

8 PUBLISHING

- SiStat Database: Economy – Transport – [Road passenger transport](#) (provisional data are published).
- First Release (Transport): »Transport, Slovenia, monthly«.
- First Release (Transport, Road passenger transport): »Road passenger transport, Slovenia, annually«.
- Electronic Release (Transport): »Transport, Slovenia, annually«

9 REVISION OF THE DATA

9.1 PUBLISHING OF PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DATA

Provisional data are published monthly and final data are published in June.

Publishing of provisional and final data is planned. Due to the needs of users for timely information, provisional data are published that meet the quality criteria valid for official statistical data but do not meet the quality that can be met with complete coverage. Data are revised when recent, more complete and higher quality data can significantly contribute to the quality of data-based decision-making.

9.2 FACTORS INFLUENCING COMPARABILITY OVER TIME

In 2013, monthly and annual questionnaires were revised in content and form. Collection of unpublished data and data not interesting for the users was abandoned. The questionnaires were terminologically harmonised with the valid legislation, e.g. the expression *national transport without urban transport* was replaced with the expression *interurban transport*.

From 2012 on, data on the number of passengers and passenger-kilometres in road public scheduled transport, specifically in interurban transport, are not completely comparable with the data of previous years. The main reasons are the mentioned revision of the questionnaires, and, in particular, some larger enterprises starting to use the electronic ticket validation and consequently monitor the passenger travels more accurately. In previous years, the data were

based on the estimates of data reporters. Data on the monthly questionnaire, which were not gathered before 2013, were subsequently acquired for 2012, so these two years are comparable.

The data on the number of passengers in urban scheduled public transport since 2010 are not comparable with the data for previous years, because in 2011 some business entities providing urban passenger transport started to keep electronic records of passenger transport. Before that, the reports on the number of passengers carried were based on the estimates by transport operators.

10 OTHER METHODOLOGICAL MATERIALS

Methodological materials on SURS's website are available at <https://www.stat.si/statweb/en/Methods/QuestionnairesMethodologicalExplanationsQualityReports>.

- Questionnaire for the statistical survey on passengers in road public scheduled transport (TR-CES-P/M)
- Questionnaire for the statistical survey on road public scheduled transport (TR-CES-P/L)

Theme: Transport, Sub-theme: Road transport

- Quality report for the survey:
 - Annual and monthly research on road public scheduled transport (TR-CES-P/L, TR-CES-P/M)

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