

QUALITY REPORT FOR STATISTICAL SURVEY
Statistical Survey on Road Freight Transport (PA/T-11)
2012, third quarter

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0. Basic information

- Purpose, goal, and subject of the survey

Characteristics of selected vehicle, auto-days of selected vehicle, country of departure/destination, city/municipality of departure/destination, distance, weight of transported goods, traffic types (national, export, import, transit, cross-trade transport), type of goods, type of packaging, purpose of transport (for hire or reward or for own account), transport of dangerous goods, journeys up to four stops carried out in the reference week, journeys from five or more stops for delivering or collection of goods, the total weight of goods collected, the total weight of goods delivered, number of stops for collecting goods.

- Reference period

Quarter

- Legal acts and other agreements

Regulation (EU) No 70/2012 of 18 January 2012 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road (recast)

Commission Regulation (EC) No 2163/2001 of 7 November 2001 concerning the technical arrangements for data transmission for statistics on the carriage of goods by road

Commission Regulation (EC) No 6/2003 of 30 December 2002 concerning the dissemination of statistics on the carriage of goods by road

Commission Regulation (EC) No 642/2004 of 6 April 2004 on precision requirements for data collected in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road

Regulation (EC) No 1893/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 establishing the Statistical Classification of Economic Activities NACE Rev. 2 and amending

Council Regulation (EEC) No 3037/90 and certain EC Regulations on specific statistical domains – Article 13

Commission Regulation (EC) No 105/2007 amending the annexes to Regulation (EC) No 1059/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the establishment of a common classification of territorial units for statistics (NUTS 2006)

Commission Regulation (EC) No 833/2007 of 16 July 2007 ending the transitional period provided for in Council Regulation (EC) 1172/98 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods by road

Commission Regulation (EC) No 1304/2007 amending Council Directive 95/64/EC, Council Regulation (EC) No 1172/98, Regulations (EC) No 91/2003 and (EC) No 1365/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to the establishment of NST 2007 as the unique classification for transported goods in certain transport modes (NST 2007)

Commission Regulation (EU) No 202/2010 of 10 March 2010 amending Regulation (EC) No 6/2003 concerning the dissemination of statistics on the carriage of goods by road National Classification of Activities, 2007 version – NKD 2007 (OG, Nos 58/07 and 72/07)

- Classification system

National Classification of Activities 2007

Standard Goods Classification for Transport Statistics, 2007 version Classification of Spatial Units for Statistics 2006

European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road

Code List of Travelling Types – Road Transport

Code List of Packaging Modes

Code List of Axle Configuration

Code List of Body Types

Code List of Vehicle's Loading

Degree

- Concepts and definitions

Vehicle information for sampled road goods vehicles.

Journey information of loaded and empty journeys for sampled vehicles during the reporting week.

Goods information on loads transported during the reporting week.

The performance of road freight transport is represented in tonnes, tonne-kilometres, vehicle kilometres and number of journeys. Tonne-kilometre is a unit of measure calculated by multiplying the weight of goods by the distance travelled for each goods operation.

Five types of transport are distinguished: national transport, international loading, international unloading, cross trade and cabotage.

- Statistical units

Statistical monitoring units are selected freight road vehicles (including road tractors) with carrying capacity of over 3.5 t that are registered with the Ministry of the Interior. Reporting units are business entities (legal entities and natural persons) who own or just use a freight road vehicle selected into the sample.

- Statistical population

The survey covers freight road vehicles with load capacity of over 3.5 t. Excluded are agricultural vehicles, military vehicles, special purpose vehicles.

1. Relevance

1.1. Data users

National Accounts Department
European Commission, Eurostat

1.1.1 User needs

No survey on user needs has been conducted.

1.1.2 User satisfaction

No survey on user needs has been conducted.

1.2. Completeness

Operations by small goods vehicles with carrying capacity of less than 3.5 tonnes are not included in the survey, which is in line with European regulations and Eurostat methodology.

1.2.1 Data completeness rate

1.2.2 Data completeness rate is 100%.

2. Accuracy and reliability

2.1. Sampling error

The percentage standard error (95% confidence) of the annual estimates for tonnes transported, tonne-kilometres performed and total kilometres travelled must not exceed 5% for total road transport and inland transport.

2.1.1 Sampling error indicators

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Statistics	Domain value	Value
Goods carried	Total	4.19
Goods carried	Lorries 3.50 – 4.99 tonnes	11.45
Goods carried	Lorries 5.00 – 9.99 tonnes	8.38
Goods carried	Lorries 10.00 – 11.99 tonnes	10.70
Goods carried	Lorries 12.00 – 14.99 tonnes	9.94
Goods carried	Lorries 15.00 tonnes and over	11.26
Goods carried	Road tractors	6.48
Tonne-kilometres	Total	2.89
Tonne-kilometres	Lorries 3.50 – 4.99 tonnes	11.35
Tonne-kilometres	Lorries 5.00 – 9.99 tonnes	11.07
Tonne-kilometres	Lorries 10.00 – 11.99 tonnes	16.59
Tonne-kilometres	Lorries 12.00 – 14.99 tonnes	8.48
Tonne-kilometres	Lorries 15.00 tonnes and over	8.70
Tonne-kilometres	Road tractors	3.48

2.1.2 Bias due to sample selection process

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2. Non-sampling error

Over-coverage rate represents the number of vehicles included in the sample but not actually belonging to the target population. There are vehicles that for some reason do not perform transport activities.

Vehicles included in the over-coverage are vehicles out of operation, vehicles temporarily out of operation, vehicles with load capacity of less than 3.5 tonnes and vehicles that do not perform transport activities.

Non-response is the failure of a survey to collect data on all survey variables from all the population units in a sample. The difference between the statistics computed from the collected data and those that would be computed were there no missing values is the non-response error. The number of non-response includes vehicles for which no reports were received or for which reporting units refused to submit a response.

Load capacity of vehicles is an indicator for a type of shares concerning units classified into wrong categories. According to respondents' information, some vehicles are off the limits of loading capacity of a certain stratum so they are moved to the other stratum.

2.2.1 Coverage error

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2.2.2 Over-coverage rate

Over-coverage rate je 4.08%.

2.2.3 Measurement errors

A system for observing a share of corrected errors does not exist.

2.2.4 Non-response errors

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2.2.5 Unit non-response rate

Unweighted non-response rate is: 21.49%

2.2.6 Item non-response rate

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.7 Processing errors

During the processing stage, incorrect use of planned methods of processing may occur, especially concerning the coding of response data provided in free text format. Visual check and comparison with other data sources may help to minimise errors.

2.2.8 Imputation rate

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.2.9 Editing rate

The indicator for this survey is not computed.

2.2.10 Hit rate

The indicator for this survey is not computed.

2.2.11 Model assumption error

Not applicable.

2.3. Data revision

2.3.1 Data revision – policy

The users of statistical data are informed about revision (preliminary, final data) on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

2.3.2 Data revision – practice

Provisional figures are not published in this survey and therefore regular revisions are not planned.

2.3.3 Data revision – average size

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

2.4. Seasonal adjustment

Not applicable.

3. Timeliness and Punctuality

3.1. Timeliness

Deadlines: 45 days after the end of a quarter

3.1.1 Timeliness – first results

The indicator for this survey is not applicable.

3.1.2 Timeliness – final results

Timeliness of final results is: T + 43.

3.2. Punctuality

Punctuality is data set rate that are in line with the date announced in the Calendar of Statistical Data Issues.

3.2.1 Punctuality – delivery and publication

Punctuality – delivery and publication: 100%

4. Accessibility and clarity

Data are disseminated in printed form as well as electronically on the website of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

4.1. News release

First Release "Transport"

First Release "Data Revision on Road Transport of Goods, 2001 – 2007"

4.2. Other publications

Annual data are published in Statistical Reports, Statistical Yearbook, Statistical Information, Croatia in Figures, Monthly Statistical Report.

4.3. Online database

Data are not available in online databases.

4.4. Micro-data access

The conditions under which certain users can have access to microdata are regulated by the Ordinance on the Conditions and Manner of Use of Statistical Data for Scientific Purposes.

4.5. Documentation on methodology

A detailed methodology is released on the website under the title Road Freight Transport Methodology – Reference Manual for the Implementation of Council Regulation 1172/98.

5. Comparability

5.1. Asymmetry for mirror flows statistics

Not applicable.

5.2. Comparability over time

Comparable time series since 2001.

5.2.1 Length of comparable time series

Length of comparable time series is: 47

5.2.2 Reasons for break in time series

Not applicable

6. Coherence

6.1. Coherence – short-term and structural data

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

6.2. Coherence – national accounts

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

6.3. Coherence – administrative sources

Indicator for this survey is not applicable.

7. Cost and burden

7.1. Cost

The number of questionnaires per year delivered to reporting units is 18 200. Costs of printing of questionnaires, notes and reminders including postal costs are approximately 70 000 kuna, which are material costs. The number of working hours spent on carrying out the survey is approximately 6 000.

7.2. Burden

Time spent to fill in a questionnaire is approximately 0.5 hours. Envelopes and postal costs are settled by reporting units.