



2023 Transit Performance Report

In 2023, the total volume of transit cargo transportation (rail, road, pipeline, and air) increased by **12%** compared to the previous year, amounting to **17.4 million tons**. Excluding pipeline transportation, the volume of transit cargo reached **13.4 million tons**, representing a **13%** increase.

- **Rail transit transportation** decreased by **10%**, totaling approximately **6.7 million tons**, which is a decline of **718 thousand tons**.
- **Road transit transportation** increased by **52%**, reaching approximately **6.52 million tons**, an actual increase of **2.2 million tons**.
- **Air transit transportation** decreased by **8%**, amounting to approximately **242 thousand tons**, a reduction of **21 thousand tons**.
- **Pipeline transportation** increased by **9%**, totaling approximately **4 million tons**, an increase of **325 thousand tons**.

Among the international transport corridors passing through the country, the **East–West** and **North–West** corridors served as the main directions for rail transit.

- Transportation via the **East–West corridor** accounted for **49%** of total rail transit transportation, showing a decrease of approximately **18%** compared to the same period of the previous year.
- Transportation via the **North–West corridor** represented **43%** of total rail transit transportation, marking a decrease of approximately **4%** compared to the same period of the previous year.

More than half (~60%) of rail transit cargo consisted of mineral fuels, as well as fertilizer products (such as urea).

Rail transit container transportation amounted to **46,909 TEU** (compared to 53,834 TEU in 2022, reflecting a 13% decline).

Approximately **55% of rail transit transportation** originated from **Russia and Kazakhstan**. The majority of these shipments consisted of mineral fuel products from both countries.

In 2023, demand for transit corridors passing through Azerbaijan increased significantly. Most of the growth came from **Russia (+14%)** and **Georgia (+2%)**.

Road transit transportation totaled **6.5 million tons** in 2023, representing a **52% increase** compared to the previous year.

The main reasons for the sharp increase in road transit transportation include:

- Rising demand for transit passage through the country due to the geopolitical situation;
- Expansion of capacity and the opening of new border crossing points;
- Increase in the number of “Permit Forms” exchanged under interstate quotas;
- Amendments made to the legislation in the field of freight transportation;
- Introduction of new licensing rules for carriers and liberalization of the permit distribution system in line with the requirements of the International Transport Forum’s Quality Charter.