



2024 Transit Performance Report

In 2024, the total volume of transit cargo transportation, including rail, road, pipeline, and air transport, amounted to **19.1 million tons**, representing a **9% increase**, or **1.7 million tons**, compared to the previous period.

Excluding pipeline transportation, the total volume of transit cargo transportation reached **14.5 million tons**, which constitutes an **8% increase**, or **1.1 million tons**, compared to the previous period.

- **Rail transit transportation** recorded a **6% increase**, reaching approximately **7.0 million tons**, which is **373 thousand tons** more than the previous period.
- **Road transit transportation** demonstrated stronger dynamics, increasing by **11%** to approximately **7.2 million tons**, with an actual growth of **686 thousand tons**.
- **Air transit transportation** increased by **26%**, amounting to approximately **304 thousand tons**, equivalent to an additional **62 thousand tons** of cargo turnover.

In 2024, the number of transit container shipments totaled **55,671 TEU**, reflecting a **19% increase** compared to the previous year (**46,909 TEU** in 2023).

A total of **358 block trains** were dispatched via the China-Central Asia-Azerbaijan route in 2024, of which **146** accounted for transit cargo and **212** for import cargo. The transported goods mainly consisted of medical supplies, automobiles and spare parts, bicycles, motorcycles, water pumps, food and non-food products, among others.

The increase in road transportation was primarily driven by the geopolitical situation, the abolition of the special road tax for dangerous goods, the increase of the permissible weight limit for freight vehicles from 38 tons to 41 to enhancing the route's attractiveness as well as the opening of new customs checkpoints.

In 2024, **97%** of transit transportation was carried out through four main corridors: **East-West, North-West, South-West, and North-South**.

Transit transportation by corridor was distributed as follows:

- **32%** via the **North-West corridor**, marking a **0.3% increase** compared to the same period last year.
- **29%** via the **East-West corridor**, reflecting a **0.4% decrease** compared to the previous year.
- **22%** via the **South-West corridor**, showing a **26% increase**, mainly attributable to road transit cargo passing through the Nakhchivan region.
- **14%** via the **North-South corridor**, demonstrating a **26% increase** compared to the same period last year.

In 2024, the sharpest increases in transit cargo volumes through Azerbaijan were observed for shipments originating from **Uzbekistan (+27%)**, **Kazakhstan (+36%)**, **Iran (+18%)**, and **Türkiye (+7%)**.