

Summary:

Transport volumes in Norway 1946–2013

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Domestic travel in Norway increased by 1.3 per cent in 2013. The growth in passenger transport volume was highest for rail, with 4.2 per cent. Road traffic rose by 1.2 per cent. Domestic freight transport rose by 6.6 per cent in total in 2013. The number of tonne-kilometres transported on road and by ship showed the highest growth, both modes with an increase of 8 per cent.

General Trends

For 2013 the growth in the passenger transport volume in Norway is estimated to be 1.3 per cent, compared to 1.2 per cent the previous year. The number of person-kilometres by passenger car increased by 1.2 per cent in 2013, while the number of passenger-kilometres in public transport showed a 1.0 per cent increase. The growth in passenger transport volume was highest for rail, with 4.2 per cent. Around 88 per cent of all motorized travel undertaken in Norway is by road. Air transport accounted for six per cent of the transport volume and rail transport (railroads and tramways) accounted for about five per cent.

The growth in freight transport in 2013 is estimated at 6.6 per cent, compared to 2.5 in 2012. Both road and ship transport showed an eight per cent growth.

Preliminary figures from the national accounts show that the gross domestic product (GDP) increased by 0.7 per cent, while consumption in private households rose by 2.1 per cent. Annual population growth was about 1.3 per cent in 2013.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 2.1 per cent in 2013 compared to 2012. The partial index for transport rose by 1.4 per cent in 2013.

Private Transport

At the end of 2013, the stock of vehicles that are mainly used for private transport was 3.1 million. About 175,000 private cars were registered for the first time in 2013.

The number of road accidents with injury decreased slightly in 2013 compared to the previous years. The number of fatalities rose after several years of decline, and 187 persons were killed in traffic accidents in 2013.

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Public Transport

The number of journeys by bus increased somewhat from the previous year, from 333 in 2012 to 340 million in 2013. The estimates are adjusted, with charter bus transport no longer included.

Ruter AS (the public transport authority for Oslo and Akershus counties) reported 134 million trips made on tramways and metro in 2013, compared to 130 million trips in 2012.

The Norwegian State Railway (NSB) reported 59 million trips in 2013. Together with amongst other 6.5 million trips by the Airport Express Train and 718,000 trips by the tourist railway Flåmsbana, this amounted to 66.7 million trips altogether by rail, compared to 60.4 million trips in 2012. This equals a 10.4 per cent increase.

11.3 million domestic air flights were undertaken in 2013, which is about 400,000 more than in 2012.

Trips Abroad

In 2013 about 21.6 million trips by airplane to and from Norway were registered, which was up 1.8 million trips and nine per cent from 2012. Around 5.7 million ferry trips were taken between Norway and foreign countries in 2012. The number of private car, train, and bus trips across the border was not calculated for 2013, due to lack of data on these modes.

Freight Transport

The number of tonne-kilometres and the volume of goods transported increased for all transport modes in 2013. The number of tonne-kilometres transported on road showed in 2013 an increase by 8.0 per cent, following a an increase of 5.0 per cent in 2012. As aggregated over all transport modes, the increase in the number of tonne-kilometres in 2013 was 6.6 per cent.

As of 2013, 41.6 per cent of all freight tonne-kilometres occur at sea, road transport accounts for 52,0 per cent, while rail transport takes the remaining seven per cent.

Ships completely dominate the scene with respect to shipments to and from abroad, as 86 per cent of the volume of freight to and from the mainland is carried by ship. The volume of goods imported was 34.8 million tonnes in 2013, compared to an export volume of 50.7 million tonnes the same year.

155 million tonnes of oil and gas were exported directly from the Norwegian continental shelf in 2013, compared to 166 million tons in 2012. Slightly more than half of the oil and gas export are being transported by pipeline, the other half by ship. Oil and gas constitute 64 per cent of the total export (in tonnes) from Norway.