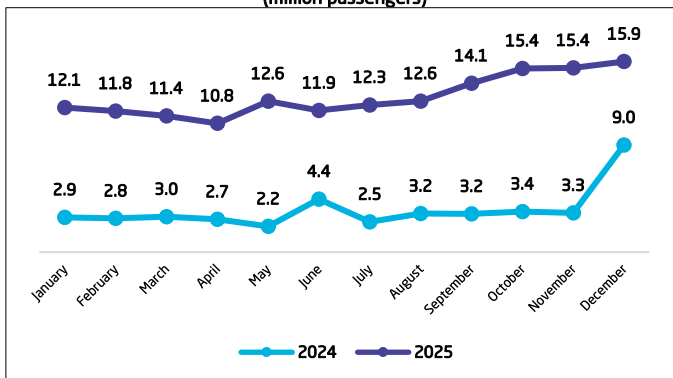


Intracity railway passengers increase to 145.4 million in 2025

Railway Transport Statistics 2025 showed that the total number of railway passengers, both intracity and intercity, increased to approximately 156.4 million, compared to 42.7 million in 2024, representing an increase of 266.5%. The number of intracity railway passengers rose to 145.4 million in 2025, compared to 31.1 million in 2024, recording an increase of 368.0%. In contrast, the number of intercity railway passengers decreased to 10.9 million in 2025, compared to 11.6 million in 2024, representing a decrease of 5.6%. On a monthly basis, the total number of intracity and intercity railway passengers reached its lowest level in April, at 10.8 million, while the highest level was recorded in December, at approximately 15.9 million [Figure \(1\)](#).

Figure 1. Number of intracity and intercity railway passengers by month for 2024 and 2025 (million passengers)



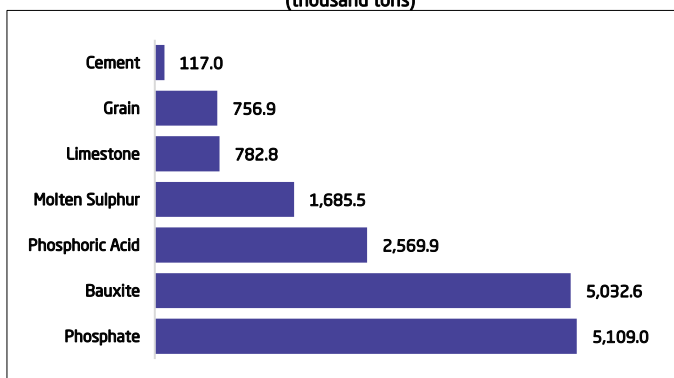
Railway passenger transport performance

Railway passenger transport performance reached approximately 3,609.3 million passenger-kilometers in 2025, compared to 3,724.3 million passenger-kilometers in 2024, representing a decrease of 3.1%. The Haramain High Speed Railway accounted for the largest share of total passenger transport performance, at 76.0%, recording approximately 2,743 million passenger-kilometers, despite a 6.1% decline compared to 2024. In contrast, passenger transport performance on the East Train increased by 8.3%, reaching 496 million passenger-kilometers in 2025, while the North Train recorded an increase of 6.9%, reaching 370 million passenger-kilometers in 2025.

Railway freight transport

Railway Transport Statistics 2025 showed that the total volume of freight transported reached 16.1 million tons. Freight transported on the North Train amounted to 14.4 million tons, accounting for 89.7% of the total. This included 5.1 million tons of phosphate, 5.0 million tons of bauxite, 2.6 million tons of phosphoric acid, and 1.7 million tons of molten sulphur. The North Train recorded its highest monthly freight volume in March, at 1.3 million tons. In contrast, East Train transported 1.7 million tons of freight, including 782.8 thousand tons of limestone, 756.9 thousand tons of grain, and 117.0 thousand tons of cement, in addition to 915.4 thousand twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). Container traffic reached its highest monthly level in March, at 89.9 thousand TEUs, while freight volumes measured in tons recorded their highest monthly level in December, at 173.1 thousand tons [Figure \(2\)](#).

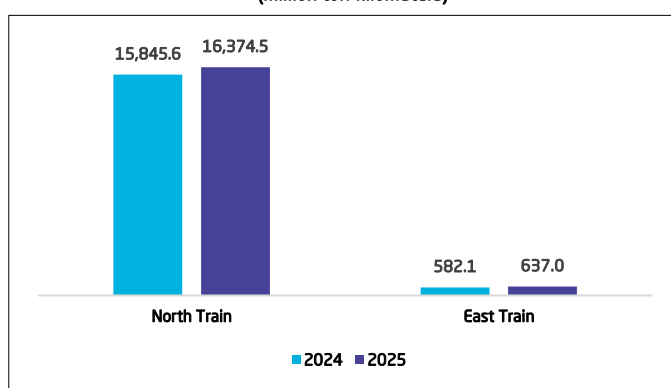
Figure 2. Type of freight transported on the North and East Railways in 2025 (thousand tons)



Railway freight transport performance

Rail freight transport performance increased to approximately 17,011.5 million ton-kilometers in 2025, compared to 16,427.7 million ton-kilometers in 2024, representing an increase of 3.6%. North Train accounted for the largest share of total freight transport performance, at approximately 96.3%, recording 16,374.5 million ton-kilometers in 2025, an increase of 3.3% compared to 2024. Meanwhile, freight transport performance on the East Train increased by 9.4%, reaching 637.0 million ton-kilometers in 2025, compared to 582.1 million ton-kilometers in 2024 [Figure\(3\)](#).

Figure 3. Railway freight transport performance by train for 2024 and 2025 (million ton-kilometers)



Operational performance of passenger and freight trains

Railway Transport Statistics 2025 showed that passenger trains operated 1.4 million trips, covering a total distance of 42.3 million kilometers. The Riyadh Metro accounted for 949.4 thousand trips, covering a total distance of 26.8 million kilometers. Freight trains operated 8,885 trips, covering approximately 6.1 million kilometers. The East Train accounted for 5,918 of the total freight train trips, while the North Train recorded the longest distance travelled, at 3.7 million kilometers. In terms of on-time performance, the Haramain High Speed Railway recorded the highest rate at 97.8%, followed by the East Train at 96.1%, and the North Train at 94.3%. Trip cancellation rates remained low in 2025, at 0.00% for the East Train, 0.17% for the Haramain High Speed Railway, and 0.35% for the North Train.

Key Indicators of Railway Transport Statistics

Indicators	2024	2025	Unit
Number of intracity railway passengers	31.1	145.4	Million passengers
Number of intercity railway passengers	11.6	10.9	Million passengers
Number of intercity passenger train trips	35,614	42,827	Trips
Number of railway freight trips	6,807	8,885	Trips
Volume of freight transported by railway	15.6	16.1	Million tons
Number of containers transported by railway	887.9	915.4	Thousand TEUs

Tables.

Methodology and quality

The Railway Transport Statistics Publication is an annual register-based publication that provides a broad range of statistics serving as a reliable basis for studies and research in the field of railway transport. It covers arriving and departing railway passenger traffic, freight volumes, and the number of trips. The publication is based on administrative records provided by the Transport General Authority, in addition to using spatial modeling to derive some statistical indicators.

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