

**TRANSPORT SITUATION IN THE
FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA IN 2009**

1. Traffic trends

Road transport: Passenger transport	2001	831.000	
	2004	1.110.000	
	2007	1.136.000	
First 9 months	2009	901.000	(passenger-kilometre)
Rail Transport: Passenger transport	2001	133.000	
	2004	94.000	
	2007	109.000	
First 9 months	2009	114.000	(passenger-kilometre)
Road transport: Freight road transport	2001	2.311.000.000	
	2004	4.004.000.000	
	2007	4.563.000.000	
First 9 months	2009	2.971.000.000	(tonne-kilometre)
Rail Transport: Freight rail transport	2001	462.000.000	
	2004	426.000.000	
	2007	778.000.000	
First 9 months	2009	358.000.000	(tonne-kilometre)

In Republic of Macedonia we have a reduction of 25 per cent of the number of transported passengers and reduction of 30 per cent of transport of goods. We expected increasing in next period.

2. Obstacles to the development of transport

Obstacles to the development of transport in Republic of Macedonia are the administrative barriers (permits-licences for transport of passengers and goods, visas for professional drivers, long procedures for customs formalities), congestion on the border crossings and bottlenecks, poor infrastructure. Measures of the harmonization of the legislation, improving of infrastructure, corporation on regional level, cross-border cooperation and facilitation.

3. Good practices in the transport sector

For improve the efficiency, safety and/or environmental performance of the transport, Ministry of Transport and Communications have adopted National Transport Strategy (2009-2015) with measures and action plan. For improving the road traffic safety Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia have adopted National strategy for road traffic safety with expected reduce of fatalities for 50 per cent and 0 children victims in traffic.

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