

Transport Statistics



TRANSPORT STATISTICS



The Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) is an intergovernmental body that develops common methodologies and terms for statistics harmonization, as well as the collection and dissemination of data from member States. Its tasks include:

- Methodology development for statistics on road, rail, inland waterways, pipelines and combined transport, as well as transport safety.
- Collection and compilation of transport statistics for all ECE member States. Through collaboration on a common questionnaire with Eurostat and the International Transport Forum, harmonization is increased while reducing the response burden.
- Dissemination of transport statistics through publications and the development and maintenance of online UNECE Transport Statistics Database.

The Sustainable Development Goals provide 168 targets for 2030 that aspire to help humanity revert to a virtuous path of sustainability. The Sustainable Transport Division's statistics activities allow better monitoring of SDG targets on road safety (3.6), transport access and modal split (9.1), and public transport access (11.2), for which UNECE is recognised as a partner agency.

Traffic Visualisation

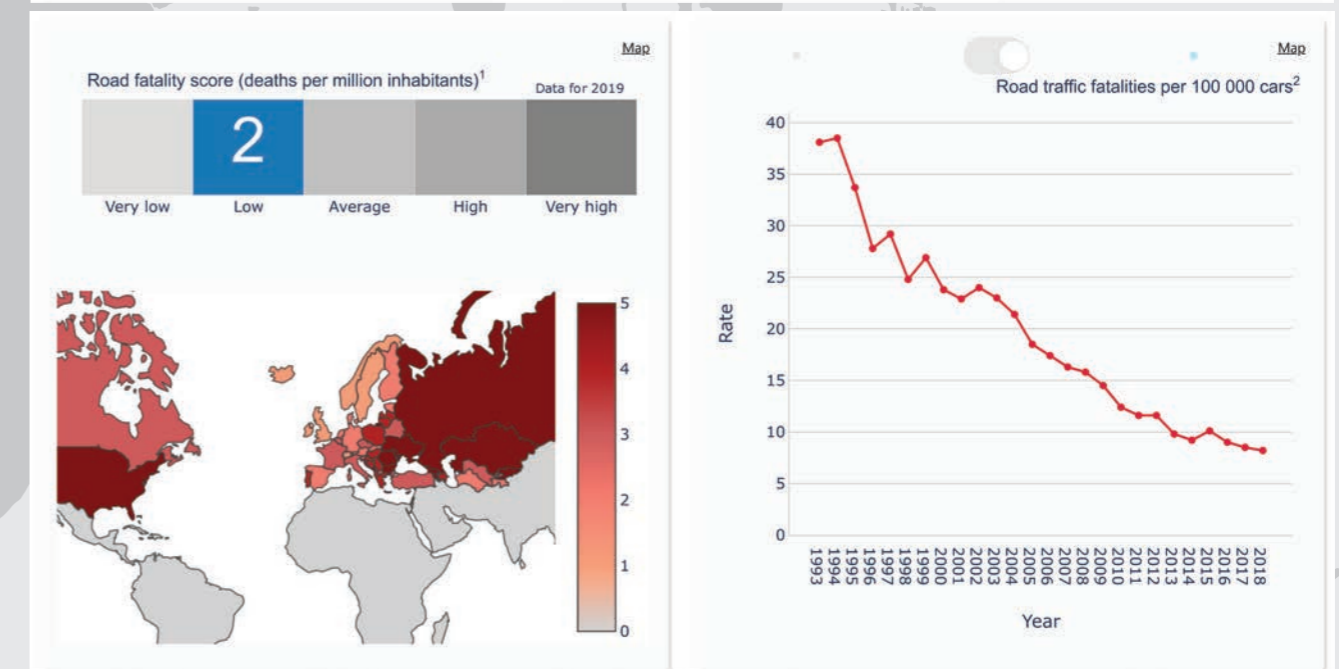
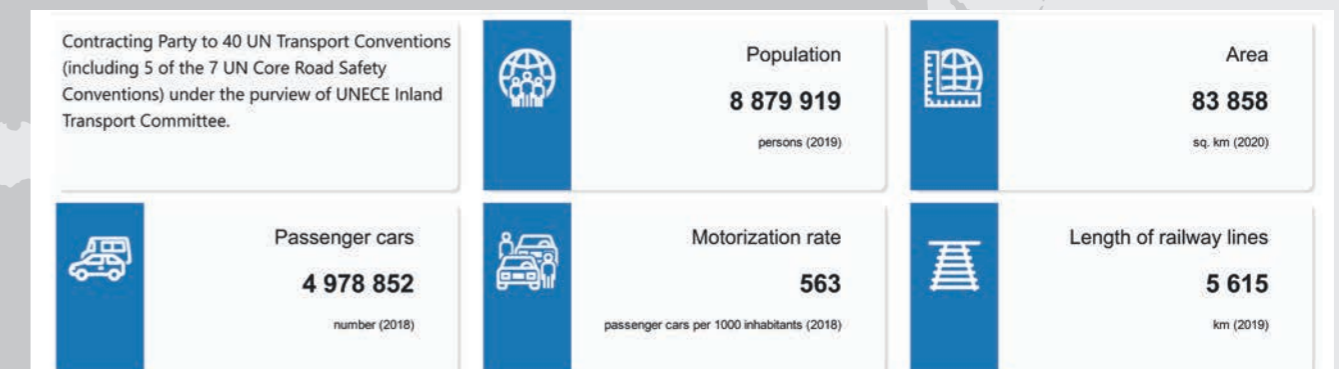
Through the E-Road and E-Rail traffic Censuses, data on internationally-significant traffic volumes are measured and visualized on the UNECE-defined infrastructure networks. This allows an assessment of existing infrastructure and planning for the future, insights into modal shift potential, road safety insights and corridor sustainability analysis.

Innovation

In recent years WP.6 has been at the forefront of mainstreaming new data sources into transport statistics production. Informal webinars organised with the ITF allowed discussions and example-sharing on using new ways to track mobility faster, cheaper and in more detail, becoming even more relevant with the COVID-19 pandemic transforming mobility patterns from week to week.

In 2020 a new dataset on city-level tram and metro data has been released, previously absent from international collection, with hopes that this collection process can be automated in the future.

In addition the transport statistics Infocards, which provide the key figures on inland transport for each UNECE country, has been turned from a PDF into an interactive dashboard, allowing users to easily visualise different transport trends.



Finally, statistics activities are not conducted for their own sake, but in order to allow evidence-based policy making. In this vein, WP.6 proactively supports other Working Parties under the purview of the Inland Transport Committee, with statistical support and analysis as demanded. This has included support at SC.2, SC.3, WP.5 and WP.24 among others, covering geospatial statistical work, transport safety, and adhoc statistical questions.

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HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Sessions of the UNECE Working Party on Transport Statistics (WP.6) are open to all UNECE and other United Nations member States, competent intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations.

Further information on this and much more is available at:
<https://www.unece.org/trans/main/wp6/wp6.html>.

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