

## HUNGARY

The first signs of the crisis are perceptible in the latest transport statistics.

The volume of goods transported between January and September 2008 (258 million tons), thanks to the growth of foreign trade, superseded the performances of the year before by 5%. 75% was carried by road, 15% by rail; the share of these two modes is even higher on the domestic market – due to the international character of IWT, pipelines and air cargo traffic – and they together reach 97%.

Rail has lost further markets to road transport, its volume shrunk roughly by 3%. More and more traffic is moving by road, the domestic volume of goods carried by road increased by 6.4% in the first three Quarters 2008, while the growth was 9.6% in international traffic.

In tkm road increased only by 2% compared to the same period of 2007. This covers a slight decrease of 0.2% of domestic transport and an increase of 3.3% of international traffic. Average road transport distance has diminished. From 230 to 170 km and in parallel, due to overcapacities of supply, the share of empty runs grew on average by 3% to 24%, in the case of owner-drivers to 34% (!).

The number of purchased lorries decreased while that of tractive units increased as against 2007.

In general, data of the last reported months of 2008 compared to the same months of 2007 show important changes on the road transport market. While transport volume grew by 10%, the ton kilometre output diminished by 9%. In parallel, international traffic decreased by 9.5% (volume) and 14% (tkm). It is expected that goods volumes and transport distances will continue shrinking in the months to come, caused by the recession in Europe and the diminishing market demand for consumer goods, including the more expensive import products, leading also to reduced international transport activities.

### Goods transport total in Hungary

		Transported goods					Freight tkm				
		of which:					of which:				
	Period	total, thousand tons	rail transport	road transport	waterway transport	transport by pipeline	total, millions	rail transport	road transport	waterway transport	transport by pipeline
2007	J–M	71 670	12 838	49 068	2 169	7 589	12 584	2 316	8 037	545	1 677
	A–Ju	84 092	13 569	63 449	2 132	4 938	12 562	2 629	8 273	566	1 083
	Jl–S	90 500	13 381	69 532	2 016	5 567	14 656	2 561	10 305	543	1 237
	O–D	85 256	14 195	61 250	2 093	7 715	14 110	2 631	9 189	558	1 725
	J–D	331 518	53 983	243 299	8 410	25 809	53 912	10 137	35 804	2 212	5 723
2008	J–M	70 098	11 687	48 527	2 169	7 713	12 829	2 185	8 380	558	1 703

	<b>A-Ju</b>	90 504	13 467	69 155	2 302	5 577	13 790	2 580	9 356	605	1 245
	<b>Jl-S</b>	97 289	13 369	76 627	2 188	5 102	13 733	2 612	9 413	567	1 135
Corresponding period of the previous year = 100.0											
<b>2008</b>	<b>J-S</b>	104.7	96.8	106.7	105.4	101.6	101.4	98.3	102.0	104.6	102.1

### Transport of goods by road total in Hungary

	Transport for hire or reward				Transport on own account		Total transport	
	transported goods, thousand tons	of which performance of transport divisions, thousand tons	freight tkm, million	of which performance of transport divisions million	transported goods, thousand tons	freight tkm, million	transported goods, thousand tons	freight tkm million

<b>2007</b>	<b>J-M</b>	34 081	23 614	7 049	5 569	14 987	989	49 068	8 037
	<b>A-Ju</b>	44 007	31 550	7 180	5 786	19 442	1 093	63 449	8 273
	<b>Jl-S</b>	50 282	36 075	9 032	7 222	19 250	1 272	69 532	10 305
	<b>O-D</b>	43 573	30 836	7 995	6 397	17 677	1 194	61 250	9 189
	<b>J-D</b>	171 943	122 075	31 256	24 974	71 356	4 548	243 299	35 804
<b>2008</b>	<b>J-M</b>	34 320	26 937	7 408	6 403	14 207	972	48 527	8 380
	<b>A-Ju</b>	49 116	36 704	8 211	7 102	20 038	1 145	69 155	9 356
	<b>Jl-S</b>	53 939	40 956	8 238	7 085	22 688	1 176	76 627	9 413

### International transport of goods by road in Hungary

		Transport for hire or reward				Transport on own account		Total transport	
		transported goods, thousand tons	of which performance of transport divisions, thousand tons	freight ton km, millions	of which performance of transport divisions millions	transported goods, thousand tons	freight tkm millions	transported goods, thousand tons	freight tkm millions
<b>2007</b>	<b>J-M</b>	5 106	4 159	4 991	4 016	387	238	5 493	5 229
	<b>A-</b>	5 049	4 136	4 789	3 987	379	223	5 427	5 012

	J- S	6 912	5 547	6 190	5 056	446	323	7 357	6 513
	O- D	6 308	5 125	5 522	4 539	544	354	6 852	5 876
	J- D	23 374	18 967	21 492	17 597	1 755	1 138	25 130	22 631
2008	J- M	5 939	5 139	5 368	4 714	474	320	6 413	5 689
	A- Ju	6 456	5 701	5 679	5 022	510	311	6 966	5 990
	J- S	6 176	5 419	5 358	4 727	479	270	6 655	5 628
Corresponding period of the previous year = 100.0									
2008	J-	108.8	117.5	102.7	110.8	120.7	115.0	109.6	103.3

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