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UIC: the international professional association representing the railway sector

UIC, the international railway association which celebrated its 90th anniversary in 2012, counts 240 members across 5 continents (railway companies, infrastructure managers, rail-related transport operators, etc.). UIC's members represent over 1 million kilometres of tracks, 2,900 billion passenger-km, 10,000 billion tonne-km and a workforce of 7 million railway staff.

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- Promoting rail transport around the world with the aim to meet current and future challenges of mobility and sustainable development.
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- Proposing new ways to improve technical and environmental performance of rail transport, boosting competitiveness and reducing costs.





2014 marks the third year of collaboration between the International Energy Agency and the International Union of Railways to produce the data handbook on "Energy Consumption and CO₂ Emissions of World Railway Sector".

The 2012 edition was the first to combine IEA and UIC data and provide a comprehensive picture of rail activity, energy consumption and carbon emissions in the European Union and several other countries, while the 2013 edition introduced a new section on key environmental indicators for railways and other transport modes. This second edition also had a special focus on Energy Mix, a crucial parameter to be considered as railways continue to electrify.

The positive feedback received by the IEA and UIC from stakeholders – including private, governmental and international organisations – has encouraged us to pursue this joint effort in close cooperation.

In this 2014 edition, we have worked together to update the World section and the core countries that have been present since the first edition (EU, USA, Japan, Russia, India and China).

The 2014 edition also presents a special focus on infrastructure: the analysis includes data on occupancy levels, energy consumption and emissions associated with the infrastructure and investments made on railways and roads around the world.

The conclusions are decisive: increasing investments in rail will produce important improvements both in transport efficiency and in environmental impact. In 2011, rail infrastructure carried 10 times more transport units per kilometre than road, using roughly 11 times less energy per unit than road transport.

From an emissions standpoint, every dollar invested in railway infrastructure results in one-third the emissions generated by rail traffic than would have been produced had that dollar been spent on road infrastructure. Shifting transport activity to rail would be instrumental in reaching global targets in support of a 2 degree Celsius emissions trajectory by 2050.

Global demand for transport is growing at incredibly fast rates. We hope that the new key performance indicators introduced in this edition will provide decision makers with valuable information regarding the pathways to meet this growing demand efficiently and sustainably.

The IEA and UIC will continue to collaborate in the next editions of the Handbook in our joint effort to improve transport sector data and extend global analysis even further.

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The 2014 edition of the Railway Handbook on Energy Consumption and CO_2 emissions is the third publication that sees the collaboration of IEA and UIC in collecting activity, energy and CO_2 emissions data, elaborating and presenting it. The previous editions can be downloaded for free from the UIC website.

This edition contains updates to the World and European Union sections, as well as several countries that can be considered the most relevant from the point of view of transport activity: USA, Japan, Russia, India and China.

This year's Handbook also contains a section with a special focus on infrastructure, in particular on road and rail, including: the amount of existing infrastructure, its impact on land use, respective occupancy levels, energy consumption and CO_2 emissions, and the investments connected to constructing, operating and maintaining transport infrastructure.

As in previous publications, this Handbook combines IEA statistical data (CO2 Emissions from Fuel Combustion – IEA, 2013a – and World Energy Balances – IEA, 2013b) and rail data estimates from the IEA Mobility Model together with UIC statistics (UIC, 2013a) and the UIC Environmental Performance Database (UIC, 2013b). Further data, particularly on transport activity, comes from national statistics institutes and international organisations (e.g. OECD and Eurostat).

The data collected in this handbook opens several insights into the energy and emissions performance of the transport sector, and in particular railways. Worldwide, only 0.6% of the total energy consumed in 2011 and 1% of global CO_2 emissions can be attributed to rail, compared to 20% of energy and 16.5% of emissions that can be attributed to road transport. Moreover, rail energy and emissions intensities continue to improve. The use of coal as a fuel in world railways has been reduced from 25% in 1990 to 6% in 2011, while the use of electricity more than doubled since 1990 to 35% in 2011. In this context and timeframe, it is interesting to note that renewable electricity production also doubled, although renewables in the world electricity mix only grew from 18% to 20% since 1990. The effort of railways to improve their environmental impact is consistent: specific energy consumption and CO_2 emissions for passenger transport have both been halved since 1990.

On a European level, while emissions from the overall transport sector increased by 25% between 1990 and 2011, railway emissions dropped by 42%. This was possible in part thanks to the decrease in the use of diesel (down by 31%) in favour of the use of electricity (up by 14%), as well as because of increased use of renewables in the European electricity mix (from 14% to 22%).

The special focus on infrastructure in this Handbook shows that while paved road lane kilometres doubled since 1975, global railway track length decreased by nearly 10%. High-speed railways are an exception to this trend, having doubled in length between 2009 and 2013. China now holds more than 50% of global high-speed lines.

The special focus section also gives an insight on the efficiency of railway infrastructure compared to roads: rail infrastructure carries ten times more transport units per kilometre than roadways, while using nearly 40 times less land than roads.

The projections shown in this Handbook also illustrate the strong role for rail in meeting global climate and economic objectives: on average, every dollar spent on rail infrastructure results in between three and ten times less CO₂ emissions compared to each dollar spent on road.





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Key Facts¹

- The amount of pkm transported by rail in the world grew by 130% since 1975. China and India were the major contributors, with a sevenfold increase in railway activity, while EU27 activity grew by 4% in the 1990-2011 period (Fig. 6).
- In the period 1975-2011, global rail freight tkm grew by 76%, while in China and Latin America it grew by more than 500% in that period. Rail freight activity in Europe decreased by 11% (Fig. 7).
- The transport sector consumed 27.6% of global energy use.
 2.2% of this energy was consumed by rail, which means that
 0.6% of the world's energy was consumed by railways (Fig. 3).
- Railway specific energy consumption decreased by around 50% between 1975 and 2011, both for passenger and freight activity (Fig. 10).
- The use of coal in railways decreased significantly, going from 25% of total energy sources in 1990 to 6% in 2011. At the same time, the use of electricity doubled (Fig. 8).
- The transport sector was responsible for 22.7% of the total energy-related CO₂ emissions, of which 3.3% was due to rail activity. Railways therefore generated less than 1% of total energy-related CO₂ emissions (Fig. 1). At the same time, railways transported more than 9% of the world's passengers and freight activity (Table 1).
- Transport sector CO₂ emissions increased by 53% between 1990 and 2011: in the same timeframe, the share of railway CO₂ emissions in transport decreased from 4.2% to 3.3% (Fig. 5).
- Railway specific CO₂ emissions dropped by 54% for passenger activity and 40% for freight between 1975 and 2011 (Fig. 11).

¹ If not otherwise specified, data is related to the year 2011



3.1% OTHER 3.3% 5.9% RAIL RESIDENTIAL 10.6% 1.3% AVIATION AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY 11% AND FISHING NAVIGATION 20.8% MANUFACTURING 72.6% ROAD 46.2% ELECTRICITY, HEAT AND OTHER ENERGY INDUSTRIES 2.5% 22.7% OTHER TRANSPORT TRANSPORT

Fig. 1: Share of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 2011

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are reallocated from electricity, heat and other energy industries to the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Table 1: World transport modal share, 2011

	Passenger PKM	Freight TKM	Total TU
ROAD	83.5%	10.4%	34.8%
NAVIGATION	0.3%	78%	52.2%
RAIL	6.4%	10.8%	9.3%
AVIATION	9.8%	0.8%	3.7%

Source: IEA Mobility Model and UNCTAD (2013)

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)



Fig. 2: Total CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 1990-2011

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are included in the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)



Fig. 3: Share of final energy consumption by sector, 2011



Fig. 4: Total final energy consumption by sector, 1990-2011 (PJ)

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Source: IEA (2013b)





Source: IEA (2013a)





Fig. 6: Railway passenger transport activity by geographic area, 1975-2011 (trillion pkm)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)



Fig. 7: Railway freight transport activity by geographic area, 1975-2011 (trillion tkm)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)



Fig. 8: Railway final energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: IEA (2013b)





Source: IEA (2013b)

Table 2: World electricity production mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	39%	41%
OIL PRODUCTS	8%	5%
GAS	18%	22%
NUCLEAR	17%	12%
RENEWABLE	18%	20%

Source: IEA (2013b)





Fig. 10: Railway specific energy consumption, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 11: Railway specific CO2 emissions, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Key Facts¹

- Both passengers and freight transport activity increased by more than 20% between 1995 and 2011; in that period, rail activity increased by 5.5%, dropping its share from 8.7% to 7.5% (Fig. 17).
- Rail electric traction increased its share from 2005 to 2011, reaching 86% of train-km for freight and 81% for passenger service (Fig. 19).
- The transport sector increased its energy consumption by 29% from 1990 to 2011 (Fig. 15). In 2011 rail was responsible only of 0.6% of the total energy consumed (Fig. 14).
- Railway specific energy consumption dropped by 17% for passenger service and by 23% for freight in the 1990-2011 timeframe (Fig. 24).
- The use of diesel energy decreased by 31% in European railways between 1990 and 2011, while the use of electric energy increased by 14% (Fig. 21).
- In the split of energy sources used by railways, considering also diesel traction, railways in 2011 used 14% of renewables, meaning that railways have already met the 2020 EU target for transport sector (10% share of renewables) (Fig. 23 and Table 5).
- Transport emissions represented 31% of total emissions of which 1.5% were generated by rail (Fig. 12), with a rail market share of 8.5% (Table 3).
- Total transport emissions increased by 25% in the 1990-2011 period, while rail emissions dropped by 42% (Fig. 16).
- Railway specific CO₂ emissions dropped by 32% for passengers and 43% for freight between 1990 and 2011 (Fig. 25).

¹ If not otherwise specified, data is related to the year 2011



Fig. 12: Share of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 2011



Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are reallocated from electricity, heat and other energy industries to the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on UIC (2013b), IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)

Table 3: EU27 Transport modal share, 2011

83.6%	46.9%	70.3%
8.8%	0.1%	5.7%
0.6%	41.9%	15.5%
7%	11.1%	8.5%
Passender	Freight	Total
	0.6%	0.6% 41.9% 7% 11.1%

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on EC (2013) and UIC (2013a)





Fig. 13: Total CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 1990-2011 (million tCO₂)

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are included in the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)



Fig. 14: Share of final energy consumption by sector, 2011

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)



Fig. 15: Total final energy consumption by sector, 1990-2011 (PJ)



Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)



Fig. 16: Transport sector CO_2 emissions by mode, 1990-2011 (million t CO_2 - left, share of rail over total - right)

Source: IEA (2013a)





Fig. 17: Passenger and freight transport activity – all modes, 1995-2011 (trillion pkm and tkm)

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on EC (2013) and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 18: Passenger and freight railway activity, 1975-2011

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Fig. 19: Passenger and freight railway activity (train-km) split by traction type, 2005 inside – 2011 outside



Source: Elaboration based on UIC (2013b)

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Fig. 20: Passenger and freight railway energy consumption split by traction type, 2005 inside – 2011 outside



Fig. 21: Railway final energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: Elaboration based on UIC (2013b)







Fig. 22: EU27 electricity production mix evolution, 1990-2011

Source: IEA (2013b)

Table 4: EU27 electricity production mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	32%	27%
OIL PRODUCTS	6%	2%
GAS	16%	21%
NUCLEAR	32%	28%
RENEWABLE	14%	22%

Source: IEA (2013b)





Fig. 23: EU27 railway energy sources mix evolution, 1990-2011

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)

Table 5: EU27 railway energy sources mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	18%	17%
OIL PRODUCTS	47%	39%
GAS	9%	13%
NUCLEAR	18%	17%
RENEWABLE	8%	14%

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)



Fig. 24: Railway specific energy consumption, 1990-2011



Source: UIC (2013b)



Fig. 25: Railway specific CO2 emissions, 1990-2011

Source: UIC (2013b)



Fig. 26: Share of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 2011



Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are reallocated from electricity, heat and other energy industries to the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)

Table 6: Transport modal share, 2011

	Passenger PKM	Freight TKM	Total TU
ROAD	87.9%	35.3%	67.1%
AVIATION	12%	0.4%	7.4%
NAVIGATION	0%	14.4%	5.7%
RAIL	0.1%	49.9%	19.8%

Source: UIC (2013a) and NTS (2014)


Fig. 27: Total CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 1990-2011 (million tCO₂)

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are included in the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)



Fig. 28: Share of final energy consumption by sector, 2011

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)





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Fig. 29: Total final energy consumption by sector, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)



Fig. 30: Transport sector CO₂ emissions by mode, 1990-2011 (million tCO₂ - left, share of rail over total - right)

Source: IEA (2013a)



Fig. 31: Passenger and freight transport activity - all modes, 1990-2011 (billion pkm and tkm)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a) and NTS (2014)



Fig. 32: Passenger and freight railway activity, 1975-2011

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Fig. 33: Railway final energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: IEA (2013b)

Fig. 34: National electricity production mix evolution, 1990-2011



Source: IEA (2013b)

Table 7: National electricity production mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	53%	43%
OIL PRODUCTS	3%	1%
GAS	16%	24%
NUCLEAR	20%	19%
RENEWABLE	8%	13%

Source: IEA (2013b)





Fig. 35: Railway specific energy consumption, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 36: Railway specific CO2 emissions, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



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Fig. 37: Share of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 2011

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are reallocated from electricity, heat and other energy industries to the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)

Table 8: Transport modal share, 2011

	Passenger PKM	Freight TKM	Total TU
ROAD	73.6%	61.4%	70%
AVIATION	5.8%	0.2%	4.1%
NAVIGATION	0.2%	34.4%	10.4%
RAIL	20.4%	4%	15.5%

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on OECD (2014), UIC (2013a), JSB (2013) and JMLIT (2014)



Fig. 38: Total CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 1990-2011

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are included in the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)



Fig. 39: Share of final energy consumption by sector, 2011

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)







Fig. 40: Total final energy consumption by sector, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: Elaboration by Susdet based on IEA (2013b)





Source: IEA (2013a)





Fig. 42: Passenger and freight transport activity – all modes, 1990-2011 (billion pkm and tkm)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on OECD (2014), UIC (2013a), JSB (2013) and JMLIT (2014)



Fig. 43: Passenger and freight railway activity, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)

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Fig. 44: Railway final energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2011 (PJ)





Source: IEA (2013b)

Table 9: National electricity production mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	22%	27%
OIL PRODUCTS	13%	15%
GAS	24%	36%
NUCLEAR	31%	9%
RENEWABLE	10%	13%

Source: IEA (2013b)





Fig. 46: Railway specific energy consumption, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 47: Railway specific CO₂ emissions, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 48: Share of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 2011



Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are reallocated from electricity, heat and other energy industries to the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)

Table 10: Transport modal share, 2011

	Passenger PKM	Freight TKM	Total TU
ROAD	 31.1%	9.2%	12.6%
AVIATION	37.4%	0.2%	6%
NAVIGATION	0.1%	2.5%	2.1%
RAIL	 31.4%	88.1%	79.3%

Source: OECD (2014), UIC (2013a) and Rosstat (2014)



Fig. 49: Total CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 1995-2011 (million tCO₂)

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are included in the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)

Fig. 50: Share of final energy consumption by sector, 2011



Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)



Fig. 51: Total final energy consumption by sector, 1995-2011 (PJ)



Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)





Source: IEA (2013a)



Fig. 53: Passenger and freight transport activity – all modes, 2004-2011 (billion pkm and tkm)

Source: OECD (2014), UIC (2013a) and Rosstat (2014)



Fig. 54: Passenger and freight railway activity, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)

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Fig. 55: Railway final energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: IEA (2013b)





Source: IEA (2013b)

Table 11: National electricity production mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	20%	16%
OIL PRODUCTS	4%	3%
GAS	42%	49%
NUCLEAR	15%	16%
RENEWABLE	19%	16%

Source: IEA (2013b)





Fig. 57: Railway specific energy consumption, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 58: Railway specific CO2 emissions, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 59: Share of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 2011



Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are reallocated from electricity, heat and other energy industries to the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)

Fig. 60: Total CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 1990-2011 (million tCO₂)



Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are included in the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)



Fig. 61: Share of final energy consumption by sector, 2011



Fig. 62: Total final energy consumption by sector, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)

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Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)





Fig. 63: Transport sector CO₂ emissions by mode, 1990-2011 (million tCO₂ - left, share of rail over total - right)



Fig. 64: Passenger and freight railway activity, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)

Source: IEA (2013a)



Fig. 65: Railway final energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: IEA (2013b)

Fig. 66: National electricity production mix evolution, 1990-2011



Source: IEA (2013b)

Table 12: National electricity production mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	69%	70%
OIL PRODUCTS	4%	1%
GAS	10%	11%
NUCLEAR	3%	3%
RENEWABLE	14%	15%

Source: IEA (2013b)





Fig. 67: Railway specific energy consumption, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 68: Railway specific CO2 emissions, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)

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Fig. 69: Share of CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 2011



Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are reallocated from electricity, heat and other energy industries to the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)

Table 13: Transport modal share, 2011

	Passenger PKM	Freight TKM	Total TU
ROAD	54.1%	32.9%	36.4%
NAVIGATION	0.2%	48.2%	40.3%
RAIL	31%	18.8%	20.8%
AVIATION	14.7%	0.1%	2.5%

Source: UIC (2013a) and CNBS (2013)





Fig. 70: Total CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion by sector, 1990-2011 (million tCO₂)

Note: Emissions from rail electrical traction are included in the transport sector. See Methodology Notes.

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013a), IEA (2013b), IPCC (2006) and IEA (2008)



Fig. 71: Share of final energy consumption by sector, 2011

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)



Fig. 72: Total final energy consumption by sector, 1990-2011 (PJ)

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Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013b)





Source: IEA (2013a)





Fig. 74: Passenger and freight transport activity - all modes, 1990-2011 (billion pkm and tkm)

Source: UIC (2013a) and CNBS (2013)



Fig. 75: Passenger and freight railway activity, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)



Fig. 76: Railway final energy consumption by fuel, 1990-2011 (PJ)

Source: IEA (2013b)





Source: IEA (2013b)

Table 14: National electricity production mix, 2000-2011

	2000	2011
COAL PRODUCTS	78%	79%
OIL PRODUCTS	3%	0%
GAS	1%	2%
NUCLEAR	1%	2%
RENEWABLE	17%	17%

Source: IEA (2013b)





Fig. 78: Railway specific energy consumption, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 79: Railway specific CO2 emissions, 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on IEA Mobility Model and UIC (2013a)



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Key Facts

- Worldwide railway track length decreased by 9% from 1975 to 2011 (Fig. 80), while road paved lanes more than doubled (Fig. 81).
- High-speed infrastructure increased fourfold between 2000 and 2013 and more than doubled from 2009 to 2013 (Fig. 86).
- China held about 50% of high-speed lines worldwide in 2013; the closest second was Japan with 12% of high-speed lines (Fig. 87).
- Rail average occupancy levels (transport units per infrastructure-km) in 2011 were more than ten times average road occupancy levels. While road occupancy has been more or less constant since 2000, rail occupancy levels increased by nearly 50% (Fig. 90).

Worldwide, road infrastructure uses 37 times more land than rail infrastructure (Fig. 93), while only carrying 3.5 times more transport units than rail (Table 1).

- The average energy intensity (in kJ/tu) of road activity in 2011 was 11 times higher than the energy intensity of rail (Fig. 96); the CO₂ emission intensity (in gCO2/tu) of road was 9 times that of rail (Fig. 97).
- On average, between 1995 and 2011in select ITF countries, road spending in percentage of GDP was more than 3 times higher than rail spending (Fig. 100).
- As a general average, annuitized rail costs per infrastructural km are as much as 3 to 16 times more expensive than roadways; yet, railway emissions for every dollar spent are 3 to 14 times less than for roads, making rail investments more than 10 times more effective than roads in terms of resulting emissions (Fig. 106).

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Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)



Fig. 81: Length of paved lanes by geographic area, 1975-2011 (million lane-km)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on IRF (2013)





Year 1975=100

Source: Elaboration by Susdef based on IEA (2013c) and UIC (2013a)



Fig. 83: Length and share of electrified versus non-electrified railwav tracks. 1975-2011

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)



Fig. 84: Share of electrified railway lines in selected countries and geographic areas, 1975-2011



Fig. 85: High-speed lines in operation and forecasted, 1975-2020 and beyond (thousand km)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)





Fig. 86: High-speed lines in operation by country, 1975-2013

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)

Fig. 87: High-speed lines in operation by country (km) and share of world total (%), 2013



Source: Elaboration by IEA based on UIC (2013a)



Source: IEA Mobility Model based on UIC (2013a)



Fig. 89: Road average occupancy level, 2000-2011 (million transport units per paved lane-km)

Source: IEA Mobility Model based on IRF (2013)

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Fig. 91: Rail land use, 1975-2011 (track-km of infrastructure per km² of land)



Source: IEA Mobility Model based on UIC (2013a) and FAO (2013)


Fig. 92: Road land use, 1975-2011 (lane-km of infrastructure per km² of land)

Source: IEA Mobility Model based on IRF (2013) and FAO (2013)





Source: IEA Mobility Model based on UIC (2013a), IRF (2013) and FAO (2013)

IEA Global Land Transport Infrastructure Projections



Over the next four decades, global passenger and freight travel is expected to double over 2010 levels in a businessas-usual scenario (IEA 4°C scenario, 4DS). In order to accommodate this growth, the International Energy Agency estimates that the world will need to add nearly 25 million paved road lane-kilometres and 335 000 rail track kilometres by 2050.

In addition, it is expected that more than 45 000 square kilometres of new parking spaces will be added to accommodate private motorized vehicle growth. These

infrastructure additions, when combined with operations, maintenance and repairs, are expected to cost as much as USD 45 trillion by 2050. When repairs and maintenance are included for existing land transport infrastructure, global infrastructure spending could reach as much as USD 120 trillion by 2050.

If countries were to pursue "avoid and shift" policies (IEA 2°C scenario, 2DS), including greater investments in rail and bus rapid transit infrastructure, roadway additions to 2050 could decrease by more than 10 million lane-kilometres over 4DS projections. While expenditures on rail and bus infrastructure would increase marginally, net transport infrastructure investments to 2050 would decrease by nearly USD 20 trillion over the next 40 years.

For more information on IEA land transport infrastructure projections, please visit: www.iea.org/transport-infrastructure



Fig. 94: Projection of paved lanes, parking and railways extension and spending



Source: IEA, 2013c





Transport activity and occupancy constraints

The IEA Mobility Model estimates average annual occupancy levels in transport units per road lane-km and per rail track-km for select countries. Globally, both road and rail passenger and freight travel activity (in passenger and tonne kilometres) grew by nearly 50% between 2000 and 2011. At the same time, global rail infrastructure (in track-km) remained nearly constant, while total road paved lane-km increased by roughly 33%.

While IEA estimates on average annual occupancy levels do not indicate specific congestion levels along infrastructure at any given point in time, they do illustrate the different relationship between travel growth and infrastructural carrying capacity for road and rail transport. Historically, rail has undertaken more activity per unit of infrastructure compared to road, with more than five times the transport units carried per track-km in 2000 than along a road lane-km. Yet, global rail activity (in transport units) grew at roughly the same pace as road travel since 2000, increasing this margin to a more than 7-fold difference in transport units carried per infrastructural kilometre in 2011.

In the future, this relationship may have significant consequences on infrastructure demand to continue meeting carrying capacity for travel activity growth. The IEA estimates that global rail and road activity both will double by 2050. To support this growth, the IEA Mobility Model expects that road paved lane-km will need to increase by nearly 60% over 2010 levels by 2050 in a business-as-usual scenario. By contrast, rail track-km are only expected to grow by 25%.

In order to reach a 2°C climate target, the IEA recommends an "avoid, shift and improve" approach with increased investments in rail infrastructure. "Applying more efficient technology and fuels is critical but may not be enough [...]. It is imperative to investigate the potential for contributions from reducing the growth rate in travel demand and influencing the modes used" (IEA, 2014).





Fig. 95: Evolution of road and rail activity and infrastructure length, 2000-2011 (Year 2000=100)



Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on EC (2013), IEA (2013b), UIC (2013b) and IEA Mobility Model



Fig. 97: Worldwide evolution of road and rail CO₂ emissions intensity (left) and infrastructure intensity (right), 2000-2011



Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on EC (2013), IEA (2013a), UIC (2013b) and IEA Mobility Model

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Carbon Footprint of Railway Infrastructure

A 2011 study by Matthias Tuchschmid, IFEU and Öko-Institut, commissioned by UIC (Tuchschmid 2013), researched the carbon footprint of the construction of railway infrastructure and rolling stock, defining a methodology and calculating the carbon footprint for several example countries. The results show that the construction of rail infrastructure can have a significant impact (between 1 and 25 gCO₂ per pkm or tkm). However, the environmental advantage of railways compared to road persists even when taking into account the carbon footprint of the construction of infrastructure.



Fig. 98: Carbon Footprint of passenger rail transport in select countries

Source: Tuchschmid (2011)





Source: Tuchschmid (2011)







Fig. 101: Total road and rail infrastructure investments for select ITF countries, 1995-2011 (billion constant Euros - left, % of GDP - right)

Note: For data consistency, these graphs take into account all ITF countries except: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Montenegro and New Zealand.

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Source: Elaboration by IEA and Susdef based on OECD (2014)

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Investments in energy efficient infrastructure: the Blackfriars Solar Bridge

In January 2014, Network Rail inaugurated the new Blackfriars rail bridge, rebuilt as part of an upgrade to the Blackfriars railway station. It is the largest solar bridge in the world, featuring a 6 000 m² area covered with 4 400 photovoltaic panels for a nominal power of 1.1 MW. The annual electricity generation is 0.9 GWh, covering 50% of the railway station needs. The CO_2 savings are estimated at 513 tonnes per year.

The bridge is a part of a 6.5 billion GBP (8 billion EUR, 11 billion USD) investment to increase capacity on the Thameslink route.



Blackfriars Solar Bridge (photo © Network Rail)





Source: Elaboration by IEA based on OECD (2014)



Fig. 103: Capital investments on road and rail infrastructure in OECD North America, 1995-2011 (% of GDP)

Source: Elaboration by IEA based on OECD (2014)



Source: Elaboration by IEA based on OECD (2014)



Projected annual expenditures

The IEA publication *Global Land Transport Infrastructure Requirements* (IEA, 2013) shows that as the world continues to build new transport infrastructure to support growing travel activity in the coming decades, global annual capital investments for road, rail and parking infrastructure are expected to reach as high as USD 1.4 trillion in a business-as-usual scenario. Those annual capital expenditures will drop back slightly to around USD 700 billion a year by 2050 as infrastructure levels catch up to travel increases. Road additions account for nearly 75% of those expected capital expenditures to 2050.

While capital spending on transport infrastructure is projected to decrease by 2050, annual reconstruction, operations and maintenance (O&M) expenditures are expected to continue increasing. In particular, road reconstruction costs are projected to rise to as much as USD 700 billion per year as the world's road infrastructure continues to grow and age – meaning the world will spend as much on fixing and rebuilding road infrastructure over the next 40 years as it does building new roadway.

Rail infrastructure investments are projected to cost roughly USD 1.5 trillion in capital construction and USD 2.2 trillion in reconstruction and O&M to 2050. Regionally, this represents roughly 0.03% and 0.45% of GDP, which is consistent with rail investments and maintenance expenditures today.





Source: IEA (2013c)

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Estimate of emissions per investment

IEA estimates put the emissions of rail at a range of 6 to 28 gCO₂ per every USD invested in infrastructure, compared to a range of 19 to 81 gCO₂ per USD invested in road infrastructure. The estimates consider the emissions generated by vehicle operation over the built infrastructure (i.e. emissions from railway traction and road vehicles exhaust), and the investments take into account the annuitized capital, annual operation and maintenance costs and partial reconstruction across 30 years of operations. The detailed methodology is available in the "Methodological Notes" annex of this handbook.

The IEA calculations show that while rail is typically more expensive to build and maintain than road (annuitized investments range between 180 and 870 thousand USD per track-km with a peak of nearly 2 million USD for top-of-the-line high speed railway infrastructure, compared to 50-230 thousand dollars in annuitized investment per paved lane-km of road), those investments are more efficient in terms of emissions per dollar spent: on average, road activities generate annually 3 to 14 times more CO₂ per USD spent on infrastructure than for rail investments.



Fig.106: Estimate of annuitized investments (top) and emissions per investment (bottom) for road and rail

Source: IEA elaboration based on Mobility Model, IEA (2013c) and UIC (2013a)



Methodology Notes

Share of CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion by sector (fig.1, 12, 26, 37, 48, 59, 69)

The IEA CO_2 from fuel combustion database does not attribute any CO_2 emissions from the use of electricity in the transport sector. The CO_2 emissions from electricity generation are attributed to the power sector. The power sector, even though not being a final user of energy, is subjected to its own objective in terms of CO_2 emission reduction, such as the EU ETS in the EU.

Railway CO_2 emissions in the various "Share of CO_2 emissions from fuel combustion by sector" figures presented in this publication are an exception to the previous rule, as those figures take into account emissions for the whole railway sector, including electric traction. Accordingly, in those figures, the emissions for railway electric traction have not been counted in the power sector. In all cases except for the EU figures (which come from UIC, 2012b) the emissions from railway electric traction have been estimated from the use of electric power in the railway sector, from which CO_2 emissions have been calculated by using the national production electricity mix (IEA, 2012b), fuel emission factors (IPCC, 2006) and power plant efficiency values (IEA, 2008).

In all cases, international aviation and navigation bunkers have been included in the calculations.

Railway specific energy consumption (fig. 10, 24, 35, 46, 57, 67, 78)

Railway specific energy consumption is based on combinations of different data from UIC. Some railway companies provide UIC with their tractive stock total consumption divided by electric/diesel and passenger/ freight. These total consumptions combined with pkm and tkm (which are distributed between electric, diesel and coal following repartition of train-km given by UIC) allows the calculation of energy intensity. As total energy consumption is not provided by all companies, specific energy consumption for several countries is an estimation based on intensity in other countries. A second step is the comparison of total energy use calculated in this way with the IEA *World Energy Balances* database (IEA, 2012b), which allows a calibration of the estimated energy intensity.

Railway specific energy consumption and specific CO₂ emissions

In some cases, figures showing specific energy consumption and specific CO₂ emissions can appear different from the figures in the Railway Handbook 2013. IEA and UIC continue to work together to improve energy and emissions statistics with respect to data reported by UIC members, including specific energy and emissions data for rail tractive stock.

Railway energy sources mix (fig. 21, 22, 23; tables 4 and 5)

For EU27, the railway energy sources mix has been calculated. The railway energy sources mix indicates in what proportion the energy sources are being used for rail traction. As seen in fig. 21, part of the trains run on diesel (which are oil products) and the rest run on electricity, which is produced from different sources according to the electricity mix used (fig. 22 and table 4). By applying the electricity mix to the portion of electric energy used, it is possible to obtain the energy sources mix shown in fig. 23 and table 5.

Emissions per investment (fig. 106)

Emissions per U.S. Dollar (USD) spent on rail and road infrastructure were calculated using average network operating emissions (rolling stock, in grams CO₂ equivalent) per annuitized dollar spent on infrastructure (including capital construction, annual operations and maintenance [O&M] and expected repair or reconstruction to the capital infrastructure). Capital construction, reconstruction and O&M costs were estimated from typical low and high project costs described in the IEA's Global Land Transport Infrastructure Requirements report (IEA, 2013c), where capital recovery factors were applied assuming a fixed interest rate of 5% and typical infrastructure lifetimes of 10 and 30 years for road and rail, respectively. It was also assumed that typical capital repair and/ or reconstruction would occur at least once during the infrastructure lifetime (or once every 5 years for road and once every 15 years for rail). High-end rail costs were included to account for atypical rail projects and high-speed rail, which can be as much as 4 to 5 times more expensive than conventional rail projects. Once the annuitized costs using a capital recovery factor were determined, average annual operating emissions (from road vehicle and rail tractive stock along one paved lane-km or one track-km) were applied to determine the average range of emissions per dollar spent across road and rail infrastructure. A low-to-high range was provided to show the variation in typical annuitized costs and the resulting range in typical emissions per investment.



Electrified track

Track provided with an overhead catenary or a conductor rail to permit electric traction.

Electrified line

Line with one or more electrified running tracks.

Energy consumption by rail transport

Final energy consumed by tractive vehicles for traction, train services and facilities (heating, air conditioning, lighting etc.).

Gross tonne-kilometre hauled

Unit of measurement representing the movement over a distance of one kilometre of one tonne of hauled vehicles (and railcars) and contents.

HDV

Heavy Duty Vehicle (gross vehicle weight > 3.5 tonnes)

Joule (J)

Unit of measurement of energy consumption. Kilojoule: 1 kJ = 1 000 J Megajoule: 1 MJ = 1 x 10^6 J Gigajoule: 1 GJ = 1 x 10^9 J Terajoule: 1 TJ = 1 x 10^{12} J Petajoule: 1 PJ = 1 x 10^{15} J

Passenger-kilometre (pkm)

Unit of measurement representing the transport of one passenger over a distance of one kilometre.

P2W

Powered 2 wheelers

PLDV

Passenger light duty vehicle

Tonne-kilometre (tkm)

Unit of measurement of goods transport which represents the transport of one tonne of goods over a distance of one kilometre.

Tonne of oil equivalent (toe)

Unit of measurement of energy consumption: 1 TOE = 41.868 GJ

Train-kilometre (train-km)

Unit of measurement representing the movement of a train over one kilometre.

Transport Unit (tu)

The sum of passenger kilometre and tonne kilometre

TTW Tank to wheel

WTT Well to tank

WTW Well to wheel

OECD

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Member countries are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States.

OECD North America: Canada, Mexico and USA

OECD Europe: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom.

OECD Pacific: Australia, Japan, Korea and New Zealand

ITF

International Transport Forum.

Member countries are: Albania, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Chile, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, South Korea, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom and United States. Morocco is an observer country.

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