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The data on **transport** are (except for local roads) obtained from external sources – the Ministry of Transport and the Road and Motorway Directorate of the CR.

Motorways are roads designed for fast long-distance and international transport by means of road motor vehicles and built without junctions at grade. Depending on their purpose and importance to transport, they are classified to class I and class II motorways. **Roads** are surface communications open to the public and designed for the use by road and other vehicles and pedestrians. They form a road network. Depending on their purpose and importance to transport, they are classified to class I, class II, and class III roads (including sections in towns and municipalities included in the road network).

The length of operated **railway lines** is the length of running (main/open) tracks. It does not include other tracks (loops, sidings) and service (marshalling/handling) tracks. Since 2015, the total **length of navigable inland waterways** for regular transport also includes class 0 and non-classified inland waterways on reservoirs and lakes serving mostly for transport by means of passenger ships and for navigation for sport.

The **numbers of road vehicles** are obtained from the Register of Road Vehicles updated according to the registers of municipal authorities of municipalities with extended powers. There are road motor vehicles and semi-trailers and trailers having valid licence plates as at 31 December.

A stable part of the chapter is supplemented by tables with data on **local roads**, which were obtained from the CZSO report (questionnaire) filled in by individual municipalities (including city parts of the Capital City of Prague). The data refer to the year 2021 and are published without grossing up, i.e. for more than 98% of municipalities of the Czech Republic that submitted the report (questionnaire). Only smaller towns and municipalities with the population of less than 3 000 persons are not surveyed.

Local roads are divided according to **function (class)** into:

- high-speed roads (crossings of Class I and Class II motorways through towns (through roads));
- collector roads (roads connecting to Class I, II, and III roads);
- urban avenues, service roads;
- roads for non-motorised users (pedestrian and residential areas (paths and roads) and residential streets, cycle tracks, pavements, passages, etc.).