

17. TRANSPORT

The data on transport are taken from external sources of the Ministry of Transport and Road and Motorway Directorate of the CR, except for data on local roads.

Motorways are roads dedicated to fast long-distance and international transport by means of road motor vehicles and built without any at-grade crossroad. Depending on their dedication and importance to transport, they are classified to motorways of 1st and 2nd class. **Roads** are surface communications open to the public and dedicated to the use by road and other vehicles and pedestrians. They form a road network. Depending on their dedication and importance to transport, they are classified to roads of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class, including sections in cities and municipalities which are involved into the road network.

*The length of operated **railway lines** is the length of continuous rail tracks. It does not include other transport, marshalling, and handling tracks. The total **length of navigable inland waterways** for regular transport since 2015 includes also inland waterways on reservoirs and lakes 0 class and non-classified serving mostly for transport by means of passenger boats and navigation for sport.*

The numbers of road vehicles are taken over from the Central Register of 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 license plates as at 31 December.

The stable part of the chapter is supplemented with tables containing data on local roads, which were obtained by means of a questionnaire of the CZSO which were filled in by respective municipalities, including city parts of the Capital City of Prague. Data are for 2016 and are published without any grossing up, i.e. for over 96% of municipalities of the Czech Republic which returned the questionnaire. The non-response forms, with two exemptions, solely smaller municipalities with population below 5 000 inhabitants.

Roads are classified by functionality into:

- *arterials (through road sections of motorways of 1st and 2nd class through cities);*
- *collectors (roads connected to roads of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd class);*
- *locals (municipal streets and service roads); and*
- *other; roads not open to motor vehicles as pedestrian zones, residential zones and residential streets, cycling routes, sidewalks, underpasses, passageways, etc.*