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## Rail freight by commodity groups in 2020

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Coal, crude oil and natural gas as well as metal ores and other mining and quarrying products made up nearly 63% of the total weight of goods transported by rail in 2020. These two commodity groups also accounted for more than a half of the transport performance. The Office of Rail Transport has published preliminary data on commodity groups in 2020.

In 2020 freight carriers transported 223.2 m tonnes of goods. The transport performance amounted to 52.2 bn tonne-km. These numbers were lower by 5.6% and 6.6% respectively when compared to 2019. A total of 82.6 m tonnes of coal, crude oil and natural gas were transported (a decrease by over 8.5 m tonnes as compared to 2019). The share of this commodity group in the total weight transported by rail was 37% (a drop by 1.6% as compared to 2019). In the second largest commodity group, i.e. metal ores and other mining and quarrying products, a decrease was nearly 7 m tonnes, which is a drop in the share by nearly 1.5%. A total of 57.8 m tonnes were transported in this commodity group and its share in the total weight of transported goods was 25.9%. Detailed data can be found in our recent study [Grupy towarów 2020. Podstawowe dane](#) (*Commodity groups in 2020. Basic data*).

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Przewozy (grupy towarowe) w latach 2012-2020  
Infogram

## RAIL FREIGHT BY COMMODITY GROUPS IN 4Q 2020

In 4Q 2020 nearly 61.2 m tonnes of goods were transported by rail. The transport performance amounted to 14.3 bn tonne-km. When compared to 4Q 2019 it is an increase by 4.1% by weight and by 4.2% by transport performance.

23.2 m tonnes of coal, lignite, crude oil and natural gas were transported. It was a decrease by 0.9% as compared to 4Q 2019. However, this result was the highest in 2020 and when compared to 3Q 2020 2.6 m tonnes more were transported. ). The share of this commodity

group in 4Q 2020 alone was 37.9%. The transport performance was 3.6 bn tonne-km.

When compared to 4Q 2019, the volume of the most important commodity groups rose. An increase in metal ores and other mining and quarrying products amounted to 3.4% by weight and 6.4% by transport performance. In this commodity group the carriers transported 15.8 m tonnes and the transport performance was 3.8 bn tonne-km. The share of this group in the total weight transported in 4Q 2020 was 25.8%.

In 4Q 2020 transport of chemical products rose by 19.9% by weight and 17.1% by transport performance when compared to 4Q 2019. In transport of metals and metal products increases were 15.5% and 10.2% respectively.

In 4Q 2020 transport services in wagons or on platform wagons were offered by 72 freight carriers. 10 of them transported over 78.34% of the total weight of goods and were responsible for nearly 78% of the transport performance in 4Q 2020. The share of 62 other freight carriers did not exceed 25% of the total values.

Detailed data can be found on our new statistics website [Dane Kolejowe \(Railway Data\)](#).

The final results will be published in our new "Report on the functioning of the rail market in 2020", which will be available on July 31, 2021.