

2. NORMATIVE, LEGAL AND MEDODOLOGICAL BASES OF ROAD TRANSPORT STATISTICS

National Statistical Service of RA maintains the statistics on passenger transportation implementing by road transport organizations taking into account the implementation of relevant actions determined by “The State Statistical Work” annual programs adopted by the State Council on Statistics of RA, and in-between period - taking as a basis also the strategic trends determined in “Three year state statistical work program” adopted by the National Assembly of RA.

In the context of subject-matter, it is necessary to mention that the implementation of this survey partly directed also to the following starategic trends determined in the item 3.1.5 of chapter 3.1 “Transport and communication” of RA Law “On three year state statistical work program of RA for 2004-2006” adopted by the National Assembly of RA on 25 December 2003: *“... b) to improve the methodology of compilation of the main indicators on road transport (freight transportation and turnover, passenger transportation and turnover); c) to carry out periodical observations in order to complete the main indicators on organizations dealing with passenger transportation by the general purpose road transport (passenger transportation and turnover, motor vehicles run and routes); d) to publish statistical handbooks (bulletins) reflecting the description of statistics on transport and communication.”*

Besides the above mentioned, the statistics on activity of organizations dealing with passenger transportation by road transport is also maitained taking into account and/or based on normative legal acts regulating legal relations of the sphere, particularly, “RA Civil Code”, RA Law “On Transport”, RA Government Resolution N 762 dated 16 August 2001 “On Adoption of tender implementation order of organizations dealing with regular passenger transportation by general purpose road transport in the Republic of Armenia” and etc. The basic consepts and definitions related to the transport statistics are also provided by the mentioned legal acts, which taking into account the objectives and tasks of the given survey are presented below as a methodological explanations.

In particular, passenger transportation by road transport is implemented by general and non-general purpose transport. According to the Article 859 of the RA Civil Code “The transportation by the commercial organization is considered as transportation by general purpose transport if it follows from the law, other normative acts and the authorization (licence) given to the organization that the organization is obliged to transport freights, passengers and lagguaes by the request of any citizen or legal unit”. In their turn, non-general purpose transport implements the transportation of passengers of the given organizations by own (rented) transport means.

Besides the above mentioned, the other basic concepts (according to the definitions from above mentined other legal acts) used in transport statistics are following:

- transport – element of social-economic system of country, which includes the following types: road, railway, electric, pipe, water, underground, air,
- transport activity – activity related to use of technical means, communication ways

foreseen for transportation, as well as activity related to the rendering of transportation services,

- bus – transport mean with 9 and more seats (including driver’s seat) foreseen for transportation of passengers and their luggage,
- minibus – small kind of bus with 9-15 seats.
- bus and minibus routes - fixed route of movement of a motor vehicle from specified point of origin (station, dispatching point) to a specified point of destination for passenger transportation,
- regular transportation route – bus (minibus) route operating with the fare for passenger and freight transportation by the fixed route and scheduled departure for buses,
- intraurban route – route operating in Yerevan city and city communities, the specified point of origin and a specified point of destination of which are located within the bounds of administrative territory of Yerevan city (city communities).
- timetable – table (schedule), which includes information on time and place of bus departure and sequence of routes,
- and etc.