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in road transport 2005 – 2015**



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## Abbreviations, measures and symbols

DIW = German Institute for Economic Research (Berlin)	bn.	=	billion
	km	=	kilometre
EB = energy balance	PJ	=	petajoule (10 <sup>15</sup> joules)
EEA = Environmental-Economic Accounting	l	=	litre
	mill.	=	million
KBA = Federal Motor Transport Authority	t	=	tonne
	tkm	=	tonne-kilometre
LDT = light duty truck	veh.-km	=	vehicle-kilometre
NA = National Accounts	yr	=	year
	>	=	more than
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## Introduction

The transport sector – especially motorised road transport – is a significant consumer of energy. According to the national energy balance (source: Arbeitsgemeinschaft Energiebilanzen), road transport accounted for 25% of total final energy consumption in 2014. In the energy balance, fuel consumption in road transport is reported in the form of an aggregate. However, precise knowledge of the subsectors of road transport, e.g. by type of vehicles, is essential for both determining the causes of environmental pressures – especially air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions – and formulating policy measures to limit and reduce environmental burdens.

In Environmental-Economic Accounting (EEA), accounting methods have been developed to systematically link environmental burdens with the economic activities of industries and consumption of households. Here, National Accounts (NA) data on domestic output and the final use of goods are used in particular. Detailed EEA results of the use of environmental resources like energy, raw materials and water and of environmental burdens such as air pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions are reported annually in the publication “Economy and Use of Environmental Resources – Tables on Environmental-Economic Accounting”. Part 2 comprises data on energy consumption, part 6 on transport and the environment (mileages, energy consumption, air emissions).

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The resident concept is used in recording economic activities in National Accounts. According to this concept, the economic performance of resident units is measured. Regarding transport this means that all relevant activities of domestic units, including activities outside the national territory, are included in the accounts.

Due to the close relationship between EEA and NA, the resident concept is also used for road transport in Environmental-Economic Accounting. This refers to accounts of mileage, transport performance and the related fuel consumption of residents.

By contrast, the national energy balance is related to the sales quantities of fuels on domestic territory, regardless of who (residents or non-residents) carries out the refuelling (territorial or domestic concept) <sup>1</sup>.

For reasons of consistency with the energy balance, fuel consumption accounts include not only data according to the resident concept, but also so-called 'bridging items' which allow the transition to the domestic concept.

Detailed road transport results are contained in the aforementioned EEA publication.

This report shows summarized results. At first it provides an overview of energy consumption in road transport by type of vehicle and type of fuel for the period 2005 to 2015 (data for reference year 2015 are preliminary). In addition, results of energy consumption are presented in a breakdown by group of vehicle keepers (cf. table 2). The next section provides an analysis of the changes of mileages.

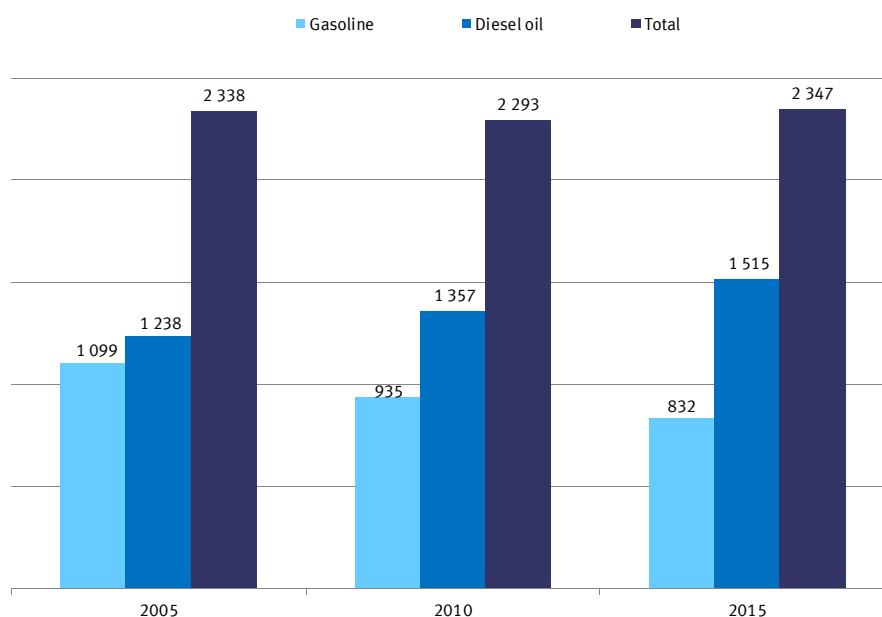
This is followed by a more detailed analysis of the vehicle stock, mileage and fuel consumption of cars and trucks. Finally, transitions between the domestic and the resident concept are demonstrated using trucks as an example.

<sup>1</sup> Source for the data in the energy balance is the Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA): Amtliche Mineralölstatistik für die Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Tab. 7: Inlandsablieferungen nach ausgewählten Verwendungssektoren.

## 1 Energy consumption in road transport

In 2015, road transport, as defined in the energy balance, had a share of 24.6 % in total final energy consumption. In 2005 the proportion was 23.5 %. Total final energy consumption declined from 9,217 PJ to 8,898 PJ (– 2.5 %) during that period. However, energy consumption in road transport (domestic fuelling of gasoline, diesel oil, biodiesel and bioethanol) increased slightly (+ 0.9 %). In accordance with the resident concept, the 2015 energy consumption in road transport amounted to 2,347 PJ, which was only a slight increase since 2005 (+ 0.4 %) (see table 1). According to the relevant definition, residents' refuelling abroad was taken into account in addition to the domestic refuelling of residents. However, refuelling of non-residents in the domestic territory was not taken into consideration. The reason for the increase in residents' energy consumption being slightly smaller than that of domestic refuelling was that part of the refuelling of residents abroad was relocated back to the domestic territory. This applies to both the residents' refuelling abroad and the refuelling of non-residents in connection with trips in or through Germany. Between 2005 and 2012 refuelling of residents abroad increased by a good 5%. After that time this refuelling has been significantly reduced because of the shrinking differences in fuel prices between Germany and its neighbouring countries. Both residents and non-residents refuelled their vehicles again more often in Germany.

Figure 1 **Energy consumption in road transport (resident concept) 2005 – 2015**  
Petajoules (PJ)



## Energy consumption in road transport

Different trends were observed for the various types of motor vehicles. Between 2005 and 2015, energy consumption of cars remained largely unchanged according to the resident concept. It declined only by 0.2 %. In the same period, energy consumption of light duty trucks increased sharply by 27.6 %. An opposite trend was however observed for heavy duty vehicles. Their energy consumption declined markedly (– 4.4 %) from 2005. A decrease in energy consumption (– 3.8 %) was observed for motorbikes, too (cf. table 1).

**Table 1 Energy consumption in road transport by vehicle type**

Vehicle type	2005	2010	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2015 to 2005
	Petajoule				%
Cars . . . . .	1,519.1	1,484.7	1,526.7	1,516.1	– 0.2
Gasoline engine . . . . .	1,062.3	905.6	839.9	802.6	– 24.4
Diesel engine . . . . .	456.8	579.1	686.8	713.5	56.2
Motor bikes . . . . .	22.8	20.7	22.2	21.9	– 3.8
LDV <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	208.6	236.5	255.0	266.1	27.6
Gasoline engine . . . . .	9.9	7.2	6.5	6.3	– 36.2
Diesel engine . . . . .	198.7	229.3	248.5	259.8	30.8
Heavy duty transportation . . . . .	433.2	435.0	407.5	414.1	– 4.4
Trucks . . . . .	202.0	187.3	182.0	184.9	– 8.5
Truck-trailers . . . . .	231.2	247.6	225.5	229.2	– 0.9
Buses . . . . .	37.8	33.8	33.2	34.1	– 9.8
Other vehicles <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	116.2	82.0	92.1	94.8	– 18.4
Gasoline engine . . . . .	4.5	1.8	1.6	1.5	– 67.5
Diesel engine . . . . .	111.7	80.2	90.6	93.3	– 16.4
<b>Total residents . . . . .</b>	<b>2,337.7</b>	<b>2,292.6</b>	<b>2,336.7</b>	<b>2,347.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>
– Refueling of residents abroad . . . . .	250.9	266.8	238.3	237.8	– 5.2
+ Refueling of non-residents on the territory	57.6	53.0	57.0	53.7	– 6.8
<b>= Road transport on the territory . . . . .</b>	<b>2,144.4</b>	<b>2,078.8</b>	<b>2,155.4</b>	<b>2,163.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
+ refueling of other motor fuels (gasoline, liquid gas, electricity, biomethane) . . .	5.5	30.6	31.2	28.4	417.4
<b>= Road transport on the territory (EB) <sup>4</sup> . . . .</b>	<b>2,149.9</b>	<b>2,109.3</b>	<b>2,186.7</b>	<b>2,191.4</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Total transport (EB) <sup>4,5</sup> . . . . .</b>	<b>2,586.2</b>	<b>2,559.3</b>	<b>2,615.5</b>	<b>2,620.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>
<b>Final energy consumption (EB) <sup>4</sup> . . . . .</b>	<b>9,127.4</b>	<b>9,309.7</b>	<b>8,698.8</b>	<b>8,898.1</b>	<b>– 2.5</b>
% of final energy consumption					
<b>Road transport on the territory (EB) <sup>4</sup> . . . . .</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Total transport (EB) <sup>4,5</sup> . . . . .</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>30.1</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>X</b>

Incl. bio-fuels, without gasoline, liquid gas, electricity, biomethane.

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>2</sup> LDV = Light duty vehicles (net load < 3,5 t).

<sup>3</sup> Tractors, Excavators, police and similar vehicles, mobile homes; from 2006 on mobile homes are registered with cars.

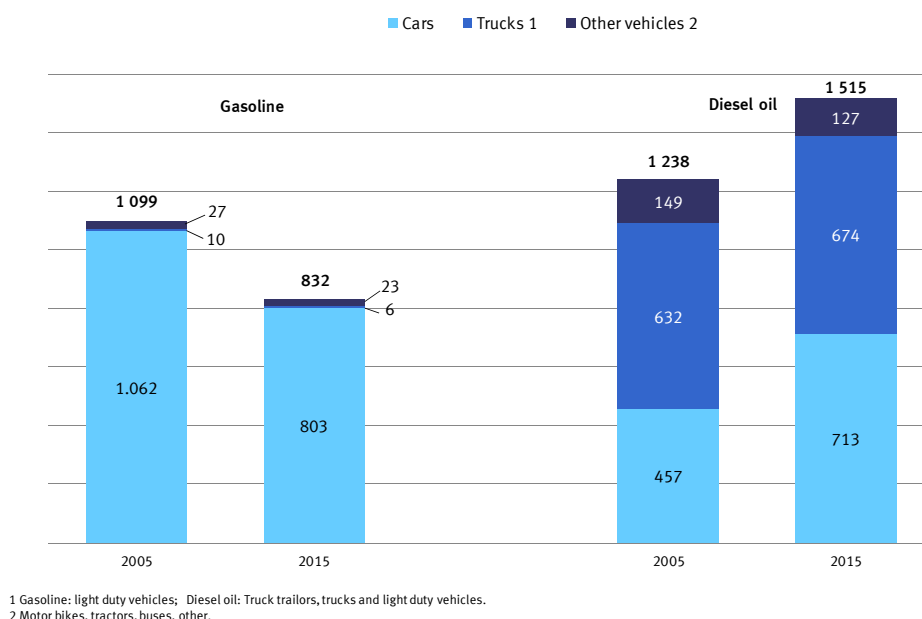
<sup>4</sup> EB = Energiebilanz (energy balance), incl. Gasoline, liquid gas, electricity, biomethane.

<sup>5</sup> Road transport, inland water transport, railway transportation, aviation..

## Energy consumption in road transport

When we look at energy consumption of vehicles by engine type, gasoline (petrol) consumption and diesel oil consumption moved in opposite directions (cf. figure 2). While consumption of petrol (including bioethanol) dropped by almost 24.3 % from 1,099 PJ (2005) to 832 PJ (2015), consumption of diesel oil (including biodiesel) increased by 22.3 % from 1,238 PJ (2005) to 1,515 PJ (2015). In 2005 diesel consumption accounted for just over half of total fuel consumption (53 %), whereas the relevant share was over 65 % in 2015.

Figure 2 **Energy consumption in road transport by vehicle type 2005 and 2015**  
Petajoule (PJ)



The strong decline in gasoline consumption was mainly due to the smaller quantities consumed by cars (– 24.4 %). By contrast, diesel consumption of cars increased significantly (+ 56.2 %). When we look at all diesel vehicles, in 2005 (heavy duty and light duty) trucks accounted for markedly more than half of total diesel consumption (51 %), which was equal to an energy amount of 632 petajoules. Consumption of cars was equal to 457 Petajoule (36.9 %). In 2015, however, cars consumed much more diesel oil (713 PJ, 47.1 %) than trucks (674 PJ, 44.5 %).

Table 2 gives an overview of energy consumption by group of vehicle keepers. It shows that households accounted for more than 84 % and industries for almost 16 % of energy consumption of cars in 2015. Regarding heavy duty transport (heavy duty trucks, trailer trucks), commercial transport accounted for 67.1 % of energy consumption and other vehicle keepers for the rest. Own-account transport of the manufacturing sector is included here, too..

## Energy consumption in road transport

Table 2 Energy consumption by owner groups and vehicle type 2015

Owner group	Total	Cars	Trucks. truck- trailers	Light duty trucks	Other <sup>1</sup>
<b>Petajoule</b>					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing . . . . .	67.4	1.3	3.1	2.7	60.3
Mining and quarrying . . . . .	2.8	0.5	1.7	0.4	0.1
Manufacturing . . . . .	76.1	41.8	15.4	17.1	1.7
Electricity, gas and water supply and waste disposal . . . . .	64.4	11.5	38.8	11.0	3.2
Construction . . . . .	54.2	11.2	12.2	29.2	1.5
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles . . . . .	134.8	39.2	45.6	46.6	3.4
Transport and storage . . . . .	374.6	16.9	277.9	50.5	29.4
Hotels and restaurants . . . . .	4.1	2.7	0.0	1.2	0.1
Information and communication . . . . .	28.8	11.7	10.0	6.0	1.0
Financial intermediation. Real estate. renting and business activities . . . . .	107.9	64.0	2.8	34.9	6.2
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security . . . . .	25.7	7.6	0.3	5.6	12.2
Education . . . . .	2.0	1.2	0.3	0.4	0.1
Health and social work . . . . .	12.3	10.0	0.1	1.5	0.7
Other services . . . . .	46.9	22.3	6.0	15.5	3.0
Industries . . . . .	1,001.8	242.0	414.1	222.6	123.1
Private households . . . . .	1,345.3	1,274.1	0.0	43.5	27.6
Industries and private households (residents concept) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	2,347.1	1,516.1	414.1	266.1	150.8
Balance of refueling <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	- 184.1	- 101.8	- 59.7	- 22.6	0.0
Industries and private households (territorial concept) . . . . .	2,163.0	1,414.3	354.4	243.5	150.8
<b>In % of total energy consumption</b>					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing . . . . .	2.9	0.1	0.8	1.0	40.0
Mining and quarrying . . . . .	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.2	0.1
Manufacturing . . . . .	3.2	2.8	3.7	6.4	1.1
Electricity, gas and water supply and waste disposal . . . . .	2.7	0.8	9.4	4.1	2.1
Construction . . . . .	2.3	0.7	2.9	11.0	1.0
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles . . . . .	5.7	2.6	11.0	17.5	2.2
Transport and storage . . . . .	16.0	1.1	67.1	19.0	19.5
Hotels and restaurants . . . . .	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.1
Information and communication . . . . .	1.2	0.8	2.4	2.3	0.7
Financial intermediation. Real estate. renting and business activities . . . . .	4.6	4.2	0.7	13.1	4.1
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security . . . . .	1.1	0.5	0.1	2.1	8.1
Education . . . . .	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Health and social work . . . . .	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.6	0.5
Other services . . . . .	2.0	1.5	1.4	5.8	2.0
Industries . . . . .	42.7	16.0	100	83.6	81.7
Private households . . . . .	57.3	84.0	0.0	16.4	18.3
Industries and private households (residents concept) <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	100	100	100	100	100

Incl. Bio-fuels. Preliminary.

<sup>1</sup> Tractors, excavators, police and similar vehicles, mobile homes; from 2006 on mobile homes are registered with cars.

<sup>2</sup> Residents concept: incl. refueling of residents abroad, exclusive refueling of non-residents on the territory.

<sup>3</sup> Balance of refueling: refueling of non-residents on the territory minus refueling of residents abroad..



## 2 Mileage in road transport

Total mileage in road transport - according to the resident concept - increased by 7.9 % between 2005 and 2015 (cf. table 3). Mileage evolved differently for different types of vehicles. From 2005 to 2015 mileage of cars increased by 7.7 %. Looking at cars in a breakdown by engine type, mileage shows a trend similar to that of energy consumption: mileage of diesel cars rose sharply by 57.6 %, whereas mileage of gasoline models decreased by 16.1 %. These changes were due to the trend from petrol to diesel vehicle use among vehicle keepers (cf. chapter 3).

Table 3 Mileage in road transport by vehicle type

Vehicle typ	2005	2010	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2015 to 2005
	bn.km				%
<b>Cars</b> . . . . .	<b>577.8</b>	<b>587.1</b>	<b>613.3</b>	<b>622.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Gasoline engine . . . . .	391.1	349.4	329.9	328.0	- 16.1
Diesel engine . . . . .	186.7	237.7	283.7	294.3	57.6
Motor bikes . . . . .	17.3	16.3	17.2	17.4	0.8
<b>LDV <sup>2</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>43.6</b>	<b>47.6</b>	<b>52.7</b>	<b>54.9</b>	<b>25.7</b>
Gasoline engine . . . . .	2.4	1.9	1.7	1.7	- 29.1
Diesel engine . . . . .	41.2	45.7	51.0	53.1	29.0
<b>Heavy duty transportation</b> . . . . .	<b>28.9</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>4.1</b>
Trucks . . . . .	13.3	12.4	12.7	12.9	- 3.0
Truck-trailers . . . . .	15.5	16.9	16.8	17.1	10.2
Buses . . . . .	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.3	- 5.9
<b>Other vehicles <sup>3</sup></b> . . . . .	<b>12.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>- 23.7</b>
Gasoline engine . . . . .	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	- 65.3
Diesel engine . . . . .	12.0	8.2	9.2	9.5	- 21.0
<b>Total residents</b> . . . . .	<b>683.9</b>	<b>792.1</b>	<b>725.5</b>	<b>737.7</b>	<b>7.9</b>

Inclusive mileage with bio-fuels.

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary..

<sup>2</sup> LDV = Light duty vehicles (net load 3,5 t).

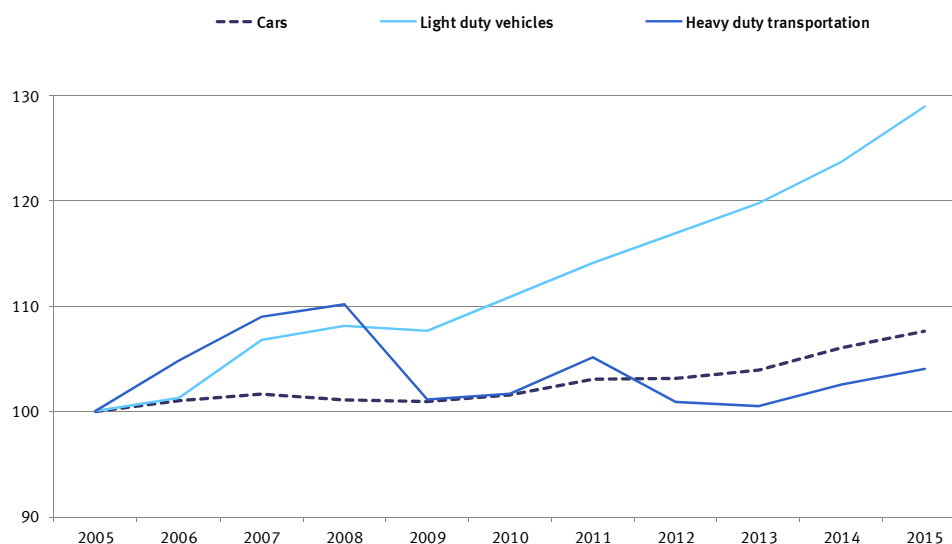
<sup>3</sup> Tractors, excavators, police and similar vehicles, mobile homes; from 2006 on mobile homes are registered with cars.

Source: German Institut for Economic Research (DIW - Berlin)

Mileage of heavy duty transport increased by 4.1 %. The rise was completely due to the strong increase in mileage of trailer trucks (+ 10.2 %), while other trucks showed a decline of 3 %. This development was caused by shifting transports to trailer trucks whose transport volumes are larger and therefore less costly compared to other trucks.

Looking at the mileage of heavy duty transport over time (cf. figure 3) shows considerable increases until 2008 (+10.2% compared with 2005). The economic crisis in 2009 stopped this trend abruptly and led to a drop in mileage (2009 to 2008: - 8.3 %). The 2008 level was not reached again until 2015 (2015 to 2009: + 3 %). In contrast, a steady increase was recorded in road freight transport by light duty trucks. Over the whole period, mileage increased by 25.7 %.

Figure 3 **Mileage in road transport by selected vehicle types 2005 – 2015**  
2005 = 100



### 3 Vehicle stock, mileage and fuel consumption of cars

Data on the vehicle stock are collected by the Federal Motor Transport Authority in Germany (KBA). Due to changes in the stock of vehicles registered (cars temporarily taken off the road have not been included since 2007), the number of vehicles recorded in 2015 cannot be directly compared with that of 2005. Therefore, the overall change between 2005 and 2015 indicated in table 4 represents the total of the changes in sub-periods 2005 to 2006 and 2007 to 2015. Between 2005 and 2006 the number of cars was up 1.7 %, while stocks increased markedly by another 8.1 % from 2007 to 2015. Consequently, the increase over the whole period was 9.7 %, which was the result of adding up the proportions for the two subperiods. The increase was exclusively due to the rapidly growing number of diesel cars. The latter was up by 53.9 % between 2005 and 2015, while the number of petrol cars fell by 4.1% in the same period. Actually, vehicle keepers responded to the jump in fuel prices (consumer price index 2000 – 2012: diesel oil prices: + 56.5 %, petrol prices: + 78.6 %) by buying more fuel-efficient and therefore less costly diesel cars. However, the trend towards diesel vehicles has continued unabated despite the fact that fuel prices have fallen since 2013. There is an obvious trend towards larger and more powerful diesel engines (SUVs). In 2015 the average fuel prices for gasoline were 23.1 % and for diesel 17.1 % below the 2013 level.

Total mileage increased from 578.2 billion kilometres in 2005 to 622.3 billion kilometres in 2015 (+ 7.6 %). In that period, the specific fuel consumption of cars declined due to technical improvements. In 2005 the average fuel consumption of cars was 7.8 litres per 100 vehicle-km, while it amounted to 7.3 litres in 2015 – with a significantly changed vehicle fleet. This equals a decline of 7 %. Despite growing annual mileage in the first few years after 2005, total fuel consumption could be lowered due to technical improvements (2008 in comparison with 2005: – 3.3 %). This positive trend has not continued in recent years. Between 2010 and 2015 fuel consumption rose to the level of 2005 (see Table 4). The steadily rising annual mileage and a vehicle fleet with significantly more motorized vehicles have overcompensated the savings due to technical progress.

## Vehicle stock, mileage and fuel consumption of cars

Fuel consumption changed similarly to vehicle stocks. While diesel consumption of cars increased by 57.1 %, gasoline consumption decreased by 22.2 %. The steeper decline in gasoline consumption compared to the decrease in vehicle stocks resulted from a decline in annual mileage (– 11 %) and the trend from petrol to diesel vehicle use, especially among frequent drivers. Furthermore, the reduced petrol consumption was due to a decline in average fuel consumption (– 7.6 %).

**Table 4 Vehicle stock, mileage and fuel consumption of cars**

	Unit	2005	2010	2014	2015	2015 to 2005 %
Total						
Vehicle stock <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	mill.	45.7	41.8	43.8	44.5	9.7 <sup>2</sup>
Mileage per year <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000 km/yr	12.7	14.0	14.0	14.0	– 2.7 <sup>2</sup>
Total mileage . . . . .	bn. km	578.2	587.1	613.3	622.3	7.6
Specific consumption . . . . .	l/100 km	7.8	7.5	7.3	7.3	– 7.0
Total consumption . . . . .	bn. l	45.3	43.9	45.0	45.3	0.1
Gasoline engine						
Vehicle stock <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	mill.	36.1	30.5	30.0	30.0	– 4.1 <sup>2</sup>
Mileage per year <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000 km/yr	10.9	11.4	11.0	10.9	– 11.0
Total mileage . . . . .	bn. km	391.4	349.4	329.6	328.0	– 16.2
Specific consumption . . . . .	l/100 km	8.3	7.9	7.8	7.7	– 7.6
Total consumption . . . . .	bn. l	32.5	27.7	25.7	25.3	– 22.2
Diesel engine						
Vehicle stock <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	mill.	9.6	11.3	13.9	14.5	53.9 <sup>2</sup>
Mileage per year <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000 km/yr	19.5	21.1	20.5	20.3	– 5.6 <sup>2</sup>
Total mileage . . . . .	bn. km	186.7	237.7	283.7	294.3	57.6
Specific consumption . . . . .	l/100 km	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	– 0.3
Total consumption . . . . .	bn. l	12.7	16.1	19.3	20.0	57.1
Gasoline engine in % of total						
Vehicle stock <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	mill.	79.0	73.1	68.4	67.4	– 12.9 <sup>2</sup>
Total mileage . . . . .	bn. km	67.7	59.5	53.7	52.7	– 22.2
Total consumption . . . . .	bn. l	71.9	63.2	57.1	55.8	– 22.3

Residents concept. Inclusive consumption of bio-fuels.

<sup>1</sup> Until 2006 incl. vehicles temporarily out of service.

<sup>2</sup> Change from 2015 to 2005 is based on changes of 2005 to 2006 and 2007 to 2015.

Source: German Institut for Economic Research (DIW - Berlin)

## 4 Vehicle stock, mileage and fuel consumption of road freight transport

Between 2005 and 2015, the stock of heavy duty vehicles declined slightly by 1.3 % (cf. table 5). Due to changes in the relevant delimitation in 2007, the comparability of vehicle stocks is limited over the whole period. The decline in vehicle stocks was largely attributable to the 2008/2009 economic crisis. In 2009, vehicle stocks were down by nearly 9 % compared with 2008. From 2009 onwards, however, numbers increased again (2009 – 2015: + 8.6 %). If we consider heavy duty trucks (net load >3.5 t) separately from trailer trucks, the number of trailer trucks increased much more (+ 13.5 %) than heavy duty trucks (+ 5.6 %).

**Table 5 Vehicle stock, transport performance and fuel consumption of road freight transport**

	Unit	2005	2007	2009	2015	2015 to 2005
		Total				%
Vehicle stock <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000	2,555.6	2,356.5	2,394.7	2,842.9	22.1
Mileage per year <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000 km/yr.	27.4	32.0	30.7	29.3	- 7.4
Total mileage . . . . .	bn. km	70.1	75.4	73.6	83.2	18.7
Specific consumption . . . . .	l/100 km	25.2	25.3	24.5	21.1	- 16.2
Total consumption . . . . .	bn. l	17.6	19.1	18.0	17.5	- 0.6
		Heavy duty transport <sup>2</sup>				
Vehicle stock <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000	526.0	484.7	443.1	481.0	1.3
Mileage per year <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000 km/yr.	54.9	64.9	65.9	62.4	- 1.2 <sup>3</sup>
Total mileage . . . . .	bn. km	28.9	31.5	29.2	30.0	0.5
Specific consumption . . . . .	l/100 km	41.9	41.2	40.5	34.1	- 18.6
Total consumption . . . . .	bn. l	12.1	13.0	11.8	10.2	- 15.3
Transport performance per year . . . . .	1,000 tkm/yr.	588.8	708.3	693.9	653.6	- 3.5
Total Transport performance . . . . .	bn. tkm	309.7	343.3	307.5	314.4	1.5
Specific consumption . . . . .	l/100 tkm	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.3	- 16.6
		LDV <sup>4</sup>				
Vehicle stock <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000	2,029.6	1 871.9	1 951.6	2 361.9	27.4
Mileage per year <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,000 FZ-km/yr.	20.3	23.5	22.7	22.5	- 4.3
Total mileage . . . . .	bn. km	41.2	44.0	44.4	53.1	29.0
Specific consumption . . . . .	l/100km	13.5	14.0	14.0	13.7	2.0
Total consumption . . . . .	bn. l	5.5	6.2	6.2	7.3	31.6

Residents concept. Inclusive consumption of bio-fuels.

<sup>1</sup> Until 2006 incl. vehicles temporarily out of service.

<sup>2</sup> Trucks > 3.5 t net load, truck-trailers.

<sup>3</sup> Change from 2015 to 2005 is based on changes of 2005 to 2006 and 2007 to 2015.

<sup>4</sup> LDV = Light duty vehicles (net load < 3,5 t).

Sources: German Institut for Economic Research (DIW - Berlin) and Kraftfahrtbundesamt, Flensburg

## Vehicle stock, mileage and fuel consumption of road freight transport

The stock of light duty trucks (LDT) has increased for many years now. Between 2005 and 2015, the number of LDT increased by 27.4 %.

If we look at heavy and light duty transport as a whole, stocks grew by 22.1 % despite a slightly decreasing number of heavy duty vehicles.

In the period from 2005 to 2015, total mileage in heavy duty transport grew by less than 0.5 %. The vehicle utilisation rate increased continuously until the crisis year of 2009. Between 2009 and 2015, the annual mileage per vehicle dropped clearly (– 5.2 %). These trends are even more visible in transport performance (tonne-kilometres). In the years before the economic crisis, transport performance increased markedly (2005 – 2009: + 10.2 %). In the crisis year 2008/2009, however, there was a collapse of almost 10 %. In the following years, there was a slight recovery in transport performance, but the level of the years 2007/08 could no longer be achieved. In 2012 there was a further decline and the transport performance in 2015 was barely higher than in 2005 (2005 – 2015: + 1.5 %).

In heavy duty transport, the specific fuel consumption per 100 vehicle-kilometres declined by 18.6 % between 2005 and 2015. In the same period, the specific consumption per 100 tonne-kilometres dropped by 16.6%. Reasons for the stronger decline in vehicle kilometre-related consumption were presumably that larger trucks or trailer trucks were increasingly used and the utilisation rate was improved. In line with the increasing transport performance, fuel consumption in heavy duty transport was down 15.3 % during that period.

**Table 6 Transport performance in heavy duty transport – residents and on domestic territory**

	2005	2010	2012	2014	2015 <sup>1</sup>	2015 to 2005
	Mill. tkm					%
Residents <sup>1</sup> .....	310,1	312,8	306,7	309,9	314,4	1,4
Residents abroad <sup>2</sup> .....	38,3	31,2	27,1	24,2	25,8	– 32,6
Non-residents on domestic territory <sup>3</sup> .....	130,9	158,7	166,4	166,0	170,0	29,9
On domestic territory .....	402,7	440,3	446,0	451,7	458,6	13,9

<sup>1</sup> Source: Kraftfahrtbundesamt, Flensburg.

<sup>2</sup> Own calculations.

<sup>3</sup> Source: Bundesministerium für Verkehr: Verkehr in Zahlen 2016/2017.

A comparison of the total transport performance of residents in heavy duty transport with the total performance on domestic territory reveals the following (cf. table 6): the transport performance of residents slightly increased (+ 1.4 %) from 2005 to 2015. In the same period, the transport performance on German territory increased drastically by 13.9 %. This means that domestic transport performance was provided increasingly by foreign companies. They recorded a sharp increase of almost 30 %. As a result, the share of non-residents transports on German roads rose noticeably from 32.5 % in 2005 to 37.1 %. By contrast, the residents' transport performance abroad has declined substantially since 2005 (– 32.6 %).