

**RIGA
FACTS &
FIGURES**
2016



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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Coordinates:	56°56'51"N 24°6'23"E
Status of the city:	Since 1201
Area:	304,05 km²
National currency:	Euro (EUR)
Time zone:	GMT+2
Official portal of Riga Municipality:	www.riga.lv ; www.investinriga.com

Riga is the capital city of the Republic of Latvia; and it is located in the central part of Latvia on the south coast of the Gulf of Riga, on both riversides of Daugava. Geographically the city is located in the centre of the Baltic region countries.

Accessibility:



by plane – from 83 cities all over the world;



by train – from Russia, Belorussia and Estonia;



by ferry – from Germany and Sweden;



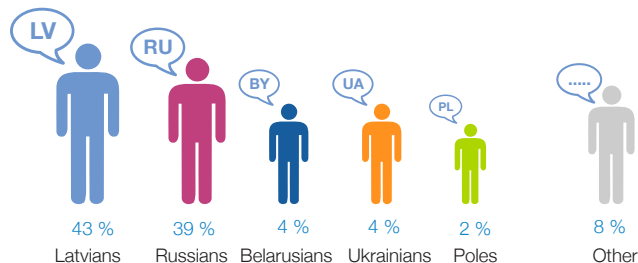
by bus – from more than 100 European cities.

Population of Riga

Population:	698 086 (January 2015)
Male:	311 493
Females:	386 593
Population density:	2 109 per km ²
Under working age ¹ :	92 896
Working age:	398 227
Post working age:	149 884

According to data on population, Riga is the largest city in the Baltic States and the third largest (behind Saint Petersburg and Stockholm) in the region of the Baltic Sea.

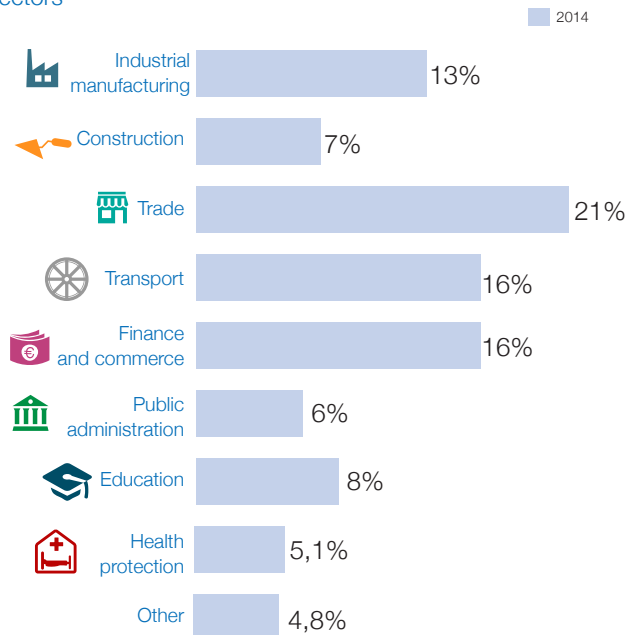
The share of different nationalities in Riga²



¹ The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs. Number of population in municipalities by nationalities. Available at: <http://www.pmlp.gov.lv>

² The Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs. Number of population in municipalities by nationalities. Available at: <http://www.pmlp.gov.lv>

Breakdown of employment in Riga by economic activity sectors³



The main planning documents of the city:

- The Sustainable Development Strategy of Riga 2030;
- The Riga Development Programme 2014 – 2020;
- The Riga Spatial Plan 2006 – 2018.

³ The Riga City Council Public Report 2014.

2. ECONOMICS

Key Economic Indicators

GDP per capita ⁴	In 2014, by purchasing power parity per capita Riga reached 106% of the EU average
The main value-added sectors in the city's economic structure	Trade sector (16.9 %) Real estate (10.5%) Professional, scientific and technical services, administrative and service sector (10.3 %) Transport (9.9 %) Manufacturing industry (8.5 %)
Non-financial investments in Riga region (in comparable prices, 2013)	2 152.8 million euro
Accrued foreign direct investment in the share capital of the companies registered in Riga (in the end of April 2015)	5.82 billion euro Investments of foreign investors in the capital city accounted for 80% of the total foreign investments in the country.
Economically active entities in Riga, in 2013 ⁵	68 181
The unemployment rate in July 2015 ⁶	5.1 %
Average monthly wage in public sector in 2014 ⁷	945 euro
Average monthly wage in private sector in 2014	828 euro

⁴ The Riga City Council Public Report 2014.

⁵ The Central Statistical Bureau. Economically active statistical units. Available at: www.csb.gov.lv

⁶ The Riga City Council Public Report 2014.

⁷ The Central Statistical Bureau. Employees' average monthly salary. Available at: www.csb.gov.lv

Internationally the most competitive sectors of the city's economy:

- Transport and storage;
- Manufacturing of wood and cork products;
- Production of food and beverages;
- Computer, electronic, electric and optical equipment production and information and communication technologies;
- Construction;
- Mechanical engineering and metal working;
- Tourism.

Transport and Logistics

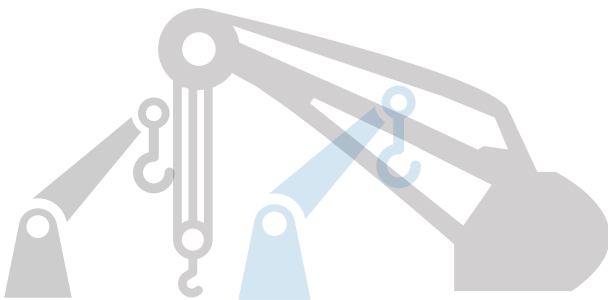
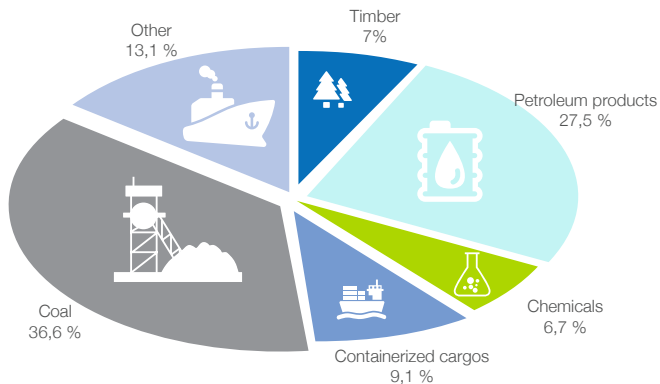
FREEPORT OF RIGA

Key facts and numbers about the Freeport of Riga:

- 15 km along both banks of the river Daugava;
- Total area: 6 348 ha;
- Open for sailing throughout the whole year;
- Status of free economic zone;
- Total length of piers – 18.2 km;
- Maximum depth at piers – 14.5 m;
- Warehouse area – 370 979 m²;
- Cargo storage area capacity – 1 926 362 m²;
- Cargo handling capacity – 58.2 million tons/year;
- Freezer facility capacity – 25 500 t;
- Reservoir capacity – 665 063 m³;
- The largest port in the Baltic States in 2014 by cargo turnover – 41.1 million tons;
- Ship visits in 2014 – 3 797;
- Up to 80 % of cargo turnover – transit cargos sent to or received from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS);

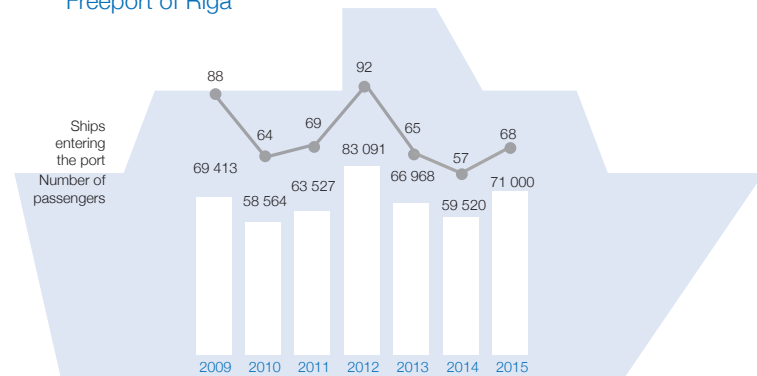
- Operating 35 stevedoring companies and 28 shipping agents;
- The main cargos – containers, different metals, wood, carbon, fertilizers, chemical cargos and petroleum products.⁸

The structure of transhipped cargo in January – July 2015

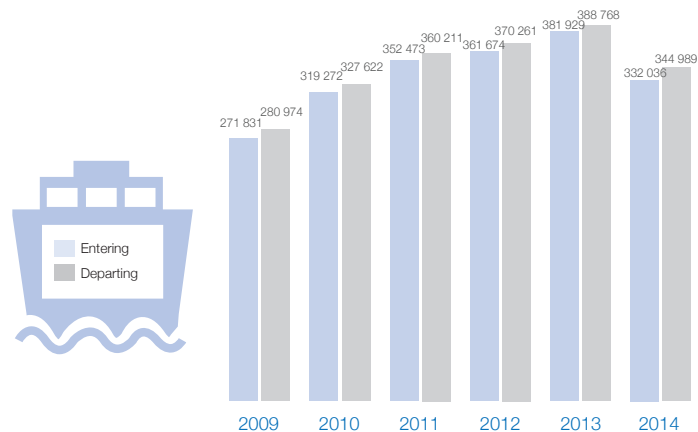


⁸ The Authority of Freeport of Riga. Available at: www.rop.lv

Number of entering cruise ships and passengers in the Freeport of Riga



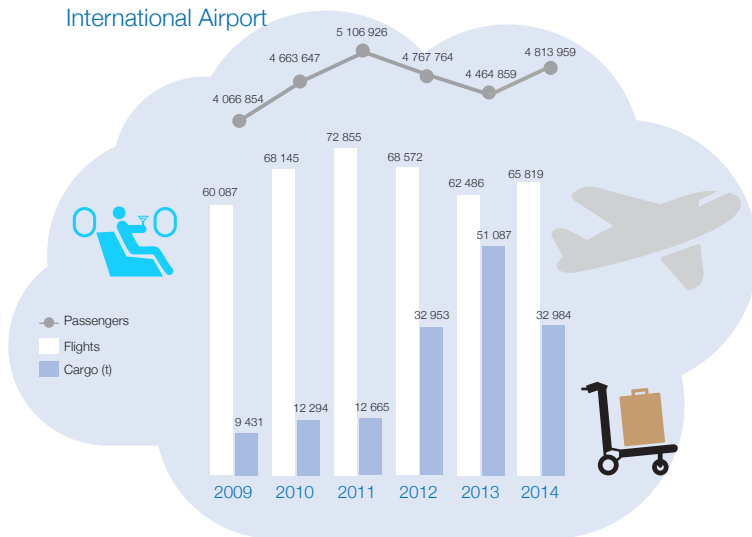
The number of ferry passengers in the Freeport of Riga



RIGA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Comparing financial data of 200 airports, in 2014 the Air Transport Research Society (ATRS) recognised Riga International Airport as the most competitive airport in Europe, calculating expenditures and tariff structure per passenger.⁹

Amount of cargo (t), passengers and flights in the Riga International Airport



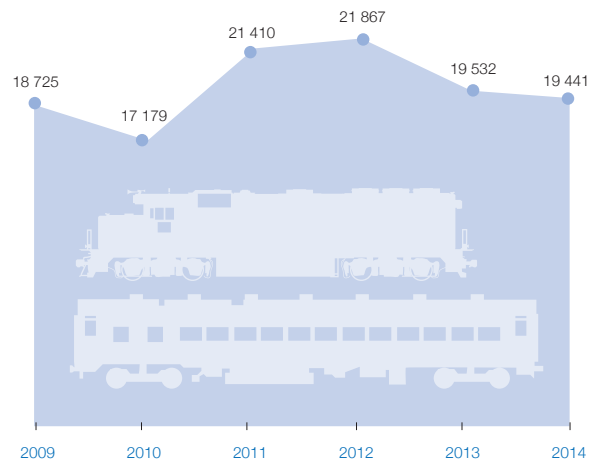
In 2014 the average share of transit passengers – 9 %, the amount of transit/ transfer passengers – 29 %.

⁹ SJSC RIGA International Airport: www.riga-airport.com

LATVIAN RAILWAY

Railway connections with Russia, Belarus and Estonia.

Cargo turnover in railway transport (million t/km)¹⁰



The amount of transported cargo (thousand tons)¹¹:

	Total	incl. via ports
2009	53 679	45 117
2010	49 164	39 056
2011	59 385	47 738
2012	60 601	49 035
2013	55 831	45 240
2014	57 039	47 041

¹⁰ The Central Statistical Bureau. Cargo transport by railroad. Available at: www.csb.gov.lv

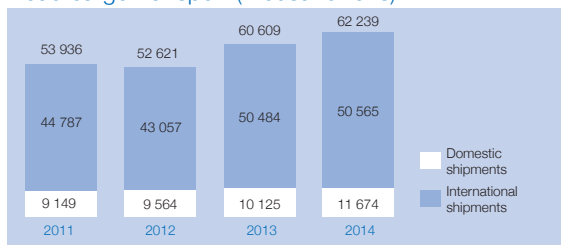
¹¹ SJSC "Latvijas dzelzceļš": www.ldz.lv

In 2014 the number of passengers in railway transportation reached 649 million passengers/km, and it is expected that railway transportation will be used more often.¹²

Land cargo transport

Land cargo transport makes approximately 29 % of the total cargo transport amount in the country and in 2014 more than 80 % of land cargo transport was particularly domestic road transportations.

Road cargo transport (thousand tons)¹³



Tourism

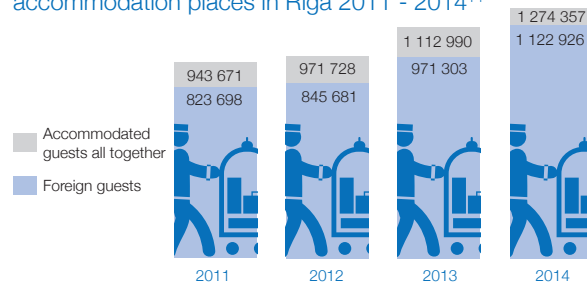
- Number of accommodation places: 119;
- Number of beds: 13 871;
- The occupancy of hotel beds: 54.8 %;
- In 2014 the majority of tourists came from Lithuania, Belorussia, and Estonia. While the number of visitors from Russia continues to decrease – in the second quarter of 2014 it decreased by 40%. Visitors from neighbouring countries made up to 45% of the total number of served foreign guests.

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¹² The Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Latvia. Passenger circulation of railway transport in the first quarter of 2014. Available at: www.sam.gov.lv

¹³ Central Statistical Bureau. Cargo transport by railroad. Available at: www.csb.gov.lv

Number of tourists accommodated in hotels and other accommodation places in Riga 2011 - 2014¹⁴



The main tourism promoter, as well as developer of the sector is the Riga Tourism Development Agency, more widely known by its tourism brand name *Live Riga*. The Agency is dealing with tourism promotion and popularisation of tourism opportunities abroad by bringing together almost 200 different companies and creating image of Riga as recognisable tourism destination. During the last year the number of served tourists in Riga has increased by 15%, including foreign guests – about 16%. In 2014 the number of sleeping nights in tourists' accommodation places in the city increased by 8%.

Education services¹⁵

High schools	46
Number of students in high schools	77 000
Number of foreign students	7 %

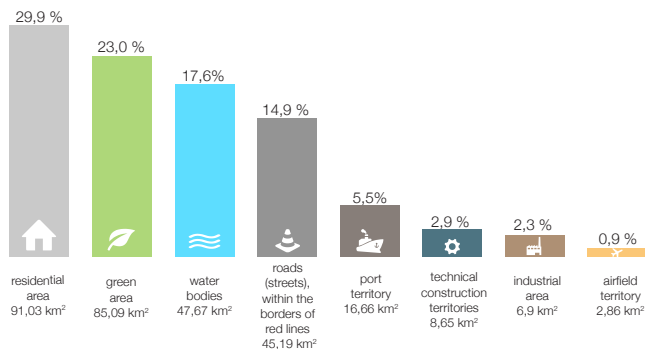
¹⁴ The overview of higher education of Latvia in 2014. Available at: www.izm.gov.lv

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3. TERRITORY

The environmental accessibility: 39 % natural landscapes, 16 % of them are water bodies and 23 % are green areas. The total green area – 85.09 km².

The planned usage of territory of Riga¹⁶



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¹⁶ The Spatial Plan of Riga for 2006 – 2018 with amendments. Explanatory memorandum.