

A stylized world map in shades of purple and orange, overlaid with a complex network of white lines representing global transport routes. The background has a warm, glowing gradient from purple to yellow.

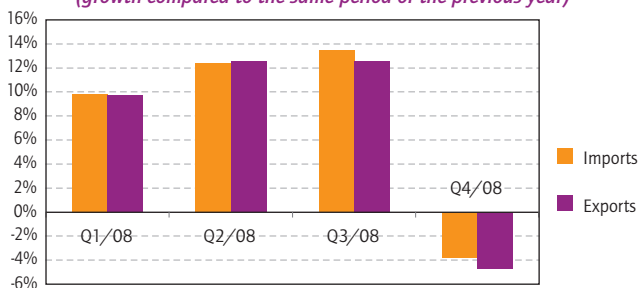
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## The Global economic crisis hit foreign trade in ITF member countries during the last quarter of 2008

The global economic crisis is reflected in the trade figures in the last quarter of 2008. Compared with the last quarter of 2007, imports and exports of goods in current values fell by 3.8% and 4.7% respectively. Overall growth in trade for the year, however, remained positive due to the strong growth during the first three quarters of 2008. Imports and exports of goods increased by 7.8% and 7.3% respectively in 2008. Household expenditure was hit first by the mortgage crises, declines in freight transport followed later in the year.

### Imports and exports of goods in ITF member countries (growth compared to the same period of the previous year)

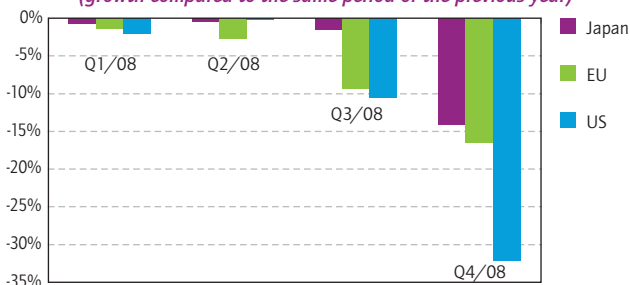


Source: ITF, except for Australia Q3-Q4, Korea Q4, New Zealand Q2-Q4, Netherlands Q1-Q4, Turkey Q4, United Kingdom Q4, source OECD. ITF estimate for Albania Q4, Bosnia-Herzegovina Q3/07-Q4/08, Malta Q4, Moldova Q4. Data excludes Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Liechtenstein.

## Households were hit hard by the mortgage crisis – registrations of new private cars declined sharply in the second half of the year

Purchases of new cars fell in many member countries throughout the year, although trends in some countries deviated strongly from the overall pattern. Registrations of new cars in the EU area fell by 7% in 2008 as a whole. In the United States they fell by 11.3% and by 3.9% in Japan. The situation worsened sharply in the second half of the year. Registrations of passenger cars in the US fell by 10.6% in Q3 and by 32.1% in Q4. Declines were large in the EU area as well, namely 9.1% and 16.5% in Q3 and Q4 respectively.

### Registrations of new private cars in the EU, United States and Japan (growth compared to the same period of the previous year)



Source: ITF, except for United States Q1-Q4, Netherlands Q4, source OECD. Data for EU excludes Bulgaria, Slovakia.

Countries	RAIL						ROAD														INLAND WATERWAYS				ECONOMY							
	Goods Transport (million T-km)		Passengers Carried (million P-km)		Goods Transport (million T-km)				Traffic (million V-km)		First Registration (number)				Fuel Deliveries (1 000 t)				Road Accident Fatalities (number)		Goods Transport (million T-km)				Trade in billion EUROS							
	National		International		National		International		National		International		Private Cars		Goods Vehicles		Motor Petrol		Motor Diesel		National		International		Imports (CIF)		Exports (FOB)					
	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07	2008	Δ% 08/07		
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Sum of 3 quarters

Sum of 11 months

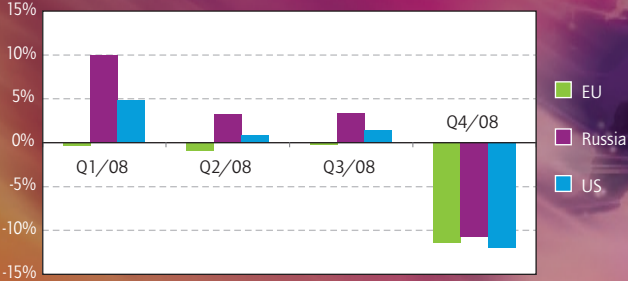
Estimates

For country notes see [www.internationaltransportforum.org/statistics/statistics.html](http://www.internationaltransportforum.org/statistics/statistics.html)

# The transport sector was hit by the crisis in the last quarter of 2008

Rail freight transport in the EU and the United States fell by 3.6% and 1.3% respectively in 2008 while it grew by 1.2% in the Russian Federation. Rail freight fell sharply in almost all member countries in the last quarter of 2008 with only Denmark, Estonia and Latvia showing growth. Freight volume declined by over 10% in the last quarter in the EU, the United States and Russian Federation (which cover 92% of overall rail freight in ITF member countries). A similar pattern is emerging for road freight although reliable statistics are not yet available.

*Rail freight T-km in the EU, Russian Federation and United States (growth compared to the same period of the previous year)*



Source ITF, except for Austria Q4, Belgium Q4, France Q4, Romania Q4, source UIC and for the United States Q4, source AAR. Data for EU excludes Greece, Netherlands.

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