Intermodal transport in Poland in 2025

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⇧8.5%

Increase in transshipments at intermodal terminals compared to 2024

Intermodal transport allows to create modern transport chains that combine two or more modes of transport into single system. It relies on a network of nodes that connect the different modes of transport involved in the transport of goods without changing the loading unit. The greater the number of nodes including land and maritime terminals, the easier it is to access the transport network.

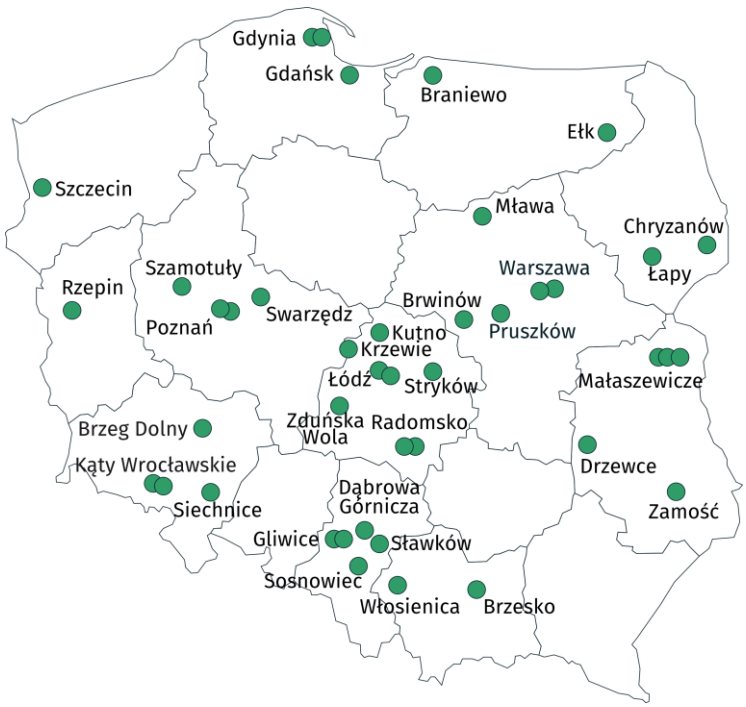
An intermodal terminal is a facility that enables the quick and safe reloading of units between two different modes of transport. There were 42 active terminals located in Poland in 2025, including:

– 4 handled sea-rail, sea-road shipments (maritime terminals),

– 38 handled rail-road transports (land terminals).

In 2025, there were 42 active terminals, i.e. 2 more than in the previous year

Map 1. Location of intermodal terminals in 2025



Maritime terminals infrastructure

The reloading quays at maritime terminals in 2025 had a total length of 6.2 km, of which 74.8% were used for handling cargo units in the lo-lo system.

The parking and maneuvering area covered 6.1 ha, while the terminals had a total storage area of 172.8 ha, of which 95.5% was dedicated to containerized units. The capacity of the storage yards amounted to 115.2 thousand TEU.

Maritime terminals had a total of 17.0 km of track for standard gauge railways, 70.7% of which was dedicated directly to loading/unloading intermodal units. The average train set handled simultaneously at the maritime terminal consisted of 71 wagons.

The storage yards capacity at maritime terminals remained at the same level, while that at land terminals increased by 6.1%

Land terminals infrastructure

In 2025, the parking and maneuvering area at land terminals covered a total of 30.2 ha, and the total storage area of the terminals – 104.5 ha, of which 81.2% of the area was dedicated to containerized units. The capacity of the storage yards amounted to 144.7 thousand TEU.

In 2025, land terminals had a total of 103.4 km of standard - gauge railways track, 38.9% of which were dedicated directly to loading/unloading intermodal units. The average train set handled simultaneously at the land terminal consisted of 35 wagons.

Table 1. Handling equipment at intermodal terminals in 2025

Specification	Maritime terminals [a]	Land terminals [b]
	in units	
Cranes	133	18
wharf	33	–
gantry	6	11
road container	94	7
Coastal and mobile cranes	6	3
Trucks	43	124
front boom	25	100
others [c]	18	24
Technological tractors	182	10
Low semi-trailers	150	4
Others	48	1

a Data for 4 maritime terminals.

b Data for 23 land terminals.

c Container shuttles, side containers, front stackers.

Transshipments at maritime and land intermodal terminals

The total annual throughput capacity of intermodal transport terminals was 10.8 million TEU, including 7.5 million TEU at maritime terminals, and at land terminals – 3.3 million TEU.

In 2025, a total of 89.6 million tonnes of containerized cargo were transhipped at intermodal terminals, i.e. 8.5% more than in the previous year.

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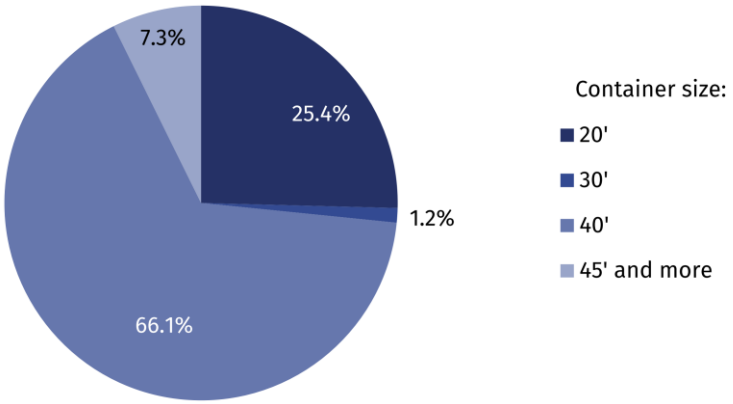
34.6 million tonnes were transported to/from intermodal terminals by sea (which amounted to 38.6% of the total cargo transhipped at maritime and land terminals), by road – 30.3 million tonnes (33.9%), and by rail – 24.6 million tonnes (27.5%).

The transport structure was dominated by loaded containers, which accounted for 68.7%, while empty containers represented 31.3%. In terms of size, 40-foot containers clearly prevailed, accounting for 66.1%, whereas 20-foot containers represented 25.4%. 45-foot and larger containers accounted for 7.3%, while 30-foot containers made up only 1.2%.

Chart 1. Structure of containers transshipped at intermodal terminals by size in 2025 (based on the number of tonnes)

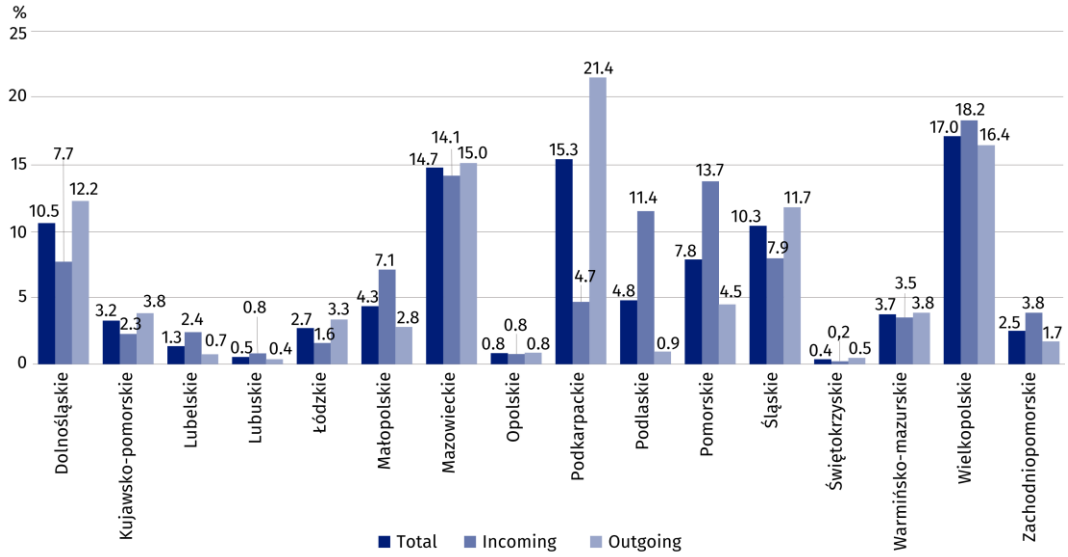


Transport of goods in containers by intermodal road transport

In 2025, over 30.3 million tonnes of containerized cargo were transported by intermodal road transport. The share of domestic transport amounted to 96.0%. In national transport most cargo were transported to/from Voivodships: Wielkopolskie (17.0%), Podkarpackie (15.3%), Mazowieckie (14.7%) and Dolnośląskie (10.5%). An increase in the transported tonnes of containerized cargo compared to the previous year was recorded in the following Voivodships: Podkarpackie, Wielkopolskie, Podlaskie, Kujawsko-Pomorskie, Dolnośląskie, Zachodniopomorskie, Lubelskie, Opolskie, Świętokrzyskie and Lubuskie.

In intermodal road transport, the share of national transport amounted to 96.0%

Chart 2. The share of transport of containerized goods by intermodal road transport in 2025 by voivodships (based on the number of tonnes) [ab]



a The data includes transport to/from intermodal terminals located in Poland.

b Estimated data.

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