

Strong commuting continues across the Øresund Bridge

Commuting by car across the Øresund Bridge increased by 12.5 per cent in the period from January to September 2024 compared to the same period last year. Road traffic increased overall by 2.6 per cent.

Øresundsbro Konsortiet's profit before change in value totalled DKK 1,279 million over the period from January to September – an increase of DKK 104 million on the same period last year.

With an average of 21,365 passages per day in January to September, the Øresund Bridge's total road traffic volume was 2.6 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

"Commuting has picked up this year, with an increase over several months, and this is the most significant change compared to the same period last year," says Linus Eriksson, CEO of the Øresund Bridge.

Commuting by car increased by 12.5 per cent on same period last year, with four in every ten trips made with the ØresundCOMMUTER+ season ticket, which offers unlimited travel at a fixed price.

Summer traffic was less concentrated this year. Never have there been so many passages in August as this year. Travel by German customers increased significantly compared to last summer, reflected in sales of combined tickets for the bridge and Scandlines ferries.

"Summing up the period from June to August, the summer brought record traffic. In addition to strong traffic levels with combined tickets to and from the continent, Swedish leisure traffic performed better than last year. Danish leisure traffic decreased slightly, but from last year's record levels," says Eriksson.

The decline in freight traffic last year has been replaced by growth this year. The year began with declining HGV traffic, but since April traffic has been more stable at last year's levels.

"HGV traffic rose by just over 6 per cent in September compared to the same time last year, so HGV traffic has seen an upturn," says Eriksson.

There has been a continued increase in the share of green passages across the bridge, i.e. vehicles powered by electricity or hydrogen. Comparing the period

January–September 2023 to 2024, the number of green passages will increase by around 265,000 journeys, which is an increase of 58 per cent.

Road revenue rose by DKK 45 million to DKK 1,395 million in the first nine months of the year compared to the same period last year. Øresundsbro Konsortiet's interest expenses fell from DKK 210 million to DKK 141 million, as a result of falling inflation and reduced debt. Operating expenses increased by DKK 3 million on the same period last year, to DKK 199 million.

Profit for the year before value adjustment is expected to exceed the previously expected profit of DKK 1,400–1,500 million and is now expected to be in the range of DKK 1,500–1,600 million.

Main income statement items (DKK million)

	Jan–Sep 2024	Jan–Sep 2023	Change
Revenue, road	1,395	1,350	45
Revenue, rail	442	437	5
Other revenue	16	15	1
Total revenue	1,853	1,802	51
Operating expenses	-199	-196	-3
Other operating expenses	-9	-2	-7
Depreciation	-225	-219	-6
Operating profit	1,420	1,385	35
Financial items	-141	-210	69
Profit before value adjustment	1,279	1,175	104
Value adjustment, market value effect	75	178	
Value adjustment, currency effect, net*	22	27	
Profit for the period	1,376	1,380	

* Value adjustment is an accounting procedure whereby financial assets and liabilities are stated at market value with ongoing recognition of the value adjustment in the income statement under financial items. The market value adjustment does not, however, affect the company's repayment capacity.

Trend in road traffic in January–September 2024

	Traffic per day 2024	Traffic per day 2023	Change (%)	Change (number)
Passenger cars*	19,332	18,816	2.7%	516
ØresundGO	7,296	7,038	3.7%	258
ØresundBUSINESS	2,634	2,651	-0.6%	-17
ØresundCOMMUTER	5,418	4,816	12.5%	602
Cash	3,984	4,311	-7.6%	-327
Freight traffic**	1,887	1,870	0.9%	17
HGVs > 9 m	1,613	1,621	-0.5%	-8
Vans 6–9 m	274	249	10.0%	25
Coaches	146	139	5.0%	7
Total	21,365	20,825	2.6%	540

Trend in average traffic per day in 2024. The trend in rail traffic is presented in Øresundsindex/Trafikstatistik.

* Passenger cars include cars with trailers as well as motorcycles.

** Freight traffic includes all freight transport from 6 metres.

Market share of combined Øresund traffic*

	Market share in per cent	Change in percentage points
Passenger cars	86.8	1.2
Freight traffic >6 m	62.6	1.0
Coaches	84.3	0.3
Total	83.8	0.5

* Applies to the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 which is the latest period for which data is available.