

NEWSLETTER**LOGISTICS & TRANSPORTATION****5 - 11 January 2026****China's railway mileage tops 165,000 km**

According to the China State Railway Group Co Ltd., the country's total operating railway mileage nationwide has increased from 146,300 km to 165,000 km during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-25). The expansion represents a 12.8% increase during the five-year period. The national railway operating mileage is expected to reach 180,000 km by 2030, including about 60,000 km of high-speed rail. ([Xinhua](#))

Shanghai airports record major rise in passenger turnover

Shanghai's two airports handled more than 135 million passenger trips as well as 4.5 million tons of cargo-and-mail throughput in 2025. According to Shanghai Airport (Group) Co, a total of 839,000 aircraft landed at or took off from Pudong and Hongqiao international airports last year, representing a year-on-year increase of 4.5%. ([China Daily](#))

China's low-altitude equipment sector grows fast during 2021-25

China's low-altitude equipment industry has continuously expanded, with the industry output value maintaining an average annual growth rate of over 10 percent during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-25). As of Dec 30, 2025, a total of 1,081 enterprises have completed registration, with 3,623 types of products filed and more than 5.29 million units registered, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. ([Xinhua](#))

The industry is projected to achieve "steady progress and innovation" in 2025

The total social logistics volume in 2025 is expected to exceed 370 trillion yuan (\$52.86 trillion), with total logistics revenue reaching approximately 14 trillion yuan (\$2 trillion). The total social logistics cost as a percentage of GDP is projected to be 14% (a decrease of 0.1 percentage points year-on-year). The penetration rate of new energy heavy-duty trucks is projected to exceed 25%. ([China Logistics & Purchasing Network](#))

Cross-regional travel expected to exceed 200 million trips per day during the New Year's Day holiday

During the New Year's Day holiday from January 1st to 3rd, cross-regional travel is expected to reach 590 million trips (an average of 198 million trips per day, up 19.5% year-on-year). Railway, highway, waterway, and civil aviation traffic increased by 53.1%, 15.5%, 35.3%, and 10.49% year-on-year, respectively, with a total of 208 million trips on the first day (up 21%). ([People's Daily Online](#))