

Commuting, freight and leisure travel drive bridge traffic growth

Record summer traffic and broad-based growth in commuting, leisure travel and freight traffic helped lift road traffic across the Øresund Bridge to its highest-ever level for the first nine months of the year.

Total road traffic increased by 1.9 per cent compared with the same period last year. The Øresund Bridge Consortium reports an improved profit before value adjustment of DKK 1,443 million.

“Traffic is developing positively across the board. More people are commuting, more are travelling for leisure, and more freight is being transported across the Øresund Bridge. Our bridge continues to strengthen exchange between Denmark and Sweden,” says Linus Eriksson, CEO of the Øresund Bridge.

An average of 23,159 road vehicles crossed the bridge each day during the January–September period, an increase of 428 compared with the corresponding period last year. Road revenue rose by DKK 26 million to DKK 1,505 million in the first nine months of the year compared with the same period last year.

Commuter traffic is an important driver of the growth in bridge traffic. Journeys made by commuters using the ØresundCOMMUTER discount agreement increased by 5.2 per cent compared with the first nine months of 2025, although the rate of growth slowed somewhat in the third quarter from the level seen at the beginning of the year.

Freight traffic also continues to develop strongly. The number of heavy goods vehicles over nine metres increased by 7.3 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Leisure traffic across the Øresund Bridge is also developing positively. Journeys made using the ØresundGO discount agreement increased by 4.9 per cent compared with the corresponding period last year, continuing the growth seen after the record-breaking summer. At the same time, cash traffic decreased by 7.5 per cent during the period.

The Øresund Bridge’s interest expenses decreased from DKK 121 million to DKK 76 million as a result of lower debt and lower inflation. Operating expenses increased by DKK 13 million to DKK 237 million, mainly due to increased maintenance and the impact of exchange rates on costs in SEK.

Profit before value adjustment for the year is still expected to be in the range of DKK 1,700–1,800 million.

The development of rail traffic will be presented later in Øresundsindex/Trafikstatistik

Road traffic change January–September 2026

	Traffic per day 2026	Traffic per day 2025	Change (%)	Change (number)
Passenger cars*	20,931	20,609	1,6%	322
ØresundGO	8,208	7,828	4,9%	380
ØresundBUSINESS	2,626	2,686	-2,2%	-60
ØresundCOMMUTER	6,268	5,957	5,2%	311
Cash	3,829	4,138	-7,5%	-309
Freight traffic**	2,064	1,960	5,3%	104
Heavy goods vehicles > 9 m	1,789	1,668	7,3%	121
Goods vehicles 6–9 m	275	292	-5,8%	-17
Coaches	164	162	1,2%	2
Total	23,159	22,731	1,9%	428

Change in average traffic per day. The change in rail traffic is presented in Øresundsindex.

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

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

Main income statement items (DKK million)

	Jan-Sep 2026	Jan-Sep 2025	Change
Revenue, road	1,505	1,479	26
Revenue, rail	452	449	3
Other revenue	18	13	5
Total revenue	1,975	1,941	34
Operating expenses	-237	-224	-13
Other operating expenses	0	-1	1
Depreciation	-219	-232	13
Operating profit	1,519	1,484	35
Financial items	-76	-121	45
Profit before value adjustment	1,443	1,363	80
Value adjustment, market value effect	188	178	
Value adjustment, currency effect, net*	49	-49	
Profit for the period	1,680	1,492	

* 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.