

Trains Slower Than Bikes

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The average speed of Russian Railways freight trains in 2011 was 10.3 kilometers per hour, or 247 kilometers per day, Lenta.ru reported, citing the company's annual report. Excluding loading and unloading operations, the average speed of the freight trains rose to 37.1 kilometers per hour.

Compared with 2010, the average speed of the trains fell by nearly 10 percent: by 1.05 kilometers per hour, and by 4.1 kilometers per hour if loading and unloading are excluded.

For comparison, the average speed of freight trains in China, including loading and unloading, exceeds 60 kilometers per hour. The average speed of a cyclist in the city ranges from 20 to 30 kilometers per hour.

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