

PASSENGER SERVICE



The main task of the *Latvian Railway* Passenger service is to ensure both domestic and international passenger traffic by rail.

The work accomplished by the Passenger Service in 2001 is characterised by the following figures:

- the number of passengers – 20.137 million;
- income from passenger traffic – 9.04 million lats;
- the number of passengers as compared with 2000 – 110.7%;
- income from passenger traffic as compared with 2000 – 90.2%.

In 2001, the passenger traffic by rail in the territory of Latvia was provided by two transport enterprises – the Passenger Service Enterprise *Elektrovilciens* (Electric Train) transporting 16,922 million passengers and the Passenger Service Enterprise *Dizeļvilciens* (Diesel Train) transporting 2.676 million passengers.

International traffic services in 2001 were supplied to 0.527 million passengers. International traffic was provided by seven trains formed by *Latvian Railway* – two trains in Rīga – Moscow route and one train in each of the following routes: Rīga – St. Petersburg, Rīga – Gomeľ, Rīga – Lvov, Rīga – Simferopol and Rīga – Adler. In Rīga – Odessa route there were two through carriages, and in Rīga – Kiev route – one through carriage. In Rīga – Vilnius and Rīga – Voronez routes there were also trains formed by railway companies of other countries.

Restructuring of the Passenger Service in accordance with the Restructuring Programme of *Latvian Railway* is proceeded with. In 2002, Passenger service is ensured by 3 companies: international passenger service by SJSC *Latvijas dzelzceļš*, domestic passenger service by the Stock Company *Pasažieru vilciens* and the non-profit Company *Gulbene – Alūksne Bānītis* Ltd. services the narrow gauge line Gulbene – Alūksne.