

# **Auto Transportation Market Forecasts to 2034 – Global Analysis By Service Type (Freight & Logistics Services, Passenger Mobility Services, Shared Mobility Services and Leasing & Rental Services), Transport Mode, Vehicle Classification, Technology Type, End User and By Geography**

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## **Abstracts**

According to Statistics MRC, the Global Auto Transportation Market is accounted for \$331.2 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach \$527.9 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 6.0% during the forecast period. Auto transportation involves transferring vehicles such as cars, trucks, and motorcycles from one place to another using carriers or transport services. It is essential for dealer distribution, personal relocations, and commercial logistics. Transport options include open or enclosed trailers, direct delivery, and fast-track services. Key priorities are vehicle safety, punctuality, and affordability. The industry is shaped by fuel costs, regulatory requirements, and innovations like GPS tracking and automated scheduling. Increasing vehicle purchases and the rise of online marketplaces are contributing to the sector's growth and expanding service demand.

According to the International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA) reports global auto production at over 90 million vehicles in 2024, with China, the U.S., and India among the top producers.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

Rising urbanization and relocations

The auto transportation market is fueled by urbanization and increased mobility of populations. As individuals relocate to cities for employment or lifestyle, transporting personal vehicles over long distances becomes necessary. Corporate and employee relocations further generate steady demand for vehicle shipping services. Expanding urban centers necessitate efficient transfer of vehicles between cities, suburbs, and rural regions. The rising trend of relocation for work, education, or lifestyle reasons continues to boost the market. Consequently, auto transportation services are vital in facilitating population movement and urban growth, establishing this factor as a key driver of industry expansion.

Restraint:

#### Regulatory compliance and restrictions

Government regulations and compliance requirements significantly limit the auto transportation market. Companies must follow safety standards, driver regulations, licensing rules, and environmental laws across local, national, and international jurisdictions. Failure to comply may lead to fines, legal issues, or operational halts. Variation in regulations across regions increases logistical complexity and administrative burden. Shifts in transportation legislation, emission rules, or border policies can disrupt schedules and elevate costs. Adhering to these rules reduces operational flexibility and growth potential, making regulatory compliance a notable challenge for the auto transportation sector.

Opportunity:

#### Cross-border and international vehicle transport

International and cross-border vehicle transport offers significant potential for the auto transportation sector. Growing global car sales, expatriate relocations, and corporate fleet movements increase the need for international logistics. Companies providing customs clearance, regulatory compliance, and safe long-distance transport can gain a competitive edge. Improved trade agreements and infrastructure make cross-border transport more efficient. By expanding into international logistics, auto transportation providers can tap lucrative markets, diversify services, and enhance their global footprint, making cross-border operations a strategic growth opportunity for the industry.

Threat:

## Geopolitical risks and trade barriers

Political instability and trade restrictions pose significant threats to the auto transportation industry. Tariffs, customs regulations, sanctions, and import-export rules can disrupt international vehicle transport and logistics. Conflicts or policy shifts may delay shipments, increase expenses, and create operational uncertainty. Providers must handle complex trade policies and adjust to rapidly changing diplomatic landscapes. Geopolitical risks can hinder market expansion, reduce profits, and undermine investor confidence. Effectively managing political and trade uncertainties is crucial for companies to maintain stable operations and growth in the global auto transportation market.

## Covid-19 Impact:

The COVID-19 outbreak had a major effect on the auto transportation industry by disrupting logistics, delaying vehicle shipments, and lowering consumer purchases. Lockdowns, movement restrictions, and limited workforce availability caused temporary halts in manufacturing and transport activities. Reduced sales at dealerships and rental companies decreased vehicle transfer requirements. Implementing health and safety protocols increased operational costs and complexity. Although digital vehicle sales helped partially offset the downturn, market expansion slowed significantly. Recovery is underway, driven by the resumption of transport operations, growing vehicle demand, and continued adherence to safety measures in the post-pandemic auto transportation sector.

The freight & logistics services segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The freight & logistics services segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period, which plays a key role in moving vehicles regionally and nationally. This segment supports manufacturers, dealerships, and fleet operators by ensuring timely delivery of cars, trucks, and commercial vehicles. Strong supply chain networks, high vehicle production, and the necessity for dependable transport services drive its demand. Providers in this segment use specialized carriers, route optimization, and tracking technologies to enhance efficiency. As the most substantial segment, freight and logistics services serve as the foundation of the auto transportation market, contributing significantly to its growth and reliability.

The air segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the air segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate, driven by the need for rapid, long-distance vehicle deliveries. It is commonly used for luxury, high-value, and time-sensitive vehicles, providing secure and timely transport domestically and internationally. Growth in global vehicle sales, online automotive platforms, and corporate relocations fuels demand. Efficient logistics management, real-time tracking, and quick turnaround make air transport increasingly attractive. With speed and reliability as key priorities for customers and businesses, the air segment stands out as the fastest-growing mode in the global auto transportation industry.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the North America region is expected to hold the largest market share, due to its advanced automotive sector and extensive transport infrastructure. High vehicle ownership, widespread dealership and fleet networks, and strong demand for personal and commercial vehicle transport support growth. Efficient road systems, modern logistics solutions, and emphasis on service reliability further enhance the market. The presence of major manufacturers and rental services ensures continuous vehicle movement across national and international routes.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the Asia Pacific region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, supported by rapid urban development, increasing vehicle ownership, and expanding manufacturing centers. Rising disposable incomes, growing middle-class populations, and supportive government initiatives boost demand for vehicle transport services. The rise of online vehicle sales and e-commerce platforms further stimulates market expansion. Enhanced logistics infrastructure, road connectivity, and specialized transport solutions improve efficiency. The growth of dealerships, rental fleets, and corporate vehicle operations drives additional demand.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Auto Transportation Market include Kintetsu World Express, Inc., BLG Logistics Group AG & Co. KG, CMA CGM Group, DSV, Expeditors International of Washington, Inc., CEVA Logistics, Hellmann Worldwide Logistics SE & Co. KG, LOGISTEED, Imperial, Kerry Logistics Network Limited, Kuehne Nagel, Nippon Express Holdings, Penske Automotive Group, Inc., Ryder System, Inc., GEFCO, CFR

Rinkens, Chetak Logistics and Sugam Group.

#### Key Developments:

In February 2026, CEVA Logistics and HAECO Group have strengthened their partnership by establishing fully integrated global logistics collaboration. The companies have signed a two-year global airfreight contract that will see Marseille-headquartered CEVA manage HAECO's global logistics for aircraft component flows, leveraging its global airfreight network and aerospace expertise.

In May 2025, DSV and UNICEF have announced the expansion of their strategic partnership to accelerate the delivery of life-saving supplies during emergencies. This deepened collaboration strengthens the humanitarian action pillar of their three-part partnership, complementing their shared commitment to reaching every child, responding to emergencies and building stronger supply chains for the future.

#### Service Types Covered:

Freight & Logistics Services

Passenger Mobility Services

Shared Mobility Services

Leasing & Rental Services

#### Transport Modes Covered:

Road

Rail

Air

Maritime

#### Vehicle Classifications Covered:

Passenger Vehicles

Commercial Vehicles

Technology Types Covered:

Electric & Hybrid Vehicles

Autonomous Vehicles

End Users Covered:

Individual Consumers

Corporate/Business Clients

Government & Public Sector

Industrial/Manufacturing

Regions Covered:

North America

United States

Canada

Mexico

Europe

United Kingdom

Germany

France

Italy

Spain

Netherlands

Belgium

Sweden

Switzerland

Poland

Rest of Europe

#### Asia Pacific

China

Japan

India

South Korea

Australia

Indonesia

Thailand

Malaysia

Singapore

Vietnam

Rest of Asia Pacific

South America

Brazil

Argentina

Colombia

Chile

Peru

Rest of South America

Rest of the World (RoW)

Middle East

Saudi Arabia

United Arab Emirates

Qatar

Israel

Rest of Middle East

Africa

South Africa

Egypt

Morocco

## Rest of Africa

What our report offers:

Market share assessments for the regional and country-level segments

Strategic recommendations for the new entrants

Covers Market data for the years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2030, 2032 and 2034

Market Trends (Drivers, Constraints, Opportunities, Threats, Challenges, Investment Opportunities, and recommendations)

Strategic recommendations in key business segments based on the market estimations

Competitive landscaping mapping the key common trends

Company profiling with detailed strategies, financials, and recent developments

Supply chain trends mapping the latest technological advancements

Free Customization Offerings:

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Comprehensive profiling of additional market players (up to 3)

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