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Abstracts

According to Stratistics MRC, the Global Underground Logistics Infrastructure Market is accounted for $1.4 billion in 2026 and is expected to reach $2.4 billion by 2034 growing at a CAGR of 7.3% during the forecast period. Underground logistics infrastructure involves creating below-ground networks that facilitate the movement of goods within cities. These systems typically consist of tunnels, automated transport mechanisms, and pipeline-based delivery solutions that help ease traffic congestion and lower environmental effects. Shifting freight operations beneath the surface allows cities to use space more efficiently, improve safety conditions, and promote sustainable development. Modern technologies like artificial intelligence, Internet of Things, and robotics enhance system efficiency through automation and real-time tracking. With rapid urbanization, such infrastructure is becoming an important approach to meet the rising need for efficient and environmentally responsible logistics.

According to India's Ministry of Commerce & Industry (2025), logistics costs have dropped to 7.97% of GDP, down from double-digit levels earlier. This reduction is attributed to multimodal infrastructure investments, including freight corridors and integrated logistics hubs, which are foundational to underground and advanced logistics systems.

Market Dynamics:

Driver:

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Increasing urbanization and traffic congestion

The expansion of urban populations is significantly contributing to traffic congestion, creating challenges for traditional logistics systems. Underground logistics infrastructure offers a solution by moving goods transportation beneath the surface, thereby easing road traffic and enhancing operational efficiency. As cities become denser, the requirement for dependable and quick delivery services grows. Authorities and planners are exploring underground alternatives to make better use of limited urban space, reduce transit delays, and ensure smoother logistics operations while supporting long-term urban sustainability and minimizing disruptions to daily city life.

Restraint:

High initial investment and capital costs

Underground logistics infrastructure demands a large amount of initial funding, which restricts its adoption in many regions. Expenses related to excavation, construction, technology deployment, and system maintenance are considerably higher compared to conventional logistics networks. Financial limitations often prevent governments and businesses from investing in such projects. Moreover, the extended time required to recover investments reduces its attractiveness to private stakeholders. Although the system offers long-term efficiency benefits, the heavy financial commitment involved acts as a significant obstacle, slowing down the expansion of underground logistics infrastructure in the global market.

Opportunity:

Expansion in emerging economies and urban development projects

Rapid urban growth in developing regions creates promising opportunities for underground logistics infrastructure. As cities evolve, the demand for effective and eco-friendly logistics solutions increases. Governments are allocating substantial resources to infrastructure development to support economic progress and urban expansion. Underground systems help tackle issues like traffic congestion, space limitations, and environmental impact. With a growing emphasis on sustainable and smart city planning, these regions present considerable market potential. Adoption of underground logistics is likely to increase as emerging economies pursue advanced approaches to manage urban transportation and distribution challenges.

Threat:

Competition from alternative logistics solutions

Underground logistics infrastructure encounters significant competition from other delivery methods like electric vehicles, drones, and upgraded road transport networks. These options typically involve lower setup costs and quicker implementation, making them more appealing to organizations and authorities. Ongoing technological improvements are increasing their efficiency and affordability. Consequently, many stakeholders may opt for these flexible alternatives instead of investing in complex

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underground systems. This competitive pressure can slow down the growth and acceptance of underground logistics infrastructure, presenting a notable challenge to its development and long-term viability in the market.

Covid-19 Impact:

The pandemic caused both challenges and opportunities for the underground logistics infrastructure market. Initially, restrictions, workforce limitations, and disrupted supply chains led to delays in project execution and reduced investments. Focus shifted toward critical sectors, slowing infrastructure growth. At the same time, the rapid rise in online shopping and need for contactless deliveries emphasized the value of advanced logistics solutions. This created growing interest in underground and automated systems for long-term resilience. As recovery progressed, stakeholders started exploring these infrastructures to strengthen supply chains, minimize reliance on road transport, and improve preparedness for future crises.

The underground freight tunnels segment is expected to be the largest during the forecast period

The underground freight tunnels segment is expected to account for the largest market share during the forecast period because they enable the efficient movement of high volumes of goods beneath urban environments. By avoiding surface-level traffic, they support quicker and more dependable transportation. These systems are particularly valuable in densely populated cities facing space limitations and congestion issues. Their ability to integrate with different transportation technologies, such as automated and rail systems increases their effectiveness. Moreover, advantages like lower environmental impact, enhanced safety, and streamlined logistics processes contribute to their widespread adoption in large-scale infrastructure projects.

The AI-driven logistics optimization segment is expected to have the highest CAGR during the forecast period

Over the forecast period, the AI-driven logistics optimization segment is predicted to witness the highest growth rate because of its strong impact on efficiency and performance. Using machine learning, data analytics, and intelligent algorithms, it supports real-time planning, forecasting, and automation of logistics operations. This helps lower costs, speed up deliveries, and optimize the use of resources. As underground systems expand and become more advanced, the demand for smart control solutions rises. Increased focus on digitalization and smart infrastructure development is further boosting the adoption of AI-powered logistics technologies across the market.

Region with largest share:

During the forecast period, the Asia-Pacific region is expected to hold the largest market share, driven by fast-paced urban expansion, growing populations, and rising demand for efficient transport networks. Governments are making significant investments in

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smart city initiatives and modern infrastructure to tackle urban congestion and limited space. Increasing online commerce and the push for eco-friendly logistics solutions also support market growth. Furthermore, ongoing technological progress and extensive city development projects enhance the region's leadership. With a strong emphasis on innovation and upgrading infrastructure, Asia-Pacific continues to maintain its leading role in the advancement of underground logistics systems.

Region with highest CAGR:

Over the forecast period, the North America region is anticipated to exhibit the highest CAGR, driven by rising investments in innovative technologies and intelligent infrastructure systems. The region aims to upgrade logistics operations to boost efficiency, ease traffic congestion, and meet expanding e-commerce needs. A strong technological base, increased use of automation, and focus on environmental sustainability contribute to this growth. Both public and private sectors are exploring underground logistics solutions to strengthen transportation and supply chain systems. This commitment to modernization and digital advancement is fueling rapid market expansion in the region.

Key players in the market

Some of the key players in Underground Logistics Infrastructure Market include Cargo Sous Terrain AG, Amberg Group AG, Sandvik AB, Normet Oy, Poclain Hydraulics, Fermel SAS, Brookville Equipment Corporation, CB Mining Systems Ltd, Jiangsu Tianming Machinery Group, Shanxi Tiandi Coal Mining Machinery, Changzhou Development & Manufacture Centre, Lianyungang Tianming Equipment Co., Ltd., Zetwerk Infra Solutions Pvt. Ltd., Herrenknecht AG, Strabag SE, ACS Group (Dragados), China Railway Tunnel Group (CRTG) and China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC).

Key Developments:

In June 2025, ACS Group, through DRAGADOS S.A., has acquired 100% of Fleischmann S.A., a Chilean company specialized in industrial assembly, energy systems, mechanical installations, HVAC, commissioning, maintenance, and construction. Fleischmann delivers integrated solutions throughout all phases of project development — from design and assembly to execution and maintenance — with a strong focus on data centers, industrial facilities, and civil engineering works.

In June 2025, Sandvik AB and Additive Industries have announced a new metal powder supply partnership for the direct filling of Additive Industries' Powder Load Tool (PLT), a powder hopper system designed for use with the company's MetalFab Additive Manufacturing machines.

Infrastructure Types Covered:

- Underground Freight Tunnels

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- Automated Conveyor Systems
- Pneumatic Tube Networks
- Subterranean Warehousing Hubs
- Underground Intermodal Transfer Stations

Ownership & Operations Covered:

- Public Infrastructure Projects
- Private Sector Initiatives
- Public-private Partnerships (PPP)

Technologies Covered:

- Robotics & Automation
- IoT & Sensor Networks
- AI-driven Logistics Optimization
- Energy & Ventilation Systems
- Safety & Monitoring Technologies

Applications Covered:

- Urban Freight Distribution
- Retail & E-commerce Fulfillment
- Industrial Raw Material Transport

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- Healthcare & Pharmaceutical Logistics
- Postal & Parcel Delivery

End Users Covered:

- Logistics Service Providers
- Retail & E-commerce Companies
- Manufacturing Industries
- Government & Municipal Authorities

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  - Canada
  - Mexico
- Europe
  - United Kingdom
  - Germany
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- Netherlands
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- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Poland
- Rest of Europe

Asia Pacific

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- India
- South Korea
- Australia
- Indonesia
- Thailand
- Malaysia
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- 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

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