The 70th anniversary of the 1956 Revolution and Fight for Freedom

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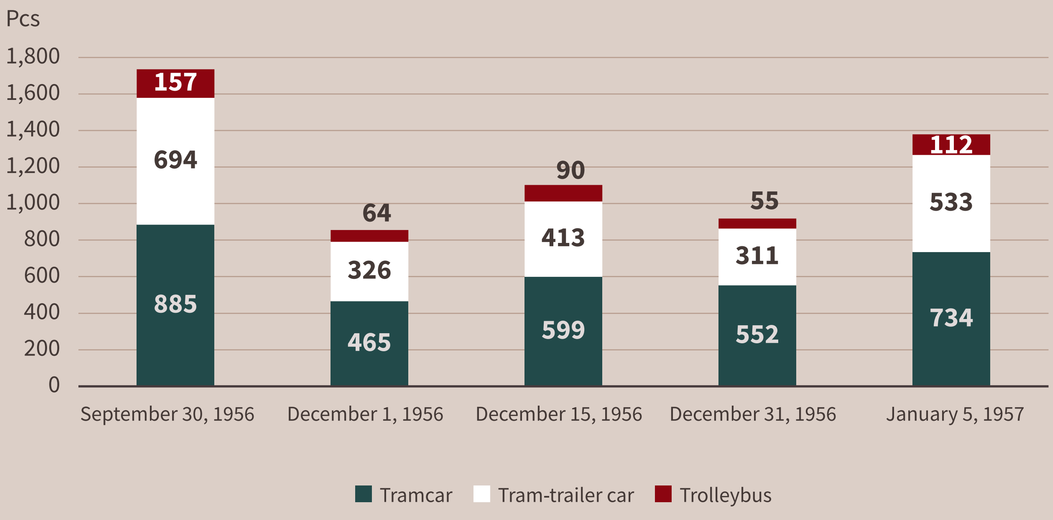
The tram system of Budapest has suffered major damages due to combat actions. 40% of the overhead lines were destroyed, while 30% were damaged. A total of 109 tram cars and 16 trolleybuses were in need of repair.

The number and change in number of tram routes launched, September 30, 1956–January 5, 1957

Date	Number of tram routes launched	Change in number of tram routes launched (compared to September 30, 1956)
September 30, 1956	87	0.0%
November 19, 1956	9	–89.7%
December 1, 1956	42	–51.7%
December 15, 1956	60	–31.0%
December 31, 1956	54	–37.9%
January 5, 1957	65	–25.3%

The number of tram cars in service were half as much on December 1, 1956, than on September 30, 1956.

The number of tram cars in service*



* Without the Cogwheel railway.

The traffic of commuter and freight trains have fallen similarly. On a daily average, 53% less commuter trains and 61% less freight trains operated in December of 1956 than the previous year.

Source: *Fontosabb adatok az 1956 október–decemberi időszakról.* Központi Statisztikai Hivatal, Budapest, 1957.

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