

Transport statistics*

December 2020

Tirana, 27 January 2021: In 2020, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports is 4,277 thousand / tonnes, decreasing by 4.0 % compared to 2019.

In 2020, volume of freights transported by rail is 26,029 thousand tonnes-km, decreasing by 39.4 % compared to 2019.

In 2020, the volume of freights transported by air is 1,796.8 tonnes, decreasing by 24.3 % compared to 2019.

Tab. 1 Volume of freight transported by sea, by rail and by air

| Period | By sea tonnes | By rail 000/tonnes.km | By air* tonnes |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| December- 2019 | 354,387 | 2,825 | 247.4 |
| December- 2020 | 357,607 | 2,750 | 180.1 |
| Annual change (%) | 0.9 | -2.6 | -27.2 |
| January – December 2019 | 4,455,033 | 42,936 | 2,372.1 |
| January – December 2020 | 4,276,647 | 26,029 | 1,796.8 |
| Progressive annual change (%) | -4.0 | -39.4 | -24.3 |

*Includes freights and mail

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

The volume of freight loading/unloading in ports, in December 2020 is 358 thousand / tonnes, increasing 0.9 % compared to December 2019.

The volume of freight transported by rail in December 2020 is 2,750 thousand / tonnes –km decreasing by 2.6 % compared to December 2019.

In December 2020, the volume of freights transported by air is 180.1 tonnes, decreasing by 27.2 % compared to December 2019.

In December 2020, the number of flights is 1,054 marking a decreasing of 54.8 % compared to December 2019.

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* This publication does not include the volume of freights and the number of passengers transported through the road transport.

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Tab. 2 Air transport indicators

| Period | Number of airlines* | Number of flights | Number of overflights |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| December- 2019 | 17 | 2,330 | 10,275 |
| December- 2020 | 14 | 1,054 | 4,743 |
| Annual change (%) | -17.6 | -54.8 | -53.8 |
| January – December 2019 | 17 | 28,695 | 188,032 |
| January – December 2020 | 14 | 15,280 | 87,157 |
| Progressive annual change (%) | -17.6 | -46.8 | -53.6 |

*Number of airlines refers to the number of companies which are licensed to operate flights in the beginning of the year
Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

In 2020, 379,084 passengers travelled by sea, decreased 75.9 % compared to 2019.

In 2020, the number of passengers traveling by air line is 1,310,614 passengers, decreasing by 60.7 % compared to 2019.

Tab. 3 Passenger transport by mode of travel

| Period | Passenger Transport | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | By rail | By sea | By air |
| December- 2019 | 257 | 78,600 | 271,659 |
| December- 2020 | 425 | 34,424 | 85,740 |
| Annual change (%) | 65.4 | -56.2 | -68.4 |
| January – December 2019 | 59,787 | 1,574,095 | 3,338,147 |
| January – December 2020 | 17,948 | 379,084 | 1,310,614 |
| Progressive annual change (%) | -70.0 | -75.9 | -60.7 |

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

In December 2020, the number of passengers traveling by sea line is 34,424 passengers. Compared to December 2019, this indicator decreased by 56.2 %.

In December 2020, passenger air transport occupies 71.1 % of the total transport.

Exports and Imports of goods by mode of transport

In 2020, value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 877.2 billion ALL and 49.1 % of them is transported by sea.

In 2020, goods exported by sea represent 55.6 %, by road 42.5 % and by air 0.5 %. Goods exported by road decreased by 1.1% compared to 2019.

In 2020, goods imported by sea represented 46.2%, by road 47.5 % and by air 3.0 %. Goods imported by road increased by 1.4 % compared to 2019.

Tab.4 Exports of goods by mode of transport

| Periudha | Export (billion ALL) | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | By sea | By rail | By road | By air | Other |
| December 2019 | 13,150 | 0 | 8,400 | 88 | 264 |
| December 2020 | 12,907 | 0 | 9,804 | 111 | 266 |
| Annual change (%) | -1.8 | - | 16.7 | 26.1 | 0.7 |
| January-December 2019 | 176,838 | 4 | 116,897 | 1,386 | 3,667 |
| January-December 2020 | 151,153 | 5 | 115,613 | 1,257 | 3,928 |
| Annual change (%) | -14.5 | 14.7 | -1.1 | -9.3 | 7.1 |

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

Tab.5 Imports of goods by mode of transport

| Periudha | Import (billion ALL) | | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | By sea | By rail | By road | By air | Other |
| December 2019 | 25,982 | 168 | 25,642 | 2,199 | 1,533 |
| December 2020 | 25,275 | 296 | 30,594 | 2,386 | 2,819 |
| Annual change (%) | -2.7 | 75.7 | 19.3 | 8.5 | 83.9 |
| January-December 2019 | 314,600 | 4,190 | 283,537 | 20,873 | 25,918 |
| January-December 2020 | 279,592 | 2,999 | 287,441 | 18,085 | 17,146 |
| Annual change (%) | -11.1 | -28.4 | 1.4 | -13.4 | -33.8 |

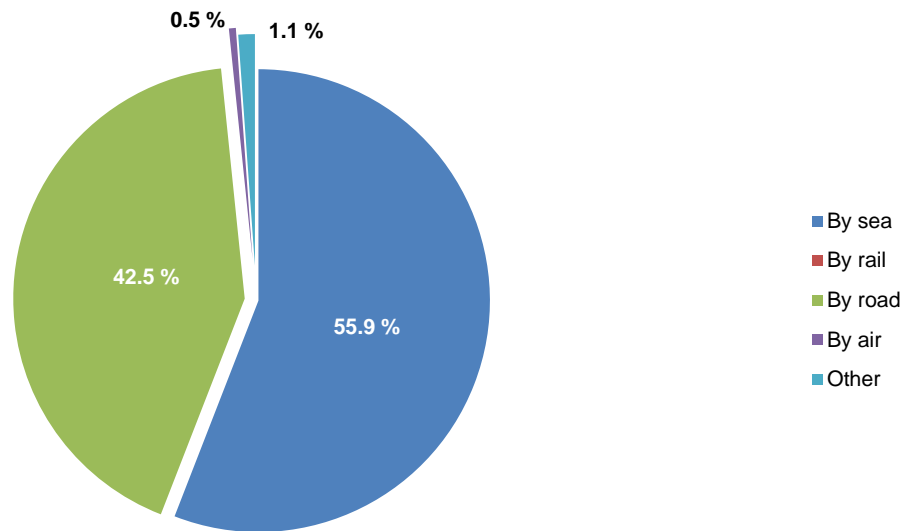
Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In December 2020, the value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 84.5 billion ALL and 45.2 % of them is transported by sea.

In December 2020, goods exported by sea represent 55.9 %, by road 42.5 % and by air 0.5 % of total exports of goods. Goods exported by road increased by 16.7 % compared with the same period of 2019.

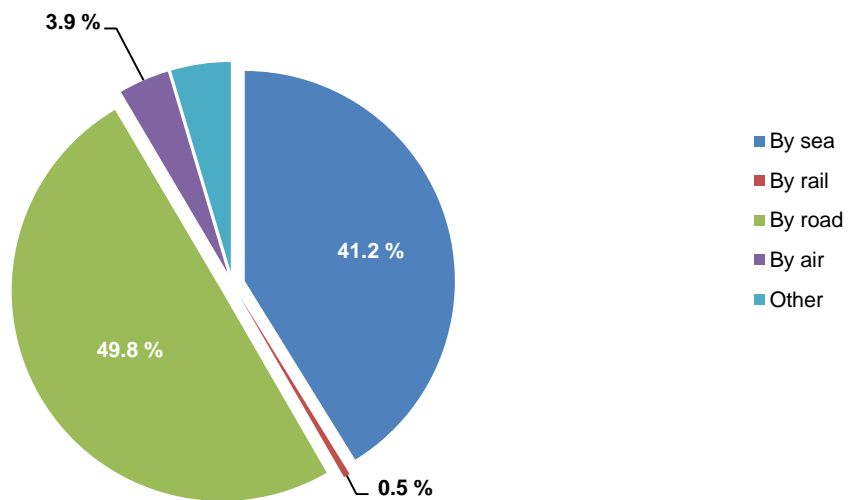
In December 2020, goods imported by sea represent 41.2 %, by road 49.8 % and by air 3.9 %. Goods imported by road in December 2020 increased by 19.3 % compared to December 2019.

Fig. 1 Structure of exports by mode of transport, December 2020



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

Fig. 2 Structure of imports by mode of transport, December 2020



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

Methodology

The Publication of Transport Statistics presents the results on the transport of goods and passengers by type, as well as the export and import of goods by mode of transport, on a monthly basis. The data are administrative. The main source of information is the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and General Directorate of Customs.

Definitions

Airlines include companies that transporting passengers and goods.

Transport: Movement of people and / or freights using various means of transport. Transport is carried out by land, air and sea means

Rail transport: Every movement of freights and / passengers using wheeled vehicles run on the track.

Maritime transport: Any movement of goods and / or passengers using commercial vessel trips, which are undertaken entirely or partly by sea.

Air transport: Any movement of freights and / or passengers using aircraft on trips, which are undertaken entirely or partly by air.

Exports are goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

The FOB (free on board) is the value of exported goods at the exporter's customs frontier includes the cost of exported goods and expenses at the border of the exporting country.

Imports are goods arrived from a third country and are directly placed, or are left in warehouse, under customs procedure of release for free circulation, inward processing or processing under customs control.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF) Is the value of imported goods sent to the customs frontier of the importing country, includes the cost of goods, transport expenses and insurance at the border of importing country.

NST-2007 is a statistical nomenclature for the goods transported by four modes of transport: road, rail, inland waterways and sea (maritime).

The data of maritime, rail and air transport are preliminary and subject to revision. For more refer: [Statistical revision policy](#)

Explanation of Symbols

0 - value less than half of unit of measure

- no value

(...) - missing data