

Maritime Transport Statistics

First Quarter, 2023

Tirana, 28 April 2023: In Albania, there are four seaports that operate for the transport of goods which are the Port of Durrës, Vlora, Shëngjin and the port of Limjon (Saranda). The Port of Durrës is the main port in the country from which was transported 95.9 % of the volumes of freights transported by sea or 1,553 thousand tons. The total volume of freights transported from the port of Durrës increased by 14.3% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab.1 Volume of freights transported by sea port 000/ton

	Q1-2021	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	Q2-2022	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023
Ports	1,080	1,265	1,331	1,163	1,426	1,540	1,686	1,597	1,619
Port of Durrës	972	1,149	1,236	1,083	1,359	1,473	1,619	1,526	1,553
Import	667	820	864	743	990	1,037	1,337	1,216	1,237
Export	305	329	372	340	369	436	282	310	316
Port of Vlora	28	34	28	32	22	28	27	30	19
Import	16	20	16	19	12	17	17	18	10
Export	12	14	12	13	10	11	10	12	9
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	11	11	7	12	14	11	7	9	13
Import	6	3	2	4	6	8	4	6	8
Export	5	8	5	8	8	3	3	3	5
Port of Shëngjin	70	71	61	36	31	28	33	31	33
Import	58	61	43	22	13	12	17	19	23
Export	12	10	18	14	18	16	16	12	10

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

The types of group-goods transported by sea, according to the NST 2007 classification, for the 1st quarter of 2023 are presented as follows:

- The group of freights " Coke and refined petroleum products" constitutes 20.7 % of the freights transported in total from the ports;
- The group of freights "Base metals, fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment" accounts for 15.5 % of freights transported by sea;
- The group of freights "Other non-metallic mineral products" accounts for 12.9% of the freights transported from the ports.

Tab. 2 Maritime transport of freights by NST 2007 categories

Categories of freights transported in sea ports		Total freights in tons	
		Q 1-2022	Q 1-2023
Total		1,226,583	1,358,189
1	Products of agriculture, hunting and forestry; fish and other fishing products	11,601	6,549
2	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	86,605	185,384
3	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	72,376	23,151
4	Food products, beverages and tobacco	21,798	20,409
5	Textiles and textile products; leather and leather products	0	0
6	Wood and products of wood and cork (except furniture); articles of straw and plaiting materials; pulp, paper and paper products; printed matter and recorded media	16,278	20,258
7	Coke and refined petroleum products	205,837	281,798
8	Chemicals, chemical products, and man-made fibers; rubber and plastic products; nuclear fuel	20,102	26,250
9	Other non-metallic mineral products	160,528	175,200
10	Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	186,478	210,540
11	Machinery and equipment n.e.c.; office machinery and computers; electrical machinery and apparatus n.e.c.; radio, television and communication equipment and apparatus; medical, precision and optical instruments; watches and clocks	3,044	49
12	Transport equipment	0	0
13	Furniture; other manufactured goods n.e.c.	0	0
14	Secondary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	4,565	7,121
15	Mail, parcels	0	0
16	Equipment and material utilized in the transport of goods	22,245	21,808
17	Goods moved in the course of household and office removals; baggage and articles accompanying travellers; motor vehicles being moved for repair; other non-market goods n.e.c.	0	126,699
18	Grouped goods: a mixture of types of goods which are transported together	63	0
19	Unidentifiable goods: goods which for any reason cannot be identified and therefore cannot be assigned to groups 01-16	415,063	252,973
20	Other goods n.e.c.	0	0

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

The number of ships entering and leaving ports of the country is recorded to be 194, of which 170 foreign ships and 24 local ships. The number of ships entering and leaving the ports was decreased by 9.3% compared to the data of the first quarter of 2022, where the number of foreign ships was decreased by 1.7%.

The sea ports where passenger transport is carried out in the country are: Port of Durrës, Vlora, Shengjin and the port of Saranda. The transport of passengers for the first quarter of 2023 was carried out from the port of Durrës, Vlora and the port of Saranda.

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Tab. 3 Maritime passenger transport

	Q1-2021	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	Q2-2022	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023
Total Ports	88,302	107,721	525,766	140,968	121,349	222,991	825,290	197,378	138,242
Port of Durrës	80,165	97,218	396,800	114,403	101,962	121,336	445,712	133,669	109,961
Embarked	32,351	50,615	190,874	68,883	39,384	63,853	210,026	78,253	41,615
Disembarked	47,814	46,603	205,926	45,520	62,578	57,483	235,686	55,416	68,346
Port of Vlora	8,137	10,503	73,166	18,163	14,371	28,082	124,051	31,671	21,638
Embarked	4,100	6,268	33,518	11,428	6,761	14,534	57,847	18,073	9,241
Disembarked	4,037	4,235	39,648	6,735	7,610	13,548	66,204	13,598	12,397
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	0	0	55,800	8,402	5,016	73,573	255,527	32,038	6,643
Embarked	0	0	26,982	4,616	2,416	37,075	126,166	15,820	3,299
Disembarked	0	0	28,818	3,786	2,600	36,498	129,361	16,218	3,344
Port of Shëngjin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embarked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disembarked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

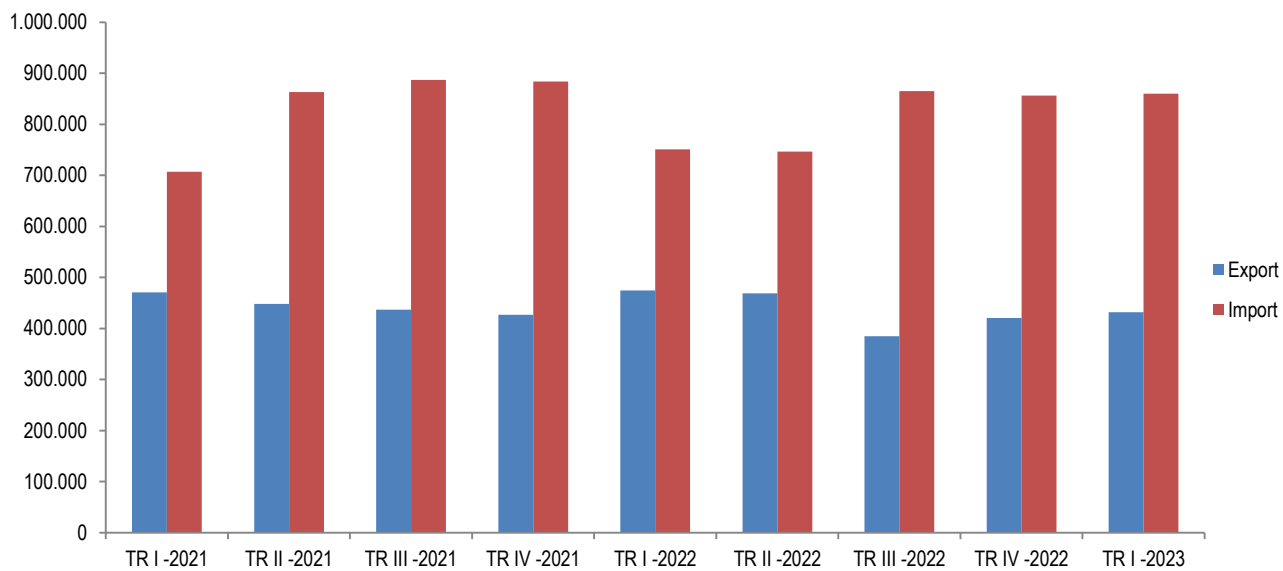
The number of passengers who traveled through sea ports in the country is 138,242 marking an increase of 13.9 % compared to the first quarter of 2022.

The port of Durrës is the main port in the country from which 79 .5 % of passengers traveled, followed by the port of Vlora with 15.7 %, the port of Saranda with 4.8 %.

Exports/imports of freights by sea

In the first quarter of 2023, the volume of goods traded by sea (export and import) is 1,291.9 thousand/tonnes. Compared to the same period in 2022, this indicator increased by 5.5 %.

The volume of goods exported by sea in the first quarter of 2023 accounts for 44.1% of the total volume of exported goods. The volume of goods imported by sea accounts for 68.3 % of the total volume of imported goods.

Fig. 1 Exports/imports of freights by sea, tonnes

Source: General Directorate of Customs, calculations of INSTAT

Methodology

The Transport Statistics publication 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

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

Maritime Transport: Any movement of freights and/or passengers using commercial vessels on travels undertaken wholly or partly by sea.

Statistical port: A statistical port consists of one or more ports, normally controlled by a single port authority, capable of recording vessel and cargo movements.

Loading Port: The port where the freights are loaded onto and transported from the vessel.

Unloading Port: The port where the freights are unloaded from the vessel after being transported by it.

International shipping: Shipping between two ports located in two different countries.

Maritime passenger: Any person who undertakes a sea voyage on a commercial vessel.

Embarked passengers: Passengers who have boarded the ship and are transported by it.

Disembarked passengers: Passengers disembarked from the ship after being transported by it.

Passenger/kilometers: Unit of measurement representing the movement of a passenger on a commercial vessel over one kilometer.

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

Imports: 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.

Nomenclature of Transport Statistics (NST 2007): 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

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