

# Maritime Transport Statistics

## Second Quarter, 2023

**Tirana, 28 July 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 93.9 % of the volumes of freights transported by sea or 1,608 thousand tons. The total volume of freights transported from the port of Durrës increased by 9.2% compared to the same period of the previous year.

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

	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	Q2-2022	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023	Q2-2023
<b>Ports</b>	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>1,163</b>	<b>1,426</b>	<b>1,540</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>1,713</b>
<b>Port of Durrës</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>1,236</b>	<b>1,083</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,619</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>1,608</b>
Import	820	864	743	990	1,037	1,337	1,216	1,237	1,257
Export	329	372	340	369	436	282	310	316	351
<b>Port of Vlora</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>30</b>
Import	20	16	19	12	17	17	18	10	20
Export	14	12	13	10	11	10	12	9	10
<b>Port of Saranda (Limjoni)</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>31</b>
Import	3	2	4	6	8	4	6	8	12
Export	8	5	8	8	3	3	3	5	9
<b>Port of Shëngjin</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>
Import	61	43	22	13	12	17	19	23	36
Export	10	18	14	18	16	16	12	10	8

**Source:** Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations INSTAT

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

- The group of freights "Base metals, fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment" accounts for 15.3 % of freights transported by sea;
- The group of freights "Coke and refined petroleum products" constitutes 14.3 % of the freights transported in total from the ports;
- The group of freights "Other non-metallic mineral products" accounts for 10.5 % of the freights transported from the ports.

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**Tab. 2: Maritime transport of freights by NST 2007 categories**

Categories of freights transported in sea ports		Total freights in tons	
		Q2-2022	Q2-2023
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,539,719</b>	<b>1,712,710</b>
1	Products of agriculture, hunting and forestry; fish and other fishing products	16,218	3,592
2	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	78,976	87,864
3	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	67,304	37,707
4	Food products, beverages and tobacco	13,345	37,467
5	Textiles and textile products; leather and leather products	725	625
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	20,151	19,223
7	Coke and refined petroleum products	172,194	244,164
8	Chemicals, chemical products, and man-made fibers; rubber and plastic products; nuclear fuel	12,866	16,353
9	Other non-metallic mineral products	205,618	179,817
10	Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	181,921	262,131
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	102	808
12	Transport equipment	332	363
13	Furniture; other manufactured goods n.e.c.	0	0
14	Secondary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	8,738	8,099
15	Mail, parcels	0	0
16	Equipment and material utilized in the transport of goods	23,234	34,879
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	0
18	Grouped goods: a mixture of types of goods which are transported together	11,013	9,284
19	Unidentifiable goods: goods which for any reason cannot be identified and therefore cannot be assigned to groups 01-16	726,982	770,335
20	Other goods n.e.c.	0	0

**Source:** Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations INSTAT

The number of ships entering and leaving ports of the country is recorded to be 140, of which 107 foreign ships and 33 local ships. The number of ships entering and leaving the ports was increased by 11.1 % compared to the data of the second quarter of 2022, where the number of foreign ships was increased by 9.2%.

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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 second quarter of 2023 was carried out from the port of Durrës, Vlora and the port of Saranda.

**Tab.3: Maritime passenger transport**

	Q2-2021	Q3-2021	Q4-2021	Q1-2022	Q2-2022	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023	Q2-2023
<b>Total Ports</b>	<b>107,721</b>	<b>525,766</b>	<b>140,968</b>	<b>121,349</b>	<b>222,991</b>	<b>825,290</b>	<b>197,378</b>	<b>138,242</b>	<b>280,914</b>
<b>Port of Durrës</b>	<b>97,218</b>	<b>396,800</b>	<b>114,403</b>	<b>101,962</b>	<b>121,336</b>	<b>445,712</b>	<b>133,669</b>	<b>109,961</b>	<b>129,218</b>
Embarked	50,615	190,874	68,883	39,384	63,853	210,026	78,253	41,615	69,780
Disembarked	46,603	205,926	45,520	62,578	57,483	235,686	55,416	68,346	59,438
<b>Port of Vlora</b>	<b>10,503</b>	<b>73,166</b>	<b>18,163</b>	<b>14,371</b>	<b>28,082</b>	<b>124,051</b>	<b>31,671</b>	<b>21,638</b>	<b>23,370</b>
Embarked	6,268	33,518	11,428	6,761	14,534	57,847	18,073	9,241	12,944
Disembarked	4,235	39,648	6,735	7,610	13,548	66,204	13,598	12,397	10,426
<b>Port of Saranda (Limjoni)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55,800</b>	<b>8,402</b>	<b>5,016</b>	<b>73,573</b>	<b>255,527</b>	<b>32,038</b>	<b>6,643</b>	<b>128,326</b>
Embarked	0	26,982	4,616	2,416	37,075	126,166	15,820	3,299	65,277
Disembarked	0	28,818	3,786	2,600	36,498	129,361	16,218	3,344	63,049
<b>Port of Shëngjin</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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 INSTAT

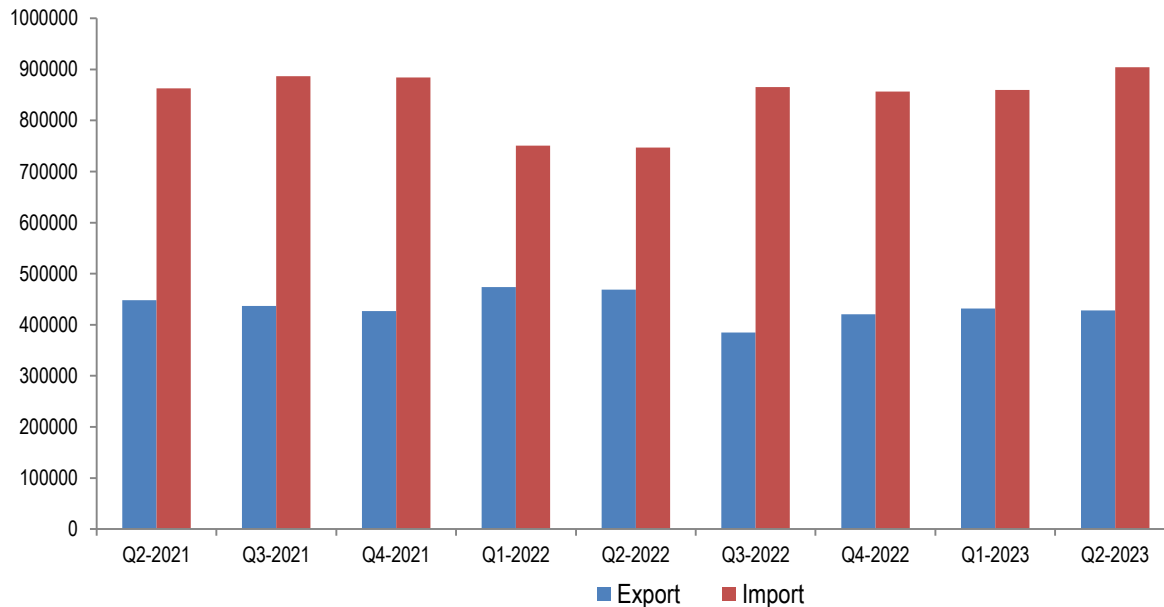
The number of passengers who traveled through sea ports in the country is 280,914 marking an increase of 26.0 % compared to the second quarter of 2022.

The port of Durrës is the main port in the country from which 46.0 % of passengers traveled, followed by the port of Saranda with 45.7 % and the port of Vlora with 8.3 %.

### Exports/imports of freights by sea

In the second quarter of 2023, the volume of goods traded by sea (export and import) is 1,332.3 thousand/tonnes. Compared to the same period in 2022, this indicator increased by 9.6 %.

The volume of goods exported by sea in the second quarter of 2023 accounts for 40.2% of the total volume of exported goods. The volume of goods imported by sea accounts for 63.4 % of the total volume of imported goods.

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

**Source:** General Directorate of Customs, calculations 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

- No value

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