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2.3. Metadata last update	29.10.2024
3. Statistical presentation	
3.1. Data description	<p>Air Transport Statistics include information on freight flows and the number of passengers as well as specific indicators of air transport. The transport statistics include information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of passengers; • Volume of freights; • Specific indicators for air transport; • Volume of Exports/Imports of goods by air transport.

3.2. Classification system	Not applicable.
3.3. Sector coverage	The statistical information covers data on Air Transport Statistics in the territory of the Republic of Albania.
3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions	<p><u>Air Transport</u></p> <p>Any movement of goods and / or passengers in aircraft movement.</p> <p>Airport - A defined area of land or water (including buildings, installations and equipment) intended for use either wholly or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft for open to commercial air transport operations.</p> <p>Airline - An aviation enterprise operating aircraft for commercial purposes that (i) performs scheduled air transport services, or both, which are publicly available for the carriage of passengers, mail, and / or cargo, and (ii) has been certified for such purposes by the civil aviation authority of the State in which it is established.</p> <p>Passenger air service - Scheduled or unplanned air service performed by airplanes carrying one or more incoming passengers and any flights listed on schedules as being open to passengers.</p> <p>All-freight and mail air service - Scheduled or non-scheduled air service performed by aircraft carrying revenue loads other than revenue passengers, i.e. freight and mail.</p> <p>Number of flights - Is the first published initial number assigned by the air carrier in flight. Passengers using a flight from an airplane can travel under a variety of different flight numbers.</p> <p>Passengers carried by air - Will be called all passengers whose journey begin or end at the reporting airport.</p> <p>Freight carried by air - Includes any cargo loaded on or unloaded by aircraft, excluding passenger luggage and mail.</p> <p>Exports/Imports of goods</p> <p>Exports - Goods destined to a third country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.</p> <p>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.</p>
3.5. Statistical unit	<p>The defined statistical of air transport are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International Airports in the country for air transport data • Exporting / importing enterprises which undertake transport activity by air.

3.6. Statistical population	The statistical population includes the number of passengers (albanian and foreign) as well as the volume of goods (incoming, outgoing).
3.7. Reference area	Air Transport Statistics data cover the entire territory of the country.
3.8. Time coverage	Time coverage of Air Transport Statistics is since 1993.
3.9. Base period	Not applicable.
4. Unit of measure	Data on Air Transport Statistics are published only in absolute values and percentages. The unit of measurement for passengers is the number of passengers, while for goods it is tons (incoming, outgoing).
5. Reference period	The reference period of Air Transport Statistics is quarterly. The reference year for this report is 2024.
6. Institutional mandate	
6.1. Legal acts and other agreements	<p>Legal basis for the production of Transport Statistics in country level are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law No.17/2018 “On Official Statistics”; • Official Statistics National Program 2022 - 2026; • Decisions of the Statistics Council. <p>According to European Regulation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulation (EC) No 437/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 February 2003 on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of passengers, freight and mail by air.
6.2. Data sharing	Air Transport Statistics are not transmitted yet to Eurostat. Currently, INSTAT fills in a number of questionnaires of International Organizations regarding Transport Statistics indicators such as: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), International Road Federation (IRF), etc.
7. Confidentiality	
7.1. Confidentiality - policy	The data collected are considered as strictly confidential and used only for statistical purposes and scientific research in accordance with the national Statistical Law No.17/2018 “On Official Statistics”, date 10.03.2018 and the Law No. 9887, dated 10.03.2008 "Personal Data Protection", Article 31 of the Law No.17/2018 “On Official Statistics” clearly define that all statistical information collected by INSTAT are confidential and may only be used or published in such summary tables that do not identify the information of the unit. The direct identification is called when a statistical unit is directly

	<p>identified by the name, address or any officially recognized identification number. When data processing is performed in such a way as to enable the data subject to be identified, the data must be coded immediately so that the entities are no longer recognized.</p>
7.2. Confidentiality - data treatment	<p>Albanian Institute of Statistics protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units. Albania Institute of Statistics takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by Albania Institute of Statistics if and only if:</p> <p>a) These data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation, in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or</p> <p>b) The statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data.</p> <p>The confidential data that are transmitted to Albania Institute of Statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task. Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the staff working in Albania Institute of Statistics. The responsibilities of this staff are to recommend on: which detailed level the statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible; the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users; the access granting to researchers on confidential data for scientific purposes.</p>
8. Release policy	
8.1. Release calendar	<p>Notifications about the dissemination of statistics are published in the release calendar, which is available on the website. The announcements and delays are pre-announced in this calendar. In case of delays, the date of future publication must be specified, as well as the reasons for the delay.</p>
8.2. Release calendar access	<p>The Calendar of publications is available on INSTAT website.</p>
8.3. User access	<p>In line with Article 34 of Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics", INSTAT disseminates statistics on INSTAT website and other media for simultaneous access, respecting professional independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner in which all users are treated equitably. The following dissemination channels are used to release the results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website - online release 2. Written requests 3. Publication "Air Transport Statistics"

	4. Data request , section available for external users.
9. Frequency of dissemination	Air Transport Statistics refer to quarterly and yearly data.
10. Accessibility and clarity	
10.1. News release	<p>The press release contains information about the main Air Transport Statistics indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The volume of freight transported; • The number of passengers; • Specific indicators for air transport; • Volume of Exports/Imports of goods by air transport. <p>Press release regarding Air Transport Statistics is published online on the INSTAT website.</p>
10.2. Publications	<p>Air Transport Statistics are published in "Air Transport Statistics" and in "Albania in Figures" publications. Users can find the results on INSTAT website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Transport Statistics • Albania in Figures.
10.3. On-line database	Data on Air Transport Statistics are published in the official website of INSTAT, under the section: Statistical database
10.4. Micro – data access	Data are not available at micro level as a result of confidentiality. Aggregated data is the only type of data provided to external users. This data are given to the users in the case these data are not confidential based on Article 31, Law No.17/2018 "On Official Statistics".
10.5. Other	Users can submit specific data requests through INSTAT website in a dedicated section for Contact .
10.6. Documentation on methodology	The methodology is based on Eurostat Manuals and Regulations on transport statistics, which contain a wide set of recommendations on completing indicators of different types of transport. On INSTAT webpage, there is a section on the Methodology regarding this activity.
10.7. Quality documentation	Research and Development, Innovation, Information Technology and Transport Statistics Sector document the entire work process and procedures on transport statistics for internal purposes.

11. Quality management	
11.1. Quality assurance	<p>INSTAT is committed to quality assurance in the production of official statistics. Based on Law No.17/2018 “On Official Statistics”, INSTAT uses statistical methods and processes in accordance with internationally accepted scientific principles and standards, as well as conducts continuous analysis in order to improve the quality and provision of statistics. In carrying out its duties, INSTAT follows the general principles of quality management, in accordance with the European Statistics Code of Practice of statistical processes and products, user orientation, employee orientation, effectiveness of statistical processes and reduction of interviewee workload.</p>
11.2. Quality assessments	<p>Air Transport Statistics data are compared to the transport data a year before to see if there was any data coherence or significant changes.</p>
12. Relevance	
12.1. User needs	<p>Users on transport data are as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Administration Institutions; • Universities; • Non-profit national and international organizations; • Businesses; • Researchers, students and other similar groups.
12.2. User satisfaction	<p>INSTAT analyzes page views every year and clicks about “Transport Statistics” in 2023 are 12,133.</p> <p>INSTAT organizes every year User Satisfaction Survey.</p> <p>The survey results show that the overall quality of “Transport Statistics” is rated 3,97 (79.4%) on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).</p>
12.3. Completeness	<p>The completeness of the Air Transport data for 2024 is judged by comparing the quality and quantity of indicators covered by INSTAT and those required from the Regulations followed. No information is provided on the Road Transport of goods, and passengers.</p> <p>The data completeness rate for Air Transport Statistics is approximately 40%.</p>
13. Accuracy and reliability	
13.1. Overall accuracy	<p>Data on Air Transport are collected through administrative sources in compliance with the legal basis and Memorandums of Understanding. No surveys are conducted for Air Transport Statistics. In general, the data have been checked with previous years to identify any significant changes in the performance of the data.</p>

13.2. Sampling error	Not applicable as data are administrative.								
13.3. Non - sampling error	The non-sampling errors are mainly errors of the administrative data sources reported data. Data review occurs only if the relevant institutions review the data sent to INSTAT for the purpose of updating or any potential human error. If the relevant institutions review the data sent to INSTAT, these changes will be reflected in the nearest publication and brief explanatory information will be provided to users.								
14. Timeliness and punctuality									
14.1. Timeliness	<p>The results of Air Transport Statistics are published on the INSTAT website 29 days after the end of the reference period (T + 29 days).</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Reference period</td> <td>9/30/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of publication</td> <td>10/29/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Timeliness</td> <td>29</td> </tr> </table>	Reference period	9/30/2023	Date of publication	10/29/2023	Timeliness	29		
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14.2. Punctuality	<p>Data on Air Transport Statistics are published based on the publication calendar. The publication of Transport Statistics has been punctual in 100% of the publications made over the years.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Reference period</td> <td>9/30/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of announcement</td> <td>10/29/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Date of publication</td> <td>10/29/2023</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Time lag</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table>	Reference period	9/30/2023	Date of announcement	10/29/2023	Date of publication	10/29/2023	Time lag	0
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15. Coherence and comparability									
15.1. Comparability - geographical	The data that INSTAT produces are compiled in accordance with Eurostat methodology. Data on Air Transport Statistics are produced on country level.								
15.2. Comparability - over time	<p>Air Transport Statistics is collected quarterly from 1993-2016. From 2016-2022, the data are published monthly, providing a comparability of 7 years (CC2 = Jlast-Jfirst + 1 = 7).</p> <p>From 2023 onwards the data started to be published quarterly.</p>								
15.3. Coherence - cross domain	Not applicable.								
15.4. Coherence - internal	The internal consistency of the data is checked before being finalized. The relation between the variables and the coherence in the various series are also checked.								

16. Cost and burden	The staff involved in the preparation of transport statistics at the Sector of Research and Development Innovation, Information Technology and Transport Statistics is: 1 employee at the headquarters of INSTAT.
17. Data revision	
17.1. Data revision - policy	Revision policy of the data is done in accordance with general revision policy and errors treatment policy published by INSTAT in the link below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision policy • The errors treatment policy
17.2. Data revision - practise	In the case when local authorities report changes to the data and send this information to INSTAT, this information will be updated and published in the next month's publication accompanied by an explanatory note to the user. No reviews of data on “Air Transport Statistics” for 2024 have been conducted, subject to this report.
18. Statistical processing	
18.1. Source data	The only source of air transport data is administrative. Data are collected by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and General Directorate of Customs. Coverage is country level, data is administrative and statistical information is continuously available.
18.2. Frequency of data collection	Data on Air Transport Statistics are collected on a monthly basis.
18.3. Data collection	Data on Air Transport are administrative data. The statistical information of Transport statistics is collected by Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, the General Directorate of Customs and is detailed according to the transport of goods and passengers as well as the export and import of goods by mode of transport, on a quarterly.
18.4. Data validation	Data on Air Transport Statistics is subjected to logical and mathematical checks. These checks are carried out for all indicators that INSTAT publishes, throughout the data processing phase.
18.5. Data compilation	Not applicable.
18.6. Adjustment	Not applicable.

19. Comment	
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