

Transport statistics*

April 2021

Tirana, 27 May 2021: The volume of freight loading/unloading in ports, in April 2021 is 451.6 thousand / tonnes, increasing 27.7 % compared to April 2020. Compared with the monthly average for April period 2018-2020, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports increased by 24.6 %,

In the first four months of 2021, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports is 1,531.9 thousand / tonnes, increasing by 18.1 % compared to the first four months of 2020.

The volume of freight transported by rail in April 2021 is 2,333 thousand / tonnes – km increasing 3.1 times compared to April 2020. The volume of freight transported by rail increased by 30.5 %, compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020.

In the first four months of 2021, volume of freights transported by rail is 10,436 thousand tonnes-km, increasing by 11.1 % compared to the first four months of year 2020.

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*
April 2018	358,584	1,332	194
April 2019	375,425	3,281	186
April 2020	353,480	752	80
Average April (2018-2020)	362,496	1,788	153
April 2021	451,551	2,333	161
January-April 2020	1,296,791	9,394	591
January-April 2021	1,531,913	10,436	610

*Includes freights and mail

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

In April 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 161 tonnes, increasing 2 times compared to April 2020. Compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020, the volume of freight transported by air increased by 4.9 %.

In the first four months of 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 610 tonnes, increasing by 3.2 % compared to the first four months of year 2020.

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In April 2021, the number of flights is 1,204 increasing 7.9 times compared to April 2020. Compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020, the number of flights decreased by 16.4 %.

Tab. 2 Air transport specific indicators

Period	Number of airlines*	Number of flights	Number of overflights
April 2018	19	1,992	12,589
April 2019	19	2,178	13,526
April 2020	16	152	1,429
Average April (2018-2020)	18	1,441	9,181
April 2021	14	1,204	4,294
January-April 2020	16	4,896	29,477
January-April 2021	14	4,342	16,724

* 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 April 2021, the number of passengers traveling by sea line is 30,413 passengers. Compared to April 2020, this indicator increased 9.6 times. Compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020, the number of passengers traveling by sea decreased by 33.4 %.

In the first four months of 2021, 118,715 passengers travelled by sea, decreased by 8.0 % compared to same period of 2020.

In April 2021, passenger air transport occupies 76.7 % of the total transport.

In April 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air is 101,354 passengers, increased 25.4 times compared to April 2020. Compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020, the number of passengers traveling by air decreased by 33.2 %.

In the first four months of 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air line is 342,804 passengers, decreasing by 34.0 % compared to the first four months of year 2020.

Tab. 3 Passenger transport by mode of travel

Period	Passenger Transport		
	By rail	By sea	By air
April 2018	7,571	58,093	211,651
April 2019	6,711	75,792	239,465
April 2020	0	3,170	3,983
Average April (2018-2020)	4,761	45,685	151,700
April 2021	414	30,413	101,354
January-April 2020	64	128,980	519,489
January-April 2021	1,596	118,715	342,804

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

Exports/Imports of goods by mode of transport

In April 2021, the value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 91.6 billion ALL and 46.8 % of them is transported by sea. In the first four months of 2021, value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 334.0 billion ALL and 49.4 % of them is transported by sea.

Exports of goods

In April 2021, goods exported by sea represent 51.5 %, by road 41.1 % and by air 0.3 % of total exports of goods. Goods exported by road increased by 54.2 % compared with the same period of 2021. Export of goods transported by road in April 2021 increased 23.0 %, compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020.

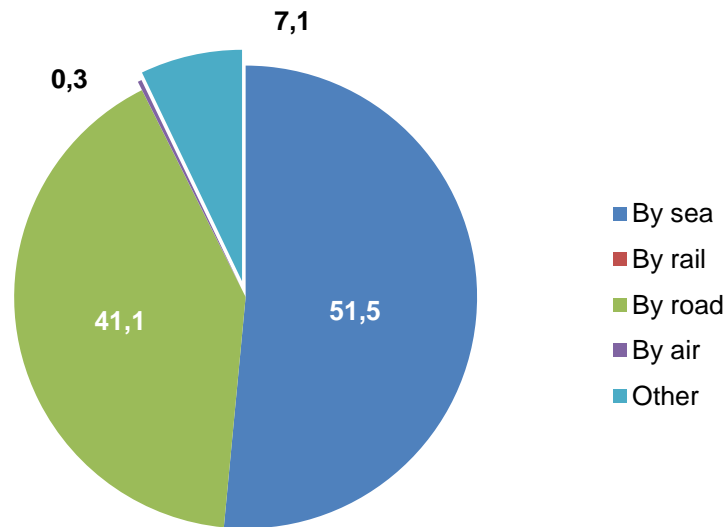
Tab.4 Exports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Export (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
April 2018	14,903	7	9,121	112	2,592
April 2019	14,550	-	12,007	48	145
April 2020	6,882		7,647	30	363
Average April (2018-2020)	12,111.7	2.3	9,591.5	63.3	1,033.4
April 2021	14,777	-	11,793	80	2,042
January-April 2020	47,677	-	31,231	344	1,502
January-April 2021	61,053	1	39,692	266	7,904

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the first four months of 2021, goods exported by sea represent 56.1 %, by road 36.4 % and by air 0.2 %. Goods exported by road increased by 27.1 % compared to same period of 2020.

Fig. 1 Structure of exports by mode of transport, April 2021



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

Imports of goods

In April 2021, goods imported by sea represent 44.6 %, by road 49.9 % and by air 4.0 %. Goods imported by road in April 2021 increased by 68.6 % compared to April 2020. Import of goods transported by road in April 2021 increased 40.9 %, compared with monthly average for April period 2018-2020.

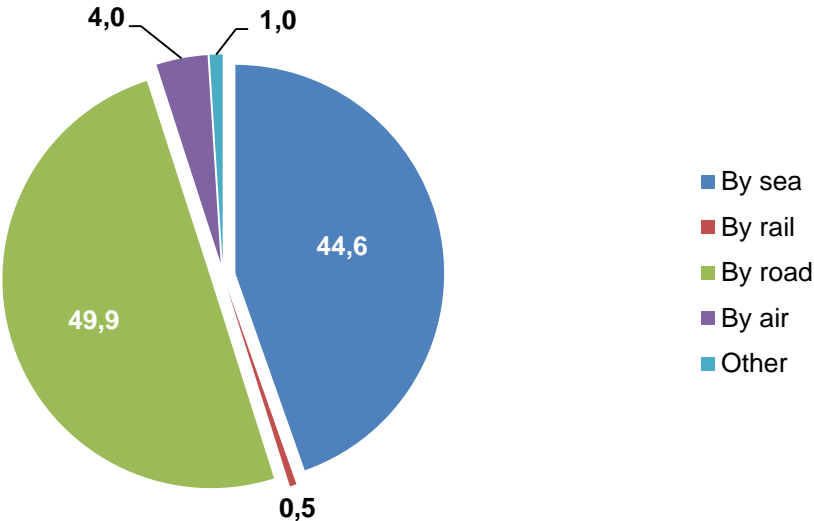
Tab.5 Imports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Import (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
April 2018	27,210	152	23,464	1,529	190
April 2019	28,050	472	24,785	1,540	2,392
April 2020	15,585	294	18,625	925	974
Average April (2018-2020)	23,615.0	306.0	22,291.4	1,331.7	1,185.5
April 2021	28,068	325	31,401	2,501	633
January- April 2020	84,550	1,156	78,219	5,087	5,438
January- April 2021	104,091	1,244	108,074	7,381	4,302

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the first four months of 2021, goods imported by sea represented 46.2 %, by road 48.0 % and by air 3.3 %. Goods imported by road increased by 38.2 % compared with the same period of 2020.

Fig. 2 Structure of imports by mode of transport, April 2021



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: Companies that transport passengers and goods.

Transport: Movement of people and / or freights using various means of transport. Transport April 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 wholly or partly by sea.

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

Exports: 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): Value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

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.

The cost, insurance and freight (CIF): Price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

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

(...) - missing data