

# Transport statistics\*

## December 2021

**Tirana, 26 January 2022:** The volume of freight loading/unloading in ports, in December 2021 is 374.2 thousand / tonnes, increasing 4.6 % compared to December 2020.

In 2021, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports is 4,839.6 thousand / tonnes, increasing by 13.2 % compared to 2020. Volume of freight loading/unloading in ports increased by 8.6 % compared to 2019.

The volume of freight transported by rail in December 2021 is 1,638 thousand / tonnes – km, decreased by 40.4 % compared to December 2020.

In 2021, volume of freights transported by rail is 25,115 thousand tonnes-km, decreased by 3.5 %, compared to 2020. Compared to 2019, the volume of freights transported by rail decreased by 41.5 %.

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

Period	Freight Transport		
	By sea / tonnes	By rail 000/ton.km	By air*/ tonnes
December 2020	357,607	2,750	180.1
December 2021	374,207	1,638	200.0
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>-40.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>
January-December 2019	4,455,033	42,936	2,372.3
January-December 2020	4,276,646	26,029	1,796.8
January-December 2021	4,839,617	25,115	2,035.8
<b>The annual change 2021/2020 (%)</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>13.3</b>

\*Includes fmines and mail

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

In December 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 200.0 tonnes, increasing 11.1 % compared to December 2020.

In 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 2,035.8 tonnes, increasing by 13.3 % compared to 2020. Compared to 2019, the volume of freights transported by air decreased by 14.2 %.

In December 2021, the number of flights is 2,408, increased by 2.3 times, compared to December 2020.

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Tab. 2 Air transport specific indicators

	Number of airlines*	Number of flights	Number of overflights
December 2020	14	1,054	4,743
December 2021	17	2,408	10,405
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>119.4</b>
January-December 2019	17	28,695	188,032
January-December 2020	14	15,280	87,157
January-December 2021	17	26,334	129,210
<b>The annual change 2021/2020 (%)</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>72.3</b>	<b>48.2</b>

\* 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 December 2021, the number of passengers traveling by sea line is 59,100 passengers. Compared to December 2020, this indicator increased 71.7 %.

In 2021, 862,757 passengers travelled by sea, increased by 2.3 times, compared to same period of 2020. Compared to 2019, the number of passengers traveling by sea line decreased by 45.2 %.

In December 2021, passenger air transport occupies 81.9 % of the total transport.

In December 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air is 271,340 passengers, increased by 3.2 times compared to December 2020.

In 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air line is 2,928,275 passengers, increasing by 2.2 times compared to 2020. Compared to 2019, the number of passengers traveling by air decreasing 12.3 %.

Tab. 3 Passenger transport by mode of travel

Period	Passenger Transport		
	By rail	By sea	By air
December 2020	425	34,424	85,740
December 2021	766	59,100	271,340
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>80.2</b>	<b>71.7</b>	<b>216.5</b>
January-December 2019	59,787	1,574,095	3,338,147
January-December 2020	17,948	379,084	1,310,614
January-December 2021	24,018	862,757	2,928,275
<b>The annual change 2021/2020 (%)</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>127.6</b>	<b>123.4</b>

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

### Exports/Imports of goods by mode of transport

In December 2021, the value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 119.7 billion ALL and 45.7 % of them is transported by sea. In 2021, value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 1,152.5 billion ALL and 48.2 % of them is transported by sea. In 2019, the value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 947.9 billion ALL and 51.8 % of them is transported by sea.

### Exports of goods

In December 2021, goods exported by sea represent 58.2 %, by road 37.4 % and by air 0.4 % of total exports of goods. Goods exported by road increased by 21.7 %, compared with the same period of 2020.

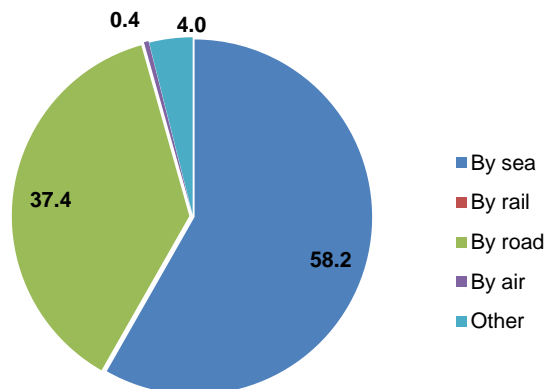
Tab. 4 Exports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Export (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
December 2020	12,907	0	9,804	111	266
December 2021	18,579	0	11,930	134	1,258
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>373.6</b>
January-December 2019	176,838	4	116,897	1,386	3,667
January-December 2020	152,807	5	117,752	1,215	4,533
January-December 2021	199,961	1	141,539	1,636	21,275
<b>The annual change 2021/2020 (%)</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>-71.3</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>369.3</b>

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In 2021, goods exported by sea represent 54.9 %, by road 38.8 % and by air 0.4 %. Goods exported by road increased by 20.2 % compared to same period of 2020. Compared to 2019, goods exported by road increased by 21.1 %.

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



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

### Imports of goods

In December 2021, goods imported by road represent 42.0 %, by sea 41.2 % and by air 2.8 %. Goods imported by road in December 2021 increased by 20.6 %, compared to December 2020.

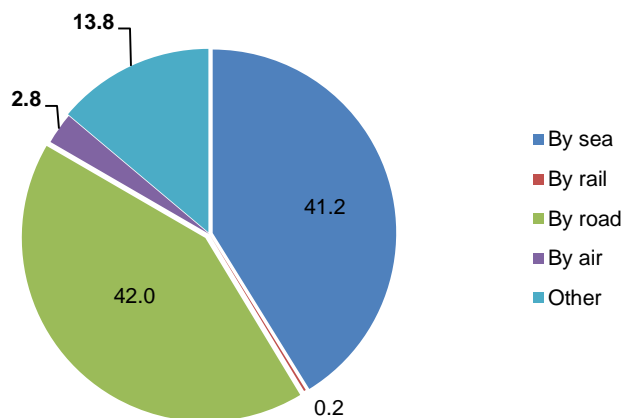
Tab. 5 Imports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Import (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
December 2020	25,275	296	30,594	2,386	2,819
December 2021	36,168	152	36,910	2,430	12,184
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>-48.8</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>332.3</b>
January-December 2019	314,600	4,190	283,537	20,873	25,918
January-December 2020	285,460	2,941	293,535	18,436	17,538
January-December 2021	355,588	2,170	359,459	28,166	42,687
<b>The annual change 2021/2020 (%)</b>	<b>24.6</b>	<b>-26.2</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>143.4</b>

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In 2021, goods imported by road represented 45.1 %, by sea 45.6 % and by air 3.6 %. Goods imported by road increased by 22.5 %, compared with the same period of 2020. Compared to 2019, goods imported by road increased by 26.8 %.

Fig. 2 Structure of imports by mode of transport, December 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 frnines using various means of transport. Transport is carried out by land, air and sea means.

**Rail transport:** Every movement of frnines 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 frnines 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 frnine (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

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