

# Transport statistics\*

## March 2022

**Tirana, 27 April 2022:** The volume of freights loading/unloading in ports, in March 2022 is 355.9 thousand / tonnes, decreasing 4.0 % compared to March 2021.

In the first quarter of 2022, the volume of freights loading/unloading in ports is 1,000.6 thousand / tonnes, decreasing by 7.4 % compared to the first quarter of 2021.

The volume of freights transported by rail in March 2022 is 1,705 thousand / tonnes – km, decreased by 37.0 % compared to March 2021.

In the first quarter of year 2022, volume of freights transported by rail is 5,080 thousand tonnes-km, decreasing by 37.3 % compared to the first quarter of year 2021.

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
March 2021	370,848	2,706	176.8
March 2022	355,904	1,705	169.4
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>-37.0</b>	<b>-4.2</b>
January-March 2021	1,080,451	8,103	449.5
January-March 2022	1,000,555	5,080	482.3
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>-37.3</b>	<b>7.3</b>

\*Includes freights and mail

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

In March 2022, the volume of freights transported by air is 169.4 tonnes, decreasing 4.2 % compared to March 2021.

In the first quarter of year 2022, the volume of freights transported by air is 482.3 tonnes, increasing by 7.3 % compared to the first quarter of year 2021.

In March 2022, the number of flights is 2,326, increased by 2.1 times, compared to March 2021.

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\* This publication does not include the volume of freights and the number of passengers transported through the road transport.

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Tab. 2 Air transport specific indicators

	Number of airlines*	Number of flights	Number of overflights
March 2021	17	1,128	4,236
March 2022	21	2,326	9,767
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>130.6</b>
January-March 2021	17	3,138	12,430
January-March 2022	21	6,384	26,468
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>112.9</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 March 2022, the number of passengers traveling by sea line is 38,652 passengers. Compared to March 2021, this indicator increased 48.4 %. In the first quarter of year 2022, 121,349 passengers traveled by sea line, increased 37.4 % compared to same period of 2021.

In March 2022, the number of passengers traveling by rail is 2,442 passengers. Compared to March 2021, this indicator increased by 5.0 times. In the first quarter of year 2022, 3,827 passengers travelled by rail, increasing by 3.2 times compared to same period of 2021.

In March 2022, passenger air transport occupies 87.8 % of the total transport.

In March 2022, the number of passengers traveling by air is 294,756 passengers, increased by 3.6 times compared to March 2021. In the first quarter of year 2022, the number of passengers traveling by air line is 760,826 passengers, increasing by 3.2 times, compared to the first quarter of year 2021.

Tab. 3 Passenger transport by mode of travel

Period	Passenger Transport		
	By rail	By sea	By air
March 2021	490	26,054	82,872
March 2022	2,442	38,652	294,756
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>398.4</b>	<b>48.4</b>	<b>255.7</b>
January-March 2021	1,182	88,302	241,450
January-March 2022	3,827	121,349	760,826
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>223.8</b>	<b>37.4</b>	<b>215.1</b>

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

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

In March 2022, the value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 131.3 billion ALL where 52.9 % of them is transported by sea.

In the first quarter of 2022, value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 327.4 billion ALL where 51.4 % of them is transported by sea.

### Exports of goods

In March 2022, goods exported by sea represent 60.8 %, by land 34.5 % and by air 0.4 % of total exports of goods. Goods exported by land in March 2022 increased by 42.4 %, compared with the same period of 2021.

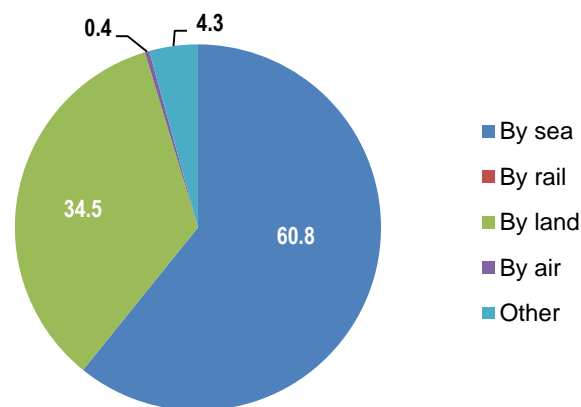
Tab. 4 Exports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Export (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By land	By air	Other
March 2021	16,467	-	11,563	57	3,630
March 2022	29,012	-	16,466	190	2,047
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>76.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>42.4</b>	<b>234.3</b>	<b>-43.6</b>
January-March 2021	46,276	1	27,899	186	5,862
January-March 2022	67,501	-	40,718	294	11,499
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>57.9</b>	<b>96.2</b>

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the first quarter of 2022, goods exported by sea represent 56.2 %, by land 33.9 % and by air 0.2 %. Goods exported by land increased by 45.9 % compared to same period of 2021.

Fig. 1 Structure of exports by mode of transport, March 2022



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

### Imports of goods

In March 2022, goods imported by sea represent 48.4 %, by land 42.1 % and by air 2.0 %. Goods imported by land in March 2022 increased by 9.4 %, compared to March 2021.

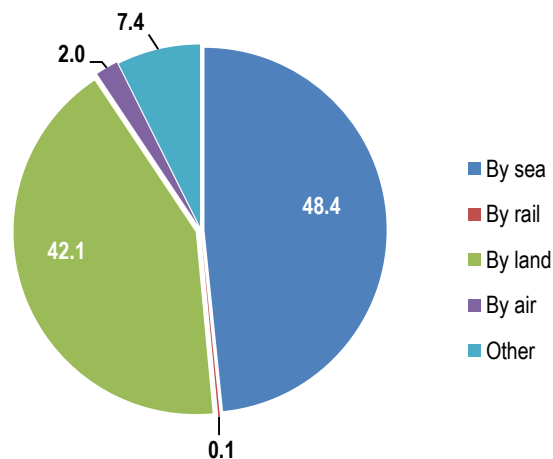
Tab.5 Imports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Import (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By land	By air	Other
March 2021	29,665	237	32,207	2,100	288
March 2022	40,453	121	35,227	1,671	6,159
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>36.4</b>	<b>-48.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>-20.4</b>	<b>2040.6</b>
January-March 2021	76,022	919	76,673	4,880	3,669
January-March 2022	100,642	341	88,216	5,073	13,071
<b>The annual change (%)</b>	<b>32.4</b>	<b>-62.9</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>256.2</b>

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the first quarter of 2022, goods imported by sea represented 48.5 %, by land 42.5 % and by air 2.4 %. Goods imported by land increased by 15.1 % compared with the same period of 2021.

Fig. 2 Structure of imports by mode of transport, March 2022



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 is carried out by land, air and sea means.

**Rail transport:** Every movement of freights and /or passengers using wheeled vehicles run on the track.

**Land transport:** Any movement of goods using a road vehicle on a given road network.

**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

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