

MARITIME TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Third quarter, 2026

In Albania, there are four seaports that operate for the transport of goods which are the Port of Durrës, Vlorë, Shëngjin and the port of Limjon (Saranda). The Port of Durrës is the main port in the country from which, during the third quarter of 2026, was transported 95.8 % of the volumes of freights transported by sea or 2,342 thousand tons. The total volume of freights transported from the port of Durrës increased by 9.7 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

TAB. 1 VOLUME OF FREIGHTS TRANSPORTED BY SEA PORT, 000/TON

	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	Q1-2026	Q2-2026	Q3-2026
Ports	1,924	2,008	1,643	2,205	2,247	2,130	2,282	2,406	2,444
Port of Durrës	1,818	1,895	1,553	2,063	2,135	1,999	2,172	2,267	2,342
Import	1,490	1,605	1,275	1,743	1,823	1,689	1,806	1,907	1,874
Export	328	290	278	320	312	310	366	360	467
Port of Vlorë	51	45	32	73	55	56	62	68	44
Import	37	34	17	65	44	48	55	59	36
Export	14	11	15	8	11	8	7	9	8
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	0	15	10	11	1	10	7	11	2
Import	0	12	10	11	1	10	7	11	2
Export	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Port of Shëngjin	55	53	49	57	56	66	40	60	56
Import	37	37	27	38	43	54	27	44	39
Export	18	16	22	19	13	12	13	16	17

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, INSTAT

*The data of the Port of Durrës also includes the volume of goods transported from the concessionary Port of Porto Romano

The types of group- freights transported by sea, according to the NST 2007 classification (Nomenclature of Transport Statistics), for the third quarter of 2026 are presented as follows:

- The group of freights "Coke and refined petroleum products" accounts for 17.5 % of the freights transported
- The group of freights "Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment" accounts for 15.6 % of freights transported by sea;
- The group of freights "Other non-metallic mineral products" constitutes 12.5 % of the freights transported;
- The group of freights "Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas" accounts for 11.4 % of freights transported by sea.

TAB. 2 VOLUME OF FREIGHTS TRANSPORTED BY SEA PORT, 000/TON

Categories of goods transported in sea ports		Total goods in tons	
		Q3-2025	Q3-2026
Total		2,246,669	2,443,523
1	Products of agriculture, hunting and forestry; fish and other fishing products	24,373	9,644
2	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	145,582	278,892
3	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	3,391	4,263
4	Food products, beverages and tobacco	44,236	45,893
5	Textiles and textile products; leather and leather products	217	119
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	29,044	20,594
7	Coke and refined petroleum products	433,369	428,582
8	Chemicals, chemical products, and man-made fibers; rubber and plastic products; nuclear fuel	23,291	26,178
9	Other non-metallic mineral products	308,140	304,869
10	Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	355,871	381,465
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	656	0
12	Transport equipment	9,382	11,965
13	Furniture; other manufactured goods n.e.c.	0	0
14	Secondary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	4,570	11,701
15	Mail, parcels	0	0
16	Equipment and material utilized in the transport of goods	0	0
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	14,839	6,980
19	Unidentifiable goods: goods which for any reason cannot be identified and therefore cannot be assigned to groups 01-16	849,709	912,377
20	Other goods n.e.c.	0	0

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, INSTAT

*The volume of goods transported by sea includes goods transported by ships and ferries

The number of ships entering and leaving ports of the country is recorded to be 276, of which 257 foreign ships and 19 local ships. The number of ships entering and leaving the ports was increased by 5.7 % compared to the data of the third quarter of 2025, where the number of foreign ships was increased by 2.8 %.

The sea ports where passenger transport is carried out in the country are: Port of Durrës, Vlora, Saranda and the port of Shëngjin. The transport of passengers for the third quarter of 2026 was carried out from the port of Durrës, Vlora and the port of Saranda.

TAB. 3 MARITIME PASSENGER TRANSPORT

	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	Q1-2026	Q2-2026	Q3-2026
Total Ports	950,100	211,371	133,503	330,630	1,010,888	221,628	154,019	336,103	955,988
Port of Durrës	417,670	130,324	108,312	133,178	412,930	137,119	119,306	117,377	407,501
Embarked	197,440	76,846	40,882	71,312	194,406	82,459	42,794	62,519	190,893
Disembarked	220,230	53,478	67,430	61,866	218,524	54,660	76,512	54,858	216,608
Port of Vlora	140,363	19,483	14,571	18,959	100,673	16,221	12,510	14,993	85,829
Embarked	67,543	12,259	5,626	10,370	49,246	9,991	5,169	8,184	41,886
Disembarked	72,820	7,224	8,945	8,589	51,427	6,230	7,341	6,809	43,943
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	392,067	61,564	10,620	178,493	497,285	68,288	22,203	203,733	462,658
Embarked	191,958	30,794	5,199	90,420	243,955	33,692	10,969	102,460	225,821
Disembarked	200,109	30,770	5,421	88,073	253,330	34,596	11,234	101,273	236,837
Port of Shëngjin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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, INSTAT

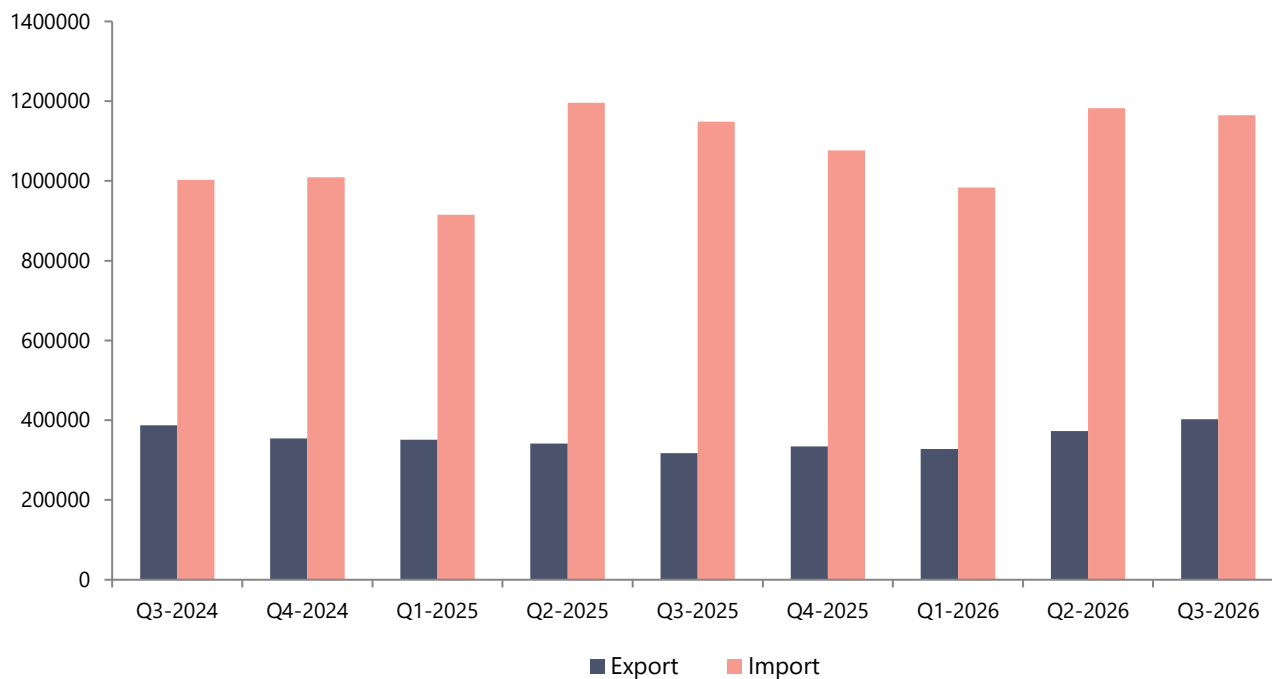
The number of passengers who traveled through sea ports in the country is 955,988 persons. From the port of Saranda have traveled 48.4 % of passengers, followed by the port of Durrës with 42.6 % and the port of Vlora with 9.0 %.

Exports/imports of freights by sea

In the third quarter of 2026, the volume of goods traded by sea (export and import) is 1,567 thousand/tonnes. Compared to the same period in 2025, this indicator increasing by 6.9 %.

The volume of goods exported by sea in the third quarter of 2026 accounts for 41.7 % of the total volume of exported goods.

The volume of goods imported by sea accounts for 66.1 % of the total volume of imported goods.

FIG. 1 EXPORTS/IMPORTS OF FREIGHTS BY SEA, TONNES

Source: General Directorate of Customs, calculations INSTAT

* (Sea Export Values have been updated)

Note to users:

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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 sea.

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 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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