

MARITIME TRANSPORT STATISTICS

First quarter, 2026

In Albania, there are four seaports that operate for the transport of goods which are the Port of Durrës, Vlora, Shëngjin and the port of Limjon (Saranda). The Port of Durrës is the main port in the country from which, during the first quarter of 2026, was transported 95.2 % of the volumes of freights transported by sea or 2,172 thousand tons. The total volume of freights transported from the port of Durrës increased by 39.8 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

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

	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	Q1-2026
Ports	1,673	2,142	1,924	2,008	1,643	2,205	2,247	2,130	2,282
Port of Durrës	1,606	2,034	1,818	1,895	1,553	2,063	2,135	1,999	2,172
Import	1,280	1,634	1,490	1,605	1,275	1,743	1,823	1,689	1,806
Export	327	400	328	290	278	320	312	310	366
Port of Vlora	38	45	51	45	32	73	55	56	62
Import	31	35	37	34	17	65	44	48	55
Export	7	10	14	11	15	8	11	8	7
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	9	10	0	15	10	11	1	10	7
Import	9	10	0	12	10	11	1	10	7
Export	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Port of Shëngjin	20	54	55	53	49	57	56	66	40
Import	13	35	37	37	27	38	43	54	27
Export	7	19	18	16	22	19	13	12	13

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations 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 first quarter of 2026 are presented as follows:

- The group of freights "Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment " accounts for 17.6 % of freights transported by sea;
- The group of freights "Coke and refined petroleum products" accounts for 14.3 % of the freights transported
- The group of freights " Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas " accounts for 12.7 % of freights transported by sea.

- The group of freights "Other non-metallic mineral products" constitutes 10.4 % of the freights transported;

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

Categories of goods transported in sea ports		Total goods in tons	
		Q1-2025	Q1-2026
Total		1,644,350	2,281,709
1	Products of agriculture, hunting and forestry; fish and other fishing products	9,214	19,253
2	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	119,468	289,178
3	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	13,568	9,689
4	Food products, beverages and tobacco	21,365	43,188
5	Textiles and textile products; leather and leather products	311	143
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	16,380	22,765
7	Coke and refined petroleum products	208,722	327,223
8	Chemicals, chemical products, and man-made fibers; rubber and plastic products; nuclear fuel	43,342	64,034
9	Other non-metallic mineral products	241,474	237,929
10	Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	266,120	402,169
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	0	102
12	Transport equipment	5,616	8,695
13	Furniture; other manufactured goods n.e.c.	0	0
14	Secondary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	6,376	5,084
15	Mail, parcels	0	0
16	Equipment and material utilized in the transport of goods	0	45482
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	269,351	7,442
19	Unidentifiable goods: goods which for any reason cannot be identified and therefore cannot be assigned to groups 01-16	423,043	799,333
20	Other goods n.e.c.	0	0

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations 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 265, of which 248 foreign ships and 17 local ships. The number of ships entering and leaving the ports was increased by 28.6 % compared to the data of the first quarter of 2025, where the number of foreign ships was increased by 29.8%.

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 first quarter of 2026 was carried out from the port of Durrës, Vlora and the port of Saranda.

TAB. 3 MARITIME PASSENGER TRANSPORT

	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	Q1-2026
Total Ports	135,680	298,175	950,100	211,371	133,503	330,630	1,010,888	221,628	154,019
Port of Durrës	109,722	117,200	417,670	130,324	108,312	133,178	412,930	137,119	119,306
Embarked	43,203	62,561	197,440	76,846	40,882	71,312	194,406	82,459	42,794
Disembarked	66,519	54,639	220,230	53,478	67,430	61,866	218,524	54,660	76,512
Port of Vlora	15,765	25,355	140,363	19,483	14,571	18,959	100,673	16,221	12,510
Embarked	6,600	13,444	67,543	12,259	5,626	10,370	49,246	9,991	5,169
Disembarked	9,165	11,911	72,820	7,224	8,945	8,589	51,427	6,230	7,341
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	10,193	155,620	392,067	61,564	10,620	178,493	497,285	68,288	22,203
Embarked	4,875	77,741	191,958	30,794	5,199	90,420	243,955	33,692	10,969
Disembarked	5,318	77,879	200,109	30,770	5,421	88,073	253,330	34,596	11,234
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, calculations INSTAT

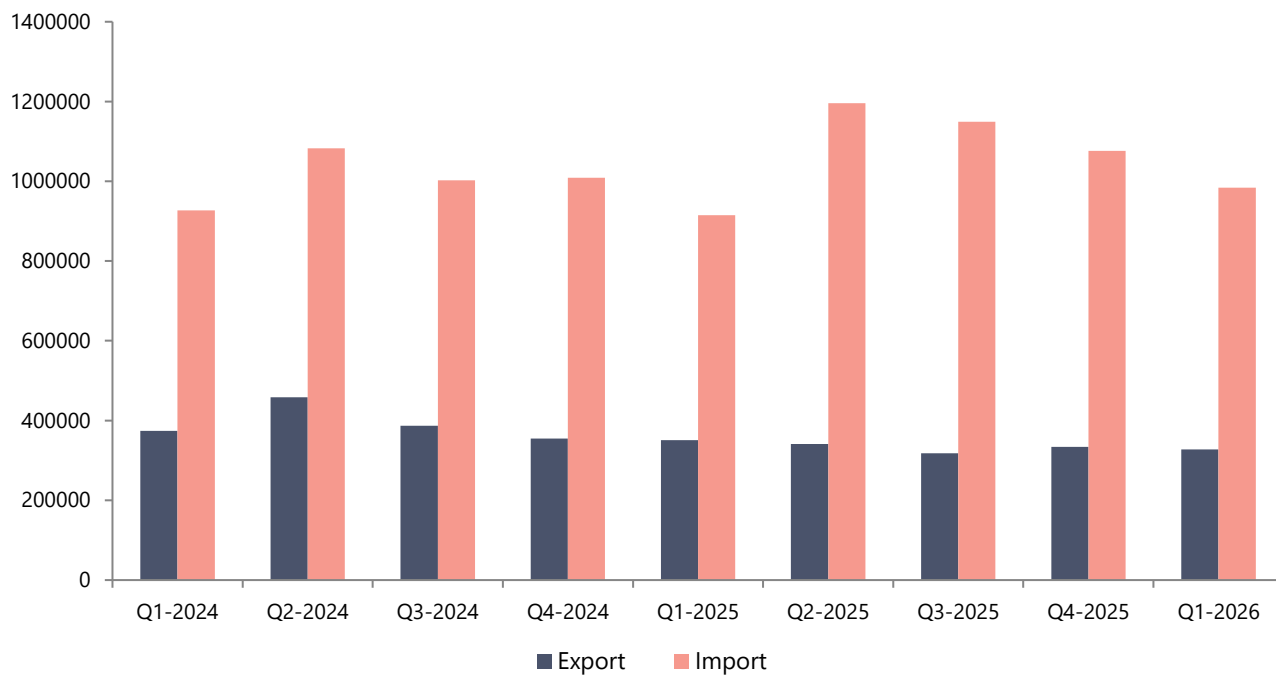
The number of passengers who traveled through sea ports in the country is 154,019 persons. From the port of Durrës have traveled 77.5 % of passengers, followed by the port of Saranda with 14.4 % and the port of Vlora with 8.1 %.

Exports/imports of freights by sea

In the first quarter of 2026, the volume of goods traded by sea (export and import) is 1,311 thousand/tonnes. Compared to the same period in 2025, this indicator increasing by 3.6 %.

The volume of goods exported by sea in the first quarter of 2026 accounts for 43.3 % of the total volume of exported goods.

The volume of goods imported by sea accounts for 65.1 % 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:

Detailed monthly and annual data by groups are available in INSTAT's statistical database: [Maritime Transport Statistics](#) as well as in the tables section of the website under the topic: [Maritime Transport Statistics](#)

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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