

AIR TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Third quarter, 2026

In air transport, during the third quarter of 2026, 35 foreign airlines companies operated. In the Albanian airspace have flown 153,664 aircrafts, of which 81.7 % were overpasses.

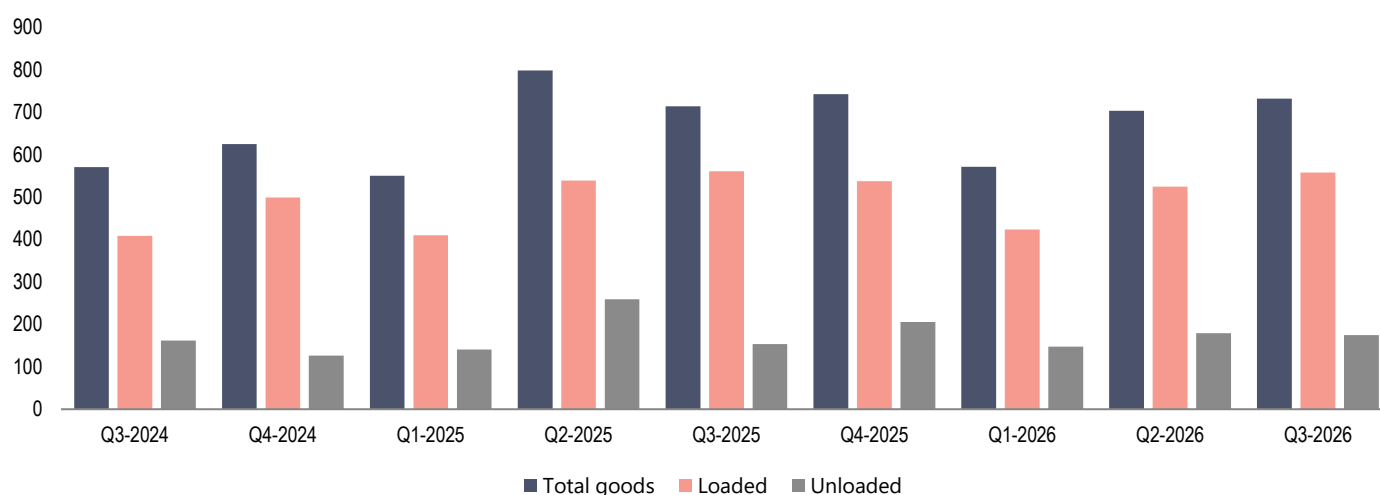
TAB. 1 DYNAMICS OF AIR TRANSPORT

Period	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025	Q1-2026	Q2-2026	Q3-2026
Number of airlines	28	18	19	29	31	28	21	33	35
Number of flights	21,572	15,072	13,332	18,458	22,938	15,396	12,898	23,216	28,060
Number of overpasses	111,141	67,570	51,814	91,615	116,985	73,861	61,431	98,468	125,604

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, INSTAT

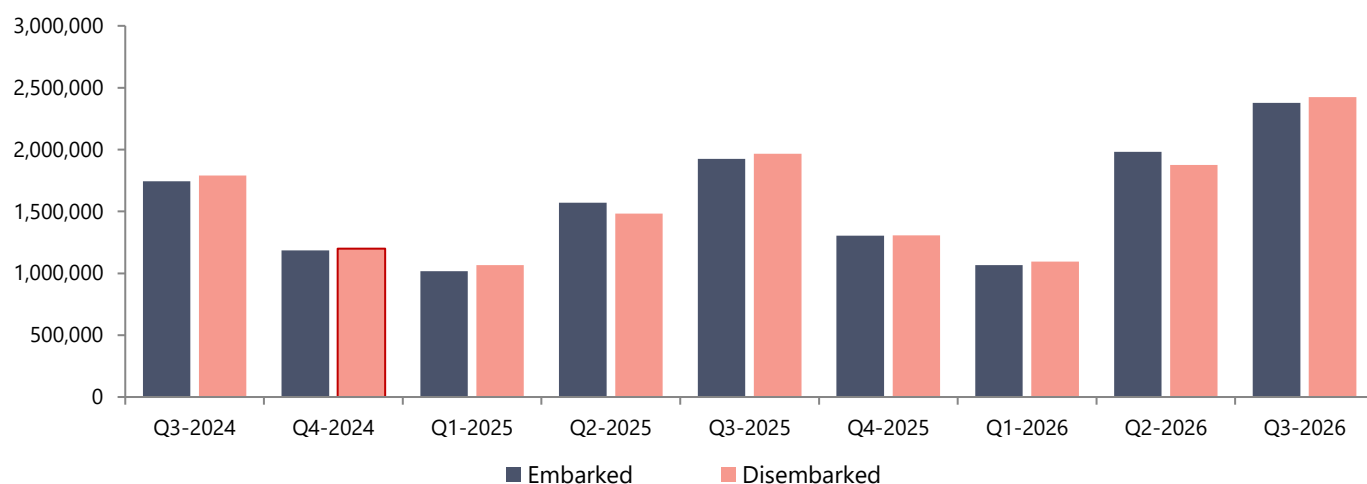
The volume of loaded and unloaded freights (including air mail) via air transport is 732 tonnes, of which 76.2 % are loaded and 23.8 % are unloaded freights. Compared to the third quarter of 2025, the volume of freights increased by 2.5 %.

FIG. 1 VOLUME OF FREIGHTS AND MAIL TRANSPORTED BY AIR, TONNES



Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, INSTAT

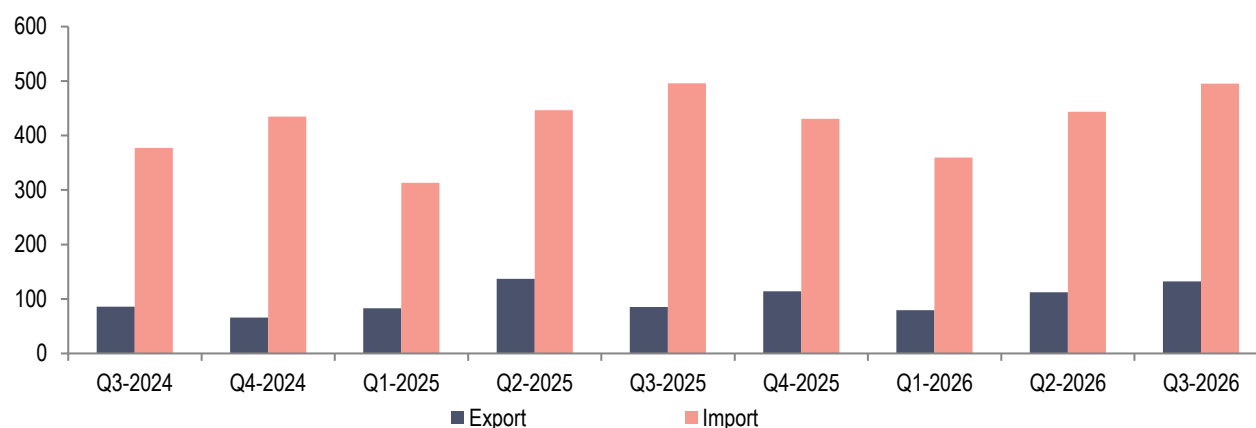
In the third quarter of 2026, 4,799,773 passengers traveled by airline from 3,892,761 passengers compared to the same period of the previous year, increasing by 23.3 %.

FIG. 2 PASSENGER AIR TRANSPORT

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, INSTAT

Exports/Imports of freights by air transport

In the third quarter of 2026, the volume of goods traded by air (exports and imports) is 628 tonnes. Compared to the same period of 2025 this indicator increased by 8.0 %. The volume of goods imported by air in the third quarter of 2026 accounts 0.03 % of the total volume of imported goods.

FIG. 3 EXPORT / IMPORT OF FREIGHTS BY AIR TONNES

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT

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Methodology

The publication of Transport Statistics presents the results on the transport of goods and passengers as well as the export and import of goods according to the mode of transport on a monthly basis. The data of the publication are obtained from administrative sources. The main source of information is the data reported from the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy and the General Directorate of Customs.

Definitions

Transport: Movement of people and / or freights using various means of transport. Transport is carried out by rail, land, sea and air.

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

Airport: A designated area of land or water (including buildings, installations and equipment) intended to be used either in whole or in part for the arrival, departure and surface movement of aircraft and open to commercial air transport operations.

Airline: An aviation enterprise operating aircraft for commercial purposes that (i) performs scheduled air transport services, or both, which are publicly available for the carriage of passengers, mail, and / or cargo, and (ii) has been certified for such purposes by the civil aviation authority of the State in which it is established.

Passenger Air Service: Scheduled or non-scheduled air service performed by aircraft carrying one or more arriving passengers and any flight listed in published schedules as open to passengers.

Air cargo and mail service: Scheduled or non-scheduled air service performed by aircraft carrying incoming cargo (freight and mail), other than passengers.

Flight Number: It's the Third published initial number assigned by the air transport operator to the flight. Passengers using a flight from an aircraft may travel under a number of different flight numbers.

Carried passengers: All passengers whose journey begins or ends at the reporting airport are called.

Transported freights: Includes any cargo loaded onto or unloaded from an aircraft, excluding passenger baggage and mail.

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.

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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