

# Rail Transport Statistics

## First Quarter, 2024

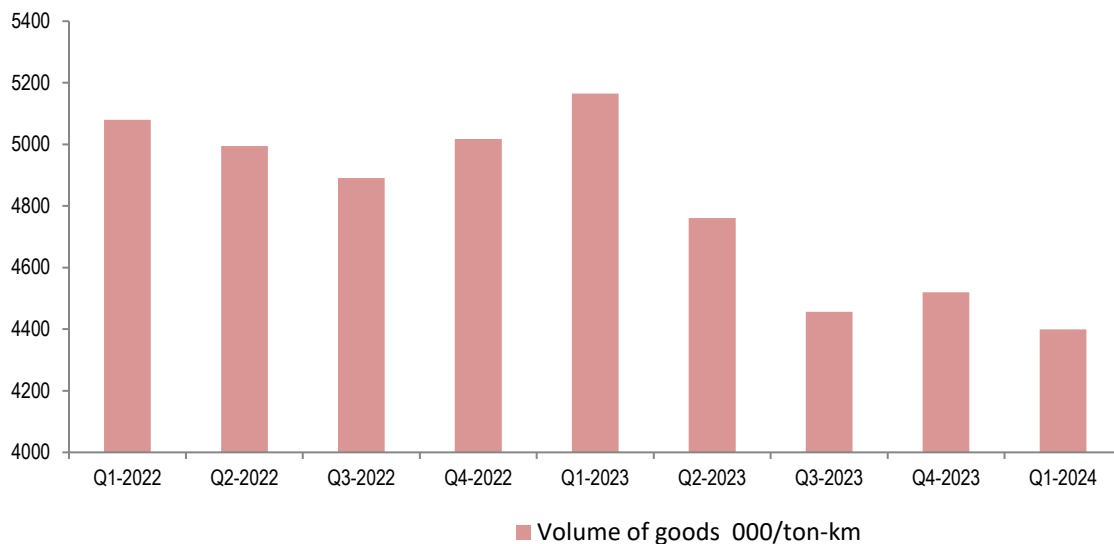
**Tirana, 29 April 2024:** The length of the railway network in use in Albania is 253 km. The railways lines, currently in use, are as follows: Borderline - Gjorm with a length of 93 km, Durrës - Elbasan with a length of 76 km, Rogozhinë – Fier with a length of 49 km, Fier - Vlorë of 35 km. Rail transport of freights is carried out at distances of 0 - 49 km and 50 - 150 km.

### Rail Transport Statistics, for the first quarter of 2024, are presented as follows:

The volume of goods transported by rail is 127 thousand tons, decreasing by 15.0 %, compared to the first quarter of 2023.

The volume of goods transported by rail is 4,399 thousand ton-km from 5,165 thousand ton-km in the same peiord of the previous year, decreasing by 14.8 %.

**Fig 1: Rail transport of goods, 000/ton-km**



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

“Coal and lignite, crude oil and natural gas” according to the NST 2007 classification (Nomenclature of Transport Statistics), account for 98.5 % of freights transported by rail for the first quarter of 2024, “Fourthary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes” account for 0.9 % and “Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment” accounts for 0.6 % (tab.1).

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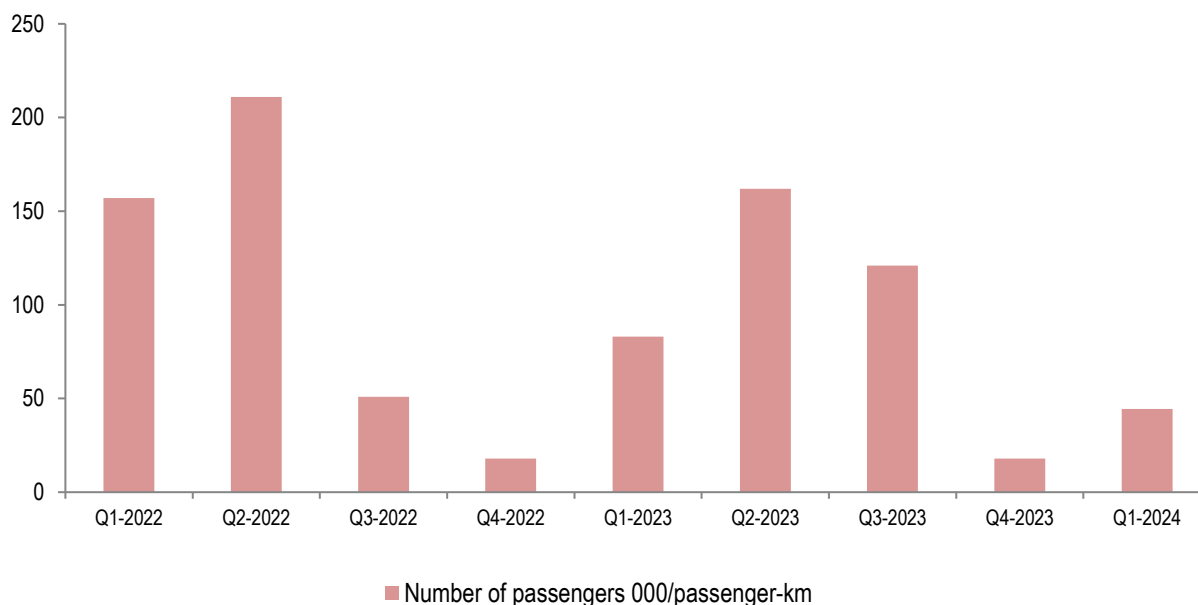
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**Tab 1: Rail freights by NST 2007, in 000/ton**

Categories of goods transported by rail		Total goods in 000/tons	
		Q 1-2024	%
<b>Total</b>		<b>126.9</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	125.0	98.5
2	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	0.8	0.6
3	Secondary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	1.1	0.9

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations INSTAT

During the first quarter of 2024, 873 passengers used rail transport as a means of travel, where compared to the same period last year, the number of passengers traveled with this type of transport decreased by 47.4 %.

**Fig. 2: Number of passengers in rail transport, 000 passengers/km**

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations INSTAT

### Exports/imports of freights by rail

In the first quarter of 2024, the volume of goods traded by rail (export and import) is 595 tons.

The volume of goods exported by rail accounts for 0.1 % of the total volume of goods exported in the country.

For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.instat.gov.al/al/temat/industria-tregtia-dhe-sh%C3%ABrbimet/transporti-dhe-aksidentel/>

**Tab 2: Exports/imports of freights by rail, tonnes**

	Q1-2022	Q2-2022	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024
Export	0	1,104	720	0	2,784	4,622	2,706	2,037	595
Import	1,667	1,113	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Source:** General Directorate of Customs, calculations INSTAT

# 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 rail, land, sea and air.

**Rail transport:** Any movement of freights and/passengers using wheeled vehicles running on rails.

**Length of train tracks:** For a given railways section it is the length between the midpoint of the departure station building and the midpoint of the terminal station building.

**Rail Passengers:** Any passenger traveling by rail vehicle, excluding persons intended for services on the train.

**Ton per kilometre (TKM):** The unit of measurement representing the movement of one ton of available capacity in a wagon when performing services for which a distance of mainly over one kilometre is determined.

**Freights transported by rail:** Any movement of freights carried out by rail, including packaging and equipment such as containers, pallets and road vehicles of freights transported by rail.

**Train- kilometre:** are the distances in kilometre travelled by trains.

**Exports:** Goods destined to a fourth country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

**Imports:** Goods arrived from a fourth 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 rail 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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