

Maritime Transport Statistics

Third Quarter, 2024

Tirana, 29 October 2024: 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 third quarter of 2024, was transported 94.5 % of the volumes of freights transported by sea or 1,818 thousand tons. The total volume of freights transported from the port of Durrës increased by 12.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Volume of freights transported by sea port, 000/ton

	Q3 - 2023	Q4 - 2023	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024
Ports	1,686	1,597	1,619	1,713	1,688	1,739	1,673	2,142	1,924
Port of Durrës	1,619	1,526	1,553	1,608	1,618	1,641	1,606	2,034	1,818
Import	1,337	1,216	1,237	1,257	1,303	1,254	1,280	1,634	1,490
Export	282	310	316	351	315	387	326	400	328
Port of Vlora	27	30	19	30	37	44	38	44	51
Import	17	18	10	20	25	33	31	34	37
Export	10	12	9	10	12	11	7	10	14
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	7	9	13	31	4	10	9	10	0
Import	4	6	8	12	4	10	9	10	0
Export	3	3	5	9	0	0	0	0	0
Port of Shëngjin	33	31	33	44	29	44	20	54	55
Import	17	19	23	36	17	32	13	35	37
Export	16	12	10	8	12	12	7	19	18

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 second quarter of 2024 are presented as follows:

- The group of freights "Coke and refined petroleum products" accounts for 19.5 % of freights transported by sea;
- The group of freights "Other non-metallic mineral products" constitutes 12.0 % of the freights transported;
- The group of freights "Base metals, fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment" accounts for 12.7 % of the freights transported;
- The group of freights " Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas" accounts for 6.8 % of freights transported by sea.

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Tab. 2 Maritime transport of freights by NST 2007 categories

Categories of freights transported in sea ports*		Total freights in tons	
		Q3-2023	Q3-2024
Total		1,688,448	1,924,359
1	Products of agriculture, hunting and forestry; fish and other fishing products	26,155	12,506
2	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	163,282	130,981
3	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	7,473	3,579
4	Food products, beverages and tobacco	56,465	69,342
5	Textiles and textile products; leather and leather products	613	994
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	15,880	25,900
7	Coke and refined petroleum products	271,464	374,865
8	Chemicals, chemical products, and man-made fibers; rubber and plastic products; nuclear fuel	43,995	59,922
9	Other non-metallic mineral products	158,119	231,384
10	Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	114,418	244,192
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	474	292
12	Transport equipment	709	5,855
13	Furniture; other manufactured goods n.e.c.	0	1,612
14	Fourthary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	3,533	4,845
15	Mail, parcels	0	0
16	Equipment and material utilized in the transport of goods	38,106	41,861
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	10,385	15,662
19	Unidentifiable goods: goods which for any reason cannot be identified and therefore cannot be assigned to groups 01-16	777,378	700,567
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 238, of which 220 foreign ships and 18 local ships. The number of ships entering and leaving the ports was increased by 29.3 %, compared to the data of the third quarter of 2023, where the number of foreign ships was increased by 35.0 %.

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 2024 was carried out from the port of Durrës, Vlora and the port of Saranda.

Tab. 3 Maritime passenger transport

	Q3-2022	Q4-2022	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024
Total Ports	825,290	197,378	138,242	280,914	988,241	197,377	135,680	298,175	950,100
Port of Durrës	445,712	133,669	109,961	129,218	461,070	127,603	109,722	117,200	417,670
Embarked	210,026	78,253	41,615	69,780	221,357	77,087	43,203	62,561	197,440
Disembarked	235,686	55,416	68,346	59,438	239,713	50,516	66,519	54,639	220,230
Port of Vlora	124,051	31,671	21,638	23,370	147,570	20,581	15,765	25,355	140,363
Embarked	57,847	18,073	9,241	12,944	70,412	12,303	6,600	13,444	67,543
Disembarked	66,204	13,598	12,397	10,426	77,158	8,278	9,165	11,911	72,820
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	255,527	32,038	6,643	128,326	379,601	49,193	10,193	155,620	392,067
Embarked	126,166	15,820	3,299	65,277	186,302	24,440	4,875	77,741	191,958
Disembarked	129,361	16,218	3,344	63,049	193,299	24,753	5,318	77,879	200,109
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

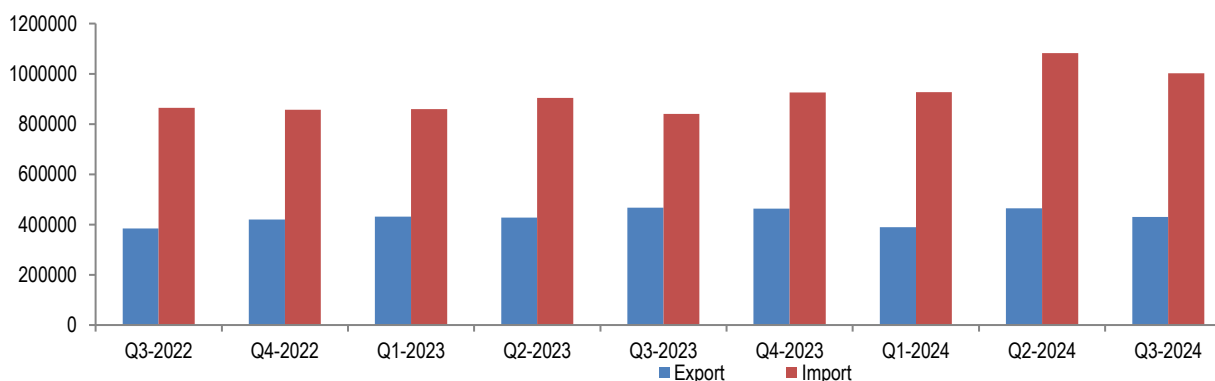
Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations INSTAT

The number of passengers who traveled through sea ports in the country is 950,100 persons. From the port of Durrës have traveled 44.0 % of passengers, followed by the port of Saranda with 41.2 % and the port of Vlora with 14.8 %.

Exports/imports of freights by sea

In the third quarter of 2024, the volume of goods traded by sea (export and import) is 1,433.0 thousand/tonnes. Compared to the same period in 2023, this indicator increased by 9.5 %.

The volume of goods exported by sea in the third quarter of 2024 accounts for 42.6 % of the total volume of exported goods. The volume of goods imported by sea accounts for 63.3 % of the total volume of imported goods.

Fig. 1 Exports/imports of freights by sea, tonnes

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.

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 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 maritime 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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