

Maritime Transport Statistics

First quarter, 2025

Tirana, 29 April 2025: 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 2025, was transported 94.5 % of the volumes of freights transported by sea or 1,553 thousand tons. The total volume of freights transported from the port of Durrës decreased by 3.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

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

	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025
Ports	1,619	1,713	1,688	1,739	1,673	2,142	1,924	2,008	1,643
Port of Durrës	1,553	1,608	1,618	1,641	1,606	2,034	1,818	1,895	1,553
Import	1,237	1,257	1,303	1,254	1,280	1,634	1,490	1,605	1,275
Export	316	350	315	387	327	400	328	290	278
Port of Vlora	19	30	37	44	38	45	51	45	32
Import	10	20	26	33	31	35	37	34	17
Export	9	10	12	11	7	10	14	11	15
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	13	31	4	10	9	10	-	15	10
Import	8	12	4	10	9	10	-	12	10
Export	5	19	-	-	-	-	-	3	0
Port of Shëngjin	33	44	29	44	20	54	55	53	49
Import	23	36	17	32	13	35	37	37	27
Export	10	8	12	12	7	19	18	16	22

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 2025 are presented as follows:

- The group of freights "Base metals, fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment" accounts for 16.2 % of the freights transported;
- The group of freights "Other non-metallic mineral products" constitutes 14.7 % of the freights transported;
- The group of freights "Coke and refined petroleum products" accounts for 12.7 % of freights transported by sea;
- The group of freights " Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas " accounts for 7.3 % of freights transported by sea.

Tab. 2: Maritime transport of freights by NST 2007 categories

Categories of goods transported in sea ports		Total goods in tons	
		Q1-2024	Q1-2025
	Total	1,673,178	1,644,350
1	Products of agriculture, hunting and forestry; fish and other fishing products	3,388	9,214
2	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	121,868	119,468
3	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	12,823	13,568
4	Food products, beverages and tobacco	35,252	21,365
5	Textiles and textile products; leather and leather products	370	311
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	24,080	16,380
7	Coke and refined petroleum products	246,422	208,722
8	Chemicals, chemical products, and man-made fibers; rubber and plastic products; nuclear fuel	32,048	43,342
9	Other non-metallic mineral products	176,389	241,474
10	Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	286,741	266,120
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	2,262	0
12	Transport equipment	344	5616
13	Furniture; other manufactured goods n.e.c.	0	0
14	Secondary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	5,471	6,376
15	Mail, parcels	0	0
16	Equipment and material utilized in the transport of goods	31,607	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	8,447	269,351
19	Unidentifiable goods: goods which for any reason cannot be identified and therefore cannot be assigned to groups 01-16	685,666	423,043
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 206, of which 191 foreign ships and 15 local ships. The number of ships entering and leaving the ports was decreased by 32.2 % compared to the data of the first quarter of 2024, where the number of foreign ships was increased by 7.3 %.

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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 2025 was carried out from the port of Durrës, Vlora and the port of Saranda.

Tab.3: Maritime passenger transport

	Q1-2023	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025
Total Ports	138,242	280,914	988,241	197,377	135,680	298,175	950,100	211,371	133,503
Port of Durrës	109,961	129,218	461,070	127,603	109,722	117,200	417,670	130,324	108,312
Embarked	41,615	69,780	221,357	77,087	43,203	62,561	197,440	76,846	40,882
Disembarked	68,346	59,438	239,713	50,516	66,519	54,639	220,230	53,478	67,430
Port of Vlora	21,638	23,370	147,570	20,581	15,765	25,355	140,363	19,483	14,571
Embarked	9,241	12,944	70,412	12,303	6,600	13,444	67,543	12,259	5,626
Disembarked	12,397	10,426	77,158	8,278	9,165	11,911	72,820	7,224	8,945
Port of Saranda (Limjoni)	6,643	128,326	379,601	49,193	10,193	155,620	392,067	61,564	10,620
Embarked	3,299	65,277	186,302	24,440	4,875	77,741	191,958	30,794	5,199
Disembarked	3,344	63,049	193,299	24,753	5,318	77,879	200,109	30,770	5,421
Port of Shëngjin	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

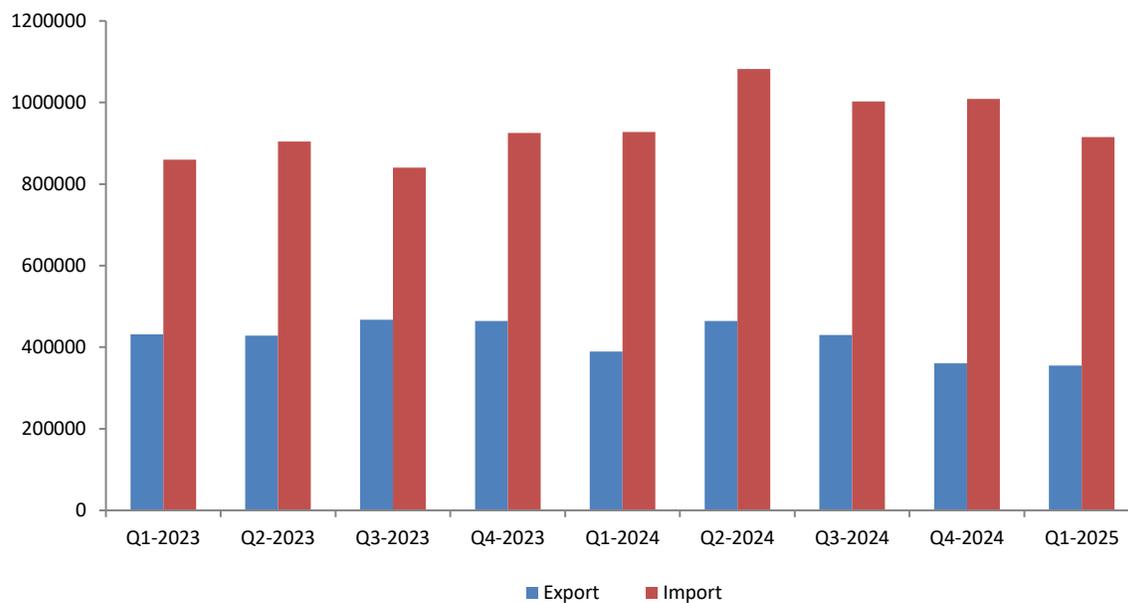
The number of passengers who traveled through sea ports in the country is 133,503 persons. From the port of Durrës have traveled 81.1 % of passengers, followed by the port of Vlora with 10.9 % and the port of Saranda with 8.0 %.

Exports/imports of freights by sea

In the first quarter of 2025, the volume of goods traded by sea (export and import) is 1,270 thousand/ tonnes. Compared to the same period in 2024, this indicator decreasing by 3.6 %.

The volume of goods exported by sea in the first quarter of 2025 accounts for 34.9 % of the total volume of exported goods.

The volume of goods imported by sea accounts for 63.7 % 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 first country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

Imports: Goods arrived from a first 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

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