

# Maritime Transport Statistics

## Second quarter, 2025

**Tirana, 30 July 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 second quarter of 2025, was transported 93.6 % of the volumes of freights transported by sea or 2,063 thousand tons. The total volume of freights transported from the port of Durrës increased by 1.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

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

	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025
<b>Ports</b>	<b>1,713</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>1,673</b>	<b>2,142</b>	<b>1,924</b>	<b>2,008</b>	<b>1,643</b>	<b>2,205</b>
<b>Port of Durrës</b>	<b>1,608</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>1,641</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>2,034</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,553</b>	<b>2,063</b>
Import	1,257	1,303	1,254	1,280	1,634	1,490	1,605	1,275	1,743
Export	350	315	387	327	400	328	290	278	320
<b>Port of Vlora</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>73</b>
Import	20	26	33	31	35	37	34	17	65
Export	10	12	11	7	10	14	11	15	8
<b>Port of Saranda (Limjoni)</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Import	12	4	10	9	10	-	12	10	11
Export	19	-	-	-	-	-	3	0	0
<b>Port of Shëngjin</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>57</b>
Import	36	17	32	13	35	37	37	27	38
Export	8	12	12	7	19	18	16	22	19

**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 2025 are presented as follows:

- The group of freights "Base metals, fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment" accounts for 17.0 % of the freights transported;
- The group of freights "Coke and refined petroleum products" accounts for 16.9 % of freights transported by sea;
- The group of freights "Other non-metallic mineral products" constitutes 16.2 % of the freights transported;
- The group of freights "Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas" accounts for 5.0 % 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	
		Q2-2024	Q2-2025
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,142,331</b>	<b>2,204,762</b>
1	Products of agriculture, hunting and forestry; fish and other fishing products	13,074	26,791
2	Coal and lignite; crude petroleum and natural gas	192,006	109,825
3	Metal ores and other mining and quarrying products; peat; uranium and thorium ores	15,606	14,126
4	Food products, beverages and tobacco	36,243	28,797
5	Textiles and textile products; leather and leather products	654	299
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	21,070	23,403
7	Coke and refined petroleum products	369,364	373,282
8	Chemicals, chemical products, and man-made fibers; rubber and plastic products; nuclear fuel	31,340	32,174
9	Other non-metallic mineral products	305,052	358,235
10	Basic metals; fabricated metal products, except machinery and equipment	240,885	375,404
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	41	0
12	Transport equipment	5,248	5,870
13	Furniture; other manufactured goods n.e.c.	0	0
14	Secondary raw materials; municipal wastes and other wastes	8,254	7,306
15	Mail, parcels	0	0
16	Equipment and material utilized in the transport of goods	37,363	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	11,346	10,860
19	Unidentifiable goods: goods which for any reason cannot be identified and therefore cannot be assigned to groups 01-16	854,786	838,391
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

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The number of ships entering and leaving ports of the country is recorded to be 276, of which 253 foreign ships and 23 local ships. The number of ships entering and leaving the ports was increased by 10.0 %, compared to the data of the second quarter of 2024, where the number of foreign ships was increased by 16.1 %.

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

**Tab. 3 Maritime passenger transport**

	Q2-2023	Q3-2023	Q4-2023	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025
<b>Total Ports</b>	<b>280,914</b>	<b>988,241</b>	<b>197,377</b>	<b>135,680</b>	<b>298,175</b>	<b>950,100</b>	<b>211,371</b>	<b>133,503</b>	<b>330,630</b>
<b>Port of Durrës</b>	<b>129,218</b>	<b>461,070</b>	<b>127,603</b>	<b>109,722</b>	<b>117,200</b>	<b>417,670</b>	<b>130,324</b>	<b>108,312</b>	<b>133,178</b>
Embarked	69,780	221,357	77,087	43,203	62,561	197,440	76,846	40,882	71,312
Disembarked	59,438	239,713	50,516	66,519	54,639	220,230	53,478	67,430	61,866
<b>Port of Vlora</b>	<b>23,370</b>	<b>147,570</b>	<b>20,581</b>	<b>15,765</b>	<b>25,355</b>	<b>140,363</b>	<b>19,483</b>	<b>14,571</b>	<b>18,959</b>
Embarked	12,944	70,412	12,303	6,600	13,444	67,543	12,259	5,626	10,370
Disembarked	10,426	77,158	8,278	9,165	11,911	72,820	7,224	8,945	8,589
<b>Port of Saranda (Limjoni)</b>	<b>128,326</b>	<b>379,601</b>	<b>49,193</b>	<b>10,193</b>	<b>155,620</b>	<b>392,067</b>	<b>61,564</b>	<b>10,620</b>	<b>178,493</b>
Embarked	65,277	186,302	24,440	4,875	77,741	191,958	30,794	5,199	90,207
Disembarked	63,049	193,299	24,753	5,318	77,879	200,109	30,770	5,421	88,286
<b>Port of Shëngjin</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Embarked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disembarked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

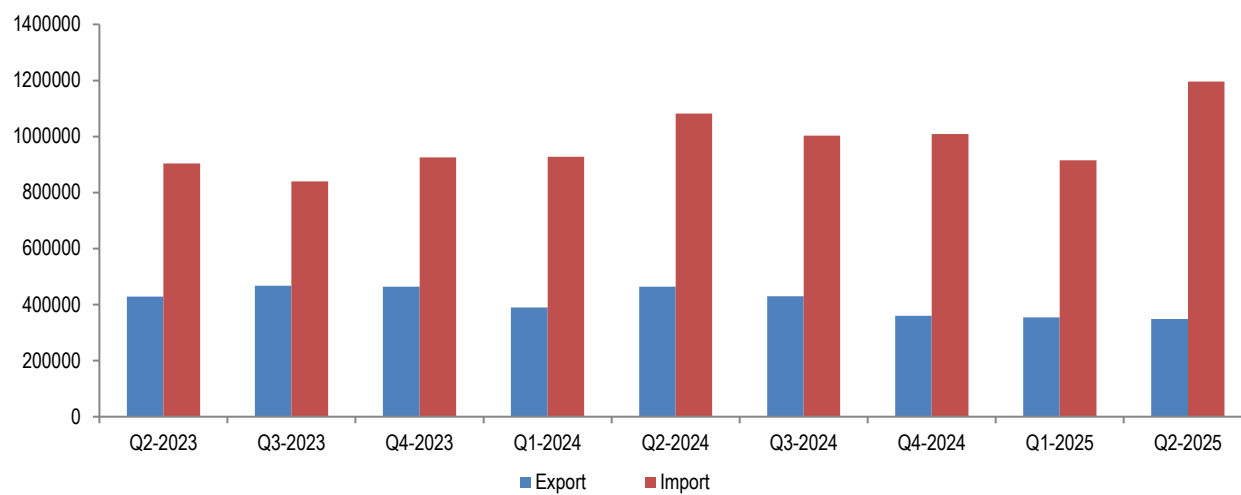
**Source:** Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations INSTAT

The number of passengers who traveled through sea ports in the country is 330,630 persons. From the port of Saranda have traveled 54.0 % of passengers, followed by the port of Durrës with 40.3 % and the port of Vlora with 5.7 %.

## Exports/imports of freights by sea

In the second quarter of 2025, the volume of goods traded by sea (export and import) is 1,545 thousand/tonnes. Compared to the same period in 2024, this indicator decreasing by 0.1 %. The volume of goods exported by sea in the second quarter of 2025 accounts for 27.9 % of the total volume of exported goods. The volume of goods imported by sea accounts for 66.9 % 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 second country, placed under customs export or outward processing arrangements or re-exported following inward processing.

**Imports:** Goods arrived from a second 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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