

Transport statistics*

May 2021

Tirana, 28 June 2021: The volume of freight loading/unloading in ports, in May 2021 is 401.3 thousand / tonnes, increasing 11.5 % compared to May 2020. Compared with the monthly average for May period 2018-2020, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports increased by 7.6 %,

In the first five months of 2021, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports is 1,933.2 thousand / tonnes, increasing by 16.7 % compared to the first five months of 2020.

The volume of freight transported by rail in May 2021 is 2,495 thousand / tonnes – km increasing 3.6 times compared to May 2020. The volume of freight transported by rail increased by 2.7 %, compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020.

In the first five months of 2021, volume of freights transported by rail is 12,931 thousand tonnes-km, increasing by 28.3 % compared to the first five months of year 2020.

Tab. 1 Volume of freight transported by sea, by rail and by air

Period	By sea tonnes	By rail 000/tonnes.km	By air tonnes*
May 2018	365,435	2,316	182.8
May 2019	393,366	4,288	206.2
May 2020	359,996	686	129.6
Average May (2018-2020)	372,932	2,430	172.9
May 2021	401,258	2,495	196.1
January- May 2020	1,656,787	10,079	720.7
January- May 2021	1,933,171	12,931	806.4

*Includes freights and mail

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

In May 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 196.1 tonnes, increasing 51.3 % compared to May 2020. Compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020, the volume of freight transported by air increased by 13.4 %.

In the first five months of 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 806.4 tonnes, increasing by 11.9 % compared to the first five months of year 2020.

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In May 2021, the number of flights is 1,610 increasing 7.3 times compared to May 2020. Compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020, the number of flights increased by 3.6 %.

Tab. 2 Air transport specific indicators

Period	Number of airlines*	Number of flights	Number of overflights
May 2018	19	2,044	16,428
May 2019	19	2,396	17,705
May 2020	16	222	1,845
Average May (2018-2020)	18	1,554	11,993
May 2021	14	1,610	6,086
January- May 2020	16	5,118	31,322
January- May 2021	14	5,952	22,810

* Number of airlines refers to the number of companies which are licensed to operate flights in the beginning of the year

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

In May 2021, the number of passengers traveling by sea line is 36,406 passengers. Compared to May 2020, this indicator increased 6.2 times. Compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020, the number of passengers traveling by sea decreased by 50.3 %.

In the first five months of 2021, 155,121 passengers travelled by sea, increased by 15.0 % compared to same period of 2020.

In May 2021, passenger air transport occupies 80.5 % of the total transport.

In May 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air is 152,842 passengers, increased 21.9 times compared to May 2020. Compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020, the number of passengers traveling by air decreased by 4.0 %.

In the first five months of 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air line is 495,646 passengers, decreasing by 5.9 % compared to the first five months of year 2020.

Tab. 3 Passenger transport by mode of travel

Period	Passenger Transport		
	By rail	By sea	By air
May 2018	8,094	105,210	220,117
May 2019	5,167	108,629	250,694
May 2020	0	5,862	6,972
Average May (2018-2020)	4,420	73,234	159,261
May 2021	643	36,406	152,842
January- May 2020	64	134,842	526,461
January- May 2021	2,239	155,121	495,646

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

Exports/Imports of goods by mode of transport

In May 2021, the value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 94.8 billion ALL and 49.7 % of them is transported by sea. In the first five four months of 2021, value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 428.8 billion ALL and 49.5 % of them is transported by sea.

Exports of goods

In May 2021, goods exported by sea represent 52.2 %, by road 39.8 % and by air 0.3 % of total exports of goods. Goods exported by road increased by 24.6 % compared with the same period of 2021. Export of goods transported by road in May 2021 increased 16.3 %, compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020.

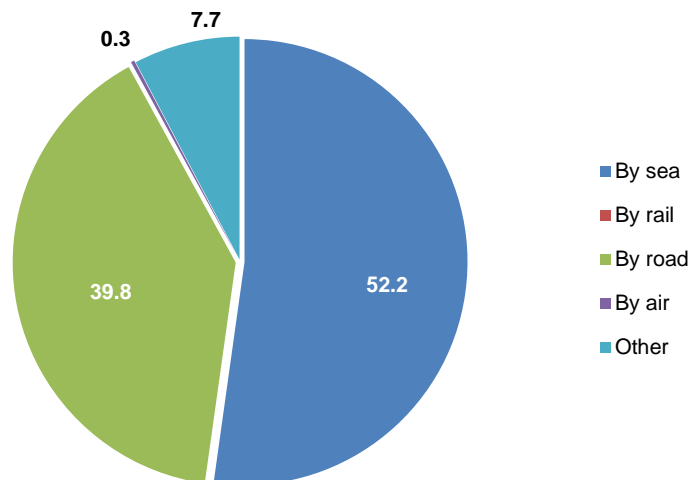
Tab.4 Exports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Export (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
May 2018	16,240	1	11,603	66	2,257
May 2019	15,754	1	11,637	68	292
May 2020	10,674	-	10,500	71	209
Average May (2018-2020)	14,222	0.7	11,247	68	919
May 2021	17,157	0	13,083	84	2,533
January- May 2020	58,350	-	41,731	415	1,711
January- May 2021	78,209	1	52,775	350	10,437

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the first five months of 2021, goods exported by sea represent 55.2 %, by road 37.2 % and by air 0.2 %. Goods exported by road increased by 26.5 % compared to same period of 2020.

Fig. 1 Structure of exports by mode of transport, May 2021



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

Imports of goods

In May 2021, goods imported by sea represent 48.3 %, by road 47.6 % and by air 3.1 %. Goods imported by road in May 2021 increased by 39.4 % compared to May 2020. Import of goods transported by road in May 2021 increased 24.3 %, compared with monthly average for May period 2018-2020.

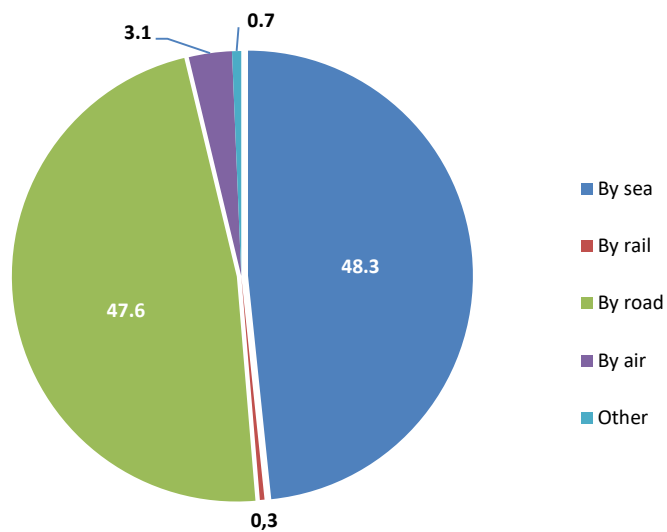
Tab.5 Imports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Import (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
May 2018	29,850	347	24,661	1,705	209
May 2019	29,550	386	25,295	1,641	2,156
May 2020	21,070	193	21,135	1,483	840
Average May (2018-2020)	26,823	309	23,697	1,610	1,068
May 2021	29,948	205	29,465	1,917	408
January- May 2020	105,653	1,349	99,355	6,571	6,277
January- May 2021	134,039	1,449	137,539	9,297	4,710

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the first five months of 2021, goods imported by sea represented 46.7 %, by road 47.9 % and by air 3.2 %. Goods imported by road increased by 38.4 % compared with the same period of 2020.

Fig. 2 Structure of imports by mode of transport, May 2021



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

Methodology

The Publication of Transport Statistics 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

Airlines: Companies that transport passengers and goods.

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

Rail transport: Every movement of freights and / passengers using wheeled vehicles run on the track.

Maritime transport: Any movement of goods and / or passengers using commercial vessel trips, which are undertaken entirely or partly by sea.

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

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

The FOB (free on board): Value of exports of goods is the value of the goods at the exporter's customs frontier.

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 cost, insurance and freight (CIF): It is the value of the imported goods sent to the border of the importing country, it includes the cost of the goods as well as the cost of transport and insurance until to the border of the country that imports the goods.

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, rail and 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

(...) - missing data