

Transport statistics*

August 2021

Tirana, 27 September 2021: The volume of freight loading/unloading in ports, in August 2021 is 430.4 thousand / tonnes, increasing 35.3 % compared to August 2020. Compared with the monthly average for August period 2018-2020, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports increased by 27.4 %.

In the eight months of 2021, the volume of freight loading/unloading in ports is 3,241.1 thousand / tonnes, increasing by 18.8 % compared to the eight months of 2020.

The volume of freight transported by rail in August 2021 is 1,652 thousand / tonnes – km, decreasing 18.5 % compared to August 2020. The volume of freight transported by rail decreased by 39.3 %, compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020.

In the eight months of 2021, volume of freights transported by rail is 18,289 thousand tonnes-km, increasing by 12.0 %, compared to the eight months of year 2020.

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

Period	Freight Transport		
	By sea / tonnes	By rail 000/ton.km	By air*/ tonnes
August 2018	314,893	1,986	165.0
August 2019	380,612	4,146	175.5
August 2020	318,077	2,027	136.1
Average August (2018-2020)	337,861	2,720	158.9
August 2021	430,362	1,652	154.1
January-August 2020	2,728,341	16,333	1,144.9
January-August 2021	3,241,125	18,289	1,291.1

*Includes freights and mail

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

In August 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 154.1 tonnes, increasing 13.3 % compared to August 2020. Compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020, the volume of freight transported by air decreased by 3.0 %.

In the eight months of 2021, the volume of freights transported by air is 1,291.1 tonnes, increasing by 12.8 % compared to the eight months of year 2020.

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In August 2021, the number of flights is 4,106 increasing 80.2 % compared to August 2020. Compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020, the number of flights increased by 48.1 %.

Tab. 2 Air transport specific indicators

Period	Number of airlines*	Number of flights	Number of overflights
August 2018	20	2,880	23,222
August 2019	20	3,160	24,817
August 2020	16	2,278	14,427
Average August (2018-2020)	19	2,773	20,822
August 2021	21	4,106	22,688
January- August 2020	16	9,782	58,343
January- August 2021	21	15,784	75,998

* 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 August 2021, the number of passengers traveling by sea line is 307,634 passengers. Compared to August 2020, this indicator increased 5.0 times. Compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020, the number of passengers traveling by sea decreased by 3.4 %.

In the eight months of 2021, 631,447 passengers travelled by sea, increased by 2.4 times, compared to same period of 2020.

In August 2021, passenger air transport occupies 63.9 % of the total transport.

In August 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air is 561,325 passengers, increased 2.7 times compared to August 2020. Compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020, the number of passengers traveling by air increased by 66.6 %.

In the eight months of 2021, the number of passengers traveling by air line is 1.740,445 passengers, increasing by 90.1 % compared to the eight months of year 2020.

Tab. 3 Passenger transport by mode of travel

Period	Passenger Transport		
	By rail	By sea	By air
August 2018	16,534	447,063	376,290
August 2019	12,375	446,269	425,162
August 2020	10,459	61,814	209,090
Average August (2018-2020)	13,123	318,382	336,847
August 2021	8,832	307,634	561,325
January- August 2020	15,471	267,565	915,644
January- August 2021	20,452	631,447	1,740,445

Source: Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy, calculations of INSTAT

Exports/Imports of goods by mode of transport

In August 2021, the value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 67.6 billion ALL and 46.7 % of them is transported by sea. In the eight months of 2021, value of goods traded (exports and imports) is 702.1 billion ALL and 48.7 % of them is transported by sea.

Exports of goods

In August 2021, goods exported by sea represent 53.2 %, by road 43.6 % and by air 1.0 % of total exports of goods. Goods exported by road decreased by 20.2 %, compared with the same period of 2021. Export of goods transported by road in August 2021 decreased 6.6 %, compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020.

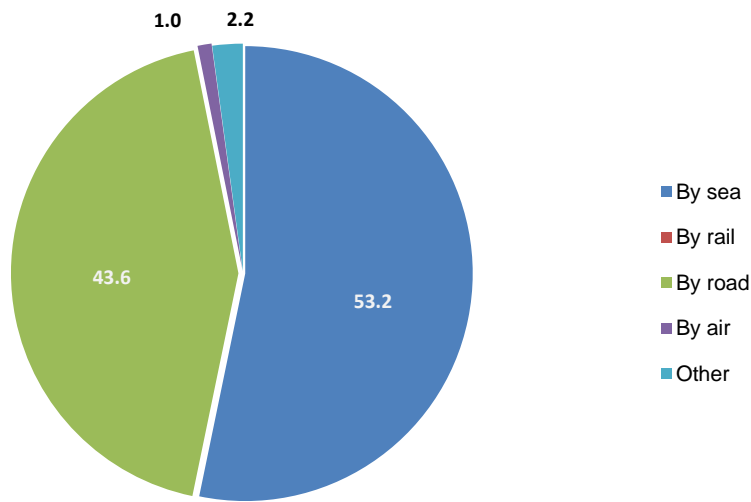
Tab. 4 Exports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Export (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
August 2018	10,429	-	8,446	91	1,483
August 2019	11,218	-	8,135	449	274
August 2020	11,984	-	10,598	151	1,023
Average August (2018-2020)	11,210	0	9,059	230	927
August 2021	10,329	-	8,458	193	418
January- August 2020	96,543	2	73,484	671	3,003
January- August 2021	123,247	1	88,256	1071	15,547

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the eight months of 2021, goods exported by sea represent 54.1 %, by road 38.7 % and by air 0.5 %. Goods exported by road increased by 20.1 % compared to same period of 2020.

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



Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

Imports of goods

In August 2021, goods imported by road represent 49.4 %, by sea 44.0 % and by air 3.3 %. Goods imported by road in August 2021 decreased by 20.4 %, compared to August 2020. Import of goods transported by road in August 2021 decreased 6.5 %, compared with monthly average for August period 2018-2020.

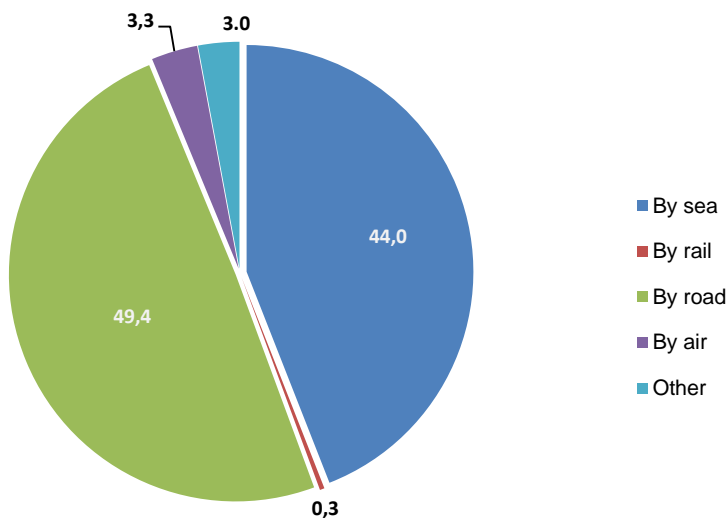
Tab. 5 Imports of goods by mode of transport

Period	Import (billion ALL)				
	By sea	By rail	By road	By air	Other
August 2018	23,090	320	22,505	1,566	768
August 2019	24,159	505	23,983	1,425	1,613
August 2020	27,100	102	29,904	1,943	1,806
Average August (2018-2020)	24,783	309	25,464	1,645	1,396
August 2021	21,232	160	23,811	1,591	1,413
January- August 2020	184,638	1,860	181,676	11,133	9,653
January- August 2021	218,618	1,786	225,605	19,317	8,668

Source: General Directorate of Customs, INSTAT calculations

In the eight months of 2021, goods imported by road represented 47.6 %, by sea 46.1 % and by air 4.1 %. Goods imported by road increased by 24.2 %, compared with the same period of 2020.

Fig. 2 Structure of imports by mode of transport, August 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 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 wholly 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 export 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): Price of a good delivered at the frontier of the importing country, or the price of a service delivered to resident, before the payment of any import duties or other taxes on imports or trade and transport margins within the country.

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

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