



Department
for Transport

Guide to Maritime Statistics

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Ports Freight

- Freight (units and weight) handled by UK ports.
- Based on returns from ports and shipping agents.
- Around 500 million tonnes are handled by UK every year.
- Latest [tables](#).
- *Released annually and quarterly (provisional).*

Other sources

- [HMRC](#) produces overseas trade statistics. They include more detailed information on commodity types and the value of trade.
- The ONS publishes its Trade Statistical [releases](#), which include trade services.



Sea Passengers

- Domestic and international services.
- Based on returns from ferry and cruise operators.
- There are around 20 million international short sea passengers a year.
- Latest [tables](#).
- *Released annually, together with monthly summary tables. These do not include passenger vehicles, these can be found in the port freight statistics above.*

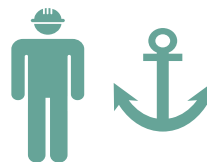
Other sources

- ONS collects information about passengers in the UK in the [International Passenger Survey](#).



Domestic Waterborne Freight

- Domestic side of Port Freight Statistics.
- Based on a survey of inland waterway operators and port freight statistics.
- Although inland waters traffic accounts for the majority of goods lifted (i.e. tonnage), the majority of tonne-kilometres moved are on coastwise routes.
- Latest [tables](#).
- *Released annually.*

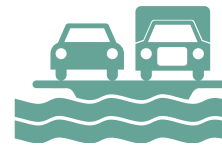


Seafarers

- UK nationals and those working on UK vessels.
- Based on administrative and survey data.
- There are around 25,000 UK seafarers active at sea, mainly certificated officers and ratings.
- Latest [tables](#).
- *Released annually.*

Other sources

- The [Ministry of Defence](#) gathers statistics on their trained personnel.
- The [Marine Management Organisation](#) compiles statistics on fishermen.



Roll On-Roll Off (Ro-Ro) International Freight

- Goods travelling to Europe.
- Based on returns from HGV operators.
- Overall tonnage for Ro-Ro traffic has been growing since 2012.
- Latest [tables](#).
- *Released quarterly.*
- You can find the additional International Road Freight Statistics figures in this [release](#), including information on HGVs' nationality of registration.
- You can also find Ro-Ro figures in the [port freight statistics](#).



Shipping Fleet

- UK and World fleet statistics.
- Based on commercially sourced data.
- The UK is among the top 20 countries with the largest shipping fleet, with currently over 15 million gross tonnes.
- Latest [tables](#).
- *Released annually.*
- The [2015 Maritime Growth Study](#) report provides further analysis of the UK and world fleet data.

Other sources

- The [UNCTAD](#) provides a Review of Maritime Transport, giving an in-depth analysis on global fleets and their trends.

Who are our users?



National Government

- [Forecasting](#)
- Environmental impact of transport
- Emergency preparation
- Support for policy-making
- Further statistics



International Organisations

- Mandatory or voluntary requests of information for international reports.



Maritime Sector

- General background
- Inform policy
- Both businesses and representative bodies



Business

- Market analysis



Universities and Researchers

- Research on the sector
- Background information
- Public data



General Public

- Access to information
- General background

Feedback and User experience

Thanks to the feedback provided by users, DfT is trying to make its information and data as user-friendly and accessible as possible, by adding more [interactive content](#) or releasing [technical notes](#).

[Here](#) you can find information on the National Statistics status of the Maritime Statistics.

We are always looking for ways to improve further, you can provide feedback through [this feedback form](#).

Thank you for your time!

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Where to find more related statistics

- [Transport Statistics Great Britain](#) (released annually)
- [Survey of Port Employment and Accident Rates](#)
- [Eurostat \(EU Statistical Portal\)](#)
- [Digest of UK Energy Statistics \(BEIS\)](#)
- [United Nations Conference on Trade and Development](#)
- [Office for National Statistics Trade Series](#)
- [HMRC Trade Statistics](#)
- [OECD Transport Data](#)