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TRAFFIC IN SEAPORTS, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024

Increase in the traffic of passengers and decrease in the traffic of goods in the fourth quarter of 2024

In the fourth quarter of 2024, a total of **4.9 million** passengers embarked or disembarked in Croatian seaports. Compared to the same period of 2023, it was an increase of 9.3%.

In the fourth quarter of 2024, the number of passengers carried on ferries and passenger ships amounted to 4.5 million, which was 8.4% more than in the same period of 2023. The increase in the number of passengers was recorded in all major ports as well as in international traffic. There were 10.4% more passenger cars and 5.0% more coaches that embarked on and disembarked from ships compared to the same quarter of 2023.

Out of the total number of passengers in seaports, 302 thousand of them disembarked from cruise ships and visited, among others, the ports of Dubrovnik, Split, Zadar, Rijeka and Šibenik. Compared to the fourth quarter of 2023, it was an increase of **22.3%**.

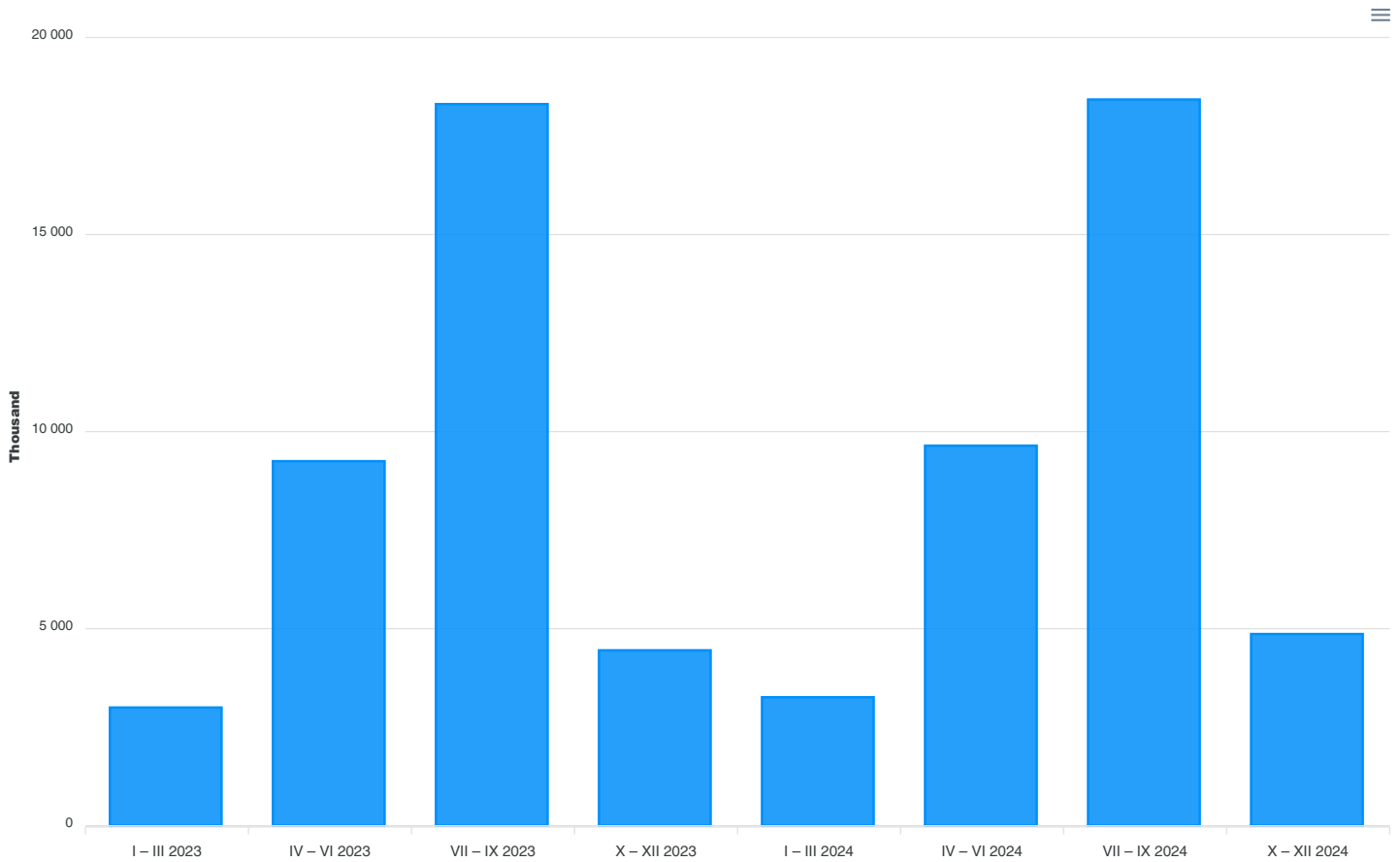
The total traffic of goods in the fourth quarter of 2024 at the level of the Republic of Croatia amounted to 4.9 million tonnes, which means it decreased by 8.1% compared to the same period of 2023. This was a result of a decrease in the traffic of liquid goods of 3.1% (with the share of 47% in the total traffic of goods) and in the traffic of dry bulk goods of 21.6% (with the share of 24% in the total traffic of goods) compared to the same period of 2023, while the traffic of containerised goods, measured in tonnes, recorded an increase of 1.1% (with the share of 22% in the total traffic of goods).

Of the five ports that accounted for 92% of the total traffic of goods in seaports, a decrease in the fourth quarter of 2024 was recorded in the ports of Rijeka (11.0%), Ploče (38.0%) and Bakar (12.5%), as compared to the fourth quarter of 2023.

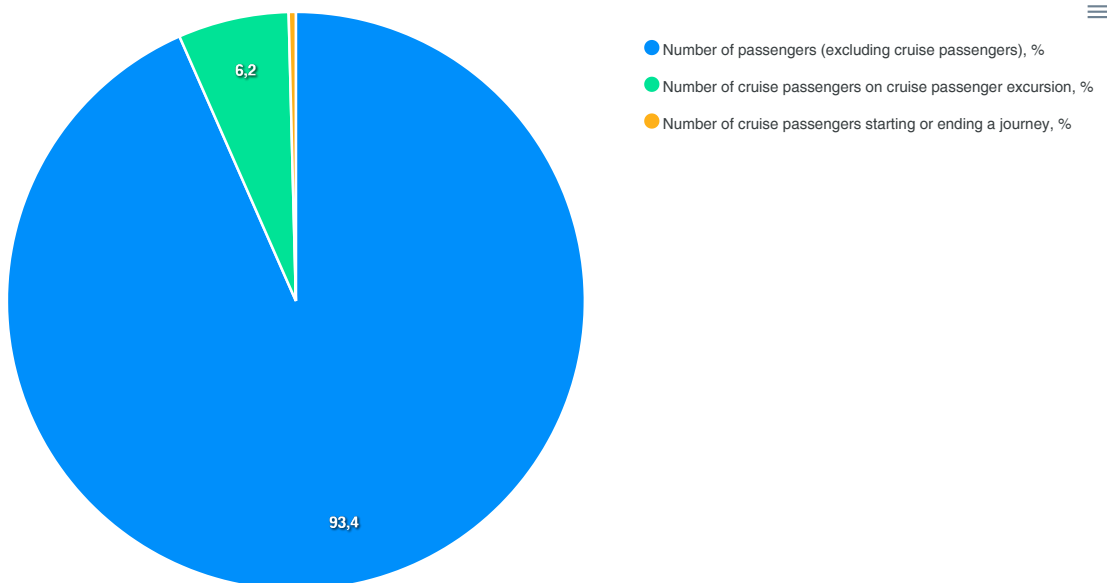
Annual data for 2024 show an increase in the traffic of ships and passengers in seaports

In the period from January to December 2024, there were 0.7% more arrivals of ships in Croatian seaports than in the same period of 2023. A total of 36.2 million passengers embarked or disembarked in Croatian seaports in 2024, which was 3.4% more than in 2023. The total traffic of goods in seaports in the period from January to December 2024 decreased by 10.1% compared to the same period of 2023 and amounted to 20.9 million tonnes.

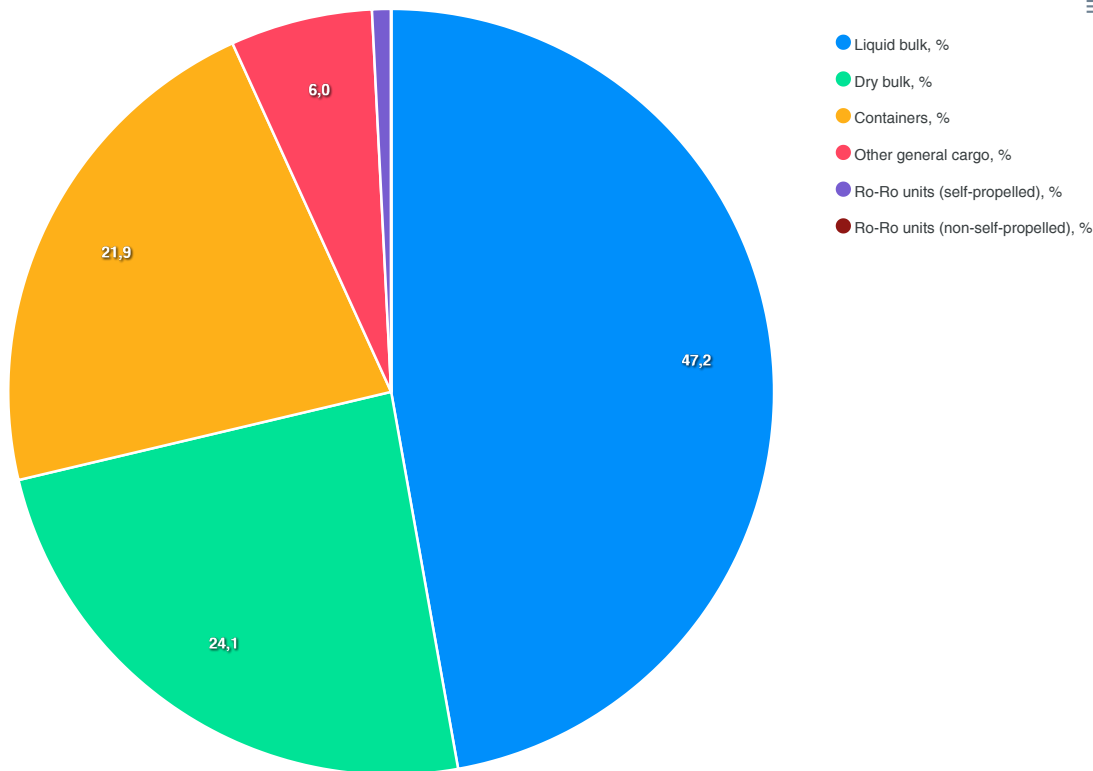
G-1 TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, BY QUARTERS, 2023 AND 2024



G-2 STRUCTURE OF TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024



G-3 STRUCTURE OF TRAFFIC OF GOODS, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024



1 TRAFFIC OF SHIPS, PASSENGERS AND GOODS IN SEAPORTS

	Unit of measure	2023		2024		Indices	
		X - XII	I - XII	X - XII	I - XII	$\frac{X - XII\ 2024}{X - XII\ 2023}$	$\frac{I - XII\ 2024}{I - XII\ 2023}$
Arrival of ships	Number	59 882	347 632	62 704	350 142	104,7	100,7
Traffic of passengers	'000	4 450	35 004	4 864	36 190	109,3	103,4
Traffic of goods	'000 t	5 337	23 200	4 903	20 854	91,9	89,9

2 TRAFFIC OF GOODS IN SELECTED¹⁾ SEAPORTS, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024

	Total traffic of goods, t	Indices $\frac{X - XII\ 2024}{X - XII\ 2023}$
Omišalj	1 459 078	110,2
Rijeka	1 111 974	89,0
Split	709 700	103,4
Ploče	619 691	62,0
Bakar	610 775	87,5

1) Ports that had the total annual traffic of goods greater than or equal to one million tonnes in the last three years.

3 TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS IN SELECTED¹⁾ SEAPORTS, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024

	Traffic of passengers, total	Indices $\frac{X - XII\ 2024}{X - XII\ 2023}$	National traffic of passengers	Indices $\frac{X - XII\ 2024}{X - XII\ 2023}$	International traffic of passengers	Indices $\frac{X - XII\ 2024}{X - XII\ 2023}$
Total	4 863 736	109,3	4 553 289	108,5	310 447	121,9
Of which						
Split	842 723	108,2	710 181	104,8	132 542	130,9
Zadar	469 980	106,4	431 315	105,3	38 665	120,1
Preko	383 734	107,2	383 734	107,2	-	-
Dubrovnik	380 820	121,0	262 748	124,5	118 072	113,9
Supetar	337 342	101,5	337 342	101,5	-	-
Korčula ²⁾	334 543	106,0	331 512	105,3	3 031	501,0
Cres	243 014	108,7	242 778	108,7	236	91,1
Krk	197 397	106,4	197 397	106,5	-	-
Jablanac	180 093	107,9	180 093	107,9	-	-
Pula ³⁾	154 377	146,3	153 414	145,8	963	371,8
Šibenik	144 437	112,0	136 464	109,8	7 973	173,5
Biograd	141 028	106,4	141 028	106,4	-	-
Rab	132 228	107,3	132 228	107,3	-	-
Stari Grad	118 932	104,1	118 932	104,1	-	-
Rogač	74 549	111,9	74 549	111,9	-	-
Novalja	72 425	106,3	72 425	106,3	-	-
Hvar	70 589	116,6	69 405	116,4	1 184	123,8
Makarska	63 361	114,3	63 361	114,3	-	-
Vis	54 147	113,0	54 147	113,0	-	-
Rabac	51 558	119,9	51 558	119,9	-	-
Sućuraj	44 599	110,2	44 599	110,2	-	-
Vela Luka	34 822	100,9	34 773	100,8	49	-
Božava	30 127	106,3	30 127	106,3	-	-
Trogir	29 723	97,3	29 412	96,3	311	-
Sobra	27 505	110,1	27 505	110,1	-	-
Rovinj	12 531	150,2	10 892	181,7	1 639	69,8
Poreč	9 382	144,0	8 644	174,8	738	47,0
Ploče	5 722	103,9	5 710	103,9	12	150,0
Trpanj	5 628	102,4	5 628	102,4	-	-

1) Ports that had the total traffic of passengers greater than or equal to 200 000 in the last three years.

2) Including the traffic in the seaport of Orebić.

3) Including the traffic in the seaports of Brijuni and Fažana.

4 EMBARKED AND DISEMBARKED PASSENGER VEHICLES, BY HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICES, FOURTH QUARTER OF 2024

	Passenger cars, motorcycles and trailers, number	Indices X - XII 2024 X - XII 2023	Coaches, number	Indices X - XII 2024 X - XII 2023
Total	935 449	110,4	6 697	105,0
Harbour master's office of Pula	18 191	116,1	135	122,7
Harbour master's office of Rijeka	195 894	106,1	2 410	104,8
Harbour master's office of Senj	102 319	105,1	905	100,7
Harbour master's office of Zadar	222 210	116,9	132	153,5
Harbour master's office of Šibenik	1 578	117,1	-	-
Harbour master's office of Split	271 599	109,9	1 396	101,2
Harbour master's office of Ploče ¹⁾	2 786	218,5	2	28,6
Harbour master's office of Dubrovnik	120 872	110,0	1 717	107,5

1) Since 2024, the Harbour master's office Ploče has taken over the competence of the Harbour branch office Trpanj from the Harbour master's office Dubrovnik.

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Cumulative data do not always equal the sum of individual monthly results due to the rounding of numbers to the nearest thousand.

Since 2013, detailed monthly data have been available on the official website of the [Croatian Bureau of Statistics](#), under "PC-Axis databases", where it is possible to browse and print data in various forms. Databases are updated every three months.

Sources and methods of data collection

The Croatian Bureau of Statistics carries out the statistical survey on the traffic in seaports by using the databases of the Croatian Integrated Maritime Information System. The Croatian Bureau of Statistics takes over a part of the database from the Ministry of Sea, Transport and Infrastructure, after which it performs further processing.

The Croatian Integrated Maritime Information System (CIMIS) has been used as a uniform platform for the recording of arrivals and departures of ships. Among other data, ships submit information on the traffic of goods and passengers to CIMIS through authorised maritime agents and shippers. The accuracy and completeness of the data in the official proceedings of registration is verified by the harbour master's offices.

The detailed notes on methodology are issued in the publication entitled "Methodological Basics for Statistical Survey Traffic in Seaports", which is also available on the web site of the Croatian Bureau of Statistics.

Coverage

Data on traffic in seaports include arrived and departed ships, embarked and disembarked passengers and loaded and unloaded goods and relate to activities in all public seaports in the Republic of Croatia.

The statistical survey includes all ships under the national and foreign flags that arrived to or departed from the seaports in the Republic of Croatia, regardless of the activity they perform in the seaport. Ships in ballast are included.

Data on traffic of passengers also include the passengers on cruise ships on excursions and present only their disembarkment.

Definitions

Statistical port consists of one or more ports, normally controlled by harbour master's branch offices able to record ship and cargo movements.

Ships are vessels with a length of more than 12 m and of over 15 GT or those authorised to carry more than 12 passengers.

Sea passenger is considered to be every person that makes a sea journey on a merchant ship. Service staffs assigned to merchant ships are not regarded as passengers. Non-fare paying crew members travelling but not assigned and infants in arms are excluded.

Cruise passenger excursion is a short visit by a cruise passenger to a tourist attraction associated with a port while retaining a cabin on board.

National traffic of passengers refers to the traffic between two national ports.

International traffic of passengers includes the traffic between a port of embarkment of passengers in the Republic of Croatia and a port of disembarkment of passengers abroad and vice versa.

Goods are any goods moved on sea. This includes all packaging and equipment such as containers, swap-bodies, pallets or road goods vehicles. Goods carried in lorries, trailers or semi-trailers are included. Conversely, the following items are excluded: bunkers and stores of vessels, fish carried in fishing vessels and fish-processing ships, goods carried internally between different basins or docks of the same port.

Abbreviations

GT	gross tonnage
m	metre
t	tonne
'000	thousand

Symbols

-	no occurrence
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