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TRAFFIC IN SEAPORTS, THIRD QUARTER 2024

The traffic of passengers in the third quarter of 2024 remained at the 2023 level

In the third quarter of 2024, a total of 18.4 million passengers embarked or disembarked in Croatian seaports. Compared to the same period of 2023, it was an increase of 0.6%.

The number of passengers carried on ferries and passenger ships remained at the same level as in the second quarter of 2023. These ships carried 96% of the total number of passengers. There were 0.8% more passenger cars and 3.5% less coaches that embarked on and disembarked from ships compared to the same quarter of 2023.

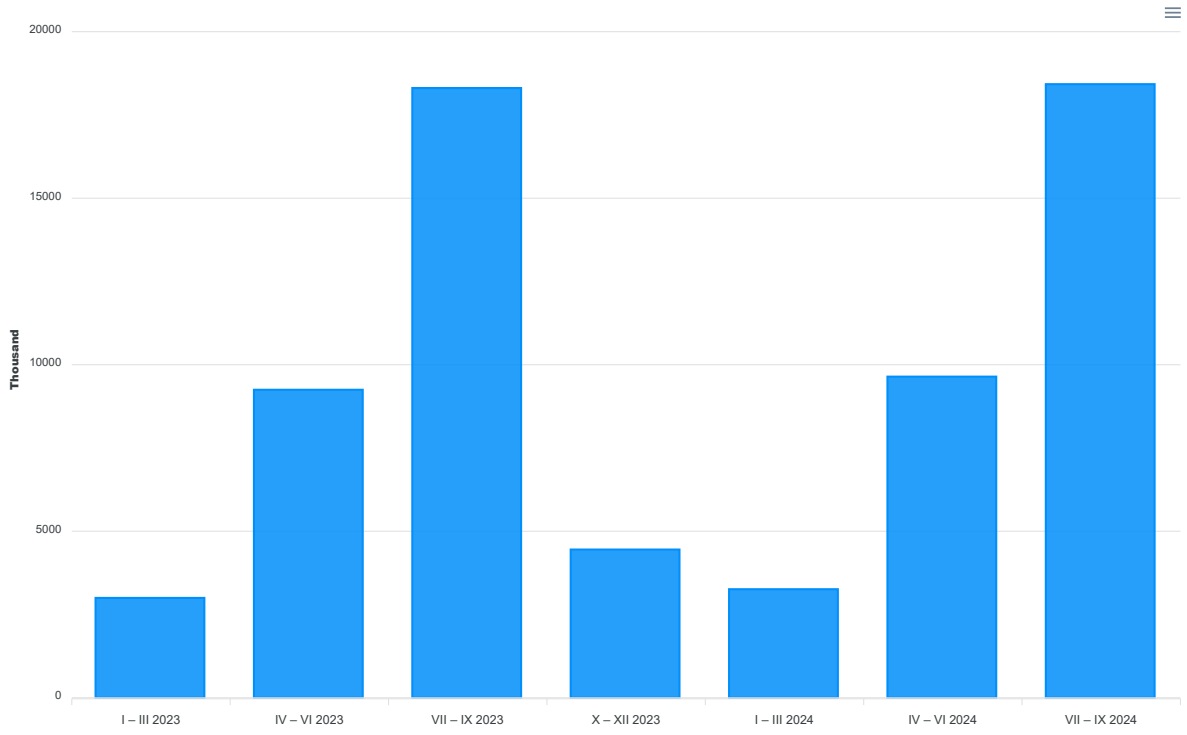
Out of the total number of passengers in seaports, 678 thousand of them disembarked from cruise ships and visited, among others, the ports of Split, Dubrovnik, Zadar, Hvar and Rijeka. Compared to the third quarter of 2023, it was an increase of 19.7%.

A mild increase in the traffic of goods was recorded in the third quarter of 2024

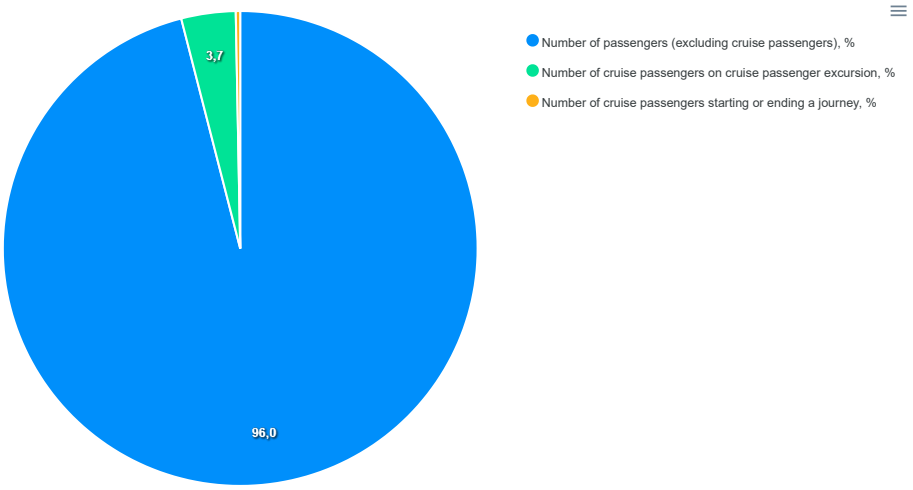
The total traffic of goods in the third quarter of 2024 at the level of the Republic of Croatia amounted to 5.8 million tonnes, which means it increased by 0.7% compared to the same period of 2023. This was a result of an increase in the traffic of liquid goods of 7.0% (with the share of 51% in the total traffic of goods) and in the traffic of containerised goods of 12.6% (with the share of 19% in the total traffic of goods) compared to the same period of 2023, while the traffic of dry bulk goods recorded a decrease of 16.5% (with the share of 24% in the total traffic of goods).

Of the five ports that accounted for 93% of the total traffic of goods in seaports, an increase in the third quarter of 2024 was recorded in the ports of Omišalj (20.1%) and Rijeka (4.3%), while a decrease was present in the ports of Ploče (7.0%), Split (1.2%) and Bakar (22.0%), as compared to the third quarter of 2023.

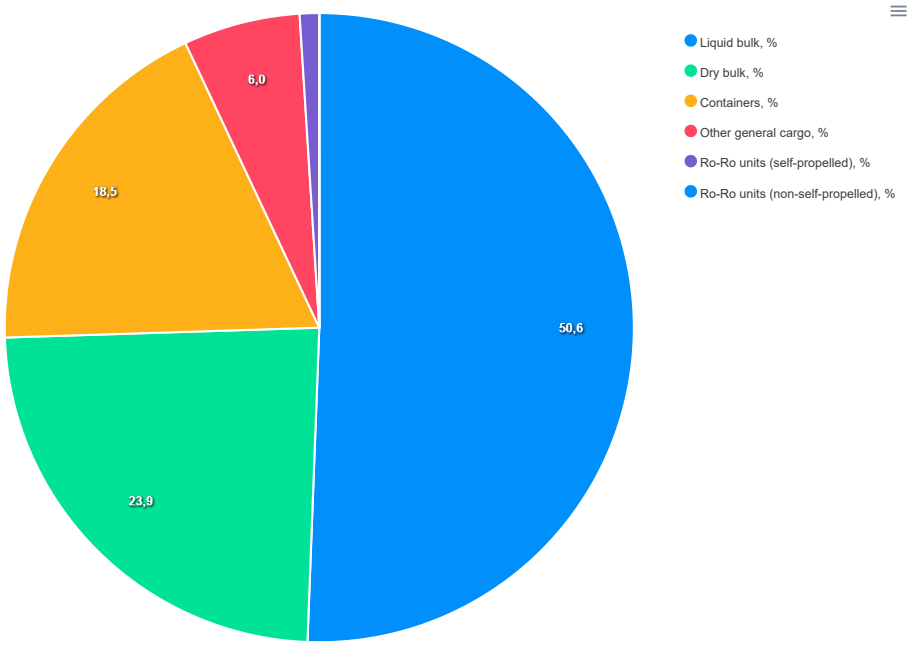
G-1 TRAFFIC OF PASSENGERS, BY QUARTERS, 2023 AND 2024



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



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



1 TRAFFIC OF SHIPS, PASSENGERS AND GOODS IN SEAPORTS

	Unit of measure	2023		2024		Indices	
		VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX	I – IX	VII – IX 2024 / VII – IX 2023	I – IX 2024 / I – IX 2023
Arrival of ships	Number	140 195	287 750	138 543	287 438	98,8	99,9
Traffic of passengers	‘000	18 308	30 554	18 424	31 326	100,6	102,5
Traffic of goods	‘000 t	5 784	17 863	5 825	15 951	100,7	89,3

2 TRAFFIC OF GOODS IN SELECTED[1)] SEAPORTS, THIRD QUARTER OF 2024

	Total traffic of goods, t	Indices VII – IX 2024 / VII – IX 2023
Omišalj	1 921 744	120,1
Rijeka	1 120 249	104,3
Ploče	1 067 708	93,0
Split	726 994	98,8
Bakar	601 391	78,0

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 SELECTED[1)] SEAPORTS, THIRD QUARTER OF 2024

	Traffic of passengers, total	Indices VII – IX 2024 / VII – IX 2023	National traffic of passengers	Indices VII – IX 2024 / VII – IX 2023	International traffic of passengers	Indices VII – IX 2024 / VII – IX 2023
Total	18 424 233	100,6	17 583 780	100,3	840 453	107,4
Of which						
Split	2 717 226	98,7	2 434 307	98,1	282 919	104,2
Dubrovnik	1 556 542	108,4	1 275 163	106,3	281 379	119,2
Korčula[2)]	1 270 520	99,6	1 263 776	100,1	6 744	51,5
Zadar	1 235 091	105,1	1 109 542	101,4	125 549	154,7
Jablanac	1 143 292	97,8	1 143 292	97,8	-	-
Supetar	940 632	101,1	940 550	101,1	82	-
Cres	921 779	100,3	920 960	100,3	819	100,6
Preko	877 169	101,6	877 169	101,6	-	-
Krk	726 280	99,7	725 870	99,8	410	61,0
Rab	685 172	96,5	684 354	96,4	818	210,3
Novalja	659 002	105,0	656 432	104,9	2 570	112,5
Biograd	610 170	102,8	610 170	102,8	-	-
Pula[3)]	507 138	103,9	494 878	106,1	12 260	56,4
Šibenik	478 284	105,2	465 040	104,2	13 244	157,5
Hvar	476 297	98,5	455 165	97,6	21 132	125,1
Makarska	404 300	102,5	404 300	102,5	-	-
Stari Grad	363 014	99,8	362 941	99,8	73	-
Rabac	334 044	100,9	334 044	100,9	-	-
Sućuraj	231 243	99,1	231 243	99,1	-	-
Rogač	199 980	105,6	199 980	105,6	-	-
Vis	178 470	99,0	177 486	98,9	984	117,4
Božava	139 739	95,0	139 739	95,0	-	-
Trogir	136 396	89,6	136 239	90,1	157	16,0
Poreč	132 745	104,4	110 128	134,7	22 617	49,9
Vela Luka	122 726	98,6	122 551	98,4	175	-
Sobra	121 691	92,3	121 544	92,3	147	59,3
Rovinj	85 479	83,1	55 345	82,8	30 134	83,8
Ploče	25 558	87,2	25 387	87,2	171	86,8
Trpanj	25 163	87,3	25 163	87,3	-	-

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, THIRD QUARTER OF 2024

	Passenger cars, motorcycles and trailers, number	Indices VII – IX 2024 / VII – IX 2023	Coaches, number	Indices VII – IX 2024 / VII – IX 2023
Total	3 315 403	100,8	11 956	96,5
Harbour master's office of Pula	115 015	101,0	145	116,9
Harbour master's office of Rijeka	762 293	98,5	3 398	101,5
Harbour master's office of Senj	588 668	99,0	3 040	87,6
Harbour master's office of Zadar	561 952	105,2	340	114,5
Harbour master's office of Šibenik	5 678	108,3	-	-
Harbour master's office of Split	904 121	100,5	2 799	96,4
Harbour master's office of Ploče[1)]	10 900	180,1	4	26,7
Harbour master's office of Dubrovnik	366 776	101,3	2 230	100,0

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
0,0	value non zero but less than 0.05 the unit of measure used

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