Ship traffic increases in Saudi ports during 2022

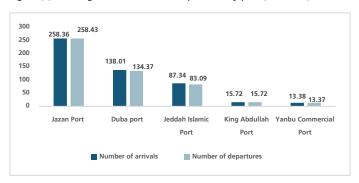
According to maritime transport statistics publication, ship traffic in KSA's ports rose by 8.06% in 2022 compared to 2021. Total number of ships traffic in Saudi ports was 14,266 ships. Jeddah Islamic Port had the largest share in terms of ship traffic, with 3,907 ships, followed by King Fahd Industrial Port in Yanbu, with 2,228 ships and King Abdul Aziz Port in Dammam, with 2,167 ships. Figure (1)



Passenger traffic in Saudi ports

Total number of passengers in Saudi ports increased by 56.09% in 2022 compared to 2021, where the total number of arriving and departing passengers reached more than one million passengers. Jazan Port recorded the highest percentage of arriving and departing passengers, reaching 516,793 passengers. Figure (2)

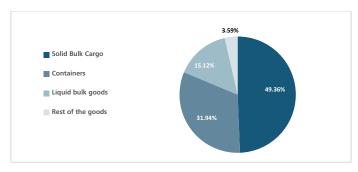
Figure (2): Passenger traffic arrivals - departures by port (thousand) for 2022



Goods handled

Total volume of goods handled at KSA's ports amounted to more than 359 million tons in 2022. Liquid bulk goods were the highest type of goods handled at KSA's ports, amounting to 49.36%, followed by containers with 31.94%. Figure (3)

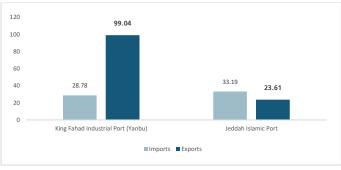
Figure (3): Percentage of goods handled in ports by type for 2022



Volume of cargo outbound and inbound

Volume of cargo outbound from ports amounted to 228.8 million tons in 2022, while volume of cargo inbound to ports amounted to 128.6 million tons. King Fahad Industrial Port (Yanbu) was the highest in terms of exports, reaching 99.04 million tons, while Jeddah Islamic Port was the highest in terms of imports, reaching 33.19 million tons. Figure (4)

Figure (4): Volume of cargo outbound and inbound (million tons) for 2022



Maritime transport insurance activity

Gross written insurance premiums for marine transport activity amounted to 692.3 million SAR, and net written insurance premiums amounted to 208.1 million SAR in 2022. Net claims incurred amounted to 66.6 million SAR, and net earned premiums amounted to 207.7 million SAR. Total number of insurance policies reached 60.3 thousand policies during 2022, decreasing by 17.60% compared to 2021.

Establishments and workers in maritime transport activities

Number of establishments in maritime transport activities during 2022 reached 1,192, with an increase of 33.04%, compared to 2021. Number of males working in these establishments reached 8,808, with an increase of 15.17%, while the number of females made up 1,229, with an increase of 28.29%, compared to 2021.

Table (1): Key indicators of maritime transport for 2022

Key indicators	Unit	2022
Number of cruise passengers	Number	155,912
Number of passengers - departures	Number	504,970
Number of passengers - arrivals	Number	512,803
Ship traffic in ports	Number	14,266
Goods handled	Ton	359,063,274
Total male workers	Number	8,808
Total female workers	Number	1,229

Source: tables

Reference metadata

Maritime traffic statistics publication is an annual register-based publication through which a broad base of statistics is created and used as a reliable basis for conducting surveys and research in the field of maritime traffic, identifying traffic of passengers arriving and departing through Saudi ports, identifying volume of goods unloaded in Saudi ports and identifying traffic of arriving and departing ships through Saudi ports. The publication is based on administrative records data from Saudi Ports Authority, Economic Cities and Special Zones Authority, NEOM, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development, and Saudi Central Bank.

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