

UK Port Traffic Highlights: 2002

This bulletin presents the latest results from the UK port traffic statistics collection system for 2002. The system was introduced in 2000 in order to comply with the EU Maritime Statistics Directive (Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of carriage of goods and passengers by sea). The results highlight the main changes in freight traffic passing through UK ports in 2002, based on information supplied by shipping lines, agents, operators and other port undertakings.

Full results for 2002 can be obtained in the annual report *Maritime Statistics 2002*, available in hard copy from The Stationery Office, priced £33, and also from the DfT Maritime Statistics website:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/transtat/maritime>

1. Summary

Total freight traffic fell by 1 per cent in 2002 to 558 million tonnes, of which major port traffic accounted for 97 per cent (542 million tonnes).

Table 1: UK Port Traffic

	Million tonnes		
	2001	2002	% change
Foreign	418.7	399.1	-5%
Imports	238.4	220.9	-7%
Exports	180.4	178.2	-1%
Domestic	147.6	159.2	8%
Coastwise	112.2	115.5	3%
One-port	35.4	43.7	23%
All Traffic	566.4	558.3	-1%
Of which			
Major ports ¹	549.5	542.1	-1%

¹ Generally ports with annual tonnage of at least 1 million tonnes

2. Major ports traffic

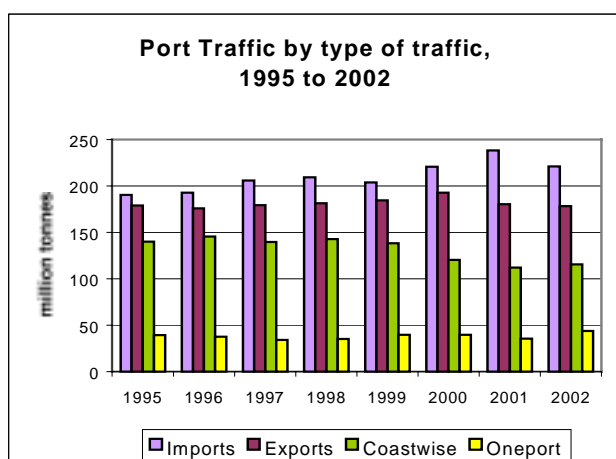
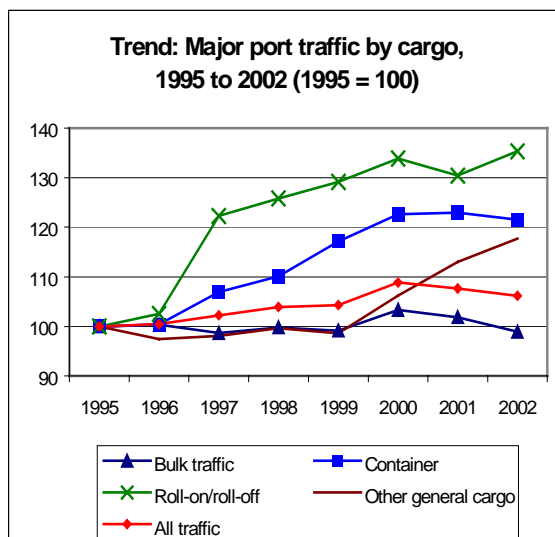
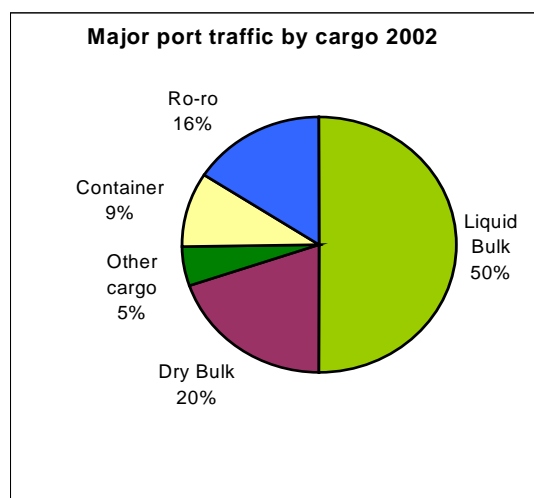


Table 2: Cargo category breakdown at major UK ports

Foreign and domestic: million tonnes

	2001	2002	% chg
Liquid Bulk	273.5	270.8	-1%
Liquefied gas	8.1	7.9	-3%
Crude oil	168.6	172.5	2%
Oil products	82.6	78.2	-5%
Other liquid bulk products	14.3	12.3	-14%
Dry Bulk	115.0	106.7	-7%
Ores	19.6	17.0	-13%
Coal	39.9	33.0	-17%
Agricultural products	13.0	13.1	0%
Other dry bulk	42.5	43.7	3%
Other general cargo	26.1	27.1	4%
Forestry products	9.4	10.2	8%
Iron and steel products	9.8	10.3	5%
Other general cargo & containers <20'	6.8	6.7	-2%
Containers	51.7	51.1	-1%
20' freight units	22.2	19.9	-10%
40' freight units	26.2	26.8	2%
Freight units >20' & <40'	1.3	1.2	-12%
Freight units >40'	2.0	3.2	66%
Roll-on/Roll-off (self propelled)	41.9	44.0	5%
Road goods vehicles	37.2	38.9	5%
Import/Export motor vehicles	4.0	4.7	17%
Other mobile self-propelled units	0.7	0.3	-52%
Roll-on/Roll-off (non-self propelled)	41.3	42.4	3%
Unaccompanied road goods trailers	35.3	36.0	2%
Unaccompanied caravans, agricultural & industrial vehicles	0.7	0.6	-13%
shipborne trailers etc	4.8	5.3	9%
Other mobile non self-propelled units	0.4	0.5	14%

Table 3: Unitised traffic at major UK ports

Foreign & domestic: million units

Description	2001	2002	% chg
Containers	4.5	4.5	1%
Road goods vehicles	3.3	3.4	5%
Unaccompanied road goods trailers	2.7	2.7	1%
Shipborne trailers etc	0.3	0.4	1%
Import/Export vehicles	3.3	3.7	11%
Other units	0.2	0.2	-26%
All freight units	14.2	14.8	4%
Passenger cars, motorcycles, trailers & caravans	6.4	6.7	5%
Passenger buses	0.2	0.2	3%
All units	20.8	21.7	4%

Table 4: Leading ports by cargo category

Foreign & domestic traffic

	2001 M tonnes	2002 M tonnes	% chg
Liquid Bulk	273.5	270.8	-1%
<i>Of which</i>			
Forth	38.4	38.2	-1%
Tees & Hartlepool	34.3	35.7	4%
Milford Haven	32.9	33.7	3%
Sullom Voe	31.2	29.4	-6%
Grimsby & Immingham	26.7	25.4	-5%
Dry Bulk	115.0	106.7	-7%
<i>Of which</i>			
Grimsby & Immingham	15.9	17.0	7%
London	16.4	16.3	-1%
Tees & Hartlepool	11.8	10.2	-14%
Liverpool	7.6	8.2	7%
Medway	7.2	6.9	-3%
Other General Cargo	26.1	27.1	4%
<i>Of which</i>			
London	3.3	3.3	-1%
Medway	2.5	2.9	15%
Grimsby & Immingham	2.1	2.3	8%
Newport	1.4	2.2	60%
Hull	1.3	1.5	17%
	M units	M units	% chg
Containers	4.4	4.5	1%
<i>Of which</i>			
Felixstowe	1.9	1.7	-8%
Southampton	0.7	0.8	8%
London	0.5	0.5	13%
Medway	0.3	0.3	5%
Liverpool	0.3	0.3	-7%
Roll-on/Roll-off	16.4	17.2	5%
<i>Of which</i>			
Dover	4.3	4.5	3%
Portsmouth	1.3	1.3	2%
Grimsby & Immingham	1.1	1.2	9%
London	1.0	1.0	6%
Belfast	0.8	0.8	-6%

Table 5: Port traffic tonnages

Foreign & domestic: million tonnes

	2001	2002	% chg
Grimsby & Immingham	54.8	55.7	2%
London	50.7	51.2	1%
Tees & Hartlepool	50.8	50.4	-1%
Forth	41.6	42.2	1%
Milford Haven	33.8	34.5	2%
Southampton	35.7	34.2	-4%
Liverpool	30.3	30.4	0%
Sullom Voe	31.2	29.4	-6%
Felixstowe	28.4	25.1	-11%
Dover	19.1	20.2	6%
Orkneys	18.4	18.8	2%
Medway	14.9	14.8	0%
Belfast	13.4	12.8	-4%
Hull	10.6	10.3	-3%
Bristol	10.9	10.1	-7%
Clyde	11.1	9.7	-12%
River Hull & /Humber	7.8	8.9	13%
Manchester	7.9	6.3	-20%
Glensanda	5.5	5.8	7%
Port Talbot	8.3	5.0	-40%
Portsmouth	4.3	4.4	2%
Larne	3.5	4.3	22%
Heysham	3.8	3.7	-3%
Aberdeen	3.8	3.6	-5%
Harwich	2.6	3.5	33%
Ipswich	2.9	3.3	14%
Holyhead	3.2	3.3	2%
Newport	3.0	3.1	4%
Cromarty Firth	2.1	2.7	24%
Tyne	2.5	2.7	8%
River Trent	2.4	2.3	-2%
Goole	2.6	2.3	-14%
Cardiff	2.7	2.2	-19%
Cairnryan	2.0	2.1	4%
Plymouth	1.9	1.9	-1%
Ramsgate	1.4	1.8	29%
Warrenpoint	1.5	1.8	23%
Poole	1.8	1.8	-1%
Shoreham	1.8	1.8	-1%
Fleetwood	1.6	1.5	-5%
Fowey	1.5	1.5	-5%
Peterhead	1.3	1.3	0%
Stranraer	1.4	1.3	-9%
Dundee	1.1	1.1	0%
Swansea	1.3	1.1	-15%
Londonderry	1.1	1.1	0%
Ballylumford	1.3	1.1	-17%
Sunderland	1.0	0.9	-9%
Newhaven	1.0	0.9	-14%
Boston	0.8	0.8	-10%
Great Yarmouth	0.7	0.7	7%
Fishguard	0.3	0.4	20%

Table 6: Major port traffic by cargo and country of loading/unloading, 2002

	M tonnes
Liquid Bulk	270.8
Domestic	101.3
EU	81.6
<i>of which:</i>	
Netherlands	22.9
France	17.2
Germany	14.1
Other Europe and Mediterranean	41.5
<i>of which:</i>	
Norway	25.2
Rest of World	46.5
<i>of which:</i>	
USA	30.4
Canada	4.8
Dry Bulk	106.7
Domestic	26.5
EU	23.7
<i>of which:</i>	
Netherlands	7.8
Spain	3.2
France	2.9
Other Europe and Mediterranean	12.0
<i>of which:</i>	
Russia	3.5
Rest of World	44.1
<i>of which:</i>	
South Africa	11.9
Australia	10.7
Other General Cargo	27.1
Domestic	2.1
EU	11.5
<i>of which:</i>	
Sweden	2.4
Finland	2.3
Germany	1.7
Other Europe and Mediterranean	6.5
Rest of World	6.9
	M units
Containers	4.5
Domestic	0.3
EU	1.5
<i>of which:</i>	
Netherlands	0.5
Belgium	0.3
Germany	0.2
Other Europe and Mediterranean	0.3
Rest of World	2.3
<i>Of which:</i>	
China (exc. Hong Kong)	0.4
USA	0.3
Road goods vehicles; Unaccompanied and Shipborne trailers¹	6.5
Domestic	1.6
EU	4.8
<i>of which:</i>	
France	2.0
Belgium	0.9
Netherlands	0.9

¹ Generally termed 'Main freight units'.

Further information on port traffic statistics for 2002 is available in the annual report *Maritime Statistics 2002* and at the website address: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/transtat/maritime>