



More than 37.3 million passengers used Spanish port facilities

Once again, total port traffic reaches a historical maximum with 564.6 million tons handled in 2019

- Increased traffic in natural gas and biofuels has somewhat compensated the coal traffic lost.

02-12-2020 (Ministry of Transportation, Mobility and Urban Agenda). 564,611,193 tons were handled at the 46 general interest State-owned ports over 2019, representing a new historical maximum. During the last decade (2010-2019), port traffic has grown at an average rate of 3%, from 432.5 million tons to the current 564.6 million.

The largest and main groups of cargo have registered an increase, such as liquid bulk: the current figure of 187 million tons was pushed up by +3.5% by natural gas and biofuel traffic; the former increased from 11.2 million tons in 2018 to 15.6 million in 2019, and the latter from 5 million to 6.5 million. General cargo at 274 million also registered a +2.5% increase, encouraged by greater traffic in non-metal mineral (+18%), feed and forage (+14%) or fruit, vegetables and legumes (+8%). However, an 11% loss in solid bulk, down to 90.9 million tons, mainly due to a fall in coal traffic- from 26.4 million tons in 2018 to 17.6 million in 2019- has resulted in total port traffic registering a +0.2% increase in 2019.

Cargo in transit, which go through our ports generally en route to other countries (154 million tons), representing 28% of all handled cargo, increased by 4%; this has placed Spain's ports as one of the main intercontinental connection alternatives. Likewise, ro-ro traffic, cargo-loaded industrial vehicles that use maritime transport as the best option for certain distances, has already exceeded 65 million in transported tons, which means that nearly 3 million industrial vehicles embarked/disembarked at Spanish ports.



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In turn, total passenger traffic, both in regular and cruise ship lines, exceeded 37.3 million persons, i.e. a 3.57% increase. Regular line passengers- 26.7 million- increased by 3%, whereas cruise ship passengers- 10.6 million- registered a 4.8% increase.

Finally, the number of ships in transit through our ports increased to 170,467 units, 2% more than in 2018, representing larger ships given that GT (gross tonnage units) totaled 2,391 million, a 3.8% increase.

ITEM	Aggregate January-December		Variation %		
	2018	2019			
CARGO AS PRESENTED	BULK	LIQUID	180,719,296	187,139,516	3.55
		SOLID	102,366,095	90,975,462	-11.13
	GENERAL CARGO	CONVENTIONAL	76,344,302	78,612,553	2.97
		CONTAINERS	191,028,252	195,420,433	2.30
		TOTAL	267,372,554	274,032,986	2.49
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OTHER CARGO	FISHING	TOTAL FISHING	224,014	207,492	-7.38
		SUPPLIES	LIQUID FUELS	8,144,728	7,922,835
	OTHER		2,150,766	2,035,466	-5.36
	INLAND TRAFFIC		TOTAL INLAND TRAFFIC	2,579,158	2,297,436
	TOTAL			13,098,666	12,463,229
TOTAL PORT TRAFFIC (*)			563,556,611	564,611,193	0.19
OTHER INFORMATION	CARGO	IN TRANSIT	148,087,521	154,156,587	4.10
		CONTAINERS IN TRANSIT	115,978,595	119,185,816	2.77
	RO-RO TRAFFIC	TOTAL RO-RO TRAFFIC	62,677,883	65,073,133	3.82
		TRAILERS, SEMI-TRAILERS AND PLATF (units)	1,518,691	1,567,619	3.22
		TOTAL CONTAINERS (TEUS)	17,203,134	17,467,130	1.53
	CONTAINERS	IN TRANSIT (TEUS)	9,267,925	9,400,888	1.43
		NATIONAL ENTRIES-EXITS (TEUS)	2,028,712	2,009,746	-0.93
		FOREIGN IMPORT-EXPORT (TEUS)	5,900,138	6,056,495	2.65
		NATIONAL AND FOREIGN (TEUS)	7,928,851	8,066,240	1.73
	PASSENGERS	TRANSPORT AND CRUISE SHIP REG. (no.)	36,100,685	37,390,994	3.57
		CRUISE SHIP (no.)	10,170,379	10,661,799	4.83
	CARS	AS PASSENGER (units)	5,512,090	5,913,505	7.28
		AS CARGO (**)	3,493,656	3,367,411	-3.61
		TOTAL MERCHANT VESSELS (units)	167,119	170,467	2.00
	MERCHANT VESSELS	GROSS TONNAGE UNITS (G.T.)	2,303,281,999	2,391,271,014	3.82
CRUISE SHIPS (units)		4,361	4,250	-2.55	

(*) Includes loading, downloading, transit and transfers.

(**) Only private cars, buses and trucks



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Port Authority	Aggregate since January		
	2018	2019	Var. (%)
A CORUÑA	15,703,803	13,663,580	-12.99
ALICANTE	3,191,163	2,918,089	-8.56
ALMERÍA	7,060,555	5,639,396	-20.13
AVILÉS	5,024,863	5,146,033	2.41
BAHÍA DE ALGECIRAS	107,361,029	19,373,622	1.87
BAHÍA DE CÁDIZ	3,955,515	4,440,842	12.27
BALEARIC ISLANDS	16,453,613	16,796,654	2.08
BARCELONA	67,756,258	67,672,481	-0.12
BILBAO	35,695,401	35,562,269	-0.37
CARTAGENA	33,941,690	34,548,852	1.79
CASTELLÓN	21,137,627	20,720,618	-1.97
CEUTA	2,448,438	2,495,174	1.91
FERROL-SAN CIBRAO	13,707,823	11,183,748	-18.41
GIJÓN	19,699,445	17,398,917	-11.68
HUELVA	32,966,864	33,848,933	2.68
LAS PALMAS	26,974,184	26,625,859	-1.29
MÁLAGA	3,320,198	3,605,261	8.59
MARÍN & RÍA DE PONTEVEDRA	2,541,733	2,471,638	-2.76
MELILLA	873,528	862,147	-1.30
MOTRIL	2,852,896	2,773,846	-2.77
PASAIA	3,138,321	3,244,961	3.40
SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE	13,051,755	13,069,833	0.14
SANTANDER	5,984,392	6,585,287	10.04
SEVILLE	4,436,320	4,380,525	-1.26
TARRAGONA	32,084,325	32,801,976	2.24
VALENCIA	76,621,101	81,076,041	5.81
VIGO	4,362,465	4,384,110	0.50
VILAGARCÍA	1,211,306	1,320,501	9.01
Total	563,556,611	564,611,193	0.19