



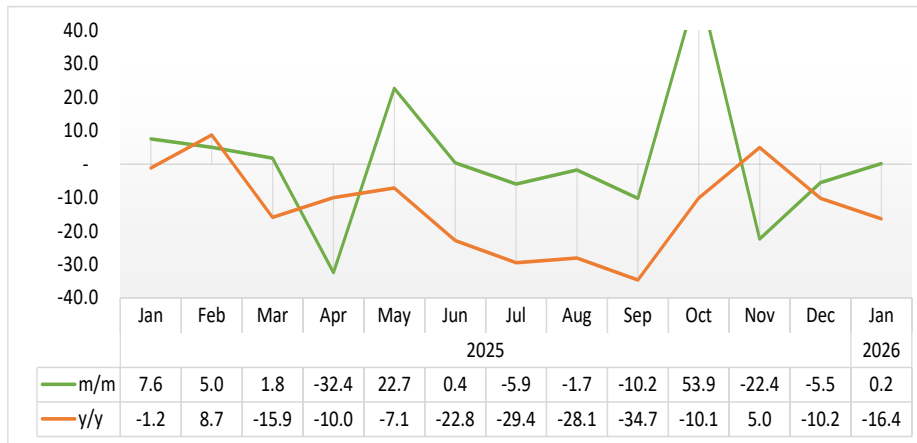
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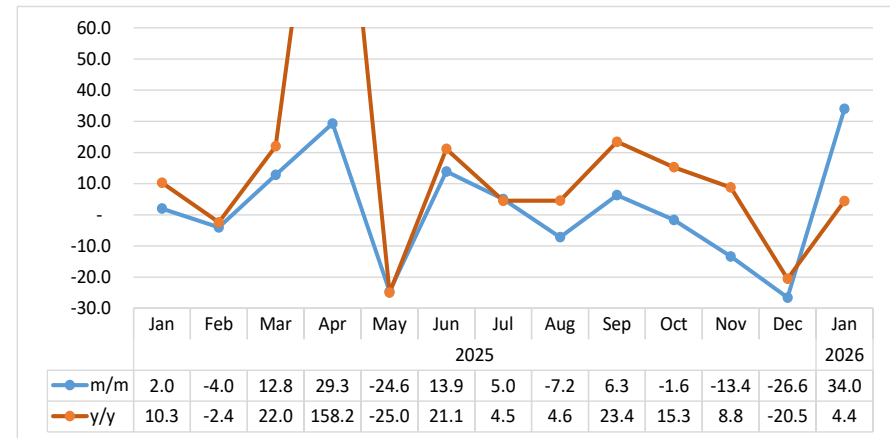
**Chart 1: Transport Composite Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>1</sup>**



- The **Transport Composite Cargo Index** covering rail, road, sea, and air freight edged up by 0.2 percent in January 2026, reversing 5.5 percent decline in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, however, the index contracted by 16.4 percent (Chart 1).
- The month-on-month uptick was mainly supported by higher rail cargo volumes, while road, sea, and air freight volumes decreased over the review period.
- Total cargo handled in January 2026 stood at 942 930 tonnes, slightly higher than the 940 945 tonnes recorded in December 2025, but lower than 1 127 462 tonnes reported in the corresponding month of 2025.

<sup>1</sup> This chart is limited to 40 percent for better readability.

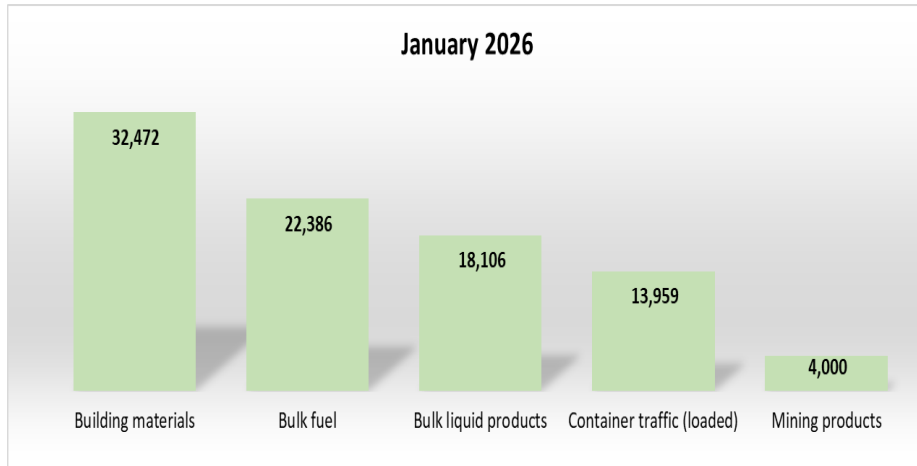
**Chart 2: Rail Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>2</sup>**



- **Rail Cargo Index** increased by 34.0 percent in January 2026, reversing the sharper 26.6 percent decline recorded in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also rose by 4.4 percent (Chart 2).
- Rail freight volumes totalled 93 162 tonnes in January 2026, up from 69 505 tonnes in December 2025 and higher than 89 211 tonnes transported in January 2025.

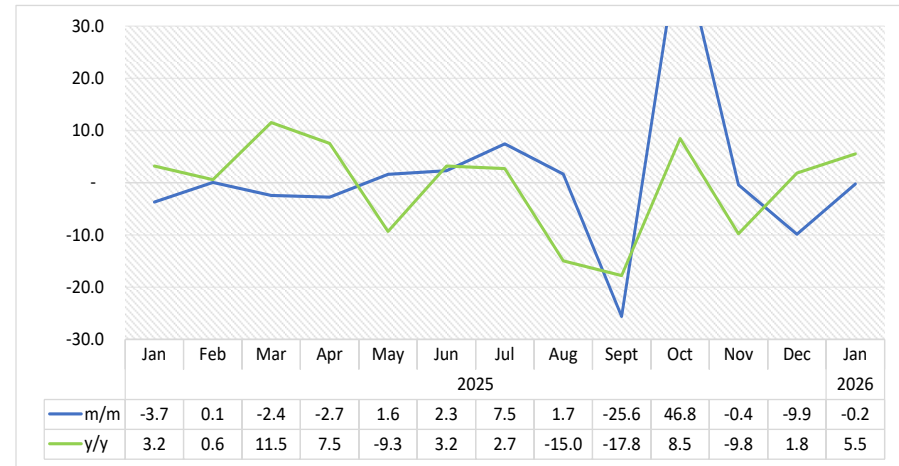
<sup>2</sup> This chart is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

**Chart 3: Top Five Types of Cargo by Rail, in Tonnes**



- During January 2026, building materials represented the largest portion of rail cargo, reaching 32 472 tonnes. Bulk fuel followed with 22 386 tonnes, while bulk liquid products ranked third with a total of 18 106 tonnes transported over the review period.
- Loaded container traffic and mining products ranked fourth and fifth, recording volumes of 13 959 and 4 000 tonnes, respectively (Chart 3).

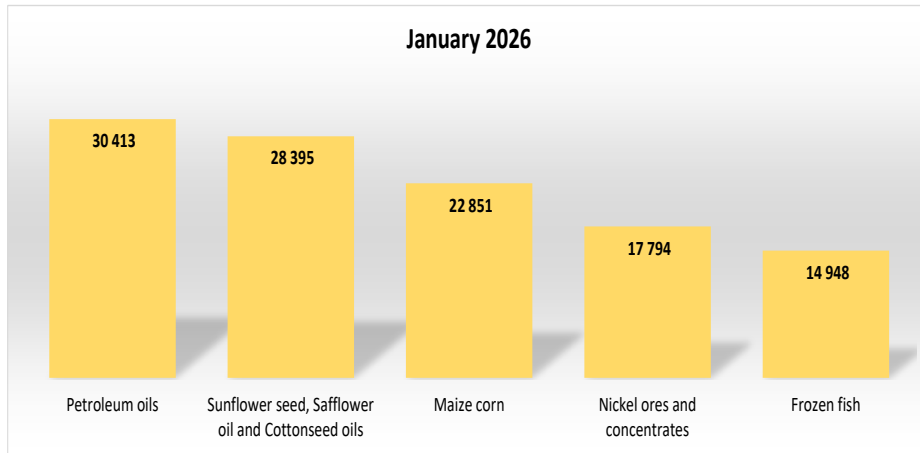
**Chart 4: Road Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>3</sup>**



- **Road Cargo Index** fell marginally by 0.2 percent in January 2026, following a 9.9 percent decline in December 2025. Despite the monthly decrease, the index recorded 5.5 percent increase compared to January 2025 (Chart 4).
- In volume terms, road freight totalled 386 038 tonnes in January 2026, slightly lower than 386 850 tonnes transported in December 2025, but higher than 365 853 tonnes recorded in the same month of 2025.

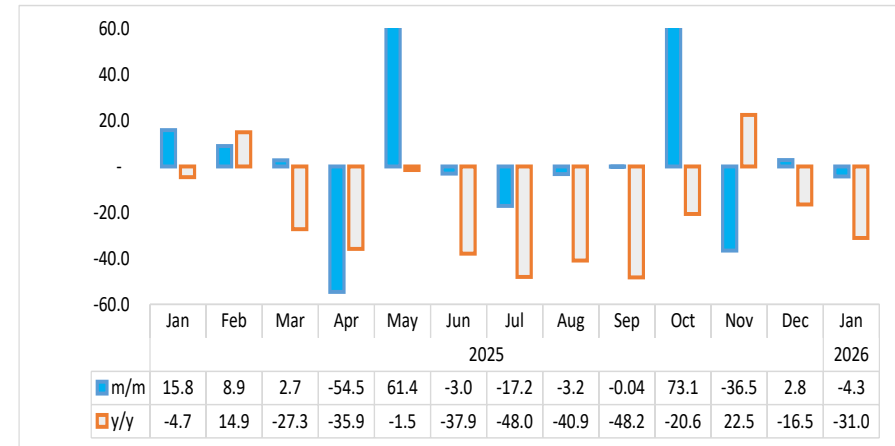
<sup>3</sup> This chart is limited to 30 percent for better readability.

**Chart 5: Top Five Types of Cargo by Road, in Tonnes**



- In January 2026, petroleum oils accounted for the largest share of road freight, amounting to 30 413 tonnes. This was followed by “sunflower seed, safflower oil and cottonseed oils with 28 395 tonnes, while maize (corn) ranked third with 22 851 tonnes transported.
- Nickel ores and concentrates, along with frozen fish, placed fourth and fifth, recording volumes of 17 794 and 14 948 tonnes, respectively (Chart 5).

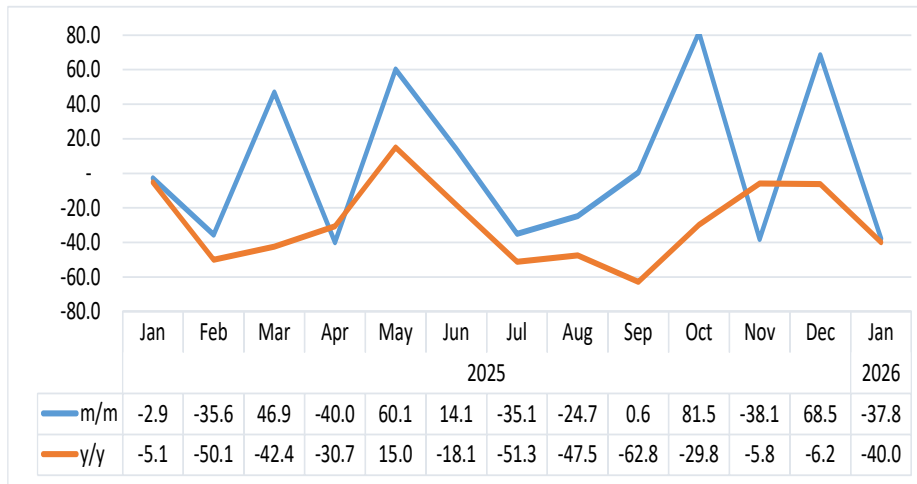
**Chart 6: Sea Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>4</sup>**



- The **Sea Cargo Index**, which covers sea-shipped, sea-landed, and sea trans-shipped freight, declined by 4.3 percent in January 2026, reversing the 2.8 percent increase registered in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also contracted by 31.0 percent (Chart 6).
- In absolute terms, sea cargo volumes amounted to 463 503 tonnes in January 2026, declining from 484 338 tonnes transported in December 2025 and remaining below 672 146 tonnes recorded in January 2025.

<sup>4</sup> This chart is limited to 60 percent for better readability.

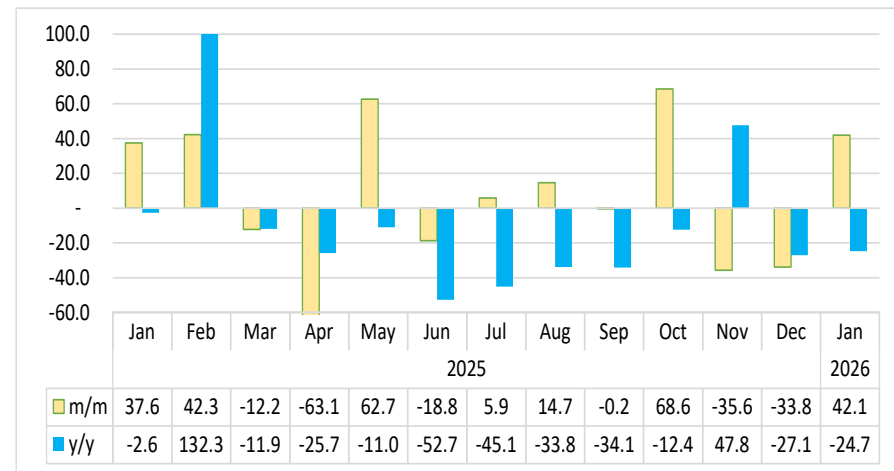
**Chart 7: Sea Shipped Index, Percentage Change<sup>5</sup>**



- **Sea Shipped Index** fell by 37.8 percent in January 2026, reversing the 68.5 percent increase recorded in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also declined by 40.0 percent (Chart 7).
- In volume terms, 176 198 tonnes of cargo were shipped in January 2026, down from 283 494 tonnes recorded in December 2025 and lower than 293 588 tonnes shipped in January 2025.

<sup>5</sup> This chart is limited to 80 percent for better readability.

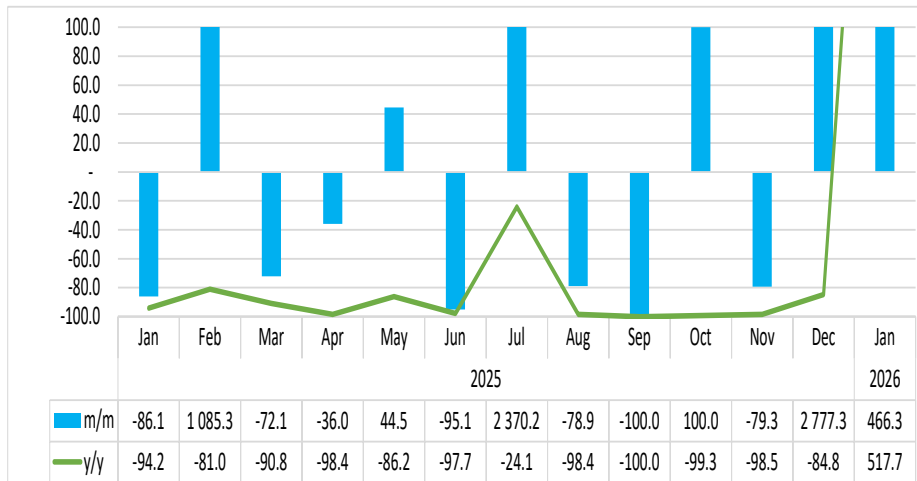
**Chart 8: Sea Landed Index, Percentage Change<sup>6</sup>**



- **Sea Landed Index** increased by 42.1 percent in January 2026, rebounding from 33.8 percent decline in December 2025. Nonetheless, on a year-on-year basis, the index decreased by 24.7 percent (Chart 8).
- In volume terms, 284 649 tonnes of cargo were landed by sea in January 2026, up from 200 375 tonnes recorded in December 2025, but below 378 128 tonnes landed in the same month of 2025.

<sup>6</sup> This chart is limited to -60 and 100 percent for better readability.

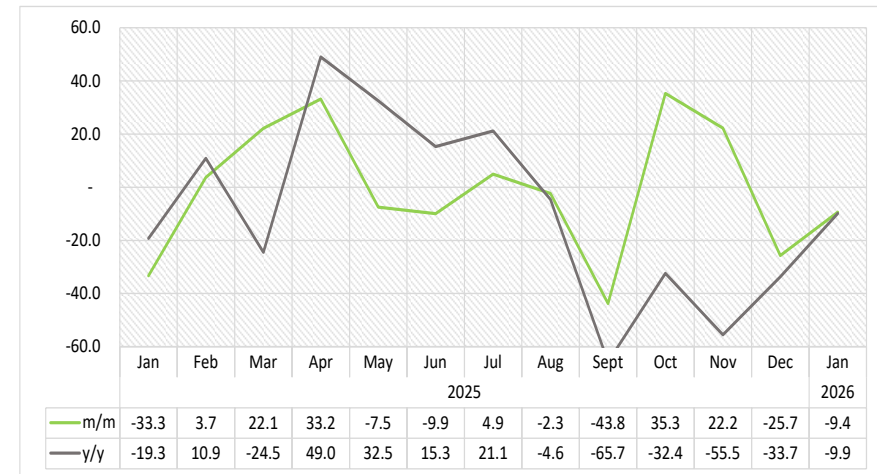
**Chart 9: Sea Trans-Shipped Index, Percentage Change<sup>7</sup>**



- **Sea Trans-Shipped Index** decelerated on a month-on-month basis, posting 466.3 percent increase in January 2026 after a substantial 2 777.3 percent surge recorded in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index grew by 517.7 percent (Chart 9).
- In absolute terms, 2 656 tonnes of cargo were trans-shipped in January 2026, up from 469 tonnes recorded in December 2025 and higher than 430 tonnes trans-shipped in January 2025.

<sup>7</sup> This chart is limited to 100 percent for better readability.

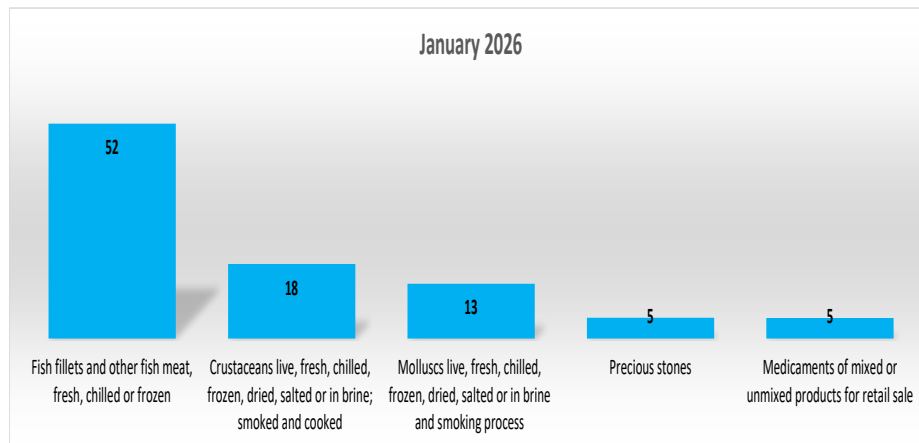
**Chart 10: Air Cargo Index, Percentage Change<sup>8</sup>**



- **Air Cargo Index** fell by 9.4 percent in January 2026 compared to the previous month, following a 25.7 percent drop in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index decreased by 9.9 percent (Chart 10).
- Air freight volumes stood at 228 tonnes in January 2026, declining from 251 tonnes transported in December 2025 and slightly lower than 252 tonnes recorded in the corresponding month of 2025.

<sup>8</sup> This chart is limited to -60 percent for better readability.

**Chart 11: Top Five Types of Consignments by Air, in Tonnes**



- In January 2026, “fish fillets and other fish meat (fresh, chilled, or frozen)” represented the largest share of air cargo by volume, amounting to 52 tonnes. “Crustaceans (live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted, in brine, smoked, or cooked)” followed with 18 tonnes, while “molluscs (live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted, in brine, including smoked)” ranked third at 13 tonnes.
- Precious stones and “medicaments of mixed or unmixed products for retail sale” placed fourth and fifth, respectively, each recording volumes of 5 tonnes (Chart 11).

**Table 1: Cargo by mode of transport in tonnes**

Year	Month	Rail cargo	Road cargo	Air cargo	Sea Landed	Sea Shipped	Sea Trans - shipped	Sea Cargo	Total Cargo
2021	Jan	107,641	275,398	303	398,439	199,624	16,420	614,482	997,824
	Feb	107,757	260,740	409	321,256	254,083	3,863	579,202	948,107
	Mar	114,211	290,517	582	315,040	230,399	4,986	550,425	955,735
	Apr	112,231	387,713	494	136,333	158,391	5,956	300,680	801,118
	May	123,098	279,922	530	198,667	202,549	6,174	407,390	810,940
	Jun	117,829	300,999	674	298,812	246,107	11,287	556,206	975,708
	Jul	110,889	305,752	552	162,996	201,612	47,081	411,689	828,881
	Aug	134,100	347,315	364	261,617	235,889	73,143	570,648	1,052,427
	Sep	123,279	357,723	380	329,971	376,386	69,625	775,982	1,257,364
	Oct	124,581	387,360	448	339,013	233,193	12,247	584,453	1,096,841
	Nov	122,938	379,542	463	257,163	243,513	314	500,991	1,003,933
	Dec	111,165	352,047	373	392,110	199,402	545	592,058	1,055,642
2022	Jan	107,641	364,310	405	258,144	252,899	3,029	514,071	986,428
	Feb	95,348	340,340	286	473,804	167,884	21,382	663,070	1,099,044
	Mar	123,575	296,300	348	361,293	353,786	6,814	721,893	1,142,116
	Apr	98,815	313,006	293	237,328	132,793	2,689	372,810	784,925
	May	108,501	337,366	260	281,553	382,805	3,164	667,523	1,113,649
	Jun	125,152	277,835	256	354,258	292,154	3,256	649,668	1,052,911
	Jul	125,604	312,627	368	285,087	250,749	8,277	544,113	982,713
	Aug	103,071	325,034	440	396,095	325,079	1,218	722,392	1,150,937
	Sep	143,517	342,624	447	204,694	274,037	4,550	483,281	969,870
	Oct	123,687	347,699	206	207,041	362,174	11,089	580,305	1,051,896
	Nov	117,128	402,064	319	279,309	324,268	40,186	643,762	1,163,273
	Dec	107,634	321,184	342	319,228	503,800	12,227	835,255	1,264,415
2023	Jan	118,745	286,867	422	419,980	244,647	14,519	679,147	1,085,180
	Feb	102,966	285,737	370	292,400	318,255	6,425	617,080	1,006,153
	Mar	94,884	315,279	438	515,808	382,050	9,214	907,072	1,317,673
	Apr	100,444	292,148	263	147,158	232,737	3,063	382,958	775,813
	May	100,427	358,485	356	450,960	225,701	9,140	685,800	1,145,068
	Jun	99,107	277,053	304	315,048	364,379	2,460	681,887	1,058,351
	Jul	82,068	272,682	349	220,777	330,862	2,391	554,030	909,129
	Aug	51,388	415,835	251	457,131	229,252	3,198	689,580	1,157,055
	Sep	121,347	317,972	220	215,194	407,060	3,214	625,468	1,065,008
	Oct	111,950	339,605	255	267,532	461,537	34,842	763,911	1,215,722
	Nov	105,420	397,167	362	338,787	343,333	6,078	688,198	1,191,147
	Dec	85,687	318,991	346	297,427	283,536	4,432	585,395	990,419

**Table 1: Cargo by mode of transport in tonnes continue...**

Year	Month	Rail cargo	Road cargo	Air cargo	Sea Landed	Sea Shipped	Sea Trans - shipped	Sea Cargo	Total Cargo
2024	Jan	80 892	354 466	313	388 101	309 436	7 429	704 966	1 140 637
	Feb	87 721	363 972	236	231 543	378 878	26 758	637 180	1 089 108
	Mar	79 154	320 254	423	536 181	482 136	15 480	1 033 797	1 433 629
	Apr	48 365	323 080	286	234 545	240 526	58 117	533 188	904 919
	May	125 507	389 376	297	318 673	232 174	9 503	560 350	1 075 530
	Jun	88 491	349 915	308	486 440	372 194	2 838	861 471	1 300 185
	Jul	107 745	377 830	307	444 558	405 985	2 084	852 627	1 338 509
	Aug	99 957	463 993	381	422 422	283 372	20 453	726 247	1 290 578
	Sep	90 018	357 075	596	423 696	402 687	1 812	828 195	1 275 884
	Oct	94 806	397 238	409	537 071	387 146	10 889	935 106	1 427 559
	Nov	87 026	475 675	759	204 969	178 688	1 074	384 730	948 190
	Dec	87 478	379 832	379	274 875	302 299	3 087	580 260	1 047 949
2025	Jan	89 211	365 853	252	378 128	293 588	430	672 146	1 127 462
	Feb	85 601	366 139	262	537 932	189 209	5 097	732 239	1 184 240
	Mar	96 554	357 201	320	472 446	277 872	1 420	751 739	1 205 813
	Apr	124 859	347 392	426	174 186	166 776	909	341 872	814 548
	May	94 118	353 025	394	283 467	267 065	1 313	551 845	999 383
	Jun	107 198	361 146	355	230 285	304 754	64	535 103	1 003 802
	Jul	112 598	388 120	372	243 904	197 808	1 581	443 292	944 382
	Aug	104 507	394 565	364	279 732	148 905	334	428 971	928 406
	Sep	111 110	293 529	204	279 037	149 746	-	428 783	833 626
	Oct	109 292	430 904	276	470 428	271 765	79	742 271	1 282 744
	Nov	94 673	429 148	338	302 870	168 254	16	471 140	995 298
	Dec	69 505	386 850	251	200 375	283 494	469	484 338	940 945
2026	Jan	93 162	386 038	228	284 649	176 198	2 656	463 503	942 930

**Table 2: Cargo Index**

Year	Month	Rail cargo Index	Road cargo Index	Air cargo Index	Sea Landed	Sea Shipped	Sea Trans shipped	Total Sea Cargo Index	Composite Cargo Index
2021	Jan	84.0	97.4	60.0	131.6	195.2	23.3	129.2	112.5
	Feb	84.1	92.2	81.0	106.1	248.4	5.5	121.8	106.9
	Mar	89.1	102.7	115.3	104.0	225.3	7.1	115.8	107.8
	Apr	87.6	137.1	98.0	45.0	154.9	8.5	63.2	90.3
	May	96.0	99.0	105.1	65.6	198.0	8.8	85.7	91.4
	Jun	91.9	106.4	133.5	98.7	240.6	16.0	117.0	110.0
	Jul	86.5	108.1	109.3	53.8	197.1	66.9	86.6	93.4
	Aug	104.6	122.8	72.1	86.4	230.6	103.9	120.0	118.7
	Sep	96.2	126.5	75.2	109.0	368.0	98.9	163.2	141.8
	Oct	97.2	136.9	88.7	112.0	228.0	17.4	122.9	123.7
	Nov	95.9	134.2	91.7	84.9	238.1	0.4	105.4	113.2
	Dec	86.7	124.5	73.9	129.5	195.0	0.8	124.5	119.0
2022	Jan	84.0	128.8	80.3	85.3	247.3	4.3	108.1	111.2
	Feb	74.4	120.3	56.8	156.5	164.2	30.4	139.5	123.9
	Mar	96.4	104.7	68.9	119.3	345.9	9.7	151.8	128.8
	Apr	77.1	110.7	58.1	78.4	129.8	3.8	78.4	88.5
	May	84.7	119.3	51.5	93.0	374.3	4.5	140.4	125.6
	Jun	97.6	98.2	50.7	117.0	285.7	4.6	136.6	118.7
	Jul	98.0	110.5	73.0	94.1	245.2	11.8	114.4	110.8
	Aug	80.4	114.9	87.2	130.8	317.9	1.7	151.9	129.8
	Sep	112.0	121.1	88.6	67.6	267.9	6.5	101.6	109.3
	Oct	96.5	122.9	40.8	68.4	354.1	15.8	122.1	118.6
	Nov	91.4	142.1	63.2	92.2	317.1	57.1	135.4	131.1
	Dec	84.0	113.5	67.8	105.4	492.6	17.4	175.7	142.6
2023	Jan	92.6	101.4	83.6	138.7	239.2	20.6	142.8	122.3
	Feb	80.3	101.0	73.2	96.6	311.2	9.1	129.8	113.4
	Mar	74.0	111.5	86.7	170.3	373.6	13.1	190.8	148.6
	Apr	78.4	103.3	52.1	48.6	227.6	4.4	80.5	87.5
	May	78.4	126.7	70.6	148.9	220.7	13.0	144.2	129.1
	Jun	77.3	97.9	60.2	104.0	356.3	3.5	143.4	119.3
	Jul	64.0	96.4	69.2	72.9	323.5	3.4	116.5	102.5
	Aug	40.1	147.0	49.8	151.0	224.2	4.5	145.0	130.4
	Sep	94.7	112.4	43.6	71.1	398.0	4.6	131.6	120.1
	Oct	87.3	120.1	50.5	88.4	451.3	49.5	160.7	137.1
	Nov	82.3	140.4	71.8	111.9	335.7	8.6	144.7	134.3
	Dec	66.9	112.8	68.5	98.2	277.2	6.3	123.1	111.7

**Table 2: Cargo Index continue...**

	Month	Rail cargo Index	Road cargo Index	Air cargo Index	Sea Landed	Sea Shipped	Sea Trans shipped	Total Sea Cargo Index	Composite Cargo Index
2024	Jan	63.1	125.3	61.9	128.2	302.6	10.6	148.3	128.6
	Feb	68.4	128.7	46.8	76.5	370.5	38.0	134.0	122.8
	Mar	61.8	113.2	83.9	177.1	471.4	22.0	217.4	161.6
	Apr	37.7	114.2	56.6	77.5	235.2	82.6	112.1	102.0
	May	97.9	137.6	58.9	105.2	227.0	13.5	117.9	121.3
	Jun	69.0	123.7	61.0	160.6	363.9	4.0	181.2	146.6
	Jul	84.1	133.6	60.9	146.8	397.0	3.0	179.3	150.9
	Aug	78.0	164.0	75.5	139.5	277.1	29.1	152.8	145.5
	Sep	70.2	126.2	118.1	139.9	393.7	2.6	174.2	143.8
	Oct	74.0	140.4	81.0	177.4	378.5	15.5	196.7	160.9
	Nov	67.9	168.2	150.4	67.7	174.7	1.5	80.9	106.9
	Dec	68.3	134.3	75.0	90.8	295.6	4.4	122.0	118.1
2025	Jan	69.6	129.3	50.0	124.9	287.1	0.6	141.4	127.1
	Feb	66.8	129.4	51.9	177.7	185.0	7.2	154.0	133.5
	Mar	75.3	126.3	63.3	156.0	271.7	2.0	158.1	135.9
	Apr	97.4	122.8	84.4	57.5	163.1	1.3	71.9	91.8
	May	73.4	124.8	78.1	93.6	261.1	1.9	116.1	112.7
	Jun	83.6	127.7	70.3	76.1	298.0	0.1	112.5	113.2
	Jul	87.9	137.2	73.8	80.5	193.4	2.2	93.2	106.5
	Aug	81.5	139.5	72.0	92.4	145.6	0.5	90.2	104.7
	Sep	86.7	103.8	40.5	92.2	146.4	0.0	90.2	94.0
	Oct	85.3	152.3	54.8	155.4	265.7	0.1	156.1	144.6
	Nov	73.9	151.7	66.9	100.0	164.5	0.0	99.1	112.2
	Dec	54.2	136.8	49.8	66.2	277.2	0.7	101.9	106.1
2026	Jan	72.7	136.5	45.1	94.0	172.3	3.8	97.5	106.3

- Methodology** : Products are classified according to the Harmonized System (HS) nomenclature classification (chart 9 and 11)
- Data source** : The volume data for rail cargo are sourced from Trans-Namib, while the source for road and air cargo volume data is from the Namibia Statistics Agency (Trade Statistics Sub-division). Volumes of Sea cargo, which comprises of sea-landed, sea-shipped, and sea Trans-shipped, are sourced from Namport.
- Index calculation** : The index of cargo has been weighted using the volume data in tonnes for 2015.
- Conversion** : 1 basis point = 0.01 percent