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## **NORTHERN IRELAND PORTS TRAFFIC 2005**

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This report provides statistics on passenger and freight traffic through Northern Ireland ports in 2005. The information shows that:

- The total tonnage through Northern Ireland ports in 2005 was 24.055 million tonnes, compared to 23.393 million tonnes the previous year.
- The total tonnage comprised 16.558 million tonnes of inward traffic and 7.497 million tonnes of outward traffic.
- The majority of total traffic came through the Belfast Port (56%), while 23% of total traffic came through the port of Larne.
- 527,831 tourist vehicles passed through Northern Ireland ports in 2005. This compared with a figure of 588,966 in 2004 – a decrease of 10.4%.



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## INTRODUCTION

This publication provides statistics on passenger and freight traffic through Northern Ireland ports.

The current system for collecting detailed port freight traffic statistics was introduced in 2000 to meet the requirements of an EU Maritime Statistics Directive.

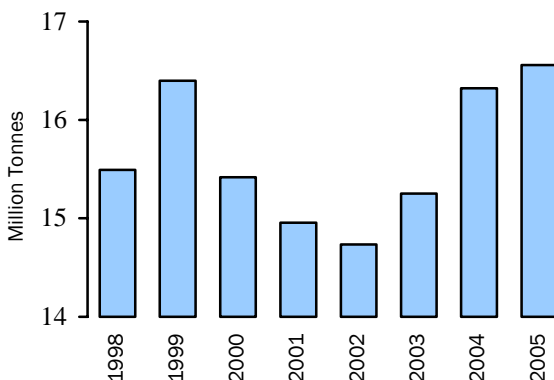
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## GOODS THROUGH PRINCIPAL PORTS

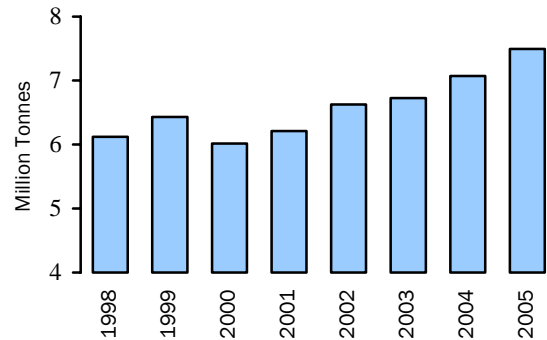
The total tonnage through Northern Ireland ports in 2005 was 24.055 million tonnes. This comprised 16.558 million tonnes of inward traffic and 7.497 million tonnes of outward traffic. This represents a slight increase on the figure of 23.393 million tonnes for 2004, which comprised 16.322 million tonnes of inward traffic and 7.070 million tonnes of outward traffic.

In 2005, almost 60% of inward traffic in goods came in through the Belfast Port, with 18% through Larne Port, 10% through Warrenpoint and the remainder through Londonderry and other ports.

## Total inward traffic Figure 1



## Total outward traffic Figure 2



Forty-nine per cent of outward traffic in 2005 was through the Belfast Port and a third through the port of Larne. The remainder left NI through the ports of Londonderry, Warrenpoint and other ports.

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## TOURIST VEHICLES

527,831 tourist vehicles passed through Northern Ireland ports in 2005. Of this, 267,670 vehicles were inward traffic and 260,161 left NI.

The majority of tourist vehicles passed through the Belfast Port (61%), while the remainder passed through Larne Port.

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## DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

In January 2000, an EC Maritime Statistics Directive (Council Directive 95/64/EC on statistical returns in respect of the carriage of goods and passengers by sea) was implemented in the UK. This required a complete overhaul of data collection methods. The information in this report has been shown as far as possible on the same or similar basis as previously published, but it should be noted that the different collection system for freight traffic has resulted in some discontinuities in data series between 2000-2005 and previous years.

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## ADDITIONAL TABLES

The following tables containing Northern Ireland Ports Traffic data for 1998-2005 can be found on the website:

- Table 1. Tonnage of Goods Through the Principal Ports in Northern Ireland
- Table 2. Unit Load Carrier Cross Channel Traffic
- Table 3. Unit Load Carrier Foreign Traffic
- Table 4. Unit Load Carrier Total Traffic
- Table 5. Other Traffic (Cross Channel, Foreign and Total)
- Table 6. Unit Load Carrier Traffic Tourist Vehicles

### Notes

1. The tables give tonnage of goods through the ports and exclude weights of containers and weights of materials shipped for dumping at sea.
2. Inward Traffic refers to all goods taken into Northern Ireland from Great Britain and elsewhere through the Northern Ireland ports. Northern Ireland is not necessarily the ultimate destination for these goods. Similarly, Outward Traffic covers all goods taken out through Northern Ireland ports, destined for Great Britain or for foreign countries. The origin of the goods is not necessarily in Northern Ireland.

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