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This report provides statistics on passenger and freight traffic through Northern Ireland ports in 2007. The information shows that:

- The total tonnage through Northern Ireland ports in 2007 was 23.868 million tonnes, compared to 24.485 million tonnes the previous year.
- The total tonnage comprised 16.512 million tonnes of inward traffic and 7.356 million tonnes of outward traffic.
- The majority of total traffic came through the Belfast Port (56%), while nearly 23% of total traffic came through the port of Larne.
- 567,140 tourist vehicles passed through Northern Ireland ports in 2007. This compared with a figure of 522,870 in 2006 – an increase of over 8%.

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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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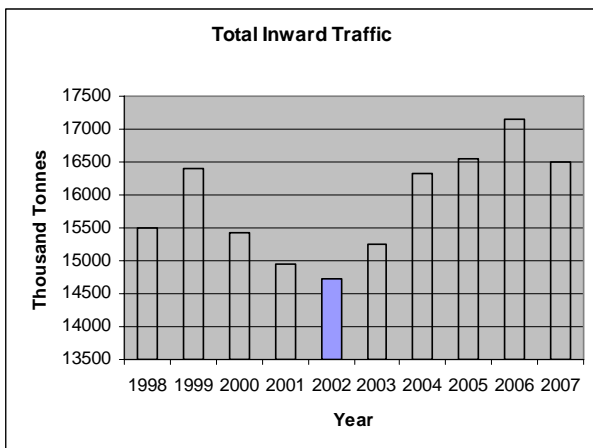
GOODS THROUGH PRINCIPAL PORTS

The total tonnage through Northern Ireland ports in 2007 was 23.868 million tonnes. This comprised 16.512 million tonnes of inward traffic and 7.356 million tonnes of outward traffic. This represents a decrease on the figure of 24.485 million tonnes for 2006, which comprised 17.143 million tonnes of inward traffic and 7.342 million tonnes of outward traffic.

In 2007, almost 59% of inward traffic in goods came in through the Belfast Port, with 17.5% through Larne Port, 11% through Londonderry and the remainder through Warrenpoint and other ports.

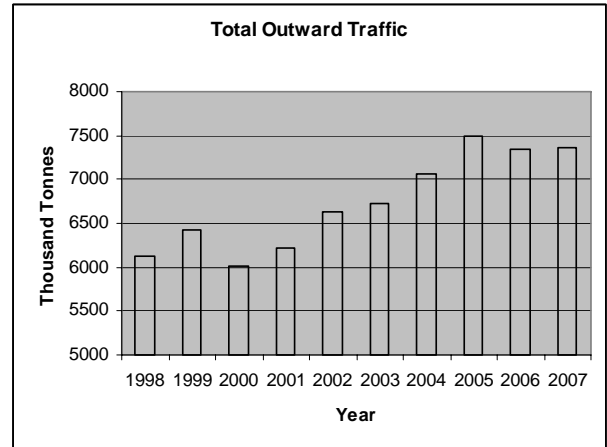
Total inward traffic

Figure 1



Total outward traffic

Figure 2



Over half of all outward traffic in 2007 was through the Belfast Port and 35% through the port of Larne. The remainder left NI through the ports of Londonderry, Warrenpoint and other ports.

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TOURIST VEHICLES

567,140 tourist vehicles passed through Northern Ireland ports in 2007. Of this, 289,864 vehicles were inward traffic and 277,276 left NI.

The majority of tourist vehicles passed through the Belfast Port (almost 59%), 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 2000-2007 and previous years.

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ADDITIONAL TABLES

The following tables containing Northern Ireland Ports Traffic data for 1998-2007 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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