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SEA TRANSPORT

IN ZANZIBAR



1.1 Vessels Movements

Total trips of vessels (Enter and Exit) in October 2026 reached 1,950 which increased by 24.5 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by less then one percent (0.6%) compared with the previous month. The rise was mainly driven by dhow, which recorded an increase of 22.8 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year.

The total of 14 calls/trips were made by foreign vessels, 691 calls by local vessel and 1,245 calls by dhow. Foreign vessel trips decreased by 46.2 percent and increased by 27.3 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and the previous month respectively. Their registered tonnage (GRT) increased by more tha one hundred percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 59.6 percent compared with previous month.

Table 1.1: Traffic Movement (Trips- Enter/Exit) at Zanzibar Seaports, October 2026, September 2026 and October 2025.

Description	Unit		Number			Percentage Change	
			Oct, 2025	Sept, 2026	Oct, 2026	Oct,2026-Sept,2026	Oct,2026-Oct,2025
Foreign Vessel	Calls	Number	26	11	14	27.3	-46.2
	GRT	Tons	22,447	106,500	169,981	59.6	657.3
Local Vessel	Calls	Number	526	815	691	-15.2	31.4
Dhow	Calls	Number	1,014	1,135	1,245	9.7	22.8
Total Trips	**Total CALLS**	**Number**	**1,566**	**1,961**	**1,950**	**-0.6**	**24.5**
	Total GRT	**Tons**	**22,447**	**106,500**	**169,981**	**59.6**	**657.3**

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CALLS: Number of Vessels
GRT (Growth Registered Tonne): Vessel Weight

1.2 Passengers

A total of 298,550 passengers were handled at Zanzibar seaport in October 2026, which increased by about nine percent (9.1%) and show slightly decreased by less then one percent (0.03%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and the previous month respectively. Among the passengers handled, a total of 165,174 passengers were inbound and 133,376 were outbound.

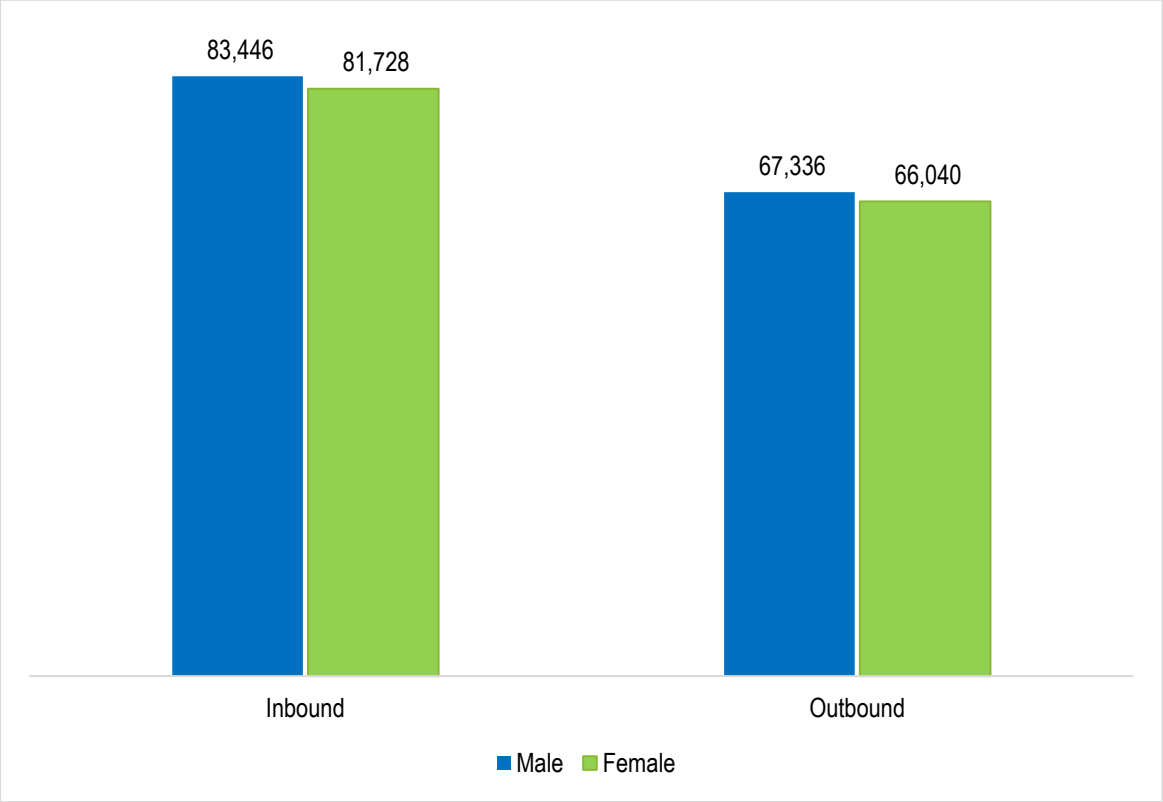
Inbound passengers increased by 14.9 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by about two percent (2.1%) compared with previous month.The number of outbound passengers show slightly increased by almost three percent (2.7%)

compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by less than five percent (2.5%) compared with the previous month.

Table 1.2: Number of Passengers Handled at Zanzibar Seaports, October 2026, September 2026 and October 2025.

Passenger	Number			Percentage Change	
	Oct, 2025	Sept, 2026	Oct, 2026	Oct,2026-Sept,2026	Oct,2026- Oct,2025
Inbound	143,722	161,842	165,174	2.1	14.9
Outbound	129,874	136,803	133,376	-2.5	2.7
Total	**273,596**	**298,645**	**298,550**	**-0.03**	**9.1**

Figure1:Number of Passengers Handled at Zanzibar Seaports by Sex, October 2026.



1.3 Cargo

A total of 280,356.2 tons of general and Dhow Cargo were handled at Zanzibar seaport in October 2026. This is an increase of less than ten percent (9.0%) and by 40.6 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively. A total of 7,250.0 TEUs were handled in October 2026, which decreased by 25.8 percent and increased by 23.5 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and the previous month respectively.

Out of the total tons of general and dhows cargo, 259,012.6 tons were imported to Zanzibar and 21,343.5 tons were exported from Zanzibar in October 2026. Imported general and dhows cargo increased by 16.2 percent and by 45.5 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while exported general and dhows cargo decreased by 38.0 percent and by less than one percent (0.6%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively.

The total number of imported TEUs were 3,836.0 which decreased by 23.4 percent and increased by 56.8 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while 3,414.0 TEUs were exported in the same period, which decreased by 28.4 percent and by less than one percent (0.3%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively.

Table 1.3: Import and Export of Cargo at Zanzibar Seaports October 2026, September 2026 and October 2025.

Description	Unit	Number			Percentage Change	
		Oct, 2025	Sept, 2026	Oct, 2026	Oct,2026-Sept,2026	Oct,2026-Oct,2025
Import						
General Cargo	Tons	133,094.3	106,794.5	166,177.8	55.6	24.9
Dhow	Tons	89,781.9	71,183.0	92,834.9	30.4	3.4
Total	**Tons**	**222,876.1**	**177,977.5**	**259,012.6**	**45.5**	**16.2**
Fuel	Tons	20,735.6	23,822.0	30,242.5	26.95	45.8
Container	TEUS	5,009.0	2,447.0	3,836.0	56.8	-23.4
Export						
General Cargo	Tons	32,708.8	20,062.7	19,822.2	-1.2	-39.4
Dhow	Tons	1,736.0	1,419.5	1,521.4	7.2	-12.4
Total	**Tons**	**34,444.8**	**21,482.2**	**21,343.5**	**-0.6**	**-38.0**
Container	TEUS	4,766.0	3,425.0	3,414.0	-0.3	-28.4
Total cargo						
General and Dhow Cargo	**Tons**	**257,320.9**	**199,459.7**	**280,356.2**	**40.6**	**9.0**
Fuel	**Tons**	**20,735.6**	**23,822.0**	**30,242.5**	**26.95**	**45.8**
Containers	**TEUS**	**9,775.0**	**5,872.0**	**7,250.0**	**23.5**	**-25.8**

AIR TRANSPORT
ZANZIBAR



2.1 Aircraft Movements

Total of 7,953 aircraft movements was recorded in October 2026, which increased by 10.8 percent compared with 7,180 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by about four percent (3.8%) compared with 8,264 movements recorded in September 2026. Arriving aircrafts made 3,980 movements which increased by 10.6 percent compared with 3,598 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by almost four percent (3.7%) compared with 4,135 movement recorded in the preceding month. Departing aircrafts made 3,973 movements, which increased by 10.9 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by about four percent (3.8%) compared with preceding month.

International aircrafts made a total of 1,494 movements, which increased by 10.5 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by about two percent (1.6%) compared with preceding month. Among those international movement, 763 movements were made by arriving international aircrafts and 731 movements were made by departing international aircrafts.

Domestic aircrafts made a total of 6,459 movements which increased by 10.8 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by about four percent (4.3%) compared with preceding month. Among those domestic movements, 3,217 movements were made by arriving aicrafts and 3,242 movements were made by departing aircrafts.

Table 2.1: Aircraft Movements in Zanzibar Airports, October 2026, September 2026 and October 2025.

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	Oct, 2025	Sept, 2026	Oct, 2026	Oct,2026- Sept,2026	Oct,2026- Oct,2025
International					
Arrivals	682	784	763	-2.7	11.9
Departures	670	734	731	-0.4	9.1
Total	**1,352**	**1,518**	**1,494**	**-1.6**	**10.5**
Domestic					
Arrivals	2,916	3,351	3,217	-4.0	10.3
Departures	2,912	3,395	3,242	-4.5	11.3
Total	**5,828**	**6,746**	**6,459**	**-4.3**	**10.8**
Total Movements					
Arrivals	**3,598**	**4,135**	**3,980**	**-3.7**	**10.6**
Departures	**3,582**	**4,129**	**3,973**	**-3.8**	**10.9**
Total	**7,180**	**8,264**	**7,953**	**-3.8**	**10.8**

2.2 Aircraft Passengers

Total of 265,246 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar Airport in October 2026, which show slightly increase of about four percent (4.1%) and decreased by less than one percent (0.3) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively. Among the passengers handled at airports, a total of 129,389 passengers were disembarked and 135,857were embarked.

Disembarked passengers increased by almost three percent (2.6%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by almost one percent (0.5%) compared with preceding month which means that more people were arriving in Zanzibar than the same time in last year. The number of embarked passengers increased by about six percent (5.6%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by one percent compared with preceding month.

Total of 153,368 passengers from international flight were handled at airport, increased by about six percent (6.2%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by about two percent (1.9%) compared with preceding month. Among those passengers from international flight, 66,120 were disembarked passengers and 87,248 were embarked.

Total of 111,878 passengers from domestic flight were handled at airports, which increased by less than two percent (1.4%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by almost three percent (3.1%) compared with the preceding month. Among those passengers from domestic flight, 63,269 were disembarked and 48,609 were embarked.

Table 2.2: Number of Passengers Handled at Zanzibar Airports, October 2026, September 2026 and October 2025.

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	Oct, 2025	Sept, 2026	Oct, 2026	Oct,2026-Sept,2026	Oct,2026- Oct,2025
International flight					
Disembarked	63,705	64,252	66,120	2.9	3.8
Embarked	80,684	86,312	87,248	1.1	8.1
Total	**144,389**	**150,564**	**153,368**	**1.9**	**6.2**
Transit	6,077	10,067	9,128	-9.3	50.2
Domestic flight					
Disembarked	62,356	64,500	63,269	-1.9	1.5
Embarked	47,984	50,949	48,609	-4.6	1.3
Total	**110,340**	**115,449**	**111,878**	**-3.1**	**1.4**

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	Oct, 2025	Sept, 2026	Oct, 2026	Oct,2026-Sept,2026	Oct,2026- Oct,2025
Transit	14,707	16,808	18,522	10.2	25.9
Total Passengers					
Disembarked	126,061	128,752	129,389	0.5	2.6
Embarked	128,668	137,261	135,857	-1.0	5.6
Total	**254,729**	**266,013**	**265,246**	**-0.3**	**4.1**
Transit	20,784	26,875	27,650	2.9	33.0

2.3 Amount of Cargo in the Aircraft

The volume of Cargo handled at Zanzibar airports reached 420.0 tons in October 2026, which decreased by 25.3 percent compared with 561.9 tons recorded in corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 19.5 percent compared with 521.9 tons recorded in the preceding month. Among the cargo handled, a total of 34.2 tons was loaded for exportation and 385.8 tons was unloaded as importation from Tanzania Mainland and rest of the world.

International aicrafts transported a total of 411.6 tons, which decreased by 26.7 percent compared with 561.9 tons recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 21.0 percent compared with 520.8 tons recorded in the preceding month.

Domestic aicrafts transported a total of 8.4 tons, an increase of more than hundred percent compared with preceding month. A total of 5.3 tons was loaded for exports and 3.1 tons were unloaded as an import.

Table 2.3: Cargo (Tons) Handled in Zanzibar Airport, October 2026, September 2026 and October 2025.

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	Oct, 2025	Sept, 2026	Oct, 2026	Oct,2026-Sept,2026	Oct,2026-Oct,2025
International					
Loaded	12.6	49.5	28.9	-41.6	129.9
Unloaded	549.4	471.3	382.7	-18.8	-30.3
Total	**561.9**	**520.8**	**411.6**	**-21.0**	**-26.7**
Domestic					
Loaded	0.0	0.04	5.3	13132.5	0.0
Unloaded	0.0	1.04	3.1	197.4	0.0
Total	**0.0**	**1.08**	**8.4**	**676.9**	**0.0**
Total Cargo					
Loaded	**12.6**	**49.6**	**34.2**	**-31.0**	**172.0**
Unloaded	**549.4**	**472.3**	**385.8**	**-18.3**	**-29.8**
Total	**561.9**	**521.9**	**420.0**	**-19.5**	**-25.3**

Glossary

Office of the Chief Government Statistician (OCGS), under the mandate bestowed to it, collects and compiles data from various institutions, including Ministries and departments. Data sources for transport statistics encompass Zanzibar Port Corporation (ZPC), Zanzibar Maritime Authority, Zanzibar Airports Authority (ZAA) and Zanzibar Road Transport and Safety Authority.

The transport statistical report presents statistics and information on the number of movements and trips (enter/exit), as well as traffic handling of passengers and cargo, both on airports and seaports.

OCGS belives that Monthly estimates of transport statistics will find great use to the Government as well as the Private sector as inputs in assessing volume and directions of transportation, planning and transport policy reviews. The statistics will also serve as a motivation towards developing the transport management system in Zanzibar.

Concepts and Definitions

GRT - Growth Registered Tonne: Vessel Weight
TEUS - Twenty equivalent units

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