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# SEA TRANSPORT

# IN ZANZIBAR



## 1.1 Vessels Movements

Total trips of vessels (Enter and Exit) in September 2026 reached 1,961 which increased by 21.0 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by seven (7%) percent compared with the previous month. The rise was mainly driven by Dhow, which recorded an increase of 10.8 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year.

The total of eleven (11) calls/trips were made by foreign vessels, 815 calls by local vessel and 1,135 calls by dhow. Foreign vessel trips increased by 83.3 percent and by 22.2 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 decreased by almost seven percent compared with previous month.

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

| Description | Unit | | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Sept, 2025 | August, 2026 | Sept, 2026 | Sept,2026-August,2026 | Sept,2026-Sept,2025 |
| Foreign Vessel | Calls | Number | 6 | 9 | 11 | 22.2 | 83.3 |
| | GRT | Tons | 12,079 | 114,945 | 106,500 | -7.3 | 781.7 |
| Local Vessel | Calls | Number | 590 | 832 | 815 | -2.0 | 38.1 |
| Dhow | Calls | Number | 1024 | 1,277 | 1,135 | -11.1 | 10.8 |
| **Total Trips** | **Total CALLS** | **Number** | **1,620** | **2,118** | **1,961** | **-7.4** | **21.0** |
| | **Total GRT** | **Tons** | **12,079** | **114,945** | **106,500** | **-7.3** | **781.7** |

*N.B*
*CALLS: Number of Vessels*
*GRT (Growth Registered Tonne): Vessel Weight*

## 1.2 Passengers

A total of 298,645 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar seaport in September 2026, which decreased by less than five percent (3.1%) and increased by almost seven percent (6.7 %) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and the previous month respectively. Among the passengers handled, a total of 161,842 passengers were inbound and 136,803 were outbound.

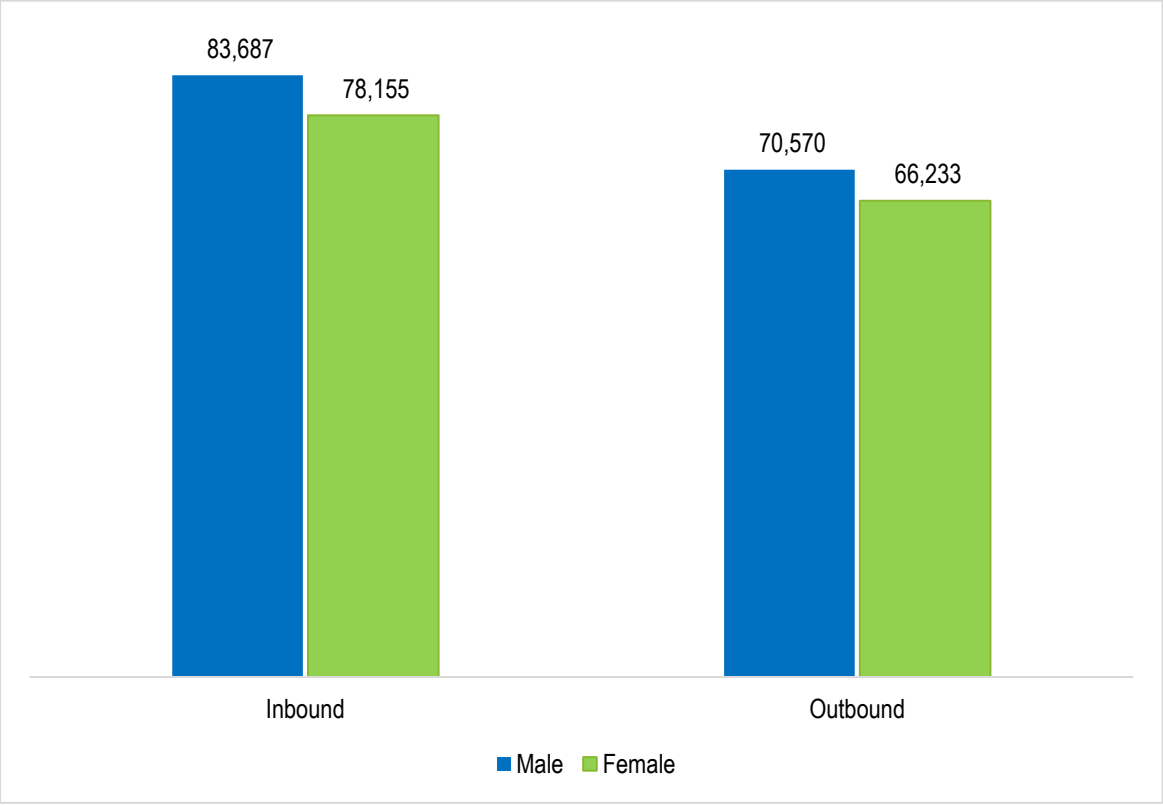
Inbound passengers show slightly increased by about four percent (4.4%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by almost three percent ( compared with previous month.The number of outbound passengers decreased by 16.2 percent (2.9)

compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and less than five percent (4.4%) compared with the previous month.

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

| Passenger | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sept, 2025 | August, 2026 | Sept, 2026 | Sept,2026-August,2026 | Sept,2026- Sept,2025 |
| Inbound | 155,004 | 157,286 | 161,842 | 2.9 | 4.4 |
| Outbound | 153,322 | 122,629 | 136,803 | 11.6 | -10.8 |
| **Total** | 308,326 | 279,915 | 298,645 | 6.7 | -3.1 |

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



## 1.3 Cargo

A total of 199,459.7 tons of general and Dhow Cargo were handled at Zanzibar seaport in September 2026. This is a decrease by 44.1 percent 22.2 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively. A total of 5,872.0 TEUs were handled in September 2026, which decreased by 21.0 percent and 29.3 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, 177,977.5 tons were imported to Zanzibar and 21,482.2 tons were exported from Zanzibar in September 2026. Imported general and dhows cargo decreased by 42.5 percent and 24.2 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while exported general and dhows cargo decreased by 54.2 percent and decreased by less than one percent(0.3%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively.

The total number of imported TEUs were 2,447.0 which decreased by 44.0 percent and 42.5 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while 3,425.0 TEUs were exported in the same period, which increased by 11.7 percent and decreased by 15.5 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively.

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

| Description | Unit | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Sept, 2025 | August, 2026 | Sept, 2026 | Sept,2026-August,2026 | Sept,2026-Sept,2025 |
| **Import** | | | | | | |
| General Cargo | Tons | 151,690.4 | 131,124.9 | 106,794.5 | -18.6 | -29.6 |
| Dhow | Tons | 158,067.8 | 103,597.9 | 71,183.0 | -31.3 | -55.0 |
| **Total** | **Tons** | **309,758.2** | **234,722.8** | **177,977.5** | **-24.2** | **-42.5** |
| Fuel | Tons | 21,959.2 | 23,811.9 | 23,822.0 | 0.04 | 8.5 |
| Container | TEUS | 4,369.0 | 4,259.0 | 2,447.0 | -42.5 | -44.0 |
| **Export** | | | | | | |
| General Cargo | Tons | 45,168.4 | 20,691.8 | 20,062.7 | -3.0 | -55.6 |
| Dhow | Tons | 1,755.0 | 861.0 | 1,419.5 | 64.9 | -19.1 |
| **Total** | **Tons** | **46,923.4** | **21,552.7** | **21,482.2** | **-0.3** | **-54.2** |
| Container | TEUS | 3,065.0 | 4,051.0 | 3,425.0 | -15.5 | 11.7 |
| **Total cargo** | | | | | | |
| **General and Dhow Cargo** | **Tons** | 356,681.6 | 256,275.5 | 199,459.7 | -22.2 | -44.1 |
| **Fuel** | **Tons** | 21,959.2 | 23,811.9 | 23,822.0 | 0.04 | 8.5 |
| **Containers** | **TEUS** | 7,434.0 | 8,310.0 | 5,872.0 | -29.3 | -21.0 |

# AIR TRANSPORT
# ZANZIBAR



## 2.1 Aircraft Movements

Total of 8,264 aircraft movements was recorded in September 2026, increased by 18.6 percent compared with 7,178 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 12.2 percent compared with 9,425 movements recorded in August 2026. Arriving aircrafts made 4,135 movements which increased by 15.1 percent compared with 3,591 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 15.1 percent compared with 4,713 movement recorded in the preceding month. Departing aircrafts made 4,129 movements, which increased by 15.1 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 12.4 percent compared with preceding month.

International aircrafts made a total of 1,518 movements, which increased by 15.8 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 13.3 percent compared with preceding month. Among those international movement, 784 movements were made by arriving international aircrafts and 734 movements were made by departing international aircrafts.

Domestic aircrafts made a total of 6,746 movements which increased by 15 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 12.1 percent compared with preceding month. Among those domestic movements, 3,351 movements were made by arriving aicrafts and 3,395 movements were made by departing aircrafts.

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

| Description | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | September, 2025 | August, 2026 | September, 2026 | Sept,2026-August,2026 | Sept,2026-September,2025 |
| **International** | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 661 | 893 | 784 | -12.2 | 18.6 |
| Departures | 650 | 857 | 734 | -14.4 | 12.9 |
| **Total** | 1,311 | 1,750 | 1,518 | -13.3 | 15.8 |
| **Domestic** | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 2,930 | 3,820 | 3,351 | -12.3 | 14.4 |
| Departures | 2,937 | 3,855 | 3,395 | -11.9 | 15.6 |
| **Total** | 5,867 | 7,675 | 6,746 | -12.1 | 15.0 |
| **Total Movements** | | | | | |
| Arrivals | **3,591** | **4,713** | **4,135** | **-12.3** | **15.1** |
| Departures | **3,587** | **4,712** | **4,129** | **-12.4** | **15.1** |
| **Total** | **7,178** | **9,425** | **8,264** | **-12.3** | **15.1** |

## 2.2 Aircraft Passengers

Total of 266,013 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar Airport in September 2026, which show slightly increase of about six percent (5.5%) and decreased by 19.9 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively. Among the passengers handled at airports, a total of 128,752 passengers were disembarked and 137,261 were embarked.

Disembarked passengers increased by almost four percent (4.1%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 19.9 percent 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 less than ten percent (6.8%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 19.8 percent compared with preceding month.

Total of 150,564 passengers from international flight were handled at airport, increased by less than ten percent (7.7%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 18.5 percent compared with preceding month. Among those passengers from international flight, 64,252 were disembarked passengers and 86,312 were embarked.

Total of 115,449 passengers from domestic flight were handled at airports, which increased by less than five percent (2.7%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 21.6 percent compared with the preceding month. Among those passengers from domestic flight, 64,500 were disembarked and 50,949 were embarked.

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

| Description | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | September, 2025 | August, 2026 | September, 2026 | Sept,2026-August,2026 | Sept,2026-Sept,2025 |
| **International flight** | | | | | |
| Disembarked | 60,978 | 78,338 | 64,252 | -18.0 | 5.4 |
| Embarked | 78,841 | 106,440 | 86,312 | -18.9 | 9.5 |
| **Total** | 139,819 | 184,778 | 150,564 | -18.5 | 7.7 |
| Transit | 6,732 | 11,840 | 10,067 | -15.0 | 49.5 |
| **Domestic flight** | | | | | |
| Disembarked | 62,738 | 82,484 | 64,500 | -21.8 | 2.8 |
| Embarked | 49,690 | 64,805 | 50,949 | -21.4 | 2.5 |

| Description | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | September, 2025 | August, 2026 | September, 2026 | Sept,2026-August,2026 | Sept,2026-Sept,2025 |
| **Total** | 112,428 | 147,289 | 115,449 | -21.6 | 2.7 |
| Transit | 17,126 | 15,531 | 16,808 | 8.2 | -1.9 |
| **Total Passengers** | | | | | |
| Disembarked | 123,716 | 160,822 | 128,752 | -19.9 | 4.1 |
| Embarked | 128,531 | 171,245 | 137,261 | -19.8 | 6.8 |
| **Total** | 252,247 | 332,067 | 266,013 | -19.9 | 5.5 |
| Transit | 23,858 | 27,371 | 26,875 | -1.8 | 12.6 |

### 2.3 Amount of Cargo in the Aircraft

The volume of Cargo handled at Zanzibar airports reached 521.9 tons in September 2026, which increased by less than five percent compared with 501.0 tons recorded in corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 22.9 percent compared with 424.8 tons recorded in the preceding month. Among the cargo handled, a total of 49.6 tons was loaded for exportation and 472.3tons was unloaded as importation from Tanzania Mainland and rest of the world.

International aicrafts transported a total of 520.8 tons, which increased by less thsn five percent (4.0%) compared with 500.8 tons recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 23.2 percent compared with 422.6 tons recorded in the preceding month.

Domestic aicrafts transported a total of 1.1 tons, an increase of more than hundred percent compared with 0.1 tons recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 51.7 percent compared with the preceding month. A total of less than one tons (0.04) was loaded for exports and 1.04 tons were unloaded as an import.

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

| Description | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | September, 2025 | August, 2026 | September, 2026 | Sept,2026-August,2026 | Sept,2026-Sept,2025 |
| **International** | | | | | |
| Loaded | 5.1 | 39.7 | 49.5 | 24.9 | 871.0 |
| Unloaded | 495.7 | 382.9 | 471.3 | 23.1 | -4.9 |
| **Total** | **500.8** | **422.6** | **520.8** | **23.2** | **4.0** |
| **Domestic** | | | | | |
| Loaded | 0.00 | 0.052 | 0.04 | -23.1 | 0.0 |
| Unloaded | 0.1 | 2.18 | 1.039 | -52.4 | 795.7 |
| **Total** | **0.1** | **2.2** | **1.1** | **-51.7** | **830.2** |
| **Total Cargo** | | | | | |
| **Loaded** | 5.1 | 39.7 | 49.6 | 24.8 | 871.8 |
| **Unloaded** | 495.9 | 385.1 | 472.3 | 22.7 | -4.7 |
| **Total** | **501.0** | **424.8** | **521.9** | **22.9** | **4.2** |

**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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