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SEA TRANSPORT IN ZANZIBAR



1.1 Vessels Movements

Total trips of vessels (Enter and Exit) in July 2026 reached 1,953 which increased by 15.4 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by six percent (6.0%) compared with the previous month. The rise was mainly driven by Dhow, which recorded an increase of 16.3 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year.

The total of 46 calls/trips were made by foreign vessels, 674 calls by local vessel and 1,233 calls by dhow. Foreign vessel trips increased by 91.7 percent and by seven percent (7.0%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and the previous month respectively. Their registered tonnage (GRT) increased tremendously compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 39.3 percent compared with previous month.

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

Description	Unit		Number			Percentage Change	
			July, 2025	June, 2026	July, 2026	July,2026- June,2026	July,2026- July,2025
Foreign Vessel	Calls	Number	24	43	46	7.0	91.7
	GRT	Tons	17,233	125,111	174,282	39.3	911.3
Local Vessel	Calls	Number	608	612	674	10.1	10.9
	Dhow	Number	1060	1,188	1,233	3.8	16.3
Total Trips	Total CALLS	Number	1,692	1,843	1,953	6.0	15.4
	Total GRT	Tons	17,233	125,111	174,282	39.3	911.3

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CALLS: Number of Vessels

GRT (Growth Registered Tonne): Vessel Weight

1.2 Passengers

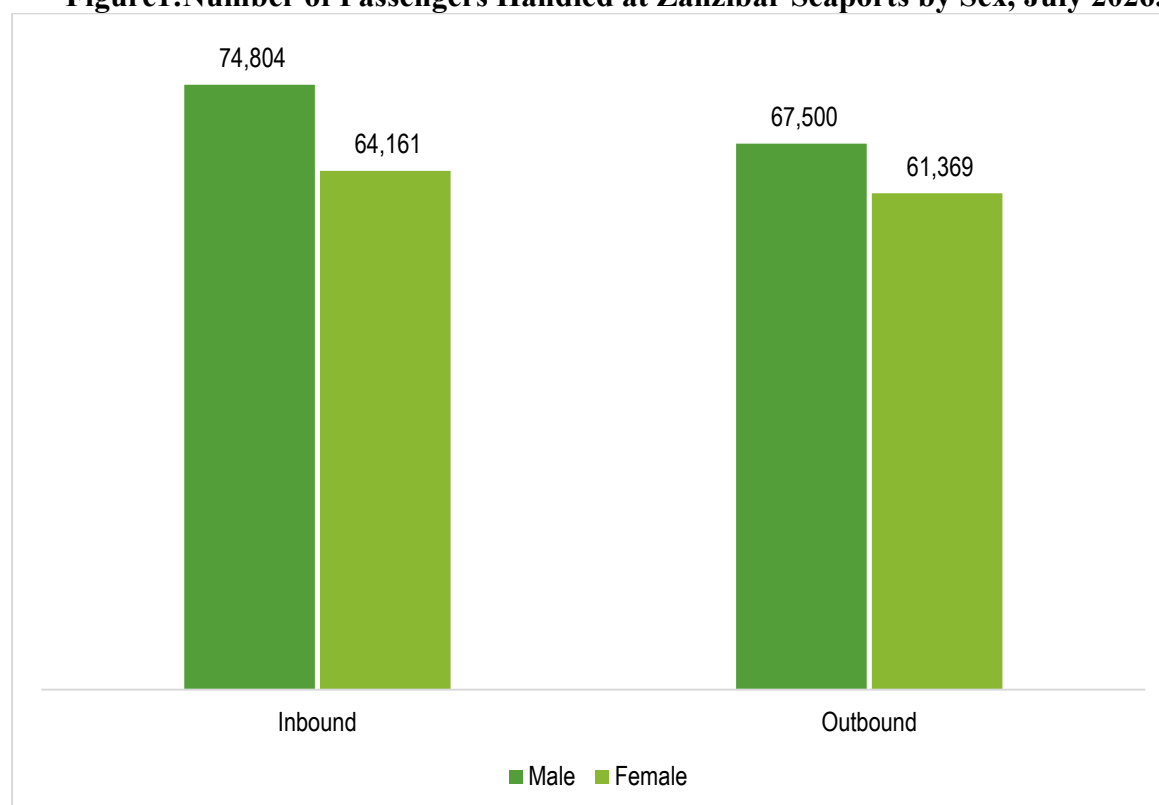
A total of 267,834 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar seaport in July 2026, which decreased by 16.5 percent and by almost six percent (5.6 %) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and the previous month respectively. Among the passengers handled, a total of 138,965 passengers were inbound and 128,869 were outbound.

Inbound passengers decreased by 18.7 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by almost 12.0 percent (11.5%) compared with previous month. The number of outbound passengers decreased by 14.0 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by almost two percent (1.6%) compared with the previous month.

Table 1.2: Number of Passengers Handled at Zanzibar Seaports, July 2026, June 2026 and July 2025.

Passenger	Number			Percentage Change	
	July, 2025	June, 2026	July, 2026	July,2026-June,2026	July,2026-July,2025
Inbound	170,991	156,940	138,965	-11.5	-18.7
Outbound	149,883	126,784	128,869	1.6	-14.0
Total	320,874	283,724	267,834	-5.6	-16.5

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



1.3 Cargo

A total of 254,921.1 tons of general and Dhow Cargo were handled at Zanzibar seaport in July 2026. This is a decrease of 17.9 percent and an increase of less than one percent (0.7%) percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively. A total of 7,251.0 TEUs were handled in July 2026, which decreased by 4.2 percent and increased by 78.1 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, 234,153.3 tons were imported to Zanzibar and 20,767.8 tons were exported from Zanzibar in July 2026. Imported general and dhows cargo decreased by about ten percent (9.5%) and by almost two percent (1.5%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while exported general and dhows cargo decreased by 59.9 percent and increased by 33.5 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively.

The total number of imported TEUs were 3,876.0 which decreased by almost three percent (2.9%) and increased by 95.8 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while 3,375.0 TEUs were exported in the same period, which decreased by almost six percent (5.6%) and increased by 61.3 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, July 2026, June 2026 and July 2025.

Description	Unit	Number			Percentage Change	
		July, 2025	June, 2026	July, 2026	July,2026- June,2026	July,2026- July,2025
Import						
General Cargo	Tons	152,126.2	137,892.5	139,133.0	0.9	-8.5
Dhow	Tons	106,599.3	99,746.0	95,020.3	-4.7	-10.9
Total	Tons	258,725.6	237,638.5	234,153.3	-1.5	-9.5
Fuel	Tons	19,630.1	28,115.8	26,180.4	-6.9	33.4
Container	TEUS	3,992.0	1,980.0	3,876.0	95.8	-2.9
Export						
General Cargo	Tons	49,179.2	14,548.5	19,498.1	34.0	-60.4
Dhow	Tons	2,627.2	1,009.8	1,269.8	25.7	-51.7
Total	Tons	51,806.4	15,558.2	20,767.8	33.5	-59.9
Container	TEUS	3,575.0	2,092.0	3,375.0	61.3	-5.6
Total cargo						
General and Dhow Cargo	Tons	310,532.0	253,196.7	254,921.1	0.7	-17.9
Fuel	Tons	19,630.1	28,115.8	26,180.4	-6.9	33.4
Containers	TEUS	7,567.0	4,072.0	7,251.0	78.1	-4.2

AIR TRANSPORT

ZANZIBAR



2.1 Aircraft Movements

Total of 8,164 aircraft movements was recorded in July 2026, increased by about nine percent (9.3%) compared with 7,470 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 35.9 percent compared with 6,006 movements recorded in June, 2026. Arriving aircrafts made 4,086 movements which increased by nine percent (9.2%) compared with 3,742 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 42.3 percent compared with 2,872 movement recorded in the preceding month. Departing aircrafts made 4,078 movements, which increased by nine percent (9.4%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 30.1 percent compared with preceding month.

International aircrafts made a total of 1,648 movements, which increased by 11.7 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and also increased by 41.3 percent compared with preceding month. Among those international movement, 840 movements were made by arriving international aircrafts and 808 movements were made by departing international aircrafts.

Domestic aircrafts made a total of 6,516 movements which increased by about nine percent (8.7%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 34.6 percent compared with preceding month. Among those domestic movements, 3,246 movements were made by arriving aircrafts and 3,270 movements were made by departing aircrafts.

Table 2.1: Aircraft Movements in Zanzibar Airports, July 2026, June 2026 and July 2025.

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	July, 2025	June, 2026	July, 2026	July,2026- June,2026	July,2026- July,2025
International					
Arrivals	734	600	840	40.0	14.4
Departures	742	566	808	42.8	8.9
Total	1,476	1,166	1,648	41.3	11.7
Domestic					
Arrivals	3,008	2,272	3,246	42.9	7.9
Departures	2,986	2,568	3,270	27.3	9.5
Total	5,994	4,840	6,516	34.6	8.7
Total Movements					
Arrivals	3,742	2,872	4,086	42.3	9.2
Departures	3,728	3,134	4,078	30.1	9.4
Total	7,470	6,006	8,164	35.9	9.3

2.2 Aircraft Passengers

Total of 274,136 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar Airport in July 2026, which is an increase of one percent (1.1%) and by 49.5 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively. Among the passengers handled at airports, a total of 140,253 passengers were disembarked and 133,883 were embarked.

Disembarked passengers increased by about two percent (1.6%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 45.6 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 one percent (0.6%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 53.7 percent compared with preceding month.

Total of 152,110 passengers from international flight were handled at airport, increased by almost two percent (1.5%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 52.6 percent compared with preceding month. Among those passengers from international flight, 70,133 were disembarked passengers and 81,977 were embarked.

Total of 122,026 passengers from domestic flight were handled at airports, which increased by less than one percent (0.7%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 45.7 percent compared with the preceding month. Among those passengers from domestic flight, 70,120 were disembarked and 51,906 were embarked.

Table 2.2: Number of Passengers Handled at Zanzibar Airports, July 2026, June 2026 and July 2025.

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	July, 2025	June, 2026	July, 2026	July,2026- June,2026	July,2026- July,2025
International flight					
Disembarked	69,988	49,208	70,133	42.5	0.2
Embarked	79,870	50,495	81,977	62.3	2.6
Total	149,858	99,703	152,110	52.6	1.5
Transit	8,165	9,642	14,337	48.7	75.6
Domestic flight					
Disembarked	68,001	47,087	70,120	48.9	3.1
Embarked	53,198	36,637	51,906	41.7	-2.4
Total	121,199	83,724	122,026	45.7	0.7
Transit	17,793	13,708	15,319	11.8	-13.9
Total Passengers					

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	July, 2025	June, 2026	July, 2026	July,2026- June,2026	July,2026- July,2025
Disembarked	137,989	96,295	140,253	45.6	1.6
Embarked	133,068	87,132	133,883	53.7	0.6
Total	271,057	183,427	274,136	49.5	1.1
Transit	25,958	23,350	29,656	27.0	14.2

2.3 Amount of Cargo in the Aircraft

The volume of Cargo handled at Zanzibar airports reached 590.5 tons in July 2026, an increase of 16.9 percent compared with 505.3 tons recorded in corresponding month of the previous year and an increase of 32.3 percent compared with 446.3 tons recorded in preceding month. Among the cargo handled, a total of 17.7 tons was loaded for exportation and 572.8 tons was unloaded as importation from Tanzania Mainland and rest of the world.

International aircrafts transported a total of 571.0 tons, an increase of 15.8 percent compared with 493.0 tons recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and an increase of 28.1 percent compared with 445.7 tons recorded in the preceding month. A total of 17.1 tons was loaded for exports and 553.9 tons were unloaded as an import.

Domestic aircrafts transported a total of 19.6 tons, an increase of 58.4 percent compared with 12.3 tons recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and increased tremendously compared with the preceding month. A total of less than one tons (0.6) was loaded for exports and 19.0 tons were unloaded as an import.

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

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	July, 2025	June, 2026	July, 2026	July,2026- June,2026	July,2026- July,2025
International					
Loaded	11.0	21.3	17.1	-19.4	55.7
Unloaded	482.0	424.4	553.9	30.5	14.9
Total	493.0	445.7	571.0	28.1	15.8
Domestic					
Loaded	0.0	0.6	0.6	3.0	0
Unloaded	12.3	0.0	19.0	0	53.8
Total	12.3	0.6	19.6	3397.7	58.4
Total Cargo					
Loaded	11.0	21.8	17.7	-18.8	60.9
Unloaded	494.3	424.4	572.8	35.0	15.9
Total	505.3	446.3	590.5	32.3	16.9

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 believes 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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