

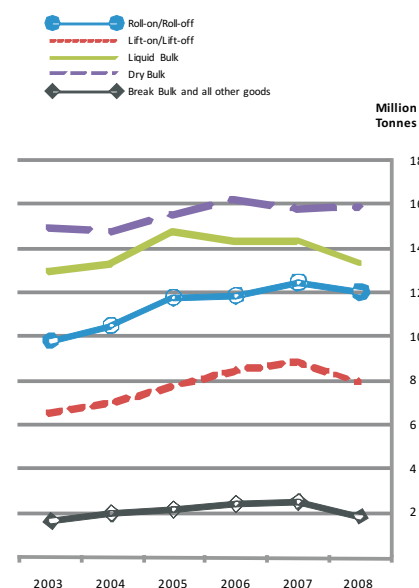


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## Statistics of Port Traffic 2008

### Cargo handled



Category of Goods	2007	2008
Roll-on/Roll-off	12,547	12,080
Lift-on/Lift-off	8,876	7,945
Liquid Bulk	14,348	13,315
Dry Bulk	15,822	15,905
Break Bulk & Other Goods	2,548	1,836
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,139</b>	<b>51,081</b>

### Port Tonnage down by 5.65%

Irish ports handled 51.08m tonnes of goods in 2008 compared with 54.14m tonnes in 2007 - a decrease of 3.06m tonnes (5.65%). *See Table 3.*

Goods received decreased by 7.3% in comparison with 2007, while goods forwarded decreased by 1.3%.

Break bulk and other goods traffic decreased by 27.9% in the year, roll-on/roll-off traffic by 3.7%, lift-on/lift-off traffic by 10.5%, liquid bulk traffic by 7.2%, while dry bulk traffic increased by 0.5%. *See Table 3 and Graph.*

The annual analysis also shows that:

- ◆ The number of vessels arriving in 2008 was 14,729 compared with 16,085 in 2007 – a decrease of 8.4%. *See Tables 1 and 2.*
- ◆ Imports accounted for 71% of the total tonnage of goods handled while exports accounted for 29%. *See Tables 4, 8 and 9.*
- ◆ Of the total tonnage of goods handled, dry bulk accounted for 31.1%, liquid bulk 26.1%, roll-on/roll-off 23.6%, lift-on/lift-off 15.6% and break bulk 3.6%. *See Table 11.*

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**Table 1 Number of Arrivals and Gross Tonnage of Vessels classified by Type of Vessel, 2008**

Type of Vessel	<u>Liquid Bulk</u>		<u>Dry Bulk</u>		<u>Container</u>		<u>Specialised</u>		<u>General</u>		<u>Passenger</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,589</b>	<b>12,754</b>	<b>1,465</b>	<b>13,756</b>	<b>2,243</b>	<b>13,642</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>6,250</b>	<b>8,992</b>	<b>175,496</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>7,133</b>	<b>14,729</b>	<b>229,031</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	21	593	34	154	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	153	62	899
Castletownbere	-	-	14	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	32
Cork	533	5,096	360	1,732	404	2,186	89	2,715	196 <sup>1</sup>	1,158	85	3,911	1,667	16,799
Drogheda	39	87	20	41	6	18	-	-	267	714	-	-	332	859
Dublin	512	3,979	480	2,354	1,407	9,061	129	3,394	4,849	111,950	83	2,744	7,460	133,483
Dundalk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	196	-	-	109	196
Dun Laoghaire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	578	11,351	-	-	578	11,351
Galway	209	711	42	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	29	252	832
Greenore	-	-	105	609	-	-	-	-	80	146	-	-	185	755
Killybegs	3	10	2	5	-	-	15	127	250 <sup>2</sup>	781	8	101	278	1,023
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	-	-	48	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	106
New Ross	58	182	150	355	-	-	-	-	28	56	-	-	236	593
Rosslare	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,017	47,013	-	-	2,017	47,013
Shannon Foynes Port	213	2,083	139	8,163	-	-	10	14	202	801	1	2	565	11,063
Sligo	-	-	22	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	43
Tralee Fenit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	108	2	1	20	109
Waterford	1	12	8	45	426	2,377	-	-	312	1,067	10	192	757	3,694
Wicklow	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	138	-	-	66	138
Youghal	-	-	41	25	-	-	-	-	20	17	-	-	61	42

<sup>1</sup> Offshore support vessels included as follows \*\*\*\*\* Cork 39 vessels (gross tonnage 99,042)

<sup>2</sup> Offshore support vessels included as follows \*\*\*\*\* Killybegs 199 vessels ( gross tonnage 608,316)

**Table 2 Number of Arrivals and Gross Tonnage of Vessels classified by Vessel Size Class, 2008**

Vessel Size Class	<u>100-4,999</u>		<u>5,000-7,999</u>		<u>8,000-19,999</u>		<u>20,000-39,999</u>		<u>40,000-79,999</u>		<u>&gt;=80,000</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000	Number	Gross Tonnage '000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,856</b>	<b>14,165</b>	<b>2,848</b>	<b>19,781</b>	<b>2,734</b>	<b>41,672</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>66,960</b>	<b>1,681</b>	<b>81,943</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>4,510</b>	<b>14,729</b>	<b>229,031</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	31	87	1	5	10	163	17	457	3	188	-	-	62	899
Castletownbere	13	27	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	32
Cork	1,061	3,182	268	1,717	88	999	108	2,844	129	6,612	13	1,445	1,667	16,799
Drogheda	331	854	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	332	859
Dublin	1,193	3,734	2,262	15,890	1,730	24,941	797	18,362	1,469	69,643	9	913	7,460	133,483
Dundalk	109	196	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	196
Dun Laoghaire	-	-	-	-	578	11,351	-	-	-	-	-	-	578	11,351
Galway	251	803	-	-	-	-	1	29	-	-	-	-	252	832
Greenore	159	352	9	57	6	86	11	259	-	-	-	-	185	755
Killybegs	244	673	14	84	16	207	1	22	-	-	3	38	278	1,023
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	48	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	106
New Ross	236	593	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	593
Rosslare	269	923	10	69	141	2,365	1,597	43,656	-	-	-	-	2,017	47,013
Shannon Foynes Port	295	1,099	97	704	45	517	36	1,223	80	5,499	12	2,021	565	11,063
Sligo	22	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	43
Tralee Fenit	10	19	2	11	8	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	109
Waterford	457	1,293	183	1,233	112	965	4	109	-	-	1	94	757	3,694
Wicklow	66	138	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66	138
Youghal	61	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	42

**Table 3 Tonnage of Goods handled classified by Category of Traffic, 2001 - 2008**

	'000							
Category of Traffic	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>Total Goods Handled</b>	<b>45,795</b>	<b>44,919</b>	<b>46,165</b>	<b>47,720</b>	<b>52,146</b>	<b>53,318</b>	<b>54,139</b>	<b>51,081</b>
Roll-on/Roll-off Traffic	9,253	9,449	9,857	10,570	11,816	11,915	12,547	12,080
Lift-on/Lift-off Traffic	5,731	5,919	6,574	7,022	7,803	8,472	8,876	7,945
Liquid Bulk	14,247	13,154	12,966	13,315	14,759	14,301	14,348	13,315
Dry Bulk	14,832	14,775	15,024	14,828	15,589	16,215	15,822	15,905
Break Bulk and all other goods	1,732	1,622	1,743	1,984	2,179	2,415	2,548	1,836
<b>Goods Received</b>	<b>32,634</b>	<b>32,182</b>	<b>33,234</b>	<b>34,703</b>	<b>37,654</b>	<b>38,555</b>	<b>38,907</b>	<b>36,049</b>
Roll-on/Roll-off Traffic	5,532	5,517	5,792	6,261	7,260	7,079	7,369	7,015
Lift-on/Lift-off Traffic	3,485	3,566	3,956	4,291	4,770	5,379	5,716	4,912
Liquid Bulk	11,463	10,880	10,666	11,111	11,977	11,692	11,517	10,937
Dry Bulk	10,883	10,945	11,444	11,445	11,911	12,465	12,367	11,990
Break Bulk and all other goods	1,271	1,274	1,376	1,596	1,736	1,940	1,938	1,196
<b>Goods Forwarded</b>	<b>13,161</b>	<b>12,737</b>	<b>12,931</b>	<b>13,017</b>	<b>14,492</b>	<b>14,763</b>	<b>15,232</b>	<b>15,031</b>
Roll-on/Roll-off Traffic	3,722	3,931	4,066	4,308	4,557	4,836	5,178	5,065
Lift-on/Lift-off Traffic	2,246	2,353	2,617	2,732	3,032	3,093	3,160	3,033
Liquid Bulk	2,784	2,273	2,301	2,205	2,781	2,609	2,831	2,379
Dry Bulk	3,949	3,830	3,580	3,383	3,679	3,750	3,455	3,915
Break Bulk and all other goods	461	348	367	388	443	475	609	640

**Table 4 Tonnage of Goods handled classified by Category of Traffic and Region of Trade, 2008**

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Category of Traffic	Foreign Trade				Coastal Trade	
	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	Other E.U.	Non-E.U.	Other Ports		Total
<b>Total Goods Handled</b>	<b>19,949</b>	<b>17,334</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>8,908</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>51,081</b>
Roll-on/Roll-off	11,552	504	5	18	0	12,080
Lift-on/Lift-off	926	6,900	8	59	51	7,945
Liquid Bulk	5,657	2,793	2,241	899	1,724	13,315
Dry Bulk	1,507	5,866	639	7,796	97	15,905
Break bulk and all other goods	306	1,270	73	135	51	1,836
<b>Goods Received</b>	<b>13,340</b>	<b>11,085</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>8,491</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>36,049</b>
Roll-on/Roll-off	6,667	327	5	16	0	7,015
Lift-on/Lift-off	636	4,209	8	39	21	4,912
Liquid Bulk	4,978	2,506	1,927	665	861	10,937
Dry Bulk	875	3,176	174	7,691	73	11,990
Break bulk and all other goods	183	867	54	80	11	1,196
<b>Goods Forwarded</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>15,031</b>
Roll-on/Roll-off	4,885	177	0	2	0	5,065
Lift-on/Lift-off	290	2,692	0	20	31	3,033
Liquid Bulk	680	287	314	235	863	2,379
Dry Bulk	632	2,690	466	105	23	3,915
Break bulk and all other goods	123	403	19	56	40	640

**Table 5 Details of Roll-on/Roll-off Traffic handled by Port, 2008**

Port	Passenger cars, motorcycles and accompanying trailers/caravans	Passenger buses	Trade Vehicles <sup>1</sup>		Freight Vehicles/Trailers <sup>2</sup>		
	Number	Number	Number	Tonnes '000	Loaded Number	Tonnes '000	Empty Number
<b>Total</b>	<b>759,139</b>	<b>59,763</b>	<b>166,209</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>742,912</b>	<b>11,823</b>	<b>133,166</b>
Cork	23,347	275	54,631	68	945	18	189
Dublin	291,009	52,700	98,367	172	583,211	9,050	121,132
Dun Laoghaire	152,863	3,248	-	-	9,982	49	3,916
Rosslare	291,920	3,540	13,211	16	148,774	2,706	7,929
<b>Received</b>	<b>391,361</b>	<b>27,727</b>	<b>163,518</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>431,828</b>	<b>6,764</b>	<b>21,403</b>
Cork	11,629	157	52,582	66	290	5	152
Dublin	160,787	24,229	97,725	170	353,205	5,441	17,993
Dun Laoghaire	73,500	1,573	-	-	7,224	39	385
Rosslare	145,445	1,768	13,211	16	71,109	1,279	2,873
<b>Forwarded</b>	<b>367,778</b>	<b>32,036</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>311,084</b>	<b>5,059</b>	<b>111,763</b>
Cork	11,718	118	2,049	3	655	13	37
Dublin	130,222	28,471	642	2	230,006	3,609	103,139
Dun Laoghaire	79,363	1,675	-	-	2,758	10	3,531
Rosslare	146,475	1,772	-	-	77,665	1,427	5,056

<sup>1</sup> Vehicles imported or exported<sup>2</sup> Includes data on (a) road goods vehicles and accompanying trailers (b) unaccompanied road goods trailers and semi-trailers and (c) unaccompanied caravans and other road, agricultural and industrial trailers

**Table 6 Details of Lift-on/Lift-off Traffic handled by Port, 2008**

Port	Loaded Units			Empty Units		Total Units	
	Number	TEU's <sup>1</sup>	Tonnes '000	Number	TEU's <sup>1</sup>	Number	TEU's <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,800</b>	<b>807,125</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>144,335</b>	<b>236,684</b>	<b>595,135</b>	<b>1,043,809</b>
Cork	89,207	153,752	1,495	21,804	33,170	111,011	186,922
Drogheda	3,002	5,613	56	735	1,495	3,737	7,108
Dublin	296,936	517,937	5,214	99,606	158,606	396,542	676,543
Waterford	61,655	129,823	1,180	22,190	43,414	83,845	173,237
<b>Received</b>	<b>295,674</b>	<b>519,176</b>	<b>4,912</b>	<b>9,644</b>	<b>16,057</b>	<b>305,318</b>	<b>535,233</b>
Cork	51,533	86,106	810	3,169	5,367	54,702	91,473
Drogheda	1,653	3,290	29	15	17	1,668	3,307
Dublin	202,223	345,981	3,325	5,899	9,831	208,122	355,812
Waterford	40,265	83,799	748	561	843	40,826	84,642
<b>Forwarded</b>	<b>155,126</b>	<b>287,949</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>134,691</b>	<b>220,627</b>	<b>289,817</b>	<b>508,576</b>
Cork	37,674	67,646	686	18,635	27,803	56,309	95,449
Drogheda	1,349	2,323	26	720	1,478	2,069	3,801
Dublin	94,713	171,956	1,889	93,707	148,775	188,420	320,731
Waterford	21,390	46,024	433	21,629	42,571	43,019	88,595

<sup>1</sup> TEU Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit = 1360 cubic feet

**Table 7 Number of Livestock handled classified by Port and Region of Trade, 2008**

Port	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	Other E.U.	Non-E.U.	Other Ports	Coastal Trade	Total
<b>Livestock received</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	0
Greenore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosslare <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Livestock exported</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	0
Greenore	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosslare <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Livestock data for Dublin Port not available

<sup>2</sup> Livestock data for Rosslare Port not available

**Table 8 Tonnage of Goods handled classified by Port and Region of Trade, 2008**

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Port	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	Other E.U.	Non-E.U.	Other Ports	Coastal Trade	Total
<b>Goods Received</b>	<b>13,340</b>	<b>11,085</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>8,491</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>36,049</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	221	-	206	39	4	470
Castletownbere	-	-	25	-	-	25
Cork	1,380	2,477	1,201	1,170	26	6,255
Drogheda	111	374	25	52	1	563
Dublin	8,633	4,663	549	659	108	14,612
Dundalk	26	139	1	-	-	166
Dun Laoghaire	39	-	-	-	-	39
Galway	198	63	-	-	514	775
Greenore	56	354	44	246	-	699
Killybegs	0	30	1	1	3	35
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	37	89	2	4	-	133
New Ross	126	312	12	24	50	523
Rosslare	1,109	185	-	-	-	1,294
Shannon Foynes Port	1,260	1,024	36	6,155	249	8,724
Sligo	8	8	-	-	-	16
Tralee Fenit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford	85	1,266	48	142	10	1,552
Wicklow	5	79	1	-	-	85
Youghal	47	21	19	-	-	86
<b>Goods Forwarded</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>6,249</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>15,031</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	169	201	-	146	24	539
Castletownbere	-	23	-	-	-	23
Cork	641	1,420	336	134	847	3,378
Drogheda	15	74	4	-	7	101
Dublin	3,881	2,484	86	23	42	6,516
Dundalk	2	49	-	-	-	52
Dun Laoghaire	10	-	-	-	-	10
Galway	2	61	-	-	-	63
Greenore	-	1	-	-	-	1
Killybegs	5	16	5	41	19	86
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Ross	12	155	-	4	-	171
Rosslare	1,264	163	-	-	-	1,427
Shannon Foynes Port	529	1,124	361	63	17	2,095
Sligo	-	25	-	-	-	25
Tralee Fenit	3	6	-	5	-	14
Waterford	75	447	8	-	-	530
Wicklow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youghal	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 9 Tonnage of Goods handled classified by Port and Category of Traffic, 2008**

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Port	Category of Traffic					Total
	Roll-on/Roll-off	Lift-on/Lift-off	Liquid Bulk	Dry Bulk	Break Bulk & all Other Goods	
<b>Goods Received</b>	<b>7,015</b>	<b>4,912</b>	<b>10,937</b>	<b>11,990</b>	<b>1,196</b>	<b>36,049</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	-	-	470	-	-	470
Castletownbere	-	-	-	19	6	25
Cork	71	810	3,939	1,289	146	6,255
Drogheda	-	29	70	289	174	563
Dublin	5,611	3,325	4,074	1,388	214	14,612
Dundalk	-	-	-	137	28	166
Dun Laoghaire	39	-	-	-	-	39
Galway	-	-	737	15	23	775
Greenore	-	-	-	527	172	699
Killybegs	-	-	1	-	34	35
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	-	-	-	133	-	133
New Ross	-	-	138	345	40	523
Rosslare	1,294	-	-	-	-	1,294
Shannon Foynes Port	-	-	1,482	7,147	95	8,724
Sligo	-	-	-	11	5	16
Tralee Fenit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Waterford	-	748	25	691	88	1,552
Wicklow	-	-	-	-	85	85
Youghal	-	-	-	-	86	86
<b>Goods Forwarded</b>	<b>5,065</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>15,031</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	-	-	314	225	-	539
Castletownbere	-	-	-	23	-	23
Cork	16	686	2,064	474	140	3,378
Drogheda	-	26	-	72	2	101
Dublin	3,611	1,889	-	997	19	6,516
Dundalk	-	-	-	5	47	52
Dun Laoghaire	10	-	-	-	-	10
Galway	-	-	-	-	63	63
Greenore	-	-	-	1	-	1
Killybegs	-	-	1	-	85	86
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Ross	-	-	-	159	12	171
Rosslare	1,427	-	-	-	-	1,427
Shannon Foynes Port	-	-	-	1,942	153	2,095
Sligo	-	-	-	3	22	25
Tralee Fenit	-	-	-	-	14	14
Waterford	-	433	-	15	82	530
Wicklow	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youghal	-	-	-	-	-	-



**Table 10 Total Tonnage of Goods handled classified by Port and Region of Trade, 2008**

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Port	Great Britain & Northern Ireland	Other E.U.	Non-E.U.	Other Ports	Coastal Trade	Total
<b>Total Goods Handled</b>	<b>19,949</b>	<b>17,334</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>8,908</b>	<b>1,923</b>	<b>51,081</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	390	201	206	185	28	1,009
Castletownbere	-	23	25	-	-	48
Cork	2,021	3,898	1,537	1,304	873	9,633
Drogheda	126	448	29	52	8	664
Dublin	12,514	7,147	634	682	150	21,127
Dundalk	28	189	1	-	-	217
Dun Laoghaire	49	-	-	-	-	49
Galway	200	124	-	-	514	838
Greenore	56	354	44	246	-	700
Killybegs	6	46	6	42	22	121
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	37	89	2	4	-	133
New Ross	138	467	12	28	50	694
Rosslare	2,373	348	-	-	-	2,722
Shannon Foynes Port	1,790	2,148	397	6,218	266	10,819
Sligo	8	34	-	-	-	41
Tralee Fenit	3	6	-	5	-	14
Waterford	161	1,712	56	142	10	2,082
Wicklow	5	79	1	-	-	85
Youghal	47	21	19	-	-	86

**Table 11 Total Tonnage of Goods handled classified by Port and Category of Traffic, 2008**

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Port	Category of Traffic					Total
	Roll-on/Roll-off	Lift-on/Lift-off	Liquid Bulk	Dry Bulk	Break Bulk & all Other Goods	
<b>Total Goods Handled</b>	<b>12,080</b>	<b>7,945</b>	<b>13,315</b>	<b>15,905</b>	<b>1,836</b>	<b>51,081</b>
Arklow Port	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bantry Bay	-	-	784	225	-	1,009
Castletownbere	-	-	-	42	6	48
Cork	87	1,495	6,002	1,763	286	9,633
Drogheda	-	56	70	361	177	664
Dublin	9,222	5,214	4,074	2,385	232	21,127
Dundalk	-	-	-	142	75	217
Dun Laoghaire	49	-	-	-	-	49
Galway	-	-	737	15	86	838
Greenore	-	-	-	528	172	700
Killybegs	-	-	2	-	119	121
Kilrush	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kinsale	-	-	-	133	-	133
New Ross	-	-	138	504	52	694
Rosslare	2,722	-	-	-	-	2,722
Shannon Foynes Port	-	-	1,482	9,089	248	10,819
Sligo	-	-	-	14	27	41
Tralee Fenit	-	-	-	-	14	14
Waterford	-	1,180	25	706	170	2,082
Wicklow	-	-	-	-	85	85
Youghal	-	-	-	-	86	86

## Background Notes

**Coverage** This release contains the results of an annual analysis of activity at Irish ports in 2008. The data is compiled from returns made by Scheduled Harbour Authorities, State Companies and a number of other harbours as outlined below:

### Scheduled Harbour Authorities

Arklow Harbour Commissioners  
 Bantry Bay Harbour Commissioners  
 Kilrush Town Council  
 Kinsale Harbour Commissioners  
 Sligo Harbour Commissioners  
 Tralee and Fenit Pier and Harbour Commissioners  
 Youghal Town Council

### State Companies

Drogheda Port Company  
 Dublin Port Company  
 Dundalk Port Company  
 Dun Laoghaire Harbour Company  
 Galway Harbour Company  
 New Ross Port Company  
 Port of Cork Company  
 Port of Waterford Company  
 Shannon Foynes Port Company  
 Wicklow Port Company

### Other Harbours

Castletownbere Fishery Harbour Centre  
 Greenore Port  
 Killybegs Fishery Harbour Centre  
 Rosslare Europort

As the figures (detailed in tables 1-11) have been rounded independently there may be slight discrepancies between the sum of the constituent items and the totals shown.

**Definitions** **Tonnage of Goods:** This includes the weight of immediate packaging material but excludes, in the case of containerised traffic, the weight of containers.

### Region of Trade :

**Coastal** - Trade between Irish ports excluding Northern Ireland.

**Other E.U.** - Trade with ports in European countries that are members of the E.U. excluding Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Non E.U.** - Trade with ports in European countries that are not members of the E.U.

**Other Ports** - Trade with ports in Non European countries.

**Gross Tonnage of Vessels:** The measure of the overall size of a ship determined in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, 1969.

**Vessel types:** Only the activity of trading vessels, car ferries and other passenger vessels is covered in the series. The following vessels are excluded:

Fish-catching vessels  
 Fish-processing vessels  
 Vessels for drilling and exploration  
 Tugs  
 Pusher craft  
 Research and survey vessels  
 Dredgers  
 Naval vessels  
 Vessels used solely for non-commercial purposes  
 Vessels entering the ports for shelter

Vessel types are classified according to the International Classification of Ship Types (ICST-COM). Cruise liners are included where passengers start or finish their voyage at the reporting port but are excluded in this release where all passengers visit the reporting port as an intermediate port between the start and finish of their voyage.

The ship categories included under each vessel type are outlined below:

<b>Liquid Bulk Vessels:</b>	Oil tanker Chemical tanker LG tanker Tanker Barge Other tanker
<b>Dry Bulk Vessels:</b>	Bulk/oil carrier Bulk carrier
<b>Container Vessels:</b>	Full container
<b>Specialised Vessels:</b>	Barge carrier Chemical carrier Irradiated fuel carrier Livestock carrier Vehicle carrier Other specialised
<b>General cargo Vessels:</b>	Reefer Ro-ro passenger Ro-ro container Other ro-ro container Combination carrier general cargo/passenger Combination carrier general cargo/container Single decker Multi-decker
<b>Passenger Vessels:</b>	Cruise liners Other passenger only vessels