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SEA TRANSPORT IN ZANZIBAR



1.1 Vessels Movements

Total trips of vessels (Enter and Exit) in April 2026 reached 1,828 which increased by 22.0 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by about eight percent compared with the previous month. The rise was mainly driven by Dhow, which recorded an increase of 23.6 percent and about 11.9 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively.

The total of 64 calls/trips were made by foreign vessels, 637 calls by local vessel and 1,127 calls by dhow. Foreign vessel trips increased by more than one hundred percent (190.9%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year 2025 and decreased by 7.3 percent compared with the previous month of March 2026. Their registered tonnage (GRT) increased tremendously compared with the corresponding month of the previous year 2025 and by 57.0 percent compared with previous month of March 2026.

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

| Description | Unit | | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | April, 2025 | March, 2026 | April, 2026 | April,2026- March,2026 | April,2026- April,2025 |
| Foreign Vessel | Calls | Number | 22 | 69 | 64 | -7.3 | 190.9 |
| | GRT | Tons | 18,801 | 425,012 | 667,254 | 57 | 3,449 |
| Local Vessel | Calls | Number | 564 | 613 | 637 | 3.9 | 12.9 |
| Dhow | Calls | Number | 912 | 1,007 | 1,127 | 11.9 | 23.6 |
| Total Trips | Total CALLS | Number | 1,498 | 1,689 | 1,828 | 8.2 | 22 |
| | Total GRT | Tons | 18,801 | 425,012 | 667,254 | 57 | 3,449 |

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CALLS: Number of Vessels

GRT (Growth Registered Tonne): Vessel Weight

1.2 Passengers

A total of 300,627 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar seaport in April 2026, which increased by about six (6.0%) percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 13.4 percent compared with the previous month. Among the passengers handled, a total of 161,315 passengers were inbound and 139,312 were outbound.

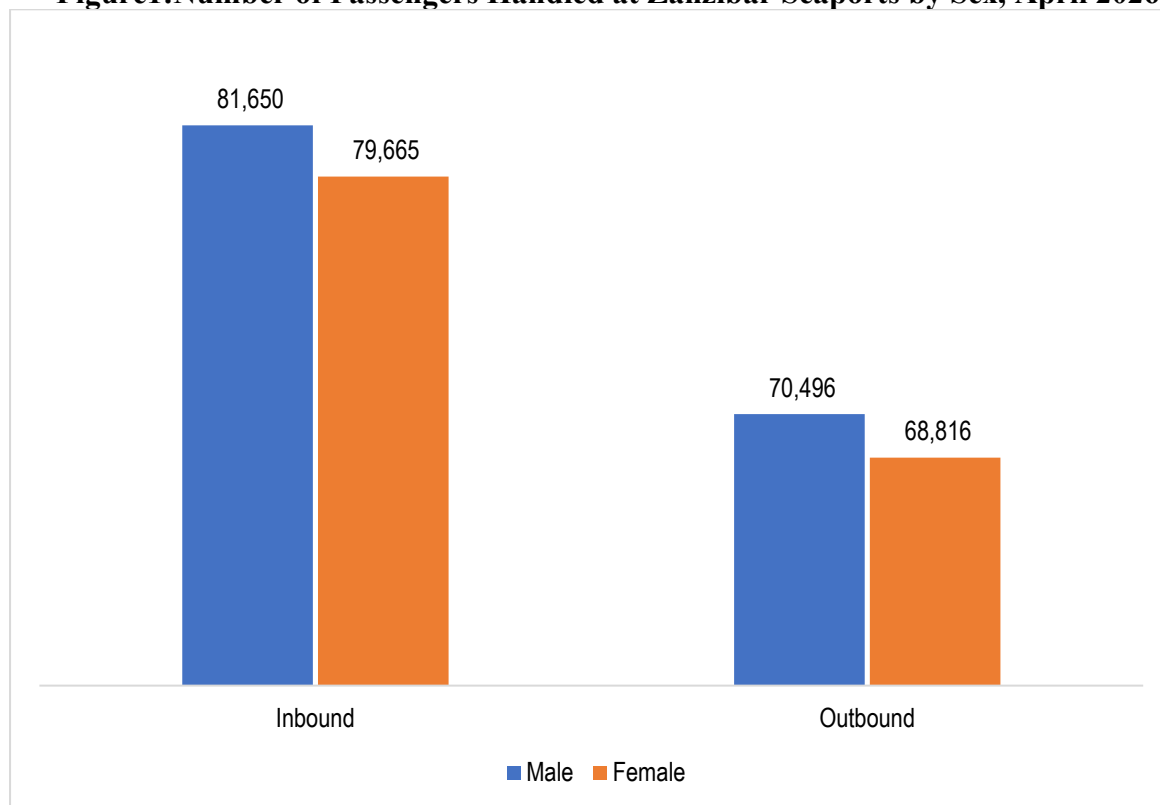
Inbound passengers increased by almost six percent (5.6%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 30.0 percent compared with previous months, which means that more people were arriving in Zanzibar than the same time last year and previous month.

The number of outbound passengers increased by 6.4 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and show slightly decrease by about one (1.2%) percent compared with the previous month.

Table 1.2: Number of Passengers Handled at Zanzibar Seaports, April 2026, March 2026 and April 2025.

| Passenger | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | April, 2025 | March, 2026 | April, 2026 | April,2026- March,2026 | April,2026- April,2025 |
| Inbound | 152,770 | 124,090 | 161,315 | 30.0 | 5.6 |
| Outbound | 130,892 | 140,965 | 139,312 | -1.2 | 6.4 |
| Total | 283,662 | 265,055 | 300,627 | 13.4 | 6.0 |

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



1.3 Cargo

A total of 230,676.2 tons of general and Dhow Cargo were handled at the seaport in April 2026. This is an increase of almost three (2.6%) percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 13.2 percent compared with the previous month. A total of 6,351.0 TEUs were handled in April 2026, which decreased by 19.4 percent and 33.0 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, 217,683.1 tons were imported to Zanzibar and 12,993.1 tons were exported from Zanzibar in April 2026. Imported general and dhows cargo increased by about 17.6 percent and 14.1 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively while exported general and dhows cargo decreased by 67.5 percent and less than one (0.2%) percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively.

The total number of imported TEUs were 3,120.0 which decreased by about 27.6 percent and 32.1 compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while 3,231.0 TEUs were exported in the same period, which decreased by almost ten (9.5%) percent and 33.9 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, April 2026, March 2026 and April 2025.

| Description | Unit | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | April, 2025 | March, 2026 | April, 2026 | April,2026-March,2026 | April,2026-April,2025 |
| Import | | | | | | |
| General Cargo | Tons | 56,327.5 | 107,642.4 | 107,044.3 | -0.6 | 90.0 |
| Dhow | Tons | 128,402.4 | 83,183.0 | 110,638.8 | 33.0 | -13.8 |
| Total | Tons | 184,729.9 | 190,825.4 | 217,683.1 | 14.1 | 17.8 |
| Fuel | Tons | 17,269.9 | 23,790.6 | 10,503.7 | -55.8 | -39.2 |
| Container | TEUS | 4,311.0 | 4,593.0 | 3,120.0 | -32.1 | -27.6 |
| Export | | | | | | |
| General Cargo | Tons | 37,629.2 | 11,372.0 | 10,979.1 | -3.5 | -70.8 |
| Dhow | Tons | 2,389.0 | 1,643.0 | 2,014.0 | 22.6 | -15.7 |
| Total | Tons | 40,018.2 | 13,015.0 | 12,993.1 | -0.2 | -67.5 |
| Container | TEUS | 3,572.0 | 4,887.0 | 3,231.0 | -33.9 | -9.5 |
| Total cargo | | | | | | |
| General and Dhow Cargo | Tons | 224,748.1 | 203,840.4 | 230,676.2 | 13.2 | 2.6 |
| Fuel | Tons | 17,269.9 | 23,790.6 | 10,503.7 | -55.8 | -39.2 |
| Containers | TEUS | 7,883.0 | 9,480.0 | 6,351.0 | -33.0 | -19.4 |

AIR TRANSPORT ZANZIBAR



2.1 Aircraft Movements

Total of 4,601 aircraft movements was recorded in April 2026, rose by 12.2 percent compared with 4,100 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 20.0 percent compared with 5,749 movements recorded in March, 2026. Arriving aircrafts made 2,301 movements which increased by 12.3 percent compared with 2,049 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 19.9 percent compared with 2,874 movement recorded in the preceding month. Departing aircrafts made 2,300 movements, which increased by 12.1 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 20.0 percent compared with preceding month.

International aircrafts made a total of 798 movements, which decreased by 7.3 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and also decreased by 34.1 percent compared with preceding month. Among those international movement, 409 movements were made by arriving international aircrafts and 389 movements were made by departing international aircrafts.

Domestic aircrafts made a total of 3,803 movements which increased by 17.4 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 16.2 percent compared with preceding month. Among those domestic movements, 1,892 movements were made by arriving aircrafts and 1,911 movements were made by departing aircrafts

Table 2.1: Aircraft Movements in Zanzibar Airports, April 2026, March 2026 and April 2025.

| Description | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | April, 2025 | March, 2026 | April, 2026 | April,2026- March,2026 | April,2026- April,2025 |
| International | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 452 | 630 | 409 | -35.1 | -9.5 |
| Departures | 409 | 581 | 389 | -33.0 | -4.9 |
| Total | 861 | 1,211 | 798 | -34.1 | -7.3 |
| Domestic | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 1,597 | 2,244 | 1,892 | -15.7 | 18.5 |
| Departures | 1,642 | 2,294 | 1,911 | -16.7 | 16.4 |
| Total | 3,239 | 4,538 | 3,803 | -16.2 | 17.4 |
| Total Movements | | | | | |
| Arrivals | 2,049 | 2,874 | 2,301 | -19.9 | 12.3 |
| Departures | 2,051 | 2,875 | 2,300 | -20.0 | 12.1 |
| Total | 4,100 | 5,749 | 4,601 | -20.0 | 12.2 |

2.2 Aircraft Passengers

Total of 103,017 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar Airport in April 2026, which is a decrease of about seven (7.0%) percent and 39.2 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively. Among the passengers handled at airports, a total of 47,203 passengers were disembarked and 55,814 were embarked.

Disembarked passengers decreased by about 12.6 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 39.1 percent compared with preceding month which means few people were arriving in Zanzibar than the same time in last year and previous month. The number of embarked passengers decreased by 1.7 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 39.3 percent compared with preceding month. This suggest that March 2026 was much busier than April 2026.

Total of 50,298 passengers from international flight were handled at airport, decreased by about 18.6 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 51.3 percent compared with preceding month. Among those passengers from international flight, 21,706 were embarked and 28,592 were disembarked passengers.

Total of 52,719 passengers from domestic flight were handled at airports, which increased by 7.6 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 20.3 percent compared with the preceding month. Among those passengers from domestic flight, 25,497 were disembarked and 27,222 were embarked.

Table 2.2: Number of Passengers Handled at Zanzibar Airports, April 2026, March 2026 and April 2025.

| Description | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | April, 2025 | March, 2026 | April, 2026 | April,2026- March,2026 | April,2026- April,2025 |
| International flight | | | | | |
| Disembarked | 28,979 | 43,950 | 21,706 | -50.6 | -25.1 |
| Embarked | 32,838 | 59,415 | 28,592 | -51.9 | -12.9 |
| Total | 61,817 | 103,365 | 50,298 | -51.3 | -18.6 |
| Transit | 3,632 | 7,545 | 7,076 | -6.2 | 94.8 |
| Domestic flight | | | | | |
| Disembarked | 25,003 | 33,541 | 25,497 | -24.0 | 2.0 |
| Embarked | 23,970 | 32,609 | 27,222 | -16.5 | 13.6 |
| Total | 48,973 | 66,150 | 52,719 | -20.3 | 7.6 |
| Transit | 15,628 | 17,198 | 17,849 | 3.8 | 14.2 |
| Total Passengers | | | | | |
| Disembarked | 53,982 | 77,491 | 47,203 | -39.1 | -12.6 |
| Embarked | 56,808 | 92,024 | 55,814 | -39.3 | -1.7 |
| Total | 110,790 | 169,515 | 103,017 | -39.2 | -7.0 |
| Transit | 19,260 | 24,743 | 24,925 | 0.7 | 29.4 |

2.3 Amount of Cargo in the Aircraft

The volume of Cargo handled at Zanzibar airports reached 486.2 tons in April 2026, an increase of 47.8 percent compared with 328.9 tons recorded in corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 15.9 percent compared with 577.8 tons recorded in preceding month. Among the cargo handled, a total of 23.5 tons was loaded for exportation and 462.6 tons was unloaded as importation from Tanzania Mainland and rest of the world.

International aircrafts transported a total of 485.4 tons, an increase of 50.7 percent compared with 322.1 tons recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 15.2 percent compared with 572.3 tons recorded in the preceding month. A total of 22.8 tons was loaded for exports and 462.6 tons were unloaded as an import.

Domestic aircrafts transported a total of less than one (0.8) tons which were loaded. There was no cargo that unloaded for April 2026.

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

| Description | Number | | | Percentage Change | |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | April, 2025 | March, 2026 | April, 2026 | April,2026- March,2026 | April,2026- April,2025 |
| International | | | | | |
| Loaded | 10.0 | 23.9 | 22.8 | -4.6 | 127.7 |
| Unloaded | 312.1 | 548.5 | 462.6 | -15.6 | 48.2 |
| Total | 322.1 | 572.3 | 485.4 | -15.2 | 50.7 |
| Domestic | | | | | |
| Loaded | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 28.0 |
| Unloaded | 6.2 | 5.4 | 0.0 | -100.0 | -100.0 |
| Total | 6.8 | 5.4 | 0.8 | -86.2 | -89.0 |
| Total Cargo | | | | | |
| Loaded | 10.6 | 23.9 | 23.5 | -1.5 | 122.2 |
| Unloaded | 318.3 | 553.9 | 462.6 | -16.5 | 45.3 |
| Total | 328.9 | 577.8 | 486.2 | -15.9 | 47.8 |

Glossary

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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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