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SEA TRANSPORT IN ZANZIBAR



1.1 Vessels Movements

Total trips of vessels (Enter and Exit) in June 2026 reached 1,843 which increased by 18.6 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by one percent (1.4%) compared with the previous month. The rise was mainly driven by Dhow, which recorded an increase of 19.4 percent compared with corresponding month of the previous year.

The total of 43 calls/trips were made by foreign vessels, 612 calls by local vessel and 1,188 calls by dhow. Foreign vessel trips increased by 79.2 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by almost nine percent (8.5%) compared with the previous month. Their registered tonnage (GRT) increased tremendously compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and decreased by 21.0 percent compared with previous month.

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

Description	Unit		Number			Percentage Change	
			June, 2025	May, 2026	June, 2026	June,2026-May,2026	June,2026-June,2025
Foreign Vessel	Calls	Number	24	47	43	-8.5	79.2
	GRT	Tons	5,202	158,467	125,111	-21.0	2305.1
Local Vessel	Calls	Number	535	621	612	-1.4	14.4
Dhow	Calls	Number	995	1,201	1,188	-1.1	19.4
Total Trips	Total CALLS	Number	1,554	1,869	1,843	-1.4	18.6
	Total GRT	Tons	5,202	158,467	125,111	-21.0	2305.1

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CALLS: Number of Vessels

GRT (Growth Registered Tonne): Vessel Weight

1.2 Passengers

A total of 283,724 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar seaport in June 2026, which decreased by two percent (2.3%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by about eight percent (7.6%) compared with the previous month. Among the passengers handled, a total of 156,940 passengers were inbound and 126,784 were outbound.

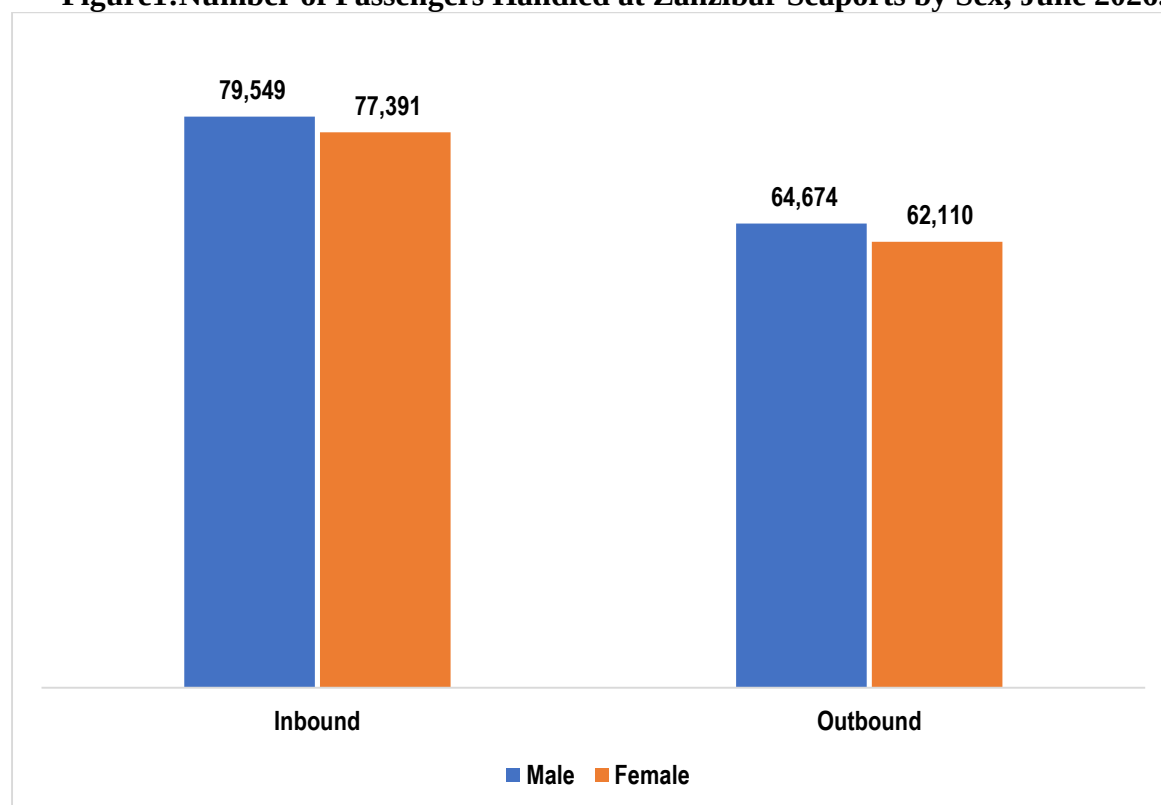
Inbound passengers decreased by one percent (1.1%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by almost seven percent(6.9%) compared with previous month.

The number of outbound passengers decreased by about four percent (3.8%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by almost nine percent (8.5%) compared with the previous month.

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

Passenger	Number			Percentage Change	
	June, 2025	May, 2026	June, 2026	June,2026-May,2026	June,2026-June,2025
Inbound	158,659	146,871	156,940	6.9	-1.1
Outbound	131,839	116,831	126,784	8.5	-3.8
Total	290,498	263,702	283,724	7.6	-2.3

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



1.3 Cargo

A total of 253,196.7 tons of general and Dhow Cargo were handled at Zanzibar seaport in June 2026. This is an increase of 10.0 percent and 17.8 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively. A total of 4,072.0 TEUs were handled in June 2026, which decreased by 36.2 percent and 44.7 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, 237,638.5 tons were imported to Zanzibar and 15,558.2 tons were exported from Zanzibar in June 2026. Imported general and dhows cargo increased by 20.1 percent and by 18.9 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while exported general and dhows cargo decreased by 51.7 percent and increased by two percent (2.3%) compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively.

The total number of imported TEUs were 1,980.0 which decreased by 42.2 percent and by 18.2 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and previous month respectively while 2,092.0 TEUs were exported in the same period, which decreased by 29.2 percent and by 57.7 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, June 2026, May 2026 and June 2025.

Description	Unit	Number			Percentage Change	
		June, 2025	May, 2026	June, 2026	June,2026- May,2026	June,2026- June,2025
Import						
General Cargo	Tons	52,413.3	146,977.5	137,892.5	-6.2	163.1
Dhow	Tons	145,469.6	52,833.2	99,746.0	88.8	-31.4
Total	Tons	197,882.9	199,810.8	237,638.5	18.9	20.1
Fuel	Tons	13,673.5	15,323.9	28,115.8	83.5	105.6
Container	TEUS	3,426.0	2,420.0	1,980.0	-18.2	-42.2
Export						
General Cargo	Tons	29,874.0	12,875.9	14,548.5	13.0	-51.3
Dhow	Tons	2,359.6	2,335.1	1,009.8	-56.8	-57.2
Total	Tons	32,233.6	15,211.0	15,558.2	2.3	-51.7
Container	TEUS	2,954.0	4,945.0	2,092.0	-57.7	-29.2
Total cargo						
General and Dhow Cargo	Tons	230,116.4	215,021.7	253,196.7	17.8	10.0
Fuel	Tons	13,673.5	15,323.9	28,115.8	83.5	105.6
Containers	TEUS	6,380.0	7,365.0	4,072.0	-44.7	-36.2

AIR TRANSPORT

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2.1 Aircraft Movements

Total of 6,006 aircraft movements was recorded in June 2026, decreased by almost two percent (1.9%) compared with 6,122 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 28.7 percent compared with 4,666 movements recorded in May, 2026. Arriving aircrafts made 2,872 movements which decreased by six percent (6.1%) compared with 3,057 movements recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 23.0 percent compared with 2,335 movement recorded in the preceding month. Departing aircrafts made 3,134 movements, which increased by two percent (2.3%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 34.4 percent compared with preceding month.

International aircrafts made a total 1,166 movements, which increased by almost three percent (2.5%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and also increased by 58.9 percent compared with preceding month. Among those international movement, 600 movements were made by arriving international aircrafts and 566 movements were made by departing international aircrafts.

Domestic aircrafts made a total of 4,840 movements which decreased by about three percent (2.9%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 23.1 percent compared with preceding month. Among those domestic movements, 2,272 movements were made by arriving aircrafts and 2,568 movements were made by departing aircrafts

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

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	June, 2025	May, 2026	June, 2026	June,2026- May,2026	June,2026- June,2025
International					
Arrivals	583	379	600	58.3	2.9
Departures	555	355	566	59.4	2.0
Total	1,138	734	1,166	58.9	2.5
Domestic					
Arrivals	2,474	1,956	2,272	16.2	-8.2
Departures	2,510	1,976	2,568	30.0	2.3
Total	4,984	3,932	4,840	23.1	-2.9
Total Movements					
Arrivals	3,057	2,335	2,872	23.0	-6.1
Departures	3,065	2,331	3,134	34.4	2.3
Total	6,122	4,666	6,006	28.7	-1.9

2.2 Aircraft Passengers

Total of 183,427 passengers were handled at the Zanzibar Airport in June 2026, which is a decrease of about eight percent (7.8%) and an increase of 83.8 percent compared with the corresponding month of the previous year and preceding month respectively. Among the passengers handled at airports, a total of 96,295 passengers were disembarked and 87,132 were embarked.

Disembarked passengers decreased by about eight percent (7.6%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 99.8 percent compared with preceding month which means that few people were arriving in Zanzibar than the same time in last year. The number of embarked passengers decreased by eight percent (8.2%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 68.9 percent compared with preceding month.

Total of 99,703 passengers from international flight were handled at airport, decreased by eight percent (8.4%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by more than one hundred (103.6%) compared with preceding month. Among those passengers from international flight, 50,495 were embarked and 49,208 were disembarked passengers.

Total of 83,724 passengers from domestic flight were handled at airports, which decreased by seven percent (7.3%) compared with corresponding month of the previous year and increased by 64.7 percent compared with the preceding month. Among those passengers from domestic flight, 47,087 were disembarked and 36,637 were embarked.

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

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	June, 2025	May, 2026	June, 2026	June,2026- May,2026	June,2026- June,2025
International flight					
Disembarked	54,517	21,772	49,208	126.0	-9.7
Embarked	54,305	27,193	50,495	85.7	-7.0
Total	108,822	48,965	99,703	103.6	-8.4
Transit	5,966	5,810	9,642	66.0	61.6
Domestic flight					
Disembarked	49,715	26,429	47,087	78.2	-5.3
Embarked	40,640	24,403	36,637	50.1	-9.8
Total	90,355	50,832	83,724	64.7	-7.3
Transit	16,301	19,151	13,708	-28.4	-15.9
Total Passengers					
Disembarked	104,232	48,201	96,295	99.8	-7.6
Embarked	94,945	51,596	87,132	68.9	-8.2

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	June, 2025	May, 2026	June, 2026	June,2026- May,2026	June,2026- June,2025
Total	199,177	99,797	183,427	83.8	-7.9
Transit	22,267	24,961	23,350	-6.5	4.9

2.3 Amount of Cargo in the Aircraft

The volume of Cargo handled at Zanzibar airports reached 446.3 tons in June 2026, a decrease of seven percent (7.0%) compared with 479.8 tons recorded in corresponding month of the previous year and a decrease of nine percent (9.0%) compared with 490.6 tons recorded in preceding month. Among the cargo handled, a total of 21.8 tons was loaded for exportation and 424.4 tons was unloaded as importation from Tanzania Mainland and rest of the world.

International aircrafts transported a total of 445.7 tons, a decrease of about seven percent (6.9%) compared with 478.6 tons recorded in the corresponding month of the previous year and a decrease of nine percent (9.1%) compared with 490.3 tons recorded in the preceding month. A total of 21.3 tons was loaded for exports and 424.4 tons were unloaded as an import.

Domestic aircrafts transported a total of less than one tons (0.6) which were loaded. There was no cargo that unloaded for June 2026.

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

Description	Number			Percentage Change	
	June, 2025	May, 2026	June, 2026	June,2026- May,2026	June,2026- June,2025
International					
Loaded	35.0	32.9	21.3	-35.3	-39.2
Unloaded	443.7	457.4	424.4	-7.2	-4.3
Total	478.6	490.3	445.7	-9.1	-6.9
Domestic					
Loaded	0.1	0.3	0.6	60.6	288.2
Unloaded	1.1	0.0	0.0	0	-100.0
Total	1.2	0.3	0.6	60.6	-54.6
Total Cargo					
Loaded	35.1	33.2	21.8	-34.3	-37.9
Unloaded	444.7	457.4	424.4	-7.2	-4.6
Total	479.8	490.6	446.3	-9.0	-7.0

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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