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## **List of Acronyms and Abbreviations**

GCAA Gambia Civil Aviation Authority

GIA Gambia International Airlines

EU European Union

GPA Gambia Ports Authority

GPF Gambia Police Force

NRA National Roads Authority

UNOPS United Nations Office for Project Services

#### Foreword

This report presents the Transport Statistics of The Gambia for the period 2020-2024. It could serve as a catalyst to enhancing the transport sector of the country. The tourism, transport and communication statistics unit under the Directorate of Economic Statistics of the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) data from the Gambia Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), Gambia International Airlines (GIA), Gambia Ports Authority (GPA), the Gambia Police Force (GPF) and the National Roads Authority (NRA).

The data on air traffic movements is from the GCAA and GIA, and the data on sea transport is from GPA, while data on road accidents and number of registered vehicles data is from GPF and the data on the length of roads is from NRA.

The latest annual reports can be accessed on the Gambia Bureau of Statistics' website (https://www.gbosdata.org/). For users who have specific data needs, the tourism, transport and communication statistics Unit could offer the necessary assistance.

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#### 1.0: AIR TRANSPORTS STATISTICS

Air transport statistics is an important indicator to both the public and private sector. It shows how well nations are globalized and connected and promotes the efficient and timely movement of people and goods, thus leading to integration and economic growth. The air transport statistics in The Gambia comprises of different air transport movements, ranging from the movement of air crafts, passengers, freights and mails at the Banjul international Airport.

#### 1.1: Passenger Type

The figure shows that disembarked passengers increased from 210,482 passengers in 2023 to 225,379 passengers in 2024. Similarly, the number of embarked passengers increased from 208,325 passengers in 2024 to 199,944 passengers in 2024.

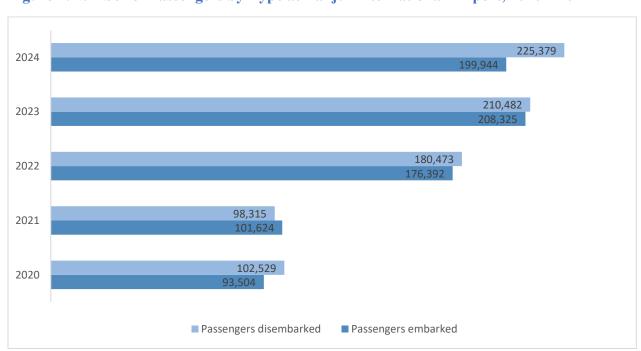


Figure 1: Number of Passengers by Type at Banjul International Airport, 2020 – 2024

#### 1:2 Freight Loaded and Unloaded

The weight of freight<sup>1</sup> unloaded, loaded both increased from 2023 to 2024. Looking at the figure below, the weight of freight unloaded increased by 10 percent from 858,974 kgs in 2023 to 952,100 kgs in 2024. Similarly, freight loaded increased from 772,012 kgs in 2023 to 856,000 kgs in 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The values for 2024 includes mail loaded and unloaded and measured in tonnes

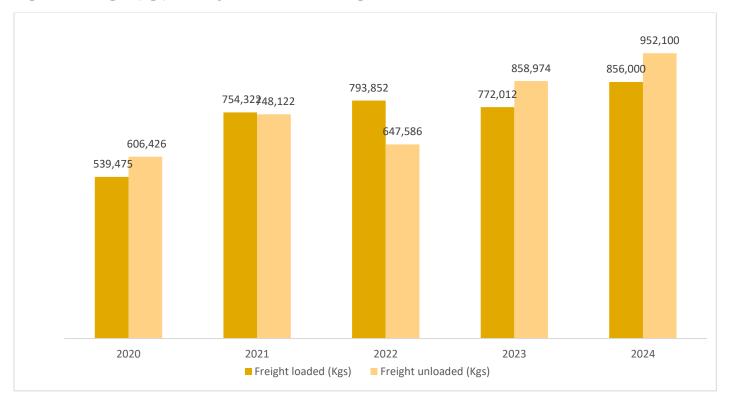


Figure 2: Freight (kgs) at Banjul International Airport, 2020 – 2024

#### 2.0: SEA TRANSPORT STATISTICS

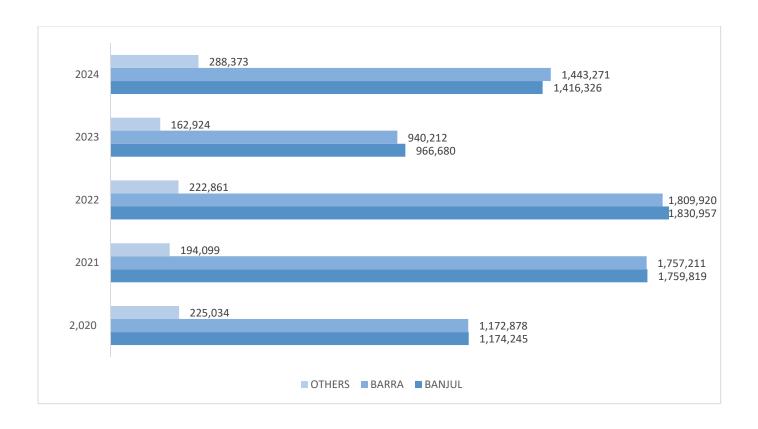
One important indicator for openness of an economy, confidence in its markets and the size of an economy for international traders and business personnel alike is the statistics on transportation of goods in and out of a country. The Gambia as a small open economy is known to be largely dependent on the international economy, sourcing almost all its major goods from other countries. The sea transport statistics mainly entails the number of goods handled, loaded and unloaded at the sea port in Banjul from maritime vessels.

#### 2.1: Passengers crossing at various ferry crossing stations in the Country

The Banjul and Barra ferry crossing stations continue to be the most utilized in The Gambia, consistently handling the highest number of passengers each year. Although both stations experienced a decline in 2023, passenger numbers rebounded in 2024, with Banjul handling 1.42 million and Barra handling 1.44 million passengers.

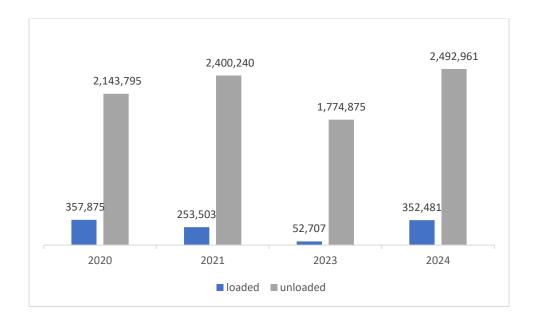
Other ferry stations, including Kaur, Janjanbureh, Barajali, and Bansang, also showed a significant increase from 162,924 passengers in 2023 to 288,373 passengers to 288,373 in 2024.

Figure 3: Number of Passengers at various crossing stations 2020-2024



#### 2.2: Goods Handled from the Maritime Vessels

The total number of goods unloaded has increased from 1,774,875 tons in 2023 to 2,492961 tons in 2024 similarly goods loaded increased from 52, 707 tons in 2023 to 352,481 tons 2024.



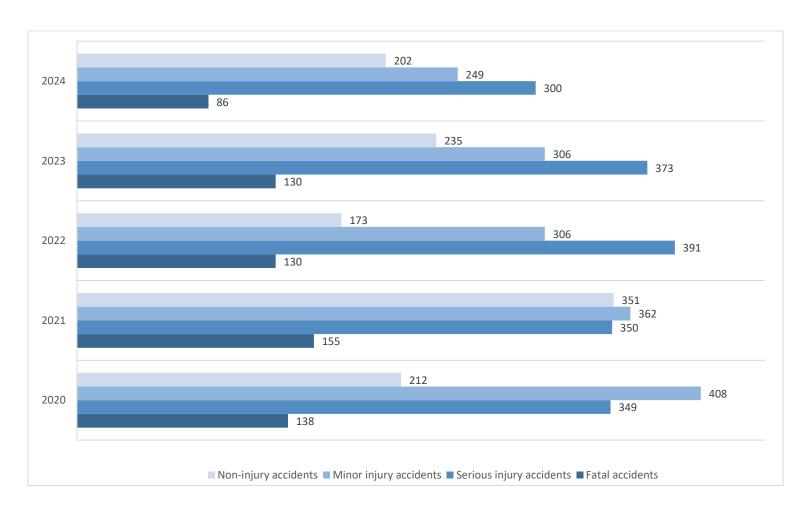
#### 3.0: ROAD TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Road Transport Statistics provides very important statistics on number and types of accident cases reported to the traffic authorities including fatalities and injuries. It also provides information on length of primary and secondary roads as well as paved and unpaved roads available in the country and other types of roads such as tertiary. These statistics will go a long way to inform policy makers for evidence-based decision making especially in terms of road infrastructure, traffic facilities, rules and regulations and on road traffic repairs and maintenance works.

## 3.1: Accidents reported by number and type of Injuries

The figure below shows the types of accidents and their occurrence over the years. Fatal accidents decreased from 130 cases in 2023 to 86 cases in 2024, while serious injury accidents increased from 373 cases in 2023 to 300 cases in 2024. The number of minor injury accidents and non-injury cases both decreased from 306 and 235 in 2023 to 249 and 202 cases in 2024 respectively. Among the categories, serious injury accidents recorded the highest number of cases in both 2023 and 2024 while fatal accidents recorded the lowest accidents cases in both years under review.

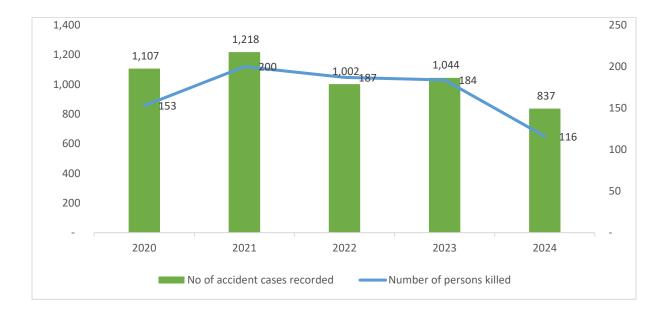
Figure 7: Number of Accident Cases Recorded by Type of Accident, 2020-2024



### 3.2: Number of Accident cases reported and persons killed

The number of accident cases recorded has shown a decreasing trend for the periods 2020 to 2024. The number of cases dropped by 19.8 per cent from 2023 with 1,044 cases to 837 cases in 2024. Similarly, the number of people who died also decreased from 184 persons in 2023 to 116 persons in 2024 showing a significant drop.

Figure 4: Accidents Reported and Persons Killed, 2020-2022



#### **APPENDIX**

Table 1: Air traffic at Banjul International Airport by year, 2020 -2024

Air Traffic	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Aircraft Movements	1,135	1,542	2497	2402	1,763
Passengers disembarked	103,119	98,712	180,473	210,482	225,379
Passengers embarked	89,232	101,734	176,392	208,325	199,944
Total Passengers Handled	192,351	200,446	356,865	418,807	425,323
Freight unloaded (Kgs)	608,426	607,247	647,586	858,974	952,100
Freight loaded (Kgs)	540,884	760,887	793,852	772,012	856,000
Total Freight Handled <sup>*</sup>	1,149,310	1,368,134	1,441,438	1,630,986	1,808,100
Mail unloaded (Kgs)	5,624	23,274	8,781	7,310	-
Mail loaded (Kgs)	14,815	15,244	12,833	25,120	-
Total Mail Handled (Kgs)	20,439	38,518	21,614	32,430	-

Source: GCCA and GIA

Table 2: Number of Passengers crossing at various stations 2020-2024

STATIONS	2,020	2021	2022	2023	2024
BANJUL	1,174,245	1,759,819	1,830,957	966,680	1,416,326
BARRA	1,172,878	1,757,211	1,809,920	940,212	1,443,271
OTHERS*	225,034	194,099	222,861	162,924	288,373

Source: Gambia Ferries Service Company

Table 3: Goods (tons) handle at Seaport 2020-2024

year	loaded	unloaded	<b>Total Goods Handled</b>	
2020	357,875	2,143,795	2,501,670	
2021	253,503	2,400,240	2,653,743	
2023	52,707	1,774,875	1,827,582	
2024	352,481	2,492,961	2,845,442	

<sup>\*</sup> The values for 2024 includes mail loaded and unloaded and measured in tonnes

<sup>\*</sup>The other ferry stations include Kaur, Janjanbureh, Barajali, and Bansang for 2024

Table 3: Accident Cases and Number of Persons killed or injured, 2020-2024

Number of persons killed or injured																				
	Ni C	No of	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	in	Person wolved (sex)	(b)	Per invo (se		(c)	invo	son lved ex)	(d)	Person i (se	involved ex)	Total - number
Year	accident cases recorded	Fatal acciden ts			Serious injury accidents			Minor injury accide nts			Non- injury accide nts			of persons killed annually						
			M	F		M	F		M	F		M	F	annuany						
2020	1107	138	111	42	349	402	133	408	419	176	212	287	36	153						
2021	1218	155	156	44	350	309	131	362	325	138	351	403	68	200						
2022	1002	130	144	43	391	502	158	306	337	158	173	230	52	187						
2023	1044	130	150	34	373	338	107	306	264	76	235	297	38	184						
2024	837	86	73	43	300	319	120	249	220	98	202	286	37	116						
Total	5208	639	634	206	1763	1870	649	1631	1565	646	1173	1503	231	840						

Source: GPF