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Acronyms and Abbreviations

GBoS	Gambia Bureau of Statistics
GCAA	Gambia Civil Aviation Authority
GPA	Gambia Ports Authority
GPF	Gambia Police Force
GFSC	Gambia Ferry Services Company

Concepts and Definitions

Freight Unloaded (tonne): These are goods that were removed from an arriving aircraft in the country. Freight unloaded is also referred to as inbound freight.

Freight Loaded (tonne): These are goods that were placed on an aircraft departing from the country. Freight loaded is also referred to as outbound freight.

Passengers Disembarked: These are passengers who got off the aircraft upon arrival.

Passengers Embarked: These are passengers who boarded the aircraft to depart.

Ferry Passenger Crossings: Passengers recorded crossing the River Gambia by ferry¹.

Fatal Accident: A road traffic accident in which at least one person died, either at the scene or subsequently, as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

Minor Injury Accident: A road traffic accident in which at least one person sustained one or more injuries that did not require hospitalisation, with no fatality occurring.

Non-Injury Accident: A road traffic accident involving only damage to vehicles and/or property, with no person killed or injured.

Persons Killed: Individuals who died as a direct result of road traffic accidents.

Serious Injury Accident: A road traffic accident in which at least one person sustained one or more injuries requiring hospitalisation or significant medical treatment, but no fatality occurred.

¹ Data are compiled from all operational ferry stations in The Gambia, including Banjul, Barra, Kaur, Janjanbureh, Barajali, and Bansang.

Foreword

This report presents Transport Statistics for The Gambia for the period 2021-2025. The report provides a comprehensive overview of the country's air, sea and road transport sectors and serves as an important source of information for policymakers, planners, researchers, development partners and the general public. By providing reliable and timely statistics, the report supports evidence-based planning, policy formulation, infrastructure development, road safety interventions, and the monitoring of transport sector performance.

The Tourism, Transport and Communication Statistics Unit under the Directorate of Economic Statistics of the Gambia Bureau of Statistics (GBoS) compiles these statistics using administrative data obtained from the Gambia Civil Aviation Authority (GCAA), the Gambia Ports Authority (GPA), the Gambia Police Force (GPF), and the Gambia Ferry Service Company (GFSC).

Data on air traffic movements are obtained from GCAA, while data on sea transport are provided by GPA. Statistics on road accidents and registered vehicles are sourced from GPF, and information on passenger ferry crossing statistics is provided by GFSC.

The latest statistical reports can be accessed through the Gambia Bureau of Statistics website (<https://www.gbosdata.org/>). Users requiring additional information or specific data requests may contact the Tourism, Transport and Communication Statistics Unit for assistance.

The Gambia Bureau of Statistics expresses its sincere appreciation to the Statistics Units of GCAA, GPA, GFSC, and GPF for their continued collaboration and for providing the data required for the compilation of this report. The Bureau also acknowledges the dedication and hard work of the staff of the Tourism, Transport and Communication Statistics Unit in producing this publication.

We hope that users will find the report informative and useful for decision-making, research and planning.

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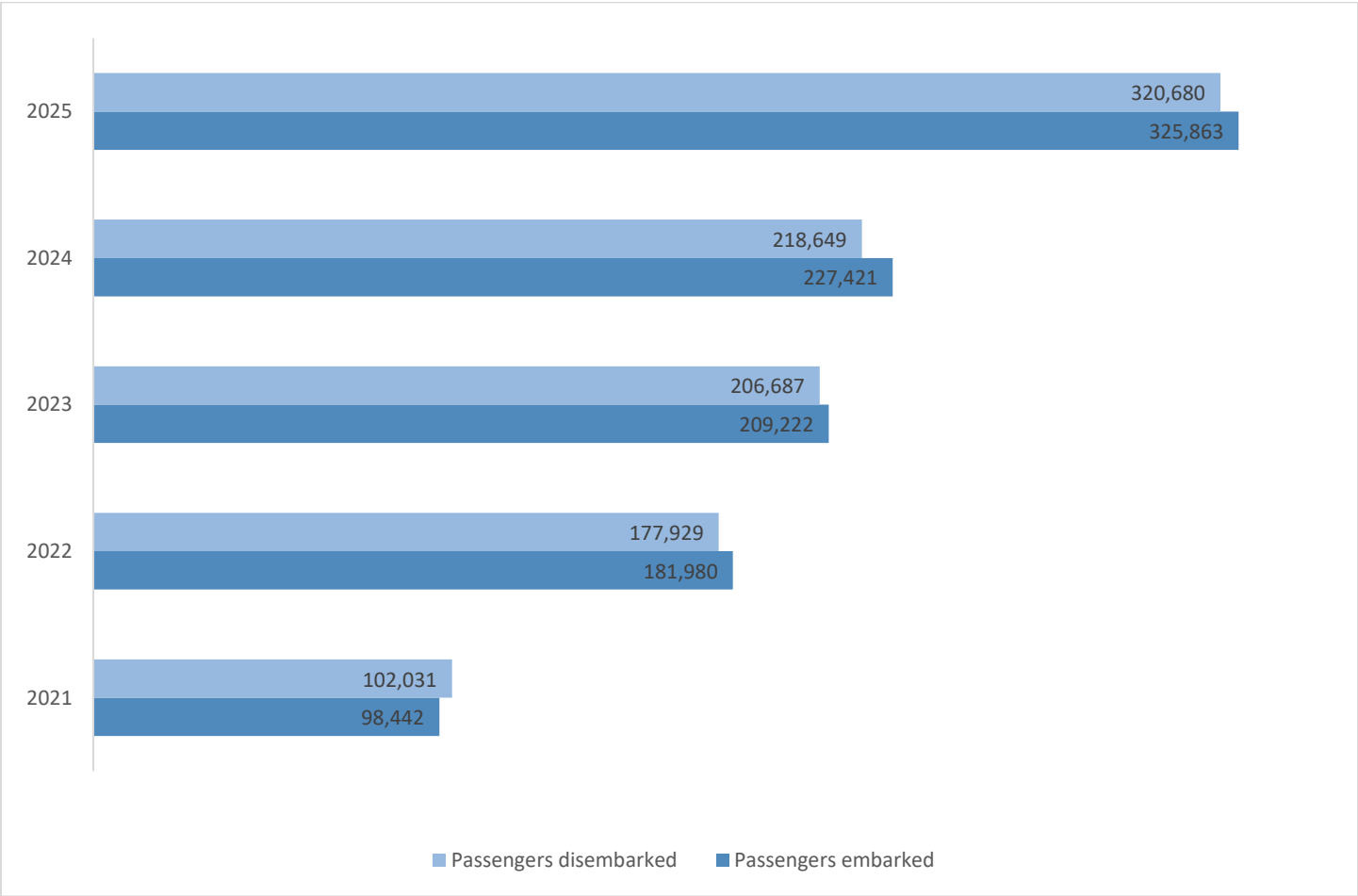
1.0: INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Air transport statistics are an important indicator for both the public and private sectors. They show how well a nation is globalized and connected, and inform evidence-based policies and decision-making that promote the efficient and timely movement of people and goods, thereby supporting integration and economic development. Air transport statistics in The Gambia comprise different air transport movements, including the movement of aircraft, passengers, and freight/cargo at the Banjul International Airport.

1.1: Passenger Type

Figure 1 shows the number of embarked and disembarked passengers at the Banjul International Airport for the period 2021-2025. The number of disembarked passengers increased from 218,649 passengers in 2024 to 320,680 passengers in 2025. Similarly, the number of embarked passengers increased from 227,421 passengers in 2024 to 325,863 passengers in 2025.

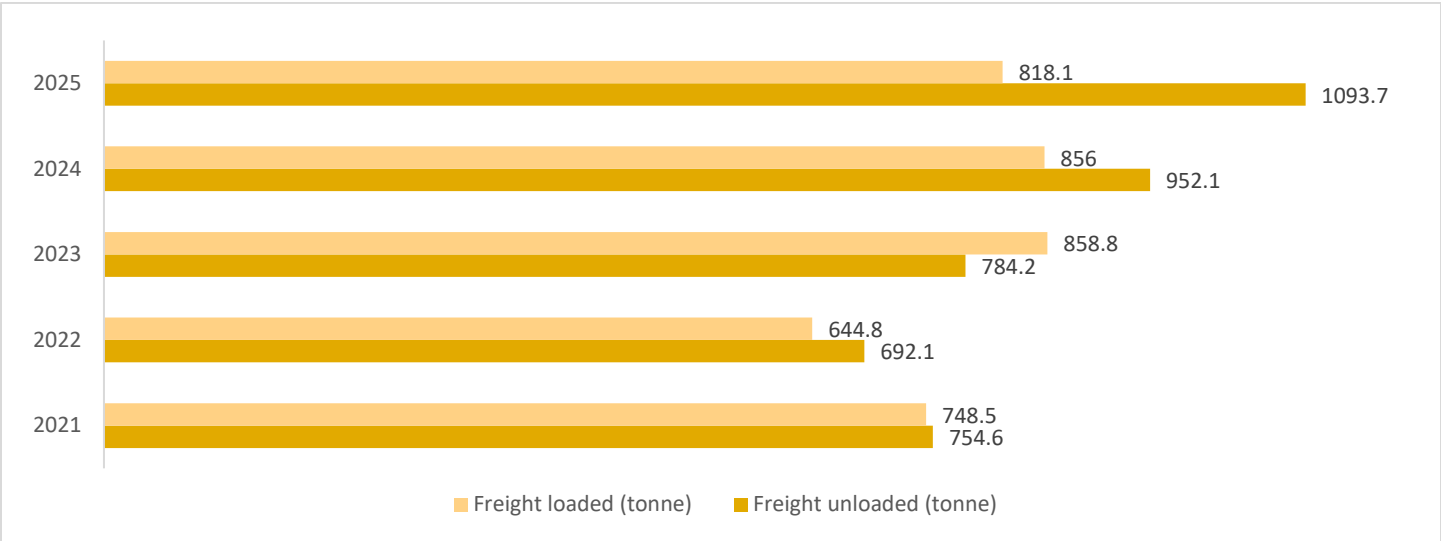
Figure 1: Number of Passengers Embarked and Disembarked at Banjul International Airport, 2021 – 2025



1:2 Freight Loaded and Unloaded

Figure 2 presents the volume of freight loaded and unloaded at Banjul International Airport between 2021 and 2025. Freight unloaded increased from 952.1 tonnes in 2024 to 1093.7 tonnes in 2025, representing an increase of 14.9 per cent. In contrast, freight loaded declined from 856.0 tonnes in 2024 to 818.1 tonnes in 2025, a decrease of 4.4 per cent.

Figure 2: Freight (tonnes) at Banjul International Airport, 2021 – 2025



2.0: SEA TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Statistics on the movement of people and goods by sea provide important insights into the level of economic activity, trade integration and connectivity of a country. As a small open economy, The Gambia relies heavily on international trade, importing a substantial share of the goods consumed domestically. Consequently, sea transport plays a critical role in facilitating the movement of merchandise and supporting economic development.

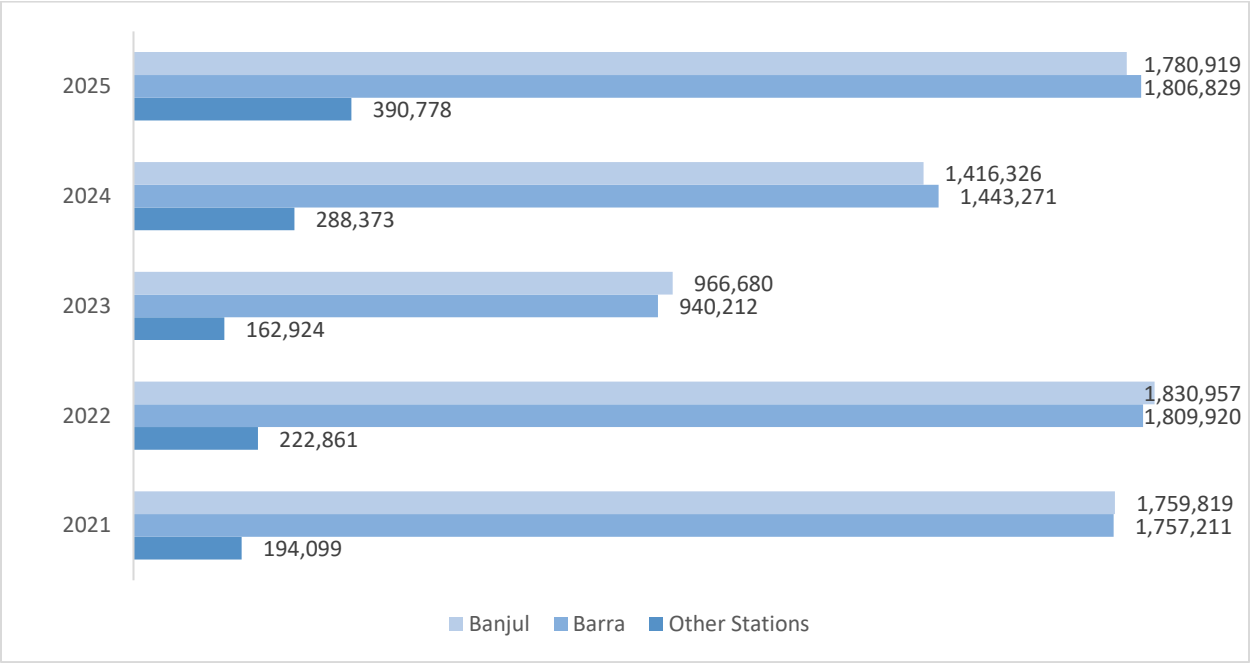
In addition to international maritime transport, inland water transport remains an important component of the national transport system. Ferry crossing stations along the River Gambia provide essential links between communities, facilitate the movement of people and goods, and support economic and social integration across the country.

2.1: Passengers Crossing at Various Ferry Crossing Stations

The Banjul and Barra ferry crossing stations remain the most utilised terminals in The Gambia, consistently handling the highest number of passengers each year. In 2024, Banjul recorded 1,416,326 passengers while Barra handled 1,443,271 passengers, representing a strong recovery from the decline observed in 2023. This upward trend continued into 2025, with Banjul recording 1,780,919 passengers and Barra reaching 1,806,829 passengers, reflecting sustained growth in passenger traffic at both stations.

Other ferry stations, including Kaur, Janjanbureh, Barajali, and Bansang, also recorded notable growth, increasing from 288,373 passengers in 2024 to 390,778 passengers in 2025, further reflecting the growing demand for inland water transport across the country. The decline in 2023 was due to operational disruptions in 2023.

Figure 3: Number of Passengers by Ferry Stations, 2021-2025



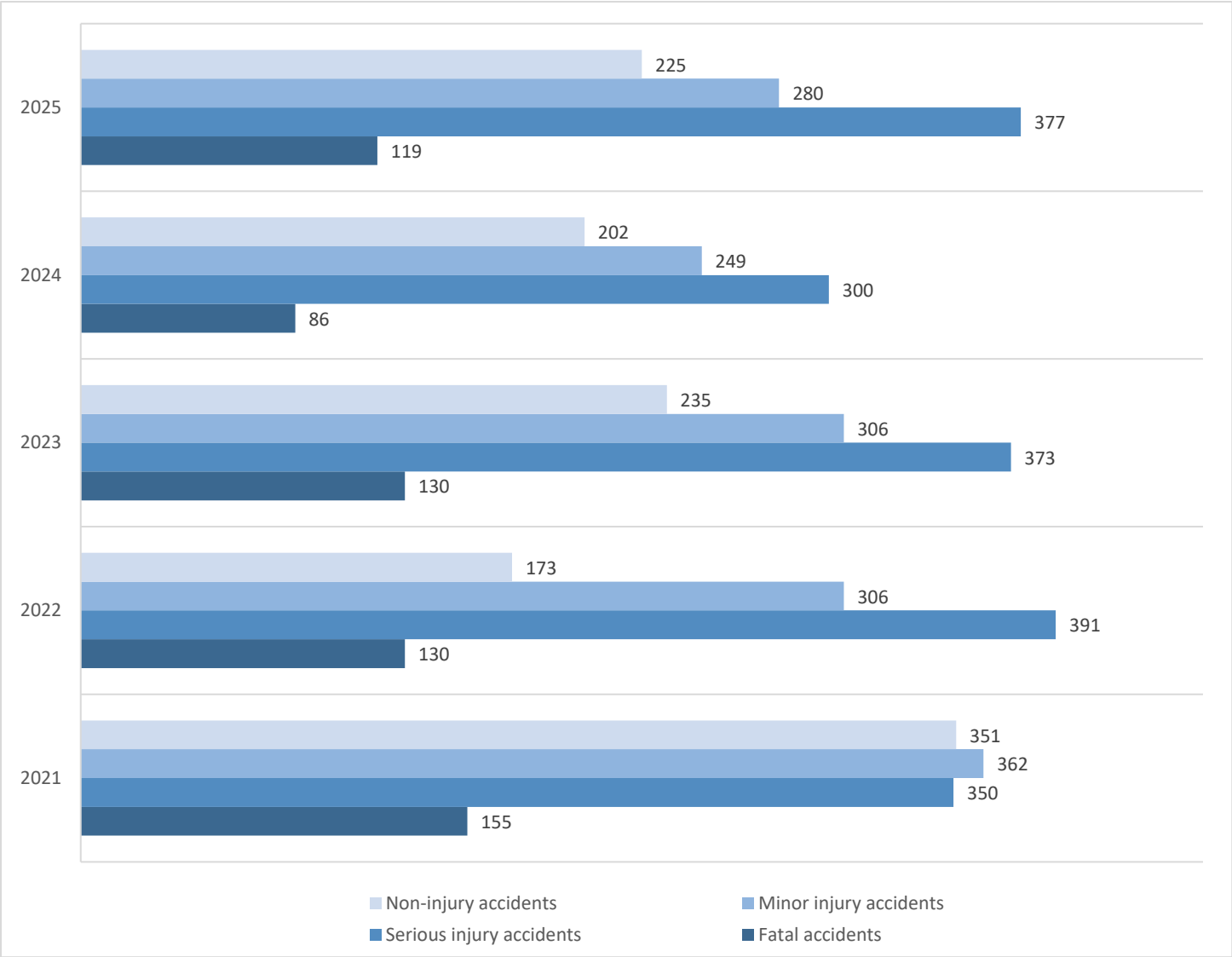
3.0: ROAD TRANSPORT STATISTICS

Road transport statistics provides very important statistics on the number and types of accident cases reported to the traffic authorities including fatalities and injuries. These statistics will go a long way to inform policymakers 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

Figure 4 shows the number of road traffic accidents by type of accident between 2021 and 2025. Fatal accidents increased from 86 cases in 2024 to 119 cases in 2025, while serious injury accidents increased from 300 to 377 cases over the same period. Minor injury accidents also rose from 249 cases in 2024 to 280 cases in 2025, and non-injury accidents increased from 202 cases in 2024 to 225 cases in 2025. Serious injury accidents accounted for the highest number of cases in both 2024 and 2025 while fatal accidents accounted for the lowest number of cases in both years under review.

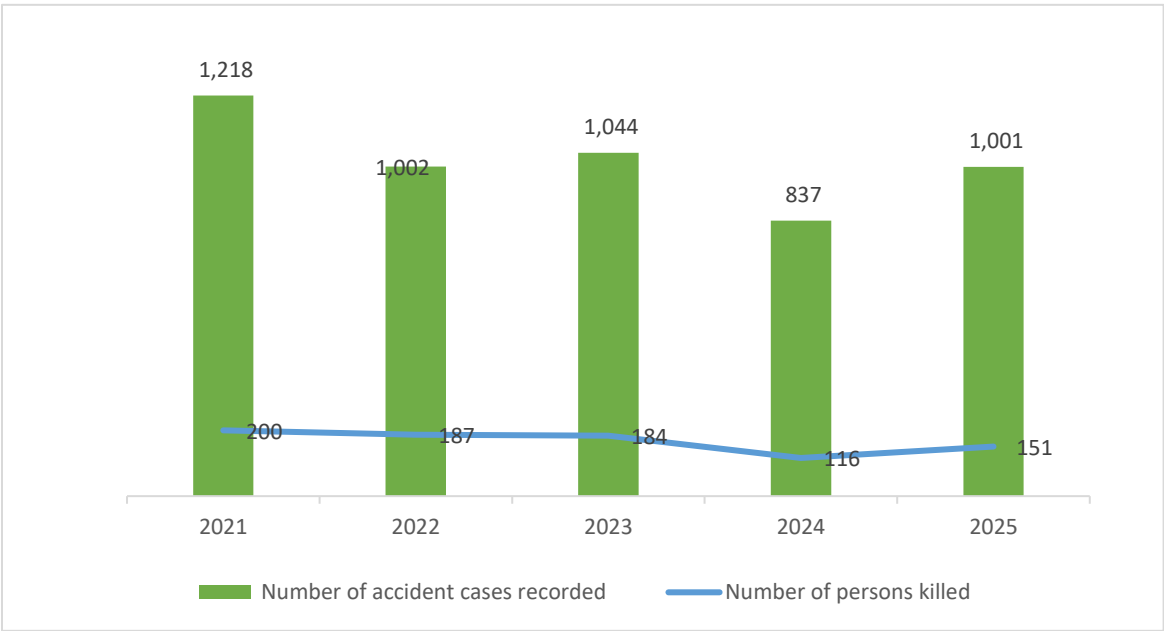
Figure 4: Number of Accident Cases Recorded by Type of Accident, 2021- 2025



3.2: Number of Accident Cases Reported and Persons Killed

Figure 5 shows the number of road traffic accident cases reported and the number of persons killed between 2021 and 2025. The number of accidents cases increased from 837 cases in 2024 to 1,001 cases in 2025, representing a rise of 19.6 per cent. Similarly, the number of persons killed increased from 116 persons in 2024 to 151 in 2025, an increase of 30.2 per cent. Despite this rise, both indicators remain below the levels recorded in 2021 and 2023. This suggests that while the downward trend observed between 2021 and 2024 has reversed, road safety outcomes have not returned to the higher levels recorded in 2021 and 2023. Continued efforts to improve road safety remain important to sustaining the gains achieved in recent years.

Figure 5: Road Traffic Accident Cases and Persons Killed, 2021-2025



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Annex 1: Air Traffic at Banjul International Airport, 2021 -2025

Air Traffic	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Aircraft movements	3,008	2,497	2,402	1,763	1,533
Passengers disembarked	102,031	177,929	206,687	218,649	320,680
Passengers embarked	98,442	181,980	209,222	227,421	325,863
Total passengers handled	200,473	359,909	415,909	446,070	646,543
Freight unloaded (tonnes)	754.6	692.1	784.2	952.1	1093.7
Freight loaded (tonnes)	748.5	644.8	858.8	856	818.1
Total freight handled (tonnes)	1,503.1	1,336.9	1,643.0	1,808.1	1,911.8

Source: Gambia Civil Aviation Authority

Annex 2: Number of Passengers Crossing by Ferry Stations, 2021-2025

Ferry Stations	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Banjul	1,759,819	1,830,957	966,680	1,416,326	1,780,919
Barra	1,757,211	1,809,920	940,212	1,443,271	1,806,829
Other ²	194,099	222,861	162,924	288,373	390,778

Source: Gambia Ferry Service Company

Annex 3: Number of Accident Cases Recorded by Type, 2021-2025

Year	Fatal	Serious Injury	Minor Injury	Non-injury	Total Cases
2021	155	350	362	351	1,218
2022	130	391	306	173	1,002
2023	130	373	306	235	1,044
2024	86	300	249	202	837
2025	119	377	280	225	1,001
Total	620	1,791	1,503	1,186	5,102

Source: Gambia Police Force

² The other ferry stations include Kaur, Janjanbureh, Barajali, and Bansang

Annex 4: Number of Persons Killed or Injured by Type of Accident and Sex, 2021-2025

Year	Fatal Accidents		Total	Serious Injury		Total	Minor Injury		Total	Non-injury	
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female
2021	156	44	200	309	131	440	325	138	463	403	68
2022	144	43	187	502	158	660	337	158	495	230	52
2023	150	34	184	338	107	445	264	76	340	297	38
2024	73	43	116	319	120	439	220	98	318	286	37
2025	117	34	151	358	117	475	257	121	378	326	44
Total	640	198	838	1826	633	2459	1403	591	1994	1,542	239

Source: Gambia Police Force