

TÜRKIYE: AIR CARGO INDICATORS

Türkiye is an emerging economy that in 2023 ranked as 8th in the category of Freight Tonnes-Kilometers by ICAO for scheduled air cargo services.

AIRLINES AIR CARGO INDICATORS, 2024



Freight: **2,317.5 thousands tonnes**



Freight Tonne Kilometre: **11,000.2 million**



Mail Tonne Kilometre: **45.9 million**



Cargo Available Tonne Kilometre: **20,046.8 million**



Cargo Load Factor: **55.1%**



Cargo Yield: **44.8 US cents**

Source: ICAO, Air Transport Reporting Forms, Form A, AS and EF

INTERESTING FACTS, 2024

- **85%** of international air freight to and from Türkiye was transported in the belly of passenger aircraft, while the remaining **15 %** was transported by all-cargo services.
- The freight average distance flown was **12,147 km**.
- An average of **2.56 tonnes** was carried per departure.
- **97%** of Türkiye's air cargo traffic is international.

Source: ICAO, Air Transport Reporting Forms, Form A

MAIN AIR CARGO FLOWS TO/FROM TÜRKIYE



In 2024, Türkiye emerged as a strategic global air hub, connecting Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Its main cargo and mail routes highlight its central role in high-value logistics and e-commerce flows. Air trade patterns confirm Türkiye's specialization in high-value goods per kilogram, while imports from Switzerland, Italy, and China reflect its role in refining and re-exporting strategic commodities. Istanbul is thus consolidated as a key global logistics node integrating supply chains and multimodal connectivity.

Source: ICAO, Air Transport Reporting Forms, Form B

Freight



Istanbul-Dubai: 96.8 thousand tonnes in 2024



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Istanbul-Shanghai: 73.8 thousand tonnes in 2024

Mail



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Istanbul-Guangzhou: 700 tonnes in 2024

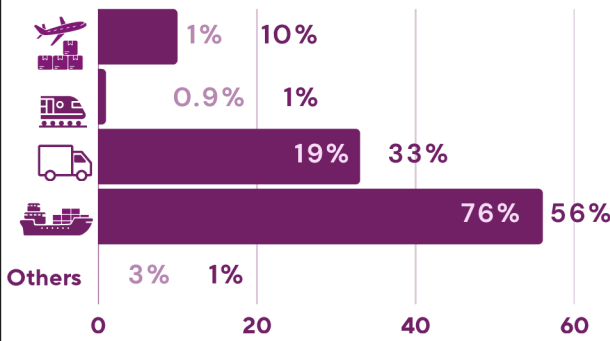


Istanbul-London: 635 tonnes in 2024

EXPORTS, 2024

Value
Volume

Although air transport represents **1%** share of Türkiye's export volume, it carries a high share of export value, accounting for nearly **10%** of the total value of goods exported.

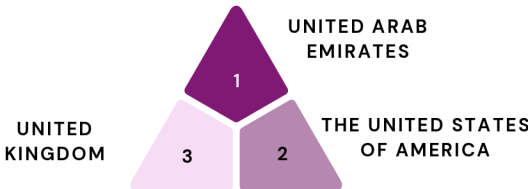


Precious stones and precious metals; boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; and pharmaceutical products require specialised transportation and handling due to their high value, sensitivity and strategic role in global supply chains—highlighting the importance of air cargo as a driver of high-value trade and economic competitiveness.

MAIN EXPORTS BY AIR BY VALUE

- 01 Precious stones, precious metals, pearls and articles thereof
- 02 Boilers, machineries and mechanical appliances, parts thereof
- 03 Pharmaceutical products

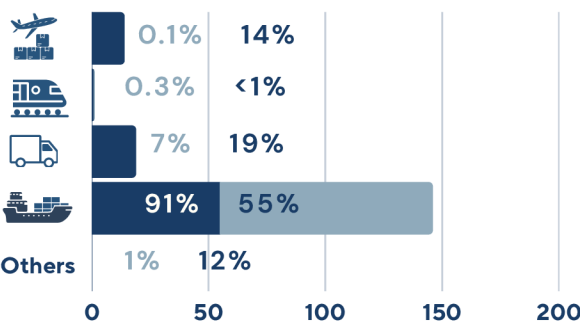
MAIN EXPORTS PARTNERS BY VALUE



IMPORTS, 2024

Value
Volume

Although **0.1%** share in physical quantity, air transport represents **14%** of the total value of Türkiye's imports.



High-value and sensitive goods—such as precious metals, electrical machinery and industrial equipment—require specialised air transport, underscoring the critical role of air cargo in facilitating the movement of time-sensitive and strategic products.

Source: Turkish Statistical Institute
<https://data.tuik.gov.tr/Kategori/GetKategori?p=dis-ticaret-104&dil=2>

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MAIN IMPORTS PARTNERS BY VALUE

