

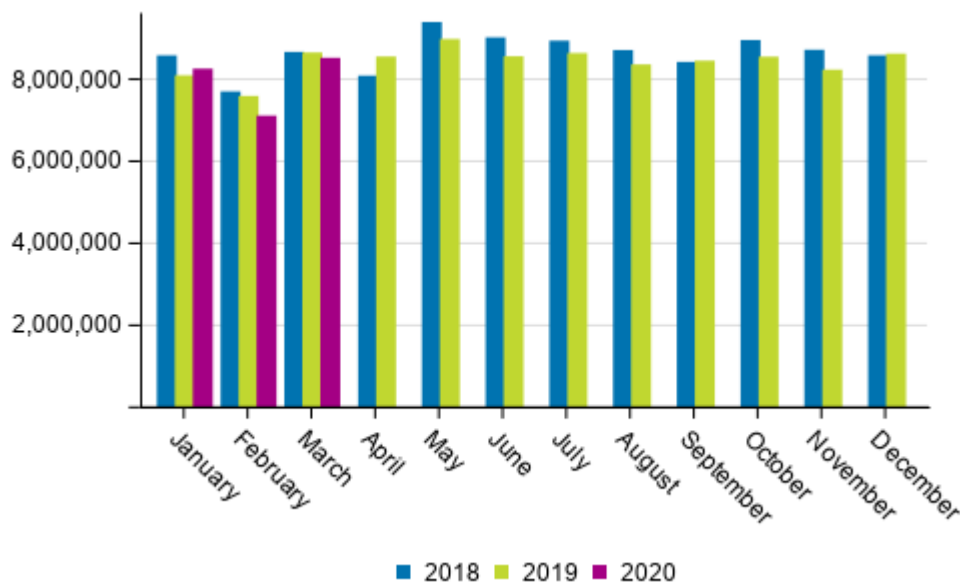
# Foreign shipping traffic

2020, March

## Number of passengers in foreign shipping traffic fell to under one half in March

A total of 491,230 persons were transported in passenger traffic in March 2020. The number of passengers decreased by 59 per cent from last year's March. The goods volume of foreign sea transport was in total 8.5 million tonnes in March 2020. Sea transport decreased by 0.1 million tonnes from last year's March. Export volume fell by 3 per cent and amounted to 4.6 million tonnes. Imports remained unchanged and were 3.9 million tonnes.

Foreign sea Transport by month (tonnes) in 2018 to 2020



General cargo was transported most, in total 1.5 million tonnes, which is 18 per cent of all transport. The second most transported was oil products, 1.2 million tonnes, and crude oil, 0.96 million tonnes.

## Container transport

A total of 0.9 million tonnes of containers were transported through Finnish ports in March 2020, which is 0.2 million tonnes less than in March 2019. The number of containers transported was 67,861 (119,685 TEU containers)<sup>1)</sup>. Exports of containers went down by 26.1 per cent measured in tonnes and imports increased by 1.5 per cent measured in tonnes compared to March 2019.

## Vehicle transport

A total of 178,933 transport equipment were transported in foreign sea traffic in March 2020. Most transports of transport equipment were passenger cars belonging to passengers. In March, 74,633 passenger cars were transported. The second most transported were trucks, 60,627 and truck trailers, 39,051.

## Passenger traffic

A total of 491,230 persons were transported in passenger traffic in March 2020. In all, 267,678 persons travelled between Finland and Estonia and 215,872 persons between Finland and Sweden. Altogether, 7,680 passengers were transported between Finland and Germany. The number of passengers decreased by 59 per cent from March 2019. The number of passengers between Finland and Estonia decreased by 326,139 and between Finland and Sweden by 387,438 from one year ago. In March 2020, no passengers of foreign cruise ships arrived in Finland.

## Vessel traffic and goods volume in the Saimaa Canal

The Saimaa Canal was opened on 30 March and 4,160 tons of transport were registered through the canal in foreign traffic.

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1) TEU, the basic measurement unit of container traffic, refers to one container that is twenty feet long, eight feet wide and 8.5 feet high.

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