

APRIL VOLUMES: FREIGHT GROWTH ACROSS MOST OF NETWORK

April volume numbers are compared to 2023 impacted by most of the Easter holiday period falling in March this year compared to April in 2023. In general, this decreases passenger volumes and increases freight volumes for the month compared to 2023.

Ferry – freight: Total volumes in April 2024 were 13.9% above 2023 and up 10.1% adjusted for the addition of Strait of Gibraltar routes in 2024 and closure of the Calais-Tilbury route in 2023.

North Sea volumes were above 2023 following higher volumes on most routes. Mediterranean volumes were below 2023 as volumes were decreased by the timing difference in April 2024 of a national holiday week compared to 2023.

Channel volumes were above 2023 as were Baltic Sea volumes with all routes carrying more volumes.

For the last twelve months 2024-23, the total transported freight lane metres decreased 0.9% to 39.7m from 40.1m in 2023-22. The decrease was 1.9% adjusted for the addition of Strait of Gibraltar routes and the Calais-Tilbury route closure.

Ferry – passenger: The number of passengers in April 2024 were 24.5% above 2023 and down 7.6% adjusted for addition of the Strait of Gibraltar routes. The decrease was driven by the Easter timing difference. The number of cars were 21.1% above 2023 and down 6.2% adjusted for Strait of Gibraltar.

For the last twelve months 2024-23, the total number of passengers increased 21.8% to 5.1m compared to 4.2m for 2023-22. The increase was 10.0% adjusted for the addition of Strait of Gibraltar routes.

DFDS ferry volumes

	April				Last twelve months			
	2022	2023	2024	Change	2022	2023	2024	Change
Freight								
Lane metres, '000	3,785	3,081	3,508	13.9%	43,581	40,076	39,734	-0.9%
Passenger								
Passengers, '000	332	406	506	24.5%	1,371	4,184	5,098	21.8%

DFDS reports monthly ferry volumes for freight and passengers to provide insight into the development of volume trends in our European route network enabling trade and travel in and around Europe. The May 2024 volume report is expected to be published on 12 June 2024 at around 10.00am CET.

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We move goods in trailers by ferry, road & rail and we offer complementary and related transport and logistics solutions.

We also move car and foot passengers on short sea and overnight ferry routes.

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