



# TRADE REPORT FY2024

## FREIGHT AND TRADE

Freight volumes across key commodity sectors continue to reflect Tasmania's economic stability. Recorded throughput for FY2024 was 14.2 million tonnes, two per cent lower than FY2023 volumes of 14.5 million tonnes.

This slight decrease compared to the previous year is primarily driven by a decline in forestry export volumes and industrial volumes. While demand for forestry remained relatively stable, fluctuations in demand for woodchips and logs were influenced by volatile market conditions and trade policies. The decline in industrial and manufacturing volumes were in part due to customer operational constraints and increased international competition for certain commodities.

The key ports of Devonport, Burnie and Bell Bay in the State's north and north-west continue to host the majority of all commodities transited, with a combined total of 12.4 million tonnes (87 per cent of total tonnes) for FY2024. The southern port of Hobart remains the key transit point for Antarctic requirements and maritime tourism, alongside fuels, lead and zinc concentrate and sulphuric acid, with 1.6 million tonnes (12 per cent of total tonnes) for FY2024.

The Port of Burnie is Tasmania's largest port in terms of tonnes, accounting for 35 per cent of total tonnage across 463 ship visits (18 per cent of total ship visits). The Port of Devonport's throughput entailed 28 per cent of total tonnage shipped over 975 ship visits (37 per cent of total ship visits). During the same period, the Port of Bell Bay managed 24 per cent of total tonnage via 248 vessel visits.

## CONTAINERISED FREIGHT

During FY2024, Containerised and General Cargo volumes continued to demonstrate sustained growth. Tasmania saw a record 633,177 Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) transiting its multi-port network, representing a three per cent increase on the previous year. Increased demand for containerised goods has persisted in recent years with Tasmania's retail trade reaching record highs and remaining strong despite national economic headwinds.

Key transit points for containerised freight are the ports of Bell Bay (direct international), Burnie and Devonport (domestic service to Melbourne). The Port of Hobart primarily serves Antarctic requirements for containerised goods.

The top containerised commodities included general cargo, empty containers, foods and forestry products.

The Port of Devonport managed 50 per cent of total TEU throughput, while the Port of Burnie managed 43 per cent of total TEU throughput during FY2024. The remaining seven per cent TEU throughput was managed between all other ports across the network.

On King Island, there was a notable increase in TEU volumes for TasPorts-owned, Bass Island Line (BIL), servicing the community. This is consistent with additional BIL sailings introduced to support livestock and fodder movements due to lengthy dry conditions.

## CRUISE

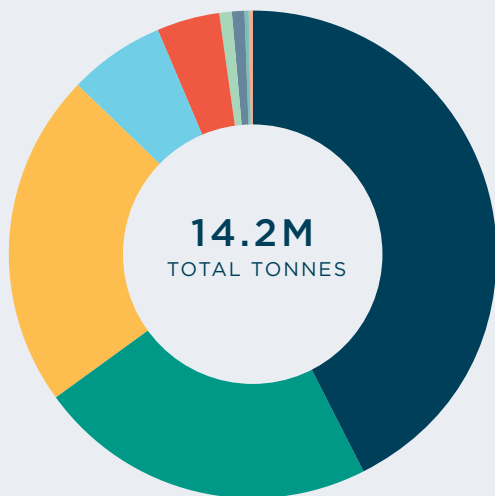
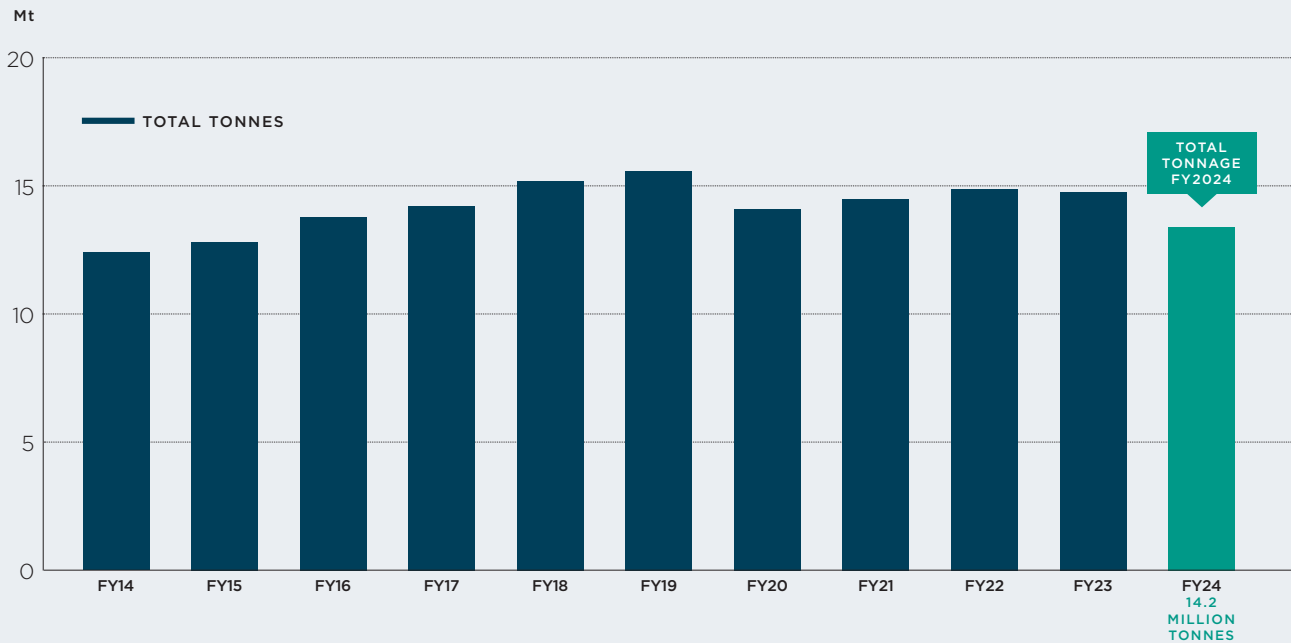
TasPorts remains a major supporter of the cruise industry, recognising the economic benefits to the State and regional communities.

During FY2024, cruise ship visits (excluding expedition cruise) experienced a growth of 14 per cent, with 144 visits to ports around Tasmania's multi-port system against 126 visits in FY2023.

The high volume of cruise bookings during FY2024 was largely attributable to the introduction of two new cruise lines, Virgin Voyages and Disney Cruise into the Australian market, both of whom incorporated a significant Tasmanian deployment in their inaugural season in the region.

The Port of Hobart recorded the highest activity with 83 visits. The Port of Burnie followed closely with 33 visits, while popular regional destination, Port Arthur, experienced 19 visits.

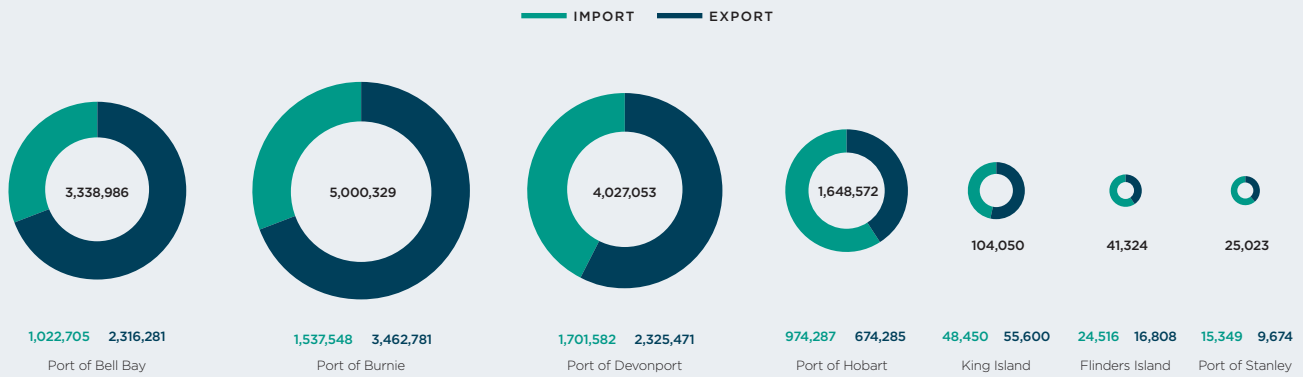
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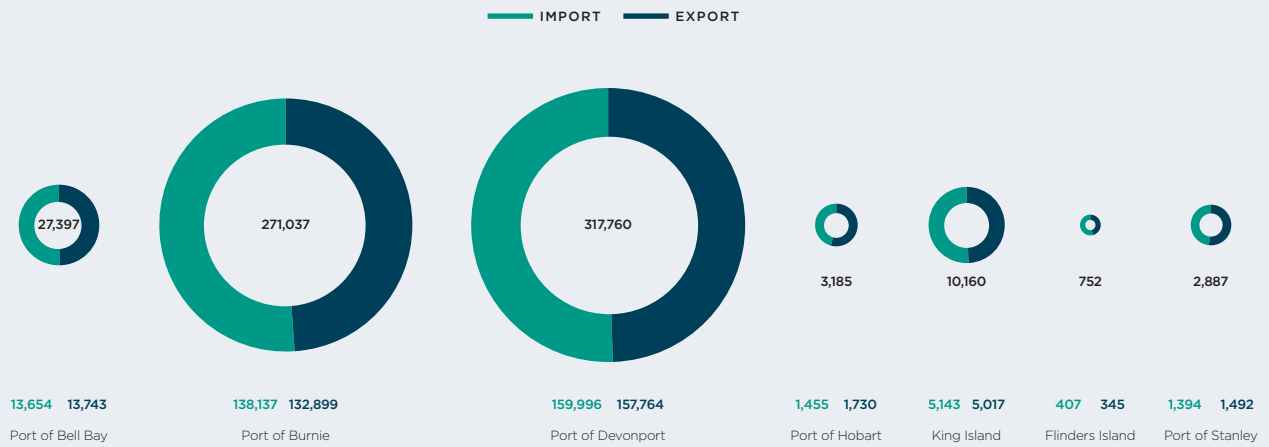
### TOTAL TONNAGE BY CUSTOMER SEGMENT FY2024

Containerised & General Cargo	6,061,660t
Industrial	3,181,002t
Bulk Forestry	3,146,961t
Fuels	900,606t
Mining	604,156t
Fertiliser	124,636t
Other	118,977t
Aquaculture	40,863t
Antarctic	6,476t

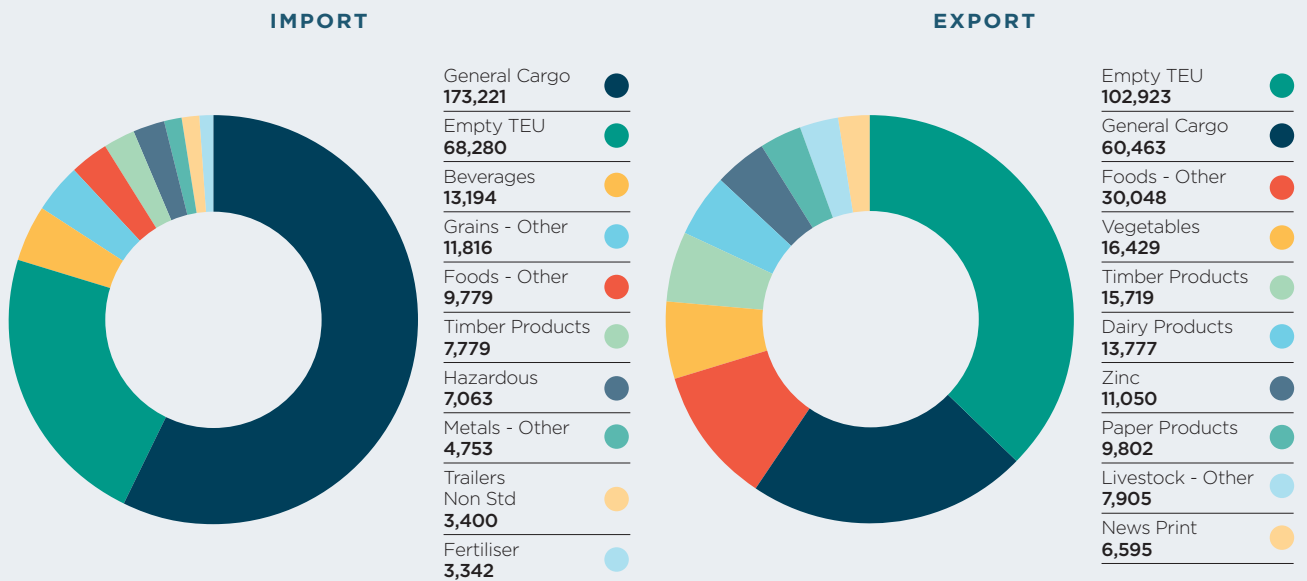
## TONNAGE BY PORT FY2024



## TEU BY PORT FY2024



## TOP 10 TEU BY COMMODITY FY2024



## VESSEL VISITS & KEY COMMODITIES FY2024



Total Vessel Visits\*



Antarctic



Forestry



Fuels



General Cargo



Industrial Bulk



Minerals

ADVENTURE BAY	6									
COLES BAY	10									
FLINDERS ISLAND	205									
KING ISLAND	190									
PORT ARTHUR	48									
PORT DAVEY	6									
PORT LATTA	33									
PORT OF BELL BAY	248									
PORT OF BURNIE	463									
PORT OF DEVONPORT	975									
PORT OF HOBART	359									
PORT OF STANLEY	82									
SPRING BAY	5									

