

A **port** is a place having facilities for merchant ships to moor and to load or unload cargo or to disembark or embark passengers to or from vessels, usually directly to a pier.

A **statistical port** consists of one or more ports, normally controlled by a single port authority, able to record ship and cargo movements.

A **hub port** is a port served by deep sea scheduled shipping and by scheduled short sea shipping.

## Related concepts

- [Main ports](#)
- [Navigable inland waterway](#)

## Statistical data

- [Maritime transport of goods - quarterly data](#)
- [Transport statistics introduced](#)

## Source

- [Glossary for transport statistics, Eurostat, ECMT, UN/ECE, 3rd edition](#)