Shipping statistics – UK ports by tonnage 2018

In 2018 the following ports were the top 10 in terms of tonnage

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| Port | Number of million tonnes (rounded to the nearest million tonnes) | Percentage change from 2017 |
| Grimsby and Immingham | 56 | +3% |
| London | 53 | +7% |
| Southampton | 35 | 0 |
| Liverpool | 33 | 0 |
| Milford Haven | 31 | -3% |
| Tees and Hartlepool | 29 | +1% |
| Felixstowe | 28 | -3% |
| Forth | 27 | -3% |
| Dover | 25 | -5% |
| Belfast | 19 | +4% |

Regional variations

Whilst these figures are accurate, they do not paint the whole picture. Over the past 10 years the overall tonnage has remained relatively stable, with an overall 4% decrease, however the total tonnage handled by all Scottish ports declined by 24% during this period, mostly due to the decline in liquid bulk transport. 70% of this overall tonnage is through English ports. Traffic through Northern Irelands ports have increased by 37% over the past decade as both Belfast and Warrenpoint have shown steady growth. The slight increase in English tonnage is driven by relatively large increases at Grimsby & Immingham, London and Tyne. The trend in Wales mirrors Milford Haven tonnage, which accounts for two-thirds of Welsh traffic. 97% of tonnage at Milford Haven is liquid bulk, making it the largest liquid bulk port in the UK.