

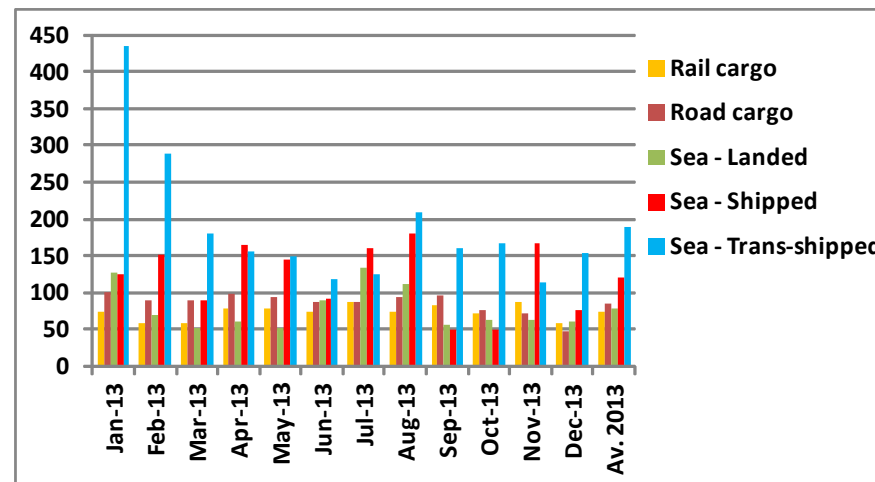


Overall transport index (Jan. 2008 = 100)



The transport sector contributed about 1.9 per cent to GDP over the past decade and employed 22,680 workers in 2012 accounting for 3.6 per cent of all employees. Transport and logistics is one of the NDP4 priority areas. The composite transport index is based on the volume of goods forwarded by road, rail and sea and weighted by the mode's contribution to GDP. The sector started 2013 strongly with an index of 101 in January and performed relatively well during the second and third quarter. However, it ended the year on a low of 51 in December and remained with a monthly average of 71 during 2013 below its performance in January 2008 that serves as the base month.

Transport sub-sector indices (Jan. 2008 = 100)



The best performing sub-sector during 2013 was trans-shipment by sea that reached a monthly average index of 188, mainly supported by an excellent performance in January 2013. Trans-shipments contributed 20 per cent to the total volume of cargo moved at Namibia's two ports. Exports via sea (sea – shipped) showed also strong growth compared to the base month of January 2008 and achieved an average monthly index of 121 for 2013. At the other end of the scale, rail cargo closed the year with a monthly average of 73 and hence below its performance in January 2008. Imports via sea (sea – landed) and road cargo performed slightly better than rail cargo, but the indices remained below 100 at 77 and 84 respectively indicating that they performed below the levels of the base month January 2008.

