

Data Notes

Merchant Fleets of the World

Privately-owned, oceangoing merchant vessels over 1,000 gross tons

As of January 1, 2015

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Introduction: This is a report that contains summary information on oceangoing merchant vessels of 1,000 gross tons and over, by flag of registry and major vessel type as of January 1, 2015. This report includes Government-owned vessels of many different countries that possess an IMO number.

What is an oceangoing merchant vessel? We first take a list that contains over 110,000 oceangoing merchant vessels registered with an International Maritime Organization (IMO) number through IHS Maritime and isolate merchant vessels from all other types of vessels utilizing the “Statcode.” For more information about Statcode, please visit IHS at this website: http://www.ihsfairplay.com/about/imo_standards/Setting_Industry_Standards.pdf

Vessel Types: MARAD uses six vessel categories in this report:

- **Containerships** - Container Ship, Passenger/Container Ship
- **Dry Bulk** - Aggregates Carrier, Bulk Carrier, Bulk/Liquid Carrier, Cement Carrier, Limestone Carrier, Ore Carrier, Ore/Oil Carrier, Powder Carrier, Refined Sugar Carrier, Self-Discharging Bulk Carrier, Urea Carrier, Wood Chips Carrier
- **General Cargo** - Barge Carrier, Deck Cargo Ship, General Cargo Ship, Heavy Load Carrier, Livestock Carrier, Nuclear Fuel Carrier, Palletised Cargo Ship, Passenger/General Cargo Ship, Refrigerated Cargo Ship
- **Passenger** - Passenger (Cruise) Ship, Passenger Ferry, Passenger/Ro-Ro Cargo Ship
- **Ro-Ro** – Container/Ro-Ro Cargo Ship, Landing Craft, Ro-Ro Cargo Ship, Vehicles Carrier
- **Tanker** - Bitumen Tanker, Caprolactam Tanker, Chemical Tanker, Chemical/Oil Products Tanker, CO2 Tanker, Coal/Oil Mixture Tanker, Crude Oil Tanker, Edible Oil Tanker, Fruit Juice Carrier, LNG Tanker, LPG Tanker, Molasses Tanker, Oil Products Tanker, Vegetable Oil Tanker, Water Tanker, Wine Tanker.

Methodology

This report utilizes the same methodology used in determining the U.S.-Flag, privately-owned, oceangoing merchant fleet. In addition, this report also includes ships that trade on the Great Lakes, passenger/ferry vessels and also Government-owned ships, specifically in the MARAD Ready Reserve Fleet. Therefore, the numbers on this report may reflect differently than other MARAD reports on the U.S. Flag Fleet.

Data Source: IHS Maritime – Lloyds Maritime Database (TLMD)