

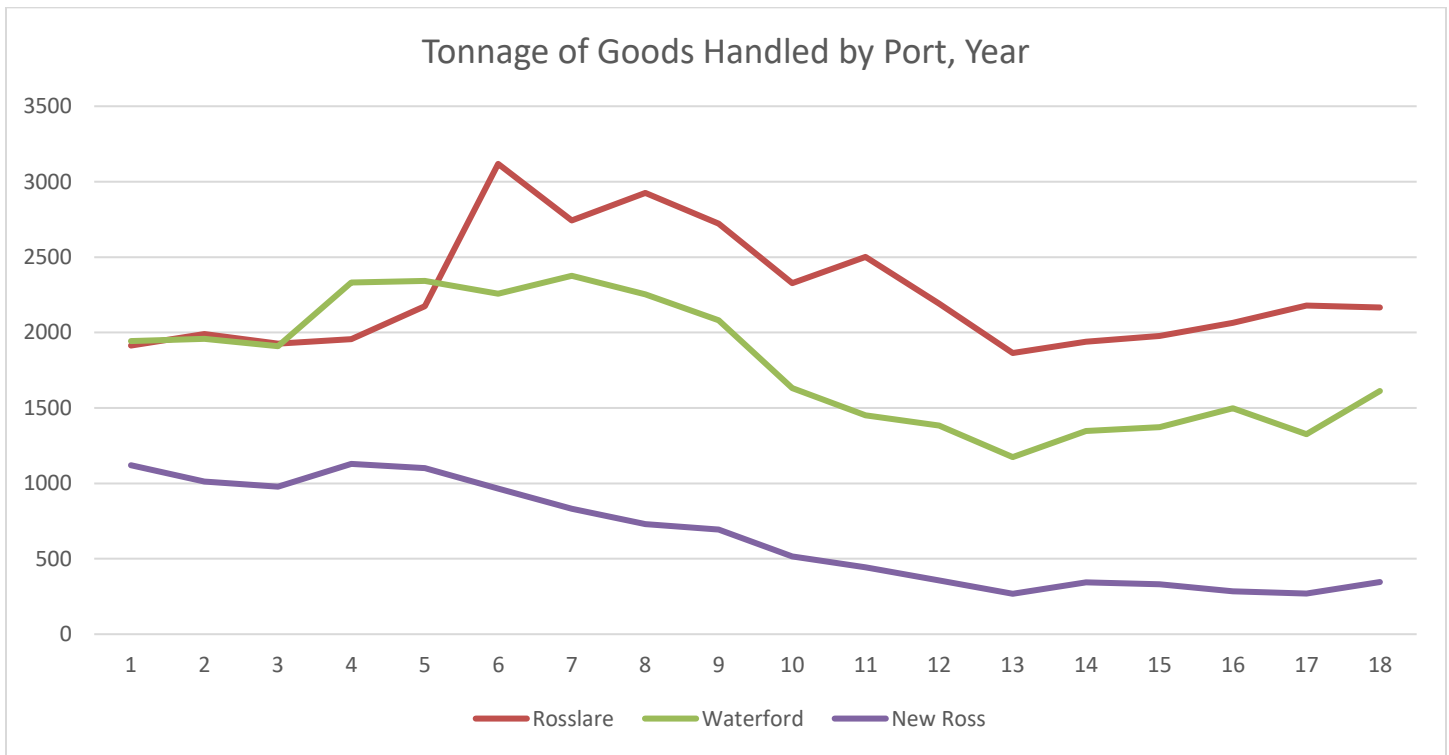
1. The region

The region has three complementary ports

- Rosslare Europort- roll-on-roll-off
- Port of Waterford Belview- Bulk and container
- Port of New-Ross- Dry and liquid bulk

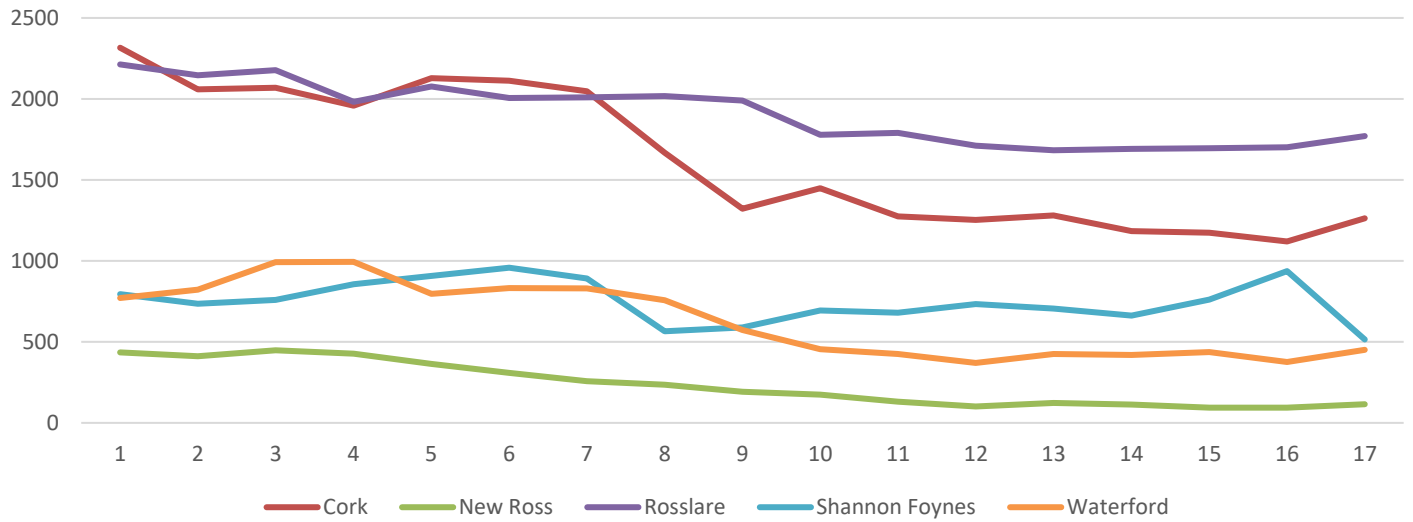


The region's Ports

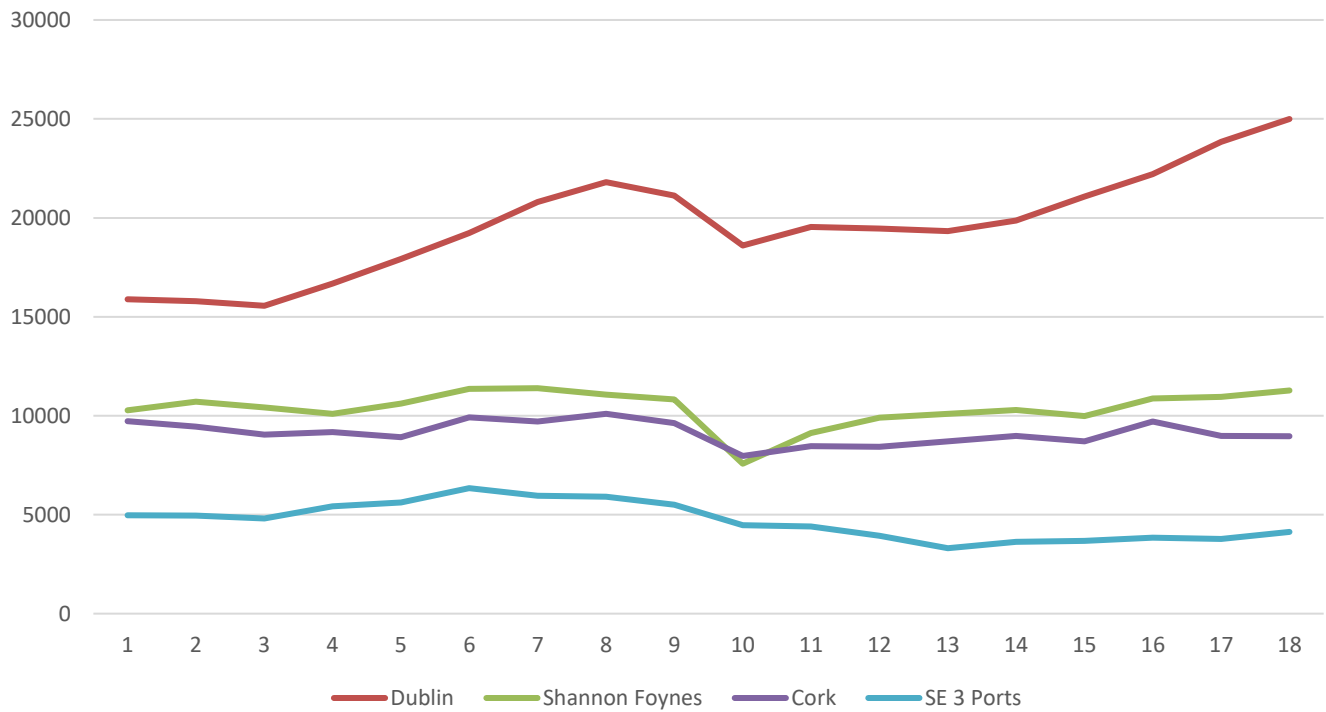


All three ports have been under-pressure over the long run, having shown a decline since year 2000.

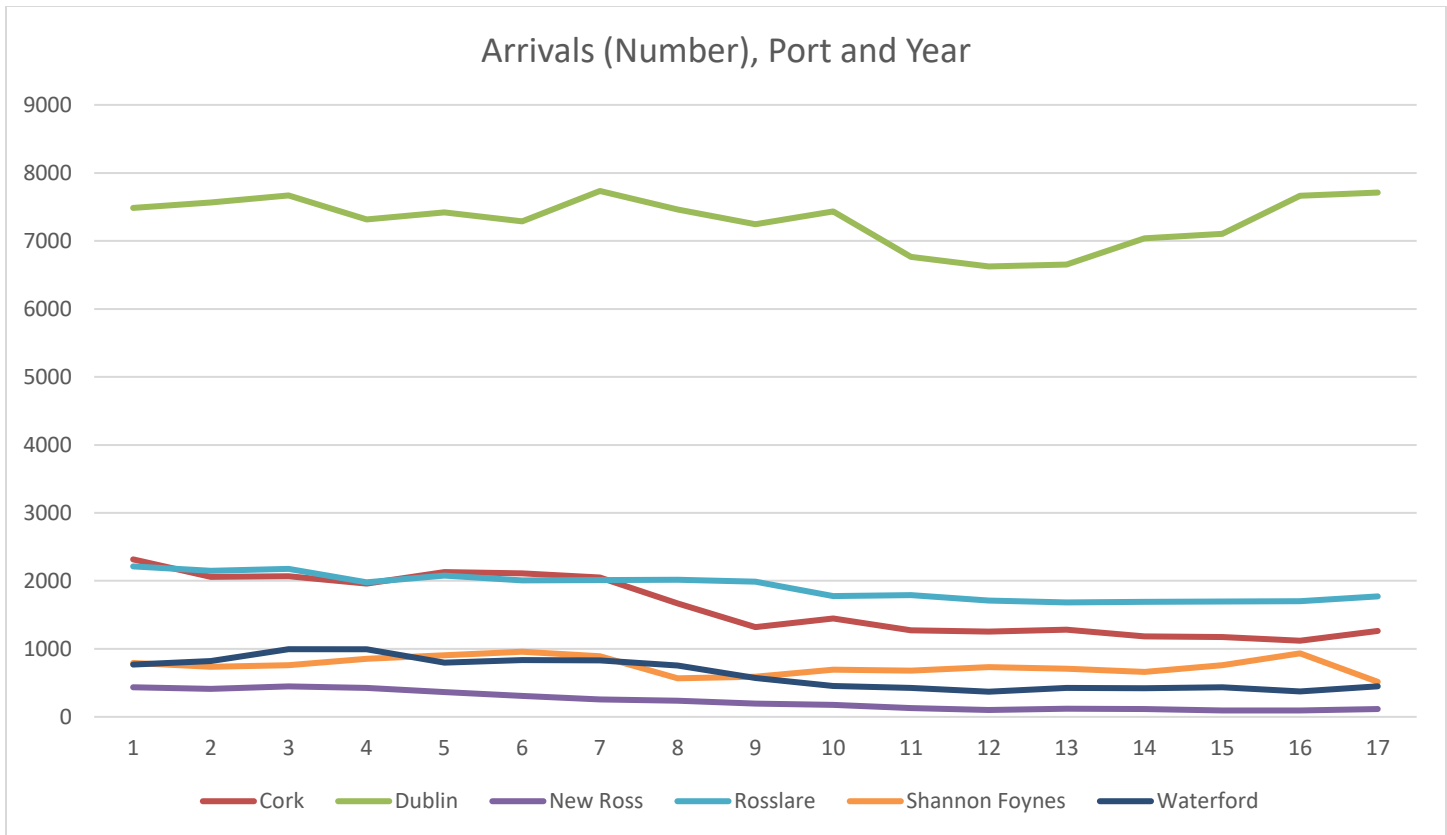
Arrivals (Number), Port and Year (excl Dublin)



SE 3 Ports V's Dublin, Shannon and Cork Tonnage of Goods by Port, Year



Dublin port is growing strongly, all regional ports have not grown consistently.



Designation

Dublin, Cork and Shannon are designated TEN-T, tier one ports of national significance. These are ports that are responsible for at least 15% of overall tonnage and are considered by Government to have clear potential to lead the development of future port capacity in the medium to long term. Such designation attracts significant investment. Both New Ross Europort and Port of Waterford Belview are the only ports at the next level of designation- ports of national significance tier 2.

Challenges in regions ports suggest further decline

- The EIB is funding Irish Ferries' new boats which plan to move capacity from Rosslare to Dublin.
- Regional rail services have been in decline with the withdrawal Rosslare-Waterford line, and recent announcements in The Port of Waterford DFDS-Irish rail service
- Losing out on the TEN-T designation

Points of optimism

- Dublin port is growing and is associated with congestion
- The SE road network has received €1.8bn in the past 15 years with significant upgrades to the N25, investment in the M11 and M9

Further reading

National Ports Strategy: <http://www.dttas.ie/sites/default/files/node/add/content-publication/National%20Ports%20Policy%202013.PDF>

<http://www.eib.org/en/projects/loan/list/?region=1&country=IE>

About

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