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Total cruise passengers in December amounted to 15,737, down by 34.6 per cent over 2010. There were eight cruise liner calls during the month, with an average 1,967 passengers per vessel.

## Cruise passengers: December 2011

The number of visitors in transit stood at 15,708, down by 33.9 per cent when compared with December 2010. The majority of cruise passengers were aged between 60 and 79 (5,274), followed by passengers in the 40-59 age group, which numbered 4,613. During the month, female passengers outnumbered males and accounted for 51.4 per cent of the total market.

Visitors from EU countries numbered 11,579, down by 15.9 per cent. Almost all European markets recorded drops in December with the exception of Italy and France. With 5,327 passengers, the Italian market was the largest of the EU markets. The number of passengers from Non-EU countries also registered a substantial decline of 59.6 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2010. The United States retained the largest share of non-EU passengers despite a drop of 84.4 per cent when compared to previous year.

### January-December 2011

During 2011, the overall number of cruise passengers reached an all-time high of 556,564, up by 13.3 per cent over the previous year. Passengers in transit were in the majority, with 79.9 per cent of the total (444,831). The largest share of visitors came from EU countries, and numbered 436,058. With 151,398 passengers, Germany stood out as the main market for the year under review. Italy followed with 110,076 passengers. The French market recorded a drop of 32.8 per cent in visitors - the largest drop for the period when compared to 2010 levels. On the other hand, cruise passengers from Germany increased by 98.5 per cent, brought about by new cruise-and-fly packages launched during the year. Non-EU cruise passengers stood at 120,506, up by 15.8 per cent over the previous year.

The majority of cruise passengers were aged between 40 and 59 (191,638). These were followed by those in the 60-79 age bracket, amounting to 166,393 (Table 2). Female passengers outnumbered males by 14,104 and stood at 285,334. In total, there were 311 cruise liner calls during 2011- 36 more than 2010 ■

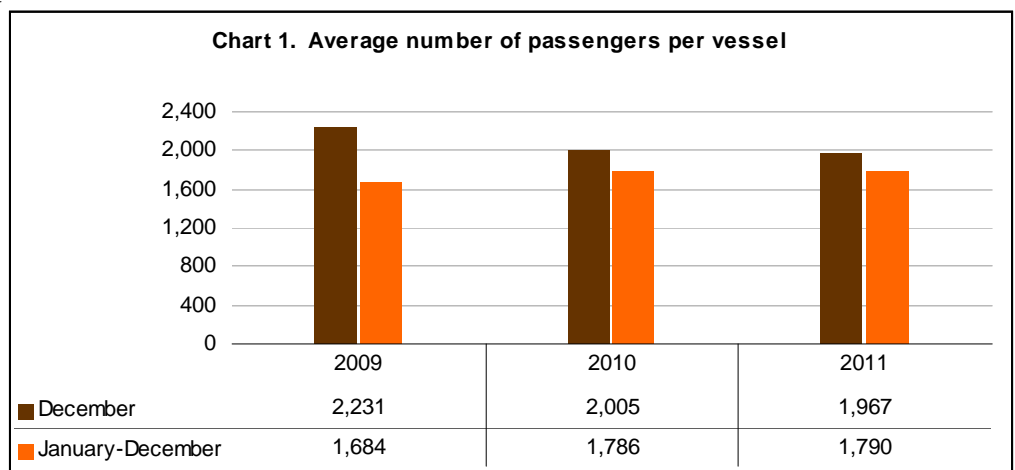
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**Table 1. Cruise passengers: Monthly 2009-2011**

	December			Absolute change
	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010
<b>Total traffic</b>	20,079	24,059	15,737	-8,322
Embarked	4	138	15	-123
Transit	20,064	23,779	15,708	-8,071
Landed	11	142	14	-128
<b>Nationality</b>				
EU	11,662	13,767	11,579	-2,188
<i>of which:</i>				
France	2,349	2,201	2,927	726
Germany	3,493	3,682	1,198	-2,484
Italy	3,332	2,479	5,327	2,848
Malta	2	2	8	6
Spain	451	488	403	-85
United Kingdom	1,002	3,950	1,166	-2,784
Non-EU	8,417	10,292	4,158	-6,134
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	99	352	97	-255
Canada	840	1,056	233	-823
Japan	216	312	116	-196
United States	5,579	6,558	1,024	-5,534
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	9,310	11,498	7,642	-3,856
Females	10,769	12,561	8,095	-4,466
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	2,399	2,827	2,905	78
20-39	3,368	3,372	2,460	-912
40-59	6,722	6,976	4,613	-2,363
60-79	7,221	9,971	5,274	-4,697
80+	369	913	485	-428
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	9	12	8	-4

**Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2009-2011**

	January-December			Absolute change
	2009	2010	2011	2011/2010
<b>Total traffic:</b>	439,630	491,201	556,564	65,363
Embarked	14,092	14,779	55,806	41,027
Transit	411,308	461,839	444,831	-17,008
Landed	14,230	14,583	55,927	41,344
<b>Passengers visiting Gozo:</b>	2,575	3,044	1,021	-2,023
<b>Nationality</b>				
EU	322,233	387,152	436,058	48,906
<i>of which:</i>				
France	39,587	62,733	42,180	-20,553
Germany	68,344	76,258	151,398	75,140
Italy	89,857	121,942	110,076	-11,866
Malta	20,003	16,929	14,999	-1,930
Spain	33,945	31,428	34,957	3,529
United Kingdom	35,058	37,300	43,785	6,485
Non-EU	117,397	104,049	120,506	16,457
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	3,032	5,613	5,722	109
Canada	12,386	10,266	12,493	2,227
Japan	2,769	3,851	2,038	-1,813
United States	67,840	44,388	49,053	4,665
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	210,087	239,202	271,230	32,028
Females	229,543	251,999	285,334	33,335
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	62,680	75,245	87,001	11,756
20-39	84,038	86,371	97,402	11,031
40-59	146,731	158,684	191,638	32,954
60-79	134,714	156,873	166,393	9,520
80+	11,467	14,028	14,130	102
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	261	275	311	36

## **Methodological Notes**

1. The data in this release are compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
2. Cruise liners calling at both Malta and Gozo during a single voyage are recorded as one cruise liner call.

### **Definitions:**

- Cruise passenger traffic comprises embarkations from Malta, transit passengers and passengers landing in Malta.
- Embarkations comprise all cruise passengers who are either Maltese nationals leaving Malta on a cruise ship, or foreigners who come to Malta by other means of transport and leaving on a cruise ship.
- Transit passengers comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in and leave Malta on the same cruise ship.
- Landings comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in Malta on a cruise ship and leave by other means of transport, or alternatively, stay in Malta.