

In the third quarter of 2018, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding quarter of 2017.

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q3/2018

A total of 1,780,474 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the third quarter this year, up by 6.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2017. The highest number of passengers was recorded in August - 620,042 or 34.8 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 7.6 per cent, totalling 498,888 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 6,764, an increase of 6.8 per cent over the same quarter in 2017 (Table 1). Most trips took place in August - 2,292 or 33.9 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

January-September

During the period under review, vessels operating between Malta and Gozo carried 4,436,889 passengers, an increase of 7.4 per cent over the corresponding period in 2017 (Table 1).

Passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sunday and Saturday (Chart 4) ■

Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo

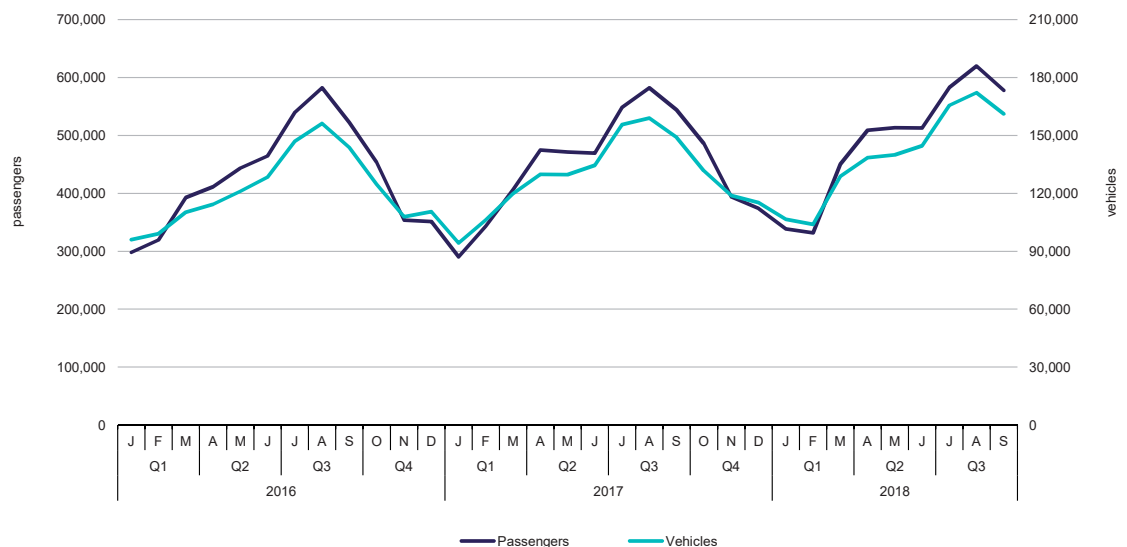


Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2016	2017	2018	Change	Percentage change	
				2018/2017	2018/2017	
Trips	Jan-Mar	5,164	5,216	5,259	43	0.8
	Apr-Jun	5,426	5,541	5,776	235	4.2
	Jul-Sep	6,324	6,334	6,764	430	6.8
	Oct-Dec	5,490	5,438			
	Total	22,404	22,529			
Vehicles	Jan-Mar	305,409	320,432	339,266	18,834	5.9
	Apr-Jun	363,779	394,106	423,152	29,046	7.4
	Jul-Sep	446,890	463,585	498,888	35,303	7.6
	Oct-Dec	343,036	365,899			
	Total	1,459,114	1,544,022			
Passengers	Jan-Mar	1,010,213	1,040,188	1,121,001	80,813	7.8
	Apr-Jun	1,319,541	1,415,326	1,535,414	120,088	8.5
	Jul-Sep	1,643,898	1,674,618	1,780,474	105,856	6.3
	Oct-Dec	1,159,348	1,253,708			
	Total	5,133,000	5,383,840			

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: Quarter 3

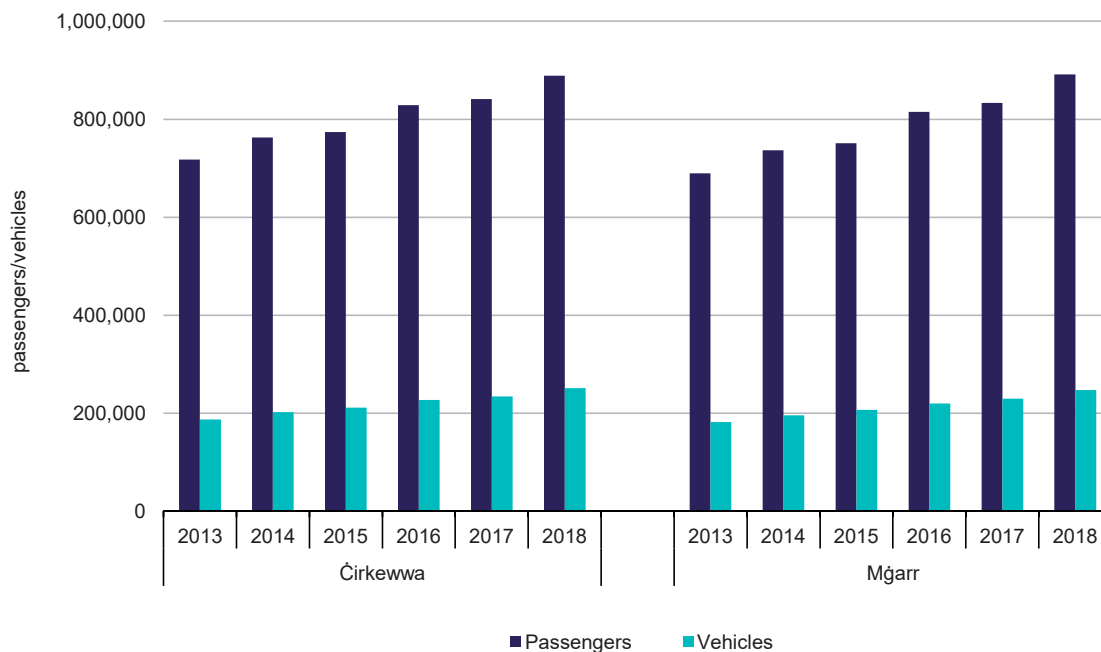


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2016	2017	2018	Change	Percentage change	
				2018/2017	2018/2017	
Trips	January	1,718	1,717	1,771	54	3.1
	February	1,658	1,669	1,614	-55	-3.3
	March	1,788	1,830	1,874	44	2.4
	April	1,730	1,834	1,870	36	2.0
	May	1,788	1,821	1,898	77	4.2
	June	1,908	1,886	2,008	122	6.5
	July	2,082	2,098	2,252	154	7.3
	August	2,178	2,158	2,292	134	6.2
	September	2,064	2,078	2,220	142	6.8
	October	1,956	1,964			
	November	1,756	1,729			
	December	1,778	1,745			
	Total	22,404	22,529			
Vehicles	January	95,996	94,258	106,556	12,298	13.0
	February	99,129	106,256	103,893	-2,363	-2.2
	March	110,284	119,918	128,817	8,899	7.4
	April	114,387	129,837	138,464	8,627	6.6
	May	120,991	129,726	140,028	10,302	7.9
	June	128,401	134,543	144,660	10,117	7.5
	July	146,998	155,624	165,538	9,914	6.4
	August	156,192	158,981	172,120	13,139	8.3
	September	143,700	148,980	161,230	12,250	8.2
	October	124,651	131,779			
	November	107,935	118,862			
	December	110,450	115,258			
	Total	1,459,114	1,544,022			
Passengers	January	298,071	290,357	338,780	48,423	16.7
	February	319,560	343,321	331,858	-11,463	-3.3
	March	392,582	406,510	450,363	43,853	10.8
	April	411,456	474,647	508,880	34,233	7.2
	May	443,447	471,397	513,598	42,201	9.0
	June	464,638	469,282	512,936	43,654	9.3
	July	539,530	548,452	582,541	34,089	6.2
	August	582,264	582,199	620,042	37,843	6.5
	September	522,104	543,967	577,891	33,924	6.2
	October	454,022	486,147			
	November	353,830	393,745			
	December	351,496	373,816			
	Total	5,133,000	5,383,840			

Table 3. Sea transport to and from Malta and Gozo by month

Month	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change	
	2017	2018	2018/2017	2018/2017	2017	2018	2018/2017	2018/2017	
Trips	January	858	885	27	3.1	859	886	27	3.1
	February	834	807	-27	-3.2	835	807	-28	-3.4
	March	915	937	22	2.4	915	937	22	2.4
	April	917	935	18	2.0	917	935	18	2.0
	May	910	948	38	4.2	911	950	39	4.3
	June	943	1,004	61	6.5	943	1,004	61	6.5
	July	1,049	1,126	77	7.3	1,049	1,126	77	7.3
	August	1,079	1,146	67	6.2	1,079	1,146	67	6.2
	September	1,039	1,110	71	6.8	1,039	1,110	71	6.8
	October	982				982			
	November	864				865			
	December	873				872			
	Total	11,263				11,266			
Vehicles	January	46,603	52,616	6,013	12.9	47,655	53,940	6,285	13.2
	February	54,073	52,372	-1,701	-3.1	52,183	51,521	-662	-1.3
	March	61,906	66,509	4,603	7.4	58,012	62,308	4,296	7.4
	April	65,349	69,252	3,903	6.0	64,488	69,212	4,724	7.3
	May	64,338	70,367	6,029	9.4	65,388	69,661	4,273	6.5
	June	69,380	74,872	5,492	7.9	65,163	69,788	4,625	7.1
	July	78,036	82,479	4,443	5.7	77,588	83,059	5,471	7.1
	August	80,338	88,139	7,801	9.7	78,643	83,981	5,338	6.8
	September	75,830	80,815	4,985	6.6	73,150	80,415	7,265	9.9
	October	65,742				66,037			
	November	59,534				59,328			
	December	59,416				55,842			
	Total	780,545				763,477			
Passengers	January	143,050	166,565	23,515	16.4	147,307	172,215	24,908	16.9
	February	173,284	166,056	-7,228	-4.2	170,037	165,802	-4,235	-2.5
	March	206,317	229,062	22,745	11.0	200,193	221,301	21,108	10.5
	April	237,070	253,563	16,493	7.0	237,577	255,317	17,740	7.5
	May	233,975	257,187	23,212	9.9	237,422	256,411	18,989	8.0
	June	239,320	261,798	22,478	9.4	229,962	251,138	21,176	9.2
	July	275,281	290,868	15,587	5.7	273,171	291,673	18,502	6.8
	August	291,236	310,589	19,353	6.6	290,963	309,453	18,490	6.4
	September	274,817	287,560	12,743	4.6	269,150	290,331	21,181	7.9
	October	242,290				243,857			
	November	195,268				198,477			
	December	188,899				184,917			
	Total	2,700,807				2,683,033			

Table 4. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by day of the week

Day of the week		January-September			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	2018/2017
Trips	Monday	2,400	2,414	2,526	112	4.6
	Tuesday	2,352	2,363	2,477	114	4.8
	Wednesday	2,300	2,338	2,424	86	3.7
	Thursday	2,400	2,462	2,535	73	3.0
	Friday	2,556	2,534	2,639	105	4.1
	Saturday	2,338	2,382	2,463	81	3.4
	Sunday	2,568	2,598	2,735	137	5.3
	Total	16,914	17,091	17,799	708	4.1
Vehicles	Monday	150,439	160,448	176,476	16,028	10.0
	Tuesday	146,506	152,891	165,312	12,421	8.1
	Wednesday	147,807	158,080	166,710	8,630	5.5
	Thursday	152,887	167,303	174,066	6,763	4.0
	Friday	178,804	185,176	197,525	12,349	6.7
	Saturday	162,152	173,866	184,789	10,923	6.3
	Sunday	177,483	180,359	196,428	16,069	8.9
	Total	1,116,078	1,178,123	1,261,306	83,183	7.1
Passengers	Monday	518,316	550,232	601,487	51,255	9.3
	Tuesday	510,443	520,790	556,716	35,926	6.9
	Wednesday	540,555	560,272	591,062	30,790	5.5
	Thursday	542,959	585,265	609,078	23,813	4.1
	Friday	604,623	619,162	667,793	48,631	7.9
	Saturday	621,091	647,946	694,812	46,866	7.2
	Sunday	635,665	646,465	715,941	69,476	10.7
	Total	3,973,652	4,130,132	4,436,889	306,757	7.4

Chart 3. Vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-September

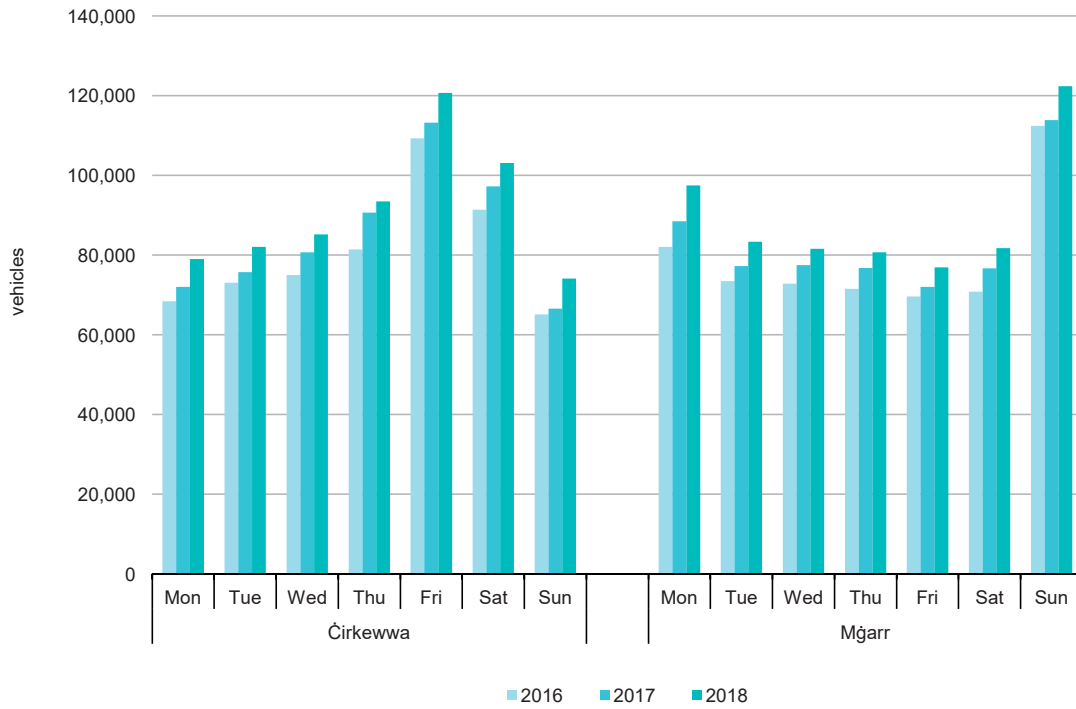
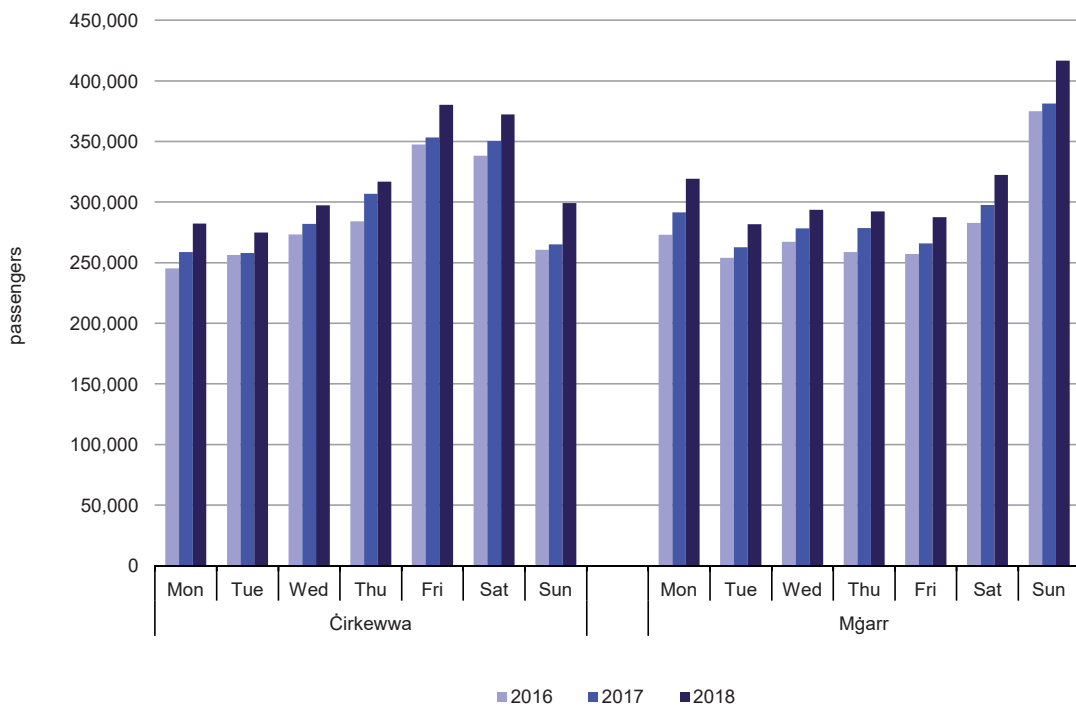


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-September



Methodological Notes

1. The source for the data included in this news release is administrative information provided by the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
2. The table below illustrates the passenger and vehicle capacity of each Gozo Channel vessel:

Carrying capacity

Vessel	Vehicles	Passengers
MV Gaudos	72	900
MV Malita	138	900
MV Ta' Pinu	138	900

Periods when vessels were out of service for docking puposes:

MV Gaudos: 06/01/2016 - 27/01/2016 and 13/11/2017 - 30/11/2017.

MV Malita: 09/01/2017 - 02/02/2017, 14/02/2017 - 17/02/2017, 08/05/2017 - 09/05/2017 and 07/05/2018 - 11/05/2018.

MV Ta' Pinu: 03/10/2017 - 05/10/2017 and 08/01/2018 - 30/01/2018.

3. Data for passengers comprise: foot and vehicle passengers and vehicle drivers.
4. Different approaches are applied for the collection of data at the Mġarr and Ċirkewwa Harbours. While the data source for the Mġarr side is the Automated Ticketing System (ATS), data for the Ċirkewwa side is dependent on the manual clicking system.
5. The data is not normally subject to revision.
6. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and Methods:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_02/Regional_and_Geospatial_Statistics/Pages/Sea-Transport-between-Malta-and-Gozo.aspx

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