

During the first quarter of 2019, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding quarter of 2018.

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q1/2019

A total of 1,146,490 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the first quarter this year, up by 2.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018. The highest number of passengers was recorded in March - 477,945 or 41.7 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles travelling between Malta and Gozo, increased by 7.1 per cent, totalling 363,460 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,449, an increase of 3.6 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in March - 2,034 or 37.3 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

January-March

During this period, passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Fridays (104,495) and Saturdays (98,900), whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sundays (117,125) and Saturdays (83,906) (Charts 3 and 4) ■

Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo



Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2017	2018	2019	Change	Percentage change	
				2019/2018	2019/2018	
Trips	Jan-Mar	5,216	5,259	5,449	190	3.6
	Apr-Jun	5,541	5,776			
	Jul-Sep	6,334	6,764			
	Oct-Dec	5,438	5,820			
	Total	22,529	23,619			
Vehicles	Jan-Mar	320,432	339,266	363,460	24,194	7.1
	Apr-Jun	394,106	423,152			
	Jul-Sep	463,585	498,888			
	Oct-Dec	365,899	398,596			
	Total	1,544,022	1,659,902			
Passengers	Jan-Mar	1,040,188	1,121,001	1,146,490	25,489	2.3
	Apr-Jun	1,415,326	1,535,414			
	Jul-Sep	1,674,618	1,780,474			
	Oct-Dec	1,253,708	1,321,429			
	Total	5,383,840	5,758,318			

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: January-March

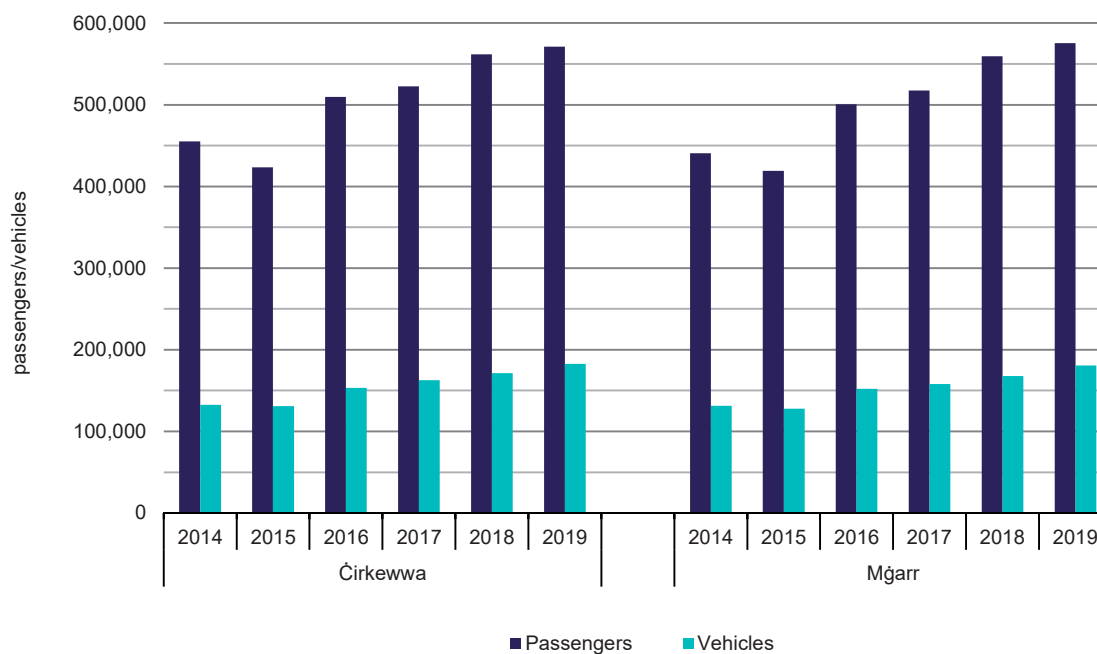


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2017	2018	2019	Change	Percentage change	
				2019/2018	2019/2018	
Trips	January	1,717	1,771	1,739	-32	-1.8
	February	1,669	1,614	1,676	62	3.8
	March	1,830	1,874	2,034	160	8.5
	April	1,834	1,870			
	May	1,821	1,898			
	June	1,886	2,008			
	July	2,098	2,252			
	August	2,158	2,292			
	September	2,078	2,220			
	October	1,964	2,088			
	November	1,729	1,822			
	December	1,745	1,910			
	Total	22,529	23,619			
Vehicles	January	94,258	106,556	107,174	618	0.6
	February	106,256	103,893	112,014	8,121	7.8
	March	119,918	128,817	144,272	15,455	12.0
	April	129,837	138,464			
	May	129,726	140,028			
	June	134,543	144,660			
	July	155,624	165,538			
	August	158,981	172,120			
	September	148,980	161,230			
	October	131,779	138,973			
	November	118,862	127,404			
	December	115,258	132,219			
	Total	1,544,022	1,659,902			
Passengers	January	290,357	338,780	323,772	-15,008	-4.4
	February	343,321	331,858	344,773	12,915	3.9
	March	406,510	450,363	477,945	27,582	6.1
	April	474,647	508,880			
	May	471,397	513,598			
	June	469,282	512,936			
	July	548,452	582,541			
	August	582,199	620,042			
	September	543,967	577,891			
	October	486,147	494,964			
	November	393,745	405,514			
	December	373,816	420,951			
	Total	5,383,840	5,758,318			

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

Month	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change	
	2018	2019	2019/2018	2019/2018	2018	2019	2019/2018	2019/2018	
Trips	January	885	869	-16	-1.8	886	870	-16	-1.8
	February	807	838	31	3.8	807	838	31	3.8
	March	937	1,017	80	8.5	937	1,017	80	8.5
	April	935				935			
	May	948				950			
	June	1,004				1,004			
	July	1,126				1,126			
	August	1,146				1,146			
	September	1,110				1,110			
	October	1,044				1,044			
	November	911				911			
	December	955				955			
	Total	11,808				11,811			
Vehicles	January	52,616	52,901	285	0.5	53,940	54,273	333	0.6
	February	52,372	57,189	4,817	9.2	51,521	54,825	3,304	6.4
	March	66,509	72,792	6,283	9.4	62,308	71,480	9,172	14.7
	April	69,252				69,212			
	May	70,367				69,661			
	June	74,872				69,788			
	July	82,479				83,059			
	August	88,139				83,981			
	September	80,815				80,415			
	October	70,311				68,662			
	November	64,507				62,897			
	December	67,865				64,354			
	Total	840,104				819,798			
Passengers	January	166,565	158,525	-8,040	-4.8	172,215	165,247	-6,968	-4.0
	February	166,056	173,170	7,114	4.3	165,802	171,603	5,801	3.5
	March	229,062	239,360	10,298	4.5	221,301	238,585	17,284	7.8
	April	253,563				255,317			
	May	257,187				256,411			
	June	261,798				251,138			
	July	290,868				291,673			
	August	310,589				309,453			
	September	287,560				290,331			
	October	247,237				247,727			
	November	202,064				203,450			
	December	212,027				208,924			
	Total	2,884,576				2,873,742			

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

Day of the week		January-March			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	2019/2018
Trips	Monday	749	764	710	-54	-7.1
	Tuesday	713	738	774	36	4.9
	Wednesday	702	722	757	35	4.8
	Thursday	758	752	762	10	1.3
	Friday	806	802	818	16	2.0
	Saturday	666	734	750	16	2.2
	Sunday	822	747	878	131	17.5
	Total	5,216	5,259	5,449	190	3.6
Vehicles	Monday	42,773	46,591	46,750	159	0.3
	Tuesday	40,451	43,977	49,150	5,173	11.8
	Wednesday	41,114	45,648	48,512	2,864	6.3
	Thursday	46,810	46,639	49,127	2,488	5.3
	Friday	53,528	55,168	57,833	2,665	4.8
	Saturday	42,732	51,593	53,338	1,745	3.4
	Sunday	53,024	49,650	58,750	9,100	18.3
	Total	320,432	339,266	363,460	24,194	7.1
Passengers	Monday	137,412	151,796	141,915	-9,881	-6.5
	Tuesday	124,140	135,399	147,649	12,250	9.0
	Wednesday	134,187	150,652	148,152	-2,500	-1.7
	Thursday	150,859	152,873	148,692	-4,181	-2.7
	Friday	174,595	176,893	179,425	2,532	1.4
	Saturday	145,494	183,802	182,806	-996	-0.5
	Sunday	173,501	169,586	197,851	28,265	16.7
	Total	1,040,188	1,121,001	1,146,490	25,489	2.3

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

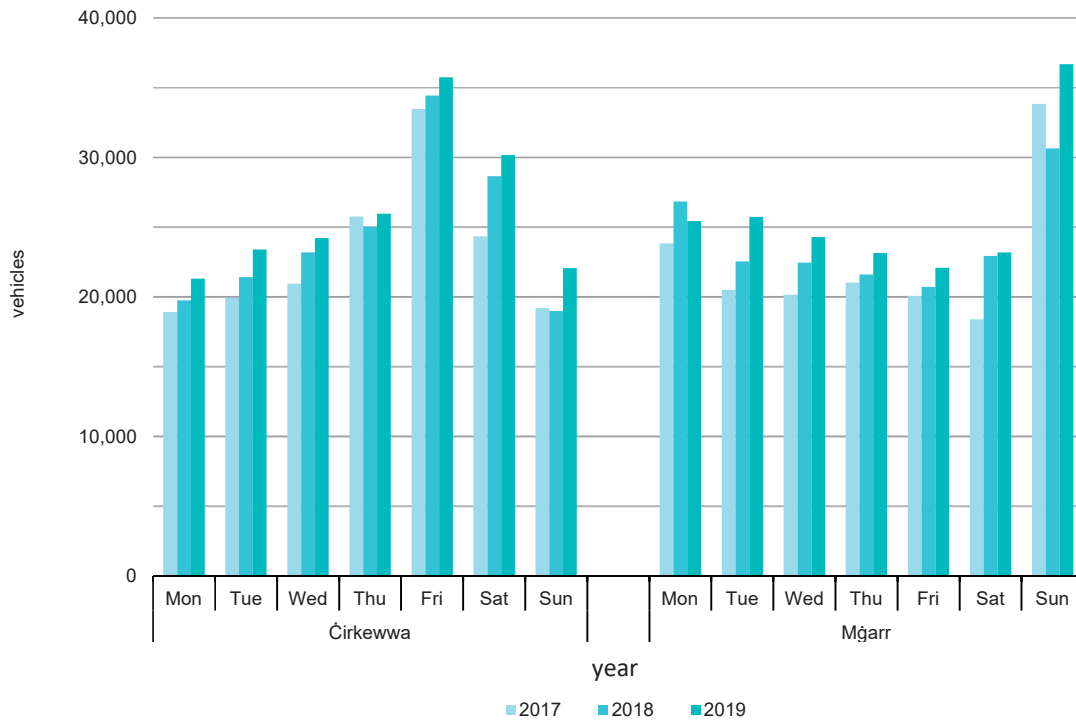
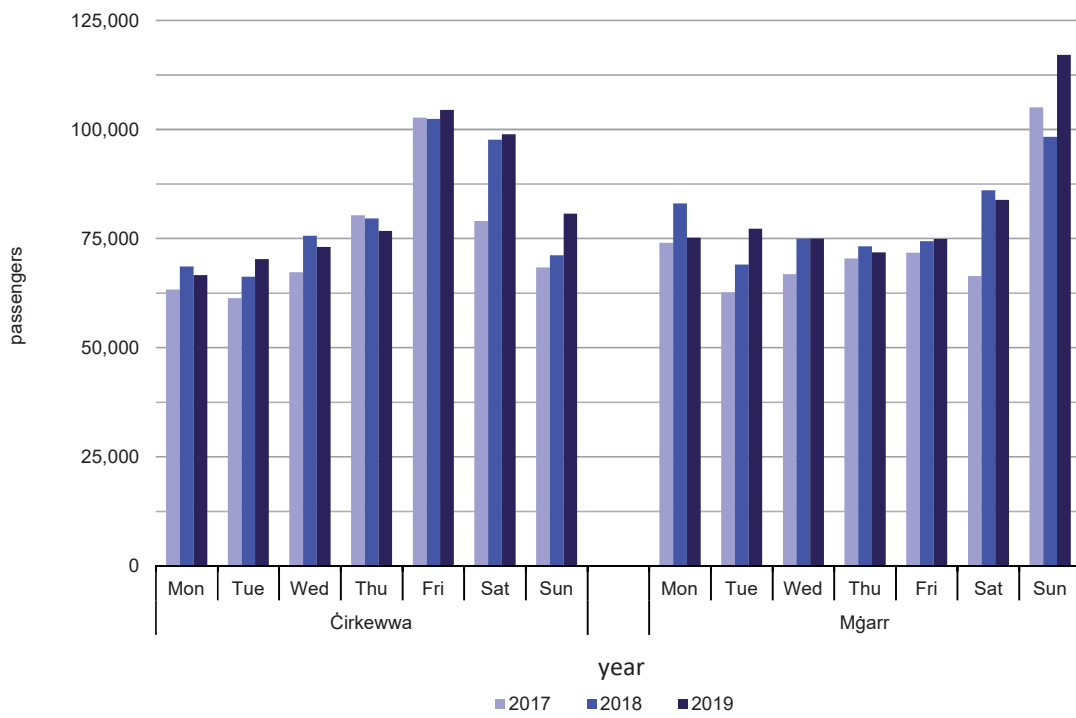


Chart 4. Passengers crossing to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-March



Methodological Notes

1. The source for the data included in this 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 purposes:

MV Gaudos: 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, 07/05/2018 - 11/05/2018, 09/01/2019 - 31/01/2019, 06/02/2019 - 13/02/2019 and 07/03/2019 - 08/03/2019.

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, respectively. 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 are 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

8. A detailed news release calendar is available on https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx