

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

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q2/2019

A total of 1,575,472 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the second quarter this year, up by 2.6 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018. The highest number of passengers was recorded in June - 534,433 or 33.9 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 7.5 per cent, totalling 454,818 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 6,289, an increase of 8.9 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in June - 2,318 or 36.9 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

January-June

During this period, passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sunday and Saturday (Charts 3 and 4) ■

Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo

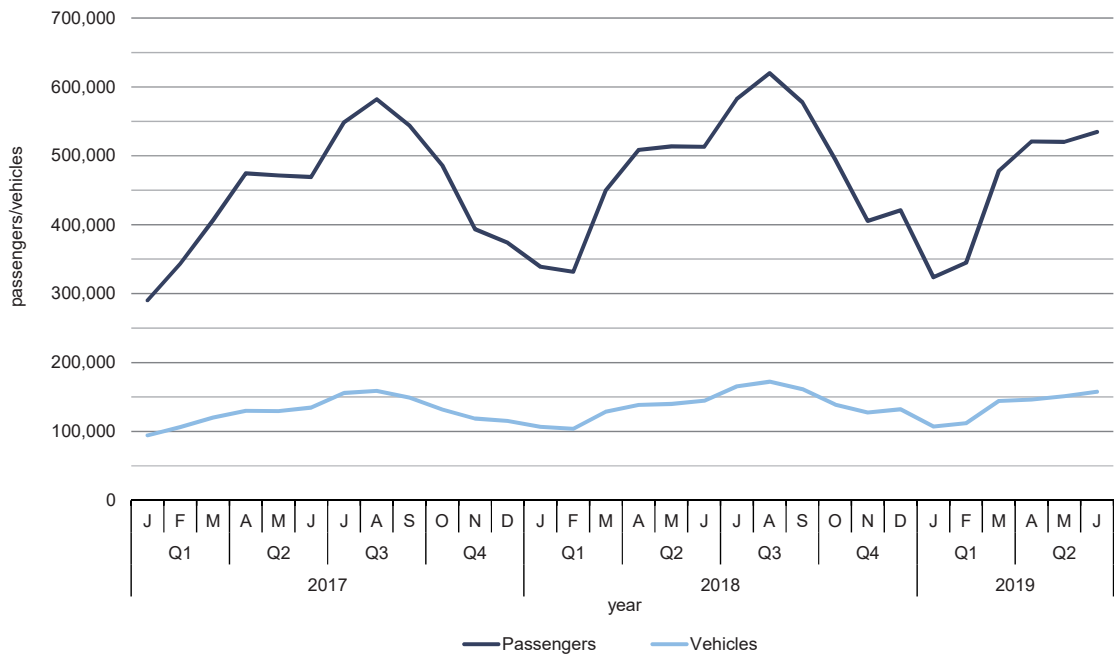


Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

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	6,289	513	8.9
	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	454,818	31,666	7.5
	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	1,575,472	40,058	2.6
	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: April-June

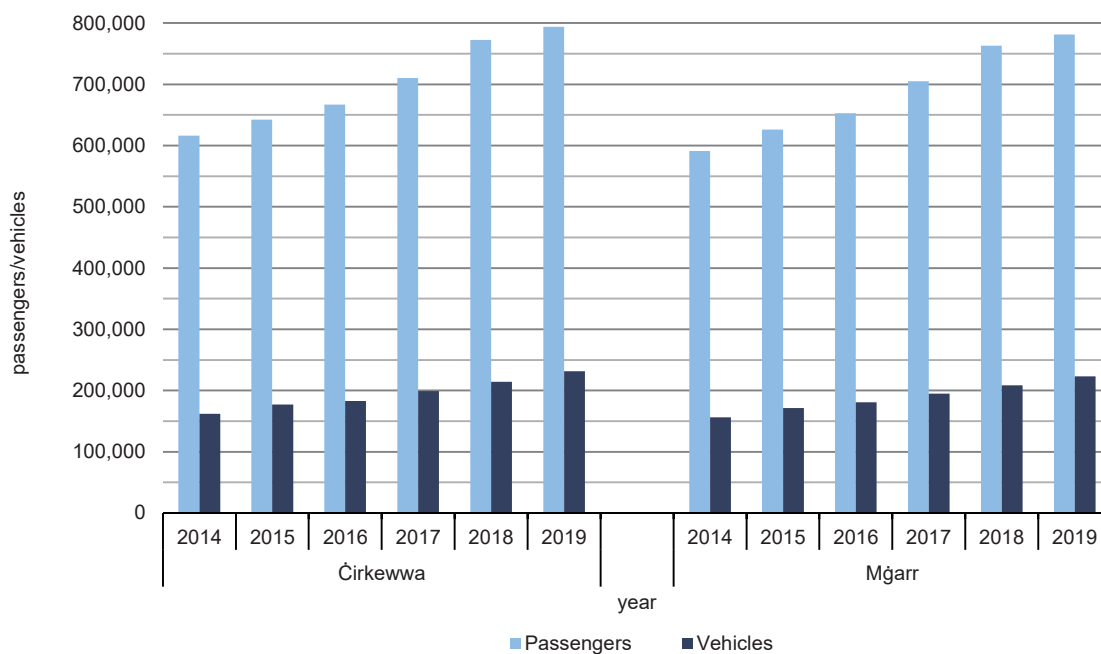


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

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	1,957	87	4.7
	May	1,821	1,898	2,014	116	6.1
	June	1,886	2,008	2,318	310	15.4
	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	146,216	7,752	5.6
	May	129,726	140,028	150,984	10,956	7.8
	June	134,543	144,660	157,618	12,958	9.0
	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	520,755	11,875	2.3
	May	471,397	513,598	520,284	6,686	1.3
	June	469,282	512,936	534,433	21,497	4.2
	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	978	43	4.6	935	979	44	4.7
	May	948	1,007	59	6.2	950	1,007	57	6.0
	June	1,004	1,159	155	15.4	1,004	1,159	155	15.4
	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	74,407	5,155	7.4	69,212	71,809	2,597	3.8
	May	70,367	77,120	6,753	9.6	69,661	73,864	4,203	6.0
	June	74,872	80,304	5,432	7.3	69,788	77,314	7,526	10.8
	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	262,868	9,305	3.7	255,317	257,887	2,570	1.0
	May	257,187	262,079	4,892	1.9	256,411	258,205	1,794	0.7
	June	261,798	269,203	7,405	2.8	251,138	265,230	14,092	5.6
	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-June			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	2019/2018
Trips	Monday	1,526	1,566	1,538	-28	-1.8
	Tuesday	1,489	1,547	1,644	97	6.3
	Wednesday	1,488	1,514	1,641	127	8.4
	Thursday	1,540	1,572	1,666	94	6.0
	Friday	1,608	1,654	1,766	112	6.8
	Saturday	1,460	1,552	1,665	113	7.3
	Sunday	1,646	1,630	1,818	188	11.5
	Total	10,757	11,035	11,738	703	6.4
Vehicles	Monday	95,979	104,547	105,349	802	0.8
	Tuesday	93,207	100,373	110,698	10,325	10.3
	Wednesday	96,672	102,578	112,045	9,467	9.2
	Thursday	101,213	105,059	113,413	8,354	8.0
	Friday	113,779	121,227	127,587	6,360	5.2
	Saturday	102,472	113,238	123,115	9,877	8.7
	Sunday	111,216	115,396	126,071	10,675	9.3
	Total	714,538	762,418	818,278	55,860	7.3
Passengers	Monday	325,832	354,535	338,119	-16,416	-4.6
	Tuesday	310,035	332,590	350,860	18,270	5.5
	Wednesday	335,343	359,678	374,916	15,238	4.2
	Thursday	348,052	367,920	368,905	985	0.3
	Friday	376,458	406,624	413,253	6,629	1.6
	Saturday	370,151	418,557	437,458	18,901	4.5
	Sunday	389,643	416,511	438,451	21,940	5.3
	Total	2,455,514	2,656,415	2,721,962	65,547	2.5

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

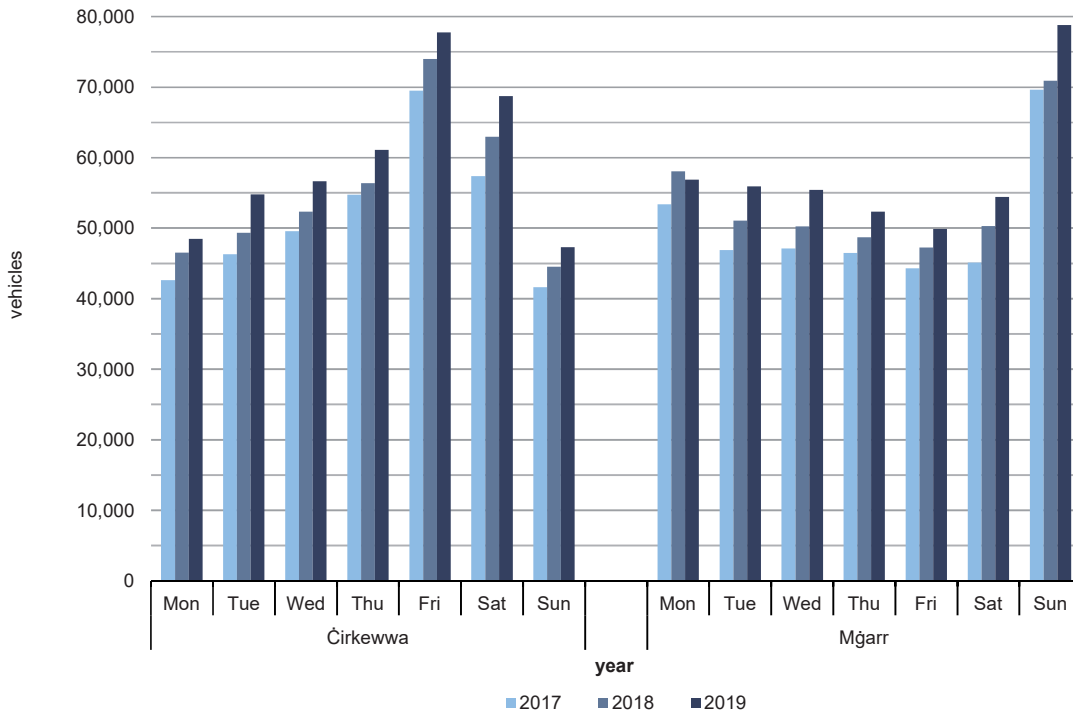
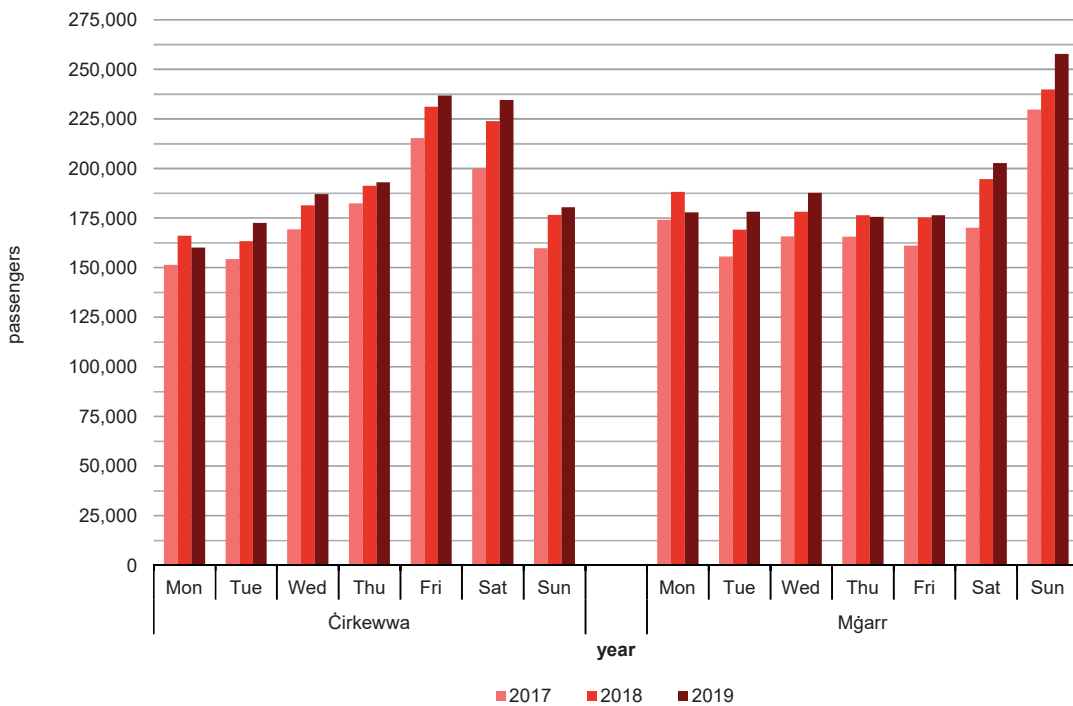


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-June



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
MV Nikolaos	160	650 (Summer)/ 350 (Winter)

Periods when vessels were out of service for docking puposes:

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.

MV Nikolaos started operating on 13/06/2019

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