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Total cruise passenger traffic during the second quarter of 2015 amounted to 205,224, an increase of 66.4 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Cruise Passengers: Q2/2015

There were 108 cruise liner calls during the second quarter, 19 more than last year. At 87.0 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic, reaching 178,589. Around 2,386 passengers visited Gozo, while 6,186 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner (Table 1).

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 75.6 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Germany, Italy and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 50,151, of whom 27.1 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 52.5 per cent of the total. The largest share of passengers were in the 60-79 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 40 and 59.

January-June

During the first half of the year, total cruise passengers stood at 225,877, a rise of 39.9 per cent over 2014. Of these, 75.8 per cent came from EU Member States. The biggest increases were recorded from the German and Italian markets, which advanced by 24,532 and 12,528 passengers respectively. In contrast, passengers from the United Kingdom and France dropped by 2,631 and 2,545 respectively.

Female passengers numbered 118,455 and were in the majority. Most passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 90,864. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, reaching 70,571.

There were 117 cruise liner calls during the first six months, with an average 1,931 passengers per vessel, compared to 112 calls and an average 1,442 passengers per vessel in January-June 2014 (Table 2) ■

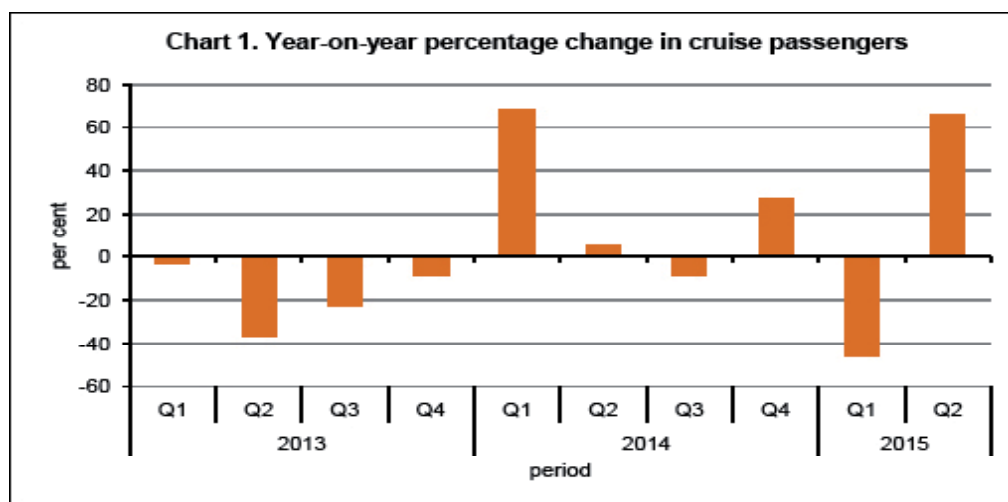
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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2013-2015

	April-June			Change
	2013	2014	2015	Apr-Jun 2015/ Apr-Jun 2014
Total traffic:	116,763	123,364	205,224	81,860
Transit	100,953	119,033	178,589	59,556
Landed	15,810	4,331	26,635	22,304
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	404	55	2,386	2,331
Passengers staying overnight	3,531	6,183	6,186	3
Nationality:				
EU	89,638	90,872	155,073	64,201
<i>of which:</i>				
France	14,763	22,309	24,447	2,138
Germany	25,891	11,478	49,746	38,268
Italy	17,661	22,392	33,526	11,134
Malta	2,038	1,376	2,119	743
Spain	2,951	2,088	9,133	7,045
United Kingdom	18,554	21,271	19,488	-1,783
Non-EU	27,125	32,492	50,151	17,659
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	1,477	3,649	6,716	3,067
Canada	2,743	3,434	3,357	-77
Japan	255	373	1,390	1,017
United States	11,256	12,318	13,590	1,272
Sex:				
Males	53,978	57,867	97,430	39,563
Females	62,785	65,497	107,794	42,297
Age group:				
0-19	11,829	11,574	23,154	11,580
20-39	15,275	15,193	26,736	11,543
40-59	37,971	33,712	64,829	31,117
60-79	47,320	55,680	82,225	26,545
80+	4,368	7,205	8,280	1,075
Cruise liner calls	80	89	108	19

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2013-2015

	January-June			Change
	2013	2014	2015	Jan-Jun 2015/ Jan-Jun 2014
Total traffic:	139,411	161,502	225,877	64,375
Transit	123,447	157,121	199,171	42,050
Landed	15,964	4,381	26,706	22,325
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	404	55	2,386	2,331
Passengers staying overnight	5,417	6,183	6,186	3
Nationality:				
EU	105,723	126,250	171,142	44,892
<i>of which:</i>				
France	16,003	29,775	27,230	-2,545
Germany	31,591	28,911	53,443	24,532
Italy	20,203	26,089	38,617	12,528
Malta	2,139	1,376	2,120	744
Spain	4,395	3,875	9,876	6,001
United Kingdom	22,040	23,621	20,990	-2,631
Non-EU	33,688	35,252	54,735	19,483
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	1,747	3,845	6,905	3,060
Canada	3,196	3,694	3,667	-27
Japan	386	444	1,577	1,133
United States	12,809	12,732	14,151	1,419
Sex:				
Males	64,640	75,967	107,422	31,455
Females	74,771	85,535	118,455	32,920
Age group:				
0-19	13,806	14,568	25,992	11,424
20-39	18,175	20,164	29,458	9,294
40-59	43,814	46,103	70,571	24,468
60-79	58,134	72,274	90,864	18,590
80+	5,482	8,393	8,992	599
Cruise liner calls	93	112	117	5

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release is 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.
3. The majority of passengers embarking on cruise liners from Malta generally end their trip at the same destination. Embarkations are therefore not included in total traffic figures in order to avoid double counting. This measure was adopted as from Quarter 1 of 2013.
4. **Definitions:**
 - **Cruise passenger traffic:** comprises transit passengers and passengers who land in Malta.
 - **Embarkations:** comprise all cruise passengers who are either Maltese or who are foreigners who arrive in Malta by other means of transport.
 - **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.
 - **Same-day visitors:** comprise visitors to Malta who do not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.
 - **Overnight visitors:** these are tourists, defined as visitors to Malta who spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.
5. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>