

Total cruise passenger traffic during the fourth quarter of 2015 amounted to 176,295, an increase of 15.0 per cent over the corresponding period in 2014.

Cruise Passengers: Q4/2015

There were 88 cruise liner calls during the fourth quarter, 12 less than previous year. At 94.7 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic, reaching 166,989. Around 2,226 passengers visited Gozo, while 5,308 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner (Table 1).

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 74.5 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Italy, Germany and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 44,965, of whom 26.9 per cent came from the United States.

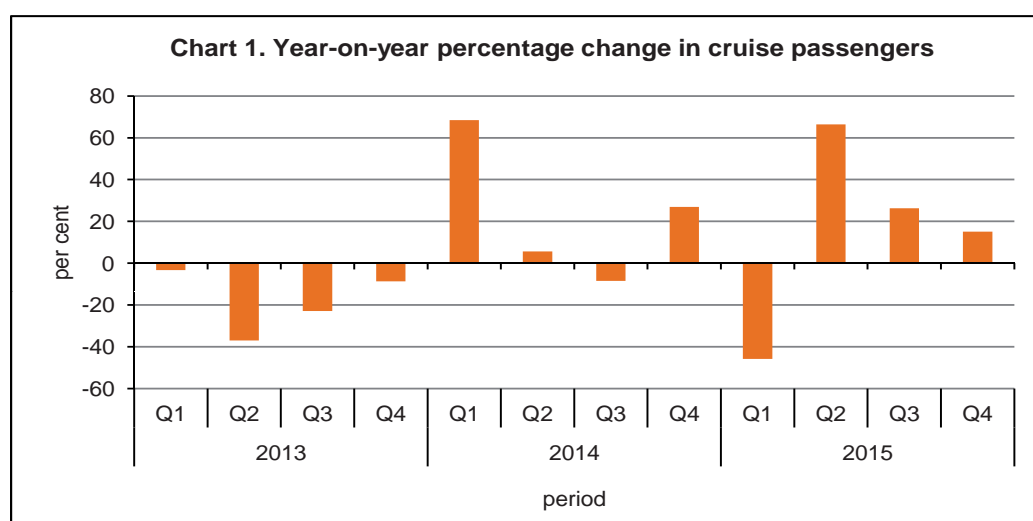
On a gender basis, female passengers made up 53.1 per cent of the total. The largest share of passengers were in the 60-79 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 40 and 59.

January-December 2015

Total cruise passengers for 2015 stood at 600,156, a rise of 27.3 per cent over 2014. Of these, 75.8 per cent came from EU Member States. The biggest increases were recorded from the Italian and Spanish markets, which advanced by 35,274 and 18,894 passengers respectively.

The majority of total passengers were female passengers, amounting to 315,010. Most passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 220,619. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, reaching 196,775.

There were 307 cruise liner calls in 2015, with an average 1,955 passengers per vessel, compared to 303 calls and an average 1,556 passengers per vessel in 2014 (Table 2) ■



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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2013-2015

	October-December			Change
	2013	2014	2015	Oct-Dec 2015/ Oct-Dec 2014
Total traffic:	120,707	153,251	176,295	23,044
Transit	112,682	142,066	166,989	24,923
Landed	8,025	11,185	9,306	-1,879
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	1,085	524	2,226	1,702
Passengers staying overnight	1,682	3,541	5,308	1,767
Nationality:				
EU	93,465	123,647	131,330	7,683
<i>of which:</i>				
French	10,189	23,185	21,381	-1,804
German	22,658	42,203	32,550	-9,653
Italian	18,790	29,038	40,809	11,771
Maltese	1,224	1,052	940	-112
Spanish	8,850	2,713	8,437	5,724
British	24,053	15,277	12,493	-2,784
Non-EU	27,242	29,604	44,965	15,361
<i>of which:</i>				
Australian	2,563	2,011	1,833	-178
Canadian	3,707	3,319	3,711	392
Japanese	598	730	1,201	471
American	11,542	9,976	12,100	2,124
Sex:				
Males	56,651	72,077	82,717	10,640
Females	64,056	81,174	93,578	12,404
Age group:				
0-19	9,751	15,649	20,675	5,026
20-39	13,837	21,145	26,792	5,647
40-59	34,163	46,575	56,313	9,738
60-79	57,189	63,716	66,763	3,047
80+	5,767	6,166	5,752	-414
Cruise liner calls	92	100	88	-12

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2013-2015

	January-December			Change
	2013	2014	2015	Jan-Dec 2015/ Jan-Dec 2014
Total traffic:	431,397	471,554	600,156	128,602
Transit	380,277	425,134	529,784	104,650
Landed	51,120	46,420	70,372	23,952
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	2,482	648	9,868	9,220
Passengers staying overnight	8,838	24,724	15,847	-8,877
Nationality:				
EU	328,717	367,435	455,115	87,680
<i>of which:</i>				
French	42,127	70,635	72,896	2,261
German	83,366	112,680	124,285	11,605
Italian	66,425	76,261	111,535	35,274
Maltese	6,831	6,181	8,474	2,293
Spanish	21,841	9,345	28,239	18,894
British	83,137	59,075	59,139	64
Non-EU	102,680	104,119	145,041	40,922
<i>of which:</i>				
Australian	8,673	10,504	14,930	4,426
Canadian	12,476	12,521	12,380	-141
Japanese	2,038	2,263	3,462	1,199
American	42,514	38,391	40,178	1,787
Sex:				
Males	201,530	223,867	285,146	61,279
Females	229,867	247,687	315,010	67,323
Age group:				
0-19	50,101	51,532	75,523	23,991
20-39	58,931	63,319	87,299	23,980
40-59	137,789	147,740	196,775	49,035
60-79	168,385	189,422	220,619	31,197
80+	16,191	19,541	19,940	399
Cruise liner calls	286	303	307	4

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. This measure was adopted as from News Release no. 079/2013 dated 23 April 2013. This news release also includes figures for 2012 and 2011.

For clarity, embarkation figures for the period under review are being provided:

Embarkations	2013	2014	2015
October-December (Q4)	7,958	11,466	9,329
January-December	50,845	47,021	70,088

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:
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>