

Total cruise passenger traffic during the second quarter of 2016 amounted to 200,480, a decrease of 2.3 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Cruise Passengers: Q2/2016

During the second quarter there were 108 cruise liner calls, at par with last year. At 91.2 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic, reaching 182,754. A total of 2,474 passengers visited Gozo, while 4,230 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner.

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 73.3 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Germany, Italy and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 53,447, of whom 38.9 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 53.6 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 (Table 1).

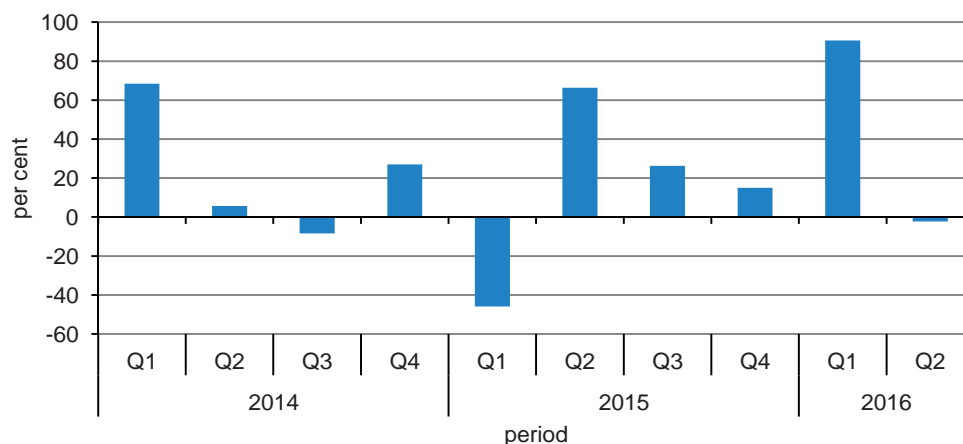
January-June 2016

During the first half of the year, total cruise passengers stood at 239,855, a rise of 6.2 per cent over 2015. Of these, 72.1 per cent came from EU Member States. The largest increase was recorded from the French market, which advanced by 7,523 passengers.

Female passengers numbered 128,375 and were in the majority. Most passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 92,909. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, reaching 74,192.

There were 125 cruise liner calls during the first six months, with an average 1,919 passengers per vessel, compared to 117 calls and an average 1,931 passengers per vessel in January-June 2015 (Table 2) ■

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage change in cruise passengers



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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2014-2016

	April-June			Change
	2014	2015	2016	Apr-Jun 2016/ Apr-Jun 2015
Total traffic:	123,364	205,224	200,480	-4,744
Transit	119,033	178,589	182,754	4,165
Landed	4,331	26,635	17,726	-8,909
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	55	2,386	2,474	88
Passengers staying overnight	6,183	6,186	4,230	-1,956
Nationality:				
EU	90,872	155,073	147,033	-8,040
<i>of which:</i>				
French	22,309	24,447	30,407	5,960
German	11,478	49,746	34,826	-14,920
Italian	22,392	33,526	31,360	-2,166
Maltese	1,376	2,119	2,638	519
Spanish	2,088	9,133	10,324	1,191
British	21,271	19,488	19,406	-82
Non-EU	32,492	50,151	53,447	3,296
<i>of which:</i>				
Australian	3,649	6,716	4,181	-2,535
Canadian	3,434	3,357	4,729	1,372
Japanese	373	1,390	867	-523
American	12,318	13,590	20,803	7,213
Sex:				
Males	57,867	97,430	93,107	-4,323
Females	65,497	107,794	107,373	-421
Age group:				
0-19	11,574	23,154	22,893	-261
20-39	15,193	26,736	28,905	2,169
40-59	33,712	64,829	62,788	-2,041
60-79	55,680	82,225	78,888	-3,337
80+	7,205	8,280	7,006	-1,274
Cruise liner calls	89	108	108	0

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2014-2016

	January-June			Change
	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Jun 2016/ Jan-Jun 2015
Total traffic:	161,502	225,877	239,855	13,978
Transit	157,121	199,171	221,924	22,753
Landed	4,381	26,706	17,931	-8,775
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	55	2,386	2,474	88
Passengers staying overnight	6,183	6,186	5,233	-953
Nationality:				
EU	126,250	171,142	172,985	1,843
<i>of which:</i>				
French	29,775	27,230	34,753	7,523
German	28,911	53,443	39,704	-13,739
Italian	26,089	38,617	38,244	-373
Maltese	1,376	2,120	2,710	590
Spanish	3,875	9,876	11,789	1,913
British	23,621	20,990	23,220	2,230
Non-EU	35,252	54,735	66,870	12,135
<i>of which:</i>				
Australian	3,845	6,905	4,605	-2,300
Canadian	3,694	3,667	5,329	1,662
Japanese	444	1,577	1,661	84
American	12,732	14,151	24,080	9,929
Sex:				
Males	75,967	107,422	111,480	4,058
Females	85,535	118,455	128,375	9,920
Age group:				
0-19	14,568	25,992	28,932	2,940
20-39	20,164	29,458	35,236	5,778
40-59	46,103	70,571	74,192	3,621
60-79	72,274	90,864	92,909	2,045
80+	8,393	8,992	8,586	-406
Cruise liner calls	112	117	125	8

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	2014	2015	2016
April-June (Q2)	4,463	26,671	18,010
January-June	4,476	26,707	18,160

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.
- **Passengers staying overnight:** passengers who spend at least one night on-board their berthed cruise liner.

5. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

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