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Total cruise passenger traffic during the first quarter of 2017 amounted to 85,215, an increase of 116.4 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Cruise Passengers: Q1/2017

There were 34 cruise liner calls during the first quarter of 2017, 17 more than last year. At 99.8 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the absolute majority of total traffic, reaching 85,009. A total of 344 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner. On average, every vessel that berthed in Malta carried 2,506 passengers, 190 more than last year.

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 68.1 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Italy, France and Germany. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 27,184, of whom 28.1 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 53.0 per cent of the total. The largest share of passengers fell within the 60-79 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 40 and 59 (Table1) ■

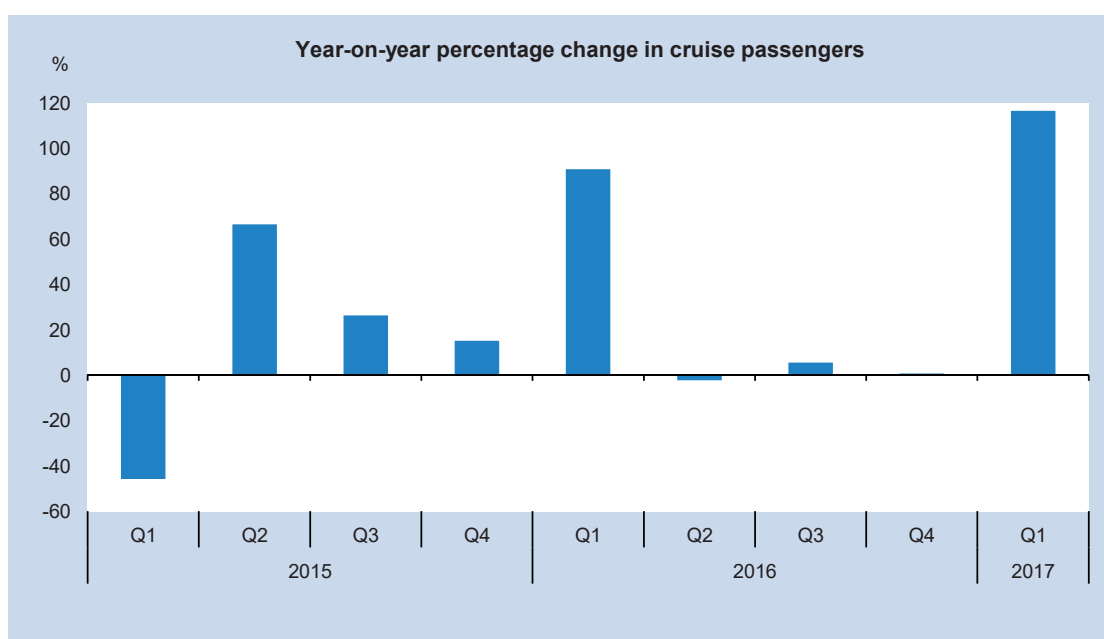


Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2015-2017

	January-March			Change
	2015	2016	2017	Jan-Mar 2017/ Jan-Mar 2016
Total traffic:	20,653	39,375	85,215	45,840
Transit	20,582	39,170	85,009	45,839
Landed	71	205	206	1
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	-	-	-	-
Passengers staying overnight	-	1,003	344	-659
Nationality:				
EU	16,069	25,952	58,031	32,079
<i>of which:</i>				
France	2,783	4,346	11,060	6,714
Germany	3,697	4,878	8,410	3,532
Italy	5,091	6,884	21,454	14,570
Malta	1	72	82	10
Spain	743	1,465	3,007	1,542
United Kingdom	1,502	3,814	6,742	2,928
Non-EU	4,584	13,423	27,184	13,761
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	189	424	1,365	941
Canada	310	600	1,447	847
Japan	187	794	2,541	1,747
United States	561	3,277	7,631	4,354
Sex:				
Males	9,992	18,373	40,053	21,680
Females	10,661	21,002	45,162	24,160
Age group:				
0-19	2,838	6,039	11,863	5,824
20-39	2,722	6,331	13,789	7,458
40-59	5,742	11,404	26,205	14,801
60-79	8,639	14,021	30,717	16,696
80+	712	1,580	2,641	1,061
Cruise liner calls	9	17	34	17

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 News Release no. 079/2013 dated 23 April 2013. The referred news release also includes figures for 2012 and 2011.

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

Embarkations	2015	2016	2017
January-March (Q1)	36	150	137

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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