

Total cruise passenger traffic during the second quarter of 2017 amounted to 183,143, a decrease of 8.6 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

## Cruise Passengers: Q2/2017

There were 115 cruise liner calls during the second quarter of 2017, seven more than last year. At 78.6 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the absolute majority of total traffic, reaching 143,918. A total of 4,179 passengers visited Gozo, while 14,517 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner. On average, every vessel that berthed in Malta carried 1,593 passengers, 263 less than last year.

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 74.0 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 47,580, of whom 39.4 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 fell within the 60-79 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 40 and 59 (Table1).

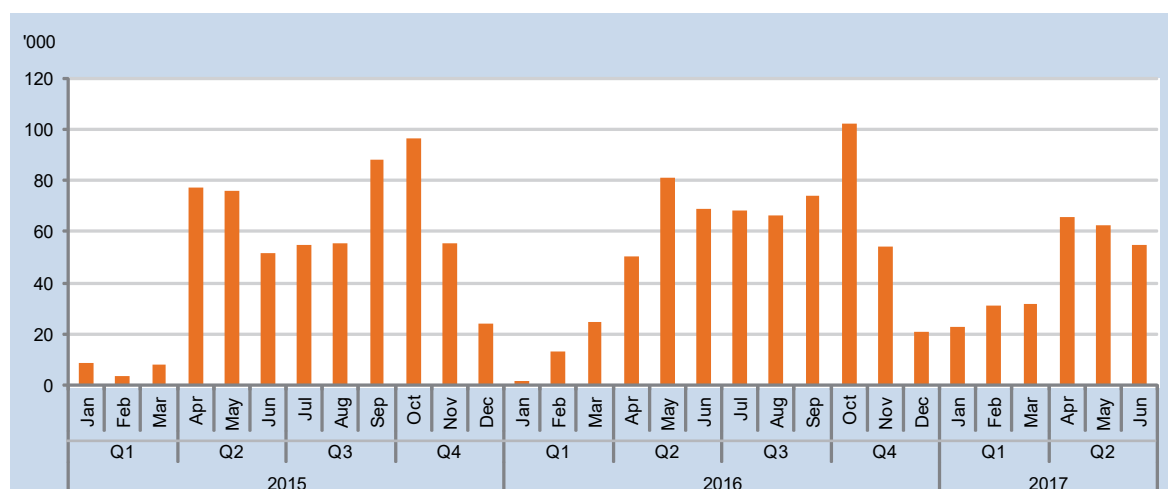
### January-June 2017

During the first half of the year, total cruise passengers stood at 268,358, a rise of 11.9 per cent over 2016. Of these, 72.1 per cent came from EU Member States. The biggest increase was recorded from the British market, which advanced by 26,081 passengers.

Female passengers numbered 143,313 and were in the majority. Most passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 110,921. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, reaching 81,568.

There were 149 cruise liner calls during the first six months, with an average 1,801 passengers per vessel, compared to 125 calls and an average 1,919 passengers per vessel in January-June 2016 (Table 2) ■

### Total cruise passenger traffic



**Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2015-2017**

	April-June			Change
	2015	2016	2017	Apr-Jun 2017/ Apr-Jun 2016
<b>Total traffic:</b>	<b>205,224</b>	<b>200,480</b>	<b>183,143</b>	<b>-17,337</b>
Transit	178,589	182,754	143,918	-38,836
Landed	26,635	17,726	39,225	21,499
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	2,386	2,474	4,179	1,705
Passengers staying overnight	6,186	4,230	14,517	10,287
<b>Nationality:</b>				
EU	155,073	147,033	135,563	-11,470
<i>of which:</i>				
French	24,447	30,407	17,466	-12,941
German	49,746	34,826	33,470	-1,356
Italian	33,526	31,360	22,910	-8,450
Maltese	2,119	2,638	2,093	-545
Spanish	9,133	10,324	5,269	-5,055
British	19,488	19,406	42,559	23,153
Non-EU	50,151	53,447	47,580	-5,867
<i>of which:</i>				
Australian	6,716	4,181	5,910	1,729
Canadian	3,357	4,729	4,348	-381
Japanese	1,390	867	798	-69
American	13,590	20,803	18,769	-2,034
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	97,430	93,107	84,992	-8,115
Females	107,794	107,373	98,151	-9,222
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	23,154	22,893	18,303	-4,590
20-39	26,736	28,905	21,082	-7,823
40-59	64,829	62,788	55,363	-7,425
60-79	82,225	78,888	80,204	1,316
80+	8,280	7,006	8,191	1,185
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>7</b>

**Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2015-2017**

	January-June			Change
	2015	2016	2017	Jan-Jun 2017/ Jan-Jun 2016
<b>Total traffic:</b>	<b>225,877</b>	<b>239,855</b>	<b>268,358</b>	<b>28,503</b>
Transit	199,171	221,924	228,927	7,003
Landed	26,706	17,931	39,431	21,500
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	2,386	2,474	4,179	1,705
Passengers staying overnight	6,186	5,233	14,861	9,628
<b>Nationality:</b>				
EU	171,142	172,985	193,594	20,609
<i>of which:</i>				
French	27,230	34,753	28,526	-6,227
German	53,443	39,704	41,880	2,176
Italian	38,617	38,244	44,364	6,120
Maltese	2,120	2,710	2,175	-535
Spanish	9,876	11,789	8,276	-3,513
British	20,990	23,220	49,301	26,081
Non-EU	54,735	66,870	74,764	7,894
<i>of which:</i>				
Australian	6,905	4,605	7,275	2,670
Canadian	3,667	5,329	5,795	466
Japanese	1,577	1,661	3,339	1,678
American	14,151	24,080	26,400	2,320
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	107,422	111,480	125,045	13,565
Females	118,455	128,375	143,313	14,938
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	25,992	28,932	30,166	1,234
20-39	29,458	35,236	34,871	-365
40-59	70,571	74,192	81,568	7,376
60-79	90,864	92,909	110,921	18,012
80+	8,992	8,586	10,832	2,246
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>24</b>

## 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
April-June (Q2)	26,671	18,010	41,570
January-June	26,707	18,160	41,707

#### 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.
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