

Total cruise passenger traffic during the second quarter of 2019 amounted to 263,608, an increase of 44.2 per cent over the corresponding period in 2018.

## Cruise Passengers: Q2/2019

There were 130 cruise liner calls during the second quarter of 2019, an increase of 27 calls when compared to the previous year. At 79.9 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the absolute majority of total traffic, reaching 210,671. A total of 2,421 passengers visited Gozo, while 8,419 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner. On average, every vessel that berthed in Malta carried 2,028 passengers, 253 more than the previous year.

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 65.5 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 90,966, of whom 42.6 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 54.3 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 (Table 1).

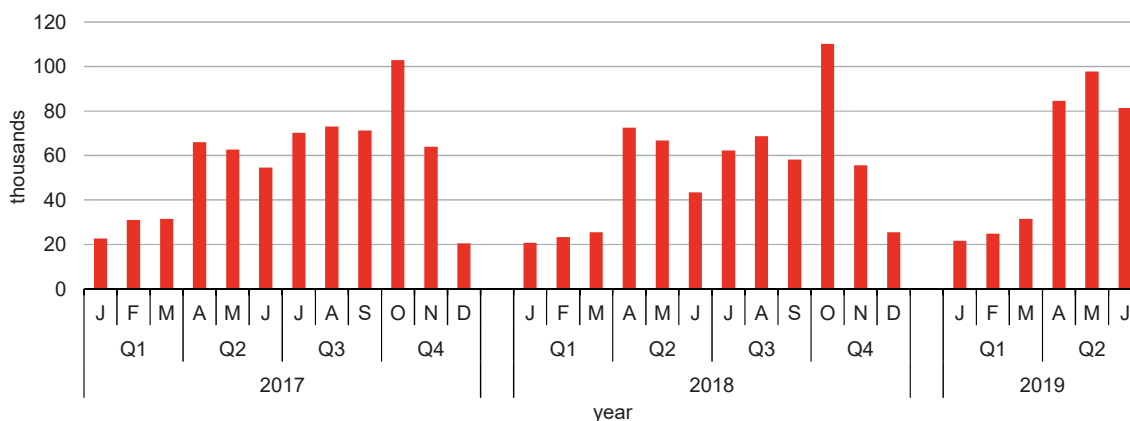
### January-June 2019

During the first half of the year, total cruise passengers stood at 341,659, an increase of 35.3 per cent over 2018. Of these, 65.6 per cent came from EU Member States. Significant increases were recorded in the German, American and British markets.

Female passengers numbered 184,799 and were in the majority. Most passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 138,732. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, reaching 103,988.

There were 151 cruise liner calls during the first six months, with an average 2,263 passengers per vessel, compared to 120 calls and an average 2,105 passengers per vessel in January-June 2018 (Table 2) ■

Chart 1. Total cruise passenger traffic



**Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2017-2019**

|                                   | April-June     |                |                | Change        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                   | 2017           | 2018           | 2019           | 2019/2018     |
| <b>Total traffic<sup>1</sup>:</b> | <b>183,143</b> | <b>182,862</b> | <b>263,608</b> | <b>80,746</b> |
| Transit                           | 143,918        | 153,199        | 210,671        | 57,472        |
| Landed                            | 39,225         | 29,663         | 52,937         | 23,274        |
| <i>of which:</i>                  |                |                |                |               |
| Passengers visiting Gozo          | 4,179          | 4,490          | 2,421          | -2,069        |
| Passengers staying overnight      | 14,517         | 14,572         | 8,419          | -6,153        |
| <b>Nationality:</b>               |                |                |                |               |
| EU                                | 135,563        | 123,778        | 172,642        | 48,864        |
| <i>of which:</i>                  |                |                |                |               |
| French                            | 17,466         | 17,234         | 14,072         | -3,162        |
| German                            | 33,470         | 30,493         | 52,551         | 22,058        |
| Italian                           | 22,910         | 21,835         | 27,704         | 5,869         |
| Maltese                           | 2,093          | 2,013          | 2,613          | 600           |
| Spanish                           | 5,269          | 5,012          | 9,603          | 4,591         |
| British                           | 42,559         | 35,983         | 49,155         | 13,172        |
| Non-EU                            | 47,580         | 59,084         | 90,966         | 31,882        |
| <i>of which:</i>                  |                |                |                |               |
| Australian                        | 5,910          | 9,176          | 11,059         | 1,883         |
| Canadian                          | 4,348          | 5,595          | 8,176          | 2,581         |
| Japanese                          | 798            | 1,853          | 3,038          | 1,185         |
| American                          | 18,769         | 23,314         | 38,731         | 15,417        |
| <b>Sex:</b>                       |                |                |                |               |
| Males                             | 84,992         | 84,030         | 120,439        | 36,409        |
| Females                           | 98,151         | 98,832         | 143,169        | 44,337        |
| <b>Age group:</b>                 |                |                |                |               |
| 0-19                              | 18,303         | 17,255         | 27,845         | 10,590        |
| 20-39                             | 21,082         | 19,434         | 31,909         | 12,475        |
| 40-59                             | 55,363         | 53,443         | 79,489         | 26,046        |
| 60-79                             | 80,204         | 84,712         | 113,583        | 28,871        |
| 80+                               | 8,191          | 8,018          | 10,782         | 2,764         |
| <b>Cruise liner calls</b>         | <b>115</b>     | <b>103</b>     | <b>130</b>     | <b>27</b>     |

<sup>(1)</sup> See methodological note 3

**Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2017-2019**

|                                   | January-June   |                |                | Change        |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
|                                   | 2017           | 2018           | 2019           | 2019/2018     |
| <b>Total traffic<sup>1</sup>:</b> | <b>268,358</b> | <b>252,604</b> | <b>341,659</b> | <b>89,055</b> |
| Transit                           | 228,927        | 222,823        | 288,524        | 65,701        |
| Landed                            | 39,431         | 29,781         | 53,135         | 23,354        |
| <i>of which:</i>                  |                |                |                |               |
| Passengers visiting Gozo          | 4,179          | 4,490          | 2,421          | -2,069        |
| Passengers staying overnight      | 14,861         | 14,572         | 8,419          | -6,153        |
| <b>Nationality:</b>               |                |                |                |               |
| EU                                | 193,594        | 169,588        | 224,061        | 54,473        |
| <i>of which:</i>                  |                |                |                |               |
| French                            | 28,526         | 26,125         | 23,018         | -3,107        |
| German                            | 41,880         | 39,311         | 59,217         | 19,906        |
| Italian                           | 44,364         | 37,248         | 46,358         | 9,110         |
| Maltese                           | 2,175          | 2,030          | 2,689          | 659           |
| Spanish                           | 8,276          | 9,979          | 15,001         | 5,022         |
| British                           | 49,301         | 38,518         | 54,765         | 16,247        |
| Non-EU                            | 74,764         | 83,016         | 117,598        | 34,582        |
| <i>of which:</i>                  |                |                |                |               |
| Australian                        | 7,275          | 9,858          | 12,617         | 2,759         |
| Canadian                          | 5,795          | 6,618          | 9,913          | 3,295         |
| Japanese                          | 3,339          | 5,251          | 5,529          | 278           |
| American                          | 26,400         | 26,063         | 43,783         | 17,720        |
| <b>Sex:</b>                       |                |                |                |               |
| Males                             | 125,045        | 116,177        | 156,860        | 40,683        |
| Females                           | 143,313        | 136,427        | 184,799        | 48,372        |
| <b>Age group:</b>                 |                |                |                |               |
| 0-19                              | 30,166         | 27,821         | 40,442         | 12,621        |
| 20-39                             | 34,871         | 31,365         | 45,459         | 14,094        |
| 40-59                             | 81,568         | 75,232         | 103,988        | 28,756        |
| 60-79                             | 110,921        | 108,302        | 138,732        | 30,430        |
| 80+                               | 10,832         | 9,884          | 13,038         | 3,154         |
| <b>Cruise liner calls</b>         | <b>149</b>     | <b>120</b>     | <b>151</b>     | <b>31</b>     |

<sup>(1)</sup> See methodological note 3

## 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 2011 and 2012.

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

| Embarkations | 2017   | 2018   | 2019   |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| April-June   | 41,570 | 29,486 | 51,566 |
| January-June | 41,707 | 29,553 | 51,710 |

#### 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 arriving in Malta by other means of transport.
- **Transit passengers:** comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in and leave Malta on the same cruise ship.
- **Landed passengers:** 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:** comprise passengers who spend at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner.
- **Average number of passengers per vessel:** computed by dividing total cruise passenger traffic by the number of cruise liner calls.

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

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

6. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

7. A detailed news release calendar is available on: [https://nso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/Release\\_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx)