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Cruise Passengers: March 2004

Commentary

In March this year, the number of cruise passengers went down by 1,947 over the same month last year to 2,400 from 4,347.

Cruise passengers arriving from the German market rose by 587 to 839 from 252 in March last year. Other increases in arrivals were recorded from, amongst other, the Austrian (+332), the French (+371) and a group of "other" (+77) markets.

In the month under review, drops in arrivals were recorded from the Italian (-263), the Spanish (-2,316), the Swiss (-339) and the British (-333) market.

In the first three months this year, the number of cruise passengers that visited the Maltese islands went down by 4,425 over the same period last year and amounted to 2,753. In the period under review, the highest amount of cruise passengers were those coming from the German market (1,186) followed by the French (444) and the Austrian (375) markets.

The greatest proportion of cruise passengers, 51 per cent were aged 20-49 years, followed by passengers aged 50-79 years (43 per cent) and 80+ years (4 per cent) respectively. The majority of the cruise passengers were females, which accounted to 56 per cent of passengers.

Chart 1. Cruise Passengers: January - March 2004

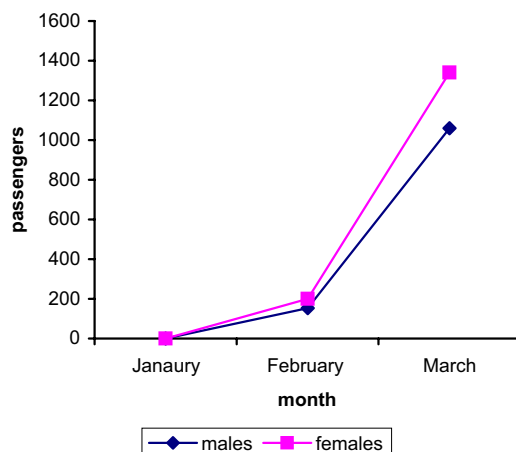
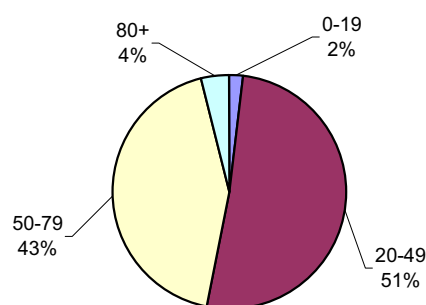


Chart 2. Cruise Passengers classified by age group



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Table 1. Cruise passengers: March 2004

Country	Number of Passengers			Sex		
	Landed	Embarked	Transit	Males	Females	Total
Austria	22	-	351	181	192	373
Belgium	2	-	2	3	1	4
Canada	2	-	2	2	2	4
Denmark	-	-	-	-	-	-
France	-	-	444	182	262	444
Germany	176	195	468	387	452	839
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ireland (Republic of)	-	-	1	-	1	1
Italy	-	-	269	109	160	269
Netherlands	2	-	21	13	10	23
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	-	-	4	2	2	4
Sweden	-	-	1	-	1	1
Switzerland	10	1	7	9	9	18
Turkey	-	-	-	-	-	-
U.K.	1	-	176	74	103	177
U.S.A.	-	1	32	10	23	33
Yugoslavia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Others	2	3	205	87	123	210
Total	217	200	1,983	1,059	1,341	2,400

Table 2. Cruise passengers arriving in Malta classified by age group and month: 2004

	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 29	30 - 39	40 - 49	50 - 59
January*				<i>nil data</i>			
February	1	-	-	-	10	35	76
March	14	6	25	208	510	512	301
Total	15	6	25	208	520	547	377
	60 - 69	70 - 79	80 - 89	90 - 99	100 - 109	Total	
January*				<i>nil data</i>			
February	152	69	10	-	-	353	
March	432	300	80	12	-	2,400	
Total	584	369	90	12	-	2,753	

* No cruise passengers were recorded in January 2004

Table 3. Cruise Passengers

Country	March		January - March	
	2003	2004	2003	2004*
Austria	41	373	48	375
Belgium	1	4	5	4
Canada	18	4	20	4
Denmark	6	-	6	-
France	73	444	350	444
Germany	252	839	418	1,186
Greece	-	-	-	-
Ireland (Republic of)	-	1	-	1
Italy	532	269	781	269
Netherlands	13	23	18	24
Norway	12	-	16	-
Russia	1	-	2	-
Spain	2,320	4	3,800	4
Sweden	3	1	3	1
Switzerland	357	18	395	21
Turkey	-	-	2	-
U.K.	510	177	557	177
U.S.A.	75	33	200	33
Yugoslavia	-	-	-	-
Others	133	210	557	210
Total	4,347	2,400	7,178	2,753

* No cruise passengers were recorded in January 2004

Methodological Notes

Definitions:

- Landed passengers covers all cruise passengers that arrived in Malta with a cruise ship and left Malta with other means of transport or stayed in Malta.

- Embarked passengers covers all cruise passengers that are either Maltese and left Malta with a cruise ship or else are foreigners that came to Malta by other means of transport and left Malta by a cruise ship.

- Transit passengers' covers all cruise passengers that arrived in Malta by a cruise ship and left Malta by the same cruise ship.