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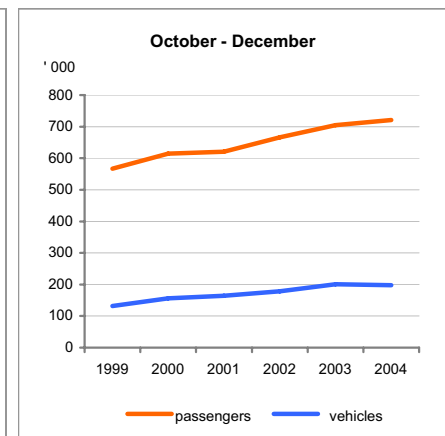
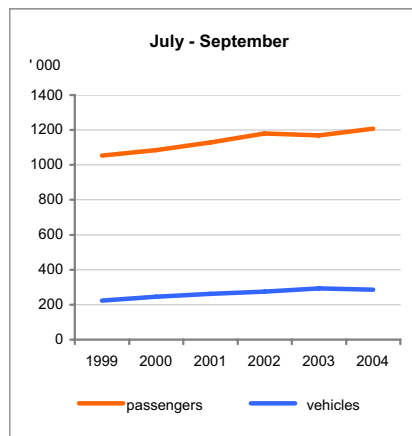
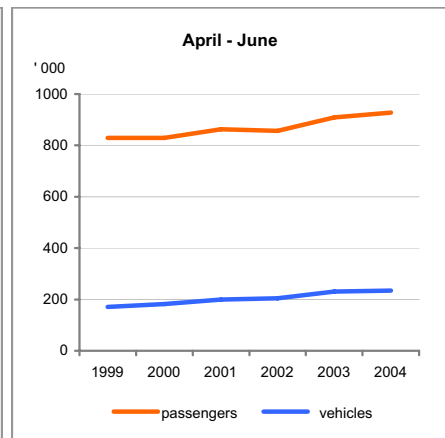
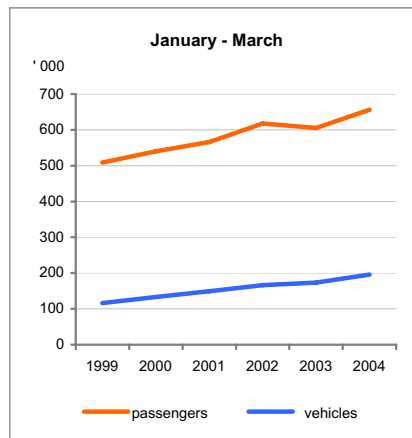
Transport

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: October - December 2004

During the fourth quarter of 2004, 721,272 passengers used the Malta-Gozo ferries to cross from one island to the other; an increase of 16,601 passengers or 2.4 per cent over the same period the year before. The total number of passenger vehicles carried by the ferries decreased by 3,203 to 197,976 a decrease of 1.6 per cent over the corresponding period in 2003. In the quarter under review, 4,264 trips were made between Malta and Gozo; an increase of 98 or 2.4 per cent over the same period the year before. The M.V. Malita carried 306,611 passengers or 42.5 per cent of the total passengers in this period. The other two main Gozo Channel ferries M.V. Ta' Pinu and M.V. Gaudos carried 229,178 and 185,282 passengers respectively.

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Table 1. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo

| Year | Trips | Passenger vehicles | Cargo vehicles | Total vehicles | Total passengers |
|------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2000 | | | | | |
| January-March | 4,578 | 133,145 | 4,825 | 137,970 | 540,198 |
| April-June | 5,547 | 181,487 | 5,251 | 186,738 | 828,949 |
| July-September | 6,806 | 245,398 | 5,916 | 251,314 | 1,084,970 |
| October-December | 4,999 | 156,591 | 5,169 | 161,760 | 614,399 |
| Total | 21,930 | 716,621 | 21,161 | 737,782 | 3,068,516 |
| 2001 | | | | | |
| January-March | 4,506 | 149,505 | 4,985 | 154,490 | 565,939 |
| April-June | 5,441 | 199,400 | 5,405 | 204,805 | 862,555 |
| July-September | 6,795 | 262,588 | 5,783 | 268,371 | 1,129,517 |
| October-December | 5,014 | 163,899 | 5,155 | 169,054 | 620,102 |
| Total | 21,756 | 775,392 | 21,328 | 796,720 | 3,178,113 |
| 2002 | | | | | |
| January-March | 4,602 | 166,425 | 4,676 | 171,101 | 616,707 |
| April-June | 4,656 | 204,757 | 5,170 | 209,927 | 856,287 |
| July-September | 5,670 | 274,718 | 5,904 | 280,622 | 1,180,524 |
| October-December | 4,423 | 178,195 | 5,068 | 183,263 | 666,222 |
| Total | 19,351 | 824,095 | 20,818 | 844,913 | 3,319,740 |
| 2003 | | | | | |
| January-March | 4,298 | 173,242 | n/a | n/a | 605,036 |
| April-June | 4,769 | 231,201 | n/a | n/a | 908,402 |
| July-September | 5,623 | 293,599 | n/a | n/a | 1,169,993 |
| October-December | 4,166 | 201,179 | n/a | n/a | 704,671 |
| Total | 18,856 | 899,221 | n/a | n/a | 3,388,102 |
| 2004 | | | | | |
| January-March | 4,470 | 195,552 | n/a | n/a | 656,446 |
| April-June | 4,504 | 234,135 | n/a | n/a | 927,583 |
| July-September | 5,588 | 286,461 | n/a | n/a | 1,207,099 |
| October-December | 4,264 | 197,976 | n/a | n/a | 721,272 |
| Total | 18,826 | 914,124 | n/a | n/a | 3,512,400 |

Source: Gozo Channel

Table 2. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo

| | Oct. - Dec. 2002 | Oct. - Dec. 2003 | Absolute Change | % Change | Oct. - Dec. 2003 | Oct. - Dec. 2004 | Absolute Change | % Change |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Trips | 4,423 | 4,166 | -257 | -5.81 | 4,166 | 4,264 | 98 | 2.35 |
| Passenger vehicles | 183,263 | 201,179 | 17,916 | 9.78 | 201,179 | 197,976 | -3,203 | -1.59 |
| Total passengers | 666,222 | 704,671 | 38,449 | 5.77 | 704,671 | 721,272 | 16,601 | 2.36 |

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release are compiled from administrative information provided by the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
2. The data are full and are not normally subject to revision.