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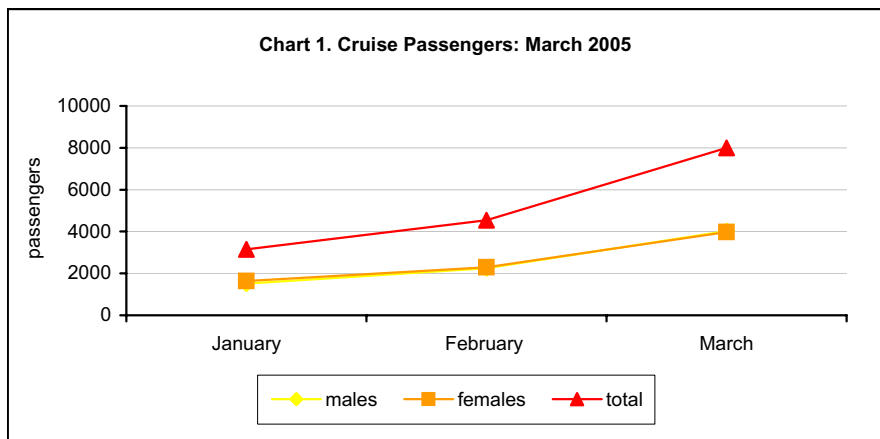
### Cruise passengers: March 2005

In March this year, the number of cruise passengers went up by 5,597 over the same month last year to 7,997 from 2,400.

Cruise passengers arriving from the German market rose by 2571, to 3410 from 839 in March last year. Other increases in arrivals were recorded from, amongst other, the French (+418) the Italian (+946), the Spanish (+1796), the Swiss (+109) and the US (+76) markets.

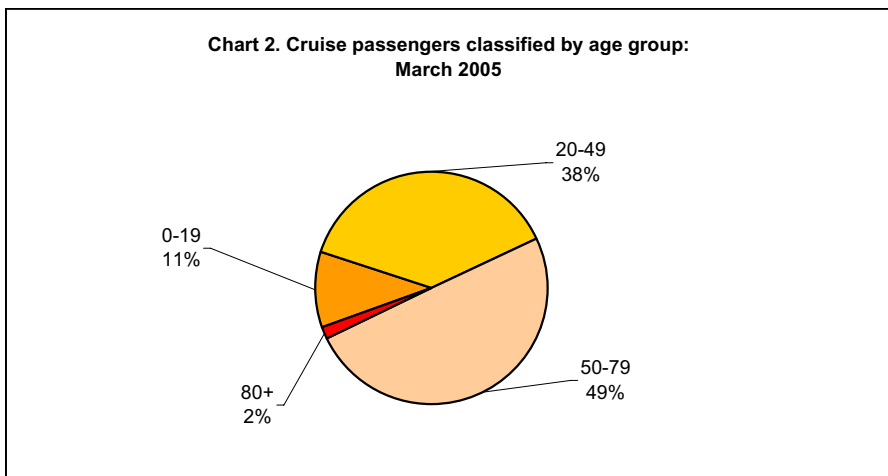
In the first three months this year, the number of cruise passengers that visited the Maltese islands went up by 12,922 over the same period last year and amounted to 15,675. In the period under review, the highest number of cruise passengers were those coming from the German market (7,829) followed by the Spanish (2,565) and the Italian (1,859) markets.

The greatest proportion of cruise passengers, 49.6 per cent were aged 50-79 years, followed by passengers aged 20-49 years (38 per cent) and 0-19 years (11 per cent) respectively. The majority of the cruise passengers were females, which accounted to 50.36 per cent of passengers ■



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**Table 1. Cruise passengers: March 2005**

Country	Number of Passengers			Sex		
	Landed	Embarked	Transit	Males	Females	Total
Austria	-	-	139	50	89	139
Belgium	-	-	15	9	6	15
Canada	-	-	12	6	6	12
Denmark	-	-	11	5	6	11
France	-	-	862	426	436	862
Germany	-	-	3,410	1,869	1,541	3,410
Greece	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ireland (Republic of)	-	-	3	1	2	3
Italy	2	-	1,213	575	640	1,215
Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	-	-	4	2	2	4
Norway	-	-	3	2	1	3
Russia	-	-	2	0	2	2
Spain	-	-	1,800	814	986	1,800
Sweden	-	-	3	-	3	3
Switzerland	-	-	94	46	48	94
Turkey	-	-	1	0	1	1
U.K.	2	-	152	81	73	154
U.S.A.	2	-	107	53	56	109
Yugoslavia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	160	85	75	160
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,991</b>	<b>4,024</b>	<b>3,973</b>	<b>7,997</b>

**Table 2. Cruise Passengers arriving in Malta classified by age group and month 2005**

	0-4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs
January	43	8	39	221	403	512	548
February	59	31	139	396	650	823	995
March	89	208	1,058	868	865	1,214	1,420
Total	191	247	1,236	1,485	1,918	2,549	2,963
	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80-89 yrs	90-99 yrs	100-109 yrs	Total	
January	835	428	95	12	-	3,144	
February	985	403	48	5	-	4,534	
March	1,559	597	107	12	-	7,997	
Total	3,379	1,428	250	29	-	15,675	

**Table 3. Cruise Passengers**

Country	March		January-March	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Austria	373	139	375	211
Belgium	4	15	4	80
Canada	4	12	4	25
Denmark	-	11	-	19
France	444	862	444	1,567
Germany	839	3,410	1,186	7,829
Greece	-	-	-	-
Republic of Ireland	1	3	1	15
Italy	269	1,215	269	1,859
Malta	1	-	1	-
Netherlands	23	4	24	33
Norway	-	3	-	12
Russia	-	2	-	14
Spain	4	1,800	4	2,565
Sweden	1	3	1	6
Switzerland	18	94	21	130
Turkey	-	1	-	6
U.K.	177	154	177	847
U.S.A.	33	109	33	154
Yugoslavia	-	-	-	2
Others	209	160	209	301
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>7,997</b>	<b>2,753</b>	<b>15,675</b>

**Methodological Notes**

1. The data in this release are compiled on the basis of administrative records held by the Malta Maritime Authority.
2. Data should be considered as final and is not normally subject to further revisions.

**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.