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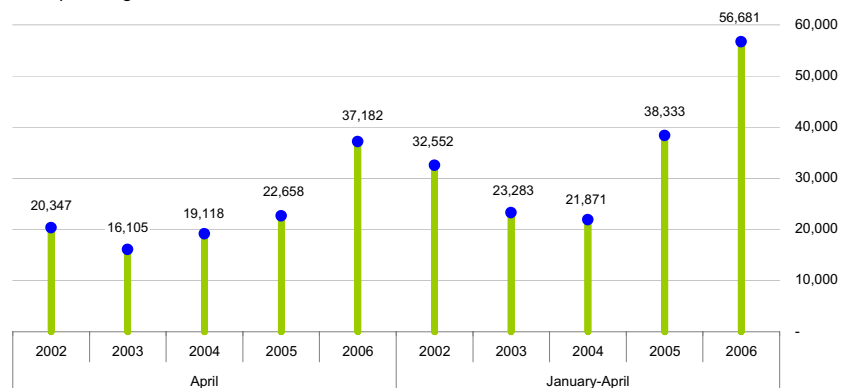
Cruise passengers: April 2006

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In April 2006, the number of cruise passengers arriving in Malta went up by 14,524 cruise passengers over the corresponding month a year ago, to a total of 37,182.

Chart 1. Graphical Overview

Cruise passengers, total



When compared to April last year, the major increases in cruise passengers came from the German, the Spanish and the American markets, each by 8,294, 4,304 and 1,291 respectively.

On the other hand, cruise passengers arriving from Italy decreased by 556 to 694 from 1,250 in the corresponding month a year earlier.

January-April 2006

During the first four months of the year, the number of cruise passengers that visited Malta went up by 47.9 per cent, to 56,681, an increase of 18,348 same-day visitors over the corresponding period in 2005. The major markets for cruise passengers were the German (19,375), the Italian (10,020), the Spanish (7,665), and the American (4,749). Further illustrations can be looked up in page 3.

During the period under review, male cruise passengers exceeded female ones, the former accounting for 51.4 per cent of the total – see Chart 2.

The greatest proportion of cruise passengers - 34.0 per cent - were aged 40-59 years, followed by passengers aged 60-79 and 20-39 years, at 33.3 and 17.0 per cent respectively. For further analysis refer to page 4 ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers arriving in Malta: April 2006

Country	Number of Passengers				Sex		
	Landed	Embarked	Transit	Total	Male	Female	Total
Austria	1	-	1,159	1,160	546	614	1,160
Belgium	-	-	315	315	164	151	315
Canada	23	4	709	736	331	405	736
Denmark	-	-	112	112	62	50	112
France	-	-	3,226	3,226	1,763	1,463	3,226
Germany	-	-	10,496	10,496	5,641	4,855	10,496
Greece	-	-	13	13	7	6	13
Ireland (Republic of)	4	1	41	46	23	23	46
Italy	7	-	6,086	6,093	3,631	2,462	6,093
Malta	163	-	-	163	78	85	163
Netherlands	-	-	168	168	82	86	168
Norway	1	-	60	61	28	33	61
Russia	-	-	27	27	15	12	27
Spain	2	-	6,288	6,290	2,909	3,381	6,290
Sweden	3	2	93	98	51	47	98
Switzerland	-	1	693	694	332	362	694
Turkey	-	-	37	37	19	18	37
UK	10	6	1,618	1,634	755	879	1,634
US	221	234	3,607	4,062	1,945	2,117	4,062
Yugoslavia	-	-	8	8	3	5	8
Other	9	2	1,732	1,743	832	911	1,743
Total	444	250	36,488	37,182	19,217	17,965	37,182

Chart 2. January-April 2006
Total Cruise passengers, by sex

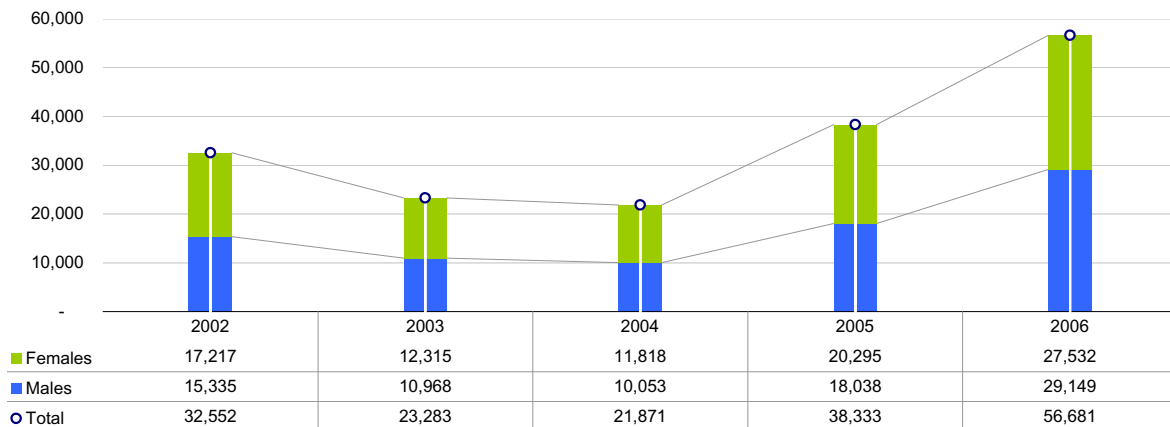


Table 2. Cruise passengers arriving in Malta classified by country of origin

Country	April			January-April		
	2005	2006	Annual change	2005	2006	Annual change
Austria	1,340	1,160	-180	1,551	1,313	-238
Belgium	234	315	81	314	371	57
Canada	234	736	502	259	795	536
Denmark	62	112	50	81	162	81
France	2,838	3,226	388	4,405	4,507	102
Germany	2,202	10,496	8,294	10,031	19,375	9,344
Greece	8	13	5	8	19	11
Ireland (Republic of)	40	46	6	55	67	12
Italy	7,196	6,093	-1,103	9,055	10,020	965
Malta	2	163	161	2	165	163
Netherlands	143	168	25	176	236	60
Norway	16	61	45	28	491	463
Russia	11	27	16	25	59	34
Spain	1,986	6,290	4,304	4,551	7,665	3,114
Sweden	18	98	80	24	125	101
Switzerland	1,250	694	-556	1,380	843	-537
Turkey	-	37	37	6	52	46
UK	1,414	1,634	220	2,261	3,386	1,125
US	2,771	4,062	1,291	2,925	4,749	1,824
Yugoslavia	2	8	6	4	14	10
Others	891	1,743	852	1,192	2,267	1,075
Total	22,658	37,182	14,524	38,333	56,681	18,348

Chart 3. January-April 2006

Cruise passengers - by country of origin

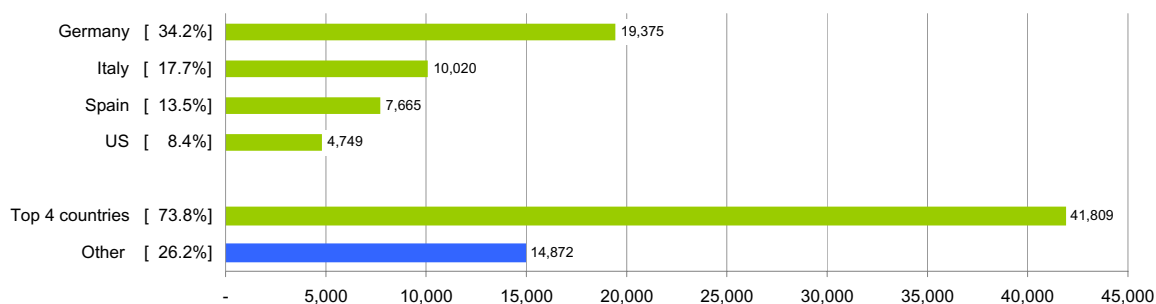


Chart 4. January-April 2005

Cruise passengers - by country of origin

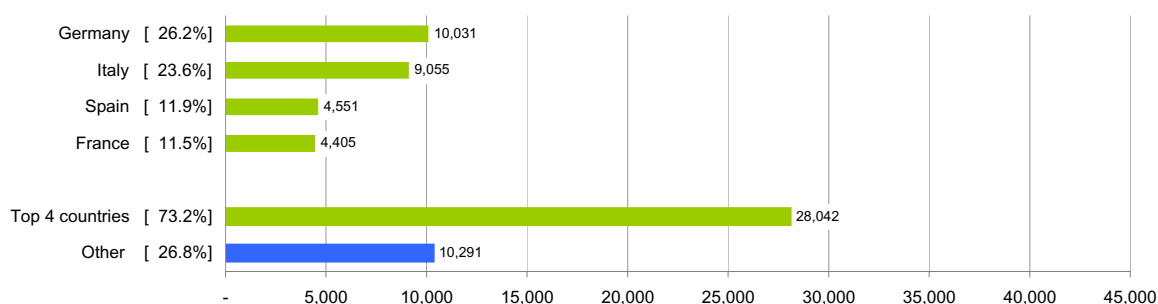


Table 3. Monthly cruise passengers arriving in Malta classified by age-group: 2006

Month	Age groups												Total
	0-4	5-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	100+	
January	81	159	312	151	469	683	894	1,341	1,191	255	15	-	5,551
February	50	106	199	316	594	852	1,327	1,680	658	85	21	-	5,888
March	66	58	420	632	993	1,293	1,788	1,874	790	109	37	-	8,060
April	491	1,422	3,967	2,488	3,968	6,046	6,388	7,432	3,934	847	199	-	37,182
Total	688	1,745	4,898	3,587	6,024	8,874	10,397	12,327	6,573	1,296	272	-	56,681

Chart 5. January-April 2006
Cruise passengers - by age group

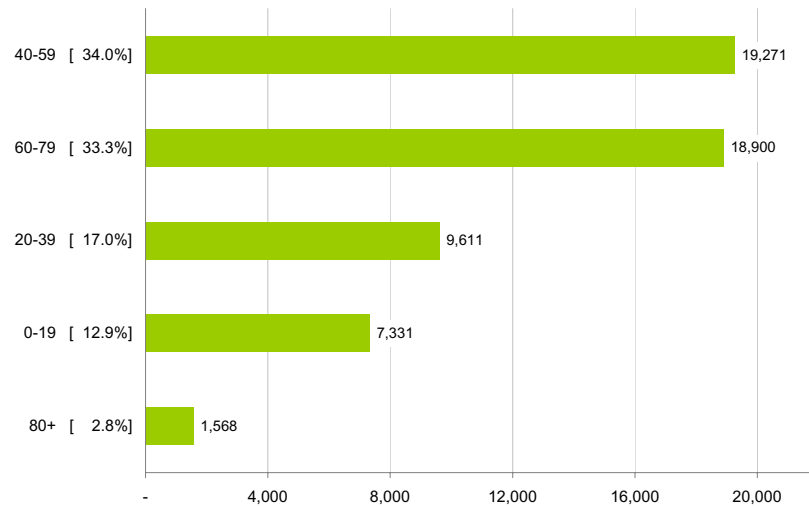


Chart 6. January-April 2005
Cruise passengers - by age group

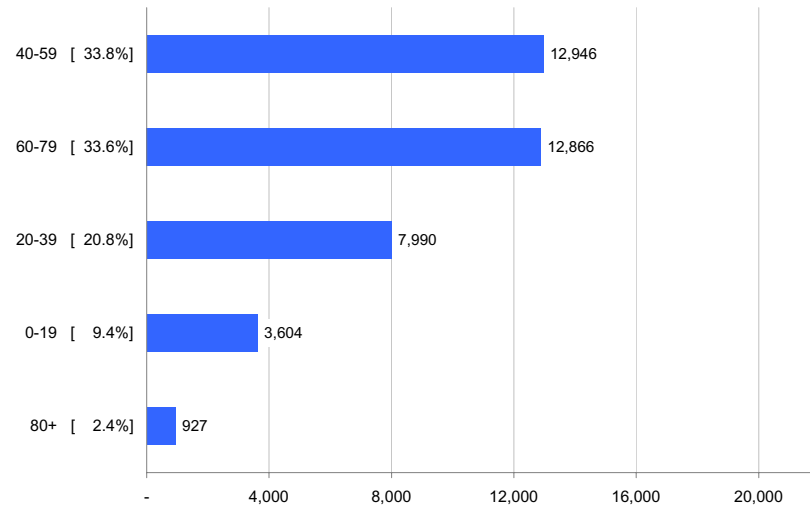


Chart 7. Monthly cruise liner calls: 2002-2006

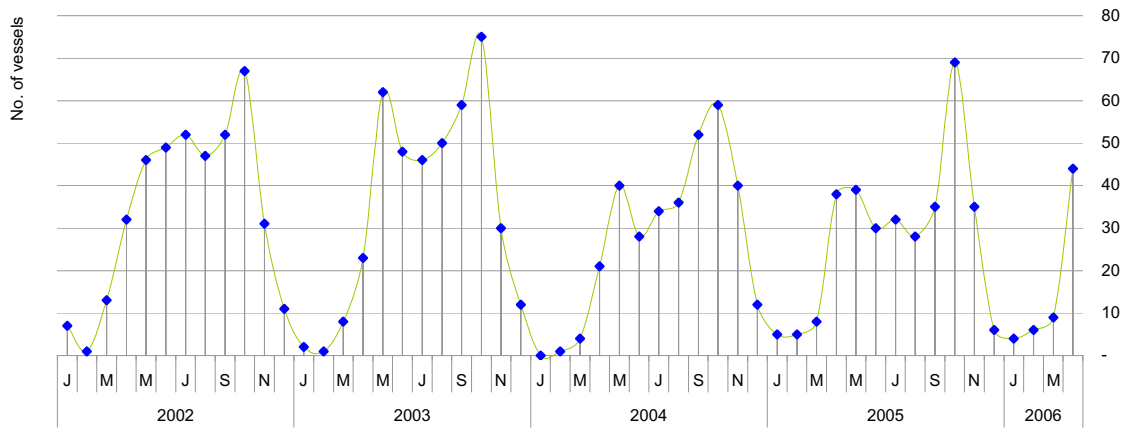
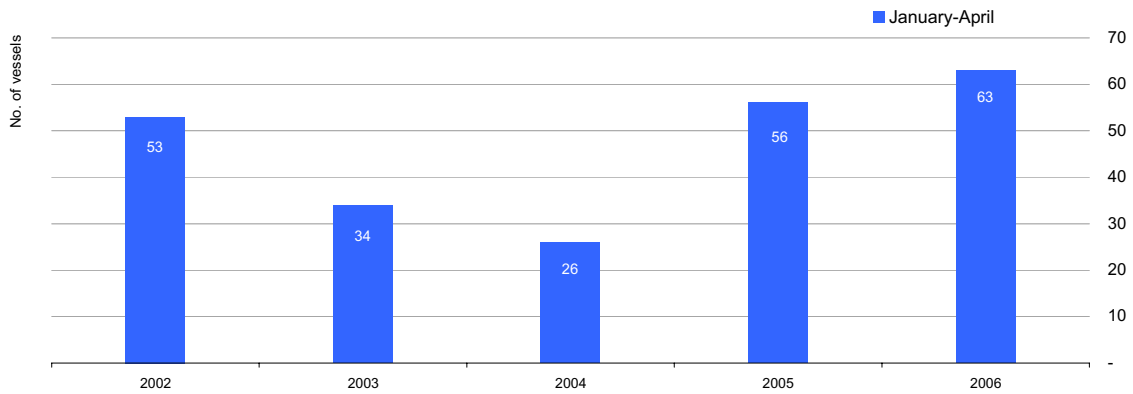


Table 4. Monthly cruise liner calls: 2002-2006

Month	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January	7	2	-	5	4
February	1	1	1	5	6
March	13	8	4	8	9
April	32	23	21	38	44
May	46	62	40	39	
June	49	48	28	30	
July	52	46	34	32	
August	47	50	36	28	
September	52	59	52	35	
October	67	75	59	69	
November	31	30	40	35	
December	11	12	12	6	

Chart 8. Cruise liner calls: 2002-2006



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 are not normally subject to further revisions.

Definitions:

- Landed passengers cover all cruise passengers that arrived in Malta on a cruise ship and left Malta by other means of transport or stayed in Malta.
- Embarked passengers cover all cruise passengers that are either Maltese and left Malta on a cruise ship or else are foreigners that came to Malta by other means of transport and left Malta on a cruise ship.
- Transit passengers cover all cruise passengers that arrived in Malta on a cruise ship and left Malta by the same cruise ship.