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Outbound Tourism: June 2006

In June 2006, outbound passengers increased by 9.6 per cent to a total of 22,211. Over 75 per cent of the increase was attributable to departures by sea (catamaran), the majority being same-day visitors.

June 2006

Maltese passengers during the month under review reached a total of 22,211. Of these, 16,750 travelled by air, an increase of 2.9 per cent when compared to the same month last year.

January-June 2006

During the first half of the year, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air and sea amounted to 105,414, an increase of 7.6 per cent over the same period a year ago.

In the period under review, the most frequent destination was Italy, accounting for 30.9 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air and sea.

In the first six months of 2006, male outbound passengers significantly exceeded female ones, the former accounting for 62.2 per cent of the total.

The greatest proportion of outbound passengers - 46.7 per cent - comprise passengers aged 25-44 years, followed by those in the 45-64 age bracket, at 42.2 per cent ■

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Table 1. Outbound passengers: June

persons

	June		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
Total	20,264	22,211	1,947	9.6
Transport:				
Air	16,280	16,750	470	2.9
Sea	3,984	5,461	1,477	37.1
Destination:				
EU	16,052	18,644	2,592	16.1
Italy	7,954	8,978	1,024	12.9
UK	3,665	4,194	529	14.4
Non-EU	4,212	3,567	-645	-15.3
Sex:				
Males	12,252	13,088	836	6.8
Females	8,012	9,123	1,111	13.9
Age group:				
0-24	2,257	2,003	-254	-11.3
25-44	9,264	10,654	1,390	15.0
45-64	7,783	8,698	915	11.8
65+	960	856	-104	-10.8

Table 2. Outbound passengers: January-June

persons

	January-June		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
Total	98,007	105,414	7,407	7.6
Transport:				
Air	87,100	92,684	5,584	6.4
Sea	10,907	12,730	1,823	16.7
Destination:				
EU	74,770	86,378	11,608	15.5
Italy	31,038	32,562	1,524	4.9
UK	21,620	25,131	3,511	16.2
Non-EU	23,237	19,036	-4,201	-18.1
Sex:				
Males	60,233	65,523	5,290	8.8
Females	37,774	39,891	2,117	5.6
Age group:				
0-24	9,448	7,756	-1,692	-17.9
25-44	46,068	49,223	3,155	6.8
45-64	38,320	44,437	6,117	16.0
65+	4,171	3,998	-173	-4.1

Methodological Notes

1. Maltese air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of Malta International Airport. A two-stage sample design is used for this survey. At the first stage alternate days are selected. Then within each shift a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Personal interviews are carried out. Monthly response rates of around 90 per cent are achieved.
2. Maltese sea departures are collected through a regular survey that is carried out at the seaport. Ferry sailings on every alternate day are selected. Departing passengers are interviewed personally. On average a response rate of 93 per cent is recorded for this survey.
3. The survey which is carried out at the seaport commenced in April 2004. No data for Maltese sea departures is available for the period January - March 2004.
4. The variables with respect to Maltese departures that are collected in this survey include the following:
Age
Sex
Destination
5. The surveys carried out at the airport and the seaport are grossed up using the monthly passenger departures data in respect of each port after removing the number of transit passengers from the data sets.
6. Definitions

Outbound tourism comprises the activities of residents of a given country travelling to and staying in places outside that country and outside their usual environment.

Usual environment consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited.
7. The data in this release are not normally subject revision.
8. Further methodological notes are available at www.nso.gov.mt/publications/Tourstat/Tourstat2003.pdf