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Outbound Tourism: November 2006

Outbound tourists for the month of November amounted to 16,488, bringing the total for the period January-November 2006 to 233,354. Of these 86.7 per cent travelled by air, while 13.3 per cent travelled by sea.

November 2006

Maltese passengers during the month of November reached a total of 16,488. Over 13,000 outbound tourists travelled to European destinations; the most frequent destinations being the UK and Italy.

January-November 2006

During the first eleven months of the year, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air and sea amounted to 233,354, a 13.4 per cent increase over the same period a year earlier.

During this period, the most frequent destination was Italy, accounting for 31.0 per cent of the total number of Maltese going abroad by both air and sea.

In the first eleven months of 2006, male outbound passengers exceeded female ones, the former accounting for 60.2 per cent of the total number of Maltese travellers.

The greatest proportion of outbound passengers - 46.6 per cent - comprise passengers aged between 25 and 44 years, followed by those in the 45-64 age bracket ■

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Table 1. Outbound passengers: November

persons				
	November		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
Total	12,534	16,488	3,954	31.5
Transport:				
Air	12,030	14,880	2,850	23.7
Sea	504	1,608	1,104	219.0
Destination:				
EU	10,305	13,128	2,823	27.4
Italy	3,280	4,379	1,099	33.5
UK	3,323	5,158	1,835	55.2
Non-EU	2,229	3,360	1,131	50.7
Sex:				
Males	7,571	10,748	3,177	42.0
Females	4,963	5,740	777	15.7
Age group:				
0-24	1,052	1,287	235	22.3
25-44	5,873	8,266	2,393	40.7
45-64	4,978	6,314	1,336	26.8
65+	631	621	-10	-1.6

Table 2. Outbound passengers: January-November

persons				
	January-November		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
Total	205,771	233,354	27,583	13.4
Transport:				
Air	182,114	202,215	20,101	11.0
Sea	23,657	31,139	7,482	31.6
Destination:				
EU	159,650	191,816	32,166	20.1
Italy	62,865	72,261	9,396	14.9
UK	41,465	52,755	11,290	27.2
Non-EU	46,121	41,538	-4,583	-9.9
Sex:				
Males	122,980	140,516	17,536	14.3
Females	82,791	92,838	10,047	12.1
Age group:				
0-24	22,298	20,076	-2,222	-10.0
25-44	92,460	108,810	16,350	17.7
45-64	81,784	94,637	12,853	15.7
65+	9,229	9,831	602	6.5

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.