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January-April 2007

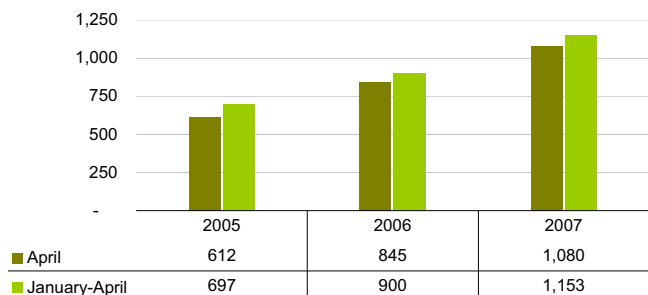
Total cruise passenger traffic in Malta amounted to 57,666, an increase of 1.7 per cent over the same period last year. Same-day visitors from EU countries accounted for 90.9 per cent of total traffic, the main markets being Germany, France and Italy.

On a gender basis, total traffic was almost on a par. The largest proportion of passengers - 35.8 per cent - comprised persons aged between 60 and 79 years, followed by those in the 40-59 age bracket who accounted for 32.2 per cent of the total.

Cruise liner calls

Chart 1

Average number of passengers per vessel



In April, cruise liner calls decreased by nine when compared to the same month in 2006. Total calls for the first four months of the year numbered 50 compared to 63 in the corresponding period of 2006. Chart 1 shows that the average number of passengers per vessel is increasing ■

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Table 1. Cruise passengers: April 2005-2007

	persons				
	April			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
TOTAL TRAFFIC	22,658	37,182	37,787	605	1.6
Embarked	97	250	575	325	130.0
Transit	22,448	36,488	36,653	165	0.5
Landed	113	444	559	115	25.9
Country of residence:					
EU	17,924	30,490	34,336	3,846	12.6
France	2,838	3,226	8,631	5,405	167.5
Germany	2,202	10,496	8,565	-1,931	-18.4
Italy	7,196	6,093	6,311	218	3.6
Malta	2	163	459	296	–
Spain	1,986	6,290	4,728	-1,562	-24.8
United Kingdom	1,414	1,634	3,960	2,326	142.4
Non-EU	4,734	6,692	3,451	-3,241	-48.4
Australia	136	329	127	-202	–
Canada	234	736	239	-497	–
Japan	24	87	56	-31	–
United States	2,771	4,062	1,927	-2,135	-52.6
Sex:					
Men	10,257	19,217	19,178	-39	-0.2
Women	12,401	17,965	18,609	644	3.6
Age group:					
0-19	1,930	5,880	5,294	-586	-10.0
20-39	4,587	6,456	6,292	-164	-2.5
40-59	7,434	12,434	11,815	-619	-5.0
60-79	8,059	11,366	13,049	1,683	14.8
80+	648	1,046	1,337	291	27.8
CRUISE LINER CALLS	37	44	35	-9	-20.5

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Table 2. Cruise passengers: January-April 2005-2007

	January-April			Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2007	2007/2006	2007/2006
	persons				
TOTAL TRAFFIC	38,333	56,681	57,666	985	1.7
Embarked	97	294	579	285	96.9
Transit	38,117	55,943	56,528	585	1.0
Landed	119	444	559	115	25.9
Country of residence:					
EU	33,045	48,265	52,397	4,132	8.6
France	4,405	4,507	10,142	5,635	125.0
Germany	10,031	19,375	17,126	-2,249	-11.6
Italy	9,055	10,020	9,632	-388	-3.9
Malta	2	165	460	295	-
Spain	4,551	7,665	6,937	-728	-9.5
United Kingdom	2,261	3,386	5,095	1,709	50.5
Non-EU	5,288	8,416	5,269	-3,147	-37.4
Australia	145	429	142	-287	-66.9
Canada	259	795	260	-535	-67.3
Japan	95	142	84	-58	-40.8
United States	2,925	4,749	2,007	-2,742	-57.7
Sex:					
Men	18,038	29,149	28,972	-177	-0.6
Women	20,295	27,532	28,694	1,162	4.2
Age group:					
0-19	3,604	7,331	7,130	-201	-2.7
20-39	7,990	9,611	9,470	-141	-1.5
40-59	12,946	19,271	18,572	-699	-3.6
60-79	12,866	18,900	20,662	1,762	9.3
80+	927	1,568	1,832	264	16.8
CRUISE LINER CALLS	55	63	50	-13	-20.6

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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:

- Cruise passenger traffic comprises embarkations from Malta, transit passengers and passengers landing in Malta.
- Embarkations comprise all cruise passengers who are either Maltese who leave Malta on a cruise ship, or alternatively, foreigners who come to Malta by other means of transport and leave on a cruise ship.
- Transit passengers comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in and leave Malta on the same cruise ship.
- Landings comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in Malta on a cruise ship and leave by other means of transport, or alternatively, stay in Malta.
- Same-day visitors comprise visitors to Malta who do not spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.
- Overnight visitors (tourists) comprise visitors to Malta who spend at least one night in collective or private accommodation.