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Outbound Tourism: April 2008

Outbound Maltese tourists for April are estimated at 19,047, implying an increase of 1.3 per cent over the same month in 2007. Of these, 88.3 per cent travelled by air.

April 2008

In the month under review, Maltese residents departing by air and sea are estimated at 19,047. Of these, 16,279 travelled to EU destinations, the most popular being Italy and the UK.

January-April 2008

In the period under review, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air and sea amounted to 78,380, an increase of 19.7 per cent over the corresponding period last year. Of these, 85.9 per cent travelled to EU destinations; the most visited countries were Italy and the UK.

During this period, male outbound passengers exceeded female ones, the former accounting for 60.5 per cent of the total.

The largest proportion of outbound passengers - 48.7 per cent - comprised passengers aged between 25 and 44 years, followed by those in the 45 to 64 age bracket who accounted for 37.9 per cent of total Maltese travellers ■

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Table 1. Outbound passengers: monthly

persons				
	April		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
	Total	18,804	19,047	243
Transport:				
Air	16,118	16,819	701	4.3
Sea *	2,686	2,228	-458	-17.1
Destination:				
EU	15,762	16,279	517	3.3
Of which:				
Italy	7,034	5,339	-1,695	-24.1
UK	3,553	4,880	1,327	37.3
Non-EU	3,042	2,768	-274	-9.0
Sex:				
Males	11,629	12,041	412	3.5
Females	7,175	7,006	-169	-2.4
Age group:				
0-24	2,376	1,787	-589	-24.8
25-44	7,803	9,148	1,345	17.2
45-64	7,410	7,115	-295	-4.0
65+	1,215	997	-218	-17.9

* Note: Outbound sea passengers include an element of same-day visitors.

Table 2. Outbound passengers: cumulative

persons				
	January-April		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
	Total	65,487	78,380	12,893
Transport:				
Air	60,099	72,736	12,637	21.0
Sea *	5,388	5,644	256	4.8
Destination:				
EU	55,818	67,352	11,534	20.7
<i>Of which:</i>				
Italy	20,044	22,505	2,461	12.3
UK	17,126	21,901	4,775	27.9
Non-EU	9,669	11,028	1,359	14.1
Sex:				
Males	40,987	47,413	6,426	15.7
Females	24,500	30,967	6,467	26.4
Age group:				
0-24	7,471	7,454	-17	-0.2
25-44	31,131	38,190	7,059	22.7
45-64	24,163	29,731	5,568	23.0
65+	2,722	3,005	283	10.4

* Note: Outbound sea passengers include an element of same-day visitors.

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 are 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 refers to 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 to revision.