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## Tourism

### Outbound Tourism: June 2008

*Outbound Maltese tourists for June are estimated at 23,329, implying a decrease of 24.0 per cent over the same month in 2007. Of these, 88.7 per cent travelled by air.*

### June 2008

In the month under review, Maltese residents departing by air and sea are estimated at 23,329. Of these, 19,580 travelled to EU destinations, the most popular being Italy and the UK. This decrease may partly be attributed to the abnormal number of visits to Italy on the occasion of the beatification of St. George Preca.

### January-June 2008

In the period under review, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air and sea amounted to 125,316, an increase of 6.8 per cent over the corresponding period last year. Of these, 86.0 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 59.7 per cent of the total.

The largest proportion of outbound passengers - 47.9 per cent - comprised passengers aged between 25 and 44 years, followed by those in the 45 to 64 age bracket who accounted for 38.4 per cent of total Maltese travellers ■

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**Table 1. Outbound passengers: monthly**

persons				
	June		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,700</b>	<b>23,329</b>	<b>-7,371</b>	<b>-24.0</b>
Transport:				
Air	24,759	20,700	-4,059	-16.4
Sea *	5,941	2,629	-3,312	-55.7
Destination:				
EU	27,226	19,580	-7,646	-28.1
Of which:				
Italy	13,284	5,727	-7,557	-56.9
UK	5,627	5,408	-219	-3.9
Non-EU	3,474	3,749	275	7.9
Sex:				
Males	17,222	13,620	-3,602	-20.9
Females	13,478	9,709	-3,769	-28.0
Age group:				
0-24	2,736	2,713	-23	-0.8
25-44	14,066	10,840	-3,226	-22.9
45-64	12,484	8,287	-4,197	-33.6
65+	1,414	1,489	75	5.3

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

**Table 2. Outbound passengers: cumulative**

				persons	
	January-June		Absolute change	Percentage change	
	2007	2008	2008/2007	2008/2007	
<b>Total</b>	<b>117,389</b>	<b>125,316</b>	<b>7,927</b>	<b>6.8</b>	
Transport:					
Air	102,178	111,688	9,510	9.3	
Sea *	15,211	13,628	-1,583	-10.4	
Destination:					
EU	101,720	107,768	6,048	5.9	
<i>Of which:</i>					
Italy	43,240	37,612	-5,628	-13.0	
UK	26,350	32,115	5,765	21.9	
Non-EU	15,669	17,548	1,879	12.0	
Sex:					
Males	71,483	74,870	3,387	4.7	
Females	45,906	50,446	4,540	9.9	
Age group:					
0-24	11,830	11,633	-197	-1.7	
25-44	55,055	60,008	4,953	9.0	
45-64	45,473	48,132	2,659	5.8	
65+	5,031	5,543	512	10.2	

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## 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.