

Total cruise passenger traffic during the second quarter increased by 5.7 per cent to 123,364, compared to the corresponding period last year. There were 89 cruise liner calls in comparison with 80 last year.

Cruise Passengers: Q2/2014

Transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic (96.5 per cent), reaching 119,033. Around 55 passengers visited Gozo, while 6,183 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner (Table 1).

Visitors from EU Member States accounted for 73.7 per cent of total traffic, with the major markets being Italy, France and the United Kingdom. On the other hand, the total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 32,492, of which 37.9 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers accounted for 53.1 per cent of the total. The largest share of passengers fell within the 60-79 age bracket, followed by those aged between 40 and 59.

January-June 2014

Total cruise passengers during the first half of 2014 stood at 161,502, a rise of 15.8 per cent over 2013 levels. Of these, 78.2 per cent came from EU Member States. The highest increases were recorded from the French and Italian markets, which advanced by 13,772 and 5,886 passengers respectively.

Female passengers numbered 85,535, and were in the majority. Most of the cruise passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 72,274. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, totalling 46,103 (Table 2).

There were 112 cruise liner calls during the first six months this year, with an average 1,442 passengers per vessel, compared to 93 calls and an average 1,499 passengers per vessel in the first half of 2013 ■

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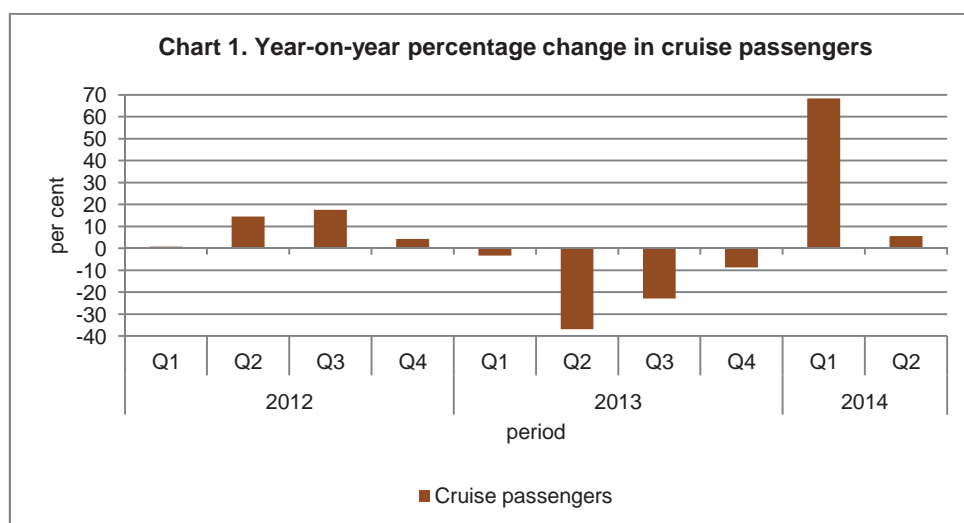


Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2012-2014

	April-June			Change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013
Total traffic:	185,170	116,763	123,364	6,601
Transit	166,402	100,953	119,033	18,080
Landed	18,768	15,810	4,331	-11,479
Passengers visiting Gozo:	1,620	404	55	-349
Passengers staying overnight:	2,859	3,531	6,183	2,652
Nationality:				
EU	149,340	89,638	90,872	1,234
<i>of which:</i>				
France	26,577	14,763	22,309	7,546
Germany	46,685	25,891	11,478	-14,413
Italy	33,120	17,661	22,392	4,731
Malta	1,865	2,038	1,376	-662
Spain	11,394	2,951	2,088	-863
United Kingdom	16,336	18,554	21,271	2,717
Non-EU	35,830	27,125	32,492	5,367
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	1,731	1,477	3,649	2,172
Canada	3,060	2,743	3,434	691
Japan	615	255	373	118
United States	9,654	11,256	12,318	1,062
Sex:				
Males	89,745	53,978	57,867	3,889
Females	95,425	62,785	65,497	2,712
Age group:				
0-19	22,878	11,829	11,574	-255
20-39	28,205	15,275	15,193	-82
40-59	61,488	37,971	33,712	-4,259
60-79	66,338	47,320	55,680	8,360
80+	6,261	4,368	7,205	2,837
Cruise liner calls	113	80	89	9

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2012-2014

	January-June			Absolute change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013
Total traffic:	208,594	139,411	161,502	22,091
Transit	189,781	123,447	157,121	33,674
Landed	18,813	15,964	4,381	-11,583
Passengers visiting Gozo:	1,620	404	55	-349
Passengers staying overnight:	3,425	5,417	6,183	766
Nationality:				
EU	168,160	105,723	126,250	20,527
<i>of which:</i>				
France	29,165	16,003	29,775	13,772
Germany	51,049	31,591	28,911	-2,680
Italy	36,794	20,203	26,089	5,886
Malta	1,876	2,139	1,376	-763
Spain	13,704	4,395	3,875	-520
United Kingdom	19,437	22,040	23,621	1,581
Non-EU	40,434	33,688	35,252	1,564
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	1,891	1,747	3,845	2,098
Canada	3,308	3,196	3,694	498
Japan	789	386	444	58
United States	10,583	12,809	12,732	-77
Sex:				
Males	101,056	64,640	75,967	11,327
Females	107,538	74,771	85,535	10,764
Age group:				
0-19	26,301	13,806	14,568	762
20-39	32,138	18,175	20,164	1,989
40-59	68,257	43,814	46,103	2,289
60-79	74,733	58,134	72,274	14,140
80+	7,165	5,482	8,393	2,911
Cruise liner calls	125	93	112	19

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release are compiled on the basis of administrative records held by Transport Malta.
2. Cruise liners calling at both Malta and Gozo during a single voyage are recorded as one cruise liner call.
3. The majority of passengers embarking cruise liners from Malta generally end their trip at the same destination. Embarkations are therefore not included in total traffic figures to avoid double counting.

Definitions:

- Cruise passenger traffic comprises 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.