

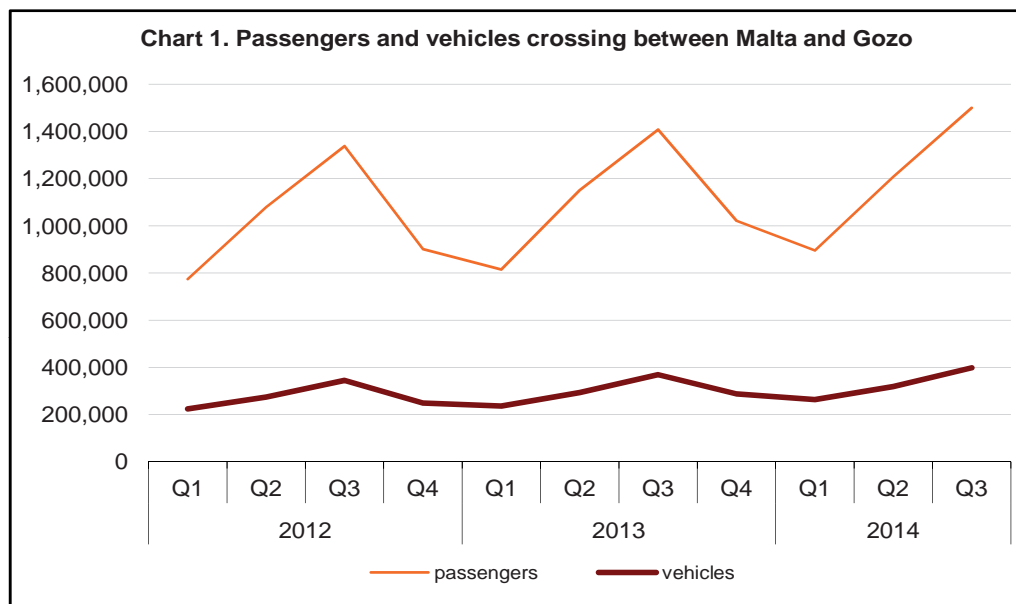
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In the third quarter, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding period last year.

## Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q3/2014

A total of 1,499,734 commuters travelled between Malta and Gozo during the third quarter this year, up by 6.5 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2013. The highest number of commuters was recorded in August, with 543,475 commuters, or 36.2 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles carried by scheduled vessels increased by 7.9 per cent, totalling 398,059 (Table 1).

The number of trips in the period under review stood at 5,654, an increase of 3.1 per cent over the corresponding period last year (Table 1). The majority of trips (1,952 trips or 34.5 per cent of the total for the quarter) took place in August (Table 2) ■



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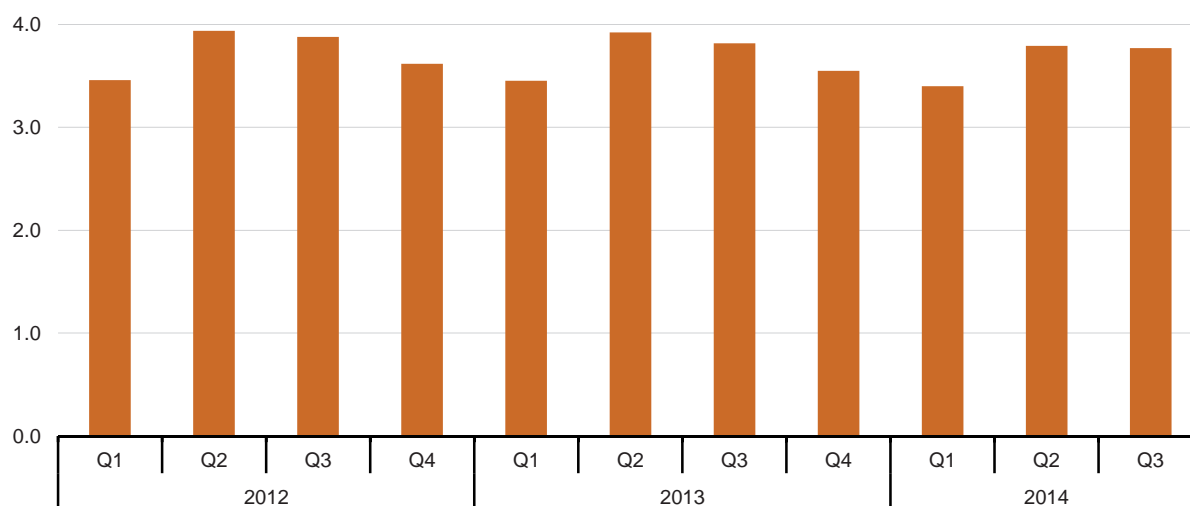
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Table 1. Quarterly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2012-2014

		Quarterly			absolute change	percentage change
		2012	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,515</b>	<b>19,630</b>			
	Jan-Mar	4,798	4,582	4,634	52	1.1
	Apr-Jun	4,742	4,792	4,822	30	0.6
	Jul-Sep	5,363	5,484	5,654	170	3.1
	Oct-Dec	4,612	4,772			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,092,241</b>	<b>1,186,411</b>			
	Jan-Mar	223,866	236,051	263,680	27,629	11.7
	Apr-Jun	274,123	293,446	318,514	25,068	8.5
	Jul-Sep	345,098	369,042	398,059	29,017	7.9
	Oct-Dec	249,154	287,872			
<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,092,529</b>	<b>4,395,105</b>			
	Jan-Mar	774,147	814,754	895,824	81,070	10.0
	Apr-Jun	1,079,367	1,150,990	1,207,361	56,371	4.9
	Jul-Sep	1,337,755	1,407,746	1,499,734	91,988	6.5
	Oct-Dec	901,260	1,021,615			

Chart 2. Average number of passengers per vehicle crossing between Malta and Gozo



**Table 2. Monthly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2013-2014**

		Year		absolute change	percentage change
		2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,630</b>			
	January	1,532	1,578	46	3.0
	February	1,454	1,420	-34	-2.3
	March	1,596	1,636	40	2.5
	April	1,532	1,550	18	1.2
	May	1,600	1,638	38	2.4
	June	1,660	1,634	-26	-1.6
	July	1,846	1,848	2	0.1
	August	1,872	1,952	80	4.3
	September	1,766	1,854	88	5.0
	October	1,590			
	November	1,598			
	December	1,584			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,186,411</b>			
	January	71,310	81,761	10,451	14.7
	February	78,561	83,130	4,569	5.8
	March	86,180	98,789	12,609	14.6
	April	92,780	101,057	8,277	8.9
	May	97,196	108,427	11,231	11.6
	June	103,470	109,030	5,560	5.4
	July	120,555	128,413	7,858	6.5
	August	130,623	142,631	12,008	9.2
	September	117,864	127,015	9,151	7.8
	October	100,959			
	November	94,517			
	December	92,396			
<b>Passengers</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,395,105</b>			
	January	235,571	269,585	34,014	14.4
	February	259,152	270,031	10,879	4.2
	March	320,031	356,208	36,177	11.3
	April	363,629	385,190	21,561	5.9
	May	390,095	416,710	26,615	6.8
	June	397,266	405,461	8,195	2.1
	July	456,588	482,005	25,417	5.6
	August	500,226	543,475	43,249	8.6
	September	450,932	474,254	23,322	5.2
	October	389,513			
	November	321,182			
	December	310,920			

Table 3. Monthly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2013-2014

	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		absolute change	percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		absolute change	percentage change	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013	2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013	
	9,815				9,815				
<b>Trips</b>	<b>Total</b>								
	January	766	789	23	3.0	766	789	23	3.0
	February	727	710	-17	-2.3	727	710	-17	-2.3
	March	798	818	20	2.5	798	818	20	2.5
	April	766	775	9	1.2	766	775	9	1.2
	May	800	819	19	2.4	800	819	19	2.4
	June	830	817	-13	-1.6	830	817	-13	-1.6
	July	923	924	1	0.1	923	924	1	0.1
	August	936	976	40	4.3	936	976	40	4.3
	September	883	927	44	5.0	883	927	44	5.0
	October	795				795			
	November	799				799			
	December	792				792			
<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>601,044</b>				<b>585,367</b>			
	January	35,040	40,787	5,747	16.4	36,270	40,974	4,704	13.0
	February	39,353	43,566	4,213	10.7	39,208	39,564	356	0.9
	March	44,065	48,147	4,082	9.3	42,115	50,642	8,527	20.2
	April	46,720	51,378	4,658	10.0	46,060	49,679	3,619	7.9
	May	49,545	55,669	6,124	12.4	47,651	52,758	5,107	10.7
	June	52,557	55,002	2,445	4.7	50,913	54,028	3,115	6.1
	July	61,059	65,795	4,736	7.8	59,496	62,618	3,122	5.2
	August	67,703	72,837	5,134	7.6	62,920	69,794	6,874	10.9
	September	58,459	63,727	5,268	9.0	59,405	63,288	3,883	6.5
	October	51,112				49,847			
	November	47,872				46,645			
	December	47,559				44,837			

## Methodological Notes

1. For the purposes of this News Release, Scheduled Sea Transport refers to the services of the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
2. The data in this release are compiled from administrative information provided by the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
3. The data are not normally subject to revision.
4. The table below illustrates the passenger and vehicle capacity by each Gozo Channel vessel:

### Carrying capacity

Vessel	Vehicles	Passengers
MV Gaudos	72	900
MV Malita	138	900
MV Ta' Pinu	138*	900

\* MV Ta' Pinu was out of service for upgrading purposes twice between the 22/2/2012-29/3/2012 and 11/4/2012-14/6/2012.