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Total cruise passenger traffic during the third quarter decreased by 8.5 per cent to 156,801, compared to the corresponding period last year. There were 91 cruise liner calls in comparison with 101 last year.

## Cruise Passengers: Q3/2014

Transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic (80.3 per cent), reaching 125,947. Around 69 passengers visited Gozo, while 15,000 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner.

Visitors from EU Member States accounted for 75.0 per cent of total traffic, with the major markets being Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom. On the other hand, the total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 39,263, of which 39.9 per cent came from the United States.

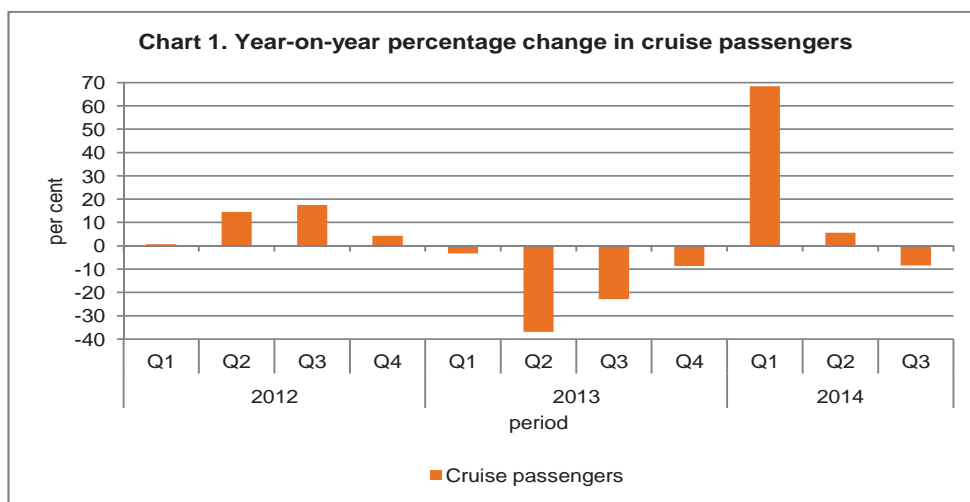
On a gender basis, female passengers made up 51.6 per cent of the total. The largest share of passengers fell within the 40-59 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 60 and 79 (Table 1).

### January-September 2014

During the first nine months, total cruise passengers stood at 318,303, a rise of 2.5 per cent over 2013 levels. Of these, 76.6 per cent came from EU Member States. The sharpest increases were recorded from the French and German markets, which advanced by 15,512 and 9,769 passengers respectively. On the other hand, passengers from the United Kingdom and Spain dropped by 15,286 and 6,359 respectively.

Female passengers numbered 166,513 and were in the majority. Most of the cruise passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 125,706. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, totalling 101,165.

There were 203 cruise liner calls during the first nine months, with an average of 1,568 passengers per vessel, compared to 194 calls and an average 1,601 passengers per vessel in 2013 (Table 2) ■



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**Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2012-2014**

	July-September			Change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013
<b>Total traffic:</b>	<b>222,061</b>	<b>171,279</b>	<b>156,801</b>	<b>-14,478</b>
Transit	197,423	144,148	125,947	-18,201
Landed	24,638	27,131	30,854	3,723
<i>of which:</i>				
<b>Passengers visiting Gozo:</b>	1,343	993	69	-924
<b>Passengers staying overnight:</b>	2,210	1,739	15,000	13,261
<b>Nationality:</b>				
EU	176,872	129,529	117,538	-11,991
<i>of which:</i>				
France	21,853	15,935	17,675	1,740
Germany	50,731	29,117	41,566	12,449
Italy	41,419	27,432	21,134	-6,298
Malta	4,044	3,468	3,753	285
Spain	18,966	8,596	2,757	-5,839
United Kingdom	22,040	37,044	20,177	-16,867
Non-EU	45,189	41,750	39,263	-2,487
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	2,979	4,363	4,648	285
Canada	6,198	5,573	5,508	-65
Japan	502	1,054	1,089	35
United States	16,550	18,163	15,683	-2,480
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	108,953	80,239	75,823	-4,416
Females	113,108	91,040	80,978	-10,062
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	41,395	26,544	21,315	-5,229
20-39	42,197	26,919	22,010	-4,909
40-59	81,168	59,812	55,062	-4,750
60-79	53,190	53,062	53,432	370
80+	4,111	4,942	4,982	40
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>-10</b>

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2012-2014

	January-September			Change
	2012	2013	2014	2014/2013
<b>Total traffic:</b>	<b>430,655</b>	<b>310,690</b>	<b>318,303</b>	<b>7,613</b>
Transit	387,204	267,595	283,068	15,473
Landed	43,451	43,095	35,235	-7,860
<i>of which:</i>				
<b>Passengers visiting Gozo:</b>	2,963	1,397	124	-1,273
<b>Passengers staying overnight:</b>	5,635	7,156	21,183	14,027
<b>Nationality:</b>				
EU	345,032	235,252	243,788	8,536
<i>of which:</i>				
France	51,018	31,938	47,450	15,512
Germany	101,780	60,708	70,477	9,769
Italy	78,213	47,635	47,223	-412
Malta	5,920	5,607	5,129	-478
Spain	32,670	12,991	6,632	-6,359
United Kingdom	41,477	59,084	43,798	-15,286
Non-EU	85,623	75,438	74,515	-923
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	4,870	6,110	8,493	2,383
Canada	9,506	8,769	9,202	433
Japan	1,291	1,440	1,533	93
United States	27,133	30,972	28,415	-2,557
<b>Sex:</b>				
Males	210,009	144,879	151,790	6,911
Females	220,646	165,811	166,513	702
<b>Age group:</b>				
0-19	67,696	40,350	35,883	-4,467
20-39	74,335	45,094	42,174	-2,920
40-59	149,425	103,626	101,165	-2,461
60-79	127,923	111,196	125,706	14,510
80+	11,276	10,424	13,375	2,951
<b>Cruise liner calls</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>9</b>

## 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.