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In the fourth quarter of 2014, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases in vehicles and passengers and a decrease in trips, when compared to the corresponding period of 2013.

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q4/2014

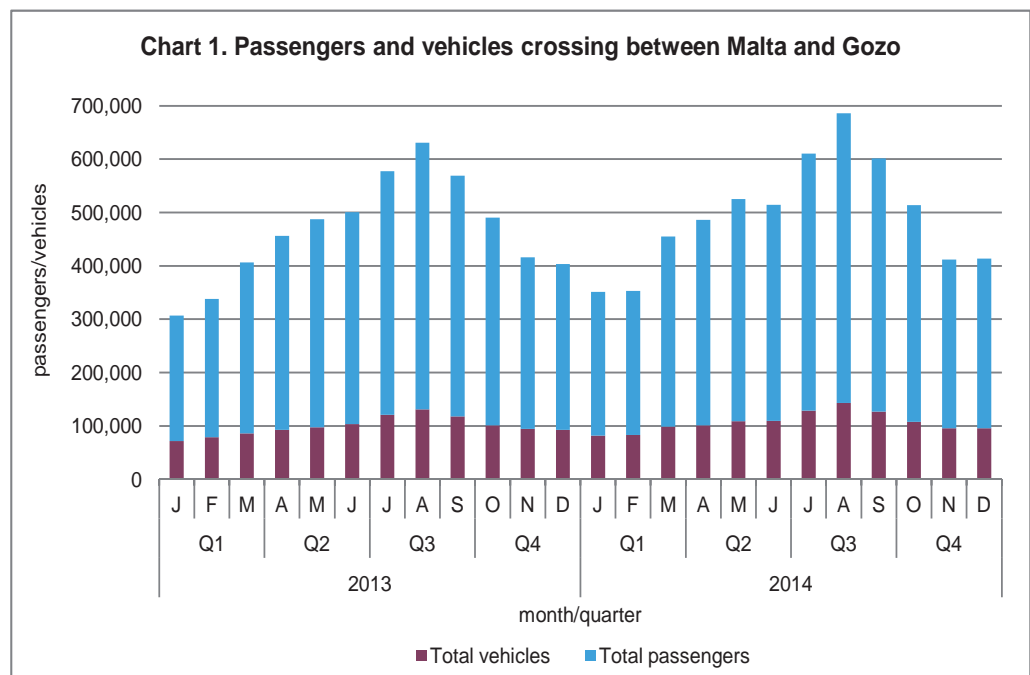
A total of 1,040,122 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the fourth quarter last year, up by 1.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding period of 2013. The highest number of passengers was recorded in October – 406,077, or 39.0 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 3.8 per cent, totalling 298,695.

The number of trips in October-December 2014 stood at 4,750, a decrease of 0.5 per cent over the same period in 2013. In November 2014, the relative drop in the number of trips and passengers was mainly attributable to the extraordinary demand and supply generated by the *Free Travel to Gozo Weekend 15-17 November 2013*.

Annual Perspective

In 2014 increases were registered in the number of vehicles, passengers and trips between Malta and Gozo. Overall the number of trips went up by 230, or 1.2 per cent, over 2013. Passengers increased by 247,936 or 5.6 per cent, while the number of vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo went up by 92,537 or 7.8 per cent.

As in previous years, the highest number of trips was recorded in August – 1,952 or 9.8 per cent of the total. The largest share of vehicles and passengers crossing between the two islands was also noted in August – 142,631 (11.2 per cent) and 543,475 (11.7 per cent) respectively ■



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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
		Trips	Total	19,515	19,630	19,860
	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	4,750	-22	-0.5
Vehicles	Total	1,092,241	1,186,411	1,278,948	92,537	7.8
	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	298,695	10,823	3.8
Passengers	Total	4,092,529	4,395,105	4,643,041	247,936	5.6
	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	1,040,122	18,507	1.8

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

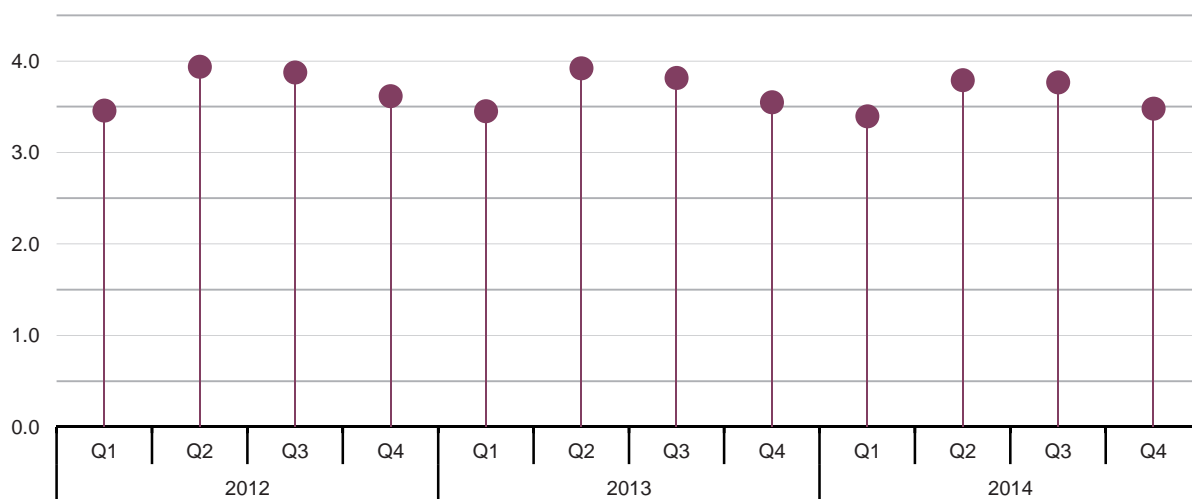


Table 2. Monthly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2013-2014

		Year		absolute change	percentage change
		2013	2014	2014/2013	2014/2013
Trips	Total	19,630	19,860	230	1.2
	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	1,612	22	1.4
	November	1,598	1,538	-60	-3.8
	December	1,584	1,600	16	1.0
Vehicles	Total	1,186,411	1,278,948	92,537	7.8
	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	107,633	6,674	6.6
	November	94,517	95,308	791	0.8
	December	92,396	95,754	3,358	3.6
Passengers	Total	4,395,105	4,643,041	247,936	5.6
	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	406,077	16,564	4.3
	November	321,182	316,365	-4,817	-1.5
	December	310,920	317,680	6,760	2.2

Table 3. An overview of trips and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo by month: 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	
Trips	Total	9,815	9,930	115	1.2	9,815	9,930	115	1.2
	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	806	11	1.4	795	806	11	1.4
	November	799	769	-30	-3.8	799	769	-30	-3.8
	December	792	800	8	1.0	792	800	8	1.0
Vehicles	Total	601,044	649,241	48,197	8.0	585,367	629,707	44,340	7.6
	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	43,564	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	55,222	4,110	8.0	49,847	52,411	2,564	5.1
	November	47,872	47,725	-147	-0.3	46,645	47,583	938	2.0
	December	47,559	49,386	1,827	3.8	44,837	46,368	1,531	3.4

Methodological Notes

1. The source for the data included in this release is administrative information provided by the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
2. The table below illustrates the passenger and vehicle capacity of 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 22/2/2012-29/3/2012 and 11/4/2012-14/6/2012

3. The data are not normally subject to revision.