

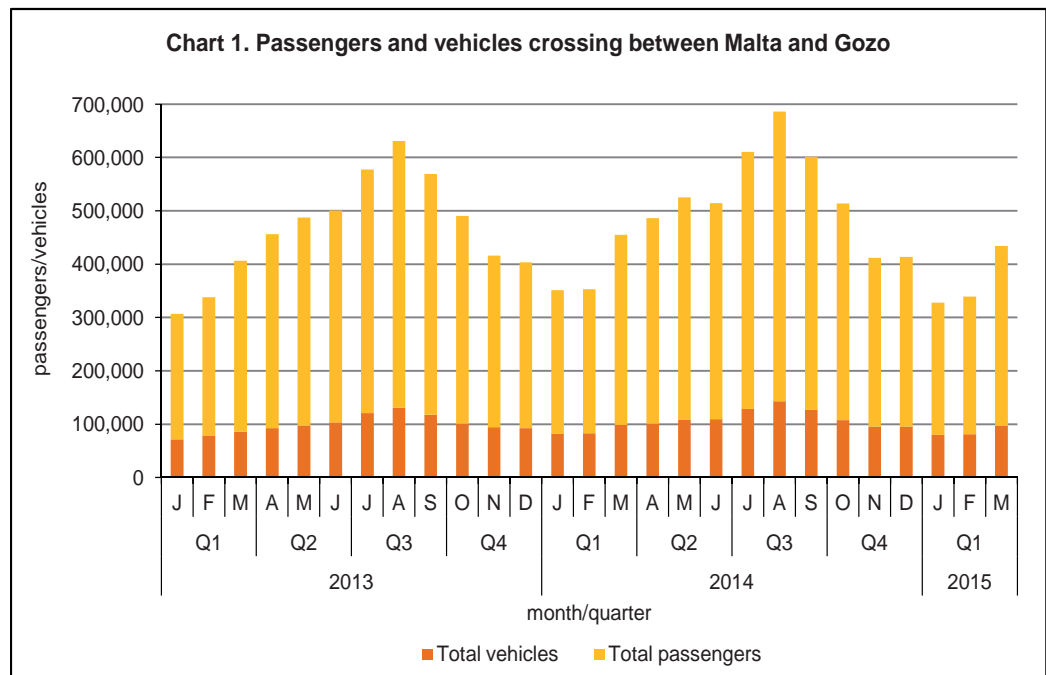
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In the first quarter of 2015, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered decreases compared to the corresponding quarter of 2014.

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q1/2015

A total of 842,193 commuters travelled between Malta and Gozo during the first quarter this year, down by 6.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2014. The highest number of commuters was recorded in March at 336,351, or 39.9 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles decreased by 1.9 per cent, totalling 258,648 (Table 1).

The number of trips stood at 4,591, a decrease of 0.9 per cent over the first quarter of 2014 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in March at 1,600, or 34.9 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2) ■



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Table 1. Quarterly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2013-2015

		Quarterly			Change	Percentage change
		2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	2015/2014
Trips	Total	19,630	19,860			
	Jan-Mar	4,582	4,634	4,591	-43	-0.9
	Apr-Jun	4,792	4,822			
	Jul-Sep	5,484	5,654			
	Oct-Dec	4,772	4,750			
Vehicles	Total	1,186,411	1,278,948			
	Jan-Mar	236,051	263,680	258,648	-5,032	-1.9
	Apr-Jun	293,446	318,514			
	Jul-Sep	369,042	398,059			
	Oct-Dec	287,872	298,695			
Passengers	Total	4,395,105	4,643,041			
	Jan-Mar	814,754	895,824	842,193	-53,631	-6.0
	Apr-Jun	1,150,990	1,207,361			
	Jul-Sep	1,407,746	1,499,734			
	Oct-Dec	1,021,615	1,040,122			

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

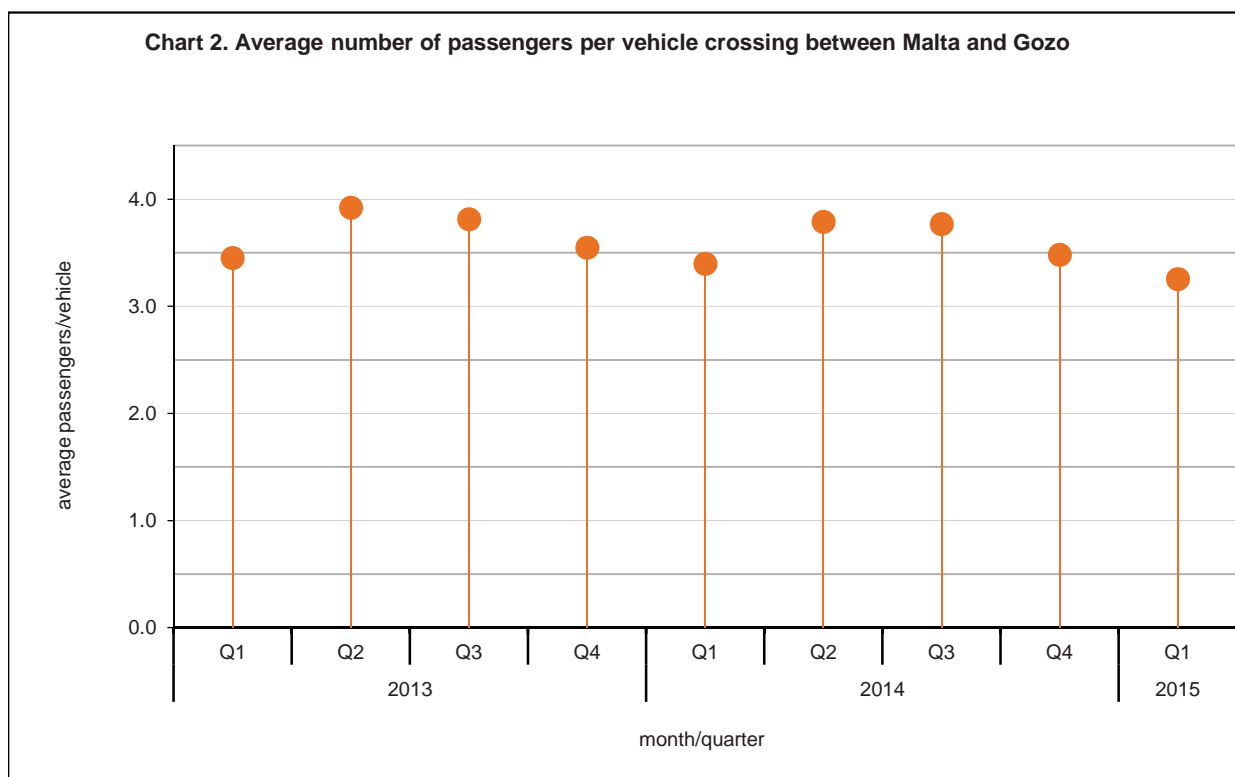


Table 2. Monthly sea transport between Malta and Gozo: 2014-2015

		Year		Change	Percentage change
		2014	2015	2015/2014	2015/2014
Trips	Total	19,860			
	January	1,578	1,543	-35	-2.2
	February	1,420	1,448	28	2.0
	March	1,636	1,600	-36	-2.2
	April	1,550			
	May	1,638			
	June	1,634			
	July	1,848			
	August	1,952			
	September	1,854			
	October	1,612			
	November	1,538			
	December	1,600			
Vehicles	Total	1,278,948			
	January	81,761	80,082	-1,679	-2.1
	February	83,130	81,210	-1,920	-2.3
	March	98,789	97,356	-1,433	-1.5
	April	101,057			
	May	108,427			
	June	109,030			
	July	128,413			
	August	142,631			
	September	127,015			
	October	107,633			
	November	95,308			
	December	95,754			
Passengers	Total	4,643,041			
	January	269,585	247,609	-21,976	-8.2
	February	270,031	258,233	-11,798	-4.4
	March	356,208	336,351	-19,857	-5.6
	April	385,190			
	May	416,710			
	June	405,461			
	July	482,005			
	August	543,475			
	September	474,254			
	October	406,077			
	November	316,365			
	December	317,680			

Table 3. An overview of trips, vehicles and passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by month: 2014-2015

	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2015/2014	2014	2015	2015/2014	2015/2014	
Trips	Total	9,930			9,930				
	January	789	771	-18	-2.3	789	772	-17	-2.2
	February	710	724	14	2.0	710	724	14	2.0
	March	818	800	-18	-2.2	818	800	-18	-2.2
	April	775				775			
	May	819				819			
	June	817				817			
	July	924				924			
	August	976				976			
	September	927				927			
	October	806				806			
	November	769				769			
	December	800				800			
Vehicles	Total	649,241			629,707				
	January	40,787	40,319	-468	-1.1	40,974	39,763	-1,211	-3.0
	February	43,566	41,320	-2,246	-5.2	39,564	39,890	326	0.8
	March	48,147	49,156	1,009	2.1	50,642	48,200	-2,442	-4.8
	April	51,378				49,679			
	May	55,669				52,758			
	June	55,002				54,028			
	July	65,795				62,618			
	August	72,837				69,794			
	September	63,727				63,288			
	October	55,222				52,411			
	November	47,725				47,583			
	December	49,386				46,368			
Passengers	Total	2,363,633			2,279,408				
	January	137,461	123,246	-14,215	-10.3	132,124	124,363	-7,761	-5.9
	February	141,050	130,284	-10,766	-7.6	128,981	127,949	-1,032	-0.8
	March	176,496	169,678	-6,818	-3.9	179,712	166,673	-13,039	-7.3
	April	195,841				189,349			
	May	213,578				203,132			
	June	206,592				198,869			
	July	247,579				234,426			
	August	277,101				266,374			
	September	238,415				235,839			
	October	206,542				199,535			
	November	158,079				158,286			
	December	164,899				152,781			

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

3. Data for passengers comprise: foot and vehicle passengers and vehicle drivers.
4. The data are not normally subject to revision.