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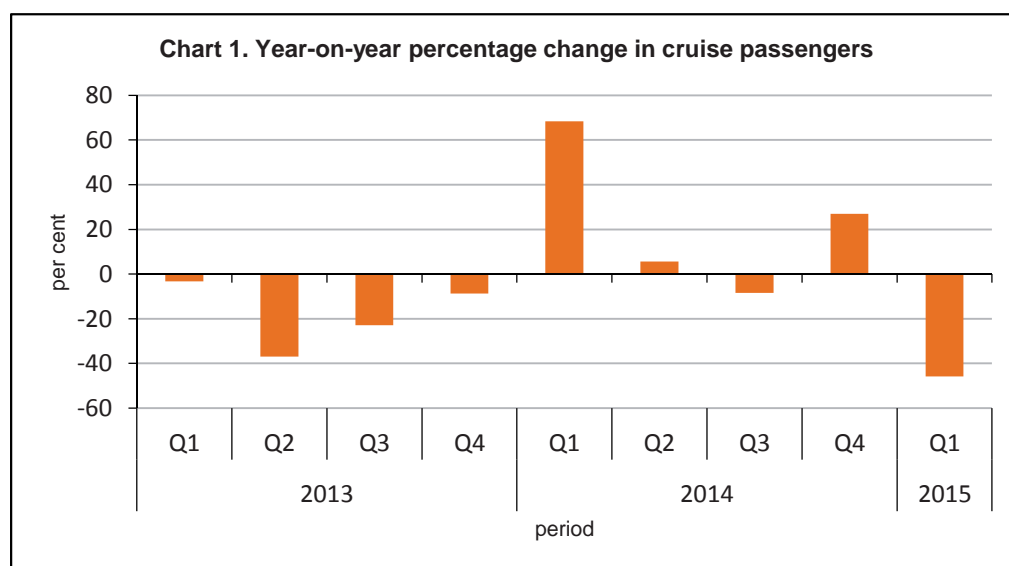
Total cruise passenger traffic during the first quarter of 2015 amounted to 20,653, a decrease of 45.8 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Cruise Passengers: Q1/2015

There were nine cruise liner calls during the first quarter, 14 less than last year. At 99.7 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic, reaching 20,582 (Table 1).

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 77.8 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Italy, Germany and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 4,584, of whom 12.2 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 were in the 60-79 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 40 and 59 ■



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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2013-2015

	January-March			Change
	2013	2014	2015	Jan-Mar 2015/ Jan-Mar 2014
Total traffic:	22,648	38,138	20,653	-17,485
Transit	22,494	38,088	20,582	-17,506
Landed	154	50	71	21
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	-	-	-	-
Passengers staying overnight	1,886	-	-	-
Nationality:				
EU	16,085	35,378	16,069	-19,309
<i>of which:</i>				
France	1,240	7,466	2,783	-4,683
Germany	5,700	17,433	3,697	-13,736
Italy	2,542	3,697	5,091	1,394
Malta	101	-	1	1
Spain	1,444	1,787	743	-1,044
United Kingdom	3,486	2,350	1,502	-848
Non-EU	6,563	2,760	4,584	1,824
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	270	196	189	-7
Canada	453	260	310	50
Japan	131	71	187	116
United States	1,553	414	561	147
Sex:				
Males	10,662	18,100	9,992	-8,108
Females	11,986	20,038	10,661	-9,377
Age group:				
0-19	1,977	2,994	2,838	-156
20-39	2,900	4,971	2,722	-2,249
40-59	5,843	12,391	5,742	-6,649
60-79	10,814	16,594	8,639	-7,955
80+	1,114	1,188	712	-476
Cruise liner calls	13	23	9	-14

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 on cruise liners from Malta generally end their trip at the same destination. Embarkations are therefore not included in total traffic figures in order to avoid double counting.

Definitions:

- Cruise passenger traffic comprises transit passengers and passengers who landed in Malta.
 - Embarkations comprise all cruise passengers who are either Maltese, or who are foreigners who arrive in Malta by other means of transport.
 - 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.
4. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>