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

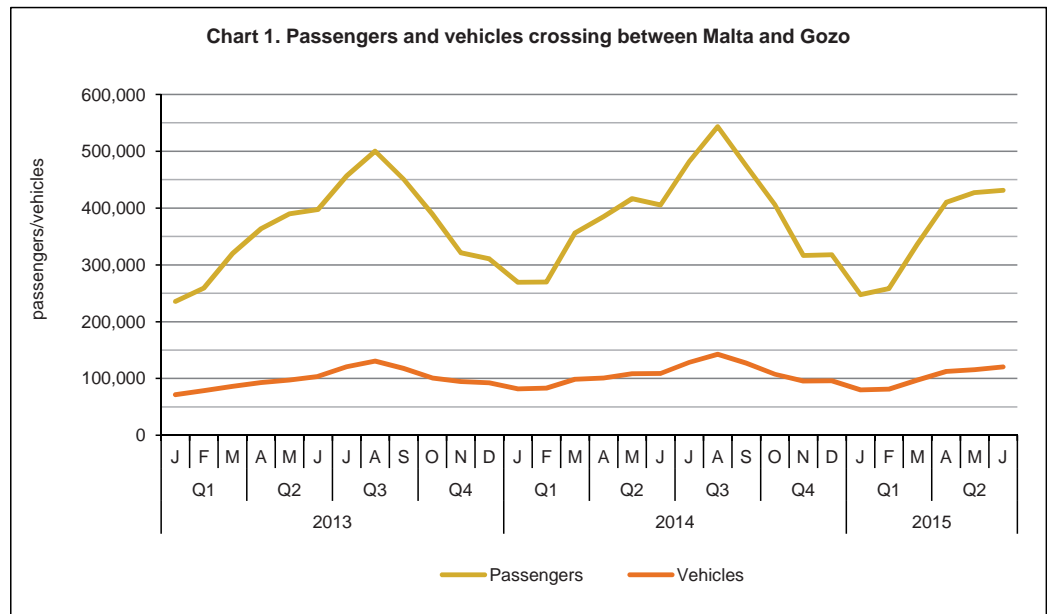
Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q2/2015

A total of 1,268,551 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the second quarter, up by 5.1 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2014. The highest number of passengers was recorded in June - 431,117, or 34.0 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 9.4 per cent, totalling 348,456 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips stood at 5,136, an increase of 6.5 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 1). This was partly due to an increase in the mid-season and summer scheduled trips operated by the Gozo Channel. The majority of trips took place in June - 1,772 or 34.5 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

January-June

During the first six months, traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday. On the other hand, from Mġarr the highest demand was recorded during Sunday and Monday (Charts 3 and 4) ■



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Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter: 2013-2015

		2013	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
					2015/2014	2015/2014
Trips	Jan-Mar	4,582	4,634	4,591	-43	-0.9
	Apr-Jun	4,792	4,822	5,136	314	6.5
	Jul-Sep	5,484	5,654			
	Oct-Dec	4,772	4,750			
	Total	19,630	19,860			
Vehicles	Jan-Mar	236,051	263,680	258,648	-5,032	-1.9
	Apr-Jun	293,446	318,514	348,456	29,942	9.4
	Jul-Sep	369,042	398,059			
	Oct-Dec	287,872	298,695			
	Total	1,186,411	1,278,948			
Passengers	Jan-Mar	814,754	895,824	842,193	-53,631	-6.0
	Apr-Jun	1,150,990	1,207,361	1,268,551	61,190	5.1
	Jul-Sep	1,407,746	1,499,734			
	Oct-Dec	1,021,615	1,040,122			
	Total	4,395,105	4,643,041			

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: Quarter 2

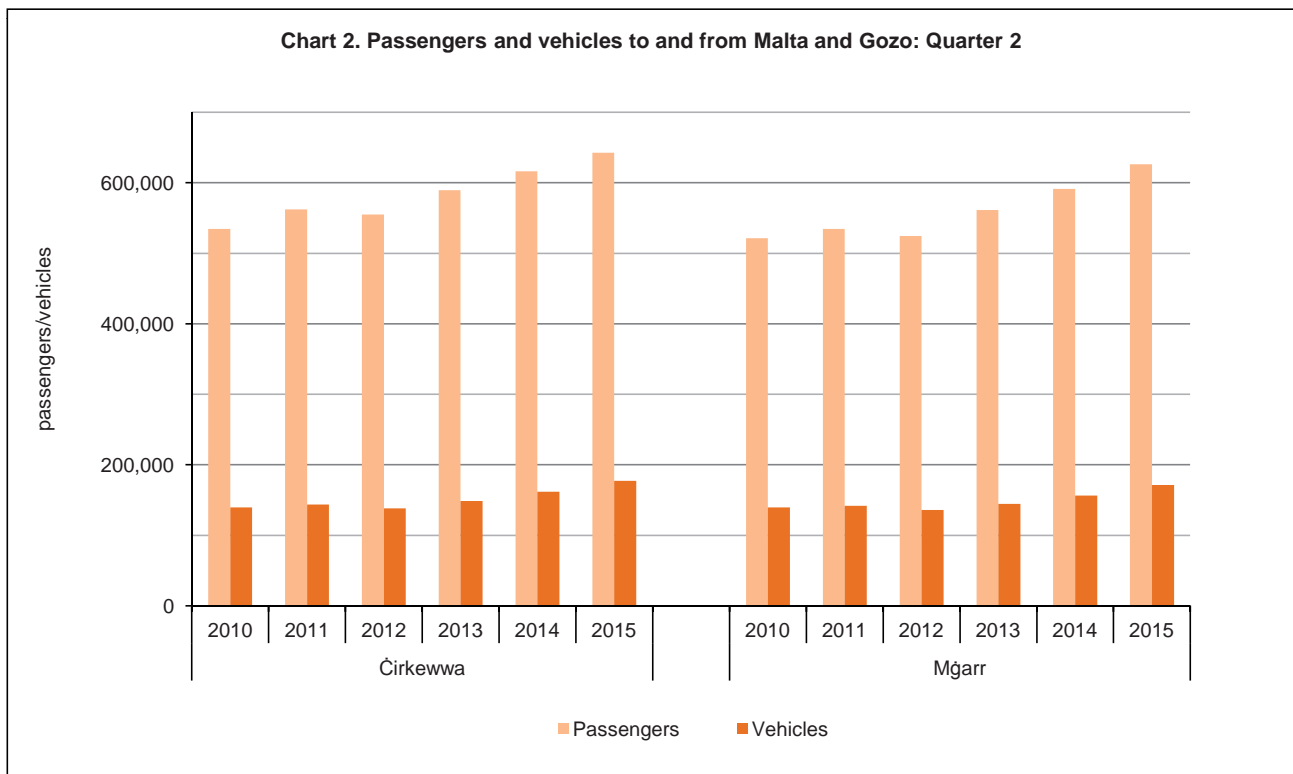


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month: 2013-2015

		2013	2014	2015	Change	Percentage change
					2015/2014	2015/2014
Trips	January	1,532	1,578	1,543	-35	-2.2
	February	1,454	1,420	1,448	28	2.0
	March	1,596	1,636	1,600	-36	-2.2
	April	1,532	1,550	1,614	64	4.1
	May	1,600	1,638	1,750	112	6.8
	June	1,660	1,634	1,772	138	8.4
	July	1,846	1,848			
	August	1,872	1,952			
	September	1,766	1,854			
	October	1,590	1,612			
	November	1,598	1,538			
	December	1,584	1,600			
	Total		19,630	19,860		
Vehicles	January	71,310	81,761	80,082	-1,679	-2.1
	February	78,561	83,130	81,210	-1,920	-2.3
	March	86,180	98,789	97,356	-1,433	-1.5
	April	92,780	101,057	112,638	11,581	11.5
	May	97,196	108,427	115,440	7,013	6.5
	June	103,470	109,030	120,378	11,348	10.4
	July	120,555	128,413			
	August	130,623	142,631			
	September	117,864	127,015			
	October	100,959	107,633			
	November	94,517	95,308			
	December	92,396	95,754			
	Total		1,186,411	1,278,948		
Passengers	January	235,571	269,585	247,609	-21,976	-8.2
	February	259,152	270,031	258,233	-11,798	-4.4
	March	320,031	356,208	336,351	-19,857	-5.6
	April	363,629	385,190	410,096	24,906	6.5
	May	390,095	416,710	427,338	10,628	2.6
	June	397,266	405,461	431,117	25,656	6.3
	July	456,588	482,005			
	August	500,226	543,475			
	September	450,932	474,254			
	October	389,513	406,077			
	November	321,182	316,365			
	December	310,920	317,680			
	Total		4,395,105	4,643,041		

Table 3. Sea transport 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	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	807	32	4.1	775	807	32	4.1
	May	819	875	56	6.8	819	875	56	6.8
	June	817	886	69	8.4	817	886	69	8.4
	July	924				924			
	August	976				976			
	September	927				927			
	October	806				806			
	November	769				769			
	December	800				800			
	Total		9,930				9,930		
Vehicles	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	57,547	6,169	12.0	49,679	55,091	5,412	10.9
	May	55,669	58,409	2,740	4.9	52,758	57,031	4,273	8.1
	June	55,002	61,232	6,230	11.3	54,028	59,146	5,118	9.5
	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			
	Total		649,241				629,707		
Passengers	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	208,204	12,363	6.3	189,349	201,892	12,543	6.6
	May	213,578	215,468	1,890	0.9	203,132	211,870	8,738	4.3
	June	206,592	218,654	12,062	5.8	198,869	212,463	13,594	6.8
	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			
	Total		2,363,633				2,279,408		

Table 4. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by weekday: 2013-2015

		January-June			Change	Percentage change
		2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	2015/2014
Trips	Monday	1,287	1,358	1,382	24	1.8
	Tuesday	1,364	1,311	1,407	96	7.3
	Wednesday	1,283	1,273	1,246	-27	-2.1
	Thursday	1,321	1,377	1,390	13	0.9
	Friday	1,382	1,387	1,434	47	3.4
	Saturday	1,299	1,334	1,364	30	2.2
	Sunday	1,438	1,416	1,504	88	6.2
	Total	9,374	9,456	9,727	271	2.9
Vehicles	Monday	66,738	79,680	82,360	2,680	3.4
	Tuesday	69,788	72,807	80,939	8,132	11.2
	Wednesday	69,440	77,200	78,324	1,124	1.5
	Thursday	72,281	82,731	83,752	1,021	1.2
	Friday	86,422	95,272	98,686	3,414	3.6
	Saturday	76,218	85,016	87,780	2,764	3.3
	Sunday	88,610	89,488	95,263	5,775	6.5
	Total	529,497	582,194	607,104	24,910	4.3
Passengers	Monday	243,417	283,784	279,252	-4,532	-1.6
	Tuesday	254,837	248,299	269,268	20,969	8.4
	Wednesday	265,905	285,846	278,188	-7,658	-2.7
	Thursday	278,816	306,843	290,527	-16,316	-5.3
	Friday	301,847	316,501	327,362	10,861	3.4
	Saturday	300,794	336,747	327,136	-9,611	-2.9
	Sunday	320,128	325,165	339,011	13,846	4.3
	Total	1,965,744	2,103,185	2,110,744	7,559	0.4

Chart 3. Vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo by weekday: January-June

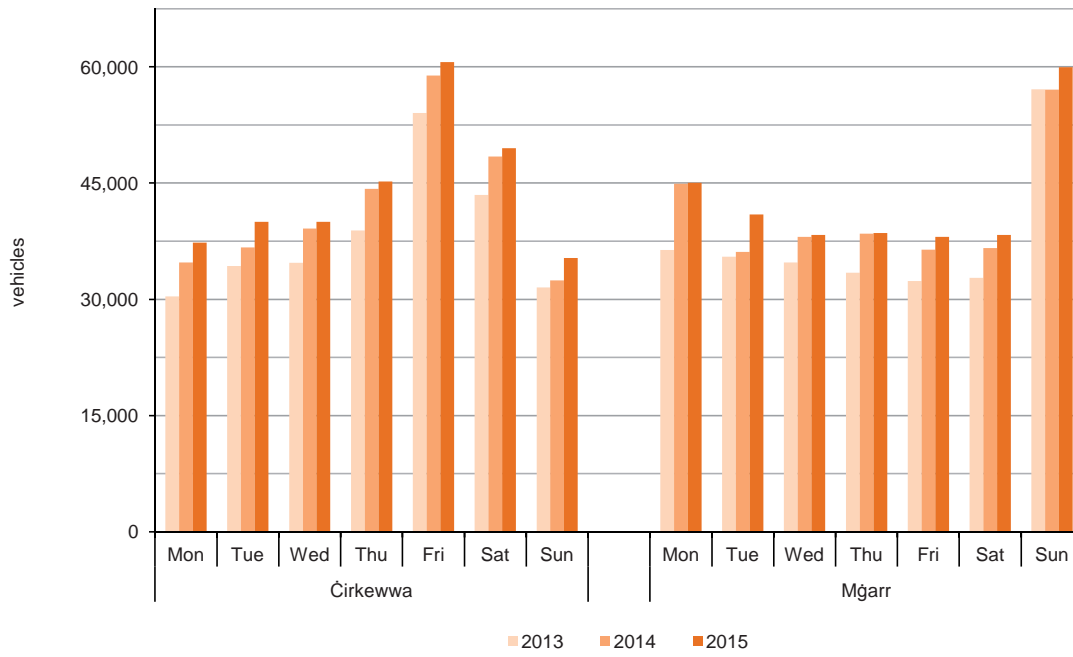
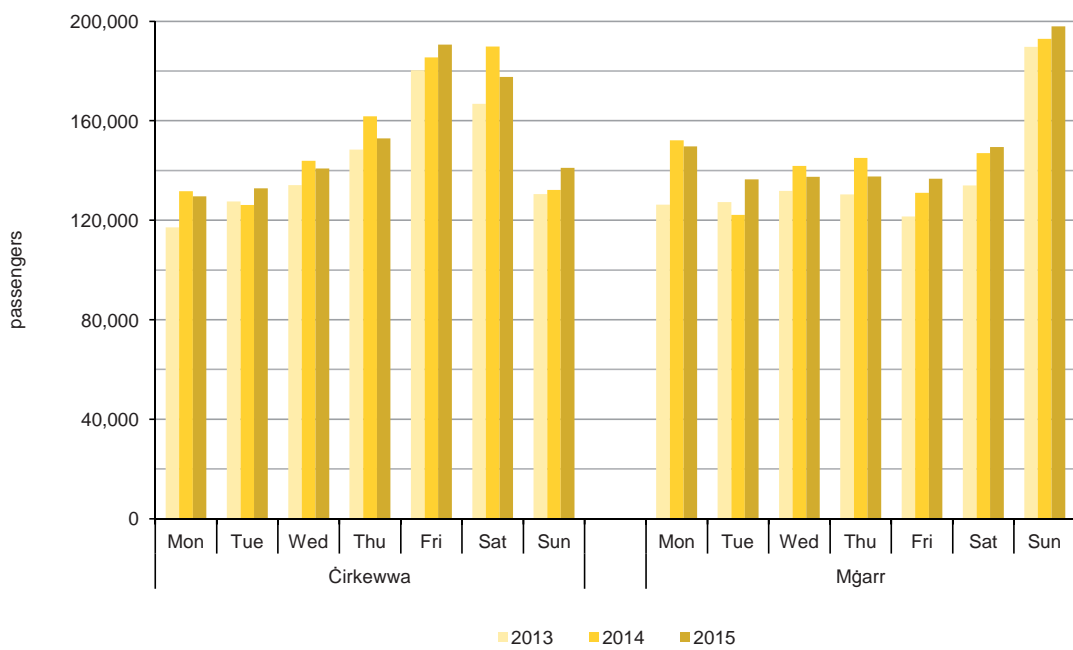


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by weekday: January-June



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:

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. These data are not normally subject to revision.