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

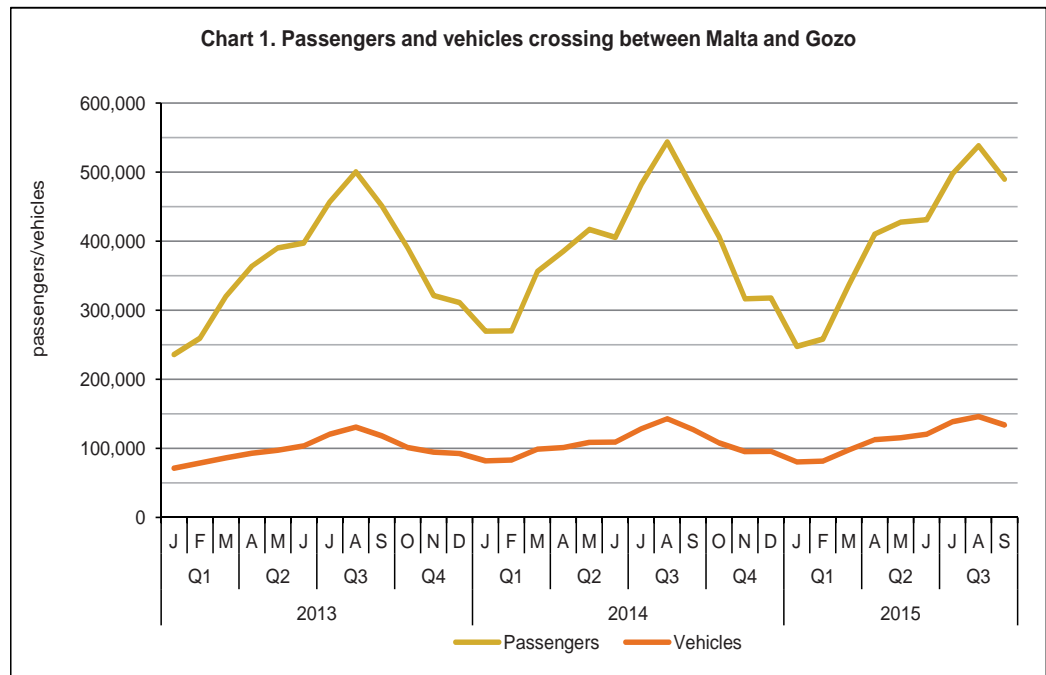
Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q3/2015

A total of 1,525,143 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the third quarter, up by 1.7 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2014. The highest number of passengers was recorded in August - 538,016, or 35.3 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 5.1 per cent, totalling 418,190 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,822, an increase of 3.0 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in August - 2,006 or 34.5 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

January-September

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



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Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	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	5,822	168	3.0
	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	418,190	20,131	5.1
	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	1,525,143	25,409	1.7
	Oct-Dec	1,021,615	1,040,122			
	Total	4,395,105	4,643,041			



Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	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	1,906	58	3.1
	August	1,872	1,952	2,006	54	2.8
	September	1,766	1,854	1,910	56	3.0
	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	138,281	9,868	7.7
	August	130,623	142,631	146,127	3,496	2.5
	September	117,864	127,015	133,782	6,767	5.3
	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	497,596	15,591	3.2
	August	500,226	543,475	538,016	-5,459	-1.0
	September	450,932	474,254	489,531	15,277	3.2
	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

Month	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	953	29	3.1	924	953	29	3.1
August	976	1,003	27	2.8	976	1,003	27	2.8
September	927	955	28	3.0	927	955	28	3.0
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	70,769	4,974	7.6	62,618	67,512	4,894	7.8
August	72,837	73,307	470	0.6	69,794	72,820	3,026	4.3
September	63,727	67,101	3,374	5.3	63,288	66,681	3,393	5.4
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	256,710	9,131	3.7	234,426	240,886	6,460	2.8
August	277,101	270,426	-6,675	-2.4	266,374	267,590	1,216	0.5
September	238,415	246,812	8,397	3.5	235,839	242,719	6,880	2.9
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 day of the week

Day of the week		January-September			Change	Percentage change
		2013	2014	2015	2015/2014	2015/2014
Trips	Monday	2,084	2,154	2,192	38	1.8
	Tuesday	2,133	2,151	2,225	74	3.4
	Wednesday	2,009	2,011	2,060	49	2.4
	Thursday	2,093	2,173	2,195	22	1.0
	Friday	2,220	2,249	2,323	74	3.3
	Saturday	2,037	2,100	2,166	66	3.1
	Sunday	2,282	2,272	2,388	116	5.1
	Total	14,858	15,110	15,549	439	2.9
Vehicles	Monday	121,757	136,947	142,442	5,495	4.0
	Tuesday	117,475	128,776	135,702	6,926	5.4
	Wednesday	116,683	128,192	135,257	7,065	5.5
	Thursday	121,889	137,161	140,539	3,378	2.5
	Friday	147,093	158,181	165,029	6,848	4.3
	Saturday	126,548	140,030	146,764	6,734	4.8
	Sunday	147,094	150,966	159,561	8,595	5.7
	Total	898,539	980,253	1,025,294	45,041	4.6
Passengers	Monday	448,671	493,298	491,412	-1,886	-0.4
	Tuesday	432,853	452,253	465,011	12,758	2.8
	Wednesday	452,039	484,178	490,931	6,753	1.4
	Thursday	471,504	517,348	498,321	-19,027	-3.7
	Friday	509,725	539,205	553,766	14,561	2.7
	Saturday	518,495	564,027	564,429	402	0.1
	Sunday	540,203	552,610	572,017	19,407	3.5
	Total	3,373,490	3,602,919	3,635,887	32,968	0.9

Chart 3. Vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-September

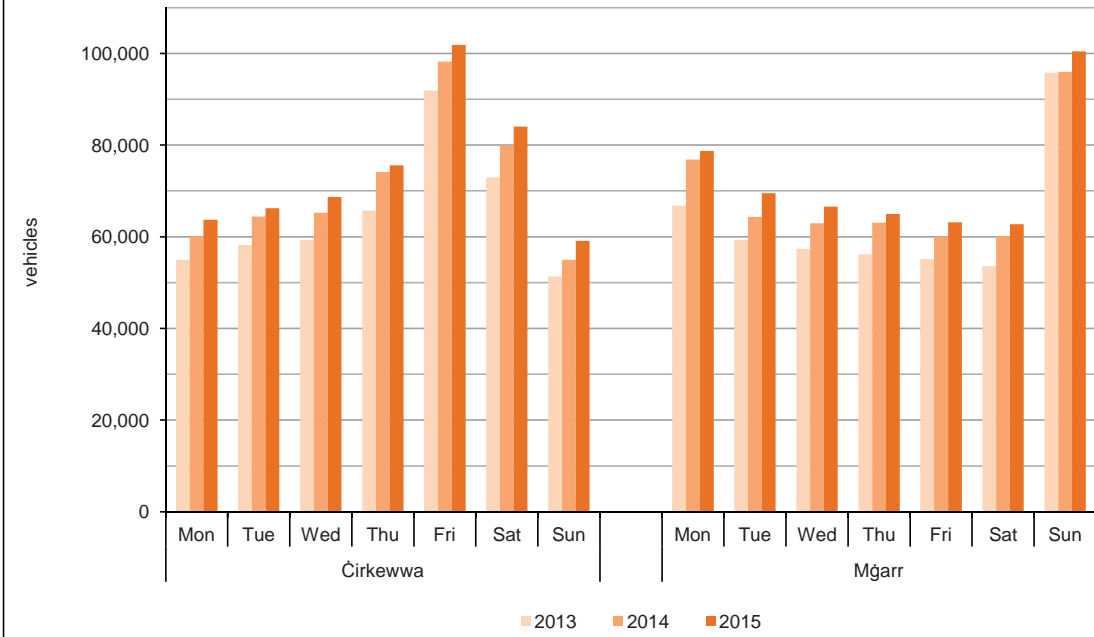
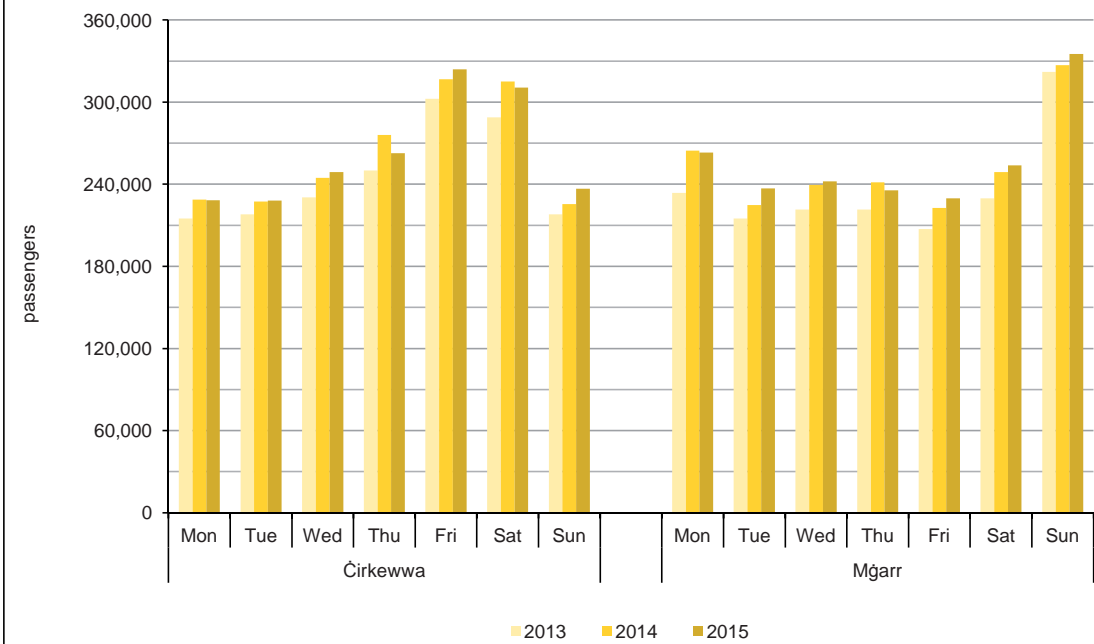


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-September



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.