

In the first quarter of 2016, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding quarter of 2015.

## Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q1/2016

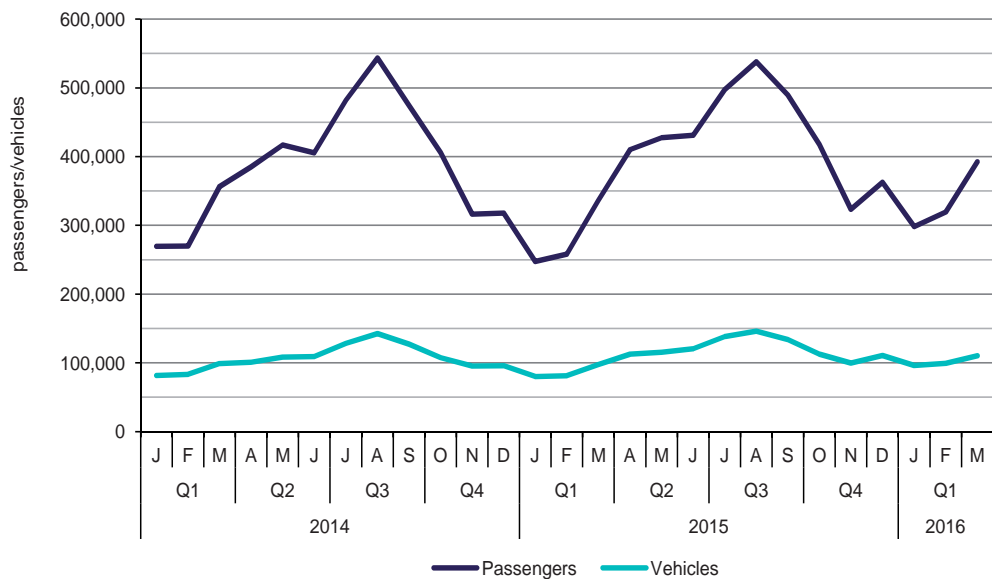
A total of 1,010,213 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the first quarter this year, up by 20.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2015. The highest number of passengers was recorded in March - 392,582 or 38.9 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 18.1 per cent, totalling 305,409 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,164, an increase of 12.5 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in March - 1,788 or 34.6 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

### January-March

During this period, passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sunday and Saturday (Charts 3 and 4) ■

Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo



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Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2014	2015	2016	Change	Percentage change	
				2016/2015	2016/2015	
<b>Trips</b>	Jan-Mar	4,634	4,591	5,164	573	12.5
	Apr-Jun	4,822	5,136			
	Jul-Sep	5,654	5,822			
	Oct-Dec	4,750	5,274			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>20,823</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	Jan-Mar	263,680	258,648	305,409	46,761	18.1
	Apr-Jun	318,514	348,456			
	Jul-Sep	398,059	418,190			
	Oct-Dec	298,695	323,208			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,278,948</b>	<b>1,348,502</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	Jan-Mar	895,824	842,193	1,010,213	168,020	20.0
	Apr-Jun	1,207,361	1,268,551			
	Jul-Sep	1,499,734	1,525,143			
	Oct-Dec	1,040,122	1,103,785			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,643,041</b>	<b>4,739,672</b>			

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: Quarter 1

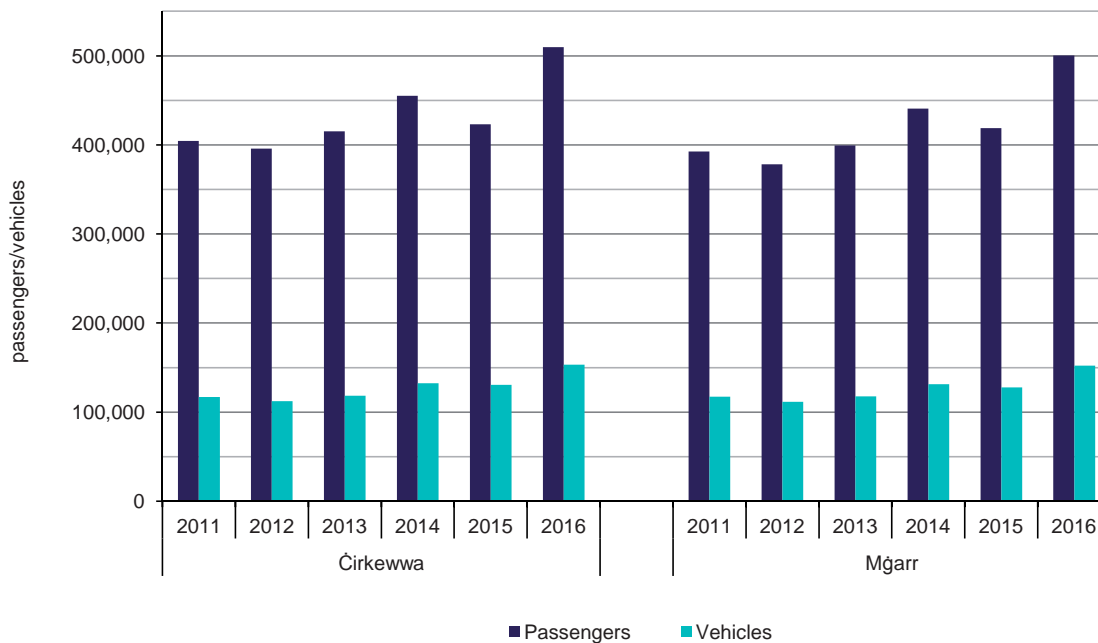


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2014	2015	2016	Change	Percentage change	
				2016/2015	2016/2015	
<b>Trips</b>	January	1,578	1,543	1,718	175	11.3
	February	1,420	1,448	1,658	210	14.5
	March	1,636	1,600	1,788	188	11.8
	April	1,550	1,614			
	May	1,638	1,750			
	June	1,634	1,772			
	July	1,848	1,906			
	August	1,952	2,006			
	September	1,854	1,910			
	October	1,612	1,836			
	November	1,538	1,654			
	December	1,600	1,784			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>20,823</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	January	81,761	80,082	95,996	15,914	19.9
	February	83,130	81,210	99,129	17,919	22.1
	March	98,789	97,356	110,284	12,928	13.3
	April	101,057	112,638			
	May	108,427	115,440			
	June	109,030	120,378			
	July	128,413	138,281			
	August	142,631	146,127			
	September	127,015	133,782			
	October	107,633	112,768			
	November	95,308	99,582			
	December	95,754	110,858			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,278,948</b>	<b>1,348,502</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	January	269,585	247,609	298,071	50,462	20.4
	February	270,031	258,233	319,560	61,327	23.7
	March	356,208	336,351	392,582	56,231	16.7
	April	385,190	410,096			
	May	416,710	427,338			
	June	405,461	431,117			
	July	482,005	497,596			
	August	543,475	538,016			
	September	474,254	489,531			
	October	406,077	417,869			
	November	316,365	323,322			
	December	317,680	362,594			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,643,041</b>	<b>4,739,672</b>			

Table 3. Sea transport to and from Malta and Gozo by month

Month	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change	
	2015	2016	2016/2015	2016/2015	2015	2016	2016/2015	2016/2015	
<b>Trips</b>	January	771	859	88	11.4	772	859	87	11.3
	February	724	829	105	14.5	724	829	105	14.5
	March	800	894	94	11.8	800	894	94	11.8
	April	807				807			
	May	875				875			
	June	886				886			
	July	953				953			
	August	1,003				1,003			
	September	955				955			
	October	918				918			
	November	827				827			
	December	892				892			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,411</b>				<b>10,412</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	January	40,319	47,560	7,241	18.0	39,763	48,436	8,673	21.8
	February	41,320	49,795	8,475	20.5	39,890	49,334	9,444	23.7
	March	49,156	56,041	6,885	14.0	48,200	54,243	6,043	12.5
	April	57,547				55,091			
	May	58,409				57,031			
	June	61,232				59,146			
	July	70,769				67,512			
	August	73,307				72,820			
	September	67,101				66,681			
	October	57,759				55,009			
	November	49,369				50,213			
	December	56,771				54,087			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>683,059</b>				<b>665,443</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	January	123,246	148,318	25,072	20.3	124,363	149,753	25,390	20.4
	February	130,284	161,957	31,673	24.3	127,949	157,603	29,654	23.2
	March	169,678	199,443	29,765	17.5	166,673	193,139	26,466	15.9
	April	208,204				201,892			
	May	215,468				211,870			
	June	218,654				212,463			
	July	256,710				240,886			
	August	270,426				267,590			
	September	246,812				242,719			
	October	211,824				206,045			
	November	160,125				163,197			
	December	185,859				176,735			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,397,290</b>				<b>2,342,382</b>			

Table 4. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by day of the week

Day of the week		January-March			Change	Percentage change
		2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	2016/2015
<b>Trips</b>	Monday	688	655	752	97	14.8
	Tuesday	626	674	726	52	7.7
	Wednesday	632	572	700	128	22.4
	Thursday	679	662	734	72	10.9
	Friday	685	684	738	54	7.9
	Saturday	646	636	716	80	12.6
	Sunday	678	708	798	90	12.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>4,591</b>	<b>5,164</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>12.5</b>
<b>Vehicles</b>	Monday	37,220	34,973	40,718	5,745	16.4
	Tuesday	31,567	35,033	40,120	5,087	14.5
	Wednesday	34,662	32,910	39,320	6,410	19.5
	Thursday	37,473	35,428	41,580	6,152	17.4
	Friday	44,414	43,774	46,545	2,771	6.3
	Saturday	37,730	36,414	45,659	9,245	25.4
	Sunday	40,614	40,116	51,467	11,351	28.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>263,680</b>	<b>258,648</b>	<b>305,409</b>	<b>46,761</b>	<b>18.1</b>
<b>Passengers</b>	Monday	125,597	108,140	130,193	22,053	20.4
	Tuesday	96,929	108,653	128,063	19,410	17.9
	Wednesday	118,642	108,675	130,765	22,090	20.3
	Thursday	128,971	113,890	133,642	19,752	17.3
	Friday	138,429	135,657	149,615	13,958	10.3
	Saturday	144,380	129,276	164,907	35,631	27.6
	Sunday	142,876	137,902	173,028	35,126	25.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>895,824</b>	<b>842,193</b>	<b>1,010,213</b>	<b>168,020</b>	<b>20.0</b>

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

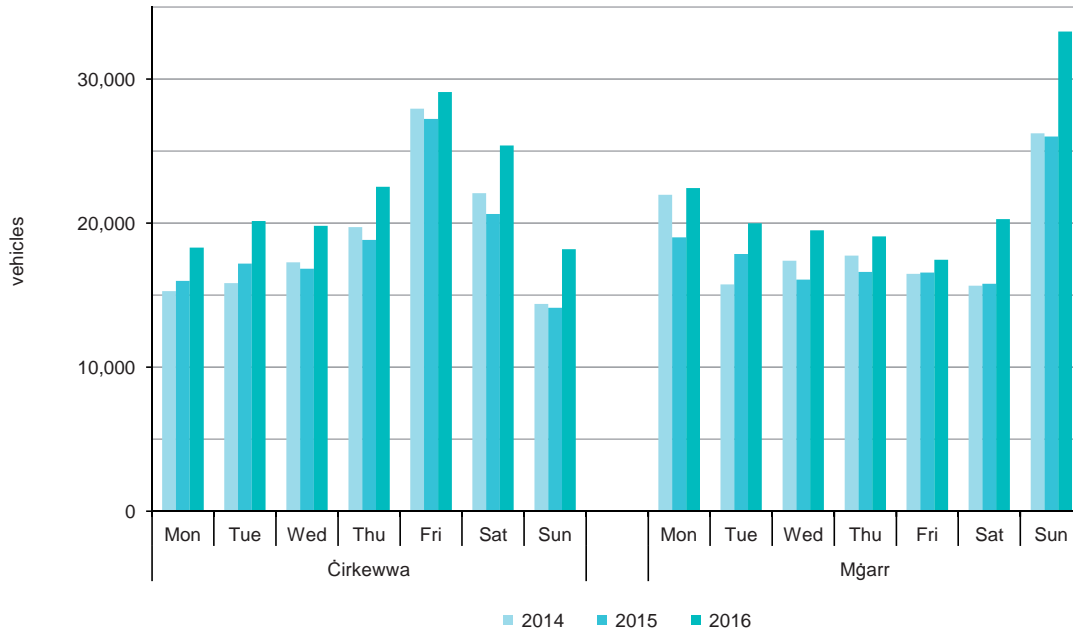
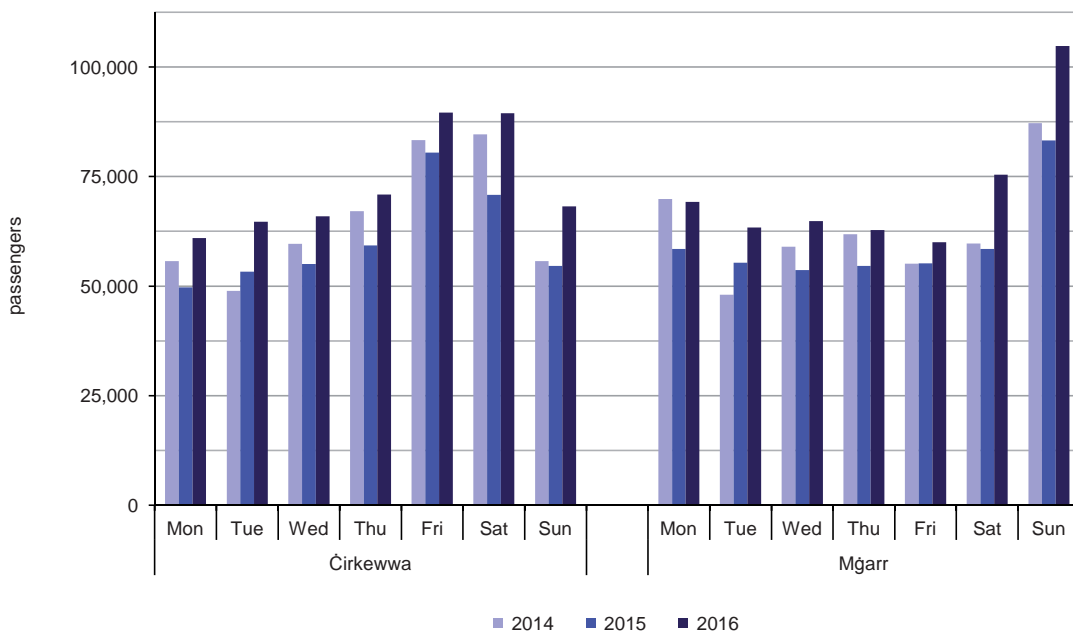


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-March



## 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

<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>	<b>Passengers</b>
MV Gaudos	72	900
MV Malita	138	900
MV Ta' Pinu	138	900

Note: MV Gaudos was out of service for docking purposes between the 06/01/2016 - 27/01/2016.

3. Data for passengers comprise: foot and vehicle passengers and vehicle drivers.
4. Different approaches are applied for the collection of data at the Mġarr and Ċirkewwa Harbours, respectively. While the data source for the Mġarr side is the Automated Ticketing System (ATS), data for the Ċirkewwa side is dependent on the manual clicking system.
5. The data are not normally subject to revision.