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Total cruise passenger traffic during the first quarter of 2016 amounted to 39,375, an increase of 90.7 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

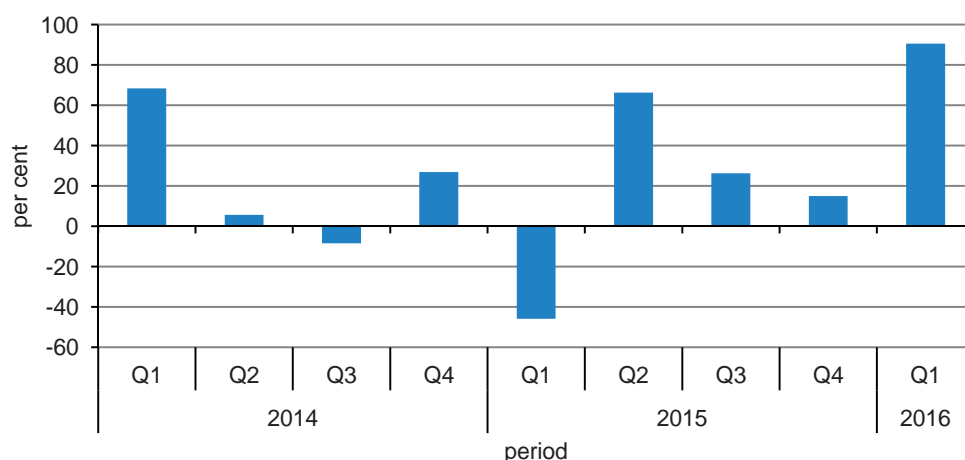
Cruise Passengers: Q1/2016

During the first quarter there were 17 cruise liner calls, 8 more than last year. At 99.5 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic, reaching 39,170. A total of 1,003 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner (Table 1).

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 65.9 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Italy, Germany and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 13,423, of whom 24.4 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 53.3 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 ■

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage change in cruise passengers



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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2014-2016

	January-March			Change
	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Mar 2016/ Jan-Mar 2015
Total traffic:	38,138	20,653	39,375	18,722
Transit	38,088	20,582	39,170	18,588
Landed	50	71	205	134
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	-	-	-	-
Passengers staying overnight	-	-	1,003	1,003
Nationality:				
EU	35,378	16,069	25,952	9,883
<i>of which:</i>				
French	7,466	2,783	4,346	1,563
German	17,433	3,697	4,878	1,181
Italian	3,697	5,091	6,884	1,793
Maltese	-	1	72	71
Spanish	1,787	743	1,465	722
British	2,350	1,502	3,814	2,312
Non-EU	2,760	4,584	13,423	8,839
<i>of which:</i>				
Australian	196	189	424	235
Canadian	260	310	600	290
Japanese	71	187	794	607
American	414	561	3,277	2,716
Sex:				
Males	18,100	9,992	18,373	8,381
Females	20,038	10,661	21,002	10,341
Age group:				
0-19	2,994	2,838	6,039	3,201
20-39	4,971	2,722	6,331	3,609
40-59	12,391	5,742	11,404	5,662
60-79	16,594	8,639	14,021	5,382
80+	1,188	712	1,580	868
Cruise liner calls	23	9	17	8

Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release is 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. This measure was adopted as from News Release no. 079/2013 dated 23 April 2013. This news release also includes figures for 2012 and 2011.

For clarity, embarkation figures for the period under review are being provided:

Embarkations	2014	2015	2016
January-March (Q1)	13	36	150

4. Definitions:

- **Cruise passenger traffic:** comprises transit passengers and passengers who land 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.
- **Passengers staying overnight:** passengers who spend at least one night on-board their berthed cruise liner.

5. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>