

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

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q2/2016

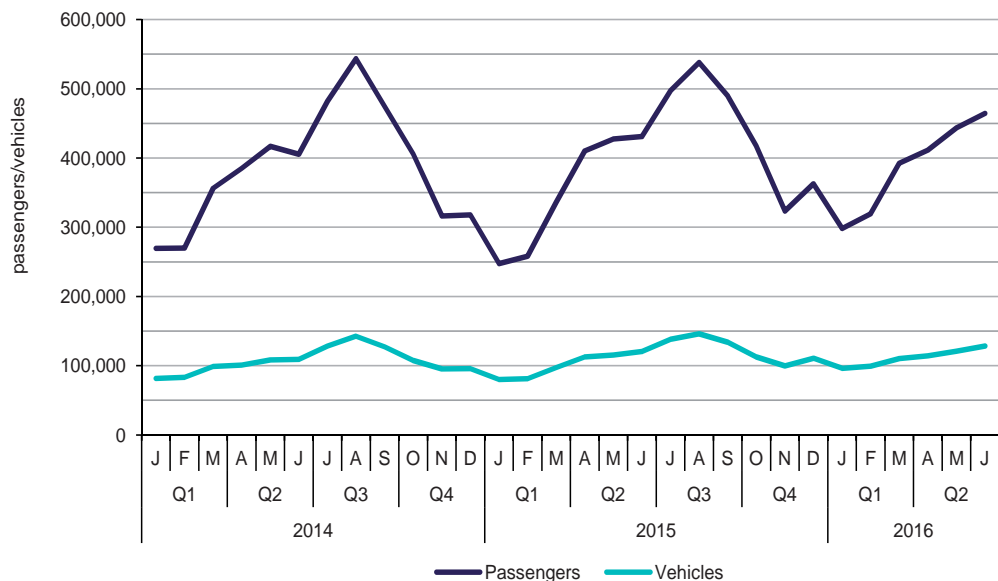
A total of 1,319,541 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the second quarter this year, up by 4.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2015. The highest number of passengers was recorded in June - 464,638 or 35.2 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 4.4 per cent, totalling 363,779 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,426, an increase of 5.6 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in June - 1,908 or 35.2 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

January-June

During the first six months, passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Saturday and Friday, 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	
Trips	Jan-Mar	4,634	4,591	5,164	573	12.5
	Apr-Jun	4,822	5,136	5,426	290	5.6
	Jul-Sep	5,654	5,822			
	Oct-Dec	4,750	5,274			
	Total	19,860	20,823			
Vehicles	Jan-Mar	263,680	258,648	305,409	46,761	18.1
	Apr-Jun	318,514	348,456	363,779	15,323	4.4
	Jul-Sep	398,059	418,190			
	Oct-Dec	298,695	323,208			
	Total	1,278,948	1,348,502			
Passengers	Jan-Mar	895,824	842,193	1,010,213	168,020	20.0
	Apr-Jun	1,207,361	1,268,551	1,319,541	50,990	4.0
	Jul-Sep	1,499,734	1,525,143			
	Oct-Dec	1,040,122	1,103,785			
	Total	4,643,041	4,739,672			

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

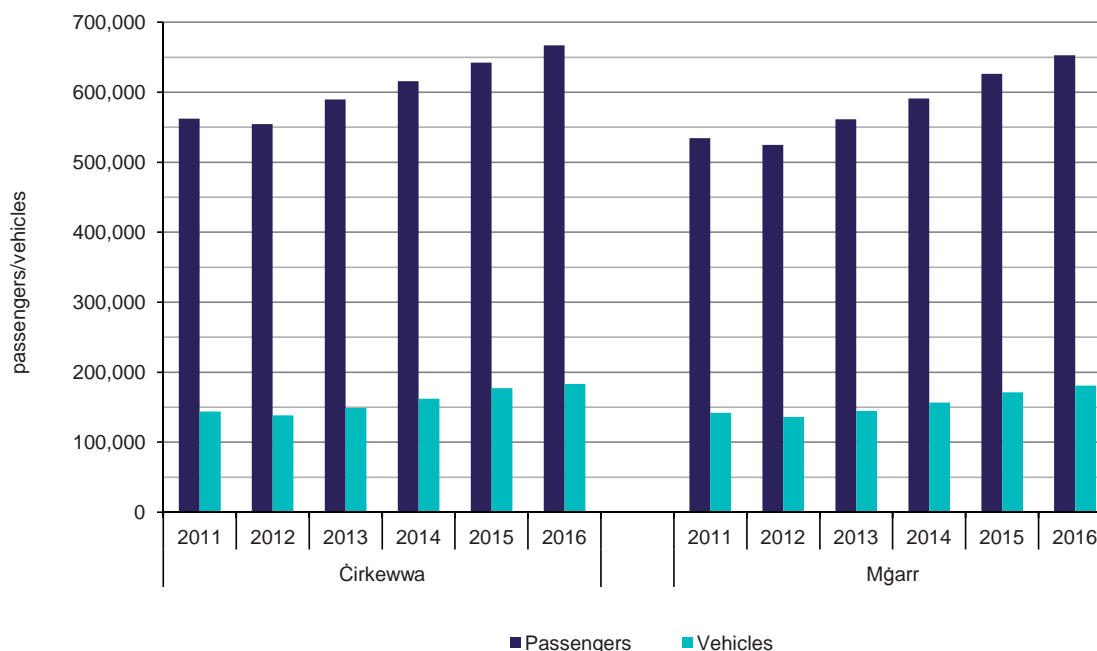


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2014	2015	2016	Change	Percentage change	
				2016/2015	2016/2015	
Trips	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	1,730	116	7.2
	May	1,638	1,750	1,788	38	2.2
	June	1,634	1,772	1,908	136	7.7
	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			
	Total	19,860	20,823			
Vehicles	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	114,387	1,749	1.6
	May	108,427	115,440	120,991	5,551	4.8
	June	109,030	120,378	128,401	8,023	6.7
	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			
	Total	1,278,948	1,348,502			
Passengers	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	411,456	1,360	0.3
	May	416,710	427,338	443,447	16,109	3.8
	June	405,461	431,117	464,638	33,521	7.8
	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			
	Total	4,643,041	4,739,672			

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	
Trips	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	865	58	7.2	807	865	58	7.2
	May	875	894	19	2.2	875	894	19	2.2
	June	886	954	68	7.7	886	954	68	7.7
	July	953				953			
	August	1,003				1,003			
	September	955				955			
	October	918				918			
	November	827				827			
	December	892				892			
	Total	10,411				10,412			
Vehicles	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	57,595	48	0.1	55,091	56,792	1,701	3.1
	May	58,409	60,219	1,810	3.1	57,031	60,772	3,741	6.6
	June	61,232	65,182	3,950	6.5	59,146	63,219	4,073	6.9
	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			
	Total	683,059				665,443			
Passengers	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	206,761	-1,443	-0.7	201,892	204,695	2,803	1.4
	May	215,468	222,332	6,864	3.2	211,870	221,115	9,245	4.4
	June	218,654	237,761	19,107	8.7	212,463	226,877	14,414	6.8
	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			
	Total	2,397,290				2,342,382			

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

Day of the week		January-June			Change	Percentage change
		2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	2016/2015
Trips	Monday	1,358	1,382	1,502	120	8.7
	Tuesday	1,311	1,407	1,486	79	5.6
	Wednesday	1,273	1,246	1,436	190	15.2
	Thursday	1,377	1,390	1,516	126	9.1
	Friday	1,387	1,434	1,542	108	7.5
	Saturday	1,334	1,364	1,484	120	8.8
	Sunday	1,416	1,504	1,624	120	8.0
	Total	9,456	9,727	10,590	863	8.9
Vehicles	Monday	79,680	82,360	87,435	5,075	6.2
	Tuesday	72,807	80,939	88,094	7,155	8.8
	Wednesday	77,200	78,324	87,814	9,490	12.1
	Thursday	82,731	83,752	91,940	8,188	9.8
	Friday	95,272	98,686	104,755	6,069	6.1
	Saturday	85,016	87,780	99,547	11,767	13.4
	Sunday	89,488	95,263	109,603	14,340	15.1
	Total	582,194	607,104	669,188	62,084	10.2
Passengers	Monday	283,784	279,252	295,976	16,724	6.0
	Tuesday	248,299	269,268	300,297	31,029	11.5
	Wednesday	285,846	278,188	313,482	35,294	12.7
	Thursday	306,843	290,527	317,645	27,118	9.3
	Friday	316,501	327,362	348,720	21,358	6.5
	Saturday	336,747	327,136	370,067	42,931	13.1
	Sunday	325,165	339,011	383,567	44,556	13.1
	Total	2,103,185	2,110,744	2,329,754	219,010	10.4

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

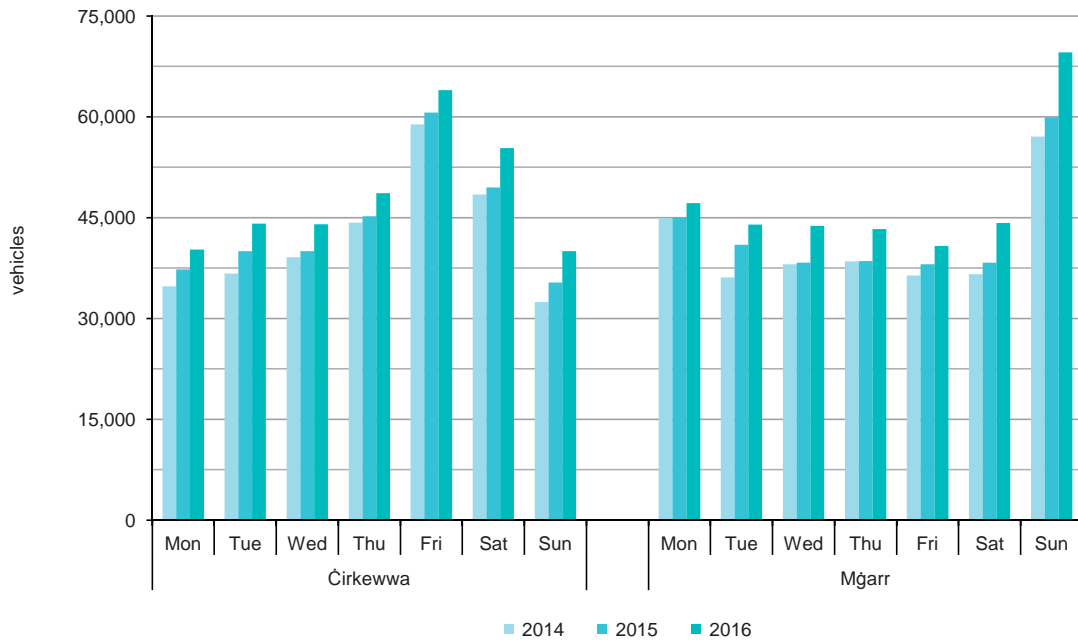
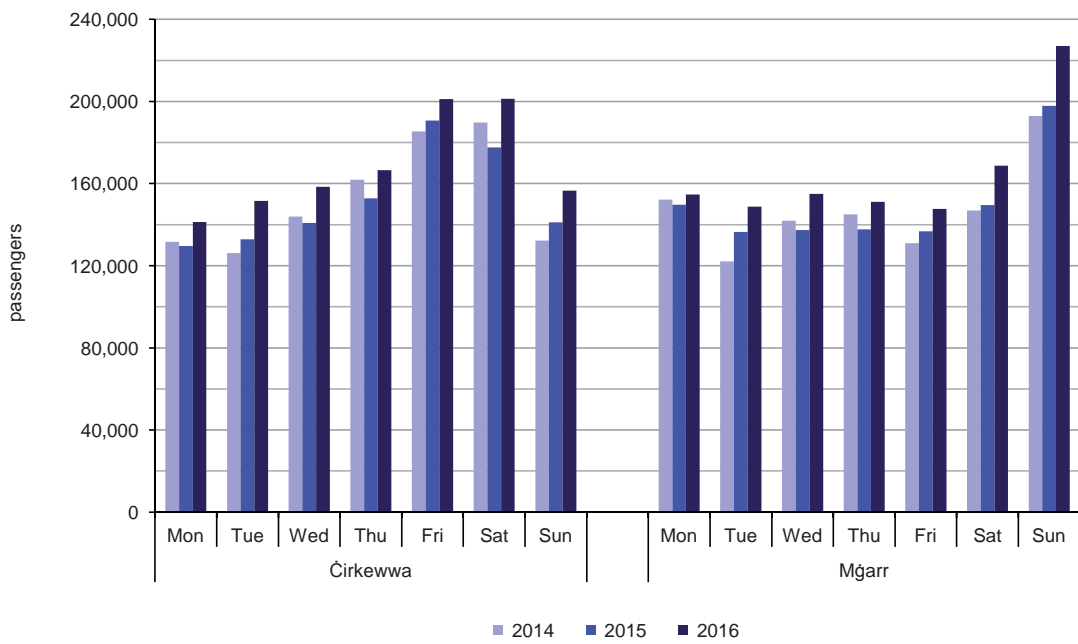


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-June



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:

Carrying capacity

Vessel	Vehicles	Passengers
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.