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Total cruise passenger traffic during the third quarter of 2016 amounted to 208,786, an increase of 5.5 per cent over the corresponding period last year.

Cruise Passengers: Q3/2016

During the third quarter there were 106 cruise liner calls, 4 more than last year. At 85.5 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic, reaching 178,545. A total of 2,749 passengers visited Gozo, while 9,185 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner.

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 80.0 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Italy, Germany and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 41,694, of whom 30.7 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 53.0 per cent of the total. The largest share of passengers were in the 40-59 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 60 and 79 (Table1).

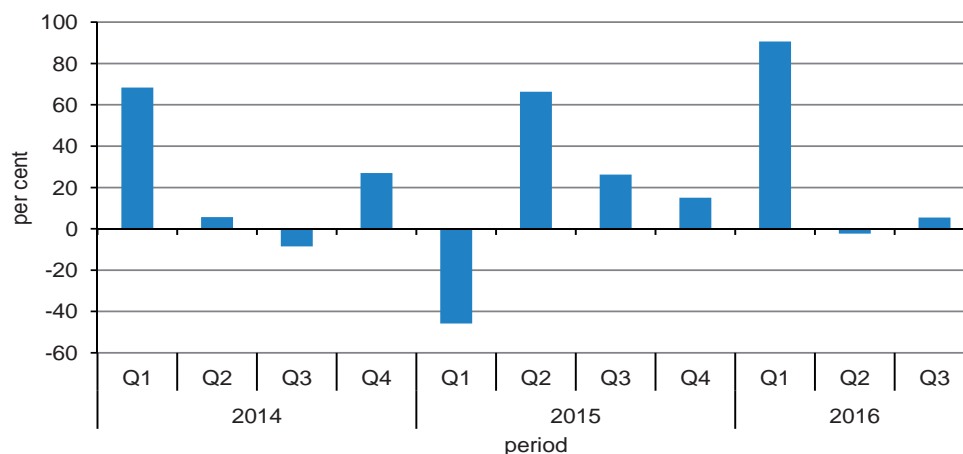
January-September 2016

During the first nine months, total cruise passengers stood at 448,641, a rise of 5.8 per cent over 2015. Of these, 75.8 per cent came from EU Member States. The biggest increases were recorded from the French and Spanish markets, which advanced by 12,669 and 11,800 passengers respectively.

Female passengers numbered 239,080 and were in the majority. Most passengers were between 40 and 59 years old, amounting to 149,809. These were followed by passengers aged 60-79, reaching 148,987.

There were 231 cruise liner calls during the first nine months, with an average 1,942 passengers per vessel, compared to 219 calls and an average 1,935 passengers per vessel in January-September 2015 (Table 2) ■

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



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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2014-2016

	July-September			Change
	2014	2015	2016	Jul-Sep 2016/ Jul-Sep 2015
Total traffic:	156,801	197,984	208,786	10,802
Transit	125,947	163,624	178,545	14,921
Landed	30,854	34,360	30,241	-4,119
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	69	5,256	2,749	-2,507
Passengers staying overnight	15,000	4,353	9,185	4,832
Nationality:				
EU	117,538	152,643	167,092	14,449
<i>of which:</i>				
France	17,675	24,285	29,431	5,146
Germany	41,566	38,292	37,242	-1,050
Italy	21,134	32,109	37,674	5,565
Malta	3,753	5,414	6,552	1,138
Spain	2,757	9,926	19,813	9,887
United Kingdom	20,177	25,656	18,583	-7,073
Non-EU	39,263	45,341	41,694	-3,647
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	4,648	6,192	2,994	-3,198
Canada	5,508	5,002	3,603	-1,399
Japan	1,089	684	1,402	718
United States	15,683	13,927	12,816	-1,111
Sex:				
Males	75,823	95,007	98,081	3,074
Females	80,978	102,977	110,705	7,728
Age group:				
0-19	21,315	28,856	35,416	6,560
20-39	22,010	31,049	36,692	5,643
40-59	55,062	69,891	75,617	5,726
60-79	53,432	62,992	56,078	-6,914
80+	4,982	5,196	4,983	-213
Cruise liner calls	91	102	106	4

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2014-2016

	January-September			Change
	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Sep 2016/ Jan-Sep 2015
Total traffic:	318,303	423,861	448,641	24,780
Transit	283,068	362,795	400,469	37,674
Landed	35,235	61,066	48,172	-12,894
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	124	7,642	5,223	-2,419
Passengers staying overnight	21,183	10,539	14,418	3,879
Nationality:				
EU	243,788	323,785	340,077	16,292
<i>of which:</i>				
France	47,450	51,515	64,184	12,669
Germany	70,477	91,735	76,946	-14,789
Italy	47,223	70,726	75,918	5,192
Malta	5,129	7,534	9,262	1,728
Spain	6,632	19,802	31,602	11,800
United Kingdom	43,798	46,646	41,803	-4,843
Non-EU	74,515	100,076	108,564	8,488
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	8,493	13,097	7,599	-5,498
Canada	9,202	8,669	8,932	263
Japan	1,533	2,261	3,063	802
United States	28,415	28,078	36,896	8,818
Sex:				
Males	151,790	202,429	209,561	7,132
Females	166,513	221,432	239,080	17,648
Age group:				
0-19	35,883	54,848	64,348	9,500
20-39	42,174	60,507	71,928	11,421
40-59	101,165	140,462	149,809	9,347
60-79	125,706	153,856	148,987	-4,869
80+	13,375	14,188	13,569	-619
Cruise liner calls	203	219	231	12

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
July-September (Q3)	31,079	34,052	30,009
January-September	35,555	60,759	48,169

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:

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