

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

## Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q4/2016

A total of 1,159,348 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the fourth quarter, up by 5.0 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2015. The highest number of passengers was recorded in October amounting to 454,022 or 39.2 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 6.1 per cent, totalling 343,036 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,490, an increase of 4.1 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in October, 1,956 or 35.6 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

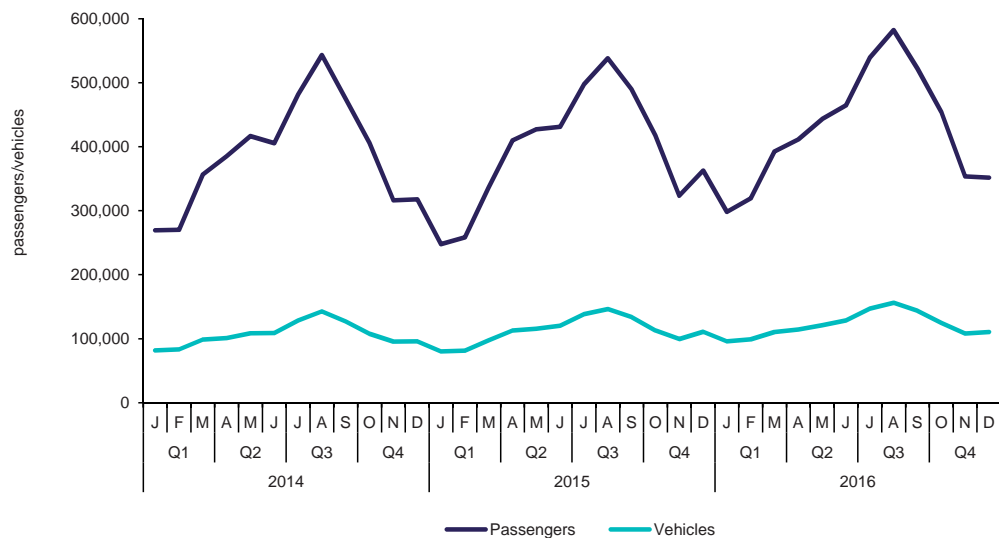
### Annual perspective: 2016

During 2016, movements between Malta and Gozo continued to increase. Overall the number of trips went up by 1,581 or 7.6 per cent, over 2015. Vehicle movements between the islands increased by 110,612 or 8.2 per cent, over the previous year, while the number of passengers went up by 393,328 or 8.3 per cent (Tables 1 and 2).

As in previous years, August recorded the highest number of trips, 2,178 or 9.7 per cent of the total. August also registered the largest share of vehicles and passengers crossing between the two islands, 156,192 and 582,264 respectively (Table 2).

During the year 2016, passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sunday and Saturday (Chart 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	5,426	290	5.6
	Jul-Sep	5,654	5,822	6,324	502	8.6
	Oct-Dec	4,750	5,274	5,490	216	4.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>20,823</b>	<b>22,404</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Vehicles</b>	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	446,890	28,700	6.9
	Oct-Dec	298,695	323,208	343,036	19,828	6.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,278,948</b>	<b>1,348,502</b>	<b>1,459,114</b>	<b>110,612</b>	<b>8.2</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	1,319,541	50,990	4.0
	Jul-Sep	1,499,734	1,525,143	1,643,898	118,755	7.8
	Oct-Dec	1,040,122	1,103,785	1,159,348	55,563	5.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,643,041</b>	<b>4,739,672</b>	<b>5,133,000</b>	<b>393,328</b>	<b>8.3</b>

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: Quarter 4

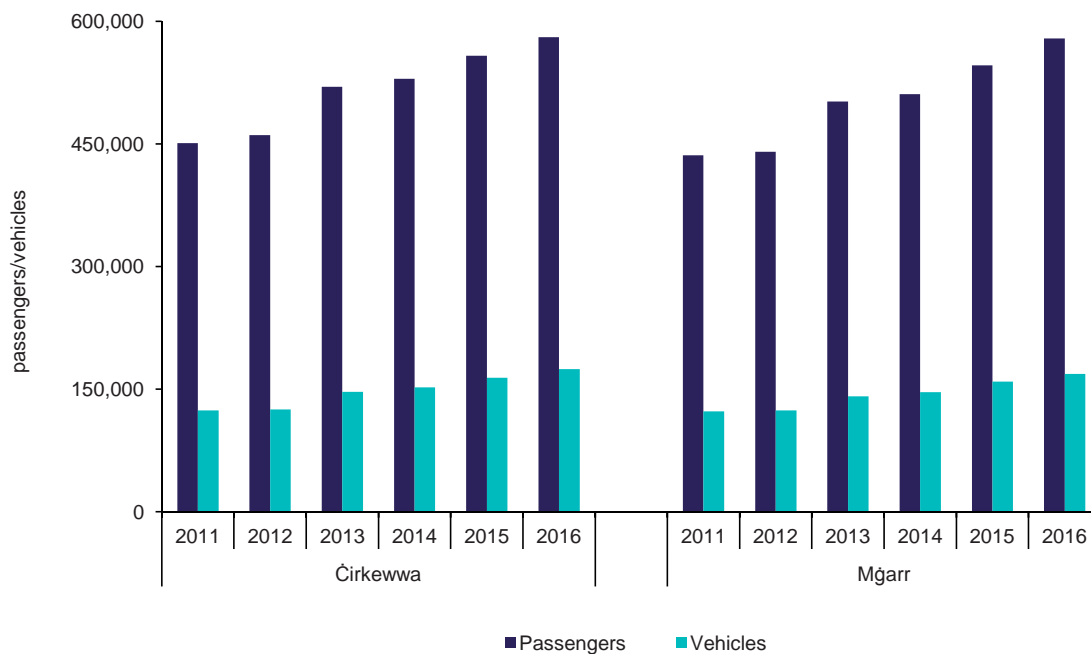


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

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	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	2,082	176	9.2
	August	1,952	2,006	2,178	172	8.6
	September	1,854	1,910	2,064	154	8.1
	October	1,612	1,836	1,956	120	6.5
	November	1,538	1,654	1,756	102	6.2
	December	1,600	1,784	1,778	-6	-0.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>20,823</b>	<b>22,404</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>7.6</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	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	146,998	8,717	6.3
	August	142,631	146,127	156,192	10,065	6.9
	September	127,015	133,782	143,700	9,918	7.4
	October	107,633	112,768	124,651	11,883	10.5
	November	95,308	99,582	107,935	8,353	8.4
	December	95,754	110,858	110,450	-408	-0.4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,278,948</b>	<b>1,348,502</b>	<b>1,459,114</b>	<b>110,612</b>	<b>8.2</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	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	539,530	41,934	8.4
	August	543,475	538,016	582,264	44,248	8.2
	September	474,254	489,531	522,104	32,573	6.7
	October	406,077	417,869	454,022	36,153	8.7
	November	316,365	323,322	353,830	30,508	9.4
	December	317,680	362,594	351,496	-11,098	-3.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,643,041</b>	<b>4,739,672</b>	<b>5,133,000</b>	<b>393,328</b>	<b>8.3</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	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	1,041	88	9.2	953	1,041	88	9.2
	August	1,003	1,089	86	8.6	1,003	1,089	86	8.6
	September	955	1,032	77	8.1	955	1,032	77	8.1
	October	918	978	60	6.5	918	978	60	6.5
	November	827	878	51	6.2	827	878	51	6.2
	December	892	889	-3	-0.3	892	889	-3	-0.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,411</b>	<b>11,202</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>10,412</b>	<b>11,202</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>7.6</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	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	74,748	3,979	5.6	67,512	72,250	4,738	7.0
	August	73,307	79,340	6,033	8.2	72,820	76,852	4,032	5.5
	September	67,101	73,003	5,902	8.8	66,681	70,697	4,016	6.0
	October	57,759	62,689	4,930	8.5	55,009	61,962	6,953	12.6
	November	49,369	54,220	4,851	9.8	50,213	53,715	3,502	7.0
	December	56,771	57,448	677	1.2	54,087	53,002	-1,085	-2.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>683,059</b>	<b>737,840</b>	<b>54,781</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>665,443</b>	<b>721,274</b>	<b>55,831</b>	<b>8.4</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	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	272,024	15,314	6.0	240,886	267,506	26,620	11.1
	August	270,426	294,794	24,368	9.0	267,590	287,470	19,880	7.4
	September	246,812	262,055	15,243	6.2	242,719	260,049	17,330	7.1
	October	211,824	226,493	14,669	6.9	206,045	227,529	21,484	10.4
	November	160,125	175,791	15,666	9.8	163,197	178,039	14,842	9.1
	December	185,859	178,363	-7,496	-4.0	176,735	173,133	-3,602	-2.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,397,290</b>	<b>2,586,092</b>	<b>188,802</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>2,342,382</b>	<b>2,546,908</b>	<b>204,526</b>	<b>8.7</b>

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

Day of the week		January-December			Change	Percentage change
		2014	2015	2016	2016/2015	2016/2015
<b>Trips</b>	Monday	2,829	2,938	3,174	236	8.0
	Tuesday	2,824	2,995	3,132	137	4.6
	Wednesday	2,683	2,778	3,054	276	9.9
	Thursday	2,831	2,988	3,170	182	6.1
	Friday	2,947	3,054	3,352	298	9.8
	Saturday	2,748	2,886	3,142	256	8.9
	Sunday	2,998	3,184	3,380	196	6.2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19,860</b>	<b>20,823</b>	<b>22,404</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Vehicles</b>	Monday	177,765	185,106	196,993	11,887	6.4
	Tuesday	167,435	180,172	192,794	12,622	7.0
	Wednesday	167,860	178,303	194,482	16,179	9.1
	Thursday	175,919	185,244	198,670	13,426	7.2
	Friday	206,046	212,824	232,290	19,466	9.1
	Saturday	184,779	194,161	211,591	17,430	9.0
	Sunday	199,144	212,692	232,294	19,602	9.2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,278,948</b>	<b>1,348,502</b>	<b>1,459,114</b>	<b>110,612</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Passengers</b>	Monday	636,083	632,908	677,161	44,253	7.0
	Tuesday	578,035	614,197	663,806	49,609	8.1
	Wednesday	619,218	640,705	699,760	59,055	9.2
	Thursday	652,119	647,203	694,915	47,712	7.4
	Friday	700,585	705,743	776,656	70,913	10.0
	Saturday	733,166	739,388	795,437	56,049	7.6
	Sunday	723,835	759,528	825,265	65,737	8.7
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,643,041</b>	<b>4,739,672</b>	<b>5,133,000</b>	<b>393,328</b>	<b>8.3</b>

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

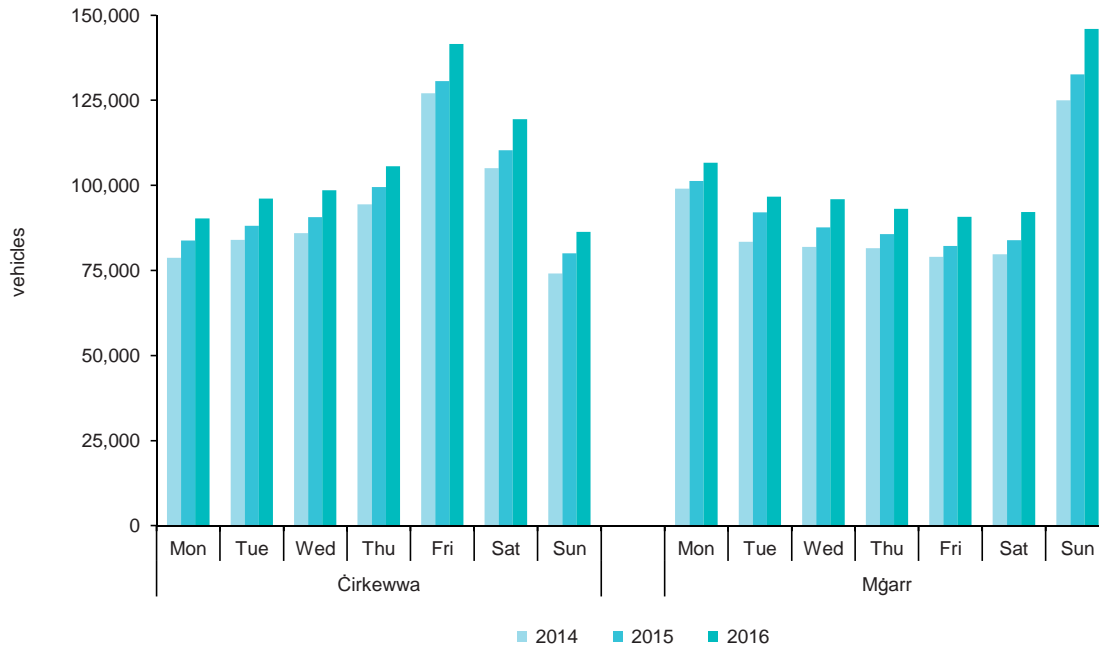
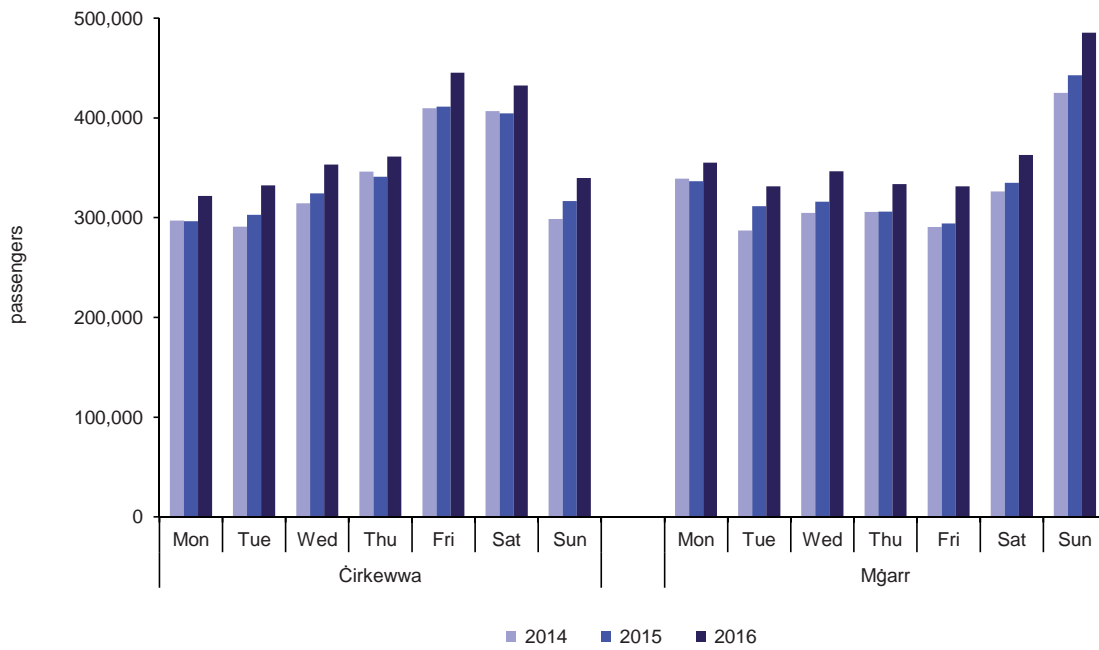


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-December



## 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.