

Total cruise passenger traffic during the fourth quarter of 2016 amounted to 177,441, an increase of 0.7 per cent over the corresponding period in 2015.

Cruise Passengers: Q4/2016

During the fourth quarter there were 85 cruise liner calls, 3 less than previous year. At 94.4 per cent, transit passengers accounted for the vast majority of total traffic, reaching 167,437. A total of 1,707 passengers visited Gozo, while 8,101 passengers spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner.

Visitors from EU Member States comprised 71.0 per cent of total traffic, the major markets being Italy, Germany and France. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 51,532, of whom 35.7 per cent came from the United States.

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 53.7 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 (Table1).

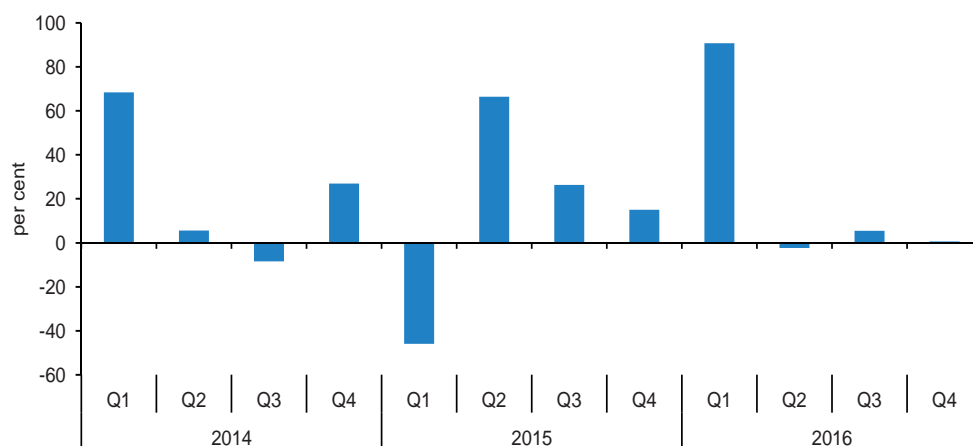
January-December 2016

Total cruise passengers for 2016 stood at 626,082, a rise of 4.3 per cent over 2015. Of these, 74.4 per cent came from EU Member States. The biggest increases were recorded from the French and US markets, which advanced by 17,610 and 15,131 passengers respectively.

Female passengers numbered 334,369 and were in the majority. Most passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, amounting to 221,929. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59, reaching 204,792.

There were 316 cruise liner calls in 2016, with an average 1,981 passengers per vessel, compared to 307 calls and an average 1,955 passengers per vessel in 2015 (Table 2) ■

Year-on-year percentage change in cruise passengers



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Table 1. Cruise passengers: Quarterly 2014-2016

	October-December			Change
	2014	2015	2016	Oct-Dec 2016/ Oct-Dec 2015
Total traffic:	153,251	176,295	177,441	1,146
Transit	142,066	166,989	167,437	448
Landed	11,185	9,306	10,004	698
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	524	2,226	1,707	-519
Passengers staying overnight	3,541	5,308	8,101	2,793
Nationality:				
EU	123,647	131,330	125,909	-5,421
<i>of which:</i>				
France	23,185	21,381	26,322	4,941
Germany	42,203	32,550	28,427	-4,123
Italy	29,038	40,809	31,538	-9,271
Malta	1,052	940	1,622	682
Spain	2,713	8,437	7,570	-867
United Kingdom	15,277	12,493	15,877	3,384
Non-EU	29,604	44,965	51,532	6,567
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	2,011	1,833	2,659	826
Canada	3,319	3,711	5,748	2,037
Japan	730	1,201	1,930	729
United States	9,976	12,100	18,413	6,313
Sex:				
Males	72,077	82,717	82,152	-565
Females	81,174	93,578	95,289	1,711
Age group:				
0-19	15,649	20,675	19,129	-1,546
20-39	21,145	26,792	24,200	-2,592
40-59	46,575	56,313	54,983	-1,330
60-79	63,716	66,763	72,942	6,179
80+	6,166	5,752	6,187	435
Cruise liner calls	100	88	85	-3

Table 2. Cruise passengers: Cumulative 2014-2016

	January-December			Change
	2014	2015	2016	Jan-Dec 2016/ Jan-Dec 2015
Total traffic:	471,554	600,156	626,082	25,926
Transit	425,134	529,784	567,906	38,122
Landed	46,420	70,372	58,176	-12,196
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers visiting Gozo	648	9,868	6,930	-2,938
Passengers staying overnight	24,724	15,847	22,519	6,672
Nationality:				
EU	367,435	455,115	465,986	10,871
<i>of which:</i>				
France	70,635	72,896	90,506	17,610
Germany	112,680	124,285	105,373	-18,912
Italy	76,261	111,535	107,456	-4,079
Malta	6,181	8,474	10,884	2,410
Spain	9,345	28,239	39,172	10,933
United Kingdom	59,075	59,139	57,680	-1,459
Non-EU	104,119	145,041	160,096	15,055
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	10,504	14,930	10,258	-4,672
Canada	12,521	12,380	14,680	2,300
Japan	2,263	3,462	4,993	1,531
United States	38,391	40,178	55,309	15,131
Sex:				
Males	223,867	285,146	291,713	6,567
Females	247,687	315,010	334,369	19,359
Age group:				
0-19	51,532	75,523	83,477	7,954
20-39	63,319	87,299	96,128	8,829
40-59	147,740	196,775	204,792	8,017
60-79	189,422	220,619	221,929	1,310
80+	19,541	19,940	19,756	-184
Cruise liner calls	303	307	316	9

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
October-December (Q4)	11,466	9,329	7,971
January-December	47,021	70,088	56,140

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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