

In the second quarter of 2017, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding quarter of 2016.

Sea transport between Malta and Gozo: Q2/2017

A total of 1,415,326 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the second quarter this year, up by 7.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2016. The highest number of passengers was recorded in April - 474,647 or 33.5 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 8.3 per cent, totalling 394,106 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,541, an increase of 2.1 per cent over the same period in 2016 (Table 1). Most trips took place in June - 1,886 or 34.0 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 Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mgarr were recorded on Sunday and Monday (Charts 3 and 4) ■

Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo

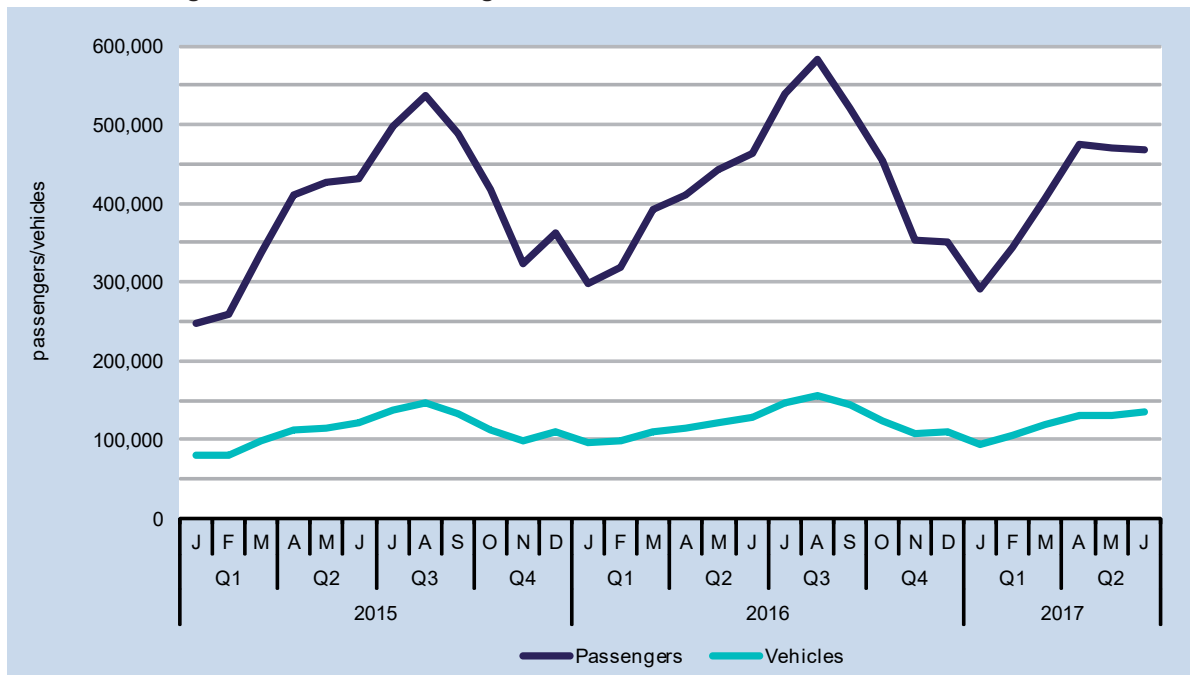


Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2015	2016	2017	Change	Percentage change	
				2017/2016	2017/2016	
Trips	Jan-Mar	4,591	5,164	5,216	52	1.0
	Apr-Jun	5,136	5,426	5,541	115	2.1
	Jul-Sep	5,822	6,324			
	Oct-Dec	5,274	5,490			
	Total	20,823	22,404			
Vehicles	Jan-Mar	258,648	305,409	320,432	15,023	4.9
	Apr-Jun	348,456	363,779	394,106	30,327	8.3
	Jul-Sep	418,190	446,890			
	Oct-Dec	323,208	343,036			
	Total	1,348,502	1,459,114			
Passengers	Jan-Mar	842,193	1,010,213	1,040,188	29,975	3.0
	Apr-Jun	1,268,551	1,319,541	1,415,326	95,785	7.3
	Jul-Sep	1,525,143	1,643,898			
	Oct-Dec	1,103,785	1,159,348			
	Total	4,739,672	5,133,000			

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

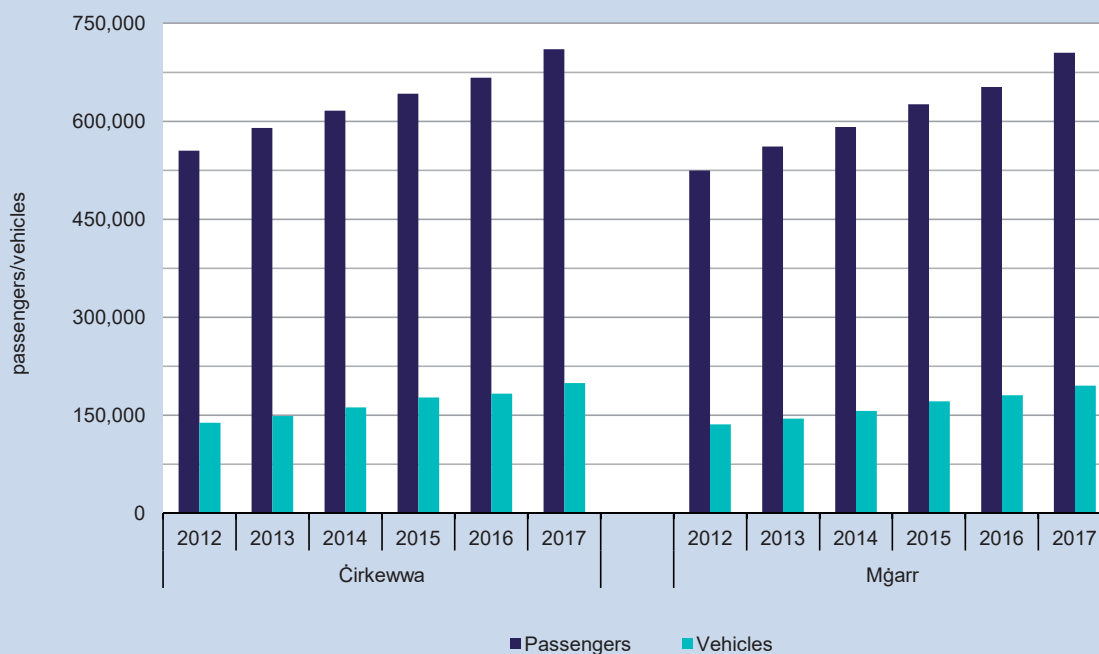


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2015	2016	2017	Change	Percentage change	
				2017/2016	2017/2016	
Trips	January	1,543	1,718	1,717	-1	-0.1
	February	1,448	1,658	1,669	11	0.7
	March	1,600	1,788	1,830	42	2.3
	April	1,614	1,730	1,834	104	6.0
	May	1,750	1,788	1,821	33	1.8
	June	1,772	1,908	1,886	-22	-1.2
	July	1,906	2,082			
	August	2,006	2,178			
	September	1,910	2,064			
	October	1,836	1,956			
	November	1,654	1,756			
	December	1,784	1,778			
	Total	20,823	22,404			
Vehicles	January	80,082	95,996	94,258	-1,738	-1.8
	February	81,210	99,129	106,256	7,127	7.2
	March	97,356	110,284	119,918	9,634	8.7
	April	112,638	114,387	129,837	15,450	13.5
	May	115,440	120,991	129,726	8,735	7.2
	June	120,378	128,401	134,543	6,142	4.8
	July	138,281	146,998			
	August	146,127	156,192			
	September	133,782	143,700			
	October	112,768	124,651			
	November	99,582	107,935			
	December	110,858	110,450			
	Total	1,348,502	1,459,114			
Passengers	January	247,609	298,071	290,357	-7,714	-2.6
	February	258,233	319,560	343,321	23,761	7.4
	March	336,351	392,582	406,510	13,928	3.5
	April	410,096	411,456	474,647	63,191	15.4
	May	427,338	443,447	471,397	27,950	6.3
	June	431,117	464,638	469,282	4,644	1.0
	July	497,596	539,530			
	August	538,016	582,264			
	September	489,531	522,104			
	October	417,869	454,022			
	November	323,322	353,830			
	December	362,594	351,496			
	Total	4,739,672	5,133,000			

Table 3. Sea transport to and from Malta and Gozo by month

Month	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change	
	2016	2017	2017/2016	2017/2016	2016	2017	2017/2016	2017/2016	
Trips	January	859	858	-1	-0.1	859	859	0	0.0
	February	829	834	5	0.6	829	835	6	0.7
	March	894	915	21	2.3	894	915	21	2.3
	April	865	917	52	6.0	865	917	52	6.0
	May	894	910	16	1.8	894	911	17	1.9
	June	954	943	-11	-1.2	954	943	-11	-1.2
	July	1,041				1,041			
	August	1,089				1,089			
	September	1,032				1,032			
	October	978				978			
	November	878				878			
	December	889				889			
	Total	11,202				11,202			
Vehicles	January	47,560	46,603	-957	-2.0	48,436	47,655	-781	-1.6
	February	49,795	54,073	4,278	8.6	49,334	52,183	2,849	5.8
	March	56,041	61,906	5,865	10.5	54,243	58,012	3,769	6.9
	April	57,595	65,349	7,754	13.5	56,792	64,488	7,696	13.6
	May	60,219	64,338	4,119	6.8	60,772	65,388	4,616	7.6
	June	65,182	69,380	4,198	6.4	63,219	65,163	1,944	3.1
	July	74,748				72,250			
	August	79,340				76,852			
	September	73,003				70,697			
	October	62,689				61,962			
	November	54,220				53,715			
	December	57,448				53,002			
	Total	737,840				721,274			
Passengers	January	148,318	143,050	-5,268	-3.6	149,753	147,307	-2,446	-1.6
	February	161,957	173,284	11,327	7.0	157,603	170,037	12,434	7.9
	March	199,443	206,317	6,874	3.4	193,139	200,193	7,054	3.7
	April	206,761	237,070	30,309	14.7	204,695	237,577	32,882	16.1
	May	222,332	233,975	11,643	5.2	221,115	237,422	16,307	7.4
	June	237,761	239,320	1,559	0.7	226,877	229,962	3,085	1.4
	July	272,024				267,506			
	August	294,794				287,470			
	September	262,055				260,049			
	October	226,493				227,529			
	November	175,791				178,039			
	December	178,363				173,133			
	Total	2,586,092				2,546,908			

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

Day of the week		January-June			Change	Percentage change
		2015	2016	2017	2017/2016	2017/2016
Trips	Monday	1,382	1,502	1,526	24	1.6
	Tuesday	1,407	1,486	1,489	3	0.2
	Wednesday	1,246	1,436	1,488	52	3.6
	Thursday	1,390	1,516	1,540	24	1.6
	Friday	1,434	1,542	1,608	66	4.3
	Saturday	1,364	1,484	1,460	-24	-1.6
	Sunday	1,504	1,624	1,646	22	1.4
	Total	9,727	10,590	10,757	167	1.6
Vehicles	Monday	82,360	87,435	95,979	8,544	9.8
	Tuesday	80,939	88,094	93,207	5,113	5.8
	Wednesday	78,324	87,814	96,672	8,858	10.1
	Thursday	83,752	91,940	101,213	9,273	10.1
	Friday	98,686	104,755	113,779	9,024	8.6
	Saturday	87,780	99,547	102,472	2,925	2.9
	Sunday	95,263	109,603	111,216	1,613	1.5
	Total	607,104	669,188	714,538	45,350	6.8
Passengers	Monday	279,252	295,976	325,832	29,856	10.1
	Tuesday	269,268	300,297	310,035	9,738	3.2
	Wednesday	278,188	313,482	335,343	21,861	7.0
	Thursday	290,527	317,645	348,052	30,407	9.6
	Friday	327,362	348,720	376,458	27,738	8.0
	Saturday	327,136	370,067	370,151	84	0.0
	Sunday	339,011	383,567	389,643	6,076	1.6
	Total	2,110,744	2,329,754	2,455,514	125,760	5.4

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

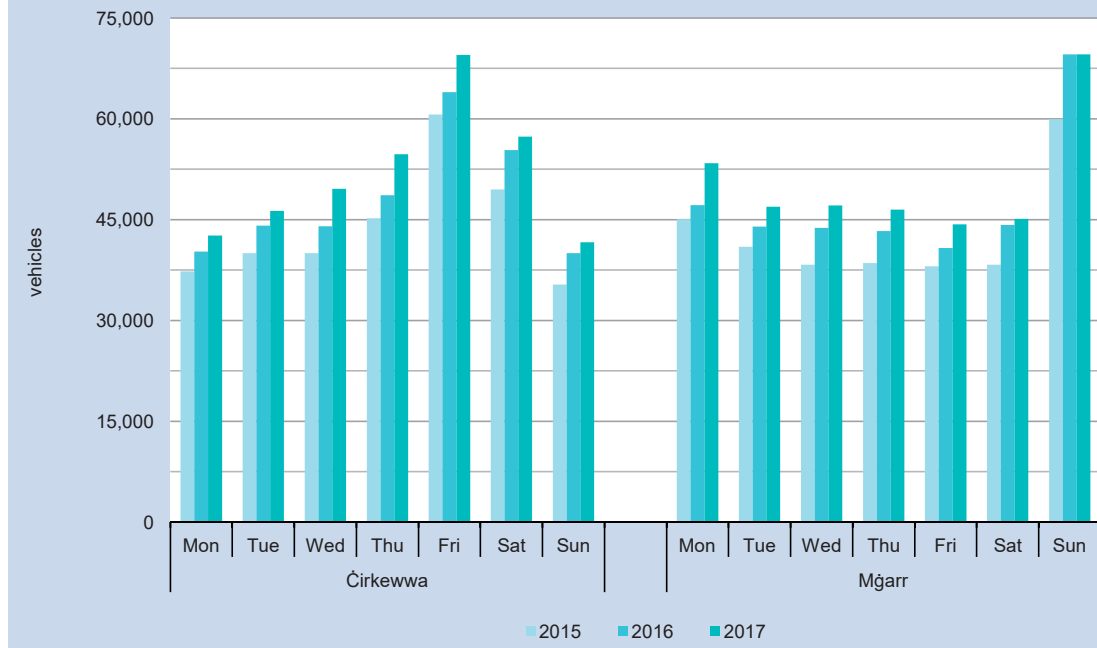
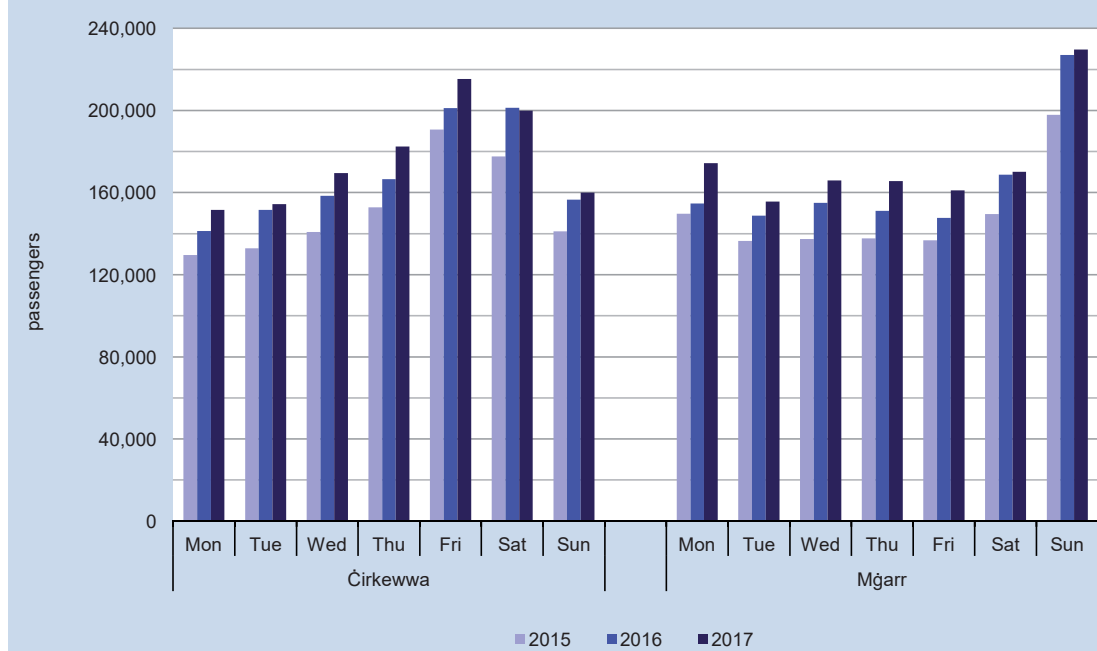


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-June



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 Malita was out of service for docking purposes between the 09/01/2017 - 02/02/2017, 14/02/2017-17/02/2017 and 08/05/2017 - 09/05/2017.

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.
6. More information is available from the NSO upon written request form:
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