

In the first quarter of 2018, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding quarter of 2017.

Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q1/2018

A total of 1,121,001 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the first quarter this year, up by 7.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2017. The highest number of passengers was recorded in March – 450,363 or 40.2 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 5.9 per cent, totalling 339,266 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,259, an increase of 0.8 per cent over the same period in 2017 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in March – 1,874 or 35.6 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

January-March

During this period, passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Fridays and Saturdays, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sundays and Saturdays (Charts 3 and 4) ■

Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo

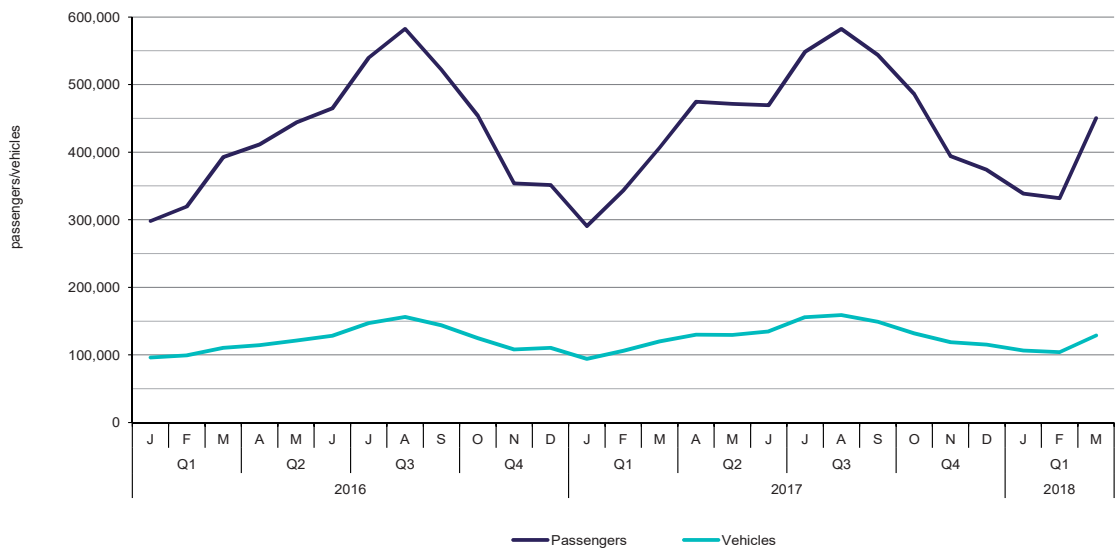


Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2016	2017	2018	Change	Percentage change	
				2018/2017	2018/2017	
Trips	Jan-Mar	5,164	5,216	5,259	43	0.8
	Apr-Jun	5,426	5,541			
	Jul-Sep	6,324	6,334			
	Oct-Dec	5,490	5,438			
	Total	22,404	22,529			
Vehicles	Jan-Mar	305,409	320,432	339,266	18,834	5.9
	Apr-Jun	363,779	394,106			
	Jul-Sep	446,890	463,585			
	Oct-Dec	343,036	365,899			
	Total	1,459,114	1,544,022			
Passengers	Jan-Mar	1,010,213	1,040,188	1,121,001	80,813	7.8
	Apr-Jun	1,319,541	1,415,326			
	Jul-Sep	1,643,898	1,674,618			
	Oct-Dec	1,159,348	1,253,708			
	Total	5,133,000	5,383,840			

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: Quarter 1

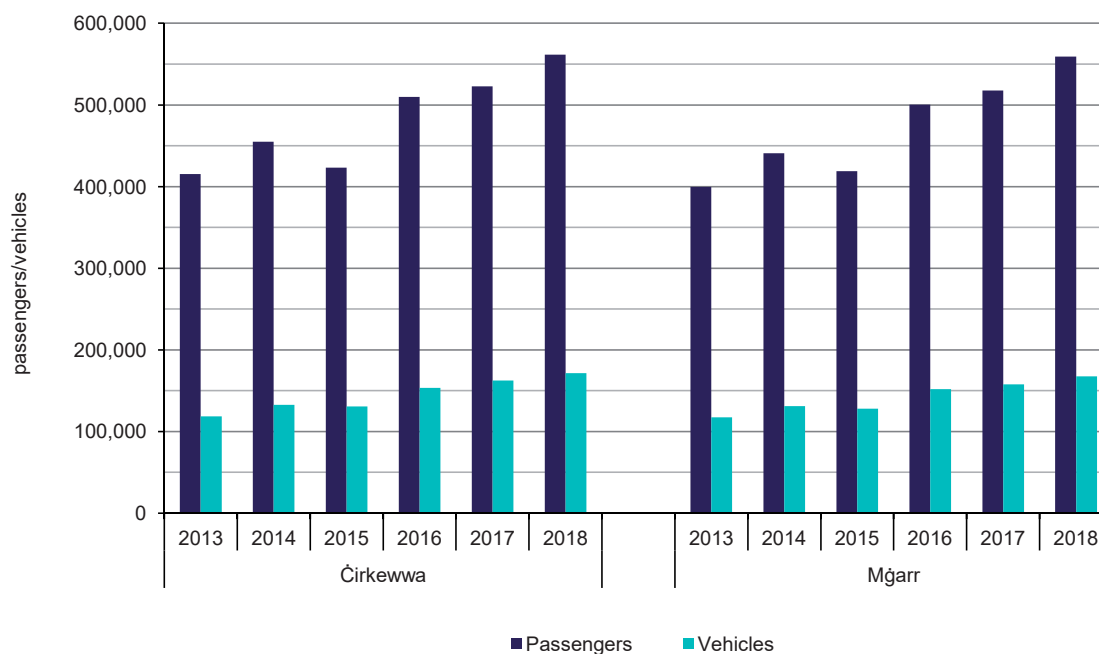


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2016	2017	2018	Change	Percentage change	
				2018/2017	2018/2017	
Trips	January	1,718	1,717	1,771	54	3.1
	February	1,658	1,669	1,614	-55	-3.3
	March	1,788	1,830	1,874	44	2.4
	April	1,730	1,834			
	May	1,788	1,821			
	June	1,908	1,886			
	July	2,082	2,098			
	August	2,178	2,158			
	September	2,064	2,078			
	October	1,956	1,964			
	November	1,756	1,729			
	December	1,778	1,745			
	Total	22,404	22,529			
Vehicles	January	95,996	94,258	106,556	12,298	13.0
	February	99,129	106,256	103,893	-2,363	-2.2
	March	110,284	119,918	128,817	8,899	7.4
	April	114,387	129,837			
	May	120,991	129,726			
	June	128,401	134,543			
	July	146,998	155,624			
	August	156,192	158,981			
	September	143,700	148,980			
	October	124,651	131,779			
	November	107,935	118,862			
	December	110,450	115,258			
	Total	1,459,114	1,544,022			
Passengers	January	298,071	290,357	338,780	48,423	16.7
	February	319,560	343,321	331,858	-11,463	-3.3
	March	392,582	406,510	450,363	43,853	10.8
	April	411,456	474,647			
	May	443,447	471,397			
	June	464,638	469,282			
	July	539,530	548,452			
	August	582,264	582,199			
	September	522,104	543,967			
	October	454,022	486,147			
	November	353,830	393,745			
	December	351,496	373,816			
	Total	5,133,000	5,383,840			

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

Month	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change	
	2017	2018	2018/2017	2018/2017	2017	2018	2018/2017	2018/2017	
Trips	January	858	885	27	3.1	859	886	27	3.1
	February	834	807	-27	-3.2	835	807	-28	-3.4
	March	915	937	22	2.4	915	937	22	2.4
	April	917				917			
	May	910				911			
	June	943				943			
	July	1,049				1,049			
	August	1,079				1,079			
	September	1,039				1,039			
	October	982				982			
	November	864				865			
	December	873				872			
	Total	11,263				11,266			
Vehicles	January	46,603	52,616	6,013	12.9	47,655	53,940	6,285	13.2
	February	54,073	52,372	-1,701	-3.1	52,183	51,521	-662	-1.3
	March	61,906	66,509	4,603	7.4	58,012	62,308	4,296	7.4
	April	65,349				64,488			
	May	64,338				65,388			
	June	69,380				65,163			
	July	78,036				77,588			
	August	80,338				78,643			
	September	75,830				73,150			
	October	65,742				66,037			
	November	59,534				59,328			
	December	59,416				55,842			
	Total	780,545				763,477			
Passengers	January	143,050	166,565	23,515	16.4	147,307	172,215	24,908	16.9
	February	173,284	166,056	-7,228	-4.2	170,037	165,802	-4,235	-2.5
	March	206,317	229,062	22,745	11.0	200,193	221,301	21,108	10.5
	April	237,070				237,577			
	May	233,975				237,422			
	June	239,320				229,962			
	July	275,281				273,171			
	August	291,236				290,963			
	September	274,817				269,150			
	October	242,290				243,857			
	November	195,268				198,477			
	December	188,899				184,917			
	Total	2,700,807				2,683,033			

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

Day of the week		January-March			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	2018/2017
Trips	Monday	752	749	764	15	2.0
	Tuesday	726	713	738	25	3.5
	Wednesday	700	702	722	20	2.8
	Thursday	734	758	752	-6	-0.8
	Friday	738	806	802	-4	-0.5
	Saturday	716	666	734	68	10.2
	Sunday	798	822	747	-75	-9.1
	Total	5,164	5,216	5,259	43	0.8
Vehicles	Monday	40,718	42,773	46,591	3,818	8.9
	Tuesday	40,120	40,451	43,977	3,526	8.7
	Wednesday	39,320	41,114	45,648	4,534	11.0
	Thursday	41,580	46,810	46,639	-171	-0.4
	Friday	46,545	53,528	55,168	1,640	3.1
	Saturday	45,659	42,732	51,593	8,861	20.7
	Sunday	51,467	53,024	49,650	-3,374	-6.4
	Total	305,409	320,432	339,266	18,834	5.9
Passengers	Monday	130,193	137,412	151,796	14,384	10.5
	Tuesday	128,063	124,140	135,399	11,259	9.1
	Wednesday	130,765	134,187	150,652	16,465	12.3
	Thursday	133,642	150,859	152,873	2,014	1.3
	Friday	149,615	174,595	176,893	2,298	1.3
	Saturday	164,907	145,494	183,802	38,308	26.3
	Sunday	173,028	173,501	169,586	-3,915	-2.3
	Total	1,010,213	1,040,188	1,121,001	80,813	7.8

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

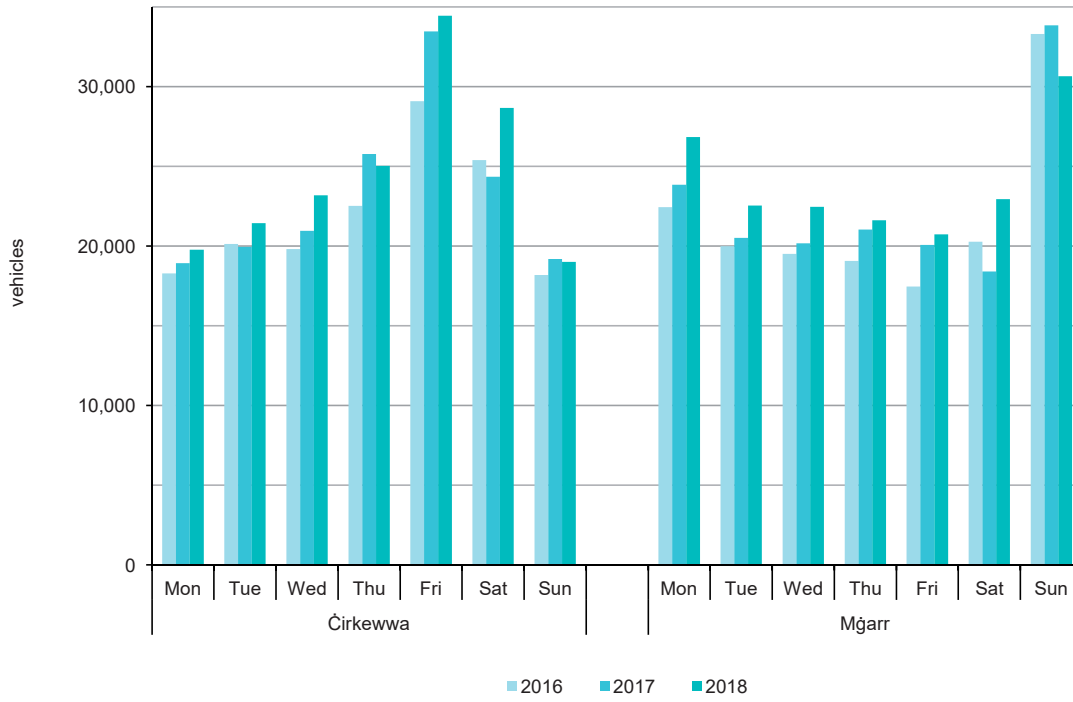
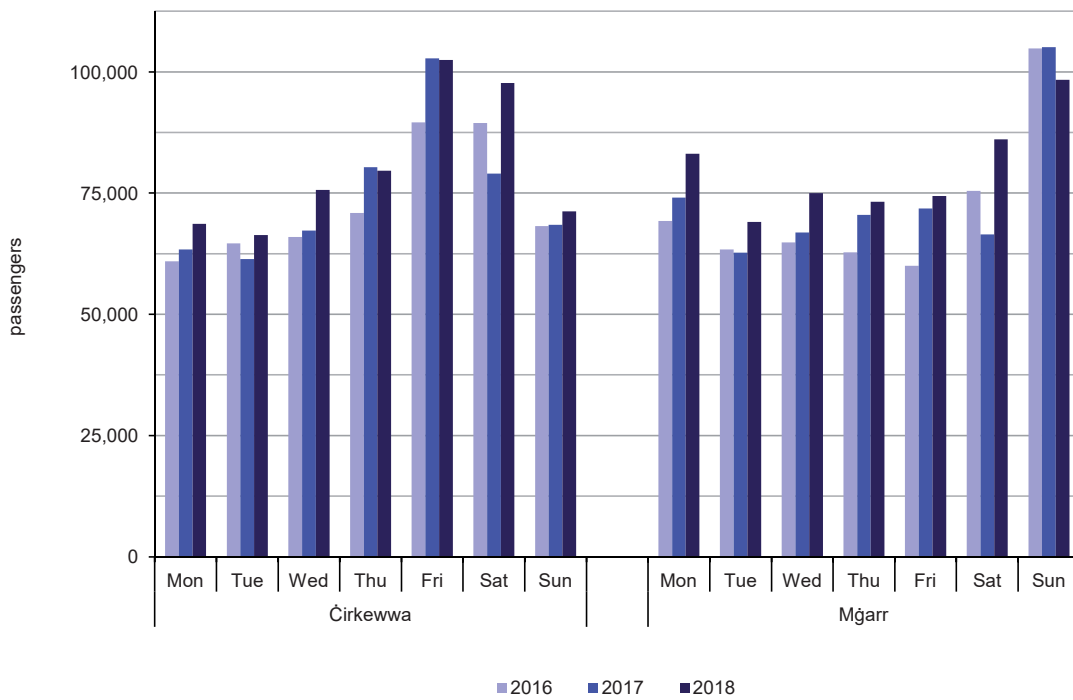


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-March



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

Periods when vessels were out of service for docking puposes:

MV Gaudos: 06/01/2016 - 27/01/2016 and 13/11/2017 - 30/11/2017.

MV Malita: 09/01/2017 - 02/02/2017, 14/02/2017 - 17/02/2017 and 08/05/2017 - 09/05/2017.

MV Ta' Pinu: 03/10/2017 - 05/10/2017 and 08/01/2018 - 30/01/2018.

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. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and Methods:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_02/Regional_and_Geospatial_Statistics/Pages/Sea-Transport-between-Malta-and-Gozo.aspx

8. A detailed news release calendar is available on https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx