

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

## Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q2/2018

A total of 1,535,414 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the second quarter this year, up by 8.5 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2017. The highest number of passengers was recorded in May - 513,598 or 33.5 per cent of the total for the quarter. The number of vehicles increased by 7.4 per cent, totalling 423,152 (Tables 1 and 2).

The number of trips amounted to 5,776, an increase of 4.2 per cent over the same quarter in 2017 (Table 1). Most trips took place in June - 2,008 or 34.8 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

### January-June

During the first six months, vessels operating between Malta and Gozo carried 2,656,415 passengers, an increase of 8.2 per cent over the corresponding period in 2017 (Table 1).

Passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sunday and Saturday (Charts 3 and 4) ■

**Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo**

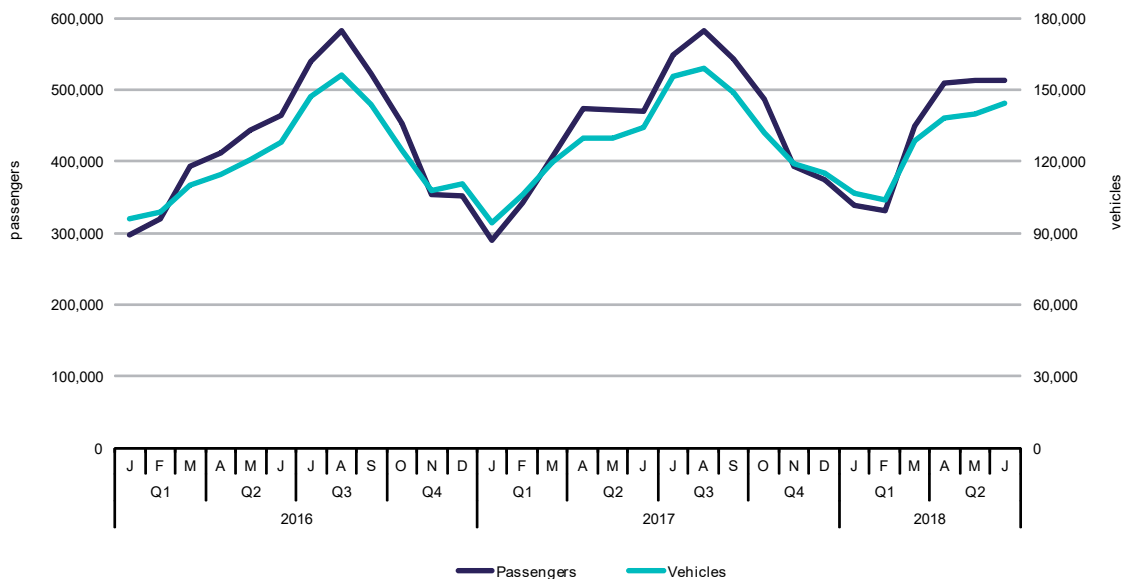


Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2016	2017	2018	Change	Percentage change	
				2018/2017	2018/2017	
<b>Trips</b>	Jan-Mar	5,164	5,216	5,259	43	0.8
	Apr-Jun	5,426	5,541	5,776	235	4.2
	Jul-Sep	6,324	6,334			
	Oct-Dec	5,490	5,438			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,404</b>	<b>22,529</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	Jan-Mar	305,409	320,432	339,266	18,834	5.9
	Apr-Jun	363,779	394,106	423,152	29,046	7.4
	Jul-Sep	446,890	463,585			
	Oct-Dec	343,036	365,899			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,459,114</b>	<b>1,544,022</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	Jan-Mar	1,010,213	1,040,188	1,121,001	80,813	7.8
	Apr-Jun	1,319,541	1,415,326	1,535,414	120,088	8.5
	Jul-Sep	1,643,898	1,674,618			
	Oct-Dec	1,159,348	1,253,708			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,133,000</b>	<b>5,383,840</b>			

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

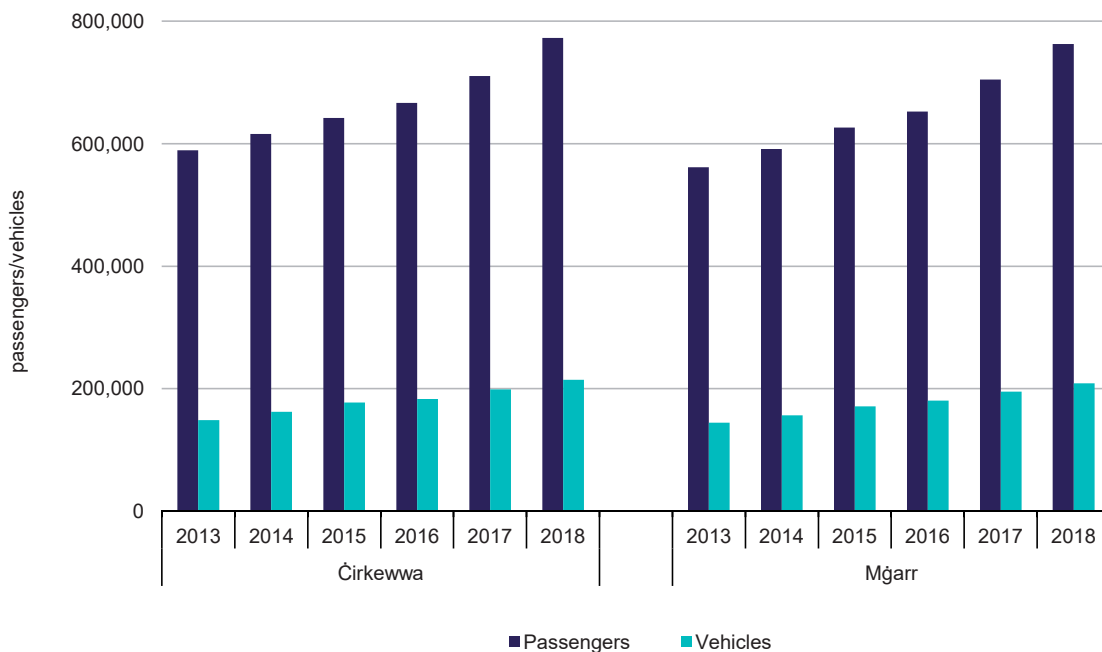


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2016	2017	2018	Change	Percentage change	
				2018/2017	2018/2017	
<b>Trips</b>	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	1,870	36	2.0
	May	1,788	1,821	1,898	77	4.2
	June	1,908	1,886	2,008	122	6.5
	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			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,404</b>	<b>22,529</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	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	138,464	8,627	6.6
	May	120,991	129,726	140,028	10,302	7.9
	June	128,401	134,543	144,660	10,117	7.5
	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			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,459,114</b>	<b>1,544,022</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	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	508,880	34,233	7.2
	May	443,447	471,397	513,598	42,201	9.0
	June	464,638	469,282	512,936	43,654	9.3
	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			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,133,000</b>	<b>5,383,840</b>			

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	
<b>Trips</b>	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	935	18	2.0	917	935	18	2.0
	May	910	948	38	4.2	911	950	39	4.3
	June	943	1,004	61	6.5	943	1,004	61	6.5
	July	1,049				1,049			
	August	1,079				1,079			
	September	1,039				1,039			
	October	982				982			
	November	864				865			
	December	873				872			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,263</b>				<b>11,266</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	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	69,252	3,903	6.0	64,488	69,212	4,724	7.3
	May	64,338	70,367	6,029	9.4	65,388	69,661	4,273	6.5
	June	69,380	74,872	5,492	7.9	65,163	69,788	4,625	7.1
	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			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>780,545</b>				<b>763,477</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	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	253,563	16,493	7.0	237,577	255,317	17,740	7.5
	May	233,975	257,187	23,212	9.9	237,422	256,411	18,989	8.0
	June	239,320	261,798	22,478	9.4	229,962	251,138	21,176	9.2
	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			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,700,807</b>				<b>2,683,033</b>			

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

Day of the week		January-June			Change	Percentage change
		2016	2017	2018	2018/2017	2018/2017
<b>Trips</b>	Monday	1,502	1,526	1,566	40	2.6
	Tuesday	1,486	1,489	1,547	58	3.9
	Wednesday	1,436	1,488	1,514	26	1.7
	Thursday	1,516	1,540	1,572	32	2.1
	Friday	1,542	1,608	1,654	46	2.9
	Saturday	1,484	1,460	1,552	92	6.3
	Sunday	1,624	1,646	1,630	-16	-1.0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10,590</b>	<b>10,757</b>	<b>11,035</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>Vehicles</b>	Monday	87,435	95,979	104,547	8,568	8.9
	Tuesday	88,094	93,207	100,373	7,166	7.7
	Wednesday	87,814	96,672	102,578	5,906	6.1
	Thursday	91,940	101,213	105,059	3,846	3.8
	Friday	104,755	113,779	121,227	7,448	6.5
	Saturday	99,547	102,472	113,238	10,766	10.5
	Sunday	109,603	111,216	115,396	4,180	3.8
	<b>Total</b>	<b>669,188</b>	<b>714,538</b>	<b>762,418</b>	<b>47,880</b>	<b>6.7</b>
<b>Passengers</b>	Monday	295,976	325,832	354,535	28,703	8.8
	Tuesday	300,297	310,035	332,590	22,555	7.3
	Wednesday	313,482	335,343	359,678	24,335	7.3
	Thursday	317,645	348,052	367,920	19,868	5.7
	Friday	348,720	376,458	406,624	30,166	8.0
	Saturday	370,067	370,151	418,557	48,406	13.1
	Sunday	383,567	389,643	416,511	26,868	6.9
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,329,754</b>	<b>2,455,514</b>	<b>2,656,415</b>	<b>200,901</b>	<b>8.2</b>

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

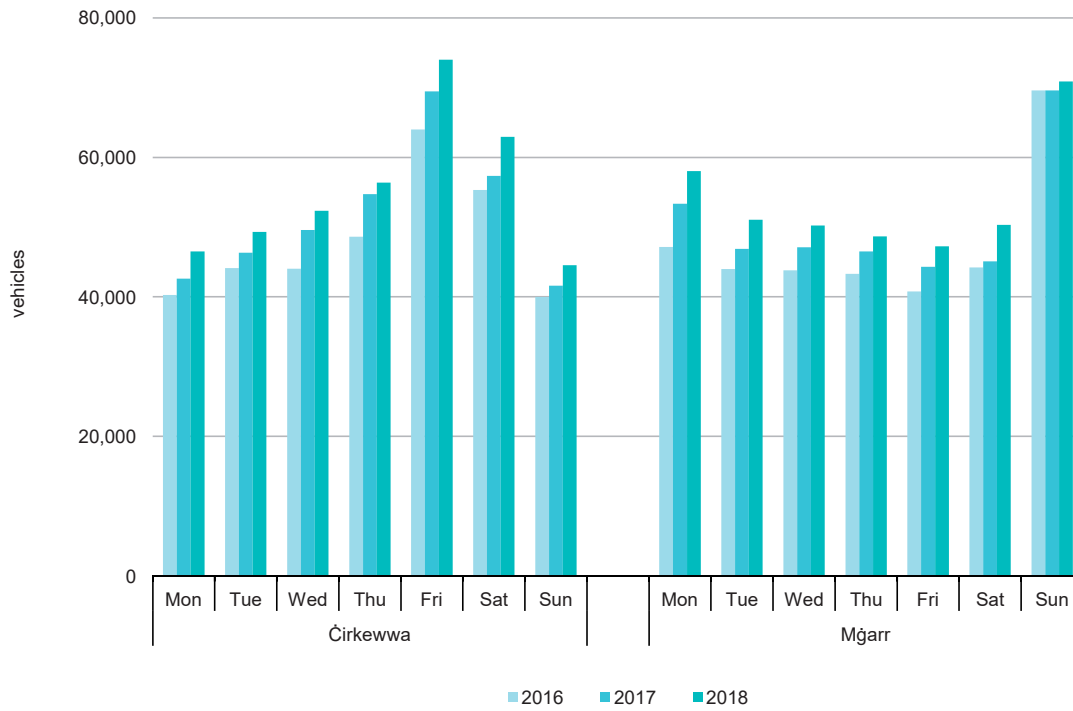
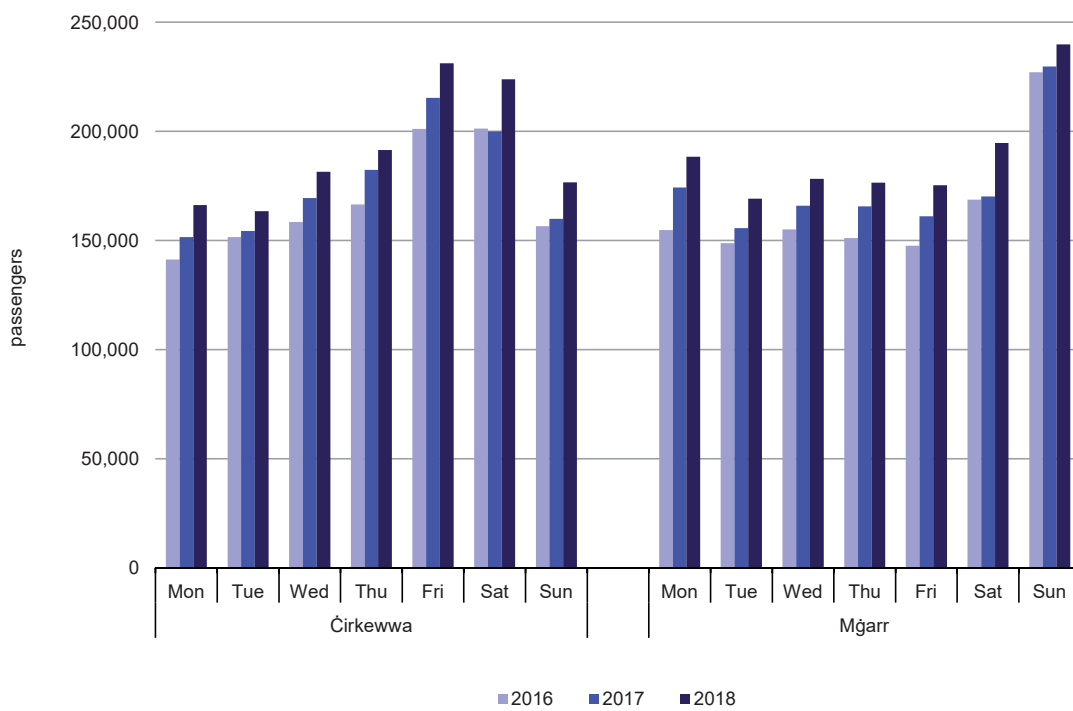


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-June



## Methodological Notes

1. The source for the data included in this news 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, 08/05/2017 - 09/05/2017 and 07/05/2018 - 11/05/2018.

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

3. Data for passengers comprises: 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 is not normally subject to revision.
6. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.
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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](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_02/Regional_and_Geospatial_Statistics/Pages/Sea-Transport-between-Malta-and-Gozo.aspx)

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