

During the third quarter of 2019, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered increases compared to the corresponding quarter of 2018.

## Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q3/2019

A total of 1,840,575 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the third quarter this year, up by 3.4 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018. The highest number of passengers was recorded in August - 649,878 or 35.3 per cent of the total for the quarter. When comparing to the previous year, the number of vehicles increased by 8.0 per cent, totalling 538,864 (Tables 1 and 2, Chart 1).

The number of trips amounted to 8,240, an increase of 21.8 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in August - 2,802 or 34.0 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

### January-September

During this period, passenger and vehicle traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sunday and Saturday for passengers and Sunday and Monday for vehicles (Charts 3 and 4) ■

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

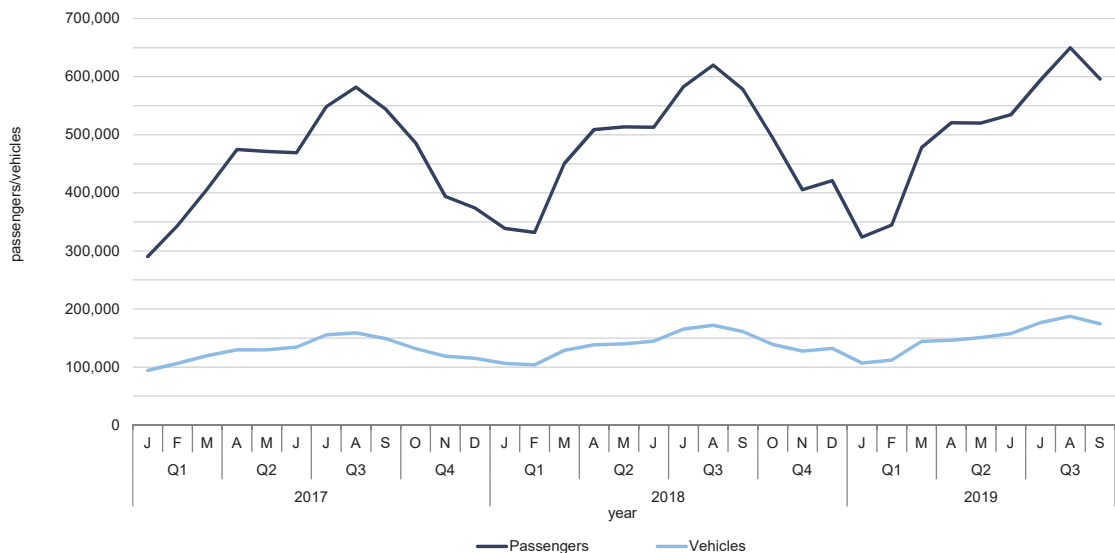
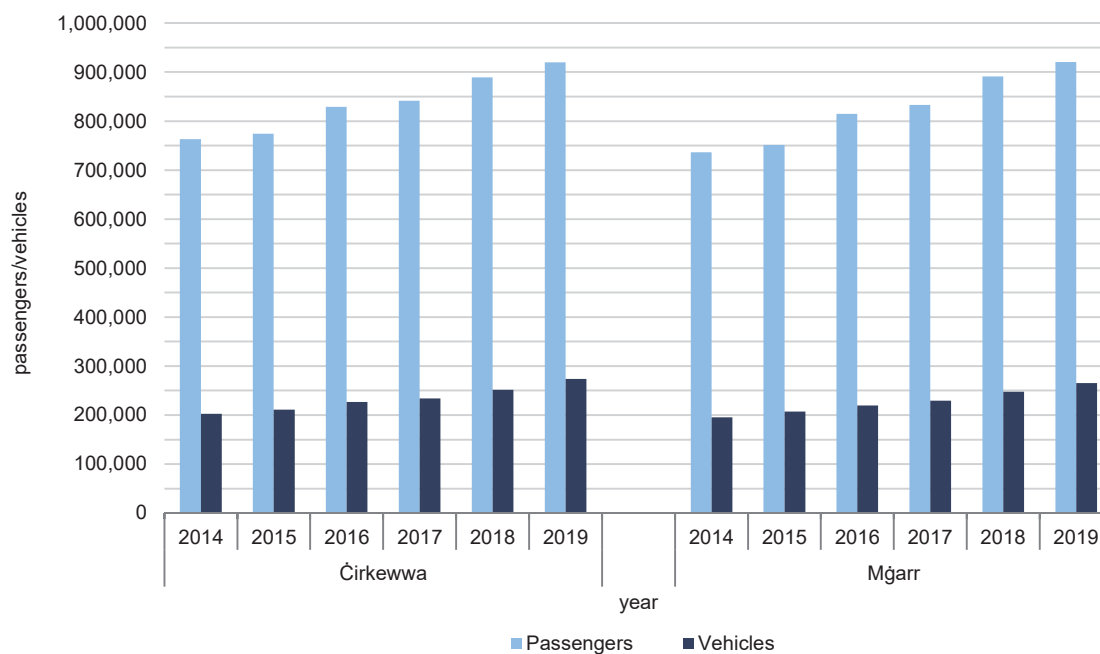


Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2017	2018	2019	Change	Percentage change	
				2019/2018	2019/2018	
<b>Trips</b>	Jan-Mar	5,216	5,259	5,449	190	3.6
	Apr-Jun	5,541	5,776	6,289	513	8.9
	Jul-Sep	6,334	6,764	8,240	1,476	21.8
	Oct-Dec	5,438	5,820			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,529</b>	<b>23,619</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	Jan-Mar	320,432	339,266	363,460	24,194	7.1
	Apr-Jun	394,106	423,152	454,818	31,666	7.5
	Jul-Sep	463,585	498,888	538,864	39,976	8.0
	Oct-Dec	365,899	398,596			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,544,022</b>	<b>1,659,902</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	Jan-Mar	1,040,188	1,121,001	1,146,490	25,489	2.3
	Apr-Jun	1,415,326	1,535,414	1,575,472	40,058	2.6
	Jul-Sep	1,674,618	1,780,474	1,840,575	60,101	3.4
	Oct-Dec	1,253,708	1,321,429			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,383,840</b>	<b>5,758,318</b>			

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: July-September



**Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month**

Month	2017	2018	2019	Change	Percentage change	
				2019/2018	2019/2018	
<b>Trips</b>	January	1,717	1,771	1,739	-32	-1.8
	February	1,669	1,614	1,676	62	3.8
	March	1,830	1,874	2,034	160	8.5
	April	1,834	1,870	1,957	87	4.7
	May	1,821	1,898	2,014	116	6.1
	June	1,886	2,008	2,318	310	15.4
	July	2,098	2,252	2,716	464	20.6
	August	2,158	2,292	2,802	510	22.3
	September	2,078	2,220	2,722	502	22.6
	October	1,964	2,088			
	November	1,729	1,822			
	December	1,745	1,910			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22,529</b>	<b>23,619</b>			
<b>Vehicles</b>	January	94,258	106,556	107,174	618	0.6
	February	106,256	103,893	112,014	8,121	7.8
	March	119,918	128,817	144,272	15,455	12.0
	April	129,837	138,464	146,216	7,752	5.6
	May	129,726	140,028	150,984	10,956	7.8
	June	134,543	144,660	157,618	12,958	9.0
	July	155,624	165,538	176,767	11,229	6.8
	August	158,981	172,120	187,536	15,416	9.0
	September	148,980	161,230	174,561	13,331	8.3
	October	131,779	138,973			
	November	118,862	127,404			
	December	115,258	132,219			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,544,022</b>	<b>1,659,902</b>			
<b>Passengers</b>	January	290,357	338,780	323,772	-15,008	-4.4
	February	343,321	331,858	344,773	12,915	3.9
	March	406,510	450,363	477,945	27,582	6.1
	April	474,647	508,880	520,755	11,875	2.3
	May	471,397	513,598	520,284	6,686	1.3
	June	469,282	512,936	534,433	21,497	4.2
	July	548,452	582,541	594,610	12,069	2.1
	August	582,199	620,042	649,878	29,836	4.8
	September	543,967	577,891	596,087	18,196	3.1
	October	486,147	494,964			
	November	393,745	405,514			
	December	373,816	420,951			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,383,840</b>	<b>5,758,318</b>			

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

Month		Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change
		2018	2019	2019/2018	2019/2018	2018	2019	2019/2018	2019/2018
<b>Trips</b>	January	885	869	-16	-1.8	886	870	-16	-1.8
	February	807	838	31	3.8	807	838	31	3.8
	March	937	1,017	80	8.5	937	1,017	80	8.5
	April	935	978	43	4.6	935	979	44	4.7
	May	948	1,007	59	6.2	950	1,007	57	6.0
	June	1,004	1,159	155	15.4	1,004	1,159	155	15.4
	July	1,126	1,358	232	20.6	1,126	1,358	232	20.6
	August	1,146	1,401	255	22.3	1,146	1,401	255	22.3
	September	1,110	1,362	252	22.7	1,110	1,360	250	22.5
	October	1,044				1,044			
	November	911				911			
	December	955				955			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>11,808</b>				<b>11,811</b>		
<b>Vehicles</b>	January	52,616	52,901	285	0.5	53,940	54,273	333	0.6
	February	52,372	57,189	4,817	9.2	51,521	54,825	3,304	6.4
	March	66,509	72,792	6,283	9.4	62,308	71,480	9,172	14.7
	April	69,252	74,407	5,155	7.4	69,212	71,809	2,597	3.8
	May	70,367	77,120	6,753	9.6	69,661	73,864	4,203	6.0
	June	74,872	80,304	5,432	7.3	69,788	77,314	7,526	10.8
	July	82,479	89,926	7,447	9.0	83,059	86,841	3,782	4.6
	August	88,139	96,782	8,643	9.8	83,981	90,754	6,773	8.1
	September	80,815	87,007	6,192	7.7	80,415	87,554	7,139	8.9
	October	70,311				68,662			
	November	64,507				62,897			
	December	67,865				64,354			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>840,104</b>				<b>819,798</b>		
<b>Passengers</b>	January	166,565	158,525	-8,040	-4.8	172,215	165,247	-6,968	-4.0
	February	166,056	173,170	7,114	4.3	165,802	171,603	5,801	3.5
	March	229,062	239,360	10,298	4.5	221,301	238,585	17,284	7.8
	April	253,563	262,868	9,305	3.7	255,317	257,887	2,570	1.0
	May	257,187	262,079	4,892	1.9	256,411	258,205	1,794	0.7
	June	261,798	269,203	7,405	2.8	251,138	265,230	14,092	5.6
	July	290,868	297,849	6,981	2.4	291,673	296,761	5,088	1.7
	August	310,589	327,485	16,896	5.4	309,453	322,393	12,940	4.2
	September	287,560	294,770	7,210	2.5	290,331	301,317	10,986	3.8
	October	247,237				247,727			
	November	202,064				203,450			
	December	212,027				208,924			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,884,576</b>				<b>2,873,742</b>		

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

Day of the week		January-September			Change	Percentage change
		2017	2018	2019	2019/2018	2019/2018
<b>Trips</b>	Monday	2,414	2,526	2,751	225	8.9
	Tuesday	2,363	2,477	2,783	306	12.4
	Wednesday	2,338	2,424	2,778	354	14.6
	Thursday	2,462	2,535	2,812	277	10.9
	Friday	2,534	2,639	3,003	364	13.8
	Saturday	2,382	2,463	2,806	343	13.9
	Sunday	2,598	2,735	3,045	310	11.3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17,091</b>	<b>17,799</b>	<b>19,978</b>	<b>2,179</b>	<b>12.2</b>
<b>Vehicles</b>	Monday	160,448	176,476	186,066	9,590	5.4
	Tuesday	152,891	165,312	180,433	15,121	9.1
	Wednesday	158,080	166,710	181,585	14,875	8.9
	Thursday	167,303	174,066	186,372	12,306	7.1
	Friday	185,176	197,525	212,318	14,793	7.5
	Saturday	173,866	184,789	201,947	17,158	9.3
	Sunday	180,359	196,428	208,421	11,993	6.1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,178,123</b>	<b>1,261,306</b>	<b>1,357,142</b>	<b>95,836</b>	<b>7.6</b>
<b>Passengers</b>	Monday	550,232	601,487	606,934	5,447	0.9
	Tuesday	520,790	556,716	581,304	24,588	4.4
	Wednesday	560,272	591,062	613,557	22,495	3.8
	Thursday	585,265	609,078	617,563	8,485	1.4
	Friday	619,162	667,793	686,489	18,696	2.8
	Saturday	647,946	694,812	729,728	34,916	5.0
	Sunday	646,465	715,941	726,962	11,021	1.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,130,132</b>	<b>4,436,889</b>	<b>4,562,537</b>	<b>125,648</b>	<b>2.8</b>

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

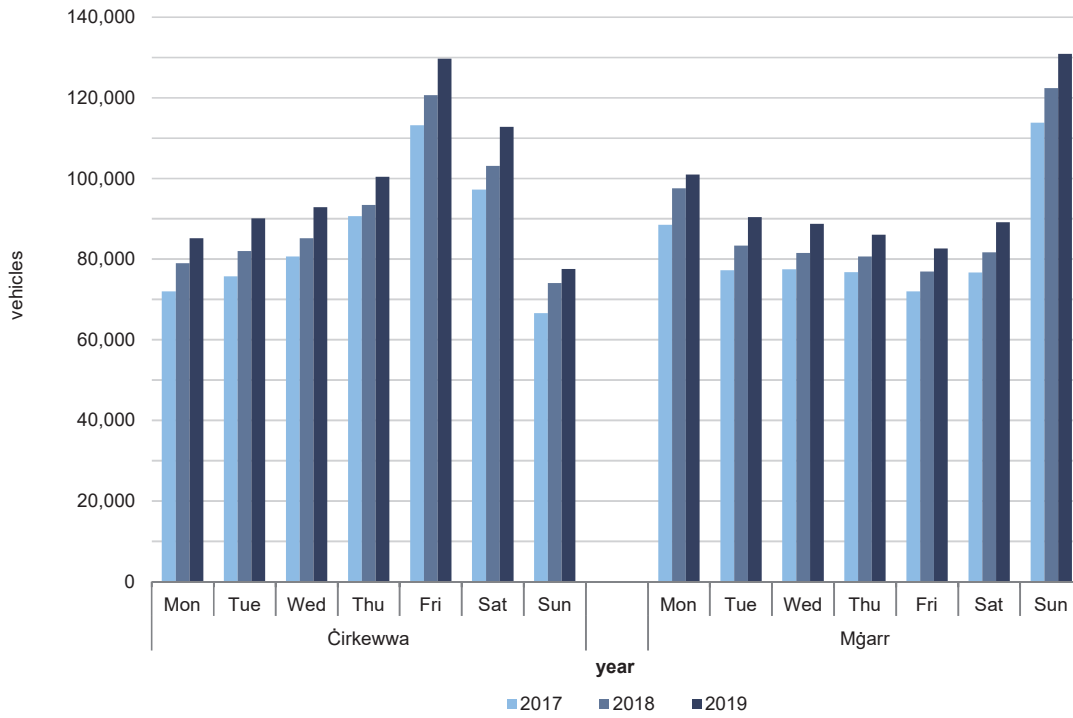
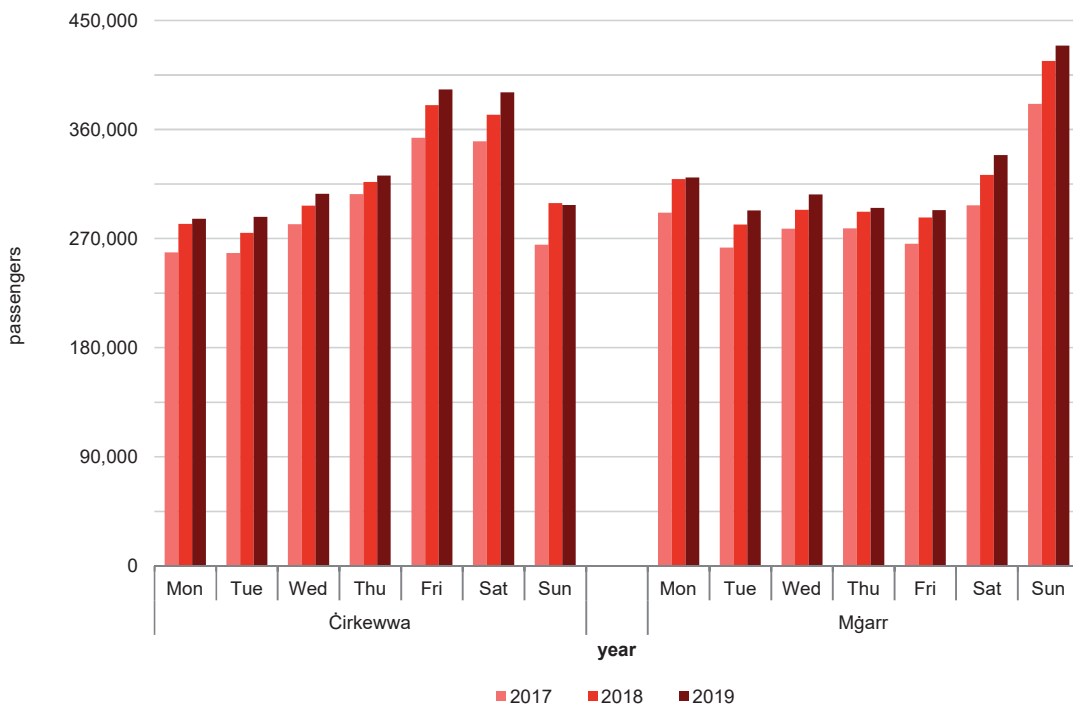


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-September



## 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
MV Nikolaos	160	650 (Summer)/ 350 (Winter)

Periods when vessels were out of service for docking puposes:

MV Gaudos: 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, 07/05/2018 - 11/05/2018, 09/01/2019 - 31/01/2019, 06/02/2019 - 13/02/2019 and 07/03/2019 - 08/03/2019.

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

MV Nikolaos started operating on 13/06/2019

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:

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