

During the second quarter of 2020, sea transport between Malta and Gozo registered decreases in passengers, trips and vehicles when compared to the corresponding quarter of 2019.

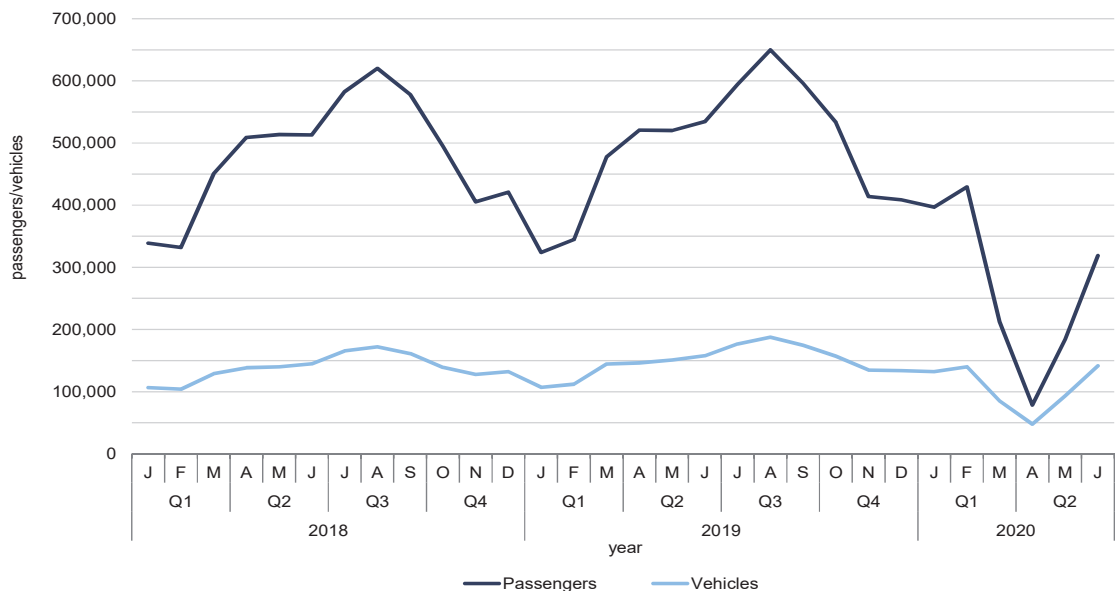
Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo: Q2/2020

A total of 581,311 passengers travelled between Malta and Gozo during the second quarter this year, down by 63.1 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2019. The highest number of passengers was recorded in June - 318,822 or 54.8 per cent of the total for the quarter. When comparing to the previous year, the number of vehicles decreased by 37.9 per cent, totalling 282,446 (Tables 1 and 2, Chart 1).

The number of trips amounted to 5,334, a decrease of 15.2 per cent over the same period in 2019 (Table 1). The majority of trips took place in June - 2,136 or 40.0 per cent of total trips for the quarter (Table 2).

During January-June, passenger and vehicle traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Fridays and Saturdays, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sundays and Mondays (Charts 3 and 4) ■

Chart 1. Passengers and vehicles crossing between Malta and Gozo



Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in the context of the COVID-19 situation.

Table 1. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by quarter

Quarter	2018	2019	2020	Change	Percentage change	
				2020/2019	2020/2019	
Trips	Jan-Mar	5,259	5,449	7,324	1,875	34.4
	Apr-Jun	5,776	6,289	5,334	-955	-15.2
	Jul-Sep	6,764	8,240			
	Oct-Dec	5,820	7,653			
	Total	23,619	27,631			
Vehicles	Jan-Mar	339,266	363,460	356,997	-6,463	-1.8
	Apr-Jun	423,152	454,818	282,446	-172,372	-37.9
	Jul-Sep	498,888	538,864			
	Oct-Dec	398,596	425,767			
	Total	1,659,902	1,782,909			
Passengers	Jan-Mar	1,121,001	1,146,490	1,038,142	-108,348	-9.5
	Apr-Jun	1,535,414	1,575,472	581,311	-994,161	-63.1
	Jul-Sep	1,780,474	1,840,575			
	Oct-Dec	1,321,429	1,355,243			
	Total	5,758,318	5,917,780			

Chart 2. Passengers and vehicles to and from Malta and Gozo: April-June

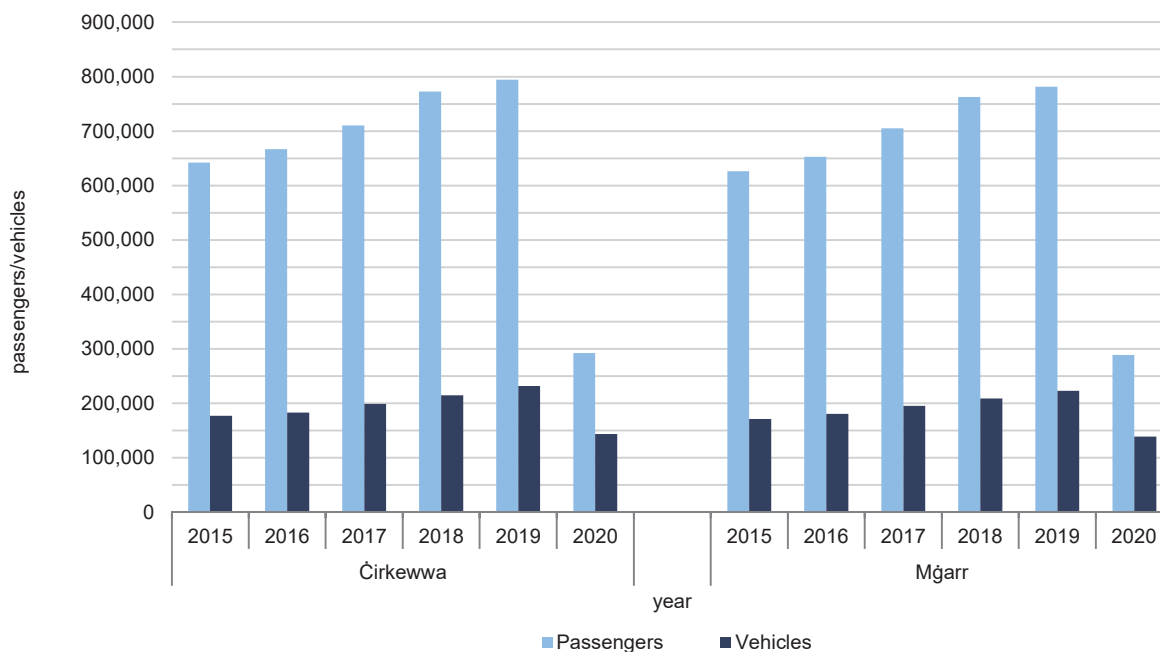


Table 2. Sea transport between Malta and Gozo by month

Month	2018	2019	2020	Change	Percentage change	
				2020/2019	2020/2019	
Trips	January	1,771	1,739	2,454	715	41.1
	February	1,614	1,676	2,494	818	48.8
	March	1,874	2,034	2,376	342	16.8
	April	1,870	1,957	1,534	-423	-21.6
	May	1,898	2,014	1,664	-350	-17.4
	June	2,008	2,318	2,136	-182	-7.9
	July	2,252	2,716			
	August	2,292	2,802			
	September	2,220	2,722			
	October	2,088	2,712			
	November	1,822	2,421			
	December	1,910	2,520			
	Total	23,619	27,631			
Vehicles	January	106,556	107,174	132,191	25,017	23.3
	February	103,893	112,014	139,905	27,891	24.9
	March	128,817	144,272	84,901	-59,371	-41.2
	April	138,464	146,216	47,805	-98,411	-67.3
	May	140,028	150,984	93,064	-57,920	-38.4
	June	144,660	157,618	141,577	-16,041	-10.2
	July	165,538	176,767			
	August	172,120	187,536			
	September	161,230	174,561			
	October	138,973	157,109			
	November	127,404	134,764			
	December	132,219	133,894			
	Total	1,659,902	1,782,909			
Passengers	January	338,780	323,772	396,542	72,770	22.5
	February	331,858	344,773	429,259	84,486	24.5
	March	450,363	477,945	212,341	-265,604	-55.6
	April	508,880	520,755	78,407	-442,348	-84.9
	May	513,598	520,284	184,082	-336,202	-64.6
	June	512,936	534,433	318,822	-215,611	-40.3
	July	582,541	594,610			
	August	620,042	649,878			
	September	577,891	596,087			
	October	494,964	533,020			
	November	405,514	413,684			
	December	420,951	408,539			
	Total	5,758,318	5,917,780			

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

Month	Ċirkewwa - Mġarr		Change	Percentage change	Mġarr - Ċirkewwa		Change	Percentage change	
	2019	2020	2020/2019	2020/2019	2019	2020	2020/2019	2020/2019	
Trips	January	869	1,227	358	41.2	870	1,227	357	41.0
	February	838	1,249	411	49.0	838	1,245	407	48.6
	March	1,017	1,187	170	16.7	1,017	1,189	172	16.9
	April	978	766	-212	-21.7	979	768	-211	-21.6
	May	1,007	832	-175	-17.4	1,007	832	-175	-17.4
	June	1,159	1,068	-91	-7.9	1,159	1,068	-91	-7.9
	July	1,358				1,358			
	August	1,401				1,401			
	September	1,362				1,360			
	October	1,356				1,356			
	November	1,210				1,211			
	December	1,261				1,259			
	Total	13,816				13,815			
Vehicles	January	52,901	66,433	13,532	25.6	54,273	65,758	11,485	21.2
	February	57,189	71,525	14,336	25.1	54,825	68,380	13,555	24.7
	March	72,792	42,265	-30,527	-41.9	71,480	42,636	-28,844	-40.4
	April	74,407	24,238	-50,169	-67.4	71,809	23,567	-48,242	-67.2
	May	77,120	47,477	-29,643	-38.4	73,864	45,587	-28,277	-38.3
	June	80,304	71,934	-8,370	-10.4	77,314	69,643	-7,671	-9.9
	July	89,926				86,841			
	August	96,782				90,754			
	September	87,007				87,554			
	October	80,150				76,959			
	November	68,681				66,083			
	December	69,015				64,879			
	Total	906,274				876,635			
Passengers	January	158,525	199,295	40,770	25.7	165,247	197,247	32,000	19.4
	February	173,170	217,473	44,303	25.6	171,603	211,786	40,183	23.4
	March	239,360	105,273	-134,087	-56.0	238,585	107,068	-131,517	-55.1
	April	262,868	39,831	-223,037	-84.8	257,887	38,576	-219,311	-85.0
	May	262,079	92,580	-169,499	-64.7	258,205	91,502	-166,703	-64.6
	June	269,203	159,891	-109,312	-40.6	265,230	158,931	-106,299	-40.1
	July	297,849				296,761			
	August	327,485				322,393			
	September	294,770				301,317			
	October	267,441				265,579			
	November	206,789				206,895			
	December	206,125				202,414			
	Total	2,965,664				2,952,116			

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

Day of the week		January-June			Change	Percentage change
		2018	2019	2020	2020/2019	2020/2019
Trips	Monday	1,566	1,538	1,756	218	14.2
	Tuesday	1,547	1,644	1,758	114	6.9
	Wednesday	1,514	1,641	1,725	84	5.1
	Thursday	1,572	1,666	1,821	155	9.3
	Friday	1,654	1,766	1,921	155	8.8
	Saturday	1,552	1,665	1,789	124	7.4
	Sunday	1,630	1,818	1,888	70	3.9
	Total	11,035	11,738	12,658	920	7.8
Vehicles	Monday	104,547	105,349	89,301	-16,048	-15.2
	Tuesday	100,373	110,698	83,227	-27,471	-24.8
	Wednesday	102,578	112,045	85,000	-27,045	-24.1
	Thursday	105,059	113,413	92,092	-21,321	-18.8
	Friday	121,227	127,587	104,415	-23,172	-18.2
	Saturday	113,238	123,115	90,775	-32,340	-26.3
	Sunday	115,396	126,071	94,633	-31,438	-24.9
	Total	762,418	818,278	639,443	-178,835	-21.9
Passengers	Monday	354,535	338,119	218,662	-119,457	-35.3
	Tuesday	332,590	350,860	191,988	-158,872	-45.3
	Wednesday	359,678	374,916	205,886	-169,030	-45.1
	Thursday	367,920	368,905	228,380	-140,525	-38.1
	Friday	406,624	413,253	258,860	-154,393	-37.4
	Saturday	418,557	437,458	243,642	-193,816	-44.3
	Sunday	416,511	438,451	272,035	-166,416	-38.0
	Total	2,656,415	2,721,962	1,619,453	-1,102,509	-40.5

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

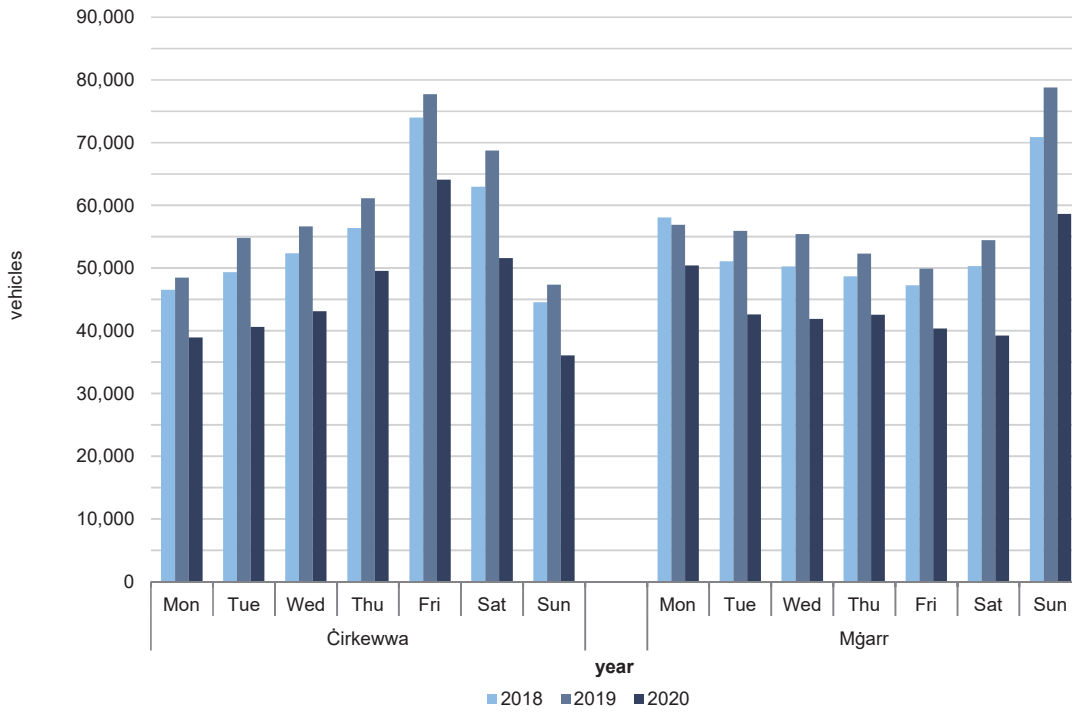
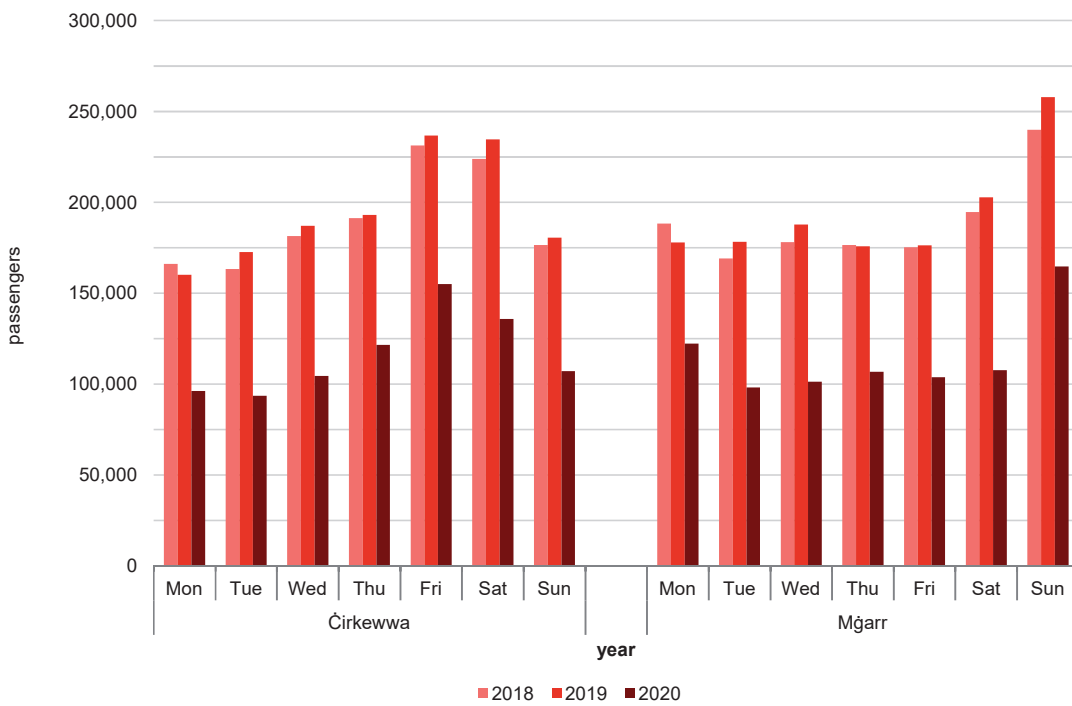


Chart 4. Passengers to and from Malta and Gozo by day of the week: January-June



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

Periods when vessels were out of service for docking puposes:

MV Malita: 07/05/2018 - 11/05/2018, 09/01/2019 - 31/01/2019, 06/02/2019 - 13/02/2019, 07/03/2019 - 08/03/2019 and 25/11/2019-02/12/2019.

MV Ta' Pinu: 08/01/2018 - 30/01/2018, 06/01/2020-10/02/2020

MV Nikolaos started operating on 13/06/2019

MV Nikolaos was put temporarily out of service as from 27/04/2020

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. 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.
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

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