

Total cruise passenger traffic during the second quarter of 2022 amounted to 137,338.

Cruise Passengers: Q2/2022

There were 102 cruise liner calls during the second quarter of 2022, an increase of 83 when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Transit passengers accounted for the absolute majority of total traffic, reaching 113,367. On average, every vessel that berthed in Malta carried 1,346 passengers, 113 more than the previous year (Table 1).

Passengers from EU Member States comprised 48.8 per cent of total traffic. The major markets were Germany, accounting for 17.7 per cent of the total passengers, followed by Italy, with 13.1 per cent. The total number of passengers from Non-EU countries stood at 70,295, of whom 65.2 per cent came from the United Kingdom and 22.1 per cent came from the United States (Table 1).

On a gender basis, female passengers made up 53.5 per cent of the total. The largest share of passengers fell within the 60-79 age bracket and were followed by those aged between 40 and 59 years (Table 1).

January-June 2022

During the first two quarters of the year, total cruise passengers stood at 162,538. Of these, 53.5 per cent came from EU Member States (Table 2).

The majority of the passengers were females amounting to 86,759 or 53.4 per cent of the total. Most passengers were between 60 and 79 years old, totalling 56,346. These were followed by passengers aged 40-59 years, reaching 56,105 (Table 2).

There were 125 cruise liner calls in the first two quarters of 2022, with an average of 1,300 passengers per vessel, compared to 28 calls and an average of 1,122 passengers per vessel in the comparative period of 2021 (Table 2) ■

Chart 1. Total cruise passenger traffic

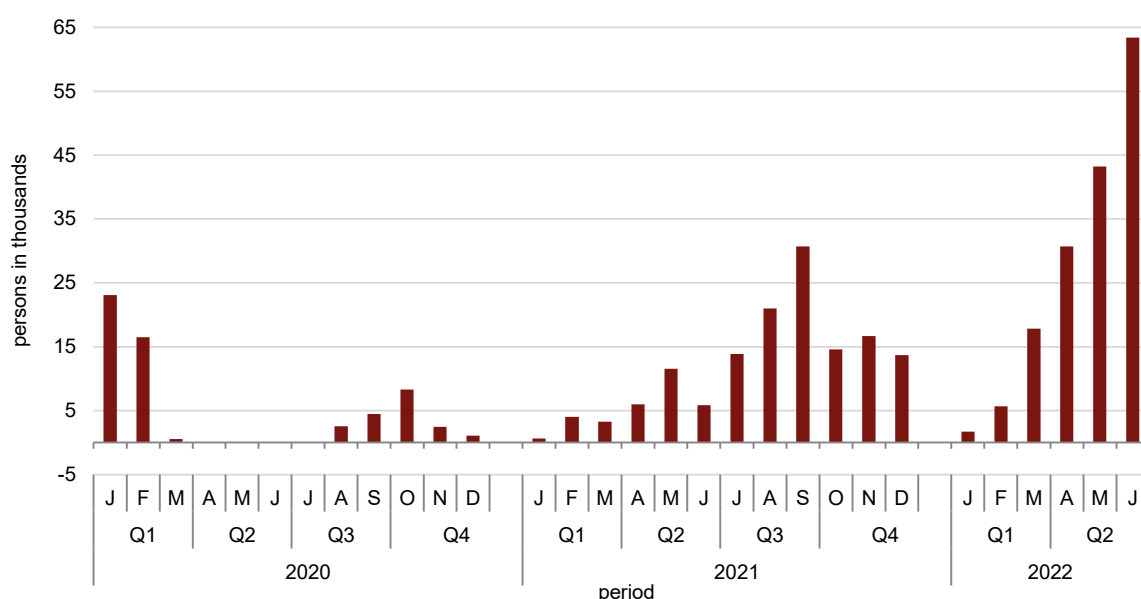


Table 1. Cruise passengers by period and passenger characteristics

Characteristics	April-June			Change
	2020	2021	2022	2022/2021
Total traffic¹:	-	23,437	137,338	113,901
Transit	-	23,435	113,367	89,932
Landed	-	2	23,971	23,969
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers on cruise liners berthed in Gozo	-	-	818	818
Passengers staying overnight	-	1,110	21,125	20,015
Country of Nationality				
EU	-	22,262	67,043	44,781
<i>of which:</i>				
France	-	2,162	9,098	6,936
Germany	-	2,107	24,305	22,198
Italy	-	15,955	17,988	2,033
Malta	-	-	1,527	1,527
Spain	-	241	6,445	6,204
Non-EU	-	1,175	70,295	69,120
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	-	1	562	561
Canada	-	7	1,391	1,384
Japan	-	2	33	31
United Kingdom	-	32	45,854	45,822
United States	-	37	15,549	15,512
Sex:				
Males	-	11,270	63,821	52,551
Females	-	12,167	73,517	61,350
Age group:				
0-19	-	5,140	16,962	11,822
20-39	-	6,338	20,616	14,278
40-59	-	8,195	47,253	39,058
60-79	-	3,536	49,745	46,209
80+	-	228	2,762	2,534
Cruise liner calls²	-	19	102	83

¹ See methodological note 3.

² Owing to the COVID-19 situation, in 2020 there were no cruise liner calls from 10 March until 21 August.

Table 2. Cruise passengers by period and passenger characteristics: Cumulative 2020-2022

Characteristics	January-June			Change
	2020	2021	2022	2022/2021
Total traffic¹:	40,175	31,403	162,538	131,135
Transit	40,116	31,398	137,926	106,528
Landed	59	5	24,612	24,607
<i>of which:</i>				
Passengers on cruise liners berthed in Gozo	-	-	818	818
Passengers staying overnight	893	1,110	22,805	21,695
Country of Nationality				
EU	21,512	29,807	86,967	57,160
<i>of which:</i>				
France	4,283	3,021	12,782	9,761
Germany	2,514	2,542	31,403	28,861
Italy	9,179	21,809	22,597	788
Malta	2	5	1,673	1,668
Spain	2,287	314	9,105	8,791
Non-EU	18,663	1,596	75,571	73,975
<i>of which:</i>				
Australia	507	1	596	595
Canada	444	7	1,464	1,457
Japan	1,850	4	50	46
United Kingdom	2,879	36	47,823	47,787
United States	2,794	97	17,600	17,503
Sex:				
Males	18,925	15,134	75,779	60,645
Females	21,250	16,269	86,759	70,490
Age group:				
0-19	7,507	6,474	21,062	14,588
20-39	7,761	8,614	25,838	17,224
40-59	12,988	11,201	56,105	44,904
60-79	10,690	4,828	56,346	51,518
80+	1,229	286	3,187	2,901
Cruise liner calls²	9	28	125	97

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Methodological Notes

1. The data in this release is compiled on the basis of administrative records supplied by Transport Malta.
2. Cruise liners calling at both Malta and Gozo during a single voyage are recorded as one cruise liner call.
3. The majority of passengers embarking on cruise liners from Malta generally end their trip at the same destination. Embarkations are therefore not included in total traffic figures, in order to avoid double counting. This measure was adopted as from News Release no. 079/2013, dated 23 April 2013. The referred news release also includes figures for 2011 and 2012.
4. For clarity, embarkation figures for the period under review are being provided:

Embarkations	2020	2021	2022
April-June	-	-	22,383
January-June	46	-	24,118

5. Definitions:

- **Cruise passenger traffic:** comprises transit passengers and passengers who land in Malta.
 - **Embarkations:** comprise all cruise passengers who are either Maltese or who are foreigners who arrive in Malta by other means of transport.
 - **Transit passengers:** comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in and leave Malta on the same cruise ship.
 - **Landed passengers:** comprise all cruise passengers who arrive in Malta on a cruise ship and leave by other means of transport, or alternatively, stay in Malta.
 - **Passengers staying overnight:** comprise passengers who spend at least one night in the Maltese Islands, either onboard the cruise ship or on land.
 - **Average number of passengers per vessel:** computed by dividing total cruise passenger traffic by the number of cruise liner calls.
6. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:
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