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## Transport

### Sea transport between Malta and Gozo: July-September 2006

*Over 1.2 million passengers used the Malta-Gozo ferries in the third quarter of 2006.*

During the third quarter of 2006, 1,216,257 passengers used the Malta-Gozo ferries to cross from one island to the other; a marginal decrease of 0.2 per cent over the same quarter last year. The total number of passenger vehicles carried by the ferries increased by 2.9 per cent to 298,066 over the corresponding quarter in 2005. In the quarter under review, 5,558 trips were made between Malta and Gozo, representing a marginal change over the same quarter in 2005. The M.V. Malita carried 571,239 passengers or 47.0 per cent of the total passengers in this quarter. The other two Gozo Channel ferries, M.V. Ta' Pinu and M.V. Gaudos, carried 354,864 and 290,154 passengers respectively ■

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**Table 1. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo**

Year	Trips	Total vehicles	Total passengers
<b>2001</b>			
January-March	4,506	154,490	565,939
April-June	5,441	204,805	862,555
July-September	6,795	268,371	1,129,517
October-December	5,014	169,054	620,102
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,756</b>	<b>796,720</b>	<b>3,178,113</b>
<b>2002</b>			
January-March	4,602	171,101	616,707
April-June	4,656	209,927	856,287
July-September	5,670	280,622	1,180,524
October-December	4,423	183,263	666,222
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,351</b>	<b>844,913</b>	<b>3,319,740</b>
<b>2003</b>			
January-March	4,298	173,242	605,036
April-June	4,769	231,201	908,402
July-September	5,623	293,599	1,169,993
October-December	4,166	201,179	704,671
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,856</b>	<b>899,221</b>	<b>3,388,102</b>
<b>2004</b>			
January-March	4,470	195,552	656,446
April-June	4,504	234,135	927,583
July-September	5,588	286,461	1,207,099
October-December	4,264	197,976	721,272
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,826</b>	<b>914,124</b>	<b>3,512,400</b>
<b>2005</b>			
January-March	4,238	180,357	625,998
April-June	4,472	220,910	899,959
July-September	5,562	289,632	1,219,075
October-December	4,517	198,906	717,569
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,789</b>	<b>889,805</b>	<b>3,462,601</b>
<b>2006</b>			
January-March	4,310	184,172	618,760
April-June	4,650	236,439	947,237
July-September	5,558	298,066	1,216,257

Source: Gozo Channel

The passenger and vehicle numbers as reported are on a single way basis, meaning that passengers and vehicles are counted on both their departure and return trips.

**Table 2. Sea Transport between Malta and Gozo**

	Jul-Sep 2004	Jul-Sep 2005	Absolute Change	% Change	Jul-Sep 2005	Jul-Sep 2006	Absolute Change	% Change
Trips	5,588	5,562	-26	-0.47	5,562	5,558	-4	-0.07
Passenger vehicles	286,461	289,632	3,171	1.11	289,632	298,066	8,434	2.91
Total passengers	1,207,099	1,219,075	11,976	0.99	1,219,075	1,216,257	-2,818	-0.23

**Methodological Notes**

1. The data in this release are compiled from administrative information provided by the Gozo Channel Co. Ltd.
2. The data are full and are not normally subject to revision.