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## Tourism

### Outbound Tourism: July 2006

*In July 2006, outbound passengers increased by 9.0 per cent to a total of 31,309. Over 55 per cent of the increase was attributable to departures by sea (catamaran), the majority being same-day visitors.*

#### July 2006

Maltese passengers during the month under review reached a total of 31,309. Of these, 25,589 travelled by air, an increase of 4.6 per cent when compared to the same month last year.

#### January-July 2006

During the first seven months of the year, the number of Maltese passengers departing by air and sea amounted to 136,723, an increase of 7.9 per cent over the same period a year ago.

In the period under review, the most frequent destination was Italy, accounting for 31.6 per cent of the total number of Maltese travelling abroad by air and sea.

In the first seven months of 2006, male outbound passengers significantly exceeded female ones, the former accounting for 60.7 per cent of the total.

The greatest proportion of outbound passengers - 46.4 per cent - comprise passengers aged between 25 and 44 years, followed by those in the 45-64 age bracket ■

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**Table 1. Outbound passengers: July**

	July		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,711</b>	<b>31,309</b>	<b>2,598</b>	<b>9.0</b>
Transport:				
Air	24,454	25,589	1,135	4.6
Sea	4,257	5,720	1,463	34.4
Destination:				
EU	21,408	26,929	5,521	25.8
Italy	8,770	10,686	1,916	21.8
UK	4,267	6,429	2,162	50.7
Non-EU	7,303	4,380	-2,923	-40.0
Sex:				
Males	15,405	17,453	2,048	13.3
Females	13,306	13,856	550	4.1
Age group:				
0-24	3,980	3,224	-756	-19.0
25-44	12,235	14,263	2,028	16.6
45-64	10,840	12,695	1,855	17.1
65+	1,656	1,127	-529	-31.9

**Table 2. Outbound passengers: January-July**

persons

	January-July		Absolute change	Percentage change
	2005	2006	2006/2005	2006/2005
<b>Total</b>	<b>126,720</b>	<b>136,723</b>	<b>10,003</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Transport:				
Air	111,556	118,273	6,717	6.0
Sea	15,164	18,450	3,286	21.7
Destination:				
EU	96,180	113,307	17,127	17.8
Italy	39,809	43,248	3,439	8.6
UK	25,887	31,560	5,673	21.9
Non-EU	30,540	23,416	-7,124	-23.3
Sex:				
Males	51,081	82,976	31,895	62.4
Females	75,639	53,747	-21,892	-28.9
Age group:				
0-24	13,428	10,980	-2,448	-18.2
25-44	58,302	63,487	5,185	8.9
45-64	49,162	57,132	7,970	16.2
65+	5,828	5,124	-704	-12.1

## Methodological Notes

1. Maltese air departures are collected through a continuous survey carried out at the departure lounge of Malta International Airport. A two-stage sample design is used for this survey. At the first stage alternate days are selected. Then within each shift a sample of passengers is selected systematically. Personal interviews are carried out. Monthly response rates of around 90 per cent are achieved.
2. Maltese sea departures are collected through a regular survey that is carried out at the seaport. Ferry sailings on every alternate day are selected. Departing passengers are interviewed personally. On average a response rate of 93 per cent is recorded for this survey.
3. The survey which is carried out at the seaport commenced in April 2004. No data for Maltese sea departures is available for the period January-March 2004.
4. The variables with respect to Maltese departures that are collected in this survey include the following:  
Age  
Sex  
Destination
5. The surveys carried out at the airport and the seaport are grossed up using the monthly passenger departures data in respect of each port after removing the number of transit passengers from the data sets.
6. Definitions  
  
*Outbound tourism* comprises the activities of residents of a given country travelling to and staying in places outside that country and outside their usual environment.  
  
*Usual environment* consists of the direct vicinity of his/her home and place of work and other places frequently visited.
7. The data in this release are not normally subject revision.
8. Further methodological notes are available at [www.nso.gov.mt/publications/Tourstat/Tourstat2003.pdf](http://www.nso.gov.mt/publications/Tourstat/Tourstat2003.pdf)