

Harbour Stats

In October, ferry passenger numbers surged by 76% compared to 2024. However, November recorded a decline of 1,443 passengers, representing a 20% drop versus November 2024. Traffic on the UK and St Malo routes remained broadly consistent with last year, showing only slight decreases of 35 and 11 passengers respectively. This indicates that the majority of the reduction came from the Guernsey–Jersey route, which saw a fall of 1,397 passengers compared to November 2025. The decline is linked to the Islands Unlimited service ending for the season on 30 October.

Despite the November dip, year-on-year figures remain strong. The St Malo route experienced the most significant growth, up 51%, while UK routes saw a modest 3% increase. Combined growth across UK and French ferry routes has delivered a 9% year-to-date rise compared to 2024, equating to an additional 23,339 passengers.

Inter-island travel remains below historic levels, however, looking ahead, we anticipate growth on the Guernsey-Jersey route in 2026, as Islands Unlimited will begin operating in March - earlier than their inaugural start in early June this year. VisitGuernsey is also working closely with Herm to strengthen visitor numbers for the upcoming season and continues to engage behind the scenes to attract larger cruise ships back to the island, ensuring Guernsey remains a key destination for maritime tourism.

Reporting Month and Year

Nov-25

Sea Passenger Movements (Arrivals, Departures and Transfers)	Monthly		Change			Year to date		Change	
	Nov-24	Nov-25	%	Number		Year to Nov-24	Year to Nov-25	%	Number
Poole	1912	871	-54%	-1041		98185	98007	0%	-178
Other UK	2389	3395	42%	1006		26762	31060	16%	4298
UK Total	4301	4266	-1%	-35		124947	129067	3%	4120
Herm*	670	611	-9%	-59		55641	55897	0%	256
Sark*	1080	766	-29%	-314		48741	45717	-6%	-3024
Alderney*	0	0		0		2564	1755	-32%	-809
Jersey	1616	219	-86%	-1397		65637	49255	-25%	-16382
CI Total	3366	1596	-53%	-1770		172583	152624	-12%	-19959
St Malo	1304	1293	-1%	-11		68491	103489	51%	34998
Cherbourg	0	0		0		833	0	-100%	-833
Dielette	0	0		0		8349	9785	17%	1436
International Total	1304	1293	-1%	-11		77673	113274	46%	35601
Cruise Ships**	0	0		0		38456	28397	-26%	-10059
Cruise Total	0	0		0		38456	28397	-26%	-10059
Total Sea Passenger Movements	8971	7155	-20%	-1816		413659	423362	2%	9703
* Departure data collected only									
** Arrivals data collected only									
Ferry Passenger Movements (excluding Inter-Bailiwick travel and Cruise)	7221	5778	-20%	-1443		268257	291596	9%	23339