

Harbour Stats

Overall, we have seen an increase of ferry passengers coming through the harbour. May (excluding inter island and cruise) saw an increase of 14% on May 2023, with an increase of 6%, year to date.

We are seeing a shift in passenger preference, influencing where they are choosing to depart from – Poole has seen a drop, but our UK figure is 6% up YOY because of the significant upturn in passengers opting for other UK ports (an increase of 3,517, YOY, 45%).

Herm has had a difficult start to the year. Sark, Alderney and Jersey are all showing an increase on last year – the Jersey increase for May, compared to last May (38%) is encouraging and hopefully reflects the additional consumer marketing activity.

At the end of April, Condor announced they would be pulling the Cherbourg route from their summer timetable – reflected in these stats. While this presents as a large percentage decrease, when combined with an increase in St Malo traffic we see an overall increase in France traffic of 3%, YOY, translating to 660 passengers.

Cruise continues to provide the biggest challenges, with the following stats showing the difference in May comparisons:

- Cruise calls 2023 May – 20 scheduled, 6 cancelled = 14 arrived, capacity on board 17,934
- Cruise calls 2024 May – 16 scheduled, 4 cancelled = 12 arrived, capacity on board 4,977

Princess called four times in May last year. Regal Princess on 2nd May with 3,362 capacity on board, Sky Princess on 7th May with 3,583 capacity on board, Regal Princess on 10th May with 3,124 on board and Regal Princess on 22nd May with 3,495 capacity on board.

At the end of 2023, Princess and MSC made a business decision to not call into Guernsey in 2024. The cruise development teams, along with the newly formed Cruise Steering Group, continue to engage with both companies to work with them on re-introducing Guernsey as a port to future itineraries.

Reporting Month and Year	May-24								
Sea Passenger Movements (Arrivals, Departures and Transfers)	Monthly		Change		Year to date		Change		
	May-23	May-24	%	Number	Year to May-23	Year to May-24	%	Number	
Poole	11482	11895	4%	413	28277	25741	-9%	-2536	
Other UK	2100	2168	3%	68	7805	11322	45%	3517	
UK Total	13582	14063	4%	481	36082	37063	3%	981	
Herm*	7850	6905	-12%	-945	16372	11464	-30%	-4908	
Sark*	5165	6204	20%	1039	11578	12102	5%	524	
Alderney*	343	356	4%	13	543	616	13%	73	
Jersey	7504	10372	38%	2868	20421	23183	14%	2762	
CI Total	20862	23837	14%	2975	48914	47365	-3%	-1549	
St Malo	8063	9778	21%	1715	16284	18766	15%	2482	
Cherbourg	743	0	-100%	-743	2243	833	-63%	-1410	
Dielette	1751	1948	11%	197	2360	1948	-17%	-412	
International Total	10557	11726	11%	1169	20887	21547	3%	660	
Cruise Ships**	15412	4007	-74%	-11405	18416	7294	-60%	-11122	
Cruise Total	15412	4007	-74%	-11405	18416	7294	-60%	-11122	
Total Sea Passenger Movements	60413	53633	-11%	-6780	124299	113269	-9%	-11030	
* Departure data collected only									
** Arrivals data collected only									
Ferry Passenger Movements (excluding Inter-Bailiwick travel and Cruise)	31643	36161	14%	4518	77390	81793	6%	4403	