

Harbour Stats

Following a challenging June, July delivered a welcome recovery in ferry passenger traffic. All ferry routes, with the exception of Jersey, recorded year-on-year growth compared with July 2025.

Combined, the UK and France routes welcomed an additional 1,312 passengers, while cruise visitor numbers increased by 4,453 compared with July 2025. Together, these gains have brought overall ferry passenger numbers broadly in line with last year's levels. Excluding inter-Bailiwick travel and cruise passengers, ferry travel grew by 8% compared with July 2025.

Year-to-date performance also remains encouraging, with ferry passenger numbers up 2% on the same period last year. This represents an additional 4,600 passengers and brings the total number of ferry travellers to 256,450 so far in 2026.

The only route to see a decline in July was the Jersey service, which carried 1,142 fewer passengers than in July 2025. However, air travel between Guernsey and Jersey increased by 606 passengers during the same period, reducing the overall decline in inter-island travel to 536 passengers. It is also worth highlighting that, despite the July dip, the Jersey route remains 14% ahead year-to-date, equating to an additional 4,111 passengers compared with the same period last year.

The Ferry Working Group continues to meet regularly to identify opportunities to further grow passenger numbers. In parallel, VisitGuernsey has been working with Islands Unlimited and the Jersey Evening Post on targeted marketing activity designed to encourage more Jersey residents to visit Guernsey.

Reporting Month and Year Jul-26

Sea Passenger Movements (Arrivals, Departures and Transfers)	Monthly		Change			Year to date		Change	
	Jul-25	Jul-26	%	Number		Year to Jul-25	Year to Jul-26	%	Number
Poole	15366	15880	3%	514		56709	57873	2%	1164
Other UK	3633	3669	1%	36		17801	18896	6%	1095
UK Total	18999	19549	3%	550		74510	76769	3%	2259
Herm*	12713	12899	1%	186		33719	33426	-1%	-293
Sark*	8566	9389	10%	823		27643	27642	0%	-1
Alderney*	396	583	47%	187		1251	1268	1%	17
Jersey	10532	9390	-11%	-1142		28991	33102	14%	4111
CI Total	32207	32261	0%	54		91604	95438	4%	3834
St Malo	16533	17187	4%	654		61848	60577	-2%	-1271
Cherbourg	0	0		0		0	0		0
Dielette	1171	1279	9%	108		6959	7178	3%	219
International Total	17704	18466	4%	762		68807	67755	-2%	-1052
Cruise Ships**	4947	9400	90%	4453		16929	16488	-3%	-441
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Total Sea Passenger Movements	73857	79676	8%	5819		251850	256450	2%	4600
* Departure data collected only									
** Arrivals data collected only									
Ferry Passenger Movements (excluding Inter-Bailiwick travel and Cruise)	47235	47405	0%	170		172308	177626	3%	5318