

Harbour Stats

August was a steady month for sea passenger movements, with a marginal increase of 412 passengers compared with August 2025. This brings the year-to-date total to 352,980 passengers, representing a 1% increase on the same period last year, equivalent to an additional 5,012 passengers.

Excluding inter-island travel and cruise passengers, the latter of which performed particularly well with an increase of 3,750 passengers during the month, overall sea passenger numbers were 6% lower than in August 2025. However, despite this monthly decline, year-to-date performance remains ahead of last year.

Ferry movements between Guernsey and Jersey decreased during the month, largely due to the unfortunate mechanical failure suffered by the Islands Unlimited vessel, which resulted in a number of sailings being cancelled towards the end of August. It is worth noting, however, that this reduction was partially offset by stronger demand on the air route between Guernsey and Jersey, where passenger numbers increased by 1,515 compared with the same period last year.

The Ferry Working Group continues to meet regularly to identify opportunities to increase passenger numbers and strengthen connectivity. Work remains focused on improving service reliability, enhancing the customer experience, and supporting initiatives that encourage greater use of ferry services by both residents and visitors. By working closely with operators and industry stakeholders, the Group aims to build on the positive year-to-date performance and help ensure sustainable growth in passenger numbers across the network in the months ahead.

Lastly, it is worth noting the large increase in ferry passengers we saw from 2024 to 2025, thanks largely to the new routes operated by Brittany Ferries. Our aim in 2026 was to maintain those new inflated numbers seen last year, growing them where possible. The 1% increase for the year-to-date is therefore positive news.

Reporting Month and Year

Aug-26

Sea Passenger Movements (Arrivals, Departures and Transfers)	Monthly		Change			Year to date		Change	
	Aug-25	Aug-26	%	Number		Year to Aug-25	Year to Aug-26	%	Number
Poole	23551	21939	-7%	-1612		80260	79812	-1%	-448
Other UK	3364	3824	14%	460		21165	22720	7%	1555
UK Total	26915	25763	-4%	-1152		101425	102532	1%	1107
Herm*	14623	14126	-3%	-497		48342	47552	-2%	-790
Sark*	10506	10839	3%	333		38149	38481	1%	332
Alderney*	426	885	108%	459		1677	2153	28%	476
Jersey	12191	9759	-20%	-2432		41182	42861	4%	1679
CI Total	37746	35609	-6%	-2137		129350	131047	1%	1697
St Malo	24823	23996	-3%	-827		86671	84573	-2%	-2098
Cherbourg	0	0		0		0	0		0
Dielette	1544	2322	50%	778		8503	9500	12%	997
International Total	26367	26318	0%	-49		95174	94073	-1%	-1101
Cruise Ships**	5090	8840	74%	3750		22019	25328	15%	3309
Cruise Total	5090	8840	74%	3750		22019	25328	15%	3309
Total Sea Passenger Movements	96118	96530	0%	412		347968	352980	1%	5012
* Departure data collected only									
** Arrivals data collected only									
Ferry Passenger Movements (excluding Inter-Bailiwick travel and Cruise)	65473	61840	-6%	-3633		237781	239466	1%	1685