

Harbour Stats

We began the year with strong growth in sea passenger numbers, recording a 15% increase compared with January 2024 - an additional 746 travellers. This uplift was driven primarily by exceptional performance on the St Malo route, which grew by 144% (907 passengers). UK routes also performed well, with a combined rise of 11%, or 381 passengers.

The weaker area was inter-island travel. Passenger numbers to Sark, Alderney, and Jersey all declined compared with January 2024. However, the Alderney and Sark reductions are very small in real terms: Alderney saw just 10 passengers last January compared with none this year, and Sark decreased by only 103 passengers, from 669 to 566.

The most significant drop was on the Jersey ferry route, which saw 542 fewer passengers. However, this needs to be viewed in context: air travel between Guernsey and Jersey increased by 528 passengers, supported by Aurigny's new route and pricing structure. As a result, the net loss across sea and air combined for the Jersey route is just 14 passengers.

Looking ahead to 2026, we will continue building on the strong momentum of 2025 across the UK and St Malo routes, working closely with Brittany Ferries. Restoring inter-Bailiwick passenger numbers remains a priority, and VisitGuernsey is working in close partnership with Alderney, Sark, and Herm to support recovery on these routes.

Reporting Month and Year

Jan-26

Sea Passenger Movements (Arrivals, Departures and Transfers)	Monthly				Year to date			
	Jan-25	Jan-26	Change %	Change Number	Year to Jan-25	Year to Jan-26	Change %	Change Number
Poole	1871	1969	5%	98	1871	1969	5%	98
Other UK	1619	1902	17%	283	1619	1902	17%	283
UK Total	3490	3871	11%	381	3490	3871	11%	381
Herm*	158	161	2%	3	158	161	2%	3
Sark*	669	566	-15%	-103	669	566	-15%	-103
Alderney*	10	0	-100%	-10	10	0	-100%	-10
Jersey	839	297	-65%	-542	839	297	-65%	-542
CI Total	1676	1024	-39%	-652	1676	1024	-39%	-652
St Malo	632	1539	144%	907	632	1539	144%	907
Cherbourg	0	0		0	0	0		0
Dielette	0	0		0	0	0		0
International Total	632	1539	144%	907	632	1539	144%	907
Cruise Ships**	0	0		0	0	0		0
Cruise Total	0	0		0	0	0		0
Total Sea Passenger Movements	5798	6434	11%	636	5798	6434	11%	636
* Departure data collected only								
** Arrivals data collected only								
Ferry Passenger Movements (excluding Inter-Bailiwick travel and Cruise)	4961	5707	15%	746	4961	5707	15%	746