Harbour Stats

October was a steady month for sea passenger traffic on the UK and French routes, which together recorded an increase of 722 passengers compared with October 2025. Overall, however, total sea passenger numbers were down by 1,348 passengers year-on-year, driven largely by lower volumes on the Jersey route.

This decline reflects the cessation of the Islands Unlimited service following a mechanical failure earlier in the season, which led to a number of cancelled sailings. As a result, the only scheduled sea connection between Guernsey and Jersey is currently Brittany Ferries' weekly Wednesday service.

This is reflected in the increase to air passenger movements on the Jersey route, which rose by 733 compared to October 2025, offsetting the decrease in harbour passengers to give an overall net decrease of 1,337.

Despite October being down overall, for the year to date we are still 2% up, equating to an additional 4,491 sea passengers travelling compared to 2025.

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 2% increase for the year-to-date is therefore very positive news.

Reporting Month and Year	Oct-26

Sea Passenger Movements	**Monthly**		**Change**		**Year to date**		**Change**	
(Arrivals, Departures and Transfers)	**Oct-25**	**Oct-26**	**%**	**Number**	**Year to Oct-25**	**Year to Oct-26**	**%**	**Number**
Poole	5942	5332	-10%	-610	97136	98147	1%	1011
Other UK	3207	3834	20%	627	27665	30342	10%	2677
UK Total	**9149**	**9166**	**0%**	**17**	**124801**	**128489**	**3%**	**3688**
Herm*	1425	1855	30%	430	55286	55737	1%	451
Sark*	1838	2279	24%	441	44951	46777	4%	1826
Alderney*	0	0		0	1755	2397	37%	642
Jersey	2787	717	-74%	-2070	49036	46840	-4%	-2196
CI Total	**6050**	**4851**	**-20%**	**-1199**	**151028**	**151751**	**0%**	**723**
St Malo	5235	5940	13%	705	102196	103316	1%	1120
Cherbourg	0	0		0	0	0		0
Dielette	0	0		0	9785	11664	19%	1879
International Total	**5235**	**5940**	**13%**	**705**	**111981**	**114980**	**3%**	**2999**
Cruise Ships**	209	585	180%	376	28397	27783	-2%	-614
Cruise Total	**209**	**585**	**180%**	**376**	**28397**	**27783**	**-2%**	**-614**
Total Sea Passenger Movements	**20643**	**20542**	**0%**	**-101**	**416207**	**423003**	**2%**	**6796**
* Departure data collected only								
** Arrivals data collected only								
Ferry Passenger Movements (excluding Inter-Bailiwick travel and Cruise)	**17171**	**15823**	**-8%**	**-1348**	**285818**	**290309**	**2%**	**4491**