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Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during the third quarter of 2020 decreased by 55.1 per cent and 66.3 per cent respectively, when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2019.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q3/2020

Cut-off date:  
18 November 2020

During the third quarter of 2020, total guests in collective accommodation establishments amounted 264,444, while total nights accounted for almost 1.1 million nights. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels and 3-star hotels, with 47.9 per cent and 24.3 per cent of the total respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay, in collective accommodation establishments during the third quarter of the year, decreased from 5.5 nights in 2019 to 4.1 nights in 2020 (Tables 1 and 2). The net use of bed-places stood at 30.0 per cent, down by 53.0 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during September 2020, there were 199 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 17,599 bedrooms and 40,920 bed-places (Table 4).

### Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 239,964, down by 56.7 per cent over the third quarter of 2019. Additionally, a decrease of 67.0 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights in Gozo and Comino decreased by 29.6 per cent and 49.2 per cent, to 24,480 and 66,838 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in Malta decreased by 1.3 nights to 4.3 nights when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. Similarly, in Gozo and Comino the average length of stay decreased by 1.1 nights to 2.7 nights (Tables 1 and 2). The net occupancy rate in Malta decreased by 54.4 percentage points, reaching 29.5 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 25.7 percentage points to 40.7 per cent (Table 3).

### January-September 2020

Total guests during the first nine months of 2020 amounted to 586,173, a decrease of 61.9 per cent over the same period in 2019 (Table 1). Total nights spent went down by 67.7 per cent, reaching nearly 2.5 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 38.3 percentage points to 30.4 per cent (Table 3) ■

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### Total guests and nights spent

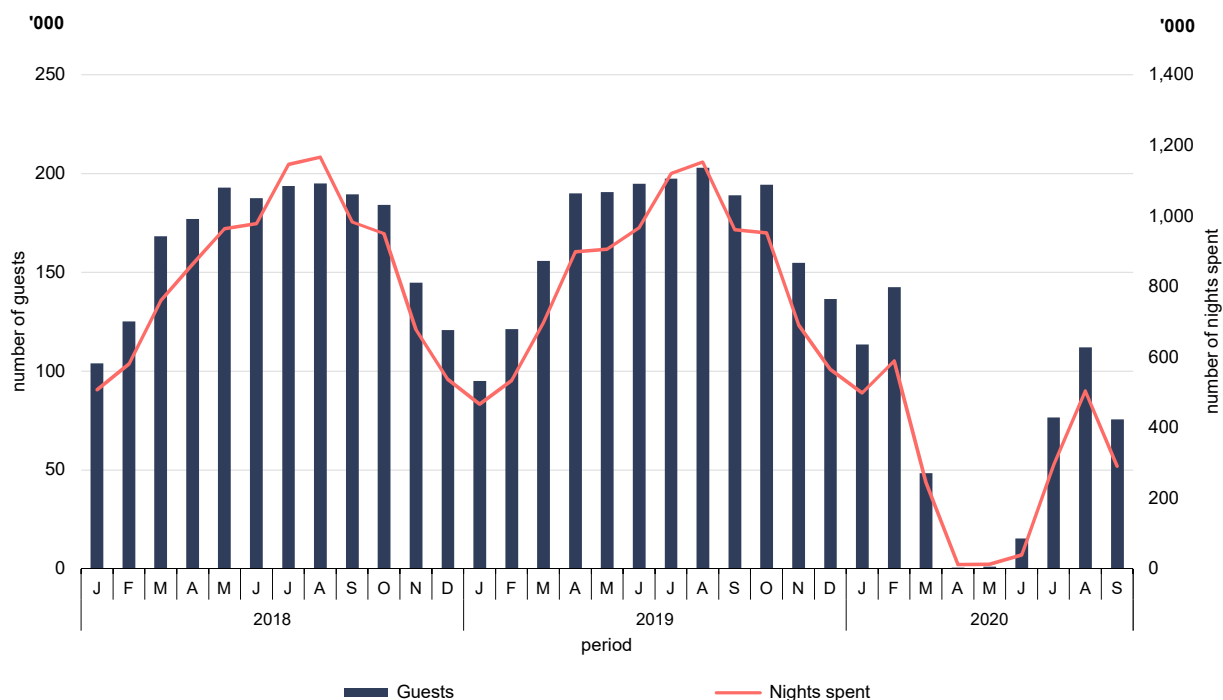


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	April-June 2020 <sup>1,2</sup>	July-September		January-September	
		2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>	2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>MALTA</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>15,997</b>	<b>541,940</b>	<b>241,179</b>	<b>1,427,066</b>	<b>538,429</b>
5 Star	4,721	118,701	50,020	298,994	110,536
4 Star	8,449	252,528	123,907	701,339	279,428
3 Star	2,342	152,281	61,644	382,583	133,345
2 Star	485	18,430	5,608	44,150	15,120
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1,160</b>	<b>47,208</b>	<b>23,265</b>	<b>109,557</b>	<b>47,744</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,157</b>	<b>589,148</b>	<b>264,444</b>	<b>1,536,623</b>	<b>586,173</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>12,964</b>	<b>510,880</b>	<b>219,522</b>	<b>1,357,505</b>	<b>503,918</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	3,797	110,410	42,980	279,654	99,754
4 Star	7,396	242,673	114,866	677,789	265,667
3 Star	1,635	141,071	57,714	359,790	126,170
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>716</b>	<b>43,487</b>	<b>20,442</b>	<b>101,311</b>	<b>43,156</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,680</b>	<b>554,367</b>	<b>239,964</b>	<b>1,458,816</b>	<b>547,074</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>31,060</b>	<b>21,657</b>	<b>69,561</b>	<b>34,511</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	924	8,291	7,040	19,340	10,782
4 Star	1,053	9,855	9,041	23,550	13,761
3 Star	707	11,210	3,930	22,793	7,175
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>444</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>2,823</b>	<b>8,246</b>	<b>4,588</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,477</b>	<b>34,781</b>	<b>24,480</b>	<b>77,807</b>	<b>39,099</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

<sup>3</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

Note: Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release (Table 1a):

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Table 2. Total nights spent (residents and non-residents) by type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	April-June 2020 <sup>1,2</sup>	July-September		January-September	
		2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>	2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>MALTA</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>54,934</b>	<b>2,997,052</b>	<b>1,003,422</b>	<b>7,145,247</b>	<b>2,289,255</b>
5 Star	13,619	545,596	191,566	1,208,976	390,919
4 Star	17,766	1,528,093	521,197	3,769,595	1,218,178
3 Star	16,497	828,341	264,304	1,937,407	590,326
2 Star	7,052	95,022	26,355	229,269	89,832
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>9,251</b>	<b>235,704</b>	<b>85,551</b>	<b>554,417</b>	<b>195,889</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>64,185</b>	<b>3,232,756</b>	<b>1,088,973</b>	<b>7,699,664</b>	<b>2,485,144</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>47,030</b>	<b>2,878,100</b>	<b>944,355</b>	<b>6,912,346</b>	<b>2,195,952</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	9,791	516,681	168,885	1,149,746	356,084
4 Star	15,600	1,479,935	497,088	3,673,812	1,180,702
3 Star	15,185	790,862	255,229	1,868,275	574,587
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>8,359</b>	<b>223,049</b>	<b>77,780</b>	<b>530,530</b>	<b>184,702</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,389</b>	<b>3,101,149</b>	<b>1,022,135</b>	<b>7,442,876</b>	<b>2,380,654</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>7,904</b>	<b>118,952</b>	<b>59,067</b>	<b>232,901</b>	<b>93,303</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	3,828	28,915	22,681	59,230	34,835
4 Star	2,166	48,158	24,109	95,783	37,476
3 Star	1,312	37,479	9,075	69,132	15,739
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>892</b>	<b>12,655</b>	<b>7,771</b>	<b>23,887</b>	<b>11,187</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,796</b>	<b>131,607</b>	<b>66,838</b>	<b>256,788</b>	<b>104,490</b>

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<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

<sup>3</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

Note: Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release (Table 2a):

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Table 3. Net use of bed-places by type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	April-June 2020 <sup>1,2</sup>	per cent			
		July-September		January-September	
		2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>	2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>MALTA</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>70.3</b>	<b>31.3</b>
5 Star	5.3	89.2	32.2	69.8	26.7
4 Star	6.7	87.8	33.8	73.0	37.2
3 Star	5.9	80.4	26.2	67.1	25.8
2 Star	14.5	70.3	22.5	60.4	30.1
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>22.9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>30.4</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>85.9</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>31.2</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	4.0	90.7	30.5	70.8	25.9
4 Star	6.4	88.3	33.6	73.8	37.8
3 Star	5.5	80.9	25.7	67.5	25.5
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>64.7</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>23.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>69.6</b>	<b>30.4</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>70.9</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>32.3</b>
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	29.8	69.1	54.2	53.7	39.5
4 Star	10.7	73.4	36.2	50.2	25.5
3 Star	20.8	71.5	56.6	57.8	41.4
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>31.0</b>	<b>18.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>66.4</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>29.9</b>

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Table 4. Number of establishments, net bedrooms and net bed-places by type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	September					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
<b>MALTA</b>						
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>16,131</b>	<b>38,366</b>	<b>36,821</b>
5 Star	14	15	3,192	3,476	6,650	7,232
4 Star	43	41	8,203	7,619	18,848	17,713
3 Star	51	42	4,933	4,477	11,399	10,603
2 Star	18	16	667	559	1,469	1,273
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>88</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1,554</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>4,241</b>	<b>4,099</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>18,549</b>	<b>17,599</b>	<b>42,607</b>	<b>40,920</b>
<b>Malta</b>						
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>16,129</b>	<b>15,472</b>	<b>36,531</b>	<b>35,408</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	13	2,975	3,259	6,195	6,777
4 Star	39	37	7,866	7,282	18,124	16,989
3 Star	45	39	4,656	4,407	10,829	10,455
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>76</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,400</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>3,754</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>17,529</b>	<b>16,786</b>	<b>40,439</b>	<b>39,162</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>						
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>1,835</b>	<b>1,413</b>
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	217	217	455	455
4 Star	4	4	337	337	724	724
3 Star	6	3	277	70	570	148
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>345</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,020</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>2,168</b>	<b>1,758</b>

<sup>1</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

**Table 5. Non-resident guests by type of accommodation, period and region**

Type of accommodation	April-June 2020 <sup>1,2</sup>	July-September	
		2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>MALTA</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>3,031</b>	<b>500,765</b>	<b>151,953</b>
5 Star	1,093	102,669	23,178
4 Star	1,168	237,643	77,143
3 Star	634	143,397	48,105
2 Star	136	17,056	3,527
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>91</b>	<b>45,351</b>	<b>15,166</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,122</b>	<b>546,116</b>	<b>167,119</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>2,965</b>	<b>483,922</b>	<b>147,468</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	1,066	98,874	22,142
4 Star	1,133	231,384	75,248
3 Star	630	137,210	46,632
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>61</b>	<b>42,394</b>	<b>14,317</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,026</b>	<b>526,316</b>	<b>161,785</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>16,843</b>	<b>4,485</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	27	3,795	1,036
4 Star	35	6,259	1,895
3 Star	4	6,187	1,473
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2,957</b>	<b>849</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>19,800</b>	<b>5,334</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

<sup>3</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

**Table 6. Resident guests by type of accommodation, period and region**

Type of accommodation	April-June 2020 <sup>1,2</sup>	July-September	
		2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>MALTA</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>12,966</b>	<b>41,175</b>	<b>89,226</b>
5 Star	3,628	16,032	26,842
4 Star	7,281	14,885	46,764
3 Star	1,708	8,884	13,539
2 Star	349	1,374	2,081
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,857</b>	<b>8,099</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,035</b>	<b>43,032</b>	<b>97,325</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>9,999</b>	<b>26,958</b>	<b>72,054</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,731	11,536	20,838
4 Star	6,263	11,289	39,618
3 Star	1,005	3,861	11,082
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>655</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>6,125</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,654</b>	<b>28,051</b>	<b>78,179</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>2,967</b>	<b>14,217</b>	<b>17,172</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	897	4,496	6,004
4 Star	1,018	3,596	7,146
3 Star	703	5,023	2,457
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>414</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,974</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>14,981</b>	<b>19,146</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

<sup>3</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

**Table 7. Non-resident nights spent by type of accommodation, period and region**

Type of accommodation	April-June 2020 <sup>1, 2</sup>	July-September	
		2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>MALTA</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>27,102</b>	<b>2,882,458</b>	<b>764,851</b>
5 Star	4,304	495,055	119,793
4 Star	3,280	1,488,313	413,428
3 Star	13,064	806,834	215,059
2 Star	6,454	92,256	16,571
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6,856</b>	<b>229,445</b>	<b>64,851</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,958</b>	<b>3,111,903</b>	<b>829,702</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>26,765</b>	<b>2,797,621</b>	<b>747,277</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	4,048	477,175	114,443
4 Star	3,204	1,450,604	405,531
3 Star	13,059	779,856	211,003
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>6,802</b>	<b>218,442</b>	<b>61,833</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>33,567</b>	<b>3,016,063</b>	<b>809,110</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>84,837</b>	<b>17,574</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	256	17,880	5,350
4 Star	76	37,709	7,897
3 Star	5	26,978	4,056
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>54</b>	<b>11,003</b>	<b>3,018</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>95,840</b>	<b>20,592</b>

<sup>1</sup> Revised.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to methodological note 7.

<sup>3</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

**Table 8. Resident nights spent by type of accommodation, period and region**

Type of accommodation	April-June 2020 <sup>1, 2</sup>	July-September	
		2019	2020 <sup>2</sup>
<b>MALTA</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>27,832</b>	<b>114,594</b>	<b>238,571</b>
5 Star	9,315	50,541	71,773
4 Star	14,486	39,780	107,769
3 Star	3,433	21,507	49,245
2 Star	598	2,766	9,784
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>2,395</b>	<b>6,259</b>	<b>20,700</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,227</b>	<b>120,853</b>	<b>259,271</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>20,265</b>	<b>80,479</b>	<b>197,078</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	5,743	39,506	54,442
4 Star	12,396	29,331	91,557
3 Star	2,126	11,006	44,226
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>4,607</b>	<b>15,947</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,822</b>	<b>85,086</b>	<b>213,025</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
<b>Hotel</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>34,115</b>	<b>41,493</b>
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,572	11,035	17,331
4 Star	2,090	10,449	16,212
3 Star	1,307	10,501	5,019
<b>Other collective accommodation<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>838</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>4,753</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,405</b>	<b>35,767</b>	<b>46,246</b>

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<sup>3</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

## Methodological Notes

- The objective of the Survey on Collective Accommodation Establishments is to estimate the utilisation rate of bed-places of all active collective accommodation establishments in Malta, Gozo and Comino. The variables collected from the survey include:
  - Number of residents;
  - Number of non-residents;
  - Nights spent by residents;
  - Nights spent by non-residents;
  - Number of room nights sold to non-residents;
  - Number of room nights sold to residents;
  - Number of bedrooms;
  - Number of bed-places;
  - Number of days the establishment was closed during the month under review.

The collection of the above variables and the calculation of occupancy levels are in line with Regulation (EU) No. 692/2011.

- The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments, namely hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.
- Response rates:

July 2019	<b>91.4%</b>	July 2020	<b>98.7%</b>
August 2019	<b>92.0%</b>	August 2020	<b>98.6%</b>
September 2019	<b>90.2%</b>	September 2020	<b>96.3%</b>

- In this release, figures for October–December 2019 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to January–March 2020 are a first estimate, therefore subject to revision in the ensuing release.
- The Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) classification of all accommodation categories are found in Legal Notice 351 of 2012. <http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lp&itemid=23956&l=1>
- Users are advised that comparisons between non-resident arrivals recorded in the Inbound Tourism survey (Tourstat, demand-side) and the Collective Accommodation survey (Accomstat, supply-side), should be undertaken in the knowledge that discrepancies will be found. These are mainly due to differences in definitions and methodologies. For more details, one can consult Sub-Concept 15.4 of the NSO's metadata file (<http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=35>).
- In view of the COVID-19 situation, guests accommodated in any collective accommodation establishment, and for which their stay was related to health or safety reasons (not related to tourism purposes), have been considered out-of-scope for tourist accommodation statistics and therefore, not recorded for March - September 2020.
- Due to the COVID-19 situation the following tourism-related chronology of events happened:

28th February	People flying in from Italy, China (including Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Iran, South Korea) from 26th February onwards needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
8th March	Flights from/to Milan were suspended.
10th March	Flights from/to Italy were suspended.
10th March	The last Cruise call.
11th March	Flights from/to France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, were suspended.
11th March	People flying in from France, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
13th March	All people flying in from all destinations needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
18th March	The last Virtu' Ferries service for passengers between Malta and Sicily.
21st March	All flights from/to all destinations were suspended.
1st July	Re-opening of Malta International Airport. The first group of destinations that reopened for travel comprised: Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Poland, Cyprus, Switzerland, Iceland, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Greece and Croatia.
15th July	Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted.
21st August	First cruise liner call since March 2020.

Sources: Malta Tourism Authority, Virtu Ferries and Transport Malta

9. **Definitions:**

- **Bedroom:** a unit formed by one room or group of rooms constituting an indivisible rental whole in an accommodation establishment or dwelling.
- **Bed-place:** in an establishment, this is determined by the number of persons who can stay overnight in the establishment, not taking into account any extra beds that may be provided to clients on request.
- **Residents:** Maltese/Gozitan residents who check into/out of a collective accommodation establishment. A person is considered to be a Maltese/Gozitan resident if:
  - (a) S/he has lived for most of the past 12 months in Malta/Gozo;
  - (b) S/he has lived in Malta/Gozo for less than 12 months but intends to return within a year to settle here.
- **Non-residents:** foreigners who do not necessarily follow the definition of a tourist and check into/out of a collective accommodation establishment.
- **Total guests:** the total number of residents and non-residents.
- **Total nights spent:** the total number of nights which guests actually spend or are registered to spend in a collective accommodation establishment.
- **Net use of bed-places:** the net occupancy rate calculated for all active accommodation establishments, net of seasonal closures and other temporary closures. The occupancy of bed-places is calculated by dividing the total nights during the reference period by the number of bed-places and the number of days when the bed-places are actually available for use during the reference period. The result is then multiplied by 100 to express the occupancy rate as a percentage.
- **Average length of stay:** this is calculated as follows: 
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of guests}}$$
- **Tourist:** a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.

10. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Sources and Methods: [https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources\\_and\\_Methods/Unit\\_C3/Tourism\\_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx)  
Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>  
Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=35>  
Statistical Database: <http://nso.gov.mt/statdb/start>

11. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

12. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

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**European statistics data on collective accommodation by NACE Rev.2 are available at:**

<EUROSTAT Website/Homepage/Statistics Database>

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