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Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during the third quarter of 2021 numbered 418,713 while total nights spent amounted to 2,168,580.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q3/2021

Cut-off date: 21 November 2021
In the third quarter of 2021, the largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, with 46.8 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay, in collective accommodation establishments, went up to 5.2 nights in the third quarter of 2021 from the average of 4.1 nights registered during the same quarter of 2020. The net use of bed-places stood at 54.8 per cent, up by 24.8 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during September 2021, there were 216 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 18,776 bedrooms and 43,269 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 387,297 while number of nights spent stood at 2,068,655. Total guests and nights in Gozo and Comino increased to 31,416 and 99,925 respectively from 24,453 and 66,811 registered in 2020 (Tables 1 and 2).



When compared with the same quarter of the previous year, in Malta, the average length of stay went up by 1.1 of a night to 5.3 nights. In Gozo and Comino the average length of stay increased by 0.4 of a night to 3.2 nights. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 25.0 percentage points, reaching 54.5 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino increased by 19.6 percentage points to 60.3 per cent (Table 3).

January-September 2021

Total guests in the first nine months of 2021 amounted to 644,412, an increase of 9.8 per cent over the same period in 2020 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 23.6 per cent, surpassing 3 million nights (Table 2). The net use of bed-places went down by 0.1 percentage points to 30.3 per cent (Table 3) ■

Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in context of the COVID-19 situation.

Graph 1. Total guests and nights spent

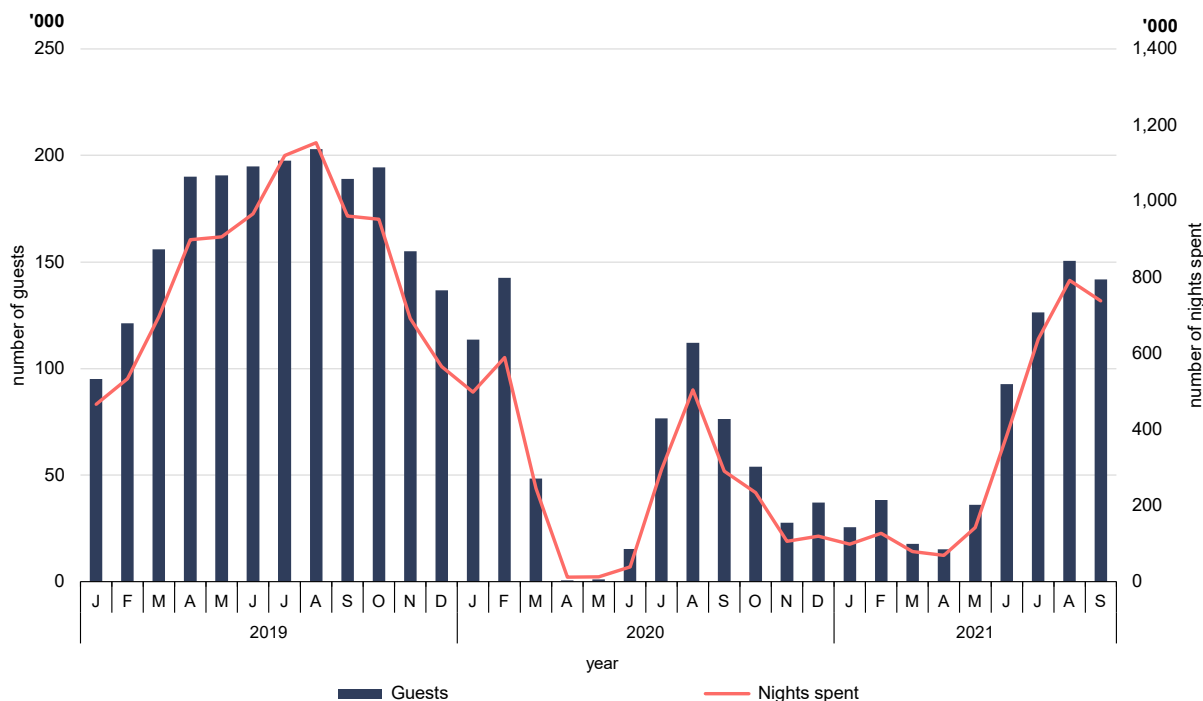


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	April-June 2021 ¹	July-September		January-September	
		2020	2021	2020	2021
MALTA					
Hotel	130,553	241,853	376,943	539,103	581,752
5 Star	32,874	50,020	82,682	110,536	135,622
4 Star	64,209	124,694	187,668	280,215	285,738
3 Star	30,834	61,546	96,573	133,247	146,146
2 Star	2,636	5,593	10,020	15,105	14,246
Other collective accommodation²	13,564	23,273	41,770	47,752	62,660
Total	144,117	265,126	418,713	586,855	644,412
Malta					
Hotel	120,615	220,196	350,497	504,592	538,827
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	29,303	42,980	74,336	99,754	121,411
4 Star	60,325	115,653	176,199	266,454	268,110
3 Star	29,136	57,616	92,081	126,072	138,687
Other collective accommodation²	12,064	20,477	36,800	43,191	55,668
Total	132,679	240,673	387,297	547,783	594,495
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	9,938	21,657	26,446	34,511	42,925
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	3,571	7,040	8,346	10,782	14,211
4 Star	3,884	9,041	11,469	13,761	17,628
3 Star	1,698	3,930	4,492	7,175	7,459
Other collective accommodation²	1,500	2,796	4,970	4,561	6,992
Total	11,438	24,453	31,416	39,072	49,917

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2021 ¹	July-September		January-September	
		2020	2021	2020	2021
MALTA					
Hotel	535,996	1,003,200	2,008,691	2,289,033	2,817,476
5 Star	114,720	191,566	425,009	390,919	605,053
4 Star	241,237	521,944	1,015,194	1,218,925	1,347,045
3 Star	163,717	263,482	522,044	589,504	790,451
2 Star	16,322	26,208	46,444	89,685	74,927
Other collective accommodation²	61,493	85,766	159,889	196,104	253,707
Total	597,489	1,088,966	2,168,580	2,485,137	3,071,183
Malta					
Hotel	512,471	944,133	1,922,370	2,195,730	2,694,022
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	105,842	168,885	393,543	356,084	559,039
4 Star	231,649	497,835	975,508	1,181,449	1,293,262
3 Star	160,000	254,407	511,203	573,765	773,593
Other collective accommodation²	58,094	78,022	146,285	184,944	235,595
Total	570,565	1,022,155	2,068,655	2,380,674	2,929,617
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	23,525	59,067	86,321	93,303	123,454
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	8,878	22,681	31,466	34,835	46,014
4 Star	9,588	24,109	39,686	37,476	53,783
3 Star	3,717	9,075	10,841	15,739	16,858
Other collective accommodation²	3,399	7,744	13,604	11,160	18,112
Total	26,924	66,811	99,925	104,463	141,566

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² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2021 ¹	July-September		January-September	
		2020	2021	2020	2021
		per cent			
MALTA					
Hotel	18.8	30.7	56.5	31.3	31.1
5 Star	18.1	32.2	59.7	26.7	30.7
4 Star	19.6	33.8	60.8	37.2	33.2
3 Star	18.6	26.2	49.8	25.8	29.1
2 Star	15.5	22.4	36.8	30.0	23.0
Other collective accommodation²	17.8	23.5	39.7	22.9	23.5
Total	18.7	30.0	54.8	30.4	30.3
Malta					
Hotel	18.6	30.2	56.1	31.2	30.8
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	17.6	30.5	58.7	25.9	29.9
4 Star	19.6	33.7	60.9	37.8	33.3
3 Star	18.4	25.7	49.5	25.5	28.9
Other collective accommodation²	17.9	23.5	39.7	23.2	23.5
Total	18.5	29.5	54.5	30.4	30.1
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	24.2	44.6	65.5	32.3	37.6
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	29.6	54.2	75.2	39.5	45.6
4 Star	19.5	36.2	59.6	25.5	32.1
3 Star	37.3	56.6	69.9	41.4	46.2
Other collective accommodation²	15.9	24.4	40.1	18.6	24.4
Total	22.7	40.7	60.3	29.9	35.1

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Note: Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release (Table 3a):

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx

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	
	2020 ¹	2021	2020 ¹	2021	2020 ¹	2021
MALTA						
Hotel	114	122	16,131	17,134	36,805	38,843
5 Star	15	17	3,476	3,721	7,232	7,731
4 Star	41	44	7,619	7,972	17,713	18,374
3 Star	42	44	4,477	4,825	10,587	11,336
2 Star	16	17	559	616	1,273	1,402
Other collective accommodation²	85	94	1,468	1,642	4,099	4,426
Total	199	216	17,599	18,776	40,904	43,269
Malta						
Hotel	102	109	15,472	16,453	35,392	37,396
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	13	15	3,259	3,504	6,777	7,276
4 Star	37	40	7,282	7,635	16,989	17,650
3 Star	39	40	4,407	4,733	10,439	11,154
Other collective accommodation²	74	81	1,314	1,471	3,754	4,048
Total	176	190	16,786	17,924	39,146	41,444
Gozo and Comino						
Hotel	12	13	659	681	1,413	1,447
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	217	217	455	455
4 Star	4	4	337	337	724	724
3 Star	3	4	70	92	148	182
Other collective accommodation²	11	13	154	171	345	378
Total	23	26	813	852	1,758	1,825

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2021 ¹	July-September	
		2020	2021
		MALTA	
Hotel	85,686	152,136	300,972
5 Star	17,365	23,178	58,487
4 Star	43,054	77,500	149,266
3 Star	23,648	47,946	85,545
2 Star	1,619	3,512	7,674
Other collective accommodation²	8,898	15,110	34,866
Total	94,584	167,246	335,838
		Malta	
Hotel	83,724	147,651	293,209
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	16,760	22,142	56,114
4 Star	42,271	75,605	146,039
3 Star	23,127	46,473	83,728
Other collective accommodation²	8,401	14,271	32,652
Total	92,125	161,922	325,861
		Gozo and Comino	
Hotel	1,962	4,485	7,763
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	605	1,036	2,373
4 Star	783	1,895	3,227
3 Star	521	1,473	1,817
Other collective accommodation²	497	839	2,214
Total	2,459	5,324	9,977

¹ Revised.

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2021 ¹	July-September	
		2020	2021
		MALTA	
Hotel	44,867	89,717	75,971
5 Star	15,509	26,842	24,195
4 Star	21,155	47,194	38,402
3 Star	7,186	13,600	11,028
2 Star	1,017	2,081	2,346
Other collective accommodation²	4,666	8,163	6,904
Total	49,533	97,880	82,875
		Malta	
Hotel	36,891	72,545	57,288
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	12,543	20,838	18,222
4 Star	18,054	40,048	30,160
3 Star	6,009	11,143	8,353
Other collective accommodation²	3,663	6,206	4,148
Total	40,554	78,751	61,436
		Gozo and Comino	
Hotel	7,976	17,172	18,683
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,966	6,004	5,973
4 Star	3,101	7,146	8,242
3 Star	1,177	2,457	2,675
Other collective accommodation²	1,003	1,957	2,756
Total	8,979	19,129	21,439

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2021 ¹	July-September	
		2020	2021
MALTA			
Hotel	423,014	763,653	1,768,629
5 Star	78,594	119,793	341,727
4 Star	198,136	413,485	913,793
3 Star	133,179	213,951	474,995
2 Star	13,105	16,424	38,114
Other collective accommodation²	52,421	64,803	144,143
Total	475,435	828,456	1,912,772
Malta			
Hotel	415,776	746,079	1,731,338
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	76,037	114,443	327,754
4 Star	195,028	405,588	896,695
3 Star	131,729	209,895	469,668
Other collective accommodation²	50,992	61,797	136,479
Total	466,768	807,876	1,867,817
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	7,238	17,574	37,291
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,557	5,350	13,973
4 Star	3,108	7,897	17,098
3 Star	1,450	4,056	5,327
Other collective accommodation²	1,429	3,006	7,664
Total	8,667	20,580	44,955

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2021 ¹	July-September	
		2020	2021
MALTA			
Hotel	112,982	239,547	240,062
5 Star	36,126	71,773	83,282
4 Star	43,101	108,459	101,401
3 Star	30,538	49,531	47,049
2 Star	3,217	9,784	8,330
Other collective accommodation²	9,072	20,963	15,746
Total	122,054	260,510	255,808
Malta			
Hotel	96,695	198,054	191,032
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	29,805	54,442	65,789
4 Star	36,621	92,247	78,813
3 Star	28,271	44,512	41,535
Other collective accommodation²	7,102	16,225	9,806
Total	103,797	214,279	200,838
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	16,287	41,493	49,030
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,321	17,331	17,493
4 Star	6,480	16,212	22,588
3 Star	2,267	5,019	5,514
Other collective accommodation²	1,970	4,738	5,940
Total	18,257	46,231	54,970

¹ Revised.

² 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 and Gozo. 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 2020	98.7%	July 2021	91.4%
August 2020	98.6%	August 2021	88.8%
September 2020	96.3%	September 2021	88.5%
- In this release, figures for April-June 2021 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to July-September 2021 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 Concept 15.4 of the NSO's metadata file (<https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/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 2020 -June 2021.
- 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
Statistical Concepts: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/concepts.aspx>
Metadata: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=35>
Statistical Database: <https://statdb.nso.gov.mt/start>

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

12. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx

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

[EUROSTAT Website/Homepage/Statistics Database](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&code=sdg_8_4_10)

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