

Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during April 2016 decreased by 0.1 per cent, while total nights spent increased by 1.8 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: April 2016

Cut-off date:
27 June 2016

In April, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 143,009, while total nights spent amounted to 737,157. Collective accommodation categories registered increases in total nights spent, with the exception of 5-star and 3-star hotels. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 363,790 nights, or 49.4 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

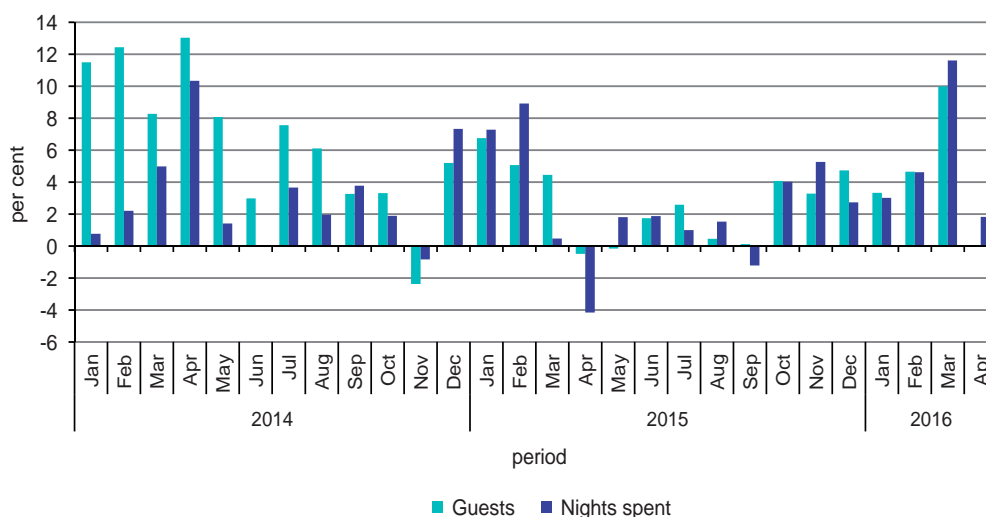
The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went up to 5.2 nights in April 2016 from 5.1 nights in the same month of 2015. The net use of bed-places stood at 65.8 per cent, up by 2.4 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 164 active collective accommodation establishments during April, with a net capacity of 17,149 bedrooms and 37,853 bed-places (Table 4).

January-April

Total guests during the first four months of 2016 amounted to 437,145, an increase of 4.3 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 5.2 per cent, reaching almost 2.3 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 0.7 percentage points to 52.0 per cent (Table 3) ■

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes



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

Type of accommodation	March*	April		January-April	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	120,062	138,851	136,875	407,355	421,535
5 Star	27,096	32,432	33,465	101,147	104,714
4 Star	61,322	61,365	63,589	194,315	203,279
3 Star	28,297	41,220	35,496	102,140	101,226
2 Star	3,346	3,833	4,324	9,753	12,316
Other collective accommodation ¹	4,367	4,233	6,134	11,907	15,610
Total	124,429	143,083	143,009	419,262	437,145
	Malta				
Hotel	113,463	132,191	130,483	388,777	400,716
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	25,161	30,416	31,473	96,591	99,359
4 Star	58,138	58,387	60,746	184,478	192,999
3 Star	27,194	40,102	34,409	99,041	97,552
Other collective accommodation ¹	4,147	4,007	5,839	11,404	14,944
Total	117,610	136,197	136,322	400,181	415,660
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	6,598	6,660	6,392	18,578	20,819
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	1,935	2,016	1,992	4,556	5,355
4 Star	3,184	2,978	2,843	9,837	10,280
3 Star	1,103	1,118	1,087	3,099	3,674
Other collective accommodation ¹	220	226	295	503	666
Total	6,818	6,886	6,687	19,081	21,485

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 2. Total nights spent by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	March*	April		January-April	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	601,907	691,558	693,891	2,057,017	2,146,853
5 Star	103,267	134,027	123,969	372,022	385,584
4 Star	331,104	344,744	363,790	1,099,950	1,154,656
3 Star	148,100	192,908	183,890	522,346	532,394
2 Star	19,436	19,879	22,242	62,700	74,219
Other collective accommodation ¹	36,999	32,398	43,267	108,756	132,337
Total	638,906	723,956	737,157	2,165,773	2,279,190
	Malta				
Hotel	582,086	671,730	675,082	2,003,949	2,088,785
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	97,248	127,689	118,253	357,886	370,144
4 Star	321,202	335,197	354,823	1,070,583	1,124,529
3 Star	145,231	190,326	180,880	515,678	523,722
Other collective accommodation ¹	36,419	31,814	42,408	107,557	130,544
Total	618,505	703,544	717,490	2,111,506	2,219,329
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	19,821	19,828	18,809	53,068	58,068
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	6,019	6,338	5,716	14,136	15,440
4 Star	9,902	9,547	8,967	29,367	30,127
3 Star	2,870	2,582	3,010	6,668	8,672
Other collective accommodation ¹	580	584	859	1,199	1,794
Total	20,401	20,412	19,668	54,267	59,861

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

Type of accommodation	March*	April		January-April		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	MALTA					
Hotel	57.2	65.5	67.3	52.9	53.2	
5 Star	58.3	68.8	67.5	55.1	53.2	
4 Star	63.9	70.5	72.7	58.9	59.4	
3 Star	47.1	58.1	60.3	43.6	44.3	
2 Star	45.3	49.6	52.1	41.5	44.1	
Other collective accommodation ¹	41.4	37.9	48.6	32.7	38.2	
Total	56.0	63.4	65.8	51.3	52.0	
Type of accommodation	Malta					
	Hotel	57.9	66.3	68.5	53.7	54.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	59.7	70.4	69.6	56.1	54.6	
4 Star	64.6	71.6	73.9	60.0	60.4	
3 Star	47.3	58.3	60.7	43.8	44.5	
Other collective accommodation ¹	42.9	39.3	50.5	34.0	39.6	
Total	56.8	64.3	67.1	52.1	52.9	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino					
	Hotel	41.3	45.8	40.2	34.2	33.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	42.6	47.3	41.8	38.0	33.1	
4 Star	46.4	46.3	43.4	35.6	36.2	
3 Star	40.2	46.8	43.6	32.4	34.6	
Other collective accommodation ¹	13.0	13.4	17.2	7.5	11.0	
Total	38.9	42.8	38.0	31.7	31.2	

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Table 4. Establishments with net number of bedrooms and bed-places by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	April						
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	MALTA						
Hotel	117	121	16,422	15,938	35,437	34,859	
5 Star	15	14	3,451	3,338	6,496	6,532	
4 Star	42	43	7,403	7,558	16,297	16,688	
3 Star	48	49	4,954	4,380	11,304	10,216	
2 Star	12	15	614	662	1,340	1,423	
Other collective accommodation ¹	40	43	1,191	1,211	2,889	2,994	
Total	157	164	17,613	17,149	38,326	37,853	
Type of accommodation	Malta						
	Hotel	107	108	15,750	15,225	33,994	33,301
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	13	12	3,236	3,123	6,049	6,076	
4 Star	38	39	7,081	7,236	15,609	16,000	
3 Star	45	45	4,867	4,273	11,120	9,986	
Other collective accommodation ¹	34	36	1,126	1,134	2,744	2,827	
Total	141	144	16,876	16,359	36,738	36,128	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino						
	Hotel	10	13	672	713	1,443	1,558
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	215	215	447	456	
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688	
3 Star	3	4	87	107	184	230	
Other collective accommodation ¹	6	7	65	77	145	167	
Total	16	20	737	790	1,588	1,725	

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Methodological Notes

1. 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 foreign residents;
 - Number of room nights sold to Maltese 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.

2. The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments, namely hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

3. Response Rate:

April 2015	89.6%
March 2016	90.9%
April 2016	91.2%

4. In this release figures for March 2016 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to April 2016 are a first estimate, therefore subject to revision in the ensuing release.
5. The Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) licensing department reclassified all collective accommodation establishments registered as apart-hotels to hotels (refer to Legal Notice 351 of 2012).
6. Prior to comparing and interpreting differences between demand-side (based on Tourstat) and supply-side (based on Accomstat) tourism statistics, users are strongly advised to consult concept 8.3 of the NSO's metadata file (<http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=35>).

7. **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 number of residents and non-residents altogether.
- **Total nights spent:** nights which a guest actually spends or is 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:
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of guests}}$$

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

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>