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Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during the second quarter of 2018 advanced by 9.9 per cent and 8.7 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2017.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q2/2018

Cut-off date:  
**20 August 2018**

In the second quarter, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 557,238, while total nights spent amounted to 2,805,517. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 1,298,937 nights, or 46.3 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.0 nights in the second quarter of 2018 from the average of 5.1 nights registered during the same quarter of 2017 (derived from Tables 1 and 2). The net use of bed-places stood at 74.9 per cent, up by 4.5 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

During June 2018, there were 196 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 18,505 bedrooms and 41,881 bed-places on a national level (Table 4).

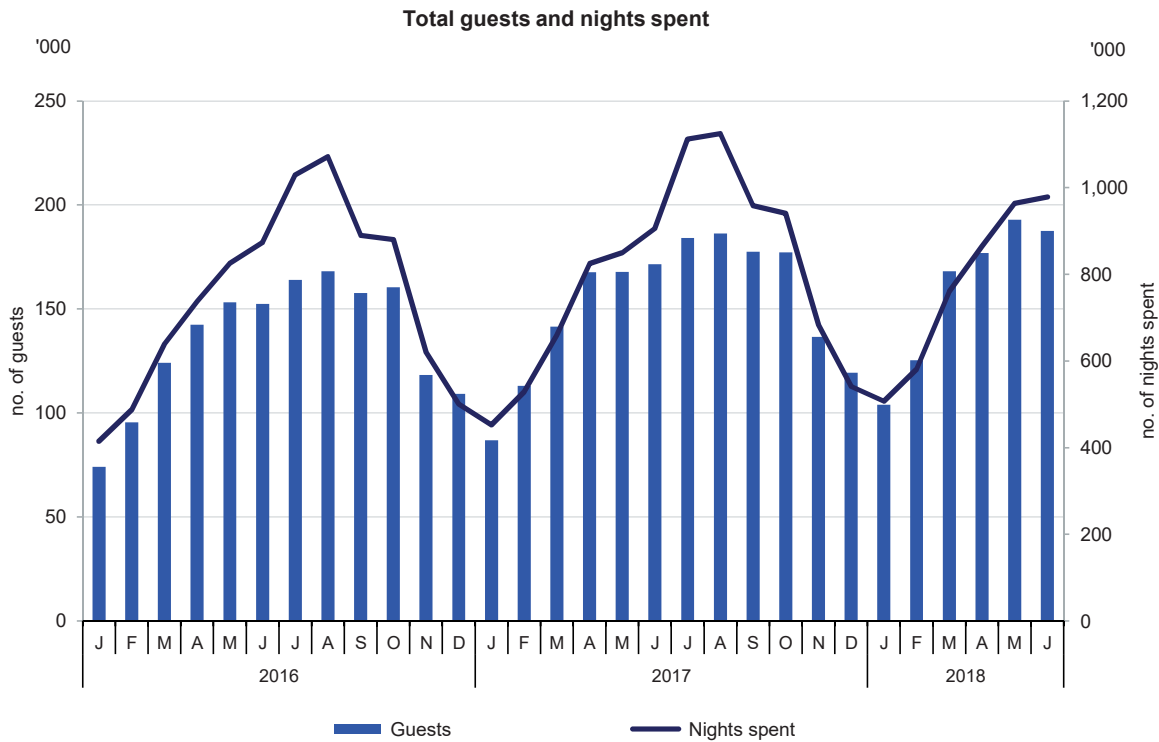
### Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 528,857, up by 10.1 per cent over the second quarter of 2017. Additionally, an increase of 8.9 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino increased by 6.9 per cent and 3.3 per cent when compared to the comparative quarter of the previous year, to 28,381 and 99,184 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

In Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.1 of a night to 5.1 nights; and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 0.1 of a night to 3.5 nights, when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 4.5 percentage points, reaching 75.9 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino increased by 2.3 percentage points to 54.4 per cent over the same quarter of 2017 (Table 3).

### January-June 2018

Total guests in the first six months of 2018 amounted to 954,759, an increase of 12.5 per cent over the same period in 2017 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 10.2 per cent, reaching nearly 4.7 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 3.6 percentage points to 64.1 per cent (Table 3) ■



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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2018*	April-June (Q2)		January-June	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>					
Hotel	378,206	483,144	524,470	812,237	902,676
5 Star	80,656	117,606	116,689	202,621	197,345
4 Star	186,698	211,654	233,579	362,112	420,277
3 Star	101,308	138,394	158,786	223,176	260,094
2 Star	9,544	15,491	15,416	24,329	24,960
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	19,315	23,816	32,768	36,121	52,083
<b>Total</b>	<b>397,521</b>	<b>506,960</b>	<b>557,238</b>	<b>848,359</b>	<b>954,759</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	363,488	459,716	499,474	775,304	862,962
of which:					
5 Star	76,579	111,949	109,968	193,201	186,547
4 Star	180,456	203,257	225,055	347,412	405,511
3 Star	97,765	130,711	150,220	213,306	247,985
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	17,799	20,699	29,383	31,443	47,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>381,287</b>	<b>480,415</b>	<b>528,857</b>	<b>806,747</b>	<b>910,144</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	14,718	23,428	24,996	36,933	39,714
of which:					
5 Star	4,077	5,657	6,721	9,420	10,798
4 Star	6,242	8,397	8,524	14,700	14,766
3 Star	3,543	7,683	8,566	9,870	12,109
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,516	3,117	3,385	4,678	4,901
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,234</b>	<b>26,545</b>	<b>28,381</b>	<b>41,611</b>	<b>44,615</b>

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Notes:

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2. Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release:

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2018*	April-June (Q2)		January-June	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>					
Hotel	1,731,237	2,440,805	2,627,102	3,989,554	4,358,339
5 Star	280,232	462,795	460,917	741,890	741,149
4 Star	937,426	1,211,005	1,298,937	2,019,877	2,236,363
3 Star	457,824	687,235	783,435	1,097,167	1,241,259
2 Star	55,755	79,769	83,813	130,621	139,568
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	116,909	140,686	178,415	231,689	295,324
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,848,146</b>	<b>2,581,490</b>	<b>2,805,517</b>	<b>4,221,244</b>	<b>4,653,663</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	1,690,338	2,354,074	2,537,094	3,865,768	4,227,432
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	268,929	440,068	438,956	708,268	707,885
4 Star	916,616	1,174,898	1,260,647	1,964,366	2,177,263
3 Star	450,653	663,598	756,162	1,069,113	1,206,815
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	113,870	131,401	169,239	219,529	283,109
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,804,208</b>	<b>2,485,475</b>	<b>2,706,333</b>	<b>4,085,297</b>	<b>4,510,541</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	40,899	86,731	90,008	123,786	130,907
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	11,303	22,727	21,961	33,622	33,264
4 Star	20,810	36,107	38,290	55,511	59,100
3 Star	7,171	23,637	27,273	28,054	34,444
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	3,039	9,285	9,176	12,160	12,215
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,938</b>	<b>96,016</b>	<b>99,184</b>	<b>135,946</b>	<b>143,122</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2018*	April-June (Q2)		January-June	
		2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>					
Hotel	53.7	72.4	76.9	62.3	65.6
5 Star	48.8	74.0	74.5	61.3	62.1
4 Star	58.8	77.1	78.3	67.3	68.7
3 Star	48.4	65.9	77.2	56.6	63.3
2 Star	50.8	60.2	67.5	51.2	59.7
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	40.7	47.5	54.4	40.8	48.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>70.4</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>64.1</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	54.4	73.2	77.8	63.1	66.4
of which:					
5 Star	49.5	75.4	76.2	62.3	63.2
4 Star	59.8	77.7	78.9	68.2	69.6
3 Star	48.6	66.3	77.8	56.8	63.6
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	43.0	49.0	56.0	42.3	49.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>61.5</b>	<b>65.0</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	34.4	55.4	57.6	43.9	47.6
of which:					
5 Star	37.1	54.5	51.6	46.0	45.5
4 Star	33.8	60.3	61.2	45.6	47.6
3 Star	36.1	56.8	62.7	49.5	54.4
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	13.7	33.5	35.0	24.7	25.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>54.4</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>44.3</b>

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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	June					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>						
Hotel	129	128	16,990	17,201	37,987	38,234
5 Star	15	14	3,475	3,437	7,085	7,009
4 Star	43	42	7,813	8,121	17,557	18,406
3 Star	54	55	5,038	4,980	11,836	11,374
2 Star	17	17	664	663	1,509	1,445
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	54	68	1,196	1,304	3,333	3,647
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>18,186</b>	<b>18,505</b>	<b>41,320</b>	<b>41,881</b>
<b>Malta</b>						
Hotel	114	113	16,128	16,353	36,129	36,422
of which:						
5 Star	13	12	3,260	3,217	6,627	6,541
4 Star	39	38	7,497	7,805	16,875	17,718
3 Star	48	49	4,760	4,703	11,266	10,804
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	42	57	1,048	1,168	3,013	3,357
<b>Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>17,176</b>	<b>17,521</b>	<b>39,142</b>	<b>39,779</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>						
Hotel	15	15	862	848	1,858	1,812
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	215	220	458	468
4 Star	4	4	316	316	682	688
3 Star	6	6	278	277	570	570
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	12	11	148	136	320	290
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1,010</b>	<b>984</b>	<b>2,178</b>	<b>2,102</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2018*	April-June (Q2)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	324,332	452,041	491,068
5 Star	65,391	106,457	104,980
4 Star	158,357	200,013	221,692
3 Star	91,908	131,386	149,968
2 Star	8,676	14,185	14,428
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	17,496	22,475	30,719
<b>Total</b>	<b>341,828</b>	<b>474,516</b>	<b>521,787</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	318,416	438,611	476,019
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	64,080	103,449	101,470
4 Star	155,454	194,481	215,785
3 Star	90,315	127,085	144,690
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	16,770	20,156	28,147
<b>Total</b>	<b>335,186</b>	<b>458,767</b>	<b>504,166</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	5,916	13,430	15,049
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	1,311	3,008	3,510
4 Star	2,903	5,532	5,907
3 Star	1,593	4,301	5,278
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	726	2,319	2,572
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,642</b>	<b>15,749</b>	<b>17,621</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2018*	April-June (Q2)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	53,874	31,103	33,402
5 Star	15,265	11,149	11,709
4 Star	28,341	11,641	11,887
3 Star	9,400	7,008	8,818
2 Star	868	1,305	988
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,819	1,341	2,049
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,693</b>	<b>32,444</b>	<b>35,451</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	45,072	21,105	23,455
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	12,499	8,500	8,498
4 Star	25,002	8,776	9,270
3 Star	7,450	3,626	5,530
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,029	543	1,236
<b>Total</b>	<b>46,101</b>	<b>21,648</b>	<b>24,691</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	8,802	9,998	9,947
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,766	2,649	3,211
4 Star	3,339	2,865	2,617
3 Star	1,950	3,382	3,288
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	790	798	813
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>10,796</b>	<b>10,760</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2018*	April-June (Q2)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	1,618,629	2,361,621	2,548,510
5 Star	250,073	435,663	434,471
4 Star	878,395	1,179,459	1,270,981
3 Star	436,065	669,337	761,155
2 Star	54,096	77,162	81,903
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	113,370	138,028	173,536
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,731,999</b>	<b>2,499,649</b>	<b>2,722,046</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	1,594,771	2,298,016	2,478,973
of which:			
5 Star	244,194	419,922	419,113
4 Star	864,407	1,151,202	1,239,047
3 Star	432,329	651,683	739,953
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	111,681	130,323	165,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,706,452</b>	<b>2,428,339</b>	<b>2,644,772</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	23,858	63,605	69,537
of which:			
5 Star	5,879	15,741	15,358
4 Star	13,988	28,257	31,934
3 Star	3,736	17,654	21,202
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,689	7,705	7,737
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,547</b>	<b>71,310</b>	<b>77,274</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2018*	April-June (Q2)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	112,608	79,184	78,592
5 Star	30,159	27,132	26,446
4 Star	59,031	31,546	27,956
3 Star	21,759	17,899	22,280
2 Star	1,659	2,608	1,910
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	3,539	2,657	4,879
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,147</b>	<b>81,841</b>	<b>83,471</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	95,567	56,058	58,121
of which:			
5 Star	24,735	20,146	19,843
4 Star	52,209	23,696	21,600
3 Star	18,324	11,916	16,209
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,189	1,078	3,440
<b>Total</b>	<b>97,756</b>	<b>57,136</b>	<b>61,561</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	17,041	23,126	20,471
of which:			
5 Star	5,424	6,986	6,603
4 Star	6,822	7,850	6,356
3 Star	3,435	5,983	6,071
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,350	1,579	1,439
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,391</b>	<b>24,705</b>	<b>21,910</b>

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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 rates:

April 2017	<b>87.8%</b>	April 2018	<b>92.9%</b>
May 2017	<b>88.7%</b>	May 2018	<b>92.7%</b>
June 2017	<b>90.8%</b>	June 2018	<b>91.7%</b>

4. In this release figures for Quarter 1 2018 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to Quarter 2 2018 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: 
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of guests}}$$
- **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.

8. 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>

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

10. A detailed news release calendar is available on

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