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Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during the second quarter of 2019 advanced by 3.2 per cent, while total nights spent declined by 1.3 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q2/2019

Cut-off date:
21 August 2019

In the second quarter, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 575,275, while total nights spent amounted to almost 2.8 million. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for over 1.3 million nights, or 48.3 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 4.8 nights in the second quarter of 2019 from the average of 5.0 nights registered during the same quarter of 2018. The net use of bed-places stood at 73.6 per cent, down by 1.3 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

During June 2019, there were 206 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 18,155 bedrooms and 41,680 bed-places on a national level (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 547,084, up by 3.4 per cent over the second quarter of 2018. Additionally, a decrease of 1.0 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino decreased by 0.7 per cent and 9.5 per cent, to 28,191 and 89,728 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

In Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.2 of a night to 4.9 nights; and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 0.3 of a night to 3.2 nights, when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. The net occupancy rate in Malta decreased by 1.0 percentage points, reaching 74.9 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 5.9 percentage points to 48.5 per cent over the same quarter of 2018 (Table 3).

January-June

Total guests in the first six months of 2019 amounted to 947,485, a decrease of 0.8 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 1). Total nights spent went down by 4.0 per cent, reaching nearly 4.5 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 3.1 percentage points to 61.0 per cent (Table 3) ■

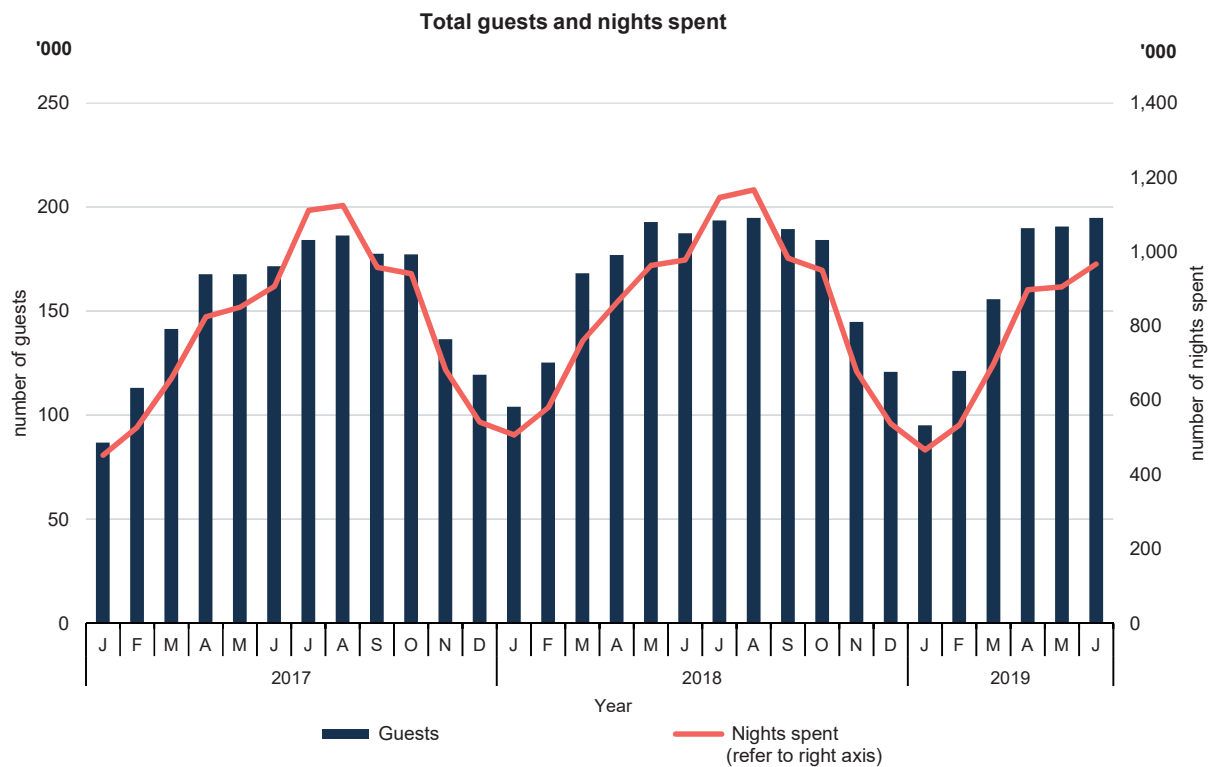


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q1/2019 ²	April-June		January-June	
		2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA					
Hotel	349,380	524,470	535,746	902,676	885,126
5 Star	70,505	116,689	109,788	197,345	180,293
4 Star	191,221	233,579	257,590	420,277	448,811
3 Star	77,836	158,786	152,466	260,094	230,302
2 Star	9,818	15,416	15,902	24,960	25,720
Other collective accommodation ¹	22,830	32,768	39,529	52,083	62,359
Total	372,210	557,238	575,275	954,759	947,485
Malta					
Hotel	335,779	499,474	510,846	862,962	846,625
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	66,224	109,968	103,020	186,547	169,244
4 Star	185,956	225,055	249,160	405,511	435,116
3 Star	74,755	150,220	143,964	247,985	218,719
Other collective accommodation ¹	21,596	29,383	36,238	47,182	57,834
Total	357,375	528,857	547,084	910,144	904,459
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	13,601	24,996	24,900	39,714	38,501
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	4,281	6,721	6,768	10,798	11,049
4 Star	5,265	8,524	8,430	14,766	13,695
3 Star	3,081	8,566	8,502	12,109	11,583
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,234	3,385	3,291	4,901	4,525
Total	14,835	28,381	28,191	44,615	43,026

⁽¹⁾ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

⁽²⁾ Revised

Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

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 period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q1/2019 ²	April-June		January-June	
		2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA					
Hotel	1,573,651	2,627,102	2,574,544	4,358,339	4,148,195
5 Star	238,047	460,917	425,333	741,149	663,380
4 Star	904,043	1,298,937	1,337,459	2,236,363	2,241,502
3 Star	375,763	783,435	733,303	1,241,259	1,109,066
2 Star	55,798	83,813	78,449	139,568	134,247
Other collective accommodation ¹	123,492	178,415	195,252	295,324	318,744
Total	1,697,143	2,805,517	2,769,796	4,653,663	4,466,939
Malta					
Hotel	1,540,523	2,537,094	2,493,723	4,227,432	4,034,246
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	228,435	438,956	404,630	707,885	633,065
4 Star	888,464	1,260,647	1,305,413	2,177,263	2,193,877
3 Star	369,483	756,162	707,930	1,206,815	1,077,413
Other collective accommodation ¹	121,167	169,239	186,345	283,109	307,512
Total	1,661,690	2,706,333	2,680,068	4,510,541	4,341,758
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	33,128	90,008	80,821	130,907	113,949
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	9,612	21,961	20,703	33,264	30,315
4 Star	15,579	38,290	32,046	59,100	47,625
3 Star	6,280	27,273	25,373	34,444	31,653
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,325	9,176	8,907	12,215	11,232
Total	35,453	99,184	89,728	143,122	125,181

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2019 ²	April-June		January-June	
		2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA					
Hotel	48.6	76.9	75.5	65.6	62.4
5 Star	44.0	74.5	73.2	62.1	59.2
4 Star	53.4	78.3	77.2	68.7	65.4
3 Star	42.4	77.2	75.6	63.3	59.7
2 Star	47.9	67.5	61.2	59.7	54.9
Other collective accommodation ¹	38.6	54.4	55.3	48.0	47.4
Total	47.7	74.9	73.6	64.1	61.0
Malta					
Hotel	49.4	77.8	76.6	66.4	63.3
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	44.5	76.2	75.0	63.2	60.1
4 Star	54.5	78.9	78.2	69.6	66.5
3 Star	42.8	77.8	76.4	63.6	60.2
Other collective accommodation ¹	40.0	56.1	57.6	49.9	49.1
Total	48.6	75.9	74.9	65.0	62.0
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	27.7	57.6	51.9	47.6	41.4
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	35.7	51.6	50.0	47.6	38.1
4 Star	25.1	61.2	50.9	54.4	47.2
3 Star	26.6	62.7	58.4	28.6	29.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	13.3	35.0	30.4	25.3	24.0
Total	25.9	54.4	48.5	44.3	38.9

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(2) Revised

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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	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA						
Hotel	128	126	17,201	16,706	38,234	37,709
5 Star	14	14	3,437	3,103	7,009	6,460
4 Star	42	44	8,121	8,298	18,406	19,066
3 Star	55	51	4,980	4,654	11,374	10,746
2 Star	17	17	663	651	1,445	1,437
Other collective accommodation ¹	68	80	1,304	1,449	3,647	3,971
Total	196	206	18,505	18,155	41,881	41,680
Malta						
Hotel	113	111	16,353	15,861	36,422	35,906
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	12	3,217	2,886	6,541	6,005
4 Star	38	40	7,805	7,982	17,718	18,374
3 Star	49	45	4,703	4,377	10,804	10,176
Other collective accommodation ¹	57	68	1,168	1,295	3,357	3,638
Total	170	179	17,521	17,156	39,779	39,544
Gozo and Comino						
Hotel	15	15	848	845	1,812	1,803
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	220	217	468	455
4 Star	4	4	316	316	688	692
3 Star	6	6	277	277	570	570
Other collective accommodation ¹	11	12	136	154	290	333
Total	26	27	984	999	2,102	2,136

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2019 ²	April-June	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	294,558	491,068	497,219
5 Star	55,830	104,980	95,968
4 Star	158,614	221,692	242,460
3 Star	71,369	149,968	144,028
2 Star	8,745	14,428	14,763
Other collective accommodation ¹	20,904	30,719	37,021
Total	315,462	521,787	534,240
Malta			
Hotel	290,326	476,019	484,269
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	54,912	101,470	93,039
4 Star	156,560	215,785	237,483
3 Star	70,195	144,690	139,288
Other collective accommodation ¹	20,399	28,147	34,595
Total	310,725	504,166	518,864
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	4,232	15,049	12,950
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	918	3,510	2,929
4 Star	2,054	5,907	4,977
3 Star	1,174	5,278	4,740
Other collective accommodation ¹	505	2,572	2,426
Total	4,737	17,621	15,376

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(2) Revised

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2019 ²	April-June	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	54,822	33,402	38,527
5 Star	14,675	11,709	13,820
4 Star	32,607	11,887	15,130
3 Star	6,467	8,818	8,438
2 Star	1,073	988	1,139
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,926	2,049	2,508
Total	56,748	35,451	41,035
Malta			
Hotel	45,453	23,455	26,577
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	11,312	8,498	9,981
4 Star	29,396	9,270	11,677
3 Star	4,560	5,530	4,676
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,197	1,236	1,643
Total	46,650	24,691	28,220
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	9,369	9,947	11,950
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,363	3,211	3,839
4 Star	3,211	2,617	3,453
3 Star	1,907	3,288	3,762
Other collective accommodation ¹	729	813	865
Total	10,098	10,760	12,815

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(2) Revised

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2019 ²	April-June	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	1,458,004	2,548,510	2,481,970
5 Star	206,322	434,471	391,975
4 Star	836,560	1,270,981	1,300,361
3 Star	361,205	761,155	713,303
2 Star	53,917	81,903	76,331
Other collective accommodation ¹	119,511	173,536	189,141
Total	1,577,515	2,722,046	2,671,111
Malta			
Hotel	1,442,260	2,478,973	2,424,828
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	202,921	419,113	378,715
4 Star	827,470	1,239,047	1,276,245
3 Star	358,167	739,953	694,707
Other collective accommodation ¹	118,413	165,799	181,765
Total	1,560,673	2,644,772	2,606,593
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	15,744	69,537	57,142
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,401	15,358	13,260
4 Star	9,090	31,934	24,116
3 Star	3,038	21,202	18,596
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,098	7,737	7,376
Total	16,842	77,274	64,518

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2019 ²	April-June	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	115,647	78,592	92,574
5 Star	31,725	26,446	33,358
4 Star	67,483	27,956	37,098
3 Star	14,558	22,280	20,000
2 Star	1,881	1,910	2,118
Other collective accommodation ¹	3,981	4,879	6,111
Total	119,628	83,471	98,685
Malta			
Hotel	98,263	58,121	68,895
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	25,514	19,843	25,915
4 Star	60,994	21,600	29,168
3 Star	11,316	16,209	13,223
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,754	3,440	4,580
Total	101,017	61,561	73,475
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	17,384	20,471	23,679
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,211	6,603	7,443
4 Star	6,489	6,356	7,930
3 Star	3,242	6,071	6,777
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,227	1,439	1,531
Total	18,611	21,910	25,210

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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 2018	92.9%	April 2019	90.9%
May 2018	92.7%	May 2019	91.3%
June 2018	91.7%	June 2019	90.6%

4. In this release figures for Quarter 1 2019 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to Quarter 2 2019 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. 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 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

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:

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