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Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during the third quarter of 2019 advanced by 1.8 per cent, while total nights spent declined by 1.9 per cent when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q3/2019

Cut-off date:
20 November 2019

During the third quarter of 2019, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 588,605, while total nights surpassed 3.2 million. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for over 1.5 million nights, or 47.3 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.5 nights in the third quarter of 2019 from the average of 5.7 nights registered during the same quarter of 2018. The net use of bed-places stood at 83.0 per cent, down by 1.0 percentage point when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during September 2019, there were 214 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 18,549 bedrooms and 42,607 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 553,824, up by 2.0 per cent over the third quarter of 2018. Conversely, a decrease of 1.8 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino decreased by 0.3 per cent and 5.2 per cent, to 34,781 and 131,607 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

In Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.2 of a night to 5.6 nights and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 0.2 of a night to 3.8 nights, when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. The net occupancy rate in Malta decreased by 0.8 percentage points, reaching 83.9 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 5.5 percentage points to 66.4 per cent over the same quarter of 2018 (Table 3).

January-September 2019

Total guests in the first nine months of 2019 surpassed 1.5 million, an increase of 0.2 per cent over the same period in 2018 (Table 1). Total nights spent went down by 3.1 per cent, reaching nearly 7.7 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 2.4 percentage points to 68.7 per cent (Table 3) ■

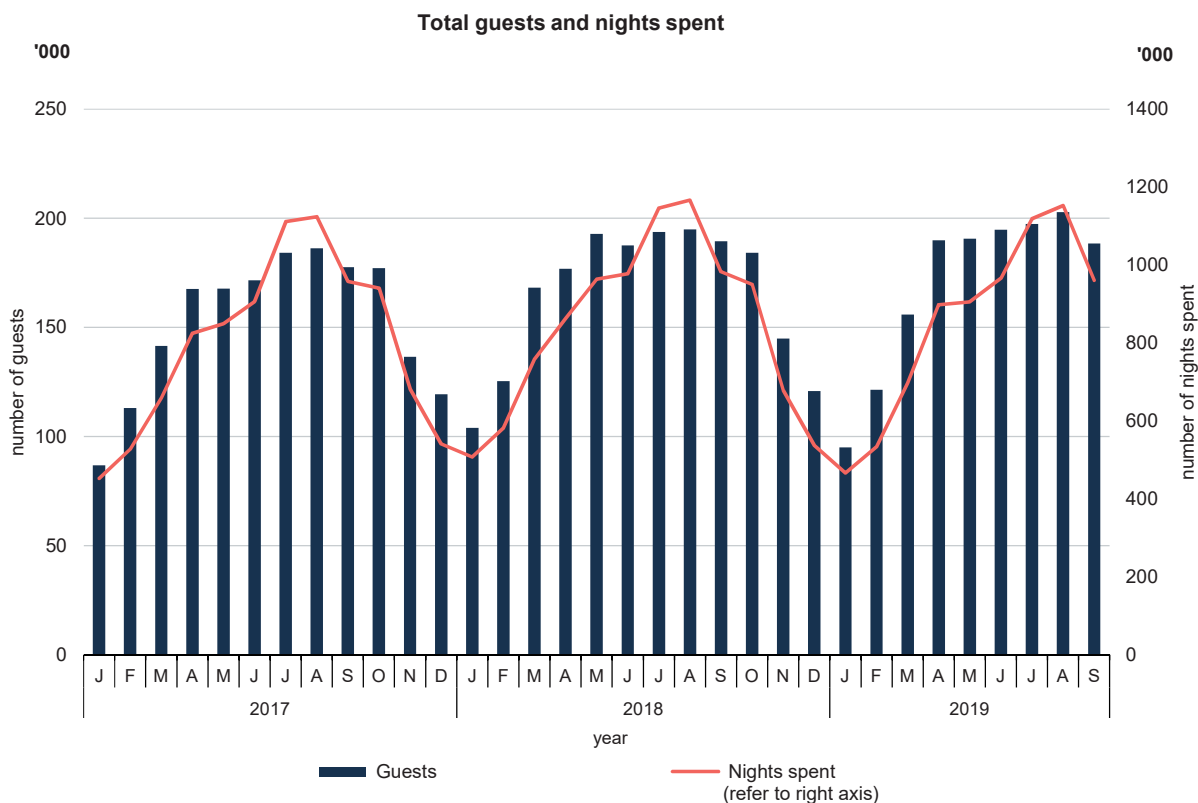


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q2/2019 ²	July-September		January-September	
		2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA					
Hotel	535,746	540,315	541,397	1,442,991	1,426,523
5 Star	109,788	125,375	118,701	322,720	298,994
4 Star	257,590	239,863	252,023	660,140	700,834
3 Star	152,466	157,512	152,243	417,606	382,545
2 Star	15,902	17,565	18,430	42,525	44,150
Other collective accommodation ¹	39,519	37,646	47,208	89,729	109,557
Total	575,265	577,961	588,605	1,532,720	1,536,080
Malta					
Hotel	510,846	509,249	510,337	1,372,211	1,356,962
of which:					
5 Star	103,020	117,603	110,410	304,150	279,654
4 Star	249,160	230,025	242,168	635,536	677,284
3 Star	143,964	145,808	141,033	393,793	359,752
Other collective accommodation ¹	36,228	33,829	43,487	81,011	101,311
Total	547,074	543,078	553,824	1,453,222	1,458,273
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	24,900	31,066	31,060	70,780	69,561
of which:					
5 Star	6,768	7,772	8,291	18,570	19,340
4 Star	8,430	9,838	9,855	24,604	23,550
3 Star	8,502	11,704	11,210	23,813	22,793
Other collective accommodation ¹	3,291	3,817	3,721	8,718	8,246
Total	28,191	34,883	34,781	79,498	77,807

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

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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	Q2/2019 ²	July-September		January-September	
		2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA					
Hotel	2,574,544	3,079,429	2,996,955	7,437,768	7,145,150
5 Star	425,333	578,934	545,596	1,320,083	1,208,976
4 Star	1,337,459	1,518,951	1,528,093	3,755,314	3,769,595
3 Star	733,303	888,018	828,244	2,129,277	1,937,310
2 Star	78,449	93,526	95,022	233,094	229,269
Other collective accommodation ¹	195,221	215,998	235,704	511,322	554,417
Total	2,769,765	3,295,427	3,232,659	7,949,090	7,699,567
Malta					
Hotel	2,493,723	2,953,464	2,878,003	7,180,896	6,912,249
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	404,630	549,017	516,681	1,256,902	1,149,746
4 Star	1,305,413	1,466,696	1,479,935	3,643,959	3,673,812
3 Star	707,930	848,857	790,765	2,055,672	1,868,178
Other collective accommodation ¹	186,314	203,116	223,049	486,225	530,530
Total	2,680,037	3,156,580	3,101,052	7,667,121	7,442,779
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	80,821	125,965	118,952	256,872	232,901
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	20,703	29,917	28,915	63,181	59,230
4 Star	32,046	52,255	48,158	111,355	95,783
3 Star	25,373	39,161	37,479	73,605	69,132
Other collective accommodation ¹	8,907	12,882	12,655	25,097	23,887
Total	89,728	138,847	131,607	281,969	256,788

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2019 ²	July-September		January-September	
		2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA					
Hotel	75.5	86.1	85.2	72.8	70.3
5 Star	73.2	88.3	89.2	71.4	69.8
4 Star	77.2	87.4	87.8	75.2	73.0
3 Star	75.6	84.4	80.4	70.6	67.1
2 Star	61.2	70.7	70.3	63.6	60.4
Other collective accommodation ¹	55.3	63.1	62.8	53.4	52.9
Total	73.6	84.0	83.0	71.1	68.7
Malta					
Hotel	76.6	86.6	85.9	73.4	71.1
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	75.0	89.6	90.7	72.6	70.8
4 Star	78.2	87.6	88.3	75.8	73.8
3 Star	76.4	84.9	80.9	70.9	67.5
Other collective accommodation ¹	57.6	64.3	64.7	55.1	54.6
Total	74.9	84.7	83.9	71.9	69.6
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	51.9	75.6	70.9	58.2	52.6
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	50.0	69.5	69.1	54.4	53.7
4 Star	50.9	82.6	73.4	59.4	50.2
3 Star	58.4	74.8	71.5	63.6	57.8
Other collective accommodation ¹	30.4	48.8	41.6	33.6	31.0
Total	48.5	71.9	66.4	54.6	49.4

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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	September					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
MALTA						
Hotel	129	126	17,379	16,995	38,967	38,366
5 Star	14	14	3,445	3,192	7,030	6,650
4 Star	43	43	8,299	8,203	19,090	18,848
3 Star	55	51	4,972	4,933	11,410	11,399
2 Star	17	18	663	667	1,437	1,469
Other collective accommodation ¹	73	88	1,352	1,554	3,729	4,241
Total	202	214	18,731	18,549	42,696	42,607
Malta						
Hotel	114	111	16,531	16,129	37,155	36,531
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	12	3,225	2,975	6,562	6,195
4 Star	39	39	7,983	7,866	18,402	18,124
3 Star	49	45	4,695	4,656	10,840	10,829
Other collective accommodation ¹	62	76	1,216	1,400	3,440	3,908
Total	176	187	17,747	17,529	40,595	40,439
Gozo and Comino						
Hotel	15	15	848	866	1,812	1,835
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	220	217	468	455
4 Star	4	4	316	337	688	724
3 Star	6	6	277	277	570	570
Other collective accommodation ¹	11	12	136	154	289	333
Total	26	27	984	1,020	2,101	2,168

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2019 ²	July-September	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	497,219	500,650	500,223
5 Star	95,968	110,452	102,669
4 Star	242,460	226,245	237,138
3 Star	144,028	147,490	143,360
2 Star	14,763	16,463	17,056
Other collective accommodation ¹	37,011	35,761	45,351
Total	534,230	536,411	545,574
Malta			
Hotel	484,269	482,568	483,380
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	93,039	106,461	98,874
4 Star	237,483	219,346	230,879
3 Star	139,288	141,032	137,173
Other collective accommodation ¹	34,585	32,732	42,394
Total	518,854	515,300	525,774
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	12,950	18,082	16,843
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,929	3,991	3,795
4 Star	4,977	6,899	6,259
3 Star	4,740	6,458	6,187
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,426	3,029	2,957
Total	15,376	21,111	19,800

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2019 ²	July-September	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	38,527	39,665	41,174
5 Star	13,820	14,923	16,032
4 Star	15,130	13,618	14,885
3 Star	8,438	10,022	8,883
2 Star	1,139	1,102	1,374
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,508	1,885	1,857
Total	41,035	41,550	43,031
Malta			
Hotel	26,577	26,681	26,957
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	9,981	11,142	11,536
4 Star	11,677	10,679	11,289
3 Star	4,676	4,776	3,860
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,643	1,097	1,093
Total	28,220	27,778	28,050
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	11,950	12,984	14,217
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,839	3,781	4,496
4 Star	3,453	2,939	3,596
3 Star	3,762	5,246	5,023
Other collective accommodation ¹	865	788	764
Total	12,815	13,772	14,981

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2019 ²	July-September	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	2,481,970	2,972,215	2,882,412
5 Star	391,975	531,975	495,055
4 Star	1,300,361	1,483,880	1,488,313
3 Star	713,303	865,052	806,788
2 Star	76,331	91,308	92,256
Other collective accommodation ¹	189,110	209,452	229,445
Total	2,671,080	3,181,667	3,111,857
Malta			
Hotel	2,424,828	2,876,831	2,797,575
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	378,715	512,234	477,175
4 Star	1,276,245	1,439,948	1,450,604
3 Star	694,707	836,018	779,810
Other collective accommodation ¹	181,734	198,193	218,442
Total	2,606,562	3,075,024	3,016,017
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	57,142	95,384	84,837
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	13,260	19,741	17,880
4 Star	24,116	43,932	37,709
3 Star	18,596	29,034	26,978
Other collective accommodation ¹	7,376	11,259	11,003
Total	64,518	106,643	95,840

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2019 ²	July-September	
		2018	2019
MALTA			
Hotel	92,574	107,214	114,543
5 Star	33,358	46,959	50,541
4 Star	37,098	35,071	39,780
3 Star	20,000	22,966	21,456
2 Star	2,118	2,218	2,766
Other collective accommodation ¹	6,111	6,546	6,259
Total	98,685	113,760	120,802
Malta			
Hotel	68,895	76,633	80,428
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	25,915	36,783	39,506
4 Star	29,168	26,748	29,331
3 Star	13,223	12,839	10,955
Other collective accommodation ¹	4,580	4,923	4,607
Total	73,475	81,556	85,035
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	23,679	30,581	34,115
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	7,443	10,176	11,035
4 Star	7,930	8,323	10,449
3 Star	6,777	10,127	10,501
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,531	1,623	1,652
Total	25,210	32,204	35,767

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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
3. Response rates:

July 2018	90.9%	July 2019	91.4%
August 2018	92.3%	August 2019	92.0%
September 2018	91.2%	September 2019	90.2%

4. In this release, figures for Quarter 2 2019 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to Quarter 3 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