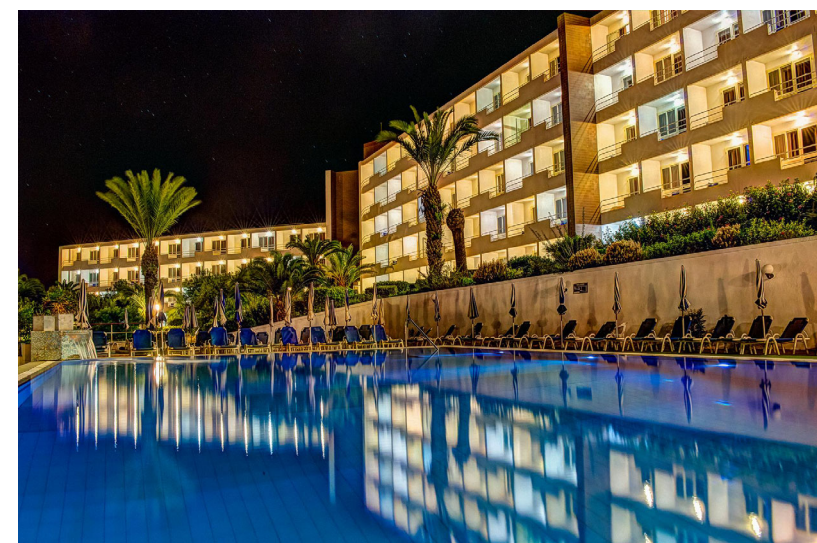


Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q4/2023

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Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during the fourth quarter of 2023 stood at 547,133 while total nights spent amounted to 2,290,509.



In the fourth quarter of 2023, the largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, with 49.7 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments in 2023 remained constant at 4.2 nights when compared to the figure registered during the same quarter of 2022. The net use of bed-places stood at 55.2 per cent, up by 5.4 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during December 2023, there were 296 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 19,591 bedrooms and 44,656 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 522,383, up by 16.8 per cent over the fourth quarter of 2022. Additionally, an increase of 16.1 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent, reaching 2,220,817 nights. Total guests in Gozo and Comino increased by 14.8 per cent to 24,750, while nights increased by 28.0 per cent to 69,692 (Tables 1 and 2).

When compared with the same quarter of the previous year, in Malta, the average length of stay remained constant at 4.3 nights. In Gozo and Comino, the average length of stay went up by 0.3 of a night to 2.8 nights. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 5.4 percentage points, reaching 56.1 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino increased by 6.0 percentage points to 35.8 per cent (Table 3).

January-December 2023

Total guests of 2023 amounted to 2,252,822, an increase of 24.2 per cent over the same period in 2022 (Table 1). Total nights spent increased by 20.5 per cent reaching 9,892,838 nights (Table 2). The net use of bed-places went up by 8.9 percentage points to 62.2 per cent (Table 3).

Chart 1. Total guests and nights spent

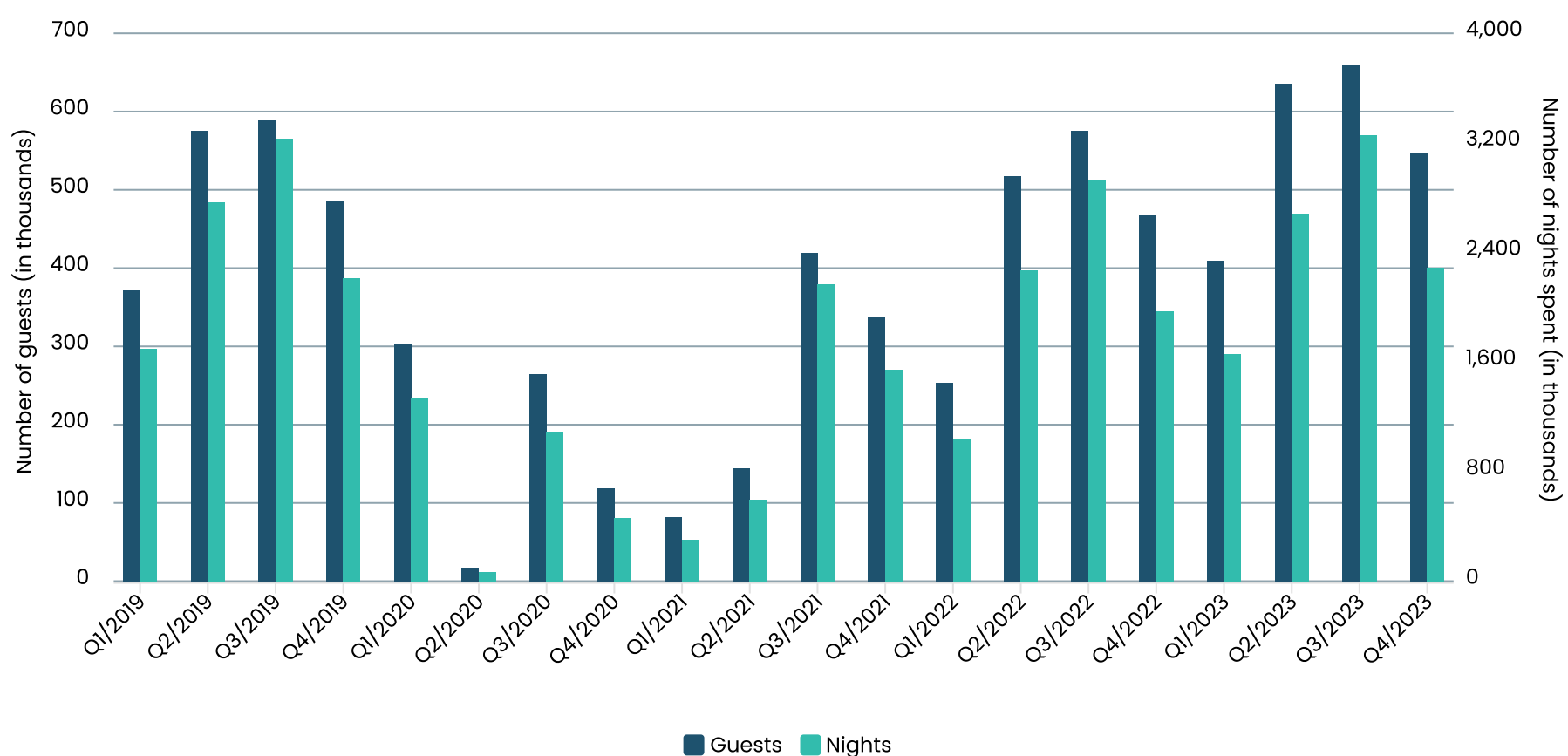


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	MONTHLY									QUARTERLY			ANNUAL	
	2023 ¹			2022			2023			Q3/2023 ¹	Q4/2022	Q4/2023	Q1-Q4/2022	Q1-Q4/2023
	July	August	September	October	November	December	October	November	December					
MALTA														
Hotel	194,895	204,617	183,981	168,383	131,818	123,629	197,271	147,082	145,984	583,493	423,830	490,337	1,622,972	2,010,363
5 Star	41,908	46,201	39,073	38,131	28,732	27,553	43,543	29,725	33,776	127,182	94,416	107,044	343,401	427,768
4 Star	98,533	103,249	93,655	80,332	64,498	60,754	100,307	76,324	71,853	295,437	205,584	248,484	798,680	1,008,672
3 Star	49,157	49,971	46,791	45,731	35,659	32,940	49,104	37,951	37,890	145,919	114,330	124,945	436,395	526,480
2 Star	5,297	5,196	4,462	4,189	2,929	2,382	4,317	3,082	2,465	14,955	9,500	9,864	44,496	47,443
Other collective accommodation²	25,242	26,561	25,062	20,235	13,847	10,871	24,811	16,757	15,228	76,865	44,953	56,796	191,189	242,459
Total	220,137	231,178	209,043	188,618	145,665	134,500	222,082	163,839	161,212	660,358	468,783	547,133	1,814,161	2,252,822
Malta														
Hotel	185,521	194,563	173,598	160,725	126,925	118,196	189,045	141,313	140,724	553,682	405,846	471,082	1,549,696	1,927,800
<i>of which:</i>														
5 Star	38,899	42,967	34,975	35,212	27,343	25,868	40,918	27,872	32,034	116,841	88,423	100,824	322,224	403,100
4 Star	94,772	99,350	90,202	77,670	62,571	58,690	97,045	73,926	69,840	284,324	198,931	240,811	769,813	975,407
3 Star	47,236	47,745	44,578	44,107	34,394	31,661	47,144	36,748	36,772	139,559	110,162	120,664	419,076	507,265
Other collective accommodation²	22,345	23,440	21,919	18,598	13,028	9,749	22,478	15,312	13,511	67,704	41,375	51,301	175,448	216,918
Total	207,866	218,003	195,517	179,323	139,953	127,945	211,523	156,625	154,235	621,386	447,221	522,383	1,725,144	2,144,718
Gozo and Comino														
Hotel	9,374	10,054	10,383	7,658	4,893	5,433	8,226	5,769	5,260	29,811	17,984	19,255	73,276	82,563
<i>of which:</i>														
5 Star	3,009	3,234	4,098	2,919	1,389	1,685	2,625	1,853	1,742	10,341	5,993	6,220	21,177	24,668
4 Star	3,761	3,899	3,453	2,662	1,927	2,064	3,262	2,398	2,013	11,113	6,653	7,673	28,867	33,265
3 Star	1,921	2,226	2,213	1,624	1,265	1,279	1,960	1,203	1,118	6,360	4,168	4,281	17,319	19,215
Other collective accommodation²	2,897	3,121	3,143	1,637	819	1,122	2,333	1,445	1,717	9,161	3,578	5,495	15,741	25,541
Total	12,271	13,175	13,526	9,295	5,712	6,555	10,559	7,214	6,977	38,972	21,562	24,750	89,017	108,104

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	MONTHLY									QUARTERLY			ANNUAL	
	2023 ¹			2022			2023			Q3/2023 ¹	Q4/2022	Q4/2023	Q1-Q4/2022	Q1-Q4/2023
	July	August	September	October	November	December	October	November	December					
MALTA														
Hotel	994,798	1,093,897	869,201	769,049	569,246	461,995	890,744	658,977	538,557	2,957,896	1,800,290	2,088,278	7,465,948	8,993,773
5 Star	201,040	230,271	165,550	152,212	104,252	90,995	179,901	126,488	109,620	596,861	347,459	416,009	1,398,494	1,738,810
4 Star	529,673	590,306	476,327	385,623	295,245	233,542	495,831	362,655	278,918	1,596,306	914,410	1,137,404	3,812,386	4,806,249
3 Star	243,670	252,057	209,021	214,573	156,758	126,216	198,081	157,544	139,918	704,748	497,547	495,543	2,074,145	2,261,452
2 Star	20,415	21,263	18,303	16,641	12,991	11,242	16,931	12,290	10,101	59,981	40,874	39,322	180,923	187,262
Other collective accommodation²	101,209	106,257	93,352	76,182	53,570	37,923	92,022	60,374	49,835	300,818	167,675	202,231	744,476	899,065
Total	1,096,007	1,200,154	962,553	845,231	622,816	499,918	982,766	719,351	588,392	3,258,714	1,967,965	2,290,509	8,210,424	9,892,838
Malta														
Hotel	962,727	1,056,429	837,874	747,204	556,491	449,584	862,514	642,367	525,976	2,857,030	1,753,279	2,030,857	7,245,963	8,741,683
<i>of which:</i>														
5 Star	190,579	218,016	155,797	145,675	100,183	86,653	171,202	121,343	105,415	564,392	332,511	397,960	1,330,208	1,663,667
4 Star	514,458	572,595	461,676	375,372	289,868	228,586	482,410	354,664	273,593	1,548,729	893,826	1,110,667	3,712,455	4,685,822
3 Star	238,800	246,317	203,577	210,424	154,031	123,840	192,991	154,667	137,635	688,694	488,295	485,293	2,033,960	2,216,672
Other collective accommodation²	91,954	97,084	84,772	72,365	51,912	35,955	85,649	57,360	46,951	273,810	160,232	189,960	706,320	836,737
Total	1,054,681	1,153,513	922,646	819,569	608,403	485,539	948,163	699,727	572,927	3,130,840	1,913,511	2,220,817	7,952,283	9,578,420
Gozo and Comino														
Hotel	32,071	37,468	31,327	21,845	12,755	12,411	28,230	16,610	12,581	100,866	47,011	57,421	219,985	252,090
<i>of which:</i>														
5 Star	10,461	12,255	9,753	6,537	4,069	4,342	8,699	5,145	4,205	32,469	14,948	18,049	68,286	75,143
4 Star	15,215	17,711	14,651	10,251	5,377	4,956	13,421	7,991	5,325	47,577	20,584	26,737	99,931	120,427
3 Star	4,870	5,740	5,444	4,149	2,727	2,376	5,090	2,877	2,283	16,054	9,252	10,250	40,185	44,780
Other collective accommodation²	9,255	9,173	8,580	3,817	1,658	1,968	6,373	3,014	2,884	27,008	7,443	12,271	38,156	62,328
Total	41,326	46,641	39,907	25,662	14,413	14,379	34,603	19,624	15,465	127,874	54,454	69,692	258,141	314,418

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

per cent

Type of accommodation	MONTHLY									QUARTERLY			ANNUAL	
	2023 ¹			2022			2023			Q3/2023 ¹	Q4/2022	Q4/2023	Q1-Q4/2022	Q1-Q4/2023
	July	August	September	October	November	December	October	November	December					
MALTA														
Hotel	82.0	89.2	72.7	63.7	51.3	40.9	71.4	56.7	45.2	81.4	52.2	58.0	55.4	65.0
5 Star	83.6	95.8	69.1	63.3	44.8	37.9	71.0	51.6	43.3	82.9	48.7	55.3	49.7	60.9
4 Star	81.5	89.9	75.1	65.1	56.8	43.9	75.6	61.6	47.2	82.3	55.6	62.0	59.5	68.0
3 Star	82.8	84.0	71.2	62.4	47.7	38.4	64.1	52.6	44.0	79.4	49.7	53.5	53.0	63.3
2 Star	70.3	73.2	65.1	55.1	44.5	37.3	57.1	43.1	34.4	69.6	45.6	44.9	52.2	54.5
Other collective accommodation²	57.6	59.4	52.6	43.5	32.2	22.5	49.6	34.0	26.6	56.5	32.9	36.8	38.6	43.3
Total	78.9	85.4	70.1	61.2	48.8	38.5	68.6	53.7	42.7	78.2	49.7	55.2	53.3	62.2
Malta														
Hotel	82.6	89.7	73.0	64.5	52.3	41.5	72.0	57.6	46.0	81.8	53.0	58.7	55.9	65.7
<i>of which:</i>														
5 Star	84.2	96.4	69.1	64.4	45.8	38.3	71.7	52.5	44.1	83.2	49.5	56.1	50.0	61.4
4 Star	82.2	90.5	75.5	66.0	58.4	45.0	76.4	62.7	48.2	82.8	56.8	62.9	60.5	69.0
3 Star	83.2	84.2	71.2	62.5	47.8	38.5	64.0	52.8	44.2	79.6	49.8	53.6	52.9	63.5
Other collective accommodation²	58.0	60.1	52.8	45.3	33.6	23.2	51.0	35.4	27.6	57.0	34.2	38.0	39.9	44.5
Total	79.7	86.1	70.5	62.1	49.9	39.2	69.4	54.8	43.6	78.8	50.7	56.1	54.0	63.1
Gozo and Comino														
Hotel	66.9	77.6	66.7	45.6	27.6	26.1	57.4	35.4	26.0	70.4	33.2	39.8	42.0	47.2
<i>of which:</i>														
5 Star	73.8	86.5	69.9	46.1	29.7	30.6	60.3	36.9	29.2	76.8	35.6	42.2	45.3	51.7
4 Star	64.0	74.5	63.7	43.1	23.4	20.8	56.4	34.7	22.4	67.4	29.2	37.9	37.2	44.3
3 Star	66.6	74.7	73.2	57.2	39.7	34.3	66.2	40.9	33.5	71.5	44.0	47.6	54.8	52.3
Other collective accommodation²	53.8	52.9	50.5	24.6	13.9	14.3	36.1	19.6	16.8	52.4	18.1	24.4	24.4	32.0
Total	63.4	71.1	62.4	40.5	24.8	23.5	51.8	31.5	23.6	65.7	29.8	35.8	37.9	43.1

¹ Revised.² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

Table 4. Number of establishments, net bedrooms and net bed-places by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	December					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	MALTA					
Hotel	129	141	16,219	17,142	36,571	38,494
5 Star	17	18	3,732	3,920	7,753	8,172
4 Star	43	47	7,580	8,379	17,241	19,072
3 Star	54	61	4,512	4,459	10,603	10,292
2 Star	15	15	395	384	974	958
Other collective accommodation¹	124	155	2,141	2,449	5,522	6,162
Total	253	296	18,360	19,591	42,093	44,656
	Malta					
Hotel	115	126	15,496	16,404	35,027	36,910
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	15	16	3,514	3,698	7,296	7,707
4 Star	39	43	7,227	8,026	16,474	18,305
3 Star	49	56	4,395	4,341	10,369	10,046
Other collective accommodation¹	111	137	1,927	2,183	5,046	5,574
Total	226	263	17,423	18,587	40,073	42,484
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	14	15	723	738	1,544	1,584
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	218	222	457	465
4 Star	4	4	353	353	767	767
3 Star	5	5	117	118	234	246
Other collective accommodation¹	13	18	214	266	476	588
Total	27	33	937	1,004	2,020	2,172

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	July-September 2023 ¹	October-December	
		2022	2023
	MALTA		
Hotel	527,738	359,243	426,549
5 Star	106,406	73,614	88,463
4 Star	269,918	174,738	216,791
3 Star	137,973	102,547	112,408
2 Star	13,441	8,344	8,887
Other collective accommodation²	71,440	40,797	52,197
Total	599,178	400,040	478,746
	Malta		
Hotel	513,511	351,646	418,449
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	102,364	70,857	86,336
4 Star	263,980	172,291	213,096
3 Star	134,415	100,370	110,396
Other collective accommodation²	65,950	39,133	49,318
Total	579,461	390,779	467,767
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	14,227	7,597	8,100
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	4,042	2,757	2,127
4 Star	5,938	2,447	3,695
3 Star	3,558	2,177	2,012
Other collective accommodation²	5,490	1,664	2,879
Total	19,717	9,261	10,979

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	July-September 2023 ¹	October-December	
		2022	2023
MALTA			
Hotel	55,755	64,587	63,788
5 Star	20,776	20,802	18,581
4 Star	25,519	30,846	31,693
3 Star	7,946	11,783	12,537
2 Star	1,514	1,156	977
Other collective accommodation²	5,425	4,156	4,599
Total	61,180	68,743	68,387
Malta			
Hotel	40,171	54,200	52,633
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	14,477	17,566	14,488
4 Star	20,344	26,640	27,715
3 Star	5,144	9,792	10,268
Other collective accommodation²	1,754	2,242	1,983
Total	41,925	56,442	54,616
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	15,584	10,387	11,155
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,299	3,236	4,093
4 Star	5,175	4,206	3,978
3 Star	2,802	1,991	2,269
Other collective accommodation²	3,671	1,914	2,616
Total	19,255	12,301	13,771

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	July-September 2023 ¹	October-December	
		2022	2023
	MALTA		
Hotel	2,782,025	1,647,081	1,925,088
5 Star	523,056	294,655	368,148
4 Star	1,519,608	845,066	1,058,155
3 Star	681,999	468,566	461,179
2 Star	57,362	38,794	37,606
Other collective accommodation²	290,710	159,982	194,411
Total	3,072,735	1,807,063	2,119,499
	Malta		
Hotel	2,720,656	1,623,455	1,891,227
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	507,355	288,703	358,808
4 Star	1,486,492	833,720	1,040,217
3 Star	671,934	462,861	455,565
Other collective accommodation²	270,621	155,819	186,370
Total	2,991,277	1,779,274	2,077,597
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	61,369	23,626	33,861
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	15,701	5,952	9,340
4 Star	33,116	11,346	17,938
3 Star	10,065	5,705	5,614
Other collective accommodation²	20,089	4,163	8,041
Total	81,458	27,789	41,902

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	July-September 2023 ¹	October-December	
		2022	2023
	MALTA		
Hotel	175,871	153,209	163,190
5 Star	73,805	52,804	47,861
4 Star	76,698	69,344	79,249
3 Star	22,749	28,981	34,364
2 Star	2,619	2,080	1,716
Other collective accommodation²	10,108	7,693	7,820
Total	185,979	160,902	171,010
	Malta		
Hotel	136,374	129,824	139,630
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	57,037	43,808	39,152
4 Star	62,237	60,106	70,450
3 Star	16,760	25,434	29,728
Other collective accommodation²	3,189	4,413	3,590
Total	139,563	134,237	143,220
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	39,497	23,385	23,560
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	16,768	8,996	8,709
4 Star	14,461	9,238	8,799
3 Star	5,989	3,547	4,636
Other collective accommodation²	6,919	3,280	4,230
Total	46,416	26,665	27,790

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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 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.

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

3. Response rates:

Response rate	2022	2023
October	93.6%	93.1%
November	91.9%	93.1%
December	92.9%	92.0%

4. In this release, figures for July-September 2023 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to October-December 2023 are a first estimate (data cut-off date 9 January 2024), therefore subject to revision in the ensuing release.

5. The Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) classification of all accommodation categories is found in 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 15.4 of the NSO's [metadata file](#).

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 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.

8. Collective Accommodation Establishment data for 2019 has been included in this release for easier comparison with the pre-COVID-19 situation.

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

- [Sources and Methods](#)
- [Statistical Concepts](#)
- [Metadata](#)
- [Statistical Database](#)

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

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