

Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q1/2024

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Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during the first quarter of 2024 stood at 494,172, while total nights spent amounted to 1,986,819.



In the first quarter of 2024, the largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, with 48.3 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments in 2024 decreased at 4.0 nights, 0.1 less when compared to the figure registered during the same quarter of 2023. The net use of bed-places stood at 49.1 per cent, up by 3.7 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during March 2024, there were 304 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 20,218 bedrooms and 46,230 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 476,705, up by 21.0 per cent over the first quarter of 2023. Additionally, an increase of 19.6 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent, reaching 1,946,105 nights. Total guests in Gozo and Comino increased by 15.1 per cent to 17,467, while nights increased by 24.6 per cent to 40,714 (Tables 1 and 2).

When compared with the same quarter of the previous year, in Malta, the average length of stay remained constant at 4.1 nights. In Gozo and Comino, the average length of stay went up by 0.1 of a night to 2.3 nights. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 3.8 percentage points, reaching 50.0 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino increased by 3.3 percentage points to 25.2 per cent (Table 3).

Chart 1. Total guests and nights spent

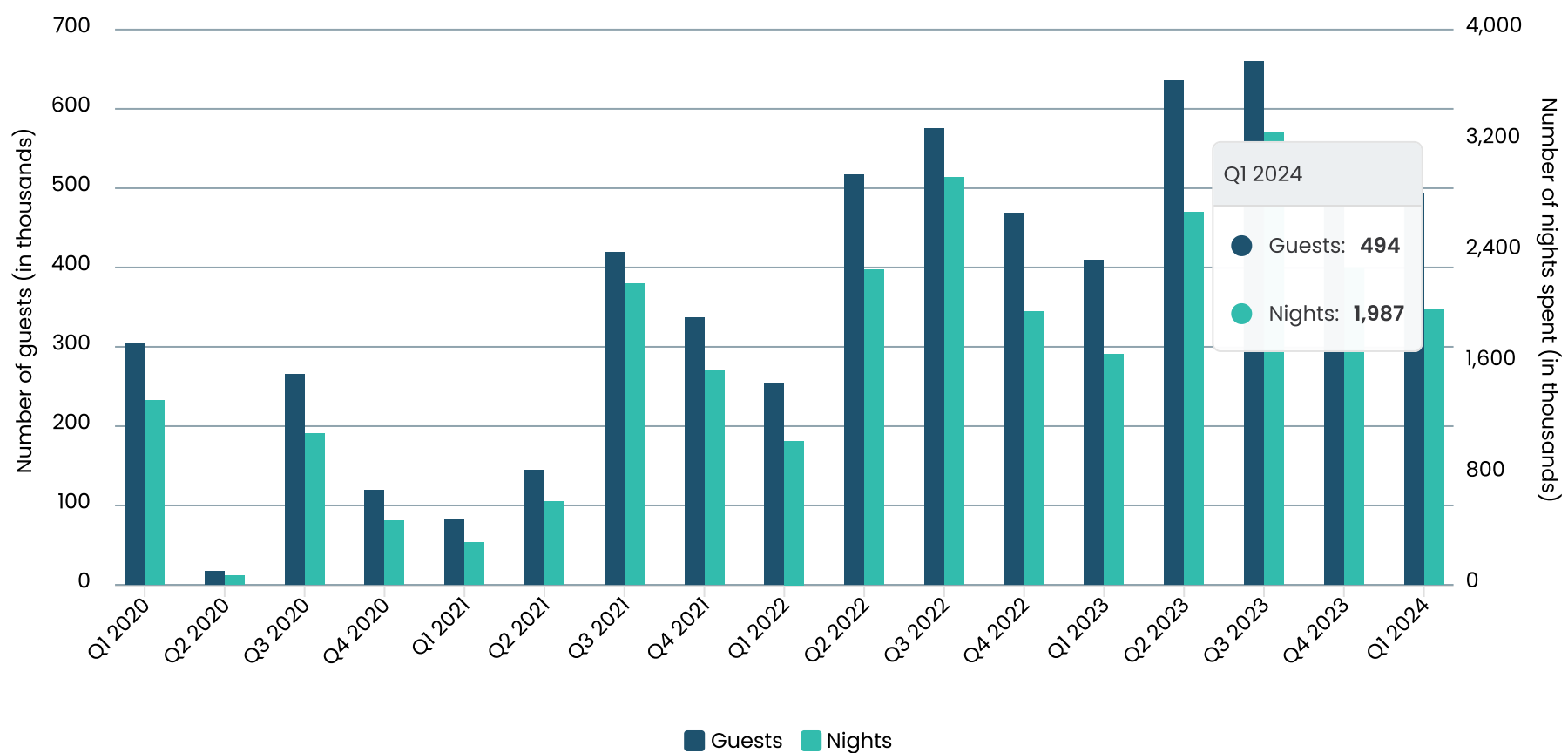


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	MONTHLY									QUARTERLY		
	2023 ¹			2023			2024			Q4/2023 ¹	Q1/2023	Q1/2024
	October	November	December	January	February	March	January	February	March			
MALTA												
Hotel	197,271	147,082	146,421	98,562	122,233	149,863	116,928	146,628	179,353	490,774	370,658	442,909
5 Star	43,543	29,725	33,776	18,770	22,791	29,421	22,814	25,949	36,448	107,044	70,982	85,211
4 Star	100,307	76,324	71,686	49,992	64,919	75,684	57,258	75,965	87,542	248,317	190,595	220,765
3 Star	49,104	37,951	38,494	27,471	31,779	41,469	34,627	42,041	51,968	125,549	100,719	128,636
2 Star	4,317	3,082	2,465	2,329	2,744	3,289	2,229	2,673	3,395	9,864	8,362	8,297
Other collective accommodation²	24,811	16,886	15,039	9,966	12,257	16,108	14,314	16,370	20,579	56,736	38,331	51,263
Total	222,082	163,968	161,460	108,528	134,490	165,971	131,242	162,998	199,932	547,510	408,989	494,172
Malta												
Hotel	189,045	141,313	141,161	96,457	118,620	144,143	114,872	142,452	173,123	471,519	359,220	430,447
<i>of which:</i>												
5 Star	40,918	27,872	32,034	18,713	22,412	27,858	22,721	25,432	35,031	100,824	68,983	83,184
4 Star	97,045	73,926	69,673	49,044	62,992	73,190	56,236	73,832	84,778	240,644	185,226	214,846
3 Star	47,144	36,748	37,376	26,596	30,742	40,171	33,934	40,894	50,431	121,268	97,509	125,259
Other collective accommodation²	22,478	15,441	13,338	9,126	10,944	14,520	13,021	14,732	18,505	51,257	34,590	46,258
Total	211,523	156,754	154,499	105,583	129,564	158,663	127,893	157,184	191,628	522,776	393,810	476,705
Gozo and Comino												
Hotel	8,226	5,769	5,260	2,105	3,613	5,720	2,056	4,176	6,230	19,255	11,438	12,462
<i>of which:</i>												
5 Star	2,625	1,853	1,742	57	379	1,563	93	517	1,417	6,220	1,999	2,027
4 Star	3,262	2,398	2,013	948	1,927	2,494	1,022	2,133	2,764	7,673	5,369	5,919
3 Star	1,960	1,203	1,118	875	1,037	1,298	693	1,147	1,537	4,281	3,210	3,377
Other collective accommodation²	2,333	1,445	1,701	840	1,313	1,588	1,293	1,638	2,074	5,479	3,741	5,005
Total	10,559	7,214	6,961	2,945	4,926	7,308	3,349	5,814	8,304	24,734	15,179	17,467

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		
	2023 ¹			2023			2024			Q4/2023 ¹	Q1/2023	Q1/2024
	October	November	December	January	February	March	January	February	March			
MALTA												
Hotel	890,744	658,977	537,764	407,516	489,169	615,724	476,870	585,562	734,385	2,087,485	1,512,409	1,796,817
5 Star	179,901	126,488	109,620	68,286	79,035	103,477	87,497	93,743	136,674	416,009	250,798	317,914
4 Star	495,831	362,655	277,927	212,551	264,949	324,978	252,296	323,097	384,326	1,136,413	802,478	959,719
3 Star	198,081	157,544	140,116	115,984	133,467	173,652	127,682	157,713	199,656	495,741	423,103	485,051
2 Star	16,931	12,290	10,101	10,695	11,718	13,617	9,395	11,009	13,729	39,322	36,030	34,133
Other collective accommodation²	92,022	61,228	49,228	39,438	46,811	60,792	52,687	61,820	75,495	202,478	147,041	190,002
Total	982,766	720,205	586,992	446,954	535,980	676,516	529,557	647,382	809,880	2,289,963	1,659,450	1,986,819
Malta												
Hotel	862,514	642,367	525,183	402,537	481,217	602,245	471,396	576,202	717,829	2,030,064	1,485,999	1,765,427
<i>of which:</i>												
5 Star	171,202	121,343	105,415	67,940	78,201	99,359	86,767	92,692	132,954	397,960	245,500	312,413
4 Star	482,410	354,664	272,602	209,780	260,336	318,844	249,311	317,915	375,868	1,109,676	788,960	943,094
3 Star	192,991	154,667	137,833	114,495	131,447	171,061	126,371	155,268	196,253	485,491	417,003	477,892
Other collective accommodation²	85,649	58,214	46,392	37,995	44,562	58,222	50,238	58,781	71,659	190,255	140,779	180,678
Total	948,163	700,581	571,575	440,532	525,779	660,467	521,634	634,983	789,488	2,220,319	1,626,778	1,946,105
Gozo and Comino												
Hotel	28,230	16,610	12,581	4,979	7,952	13,479	5,474	9,360	16,556	57,421	26,410	31,390
<i>of which:</i>												
5 Star	8,699	5,145	4,205	346	834	4,118	730	1,051	3,720	18,049	5,298	5,501
4 Star	13,421	7,991	5,325	2,771	4,613	6,134	2,985	5,182	8,458	26,737	13,518	16,625
3 Star	5,090	2,877	2,283	1,489	2,020	2,591	1,311	2,445	3,403	10,250	6,100	7,159
Other collective accommodation²	6,373	3,014	2,836	1,443	2,249	2,570	2,449	3,039	3,836	12,223	6,262	9,324
Total	34,603	19,624	15,417	6,422	10,201	16,049	7,923	12,399	20,392	69,644	32,672	40,714

¹ Revised.

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

per cent

Type of accommodation	MONTHLY									QUARTERLY		
	2023 ¹			2023			2024			Q4/2023 ¹	Q1/2023	Q1/2024
	October	November	December	January	February	March	January	February	March			
MALTA												
Hotel	71.4	56.7	44.9	37.9	49.0	55.6	40.8	52.6	60.3	57.9	47.5	51.3
5 Star	71.0	51.6	43.3	30.0	38.0	43.2	36.3	41.1	55.2	55.3	37.1	44.3
4 Star	75.6	61.6	47.0	41.6	55.4	59.6	42.3	57.9	63.2	61.9	52.3	54.4
3 Star	64.1	52.6	43.2	37.7	46.8	59.0	42.3	52.5	60.2	53.1	47.7	51.9
2 Star	57.1	43.1	34.4	36.6	43.1	48.1	32.7	39.6	46.2	44.9	42.5	39.6
Other collective accommodation²	49.6	34.2	26.4	24.3	31.1	36.0	28.6	35.3	39.6	36.7	30.5	34.5
Total	68.6	53.7	42.4	36.1	46.7	53.0	39.1	50.2	57.5	55.1	45.3	49.1
Malta												
Hotel	72.0	57.6	45.7	38.4	49.8	56.8	41.5	53.3	61.1	58.6	48.3	52.1
<i>of which:</i>												
5 Star	71.7	52.5	44.1	30.0	38.3	43.9	36.3	41.4	55.6	56.1	37.4	44.5
4 Star	76.4	62.7	48.1	42.5	56.8	61.1	43.5	59.2	64.3	62.9	53.5	55.6
3 Star	64.0	52.8	43.4	38.0	47.1	59.6	42.6	52.7	60.3	53.3	48.1	52.2
Other collective accommodation²	51.0	35.6	27.3	25.6	32.4	38.1	29.9	37.2	41.6	37.9	32.1	36.2
Total	69.4	54.8	43.3	36.8	47.6	54.4	40.0	51.3	58.6	56.0	46.3	50.0
Gozo and Comino												
Hotel	57.4	35.4	26.0	18.7	24.7	28.4	16.0	27.9	39.2	39.8	24.9	28.6
<i>of which:</i>												
5 Star	60.3	36.9	29.2	27.0	22.8	30.2	35.7	26.1	43.8	42.2	28.5	37.8
4 Star	56.4	34.7	22.4	15.9	23.5	25.8	12.6	25.2	35.6	37.9	22.2	24.4
3 Star	66.2	40.9	33.5	24.2	30.6	35.4	26.2	41.6	51.3	47.6	30.4	40.9
Other collective accommodation²	36.1	19.6	17.2	10.2	17.5	16.4	15.4	17.9	20.7	24.7	14.7	18.1
Total	51.8	31.5	23.8	15.8	22.6	25.4	15.8	24.5	33.6	35.9	22.0	25.2

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	March					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2023 ¹	2024	2023 ¹	2024	2023 ¹	2024
	MALTA					
Hotel	130	145	15,937	17,718	35,853	39,912
5 Star	17	18	3,732	3,928	7,753	8,185
4 Star	45	50	7,714	8,767	17,679	20,064
3 Star	54	62	4,122	4,639	9,508	10,705
2 Star	14	15	369	384	913	958
Other collective accommodation²	127	159	2,177	2,500	5,502	6,318
Total	257	304	18,114	20,218	41,355	46,230
	Malta					
Hotel	116	131	15,213	16,994	34,307	38,360
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	15	16	3,514	3,706	7,296	7,720
4 Star	41	46	7,361	8,414	16,912	19,297
3 Star	49	58	4,004	4,535	9,272	10,491
Other collective accommodation²	112	140	1,931	2,222	4,957	5,708
Total	228	271	17,144	19,216	39,264	44,068
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	14	14	724	724	1,546	1,552
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	218	222	457	465
4 Star	4	4	353	353	767	767
3 Star	5	4	118	104	236	214
Other collective accommodation²	15	19	246	278	545	610
Total	29	33	970	1,002	2,091	2,162

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	October-December 2023 ¹	January-March	
		2023	2024
MALTA			
Hotel	426,867	303,004	375,144
5 Star	88,463	52,682	67,690
4 Star	216,603	153,000	183,673
3 Star	112,914	89,897	116,607
2 Star	8,887	7,425	7,174
Other collective accommodation²	52,156	33,505	46,002
Total	479,023	336,509	421,146
Malta			
Hotel	418,767	299,714	371,031
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	86,336	52,303	67,163
4 Star	212,908	151,643	181,583
3 Star	110,902	88,468	115,266
Other collective accommodation²	49,281	32,244	43,988
Total	468,048	331,958	415,019
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	8,100	3,290	4,113
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,127	379	527
4 Star	3,695	1,357	2,090
3 Star	2,012	1,429	1,341
Other collective accommodation²	2,875	1,261	2,014
Total	10,975	4,551	6,127

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	October-December 2023 ¹	January-March	
		2023	2024
MALTA			
Hotel	63,907	67,654	67,765
5 Star	18,581	18,300	17,521
4 Star	31,714	37,595	37,092
3 Star	12,635	10,822	12,029
2 Star	977	937	1,123
Other collective accommodation²	4,580	4,826	5,261
Total	68,487	72,480	73,026
Malta			
Hotel	52,752	59,506	59,416
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	14,488	16,680	16,021
4 Star	27,736	33,583	33,263
3 Star	10,366	9,041	9,993
Other collective accommodation²	1,976	2,346	2,270
Total	54,728	61,852	61,686
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	11,155	8,148	8,349
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	4,093	1,620	1,500
4 Star	3,978	4,012	3,829
3 Star	2,269	1,781	2,036
Other collective accommodation²	2,604	2,480	2,991
Total	13,759	10,628	11,340

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	October-December 2023 ¹	January-March	
		2023	2024
MALTA			
Hotel	1,923,977	1,354,300	1,632,191
5 Star	368,148	206,566	271,125
4 Star	1,057,121	717,712	872,648
3 Star	461,102	395,458	456,159
2 Star	37,606	34,564	32,259
Other collective accommodation²	194,688	139,179	181,053
Total	2,118,665	1,493,479	1,813,244
Malta			
Hotel	1,890,116	1,343,545	1,616,852
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	358,808	204,854	268,874
4 Star	1,039,183	712,069	863,284
3 Star	455,488	392,352	452,885
Other collective accommodation²	186,664	136,637	176,749
Total	2,076,780	1,480,182	1,793,601
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	33,861	10,755	15,339
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	9,340	1,712	2,251
4 Star	17,938	5,643	9,364
3 Star	5,614	3,106	3,274
Other collective accommodation²	8,024	2,542	4,304
Total	41,885	13,297	19,643

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	October-December 2023 ¹	January-March	
		2023	2024
MALTA			
Hotel	163,508	158,109	164,626
5 Star	47,861	44,232	46,789
4 Star	79,292	84,766	87,071
3 Star	34,639	27,645	28,892
2 Star	1,716	1,466	1,874
Other collective accommodation²	7,790	7,862	8,949
Total	171,298	165,971	173,575
Malta			
Hotel	139,948	142,454	148,575
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	39,152	40,646	43,539
4 Star	70,493	76,891	79,810
3 Star	30,003	24,651	25,007
Other collective accommodation²	3,591	4,142	3,929
Total	143,539	146,596	152,504
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	23,560	15,655	16,051
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	8,709	3,586	3,250
4 Star	8,799	7,875	7,261
3 Star	4,636	2,994	3,885
Other collective accommodation²	4,199	3,720	5,020
Total	27,759	19,375	21,071

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	2023	2024
January	92.7%	91.8%
February	89.1%	92.5%
March	91.2%	92.4%

4. In this release, figures for October-December 2023 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to January-March 2024 are a first estimate (data cut-off date 7 March 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. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

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