Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q3/2026

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Salient Points

- In the third quarter of 2026, total guests in collective accommodation establishments amounted to 894,891, up by 14.4 per cent over the corresponding period of 2025.
- Total nights spent during the period under review reached 4,270,863 an increase of 10.4 per cent over the third quarter of 2025.
- During July-September 2026, the largest share of guest nights (48.0 per cent) was reported in 4-star hotels.
- Net use of bed-places in the third quarter of this year increased by 0.5 percentage points, when compared to the same quarter of 2025, to 80.6 per cent.

Commentary

Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during the third quarter of 2026 stood at 894,891 while total nights spent amounted to 4,270,863.

In the third quarter of 2026, the largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, with 48.0 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments in the third quarter of 2026, slightly decreased to 4.8 nights when compared to the same quarter of 2025. The net use of bed-places stood at 80.6 per cent, up by 0.5 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during September 2026, there were 380 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 25,348 bedrooms and 58,483 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 845,132, up by 14.8 per cent over the third quarter of 2025. Additionally, an increase of 10.6 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent, reaching 4,113,570 nights. Total guests in Gozo and Comino increased by 6.9 per cent to 49,759 while nights increased by 6.0 per cent to 157,293 (Tables 1 and 2).

When compared with the same quarter of 2025, in Malta, the average length of stay decreased slightly to 4.9 nights, while in Gozo and Comino the average length of stay remained at par with 2025 at 3.2 nights. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 0.5 percentage points, reaching 81.4 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino slightly decreased to 65.1 per cent when compared to same quarter of 2025 (Table 3).

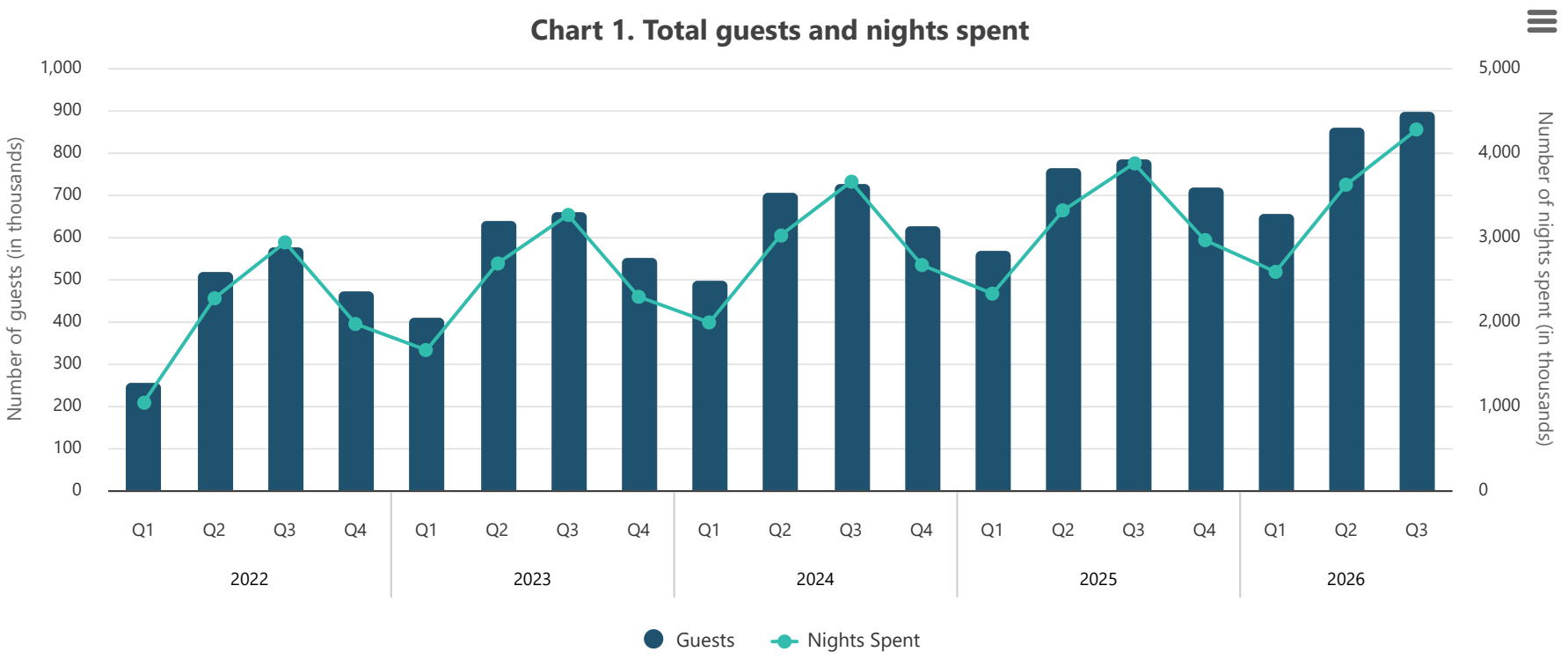

Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	MONTHLY									QUARTERLY			ANNUAL	
	2026[1]			2025			2026			Q2/2026[1]	Q3/2025	Q3/2026	Q1-Q3/2025	Q1-Q3/2026
	April	May	June	July	August	September	July	August	September					
MALTA														
Hotel	**245,430**	**256,448**	**244,722**	**231,945**	**234,926**	**211,235**	**262,124**	**274,541**	**239,268**	**746,600**	**678,106**	**775,933**	**1,850,552**	**2,105,787**
5 Star	46,670	48,183	49,032	49,601	53,018	42,668	54,710	56,256	47,885	143,885	145,287	158,851	370,425	409,389
4 Star	119,428	125,807	118,111	113,806	115,408	106,972	128,210	134,317	114,493	363,346	336,186	377,020	928,971	1,041,152
3 Star	75,480	78,564	73,710	64,195	61,990	57,749	75,003	79,681	73,036	227,754	183,934	227,720	517,671	623,359
2 Star	3,852	3,894	3,869	4,343	4,510	3,846	4,201	4,287	3,854	11,615	12,699	12,342	33,485	31,887
Other collective accommodation[2]	**35,943**	**39,425**	**36,434**	**33,587**	**36,648**	**34,233**	**37,861**	**40,352**	**40,745**	**111,802**	**104,468**	**118,958**	**259,925**	**302,832**
Total	**281,373**	**295,873**	**281,156**	**265,532**	**271,574**	**245,468**	**299,985**	**314,893**	**280,013**	**858,402**	**782,574**	**894,891**	**2,110,477**	**2,408,619**
Malta														
Hotel	**236,829**	**247,368**	**232,885**	**221,385**	**222,378**	**200,685**	**249,966**	**261,212**	**228,239**	**717,082**	**644,448**	**739,417**	**1,776,281**	**2,021,160**
of which:														
5 Star	45,450	46,313	44,673	46,701	49,736	40,140	51,684	52,800	45,745	136,436	136,577	150,229	350,619	389,214
4 Star	114,609	121,354	113,289	108,514	109,112	101,541	122,193	127,821	108,693	349,252	319,167	358,707	892,687	999,200
3 Star	73,443	76,359	71,496	62,395	59,837	55,733	72,428	76,966	70,470	221,298	177,965	219,864	504,011	605,052
Other collective accommodation[2]	**31,575**	**35,085**	**32,429**	**29,472**	**32,177**	**29,916**	**33,674**	**35,796**	**36,245**	**99,089**	**91,565**	**105,715**	**228,477**	**270,044**
Total	**268,404**	**282,453**	**265,314**	**250,857**	**254,555**	**230,601**	**283,640**	**297,008**	**264,484**	**816,171**	**736,013**	**845,132**	**2,004,758**	**2,291,204**
Gozo and Comino														
Hotel	**8,601**	**9,080**	**11,837**	**10,560**	**12,548**	**10,550**	**12,158**	**13,329**	**11,029**	**29,518**	**33,658**	**36,516**	**74,271**	**84,627**
of which:														
5 Star	1,220	1,870	4,359	2,900	3,282	2,528	3,026	3,456	2,140	7,449	8,710	8,622	19,806	20,175
4 Star	4,819	4,453	4,822	5,292	6,296	5,431	6,017	6,496	5,800	14,094	17,019	18,313	36,284	41,952
3 Star	2,037	2,205	2,214	1,800	2,153	2,016	2,575	2,715	2,566	6,456	5,969	7,856	13,660	18,307
Other collective accommodation[2]	**4,368**	**4,340**	**4,005**	**4,115**	**4,471**	**4,317**	**4,187**	**4,556**	**4,500**	**12,713**	**12,903**	**13,243**	**31,448**	**32,788**
Total	**12,969**	**13,420**	**15,842**	**14,675**	**17,019**	**14,867**	**16,345**	**17,885**	**15,529**	**42,231**	**46,561**	**49,759**	**105,719**	**117,415**

[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	
	2026[1]			2025			2026			Q2/2026[1]	Q3/2025	Q3/2026	Q1-Q3/2025	Q1-Q3/2026
	April	May	June	July	August	September	July	August	September					
MALTA														
Hotel	**1,034,731**	**1,094,377**	**1,111,889**	**1,187,607**	**1,267,044**	**1,022,333**	**1,324,284**	**1,401,550**	**1,109,470**	**3,240,997**	**3,476,984**	**3,835,304**	**8,575,436**	**9,415,830**
5 Star	183,648	187,410	193,558	237,013	264,295	189,434	244,529	263,821	196,407	564,616	690,742	704,757	1,576,053	1,639,572
4 Star	552,459	590,358	602,505	641,574	679,843	560,305	713,149	746,513	590,681	1,745,322	1,881,722	2,050,343	4,712,473	5,091,290
3 Star	284,897	302,577	301,422	292,020	305,481	258,334	351,316	374,543	307,948	888,896	855,835	1,033,807	2,161,883	2,565,483
2 Star	13,727	14,032	14,404	17,000	17,425	14,260	15,290	16,673	14,434	42,163	48,685	46,397	125,027	119,485
Other collective accommodation[2]	**118,962**	**130,625**	**126,599**	**131,936**	**137,070**	**122,812**	**142,737**	**150,661**	**142,161**	**376,186**	**391,818**	**435,559**	**933,146**	**1,056,891**
Total	**1,153,693**	**1,225,002**	**1,238,488**	**1,319,543**	**1,404,114**	**1,145,145**	**1,467,021**	**1,552,211**	**1,251,631**	**3,617,183**	**3,868,802**	**4,270,863**	**9,508,582**	**10,472,721**
Malta														
Hotel	**1,009,522**	**1,065,268**	**1,078,486**	**1,151,848**	**1,223,780**	**985,825**	**1,283,268**	**1,356,987**	**1,069,836**	**3,153,276**	**3,361,453**	**3,710,091**	**8,345,387**	**9,157,303**
of which:														
5 Star	178,496	181,850	186,190	226,833	253,395	180,900	234,936	253,048	187,400	546,536	661,128	675,384	1,514,891	1,582,860
4 Star	537,973	573,713	583,690	622,344	655,725	539,586	690,315	722,098	569,688	1,695,376	1,817,655	1,982,101	4,588,294	4,947,236
3 Star	280,229	296,884	295,225	286,953	299,080	252,546	343,896	366,796	299,880	872,338	838,579	1,010,572	2,126,421	2,516,970
Other collective accommodation[2]	**110,690**	**121,009**	**117,384**	**121,594**	**125,627**	**111,706**	**132,680**	**139,557**	**131,242**	**349,083**	**358,927**	**403,479**	**863,372**	**985,887**
Total	**1,120,212**	**1,186,277**	**1,195,870**	**1,273,442**	**1,349,407**	**1,097,531**	**1,415,948**	**1,496,544**	**1,201,078**	**3,502,359**	**3,720,380**	**4,113,570**	**9,208,759**	**10,143,190**
Gozo and Comino														
Hotel	**25,209**	**29,109**	**33,403**	**35,759**	**43,264**	**36,508**	**41,016**	**44,563**	**39,634**	**87,721**	**115,531**	**125,213**	**230,049**	**258,527**
of which:														
5 Star	5,152	5,560	7,368	10,180	10,900	8,534	9,593	10,773	9,007	18,080	29,614	29,373	61,162	56,712
4 Star	14,486	16,645	18,815	19,230	24,118	20,719	22,834	24,415	20,993	49,946	64,067	68,242	124,179	144,054
3 Star	4,668	5,693	6,197	5,067	6,401	5,788	7,420	7,747	8,068	16,558	17,256	23,235	35,462	48,513
Other collective accommodation[2]	**8,272**	**9,616**	**9,215**	**10,342**	**11,443**	**11,106**	**10,057**	**11,104**	**10,919**	**27,103**	**32,891**	**32,080**	**69,774**	**71,004**
Total	**33,481**	**38,725**	**42,618**	**46,101**	**54,707**	**47,614**	**51,073**	**55,667**	**50,553**	**114,824**	**148,422**	**157,293**	**299,823**	**329,531**

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

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

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Type of accommodation	MONTHLY									QUARTERLY			ANNUAL	
	2026[1]			2025[1]			2026			Q2/2026[1]	Q3/2025[1]	Q3/2026	Q1-Q3/2025[1]	Q1-Q3/2026
	April	May	June	July	August	September	July	August	September					
MALTA														
Hotel	**72.1**	**73.6**	**76.3**	**85.3**	**90.8**	**73.7**	**87.2**	**90.1**	**73.5**	**74.0**	**83.3**	**83.7**	**71.3**	**71.4**
5 Star	72.1	70.8	75.3	89.5	99.8	73.8	91.8	95.4	69.5	72.7	87.8	85.4	68.1	69.6
4 Star	73.3	75.8	78.1	85.2	89.8	75.4	89.0	92.2	76.3	75.8	83.5	86.0	73.2	73.8
3 Star	70.5	71.8	73.9	83.3	87.1	71.0	82.2	84.0	71.4	72.1	80.3	79.3	70.5	68.6
2 Star	62.2	61.9	65.7	71.2	73.0	62.1	66.4	71.9	64.3	63.3	68.8	67.6	60.2	59.7
Other collective accommodation[2]	**54.0**	**56.5**	**55.7**	**60.9**	**62.2**	**56.7**	**60.2**	**62.8**	**60.3**	**55.4**	**59.9**	**61.1**	**50.3**	**52.0**
Total	**69.7**	**71.3**	**73.5**	**82.0**	**86.9**	**71.4**	**83.6**	**86.5**	**71.7**	**71.5**	**80.1**	**80.6**	**68.5**	**68.8**
Malta														
Hotel	**73.5**	**74.8**	**77.2**	**86.2**	**91.4**	**74.0**	**88.1**	**90.8**	**73.8**	**75.1**	**83.9**	**84.3**	**72.0**	**72.3**
of which:														
5 Star	74.1	72.7	76.6	90.6	101.2	74.6	93.3	96.5	69.8	74.5	88.9	86.3	68.7	70.7
4 Star	74.5	76.9	78.9	86.1	90.3	75.5	89.7	92.9	76.7	76.8	84.0	86.6	73.9	74.8
3 Star	71.4	72.5	74.5	84.0	87.5	71.1	82.8	84.4	71.4	72.8	80.7	79.6	71.1	69.2
Other collective accommodation[2]	**54.9**	**57.3**	**56.4**	**61.9**	**62.7**	**56.7**	**61.1**	**63.5**	**60.7**	**56.2**	**60.4**	**61.8**	**51.1**	**52.8**
Total	**71.1**	**72.5**	**74.5**	**83.1**	**87.6**	**71.8**	**84.6**	**87.3**	**72.1**	**72.7**	**80.9**	**81.4**	**69.4**	**69.8**
Gozo and Comino														
Hotel	**41.9**	**46.9**	**55.4**	**63.3**	**76.0**	**67.3**	**66.2**	**72.7**	**66.9**	**48.1**	**68.9**	**68.6**	**52.0**	**49.0**
of which:														
5 Star	36.8	38.4	52.6	70.3	75.3	60.9	66.3	74.4	64.3	42.5	68.9	68.4	55.4	48.7
4 Star	46.0	51.2	59.8	64.5	79.7	72.5	71.2	76.1	67.6	52.3	72.3	71.7	54.4	51.1
3 Star	39.9	48.4	53.5	56.4	71.2	66.5	61.4	67.9	73.1	47.3	64.7	67.3	46.7	47.2
Other collective accommodation[2]	**44.1**	**48.2**	**47.9**	**51.3**	**56.7**	**56.9**	**50.6**	**55.6**	**56.5**	**46.8**	**55.0**	**54.2**	**42.2**	**42.7**
Total	**42.4**	**47.2**	**53.6**	**60.2**	**71.0**	**64.5**	**62.4**	**68.5**	**64.3**	**47.8**	**65.2**	**65.1**	**49.3**	**47.5**

[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	September					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2025	2026	2025[1]	2026	2025[1]	2026
	MALTA					
Hotel	**161**	**173**	**20,295**	**22,116**	**46,221**	**50,570**
5 Star	19	21	4,107	4,538	8,553	9,417
4 Star	58	60	10,742	11,083	24,768	25,790
3 Star	71	79	5,149	6,203	12,128	14,615
2 Star	13	13	297	292	772	748
Other collective accommodation[2]	**188**	**207**	**2,943**	**3,232**	**7,270**	**7,913**
Total	**349**	**380**	**23,238**	**25,348**	**53,491**	**58,483**
	Malta					
Hotel	**145**	**156**	**19,439**	**21,208**	**44,405**	**48,594**
of which:						
5 Star	17	19	3,884	4,315	8,086	8,950
4 Star	53	55	10,296	10,622	23,815	24,755
3 Star	66	73	5,007	6,024	11,838	14,247
Other collective accommodation[2]	**166**	**186**	**2,648**	**2,945**	**6,610**	**7,269**
Total	**311**	**342**	**22,087**	**24,153**	**51,015**	**55,863**
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	**16**	**17**	**856**	**908**	**1,816**	**1,976**
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	223	223	467	467
4 Star	5	5	446	461	953	1,035
3 Star	5	6	142	179	290	368
Other collective accommodation[2]	**22**	**21**	**295**	**287**	**660**	**644**
Total	**38**	**38**	**1,151**	**1,195**	**2,476**	**2,620**

[1] Revised.

[2] Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2026[1]	July-September 2025	July-September 2026
	MALTA		
Hotel	**700,200**	**623,307**	**723,600**
5 Star	129,008	127,671	141,506
4 Star	341,098	310,495	351,845
3 Star	219,630	173,800	219,105
2 Star	10,464	11,341	11,144
Other collective accommodation[2]	**105,062**	**97,122**	**110,959**
Total	**805,262**	**720,429**	**834,559**
	Malta		
Hotel	**685,184**	**606,469**	**705,021**
of which:			
5 Star	124,779	123,601	137,516
4 Star	335,007	301,728	343,003
3 Star	215,403	170,487	213,977
Other collective accommodation[2]	**96,789**	**89,153**	**102,723**
Total	**781,973**	**695,622**	**807,744**
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	**15,016**	**16,838**	**18,579**
of which:			
5 Star	4,229	4,070	3,990
4 Star	6,091	8,767	8,842
3 Star	4,227	3,313	5,128
Other collective accommodation[2]	**8,273**	**7,969**	**8,236**
Total	**23,289**	**24,807**	**26,815**

[1] Revised.

[2] Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2026[1]	July-September 2025	July-September 2026
	MALTA		
Hotel	**46,400**	**54,799**	**52,333**
5 Star	14,877	17,616	17,345
4 Star	22,248	25,691	25,175
3 Star	8,124	10,134	8,615
2 Star	1,151	1,358	1,198
Other collective accommodation[2]	**6,740**	**7,346**	**7,999**
Total	**53,140**	**62,145**	**60,332**
	Malta		
Hotel	**31,898**	**37,979**	**34,396**
of which:			
5 Star	11,657	12,976	12,713
4 Star	14,245	17,439	15,704
3 Star	5,895	7,478	5,887
Other collective accommodation[2]	**2,300**	**2,412**	**2,992**
Total	**34,198**	**40,391**	**37,388**
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	**14,502**	**16,820**	**17,937**
of which:			
5 Star	3,220	4,640	4,632
4 Star	8,003	8,252	9,471
3 Star	2,229	2,656	2,728
Other collective accommodation[2]	**4,440**	**4,934**	**5,007**
Total	**18,942**	**21,754**	**22,944**

[1] Revised.

[1] Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2026[1]	July-September 2025	July-September 2026
	MALTA		
Hotel	**3,125,273**	**3,303,532**	**3,687,206**
5 Star	529,780	635,230	653,488
4 Star	1,684,754	1,795,101	1,977,053
3 Star	870,541	826,848	1,012,388
2 Star	40,198	46,353	44,277
Other collective accommodation[2]	**364,948**	**378,285**	**421,325**
Total	**3,490,221**	**3,681,817**	**4,108,531**
	Malta		
Hotel	**3,071,551**	**3,232,848**	**3,609,860**
of which:			
5 Star	517,231	616,884	634,945
4 Star	1,657,040	1,756,083	1,937,818
3 Star	858,398	815,981	995,178
Other collective accommodation[2]	**344,906**	**354,077**	**397,512**
Total	**3,416,457**	**3,586,925**	**4,007,372**
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	**53,722**	**70,684**	**77,346**
of which:			
5 Star	12,549	18,346	18,543
4 Star	27,714	39,018	39,235
3 Star	12,143	10,867	17,210
Other collective accommodation[2]	**20,042**	**24,208**	**23,813**
Total	**73,764**	**94,892**	**101,159**

[1] Revised.

[2] Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	April-June 2026[1]	July-September 2025	July-September 2026
	MALTA		
Hotel	**115,724**	**173,452**	**148,098**
5 Star	34,836	55,512	51,269
4 Star	60,568	86,621	73,290
3 Star	18,355	28,987	21,419
2 Star	1,965	2,332	2,120
Other collective accommodation[2]	**11,238**	**13,533**	**14,234**
Total	**126,962**	**186,985**	**162,332**
	Malta		
Hotel	**81,725**	**128,605**	**100,231**
of which:			
5 Star	29,305	44,244	40,439
4 Star	38,336	61,572	44,283
3 Star	13,940	22,598	15,394
Other collective accommodation[2]	**4,177**	**4,850**	**5,967**
Total	**85,902**	**133,455**	**106,198**
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	**33,999**	**44,847**	**47,867**
of which:			
5 Star	5,531	11,268	10,830
4 Star	22,232	25,049	29,007
3 Star	4,415	6,389	6,025
Other collective accommodation[2]	**7,061**	**8,683**	**8,267**
Total	**41,060**	**53,530**	**56,134**

[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	2025	2026
July	88.8%	89.2%
August	89.5%	91.0%
September	92.1%	89.4%

4. In this release, figures for April-June 2026 should be considered as second estimates, while those relating to July-September 2026 are first estimates and are therefore subject to revision in subsequent releases. Additionally, previously published figures may have been revised where updated information became available.

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.

- In accordance with the ACCOMSTAT methodology, available bed places are based on the establishment's permanent bed capacity and exclude temporary sleeping arrangements such as extra beds and sofa beds. Consequently, net use of bed-place occupancy rates may occasionally exceed 100% where guests are accommodated using temporary beds that are not included in the reported bed-place capacity.

- 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
Statistical Concepts
Metadata
Statistical Database

9. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately. For guidance on access and re-use of data please visit our dedicated webpage.

10. A detailed news release calendar is available online.

11. For further assistance, please submit your query through our online request form.