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## Tourism

### Collective accommodation establishments: March 2005

Occupancy trends during March 2005 reveal an overall increase in the gross/net use of bed-places by type of accommodation when compared to the same month in 2004. This increase is due to a decrease in the number of bed places from 41088 in March 2004 to 37740 bed places in March 2005. The highest net use level was recorded in the 4-star hotel category accommodation at 65.4 per cent. This was followed by the Hostel at 57.0 per cent.

Total nights spent in Malta and Gozo decreased by 2.6 per cent when compared to the same month in 2004. The average nights spent totaled 6.5 in both March 2004 and March 2005. On a regional level, a decrease of 0.3 per cent in the share of nights spent by non-residents was recorded in the island of Malta. Here, the average non-resident nights spent decreased from 7.4 in March 2004 to 7.3 in March 2005. A substantial decrease was recorded in the number of resident nights in the island of Malta when compared to the same month in 2004. In Gozo, non-resident nights decreased substantially, while the average nights spent decreased from 2.8 in March 2004 to 2.6 in March 2005.

### Occupancy levels: Malta

The highest occupancy levels for accommodation establishments in the island of Malta were recorded in the 4-star hotel accommodation. The 3-star hotel category decreased from 43.7 per cent in March 2004 to 43.2 per cent in March 2005, while occupancy for the hostel accommodation increased from 49.1 per cent to 52.0 per cent. Here, other increases in occupancy levels were recorded in the apart hotel, Guest houses, 5-star and 2-star hotel category.

### Net occupancy levels in Maltese and Gozitan accommodation establishments, March 2005



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**Table 1. Net use of bed-places by type of accommodation, hotel category and residents and non-residents in Malta and Gozo**

	March 2004			March 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	28.7	0.6	29.3	31.6	1.2	32.8
Guesthouse	9.6	1.7	11.3	16.9	0.9	17.8
Hostel	54.3	-	54.3	56.9	0.1	57.0
Hotel						
5-Star	40.5	3.0	43.5	44.5	4.6	49.1
4-Star	61.6	6.2	67.8	62.7	2.7	65.4
3-Star	47.4	0.6	48.0	47.1	0.6	47.7
2-Star	21.1	1.3	22.4	30.4	0.2	30.6
Tourist Village	40.3	1.0	41.3	19.1	1.3	20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>49.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>51.5</b>

**Table 2. Gross use of bed-places by type of accommodation, hotel category and residents and non-residents in Malta and Gozo**

	March 2004			March 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	23.7	0.5	24.2	29.5	1.1	30.6
Guesthouse	5.3	0.9	6.2	15.1	0.8	15.9
Hostel	48.0	-	48.0	56.9	0.1	57.0
Hotel						
5-Star	40.5	3.0	43.5	42.7	4.4	47.1
4-Star	56.3	5.7	62.0	59.8	2.6	62.4
3-Star	43.9	0.6	44.5	45.2	0.6	45.8
2-Star	14.9	0.9	15.8	26.7	0.2	26.9
Tourist Village	27.4	0.7	28.1	19.1	1.3	20.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>49.1</b>

**Table 3. Net use of bed-places by type of accommodation, hotel category and residents and non-residents in Malta**

	March 2004			March 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	25.6	0.5	26.1	28.5	1.0	29.5
Guesthouse	9.2	1.6	10.8	15.4	0.8	16.2
Hostel	49.1	0.0	49.1	51.9	0.1	52.0
Hotel						
5-Star	38.2	1.8	40.0	42.3	3.1	45.4
4-Star	55.3	5.1	60.3			
4-Star*				55.9	1.8	57.7
3-Star	43.5	0.2	43.7	43.0	0.2	43.2
2-Star	19.1	1.2	20.3	27.4	0.2	27.6
Tourist Village	36.4	0.9	37.3			
<b>Total</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>45.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>46.8</b>

\*Hotel 4 Star and Tourist Villages are grouped together for March 2005. This is in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments.

**Table 4. Gross use of bed-places by type of accommodation, hotel category in Malta by residents and non-residents**

	March 2004			March 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	21.4	0.4	21.8	26.6	0.9	27.5
Guesthouse	5.3	0.9	6.2	14.8	0.8	15.6
Hostel	43.3	-	43.3	51.9	0.1	52.0
Hotel						
5-Star	38.2	1.8	40.0	42.3	3.1	45.4
4-Star	53.2	4.9	58.1			
4-Star*				54.8	1.8	56.6
3-Star	40.2	0.2	40.4	41.3	0.2	41.5
2-Star	13.5	0.8	14.3	24.1	0.2	24.3
Tourist Village	24.7	0.6	25.3			
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>44.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>45.4</b>

\*Hotel 4 Star and Tourist Villages are grouped together for March 2005. This is in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments.

**Table 5. Net use of bed-places by type of accommodation, hotel category in Gozo by residents and non-residents**

	March 2004			March 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel						
Aparthotel, 3-star Hotel*	14.0	15.7	29.7			
Aparthotel, Hostel, 3-star Hotel*				19.8	12.6	32.4
Guesthouse	5.2	1.0	6.2	15.2	0.8	16.0
Hostel	-	-	-			
Hotel						
5-Star	23.1	9.7	32.8	12.8	17.8	30.6
4-Star	14.3	14.6	28.9	22.9	14.9	37.8
3-Star						
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>33.1</b>

\*Aparthotel, Guest houses and 3 star-hotel are grouped together for March 2004. Aparthotel and Hostel are included with 3-star hotel March 2005. This is in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments.

**Table 6. Gross use of bed-places by type of accommodation, hotel category in Gozo by residents and non-residents**

	March 2004			March 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel						
Aparthotel, 3-star Hotel*	14.0	15.7	29.7			
Aparthotel, Hostel, 3-star Hotel*				19.8	12.6	32.4
Guesthouse	1.7	0.3	2.0	8.8	0.5	9.3
Hostel	-	-	-			
Hotel						
5-Star	23.1	9.7	32.8	8.1	11.3	19.4
4-Star	9.6	9.8	19.4	15.4	10.0	25.4
3-Star						
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>23.3</b>

\*Aparthotel, Guest houses and 3 star-hotel are grouped together for March 2004. Aparthotel and Hostel are included with 3-star hotel March 2005. This is in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments.

**Table 7. Resident and non-residents by hotel category and other types of accommodation in Malta and Gozo and number of nights spent**

	March 2004						March 2005					
	No. of residents	Resident nights	No. of non-residents	Non-resident nights	Total arrivals	Total nights	No. of residents	Resident nights	No. of non-residents	Non-resident nights	Total arrivals	Total nights
Aparthotel	378	682	3,504	32,819	3,882	33,501	208	1,577	4,292	42,429	4,500	44,006
Guesthouse	21	250	1,198	1,454	1,219	1,704	29	175	662	3,462	691	3,637
Hostel	0	0	140	5,964	140	5,964	5	20	580	11,049	585	11,069
Hotel												
5-Star	2,290	3,987	12,558	54,377	14,848	58,364	3,475	5,974	12,445	57,349	15,920	63,323
4-Star	8,656	25,348	32,558	251,717	41,214	277,065	5,412	10,438	32,098	244,576	37,510	255,014
3-Star	897	1,820	16,062	134,070	16,959	135,890	865	1,661	17,686	130,551	18,551	132,212
2-Star	108	307	1,114	4,941	1,222	5,248	30	41	1,486	5,682	1,516	5,723
Tourist Village	195	362	1,465	14,337	1,660	14,699	126	211	336	3,210	462	3,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,545</b>	<b>32,756</b>	<b>68,599</b>	<b>499,679</b>	<b>81,144</b>	<b>532,435</b>	<b>10,150</b>	<b>20,097</b>	<b>69,585</b>	<b>498,308</b>	<b>79,735</b>	<b>518,405</b>

**Table 8. Resident and non-residents by hotel category and other types of accommodation in Malta and number of nights spent**

	March 2004						March 2005					
	No. of residents	Resident nights	No. of non-residents	Non-resident nights	Total arrivals	Total nights	No. of residents	Resident nights	No. of non-residents	Non-resident nights	Total arrivals	Total nights
Aparthotel	340	584	3,354	32,491	3,694	33,075	159	1,457	4,166	41,957	4,325	43,414
Guesthouse	10	236	1,192	1,380	1,202	1,616	25	154	581	3,033	606	3,187
Hostel	0	0	140	5,964	140	5,964	5	20	572	11,034	577	11,054
Hotel												
5-Star	1,353	2,408	11,696	50,599	13,049	53,007	2,157	4,141	11,903	56,030	14,060	60,171
4-Star	7,299	22,778	32,105	249,192	39,404	271,970						
4-Star *							4,234	8,024	31,625	243,745	35,859	251,769
3-Star	198	593	15,871	133,218	16,069	133,811	344	685	17,345	129,321	17,689	130,006
2-Star	108	307	1,114	4,941	1,222	5,248	30	41	1,486	5,682	1,516	5,723
Tourist Village	195	362	1,465	14,337	1,660	14,699						
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,503</b>	<b>27,268</b>	<b>66,937</b>	<b>492,122</b>	<b>76,440</b>	<b>519,390</b>	<b>6,954</b>	<b>14,522</b>	<b>67,678</b>	<b>490,802</b>	<b>74,632</b>	<b>505,324</b>

\*Hotel 4 Star and Tourist Villages are grouped together for February 2005. This is in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments.

**Table 9. Resident and non-residents by hotel category and other types of accommodation in Gozo and number of nights spent**

	March 2004						March 2005					
	No. of residents	Resident nights	No. of non-residents	Non-resident nights	Total arrivals	Total nights	No. of residents	Resident nights	No. of non-residents	Non-resident nights	Total arrivals	Total nights
Aparthotel, Aparthotel, 3-star hotel*	737	1,325	341	1,180	1,078	2,505						
Aparthotel, hostel 3-star hotel*							570	1,096	475	1,717	<b>1,045</b>	<b>2,813</b>
Guesthouse	11	14	6	74	17	88	4	21	81	429	85	450
Hostel	-	-	-	-	-	-						
Hotel												
5-Star	937	1,579	862	3,778	<b>1,799</b>	<b>5,357</b>	1,318	1,833	542	1,319	1,860	3,152
4-Star	1,357	2,570	453	2,525	<b>1,810</b>	<b>5,095</b>	1,304	2,625	809	4,041	<b>2,113</b>	<b>6,666</b>
3-Star												
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,042</b>	<b>5,488</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>7,557</b>	<b>4,704</b>	<b>13,045</b>	<b>3,196</b>	<b>5,575</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>7,506</b>	<b>5,103</b>	<b>13,081</b>

\*Aparthotel, Guest houses AND 3-Star hotels are grouped together for March 2004. Aparthotels and Hostel are included with 3-star hotel for March 2005. This is in order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments.

**Table 10. Number of bedrooms and bed-places by hotel category and other type of accommodation for active and dormant accommodation establishments**

	March 2004			March 2005		
	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments
Aparthotel	1,990	4,949	32	2,113	5,144	31
Guesthouse	441	979	37	437	819	35
Hostel	210	444	4	273	694	6
Hotel						
5-Star	2,509	4,800	13	2,506	4,798	13
4-Star	7,764	15,960	46	7,128	14,603	40
3-Star	5,203	10,902	49	5,025	10,323	45
2-Star	589	1,182	18	381	759	12
Tourist Village	898	1,872	4	300	600	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,604</b>	<b>41,088</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>18,163</b>	<b>37,740</b>	<b>183</b>

## Methodological Notes

### Survey on collective accommodation establishments

1. The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments namely hotels, apart-hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages and hostels.
2. The objective of the survey is to estimate the utilization rate of bed-places of all collective accommodation establishments in Malta and Gozo as occupied by residents, giving an indication of domestic tourism, and non-residents. The variables collected from the survey are as follows:
  - Number of residents
  - Number of non-residents
  - Nights spent by residents
  - Nights spent by non-residents
  - Number of bedrooms
  - Number of bed-places
  - Number of days the establishment was closed during the month

The collection of the above variables and the calculation of occupancy levels satisfy sections A and B of EU directive 95/57/EC.

3. These statistics should be considered as current and subject to revision. A last and final revision is normally carried out after the lapse of one year from the reference month.
4. Definitions
  - *Residents* are Maltese/Gozitan residents who check in (out) of a collective accommodation establishment. A person is considered to be resident in a country if the person:
    - (a) has lived for most of the past year or 12 months in that country;
    - (b) has lived in that country for a shorter period and intends to return within 12 months to live in that country.
  - *Non-residents* are foreigners who do not necessarily follow the definition of a tourist and check in (out) of a collective accommodation establishment.
  - *Domestic tourism* is the tourism of resident visitors within the economic territory of the country of residence.
  - *Total arrivals* are the number of residents and non-residents altogether.
  - *A night spent by residents / non-residents* is each night a guest actually spends (sleeps or stays) or is registered (his/her physical presence there being unnecessary) in a collective accommodation establishment.
  - *A bedroom* is the unit formed by one room or groups of rooms constituting an indivisible rental whole in an accommodation establishment or dwelling.
  - *A bed-place* in an establishment is determined by the number of persons who can stay overnight in the bed set up in the establishment, ignoring any extra beds that may be set up by customer request.
  - *Net use of bed-places* is the net occupancy rate calculated for all active accommodation establishments net of seasonal closures and other temporary closures for decoration, police order, etc.
  - *Gross use of bed-places* is the gross occupancy rate calculated for all active and dormant collective accommodation establishments.

#### Response Rate

March 75.6%