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Occupancy trends during May 2005 reveal an overall increase in the gross/net use of bed-places by type of accommodation when compared to the corresponding month in 2004. The month under review registered a drop of 6.4 per cent in the supply of bed-places, from 41,269 in May 2004 to 38,611 this year. Consequently, the overall occupancy rate (net use) increased by 3.5 percentage points to 57.3 per cent. The highest occupancy rate was recorded in the 4-star hotel accommodation category at 71.7 per cent. This was followed by the 5-star hotel category at 54.8 per cent.

Total nights spent in Malta and Gozo diminished by 0.1 per cent when compared to the same month in 2004, whilst the average nights spent increased from 6.1 in May last year to 6.4 nights in May 2005.

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Regional overview

Compared to May 2004, nights spent by non-residents in Malta went up by 0.1 per cent to 633,407 in May 2005. Year-on-year, the month under review exhibits an increase in the average length of stay of non-residents from 6.5 to 6.6 nights. On the other hand, the average length of stay of residents went up from 2.6 to 2.8 nights.

In Gozo, the number of resident nights more than halved, from 5,702 last year to 2,746 in May this year. On the other hand, compared to May last year, the number of non-resident nights increased by 15.2 per cent. Other improvements regarding non-residents appear in Chart 1, illustrating an increase of 15.0 per cent in the net occupancy rate. This was partly attributable to the festivities held on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Convention of the Federation of European Carnival Cities hosted in Nadur, Gozo from the 28th May - 4th June this year ■

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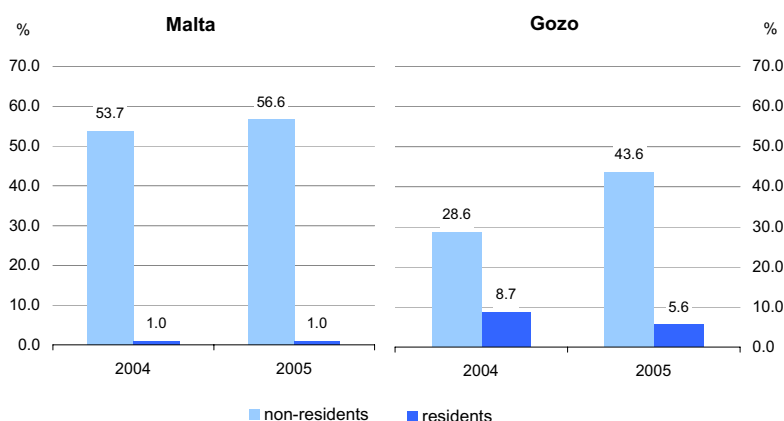
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Chart 1. Regional net occupancy rates in collective accommodation establishments, May 2005



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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

	May 2004			May 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	39.0	0.7	39.7	45.3	1.7	47.0
Guesthouse	13.8	1.0	14.8	17.5	0.3	17.7
Hostel	48.4	0.8	49.2	45.4	0.0	45.4
Hotel						
5-Star	51.7	2.9	54.6	52.5	2.3	54.8
4-Star	64.4	2.0	66.4	70.2	1.5	71.7
4-Star*	62.7	1.9	64.6	68.4	1.5	69.9
3-Star	47.4	0.5	47.9	50.6	0.2	50.8
2-Star	42.5	0.8	43.3	29.9	0.6	30.5
Tourist Village	48.7	1.4	50.1			
Total	52.4	1.4	53.8	56.1	1.2	57.3

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

	May 2004			May 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	38.8	0.7	39.5	43.8	1.7	45.5
Guesthouse	10.3	0.7	11.0	16.2	0.3	16.5
Hostel	48.4	0.8	49.2	45.4	0.0	45.4
Hotel						
5-Star	51.7	2.9	54.6	50.7	2.2	52.9
4-Star	63.3	1.9	65.2	69.1	1.5	70.6
4-Star*	61.7	1.9	63.6	67.4	1.5	68.8
3-Star	46.2	0.5	46.7	49.4	0.2	49.6
2-Star	33.1	0.6	33.7	29.9	0.6	30.5
Tourist Village	48.7	1.4	50.1			
Total	50.9	1.4	52.3	54.7	1.2	55.9

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

	May 2004			May 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	39.1	0.6	39.7	45.3	1.7	47.0
Guesthouse	13.8	0.7	14.5	16.6	0.3	16.9
Hostel	48.4	0.8	49.2	45.6	0.0	45.6
Hotel						
5-Star	52.5	1.7	54.2	52.3	2.1	54.4
4-Star	67.7	1.5	69.2	72.0	1.1	73.1
4-Star*	65.5	1.5	67.0	70.0	1.1	71.1
3-Star	47.7	0.2	47.9	50.7	0.1	50.8
2-Star	42.5	0.8	43.3	29.9	0.6	30.5
Tourist Village	48.7	1.4	50.1			
Total	53.7	1.0	54.7	56.6	1.0	57.6

* In order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments, 4-Star Hotels and Tourist Villages are grouped together for May 2005. For comparability purposes, the same exercise is repeated on May 2004.

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

	May 2004			May 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	38.9	0.6	39.5	43.7	1.7	45.4
Guesthouse	9.9	0.5	10.4	15.7	0.3	16.0
Hostel	48.4	0.8	49.2	45.6	0.0	45.6
Hotel						
5-Star	52.5	1.7	54.2	52.3	2.1	54.4
4-Star	66.5	1.5	68.0	70.8	1.1	71.9
4-Star*	64.4	1.5	65.9	68.9	1.1	70.0
3-Star	46.5	0.2	46.7	49.4	0.1	49.5
2-Star	33.1	0.6	33.7	29.9	0.6	30.5
Tourist Village	48.7	1.4	50.1			
Total	52.2	1.0	53.2	55.5	1.0	56.5

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

	May 2004			May 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel						
Aparthotel, Hostel and 3-Star Hotel*	32.3	10.3	42.5	44.9	2.8	47.7
Guesthouse	13.8	2.2	16.0	22.2	0.2	22.4
Hostel						
Hotel						
5-Star	44.8	12.8	57.6	54.6	5.1	59.7
4-Star	22.5	7.5	30.0	42.1	7.5	49.6
3-Star						
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	28.6	8.7	37.3	43.6	5.6	49.2

* In order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments, Aparthotels, Hostels and 3 Star-Hotels are grouped together for May 2004/2005.

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

	May 2004			May 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel						
Aparthotel, Hostel and 3-Star Hotel*	32.3	10.3	42.5	44.9	2.8	47.7
Guesthouse	12.4	2.0	14.4	18.5	0.2	18.7
Hostel						
Hotel						
5-Star	44.8	12.8	57.6	34.7	3.2	37.9
4-Star	22.5	7.5	30.0	42.1	7.5	49.6
3-Star						
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	28.4	8.7	37.1	38.3	4.9	43.2

* In order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments, Aparthotels, Hostels and 3 Star-Hotels are grouped together for May 2004/2005.

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

	May 2004						May 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	233	1,266	8,842	70,125	9,075	71,391	144	2,632	8,520	69,516	8,664	72,148
Guesthouse	84	288	639	3,974	723	4,262	20	65	796	4,164	816	4,229
Hostel	28	114	367	6,517	395	6,631	0	0	666	9,629	666	9,629
Hotel												
5-Star	1,605	4,364	22,483	76,873	24,088	81,237	1,901	3,868	17,843	87,524	19,744	91,392
4-Star	4,039	9,463	42,742	305,772	46,781	315,175						
4-Star*	4,482	10,205	46,709	334,464	51,191	344,669	3,182	6,866	46,426	316,903	49,608	323,769
3-Star	683	1,476	20,720	148,086	21,403	149,562	309	569	22,873	160,139	23,182	160,708
2-Star	79	207	2,041	11,654	2,120	11,861	62	147	1,976	7,043	2,038	7,190
Tourist Village	443	802	3,967	28,692	4,410	29,494						
Total	7,194	17,920	101,801	651,693	108,995	669,613	5,618	14,147	99,100	654,918	104,718	669,065

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

	May 2004						May 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	175	1,114	8,657	69,633	8,832	70,747	142	2,602	8,424	68,730	8,566	71,332
Guesthouse	7	167	531	3,221	538	3,388	13	56	648	3,262	661	3,318
Hostel	28	114	367	6,517	395	6,631	0	0	584	9,547	584	9,547
Hotel												
5-Star	1,055	2,278	20,888	69,551	21,943	71,829	1,540	3,342	16,727	81,884	18,267	85,226
4-Star	2,528	6,775	41,243	297,893	43,771	304,668						
4-Star*	2,971	7,577	45,210	326,585	48,181	334,162	2,094	4,896	44,586	305,832	46,680	310,728
3-Star	353	761	20,243	145,858	20,596	146,619	153	358	22,369	157,109	22,522	157,467
2-Star	79	207	2,041	11,654	2,120	11,861	62	147	1,976	7,043	2,038	7,190
Tourist Village	443	802	3,967	28,692	4,410	29,494						
Total	4,668	12,218	97,937	633,019	102,605	645,237	4,004	11,401	95,314	633,407	99,318	644,808

* In order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments, 4-Star Hotels and Tourist Villages are grouped together for May 2005. For comparability purposes, the same exercise is repeated on May 2004.

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

	May 2004						May 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, hostel and 3-Star hotel*	388	867	662	2,720	1,050	3,587	158	241	682	3,898	840	4,139
Guesthouse	77	121	108	753	185	874	7	9	148	902	155	911
Hostel												
Hotel												
5-Star	550	2,086	1,595	7,322	2,145	9,408	361	526	1,116	5,640	1,477	6,166
4-Star	1,511	2,628	1,499	7,879	3,010	10,507	1,088	1,970	1,840	11,071	2,928	13,041
3-Star												
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2,526	5,702	3,864	18,674	6,390	24,376	1,614	2,746	3,786	21,511	5,400	24,257

* In order to safeguard the confidentiality of individual establishments, Aparthotels, Hostels and 3 Star-Hotels are grouped together for May 2004/2005.

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

	May 2004			May 2005		
	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments
Aparthotel	2,422	5,830	33	2,117	5,124	30
Guesthouse	601	1,242	39	385	828	33
Hostel	207	434	4	345	684	6
Hotel						
5-Star	2,509	4,800	13	2,879	5,572	14
4-Star	7,607	15,581	46	7,128	14,577	40
3-Star	4,929	10,345	47	5,054	10,467	45
2-Star	561	1,137	17	406	759	12
Tourist Village	907	1,900	4	300	600	1
Total	19,743	41,269	203	18,614	38,611	181

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

May 81.30%
