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## Tourism

### Collective accommodation establishments: January 2005

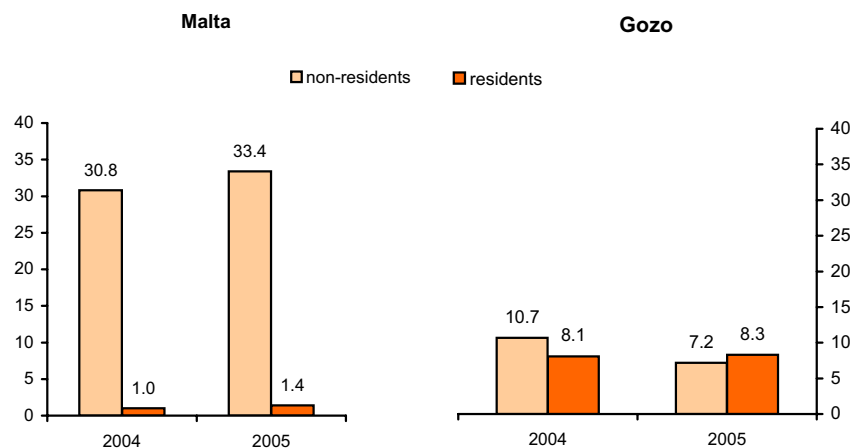
Occupancy trends during January 2005 reveal an overall increase in the gross/net use of bed-places by type of accommodation when compared to the same month in 2004. This increase is evident across the 4-star hotel category and hostels. The highest net use level was recorded in the Hostel accommodation at 48.2 per cent. This was followed by the 4-star hotel category at 43.6 per cent.

Total nights spent in Malta and Gozo increased by 7.4 per cent when compared to the same month in 2004. In the latter, the average nights spent totaled 2.5 in comparison to 2.9 in January 2004. On a regional level, an increase of 7.1 per cent in the share of nights spent by non-residents was recorded in Malta. Here, the average non-resident nights spent increased from 7.9 in January 2004 to 10.0 in January 2005. A substantial increase was recorded in the number of resident nights in Malta when compared to the same month in 2004. In Gozo, non-resident nights decreased substantially, while the average nights spent decreased from 4.6 in January 2004 to 4.2 in January 2005.

### Occupancy levels: Malta

The highest occupancy levels for accommodation establishments in the island of Malta were recorded in the Hostel accommodation. The 3-star hotel category increased from 32.4 per cent in January 2004 to 35.8 per cent in January 2005, while occupancy for the hostel accommodation increased from 14.2 per cent to 47.2 per cent. Here, increases in occupancy levels were recorded in the Apart hotels, 2-star hotel category and in guest houses ■

**Net occupancy levels in Maltese and Gozitan accommodation establishments, January 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**

	January 2004			January 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	20.0	0.8	20.8	24.4	0.3	24.7
Guesthouse	4.4	1.8	6.1	9.1	0.1	9.2
Hostel	14.2	0.5	14.7	48.2	-	48.2
Hotel						
5-Star	28.0	2.8	30.8	23.4	5.1	28.5
4-Star	39.4	1.8	41.2	41.4	2.2	43.6
3-Star	32.3	0.4	32.7	36.4	0.3	36.7
2-Star	8.5	0.8	9.3	10.8	0.2	11.0
Tourist Village	24.4	1.3	25.7	23.5	-	23.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>34.0</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>35.7</b>

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

	January 2004			January 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	16.0	0.7	16.7	21.7	0.3	22.0
Guesthouse	2.3	0.9	3.2	6.9	0.1	7.0
Hostel	14.2	0.5	14.7	48.2	-	48.2
Hotel						
5-Star	28.0	2.8	30.8	22.5	4.9	27.4
4-Star	32.3	1.5	33.8	39.1	2.1	41.2
3-Star	29.0	0.3	29.3	34.1	0.3	34.4
2-Star	5.6	0.5	6.1	9.8	0.2	10.0
Tourist Village	16.5	0.9	17.4	23.5	-	23.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>27.8</b>	<b>31.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>33.2</b>

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

	January 2004			January 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	18.2	0.7	18.9	22.6	0.2	22.8
Guesthouse	4.3	1.9	6.2	9.3	0.1	9.4
Hostel	13.8	0.5	14.2	47.2	0.0	47.2
Hotel						
5-Star	28.7	2.1	30.8	23.9	4.6	28.5
4-Star	38.4	1.6	40.0			
4-Star*				40.3	1.7	42.0
3-Star	32.2	0.1	32.4	35.6	0.2	35.8
2-Star	8.2	0.8	9.0	10.5	0.2	10.7
Tourist Village	21.2	1.2	22.4			
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>34.8</b>

\*Hotel 4 Star and Tourist Villages are grouped together for January 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**

	January 2004			January 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel	15.3	0.6	15.9	21.0	0.2	21.2
Guesthouse	2.5	1.1	3.6	7.6	0.1	7.7
Hostel	13.8	0.5	14.2	47.2	0.0	47.2
Hotel						
5-Star	28.7	2.1	30.8	23.9	4.6	28.5
4-Star	32.6	1.4	34.0			
4-Star*				39.2	1.7	40.9
3-Star	28.8	0.1	29.0	33.6	0.2	33.8
2-Star	5.4	0.5	5.9	9.5	0.2	9.7
Tourist Village	16.0	0.9	16.9			
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.7</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>27.6</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>33.3</b>

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

	January 2004			January 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel, Guesthouse*	20.7	2.7	23.4			
Aparthotel, Hotel 3-Star, Hotel 5-Star, Hostel*				8.8	8.5	17.3
Guesthouse				5.5	0.2	5.7
Hostel	-	-	-			
Hotel						
5-Star	11.9	9.0	20.9			
4-Star	11.3	18.6	29.9	5.8	9.0	14.8
3-Star	5.6	6.0	11.6			
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>15.5</b>

\*Aparthotel and Guest houses are grouped together for January 2004. Aparthotels and Hostel are included with 3-star hotel and 5-star hotel for January 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**

	January 2004			January 2005		
	Non-residents	Residents	Total	Non-residents	Residents	Total
Aparthotel, Guesthouse*	11.3	1.8	13.1			
Aparthotel, Hotel 3-Star, Hotel 5-Star, Hostel*				6.1	5.9	12.0
Guesthouse				2.2	0.1	2.3
Hostel	-	-	-			
Hotel						
5-Star	11.9	9.0	20.9			
4-Star	2.0	3.3	5.2	3.9	6.0	9.9
3-Star	5.6	6.0	11.6			
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>

\*Aparthotel and Guest houses are grouped together for January 2004. Aparthotels and Hostel are included with 3-star hotel and 5-star hotel for January 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**

	January 2004						January 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	281	1,059	3,219	25,073	3,500	26,132	181	444	2,739	33,289	2,920	33,733
Guesthouse	8	236	116	577	124	813	19	19	196	1,786	215	1,805
Hostel	2	62	113	1,850	115	1,912	-	-	145	9,900	145	9,900
Hotel												
5-Star	2,979	3,799	13,060	27,437	16,039	31,236	2,319	7,060	7,908	32,360	10,227	39,420
4-Star	4,081	7,100	16,147	152,104	20,228	159,204	4,523	9,072	16,540	170,324	21,063	179,396
3-Star	564	1,245	9,127	110,259	9,691	111,504	380	883	8,336	106,354	8,716	107,237
2-Star	77	178	521	1,868	598	2,046	39	66	683	2,862	722	2,928
Tourist Village	125	505	729	9,293	854	9,798	-	-	104	4,234	104	4,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,117</b>	<b>14,184</b>	<b>43,032</b>	<b>338,461</b>	<b>51,149</b>	<b>352,645</b>	<b>7,461</b>	<b>17,544</b>	<b>36,651</b>	<b>361,109</b>	<b>44,112</b>	<b>378,653</b>

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

	January 2004						January 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	239	934	3,020	24,128	3,259	25,062	141	332	2,620	32,931	2,761	33,263
Guesthouse	8	236	113	545	121	781	15	15	183	1,678	198	1,693
Hostel	2	62	113	1,850	115	1,912	-	-	135	9,884	135	9,884
Hotel												
5-Star	2,359	2,606	12,669	35,867	15,028	38,473	1,741	6,027	7,730	31,643	9,471	37,670
4-Star	3,692	6,372	16,068	151,661	19,760	158,033						
4-Star*							3,699	7,494	16,413	173,540	20,112	181,034
3-Star	124	462	8,997	109,522	9,121	109,984	212	565	8,259	105,920	8,471	106,485
2-Star	77	178	521	1,868	598	2,046	39	66	683	2,862	722	2,928
Tourist Village	125	505	729	9,293	854	9,798						
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,626</b>	<b>11,355</b>	<b>42,230</b>	<b>334,734</b>	<b>48,856</b>	<b>346,089</b>	<b>5,847</b>	<b>14,499</b>	<b>36,023</b>	<b>358,458</b>	<b>41,870</b>	<b>372,957</b>

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

	January 2004						January 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, hostel and 3-star hotel*	42	125	199	945	241	1,070	786	1,463	384	1,525	1,170	2,988
Guesthouse*	-	-	3	32	3	32	4	4	13	108	17	112
Hostel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hotel												
5-Star	620	1,193	391	1,570	1,011	2,763						
4-Star	389	728	79	443	468	1,171	824	1,578	231	1,018	1,055	2,596
3-Star	440	783	130	737	570	1,520						
2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>2,829</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>3,727</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>6,556</b>	<b>1,614</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>2,242</b>	<b>5,696</b>

\*Aparthotel and Guest houses are grouped together for January 2004. Aparthotels and Hostel are included with 3-star hotel and 5-star hotel for January 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**

	January 2004			January 2005		
	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments
Aparthotel	2,104	5,221	31	2,059	5,118	31
Guesthouse	382	851	34	413	867	36
Hostel	207	434	4	270	684	6
Hotel						
5-Star	2,609	4,460	13	2,508	4,796	13
4-Star	7,711	15,710	43	7,102	14,523	40
3-Star	5,223	12,669	48	4,971	10,382	45
2-Star	547	1,115	16	470	974	15
Tourist Village	898	1,872	4	300	600	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,681</b>	<b>42,332</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>18,093</b>	<b>37,944</b>	<b>187</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/Goitan 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

December 75.4%