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Collective accommodation establishments: December 2007

In December 2007 bed-place occupancy in collective accommodation establishments went up by 1.6 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month in 2006.

Occupancy trends

The overall occupancy rate in collective accommodation establishments (net use) went up by 1.6 percentage points in December 2007 when compared to the same month a year earlier, to stand at 35.3 per cent (see Tables 5 and 7).

Chart 1. Net occupancy rates in collective accommodation establishments: November-December



Length of stay and nights spent

In December 2007, total nights spent in collective accommodation establishments were recorded at 395,850, an increase of 5.3 per cent over the corresponding month in 2006. Year on year, the average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments increased by 0.3 nights to 5.5 nights.

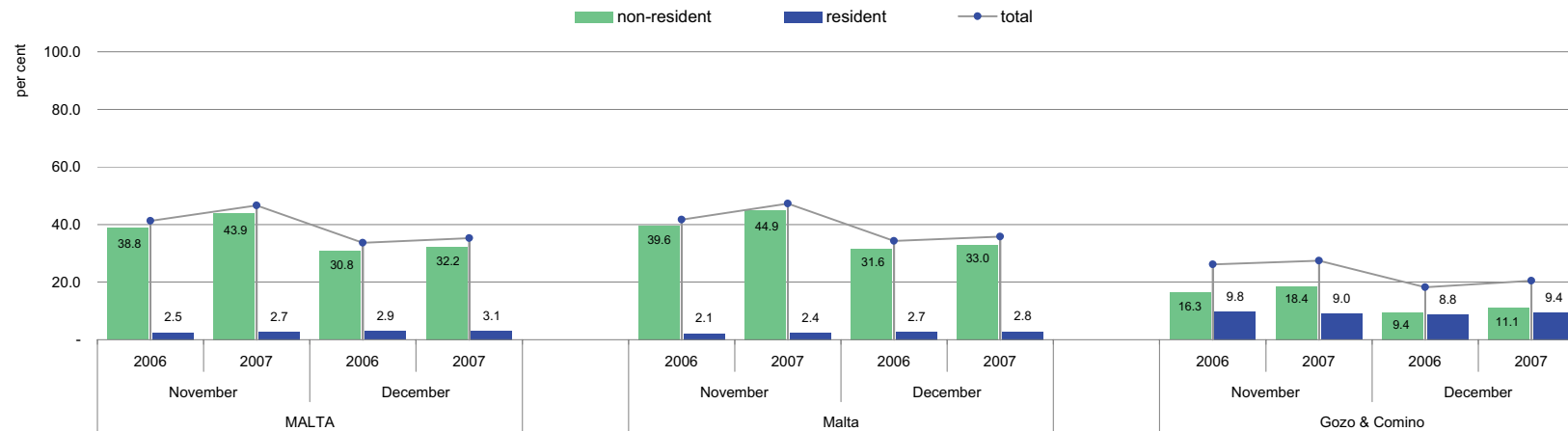
Regional overview

In the month under review, the overall supply of bed-places in the island of Malta stood at 36,404 beds, accounting for 95.7 per cent of the national bed-stock and implying a decrease of 3.5 per cent when compared to the same month in 2006 (see Table 10). On an annual basis, the net use of bed-places in the island of Malta went up by 1.5 percentage points to 35.8 per cent (see Table 2). Year on year, the average length of stay decreased by 0.4 nights to 5.7 nights. Nights spent by non-residents accounted for 92.1 per cent of total guest-nights in Malta.

In Gozo and Comino, the overall supply of bed-places stood at 1,646 beds, a decrease of 7.8 per cent over the comparable month a year earlier. The net use of bed-places in December was 20.5 per cent, an increase of 2.3 percentage points over the same month in 2006. The average length of stay stood at 2.4 nights, a decrease of 0.2 nights from the preceding year. Nights spent by non-residents accounted for 54.3 per cent of total guest-nights in Gozo ■

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Chart 2. Net use of bed-places in collective accommodation establishments by residents and non-residents, at regional level*



*see NUTS classification on page 9

Table 1. Net use of bed-places by residents and non-residents classified by type of accommodation category - MALTA

	Non-residents				Residents				Total			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	38.8	43.9	30.8	32.2	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.1	41.3	46.6	33.7	35.3
Hotel	40.3	45.8	31.8	33.4	2.7	3.1	3.1	3.5	43.0	48.9	34.9	36.9
5-Star	37.9	43.2	27.3	29.7	4.8	4.4	6.0	6.0	42.7	47.6	33.3	35.7
4-Star	50.1	53.7	35.4	37.5	3.2	4.0	3.6	4.0	53.3	57.7	39.0	41.5
3-Star	28.0	35.7	29.7	30.4	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.8	28.7	36.4	30.1	31.2
2-Star	15.8	20.8	16.0	14.8	0.3	0.7	2.4	0.8	16.1	21.5	18.4	15.6
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	30.9	34.8	26.1	26.5	1.5	0.6	1.9	1.1	32.4	35.4	28.0	27.6
Guesthouse	38.2	26.3	38.9	30.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	38.5	26.5	39.3	30.3
Holiday Complex ⁽²⁾	28.3	31.8	22.4	23.2	1.6	0.8	2.3	1.3	29.9	32.6	24.7	24.5
Hostel	43.4	55.3	42.2	42.5	1.9	0.0	0.7	0.6	45.3	55.3	42.9	43.1

⁽¹⁾ Comprises guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

⁽²⁾ Aparthotels and tourist villages

Table 2. Net use of bed-places by residents and non-residents classified by type of accommodation category - Malta

	Non-residents				Residents				Total			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	39.6	44.9	31.6	33.0	2.1	2.4	2.7	2.8	41.7	47.3	34.3	35.8
Hotel	41.3	46.9	32.7	34.3	2.2	2.8	2.8	3.2	43.5	49.7	35.5	37.5
5-Star	39.5	44.7	28.6	30.9	4.0	4.3	5.9	6.0	43.5	49.0	34.5	36.9
4-Star	51.5	55.0	36.5	38.6	2.9	3.8	3.3	3.7	54.4	58.8	39.8	42.3
3-Star	28.4	36.2	30.1	30.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.4	28.8	36.5	30.3	31.2
2-Star	15.8	20.8	16.0	14.8	0.3	0.7	2.4	0.8	16.1	21.5	18.4	15.6
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	31.2	35.3	26.4	27.1	1.5	0.5	1.9	1.0	32.7	35.8	28.3	28.1

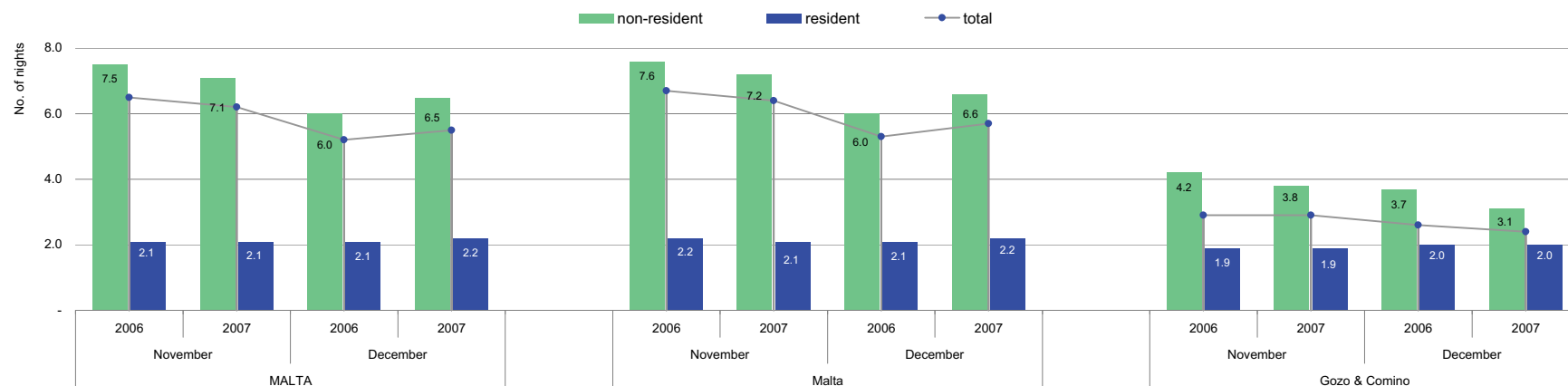
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Table 3. Net use of bed-places by residents and non-residents classified by type of accommodation category - Gozo & Comino

	Non-residents				Residents				Total			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	16.3	18.4	9.4	11.1	9.8	9.0	8.8	9.4	26.1	27.4	18.2	20.5
Hotel	16.5	19.2	9.4	11.6	10.3	9.4	9.3	10.1	26.8	28.6	18.7	21.7
5-Star	18.8	21.3	11.7	12.3	7.5	7.0	6.9	6.0	26.3	28.3	18.6	18.3
4-Star	17.2	19.4	8.4	11.7	10.7	8.8	10.7	10.6	27.9	28.2	19.1	22.3
3-Star	8.3	13.4	7.0	9.8	15.8	17.1	10.8	18.3	24.1	30.5	17.8	28.1
2-Star												
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	13.1	11.4	9.6	7.6	4.0	5.5	3.3	4.1	17.1	16.9	12.9	11.7

⁽¹⁾ Comprises guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

Chart 3. Average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments by resident and non-resident arrivals, at regional level*



*see NUTS classification on page 9

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Table 4. Resident arrivals classified by type of accommodation category, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	12,250	13,871	15,573	16,018	10,220	12,002	13,813	14,040	2,030	1,869	1,760	1,978
Hotel	10,858	13,323	13,998	15,001	8,870	11,529	12,284	13,089	1,988	1,794	1,714	1,912
5-Star	2,844	3,755	4,582	5,193	2,439	3,410	4,174	4,852	405	345	408	341
4-Star	7,286	8,650	8,574	8,593	6,158	7,762	7,679	7,616	1,128	888	895	977
3-Star	646	841	774	1,119	191	280	363	525	455	561	411	594
2-Star	82	77	68	96	82	77	68	96	0	0	0	0
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	1,392	548	1,575	1,017	1,350	473	1,529	951	42	75	46	66

⁽¹⁾ Comprises guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

Table 5. Resident nights spent classified by type of accommodation category, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	25,969	28,891	32,095	34,500	22,162	25,375	28,654	30,608	3,807	3,516	3,441	3,892
Hotel	23,258	27,721	28,406	32,402	19,577	24,419	25,072	28,720	3,681	3,302	3,334	3,682
5-Star	6,834	8,594	10,427	12,111	5,872	7,701	9,509	11,312	962	893	918	799
4-Star	14,425	17,357	16,397	18,109	12,502	15,873	14,505	16,249	1,923	1,484	1,892	1,860
3-Star	1,940	1,653	1,200	2,027	1,144	728	676	1,004	796	925	524	1,023
2-Star	59	117	382	155	59	117	382	155	0	0	0	0
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	2,711	1,170	3,689	2,098	2,585	956	3,582	1,888	126	214	107	210

Table 6. Non-resident arrivals classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	56,094	66,914	57,345	55,325	54,600	65,048	56,346	53,811	1,494	1,866	999	1,514
Hotel	51,667	61,650	52,521	50,351	50,277	59,905	51,623	48,953	1,390	1,745	898	1,398
5-Star	12,807	18,586	12,971	13,354	12,342	17,927	12,630	12,926	465	659	341	428
4-Star	28,142	30,316	25,393	22,924	27,432	29,484	24,937	22,196	710	832	456	728
3-Star	10,061	11,859	13,537	13,259	9,846	11,605	13,436	13,017	215	254	101	242
2-Star	657	889	620	814	657	889	620	814	0	0	0	0
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	4,427	5,264	4,824	4,974	4,323	5,143	4,723	4,858	104	121	101	116

Table 7. Non-resident nights spent classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	421,340	474,567	343,844	361,350	415,020	467,415	340,160	356,721	6,320	7,152	3,684	4,629
Hotel	365,910	410,370	294,259	309,650	359,999	403,661	290,889	305,416	5,911	6,709	3,370	4,234
5-Star	61,100	83,625	47,511	59,409	58,696	80,901	45,962	57,781	2,404	2,724	1,549	1,628
4-Star	223,057	234,211	161,472	169,438	219,966	230,950	159,988	167,379	3,091	3,261	1,484	2,059
3-Star	78,653	89,014	82,736	78,089	78,237	88,290	82,399	77,542	416	724	337	547
2-Star	3,100	3,520	2,540	2,714	3,100	3,520	2,540	2,714	0	0	0	0
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	55,430	64,197	49,585	51,700	55,021	63,754	49,271	51,305	409	443	314	395

*see NUTS classification on page 9

⁽¹⁾ Comprises guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

Table 8. Total arrivals classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	68,344	80,785	72,918	71,343	64,820	77,050	70,159	67,851	3,524	3,735	2,759	3,492
Hotel	62,525	74,973	66,519	65,352	59,147	71,434	63,907	62,042	3,378	3,539	2,612	3,310
5-Star	15,651	22,341	17,553	18,547	14,781	21,337	16,804	17,778	870	1,004	749	769
4-Star	35,428	38,966	33,967	31,517	33,590	37,246	32,616	29,812	1,838	1,720	1,351	1,705
3-Star	10,707	12,700	14,311	14,378	10,037	11,885	13,799	13,542	670	815	512	836
2-Star	739	966	688	910	739	966	688	910	0	0	0	0
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	5,819	5,812	6,399	5,991	5,673	5,616	6,252	5,809	146	196	147	182

Table 9. Total nights spent classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	November		December		November		December		November		December	
	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
Total	447,309	503,458	375,939	395,850	437,182	492,790	368,814	387,329	10,127	10,668	7,125	8,521
Hotel	389,168	438,091	322,665	342,052	379,576	428,080	315,961	334,136	9,592	10,011	6,704	7,916
5-Star	67,934	92,219	57,938	71,520	64,568	88,602	55,471	69,093	3,366	3,617	2,467	2,427
4-Star	237,482	251,568	177,869	187,547	232,468	246,823	174,493	183,628	5,014	4,745	3,376	3,919
3-Star	80,593	90,667	83,936	80,116	79,381	89,018	83,075	78,546	1,212	1,649	861	1,570
2-Star	3,159	3,637	2,922	2,869	3,159	3,637	2,922	2,869	0	0	0	0
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	58,141	65,367	53,274	53,798	57,606	64,710	52,853	53,193	535	657	421	605

*see NUTS classification on page 9

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

		November 2006			November 2007			December 2006			December 2007		
Regional Classification*	Collective Accommodation Establishments	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places
MALTA	Total	179	18,733	39,265	162	17,530	38,079	179	18,895	39,494	162	17,528	38,050
	Hotel	115	15,895	32,568	103	14,779	30,829	115	16,005	32,687	103	14,778	30,787
	5-Star	13	2,808	5,380	15	3,191	6,457	13	2,914	5,608	15	3,193	6,461
	4-Star	43	7,511	15,527	41	7,232	14,987	43	7,572	15,446	41	7,232	14,995
	3-Star	48	5,214	10,916	39	4,069	8,694	48	5,177	10,902	39	4,066	8,680
	2-Star	11	362	745	8	287	691	11	342	731	8	287	651
	Guesthouse	28	343	773	24	286	669	28	335	757	24	285	672
	Holiday Complex	30	2,147	5,240	28	2,047	5,675	30	2,210	5,366	28	2,047	5,685
Hostel	6	348	684	7	418	906	6	345	684	7	418	906	
Malta	Total	161	17,853	37,490	145	16,734	36,451	161	18,015	37,708	145	16,732	36,404
	Hotel	104	15,119	30,985	93	14,078	29,382	104	15,229	31,094	93	14,077	29,332
	5-Star	11	2,603	4,953	13	2,986	6,030	11	2,709	5,181	13	2,988	6,034
	4-Star	38	7,102	14,687	36	6,823	14,147	38	7,163	14,596	36	6,823	14,147
	3-Star	44	5,052	10,600	36	3,982	8,514	44	5,015	10,586	36	3,979	8,500
	2-Star	11	362	745	8	287	691	11	342	731	8	287	651
	Guesthouse	23	281	649	19	233	556	23	273	632	19	232	559
	Holiday Complex	29	2,109	5,180	27	2,009	5,615	29	2,172	5,306	27	2,009	5,615
Hostel	5	344	676	6	414	898	5	341	676	6	414	898	
Gozo & Comino	Total	18	880	1,775	17	796	1,628	18	880	1,786	17	796	1,646
	Hotel	11	776	1,583	10	701	1,447	11	776	1,593	10	701	1,455
	5-Star	2	205	427	2	205	427	2	205	427	2	205	427
	4-Star	5	409	840	5	409	840	5	409	850	5	409	848
	3-Star	4	162	316	3	87	180	4	162	316	3	87	180
	2-Star												
	Guesthouse	5	62	124	5	53	113	5	62	125	5	53	113
	Holiday Complex	1	38	60	1	38	60	1	38	60	1	38	70
Hostel	1	4	8	1	4	8	1	4	8	1	4	8	

*see NUTS classification on page 9

Methodological Notes

Survey on collective accommodation establishments

1. In this release the figures for November 2007 should be considered as second estimate while those relating to December 2007 are a first estimate - thus subject to minor revisions in the following release.
2. The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments namely hotels, apart-hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages and hostels.
3. 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.

4. 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.
5. 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

November	96.2%
December	95.5%

NUTS classification

The Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) is a common classification that is used to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics with regard to the European Union. It was adopted on 26 May 2003 by means of a Regulation¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council.

¹ (EC) No. 1059/2003

NUTS levels					
Administrative area	I (National)	II (National)	III (Regional)	IV (District)	V (Locality)
MALTA	x	x	x	x	x
Malta			x		
Gozo & Comino			x		
Southern Harbour				x	
Northern Harbour				x	
South Eastern				x	
Western				x	
Northern				x	
Gozo & Comino				x	

COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS - NUTS level V

Southern Harbour: Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

Northern Harbour: Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Hamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

South Eastern: Żejtun, B'Bugia, Gudja, Għaxaq, Kirkop, M'Scala, M'Xlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Żurrieq.

Western: Mdina, Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

Northern: Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mgarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il-Baħar.

Gozo and Comino: Rabat, Fontana, G'Sielem & Comino, Għarb, Għasri, Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.