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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during November advanced by 14.3 and 12.3 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2012.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: November 2013

Cut-off date:
23 January 2014

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during the month under review amounted to 102,016, while total nights spent numbered 539,606. Almost all establishments recorded increases in total nights spent, with the exception of a 0.5 per cent decline in 4-star hotels (Table 2). The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 254,727 nights, or 47.2 per cent of the total.

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments stood at 5.3 nights, practically unchanged when compared to November 2012. The net use of bed-places amounted to 48.2 per cent, an increase of 5.5 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. Moreover, all collective accommodation categories registered increases in occupancy levels.

Regional breakdown

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 96,238, an increase of 12.7 per cent over November 2012. Additionally, a rise of 11.8 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. The average length of stay on the mainland stood at 5.5 nights, at par with previous year's levels. The net occupancy rate went up from 43.2 per cent to 48.7 per cent.

Total arrivals and nights spent in Gozo and Comino advanced by 49.4 and 32.6 per cent when compared to the comparative month in 2012, to 5,779 and 15,512 respectively.

Capacity

On a national level, there were 142 active collective accommodation establishments during November, with a net capacity of 17,621 bedrooms and 38,607 bed-places (Table 4). On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room ■

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Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	October*	November	
	2013	2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	147,116	89,234	102,016
Hotel	135,737	85,076	96,823
5 Star	39,886	25,514	29,677
4 Star	61,658	44,290	46,180
3 Star	31,100	14,352	19,627
2 Star	3,093	920	1,339
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	11,379	4,158	5,193
Malta			
Total	139,470	85,366	96,238
Hotel	128,342	81,231	91,096
Of which:			
5 Star	37,984	24,276	27,375
4 Star	57,872	42,382	43,672
3 Star	30,110	13,721	18,834
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	11,128	4,135	5,142
Gozo and Comino			
Total	7,646	3,868	5,779
Hotel	7,395	3,845	5,728
Of which:			
5 Star	1,902	1,238	2,302
4 Star	3,786	1,908	2,508
3 Star	990	631	793
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	251	23	51

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, aparthotels and hostels

Table 2. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	October*	November	
	2013	2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	822,642	480,429	539,606
Hotel	714,405	429,422	470,275
5 Star	167,779	95,381	108,783
4 Star	383,559	255,881	254,727
3 Star	153,747	75,289	102,858
2 Star	9,320	2,871	3,907
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	108,237	51,006	69,331
Malta			
Total	791,107	468,733	524,094
Hotel	683,775	417,781	454,938
Of which:			
5 Star	162,052	91,477	103,745
4 Star	363,271	249,694	246,324
3 Star	150,966	73,932	101,270
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	107,332	50,952	69,156
Gozo and Comino			
Total	31,535	11,695	15,512
Hotel	30,630	11,641	15,337
Of which:			
5 Star	5,727	3,904	5,038
4 Star	20,288	6,187	8,403
3 Star	2,781	1,357	1,588
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	905	54	175

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Table 3. Net use of bed-places by type of accommodation

Occupancy (%)	October*	November	
	2013	2012	2013
	MALTA		
Total	65.5	42.7	48.2
Hotel	68.4	44.6	49.8
5 Star	78.1	46.0	52.5
4 Star	74.2	52.8	56.7
3 Star	52.2	29.6	38.0
2 Star	50.7	17.2	22.6
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	51.2	31.2	39.8
		Malta	
Total	65.9	43.2	48.7
Hotel	68.8	45.3	50.4
Of which:			
5 Star	80.4	47.1	53.4
4 Star	74.6	53.6	57.5
3 Star	52.0	29.6	38.0
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	51.8	31.5	40.3
		Gozo and Comino	
Total	56.9	28.0	35.7
Hotel	59.8	29.2	37.4
Of which:			
5 Star	43.1	30.3	39.1
4 Star	67.7	31.8	40.8
3 Star	66.0	33.3	38.9
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	21.8	2.8	7.0

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Table 4. Net number of bedrooms and bed-places

	November					
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	MALTA					
Total	136	142	17,199	17,621	37,667	38,607
Hotel	96	99	15,029	15,280	32,131	32,801
5 Star	15	15	3,471	3,469	6,909	6,906
4 Star	39	39	7,457	7,483	16,163	16,289
3 Star	35	38	3,814	4,043	8,504	9,031
2 Star	7	7	287	285	555	575
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	40	43	2,170	2,341	5,536	5,806
			Malta			
Total	124	130	16,531	16,936	36,255	37,157
Hotel	87	90	14,404	14,638	30,802	31,434
Of which:						
5 Star	13	13	3,265	3,263	6,480	6,477
4 Star	35	35	7,152	7,161	15,515	15,603
3 Star	33	36	3,746	3,975	8,368	8,895
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	37	40	2,127	2,298	5,453	5,723
			Gozo and Comino			
Total	12	12	668	685	1,412	1,450
Hotel	9	9	625	642	1,329	1,367
Of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429
4 Star	4	4	305	322	648	686
3 Star	2	2	68	68	136	136
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	3	3	43	43	83	83

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Methodological Notes

Survey on collective accommodation establishments

1. The objective of the survey is to estimate the utilisation rate of bed-places of all collective accommodation establishments in Malta and Gozo. The variables collected from the survey are the following:

- Number of residents
- Number of non-residents
- Nights spent by residents
- Nights spent by non-residents
- Number of room nights sold to foreign residents
- Number of room nights sold to Maltese 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 Regulation (EU) No 692/2011.

2. The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments namely hotels, apart-hotels, guesthouses and hostels.

3. In this release the figures for October 2013 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to November 2013 are a first estimate - thus subject to revisions in the following release.

4. The NSO is currently carrying out quarterly improvements on past data in view of new Regulation Requirements. As a result, past data may be subject to minor modifications.

5. Definitions:

- *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, not taking into account any extra beds that may be provided to clients on request.
- *Residents* are Maltese/Gozitan residents who check in (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 the year to settle into a life here.
- *Non-residents* are foreigners who do not necessarily follow the definition of a tourist and check in (out) of a collective accommodation establishment.
- *Total arrivals* are the number of residents and non-residents altogether.
- *Total nights spent* refers to each night a guest actually spends or is registered to spend in a collective accommodation establishment.
- *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 renovation, police order, etc. The net use of bed places is the percentage of the total nights

6. Response Rate

October 2013	95.3%
November 2013	94.8%