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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during December increased by 7.4 and 6.6 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2012.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: December 2013

Cut-off date:
19 February 2014

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during the month under review numbered 84,089, while total nights spent amounted to 397,727. Almost all establishments recorded increases in total nights spent, with the exception of an 8.3 per cent decline in 4-star hotels (Table 2). Despite this, the largest share of guest nights remained in 4-star hotels, accounting for 164,108 nights, or 41.3 per cent of the total.

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments stood at 4.7 nights practically unchanged when compared to December 2012. The net use of bed-places amounted to 36.5 per cent, up by 2.8 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year. Moreover, all collective accommodation establishments reported a rise in occupancy levels.

On a national level, there were 137 active collective accommodation establishments during December, with a net capacity of 16,223 bedrooms and 35,302 bed-places (Table 4). On average each establishment had 2.2 beds per room.

October-December 2013

Total arrivals and nights spent during the fourth quarter of 2013 rose by 12.1 and 8.7 per cent respectively over the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Total arrivals numbered 333,081, while the total number of registered nights stood at 1.8 million. On the other hand, resident arrivals declined by 0.5 per cent to 44,271. Nights spent by non-residents went up by 9.2 per cent, whereas resident nights remained at par with 2012 levels.

The occupancy rate for the quarter under review was estimated at 50.7 per cent, 3.7 percentage points more than in 2012. The occupancy rate in hotel accommodation stood at 52.5 per cent, while that recorded in other collective establishments reached 41.6 per cent.

Regional Figures: October-December 2013

Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments in Malta totalled 315,331 and 1.7 million respectively. The average length of stay amounted to 5.4 nights, down by 0.1 of a night when compared to the fourth quarter of the previous year. Increases were reported in both non-resident arrivals and nights in Malta.

On the other hand, non-resident nights in Gozo and Comino advanced by 22.5 per cent, whereas resident nights went up by 20.1 per cent, when compared to 2012.

The occupancy rate in Malta increased by 3.6 percentage points, reaching 51.1 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino rose by 6.4 percentage points to 42.1 per cent (Table 11) ■

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Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	November*	December	
	2013	2012	2013
	MALTA		
Total	101,876	78,314	84,089
Hotel	96,683	74,531	79,030
5 Star	29,143	24,595	26,266
4 Star	46,139	33,921	33,349
3 Star	19,627	15,115	18,112
2 Star	1,773	900	1,304
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	5,193	3,783	5,058
	Malta		
Total	96,197	74,595	79,664
Hotel	91,055	70,829	74,661
Of which:			
5 Star	27,375	23,370	24,567
4 Star	43,631	32,350	31,774
3 Star	18,834	14,316	17,334
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	5,142	3,765	5,002
	Gozo and Comino		
Total	5,679	3,719	4,425
Hotel	5,628	3,701	4,369
Of which:			
5 Star	1,768	1,225	1,699
4 Star	2,508	1,571	1,575
3 Star	793	799	778
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	51	18	56

Table 2. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	November*	December	
	2013	2012	2013
	MALTA		
Total	541,390	372,967	397,727
Hotel	472,059	333,793	338,431
5 Star	109,339	80,906	86,255
4 Star	254,987	178,941	164,108
3 Star	102,858	71,671	84,411
2 Star	4,875	2,275	3,658
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	69,331	39,174	59,296
	Malta		
Total	524,354	363,720	385,772
Hotel	455,198	324,598	326,614
Of which:			
5 Star	103,745	77,556	81,094
4 Star	246,584	174,641	159,551
3 Star	101,270	70,339	82,962
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	69,156	39,122	59,158
	Gozo and Comino		
Total	17,036	9,247	11,955
Hotel	16,861	9,195	11,817
Of which:			
5 Star	5,594	3,350	5,161
4 Star	8,403	4,300	4,557
3 Star	1,588	1,332	1,449
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	175	52	138

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, aparthotels and hostels

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

Occupancy (%)	November*		December	
	2013		2012	2013
	MALTA			
Total	48.0		33.7	36.5
Hotel	49.5		35.3	37.3
5 Star	52.8		37.8	40.3
4 Star	56.8		38.5	41.7
3 Star	36.6		28.8	30.0
2 Star	28.0		14.2	20.3
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	39.8		24.1	32.4
			Malta	
Total	48.3		34.2	36.9
Hotel	49.8		35.9	37.8
Of which:				
5 Star	53.4		38.6	40.4
4 Star	57.5		39.3	42.9
3 Star	36.6		28.7	29.9
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	40.3		24.4	32.7
			Gozo and Comino	
Total	39.0		21.4	26.7
Hotel	40.9		22.3	27.7
Of which:				
5 Star	43.5		25.2	38.8
4 Star	40.8		21.4	21.4
3 Star	38.9		31.6	34.4
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	7.0		2.5	6.3

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Table 4. Net number of bedrooms and bed-places

	December					
	2012		2013		2013	
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	MALTA					
Total	131	137	16,417	16,223	35,861	35,302
Hotel	93	92	14,273	13,843	30,464	29,379
5 Star	15	15	3,471	3,478	6,909	6,904
4 Star	37	33	6,924	5,963	14,995	12,689
3 Star	34	37	3,610	4,115	8,041	9,205
2 Star	7	7	268	287	519	581
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	38	45	2,144	2,380	5,397	5,923
			Malta			
Total	119	125	15,758	15,539	34,464	33,843
Hotel	84	83	13,648	13,199	29,135	28,005
Of which:						
5 Star	13	13	3,265	3,272	6,480	6,475
4 Star	33	29	6,619	5,641	14,347	12,002
3 Star	32	35	3,542	4,047	7,905	9,069
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	35	42	2,110	2,340	5,329	5,838
			Gozo and Comino			
Total	12	12	659	684	1,397	1,459
Hotel	9	9	625	644	1,329	1,374
Of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429
4 Star	4	4	305	322	648	687
3 Star	2	2	68	68	136	136
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	3	3	34	40	68	85

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Table 5. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	Q3/2013*	October-December	
		2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	466,227	297,246	333,081
Hotel	423,594	279,697	311,450
5 Star	116,549	87,317	95,295
4 Star	187,234	134,042	141,147
3 Star	110,488	54,530	68,839
2 Star	9,322	3,808	6,170
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	42,633	17,550	21,631
Malta			
Total	437,993	283,411	315,331
Hotel	396,659	266,127	294,058
Of which:			
5 Star	109,532	82,838	89,926
4 Star	173,141	127,580	133,278
3 Star	106,819	52,205	66,278
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	41,334	17,284	21,273
Gozo and Comino			
Total	28,234	13,835	17,750
Hotel	26,935	13,569	17,392
Of which:			
5 Star	7,017	4,479	5,369
4 Star	14,093	6,462	7,869
3 Star	3,669	2,325	2,561
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	1,299	266	358

Table 6. Resident arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	Q3/2013*	October-December	
		2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	32,319	44,506	44,271
Hotel	31,378	43,071	42,695
5 Star	12,406	14,580	14,373
4 Star	12,822	23,054	22,400
3 Star	4,011	4,490	4,054
2 Star	2,139	947	1,868
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	941	1,435	1,576
Malta			
Total	20,514	37,184	35,102
Hotel	19,960	35,782	33,608
Of which:			
5 Star	9,259	12,239	11,736
4 Star	8,028	19,658	18,596
3 Star	2,075	3,135	2,606
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	554	1,402	1,494
Gozo and Comino			
Total	11,806	7,322	9,169
Hotel	11,419	7,289	9,087
Of which:			
5 Star	3,147	2,341	2,637
4 Star	4,794	3,396	3,804
3 Star	1,936	1,355	1,448
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	387	33	82

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Table 7. Non-resident arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	Q3/2013*	October-December	
		2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	433,908	252,740	288,809
Hotel	392,216	236,626	268,755
5 Star	104,143	72,737	80,922
4 Star	174,412	110,988	118,746
3 Star	106,478	50,040	64,785
2 Star	7,183	2,861	4,302
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	41,692	16,115	20,055
Malta			
Total	417,479	246,227	280,228
Hotel	376,699	230,346	260,450
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	100,273	70,599	78,190
4 Star	165,113	107,922	114,681
3 Star	104,744	49,070	63,672
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	40,780	15,882	19,779
Gozo and Comino			
Total	16,429	6,513	8,581
Hotel	15,516	6,280	8,305
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,870	2,138	2,732
4 Star	9,299	3,066	4,065
3 Star	1,733	970	1,113
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	912	233	276

Table 8. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	Q3/2013*	October-December	
		2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	3,008,904	1,621,130	1,761,759
Hotel	2,608,056	1,440,422	1,524,895
5 Star	581,266	338,989	363,373
4 Star	1,305,325	809,531	802,654
3 Star	689,136	280,677	341,016
2 Star	32,329	11,225	17,852
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	400,848	180,708	236,864
Malta			
Total	2,884,969	1,571,429	1,701,233
Hotel	2,488,845	1,392,079	1,465,587
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	551,658	324,278	346,891
4 Star	1,231,742	781,981	769,406
3 Star	679,641	275,431	335,198
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	396,125	179,350	235,646
Gozo and Comino			
Total	123,934	49,701	60,526
Hotel	119,211	48,343	59,308
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	29,608	14,711	16,482
4 Star	73,583	27,550	33,248
3 Star	9,495	5,246	5,818
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	4,723	1,357	1,218

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Table 9. Resident nights by type of accommodation

Nights	Q3/2013*	October-December	
		2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	86,221	91,283	91,319
Hotel	83,232	88,226	87,426
5 Star	35,275	30,906	30,730
4 Star	29,549	46,176	45,211
3 Star	13,337	9,859	7,858
2 Star	5,072	1,285	3,627
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	2,989	3,057	3,893
Malta			
Total	59,611	76,226	73,232
Hotel	57,359	73,236	69,476
Of which:			
5 Star	27,354	25,495	24,594
4 Star	19,049	39,083	38,320
3 Star	9,992	7,727	5,600
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	2,252	2,990	3,756
Gozo and Comino			
Total	26,610	15,057	18,087
Hotel	25,873	14,990	17,950
Of which:			
5 Star	7,921	5,411	6,136
4 Star	10,500	7,093	6,891
3 Star	3,345	2,132	2,258
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	737	67	137

Table 10. Non-resident nights by type of accommodation

Nights	Q3/2013*	October-December	
		2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	2,922,682	1,529,846	1,670,440
Hotel	2,524,824	1,352,195	1,437,469
5 Star	545,991	308,083	332,643
4 Star	1,275,776	763,355	757,443
3 Star	675,799	270,818	333,158
2 Star	27,257	9,940	14,225
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	397,859	177,651	232,971
Malta			
Total	2,825,358	1,495,203	1,628,001
Hotel	2,431,486	1,318,843	1,396,111
Of which:			
5 Star	524,304	298,783	322,297
4 Star	1,212,693	742,898	731,086
3 Star	669,649	267,704	329,598
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	393,873	176,360	231,890
Gozo and Comino			
Total	97,324	34,643	42,439
Hotel	93,338	33,353	41,358
Of which:			
5 Star	21,687	9,300	10,346
4 Star	63,083	20,457	26,357
3 Star	6,150	3,114	3,560
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	3,986	1,290	1,081

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Table 11. Total net use of bed-places by type of accommodation

Occupancy (%)	Q3/2013*	October-December	
		2012	2013
MALTA			
Total	79.3	47.0	50.7
Hotel	82.2	49.3	52.5
5 Star	88.2	53.3	57.1
4 Star	84.9	55.3	59.0
3 Star	75.0	36.5	39.8
2 Star	58.4	22.2	33.2
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	64.5	34.3	41.6
Malta			
Total	79.5	47.5	51.1
Hotel	82.4	49.9	52.9
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	89.0	54.4	58.2
4 Star	84.8	56.0	59.8
3 Star	75.0	36.4	39.7
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	65.1	34.6	42.1
Gozo and Comino			
Total	76.5	35.7	42.1
Hotel	80.0	36.9	43.9
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	75.0	37.3	41.8
4 Star	85.7	40.3	46.3
3 Star	75.9	41.9	46.5
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	36.4	16.3	13.8

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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 Annex I of 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 November 2013 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to December 2013 are a first estimate - thus subject to revisions in the following release.

4. 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

5. Response Rate

November 2013	95.3%
December 2013	94.7%