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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during February advanced by 12.6 and 2.8 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month last year.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: February 2014

Cut-off date:
17 April 2014

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during the month under review numbered 86,961, while total nights spent amounted to 430,898. Excluding 4-star hotels, all other hotel categories recorded increases in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 208,692 nights, or 48.4 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down from 5.4 nights in February 2013 to 5.0 nights during the month under review. The net use of bed-places stood at 43.1 per cent, up by 1.0 percentage point when compared to the corresponding month last year.

Regional breakdown

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 81,987, up by 12.9 per cent over February 2013. Additionally, a rise of 2.6 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Meanwhile, the average length of stay edged down by 0.5 of a night to 5.1, when compared to last year. The net occupancy rate went up from 42.6 per cent to 43.8 per cent.

Total arrivals and nights spent in Gozo and Comino increased by 7.6 and 12.6 when compared to the comparative month last year, reaching 4,975 and 12,167 respectively.

Capacity

On a national level, there were 140 active collective accommodation establishments during February, with a net capacity of 16,580 bedrooms and 36,256 bed-places (Table 4). On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room.

January-February 2014

Total arrivals during the first two months amounted to 154,165, an increase of 12.1 per cent over 2013. Total nights spent went up by 1.9 per cent, reaching 806,332. The net use of bed-places advanced by 0.8 percentage points to stand at 38.8 per cent ■

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Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes



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Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	January*	February		January-February	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
MALTA					
Total	67,203	77,242	86,961	137,553	154,165
Hotel	64,925	75,352	84,827	134,400	149,752
5 Star	19,374	21,889	24,754	38,458	44,128
4 Star	27,954	37,385	39,634	64,869	67,588
3 Star	16,132	14,635	18,581	28,255	34,713
2 Star	1,465	1,442	1,858	2,818	3,323
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	2,279	1,890	2,134	3,153	4,413
Malta					
Total	64,112	72,617	81,987	130,631	146,099
Hotel	61,857	70,814	79,911	127,581	141,768
Of which:					
5 Star	18,474	20,411	23,163	36,293	41,637
4 Star	26,533	35,301	37,300	61,761	63,833
3 Star	15,582	14,036	17,934	27,231	33,516
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	2,256	1,803	2,076	3,050	4,331
Gozo and Comino					
Total	3,091	4,625	4,975	6,922	8,066
Hotel	3,068	4,538	4,916	6,819	7,984
Of which:					
5 Star	900	1,478	1,591	2,165	2,491
4 Star	1,421	2,084	2,334	3,108	3,755
3 Star	550	599	647	1,024	1,197
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	23	87	59	103	82

Table 2. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	January*	February		January-February	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
MALTA					
Total	375,434	418,983	430,898	791,664	806,332
Hotel	353,761	395,209	411,063	746,264	764,824
5 Star	71,852	73,657	82,841	137,952	154,693
4 Star	170,370	222,342	208,692	411,427	379,062
3 Star	100,005	88,604	106,624	175,161	206,629
2 Star	11,533	10,606	12,906	21,724	24,439
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	21,674	23,774	19,834	45,400	41,508
Malta					
Total	366,300	408,177	418,731	774,406	785,031
Hotel	344,672	384,567	399,044	729,207	743,716
Of which:					
5 Star	68,691	70,112	78,904	132,484	147,595
4 Star	165,917	217,154	202,677	403,030	368,594
3 Star	98,882	87,401	105,299	173,070	204,181
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	21,629	23,610	19,687	45,199	41,315
Gozo and Comino					
Total	9,134	10,806	12,167	17,258	21,301
Hotel	9,089	10,642	12,019	17,057	21,108
Of which:					
5 Star	3,161	3,545	3,937	5,468	7,098
4 Star	4,453	5,188	6,015	8,397	10,468
3 Star	1,123	1,203	1,325	2,091	2,448
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	45	164	148	201	193

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist village

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

Occupancy (%)	January*	February		January-February	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	34.8	42.1	43.1	38.0	38.8
Hotel	35.6	43.0	44.6	38.7	39.9
5 Star	34.5	38.3	42.9	34.3	38.5
4 Star	40.7	50.8	53.7	44.8	47.0
3 Star	30.6	34.5	35.2	32.8	32.8
2 Star	28.7	31.6	35.8	30.2	32.1
Other Collective Accommodati ¹	25.3	31.5	25.5	28.7	25.3
	Malta				
Total	35.2	42.6	43.8	38.6	39.3
Hotel	36.0	43.5	45.3	39.4	40.5
Of which:					
5 Star	34.2	38.6	43.5	34.7	38.6
4 Star	41.7	51.8	54.9	45.8	48.1
3 Star	30.7	34.5	35.3	32.9	32.9
Other Collective Accommodati ¹	25.7	32.1	26.1	29.3	25.9
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	23.1	28.4	29.1	22.3	26.2
Hotel	24.0	29.5	30.6	23.3	27.4
Of which:					
5 Star	41.8	33.1	32.8	27.9	36.3
4 Star	20.9	28.6	31.6	21.8	26.0
3 Star	21.5	31.6	27.2	26.1	24.3
Other Collective Accommodati ¹	2.8	8.3	5.8	4.9	4.6

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Table 4. Net number of bedrooms and bed-places

	February					
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	MALTA					
Total	139	140	16,183	16,580	35,690	36,256
Hotel	109	111	15,092	15,470	32,979	33,473
5 Star	15	15	3,471	3,468	6,909	6,904
4 Star	41	39	7,101	6,673	15,668	14,441
3 Star	40	45	3,942	4,735	9,181	10,842
2 Star	13	12	578	594	1,221	1,286
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	30	29	1,091	1,110	2,711	2,783
	Malta					
Total	127	127	15,514	15,877	34,269	34,751
Hotel	100	101	14,465	14,807	31,644	32,059
Of which:						
5 Star	13	13	3,265	3,262	6,480	6,475
4 Star	37	35	6,796	6,351	15,020	13,762
3 Star	38	42	3,874	4,648	9,045	10,658
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	27	26	1,049	1,070	2,625	2,692
	Gozo and Comino					
Total	12	13	669	703	1,421	1,505
Hotel	9	10	627	663	1,335	1,414
Of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429
4 Star	4	4	305	322	648	679
3 Star	2	3	68	87	136	184
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	3	3	42	40	86	91

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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, guesthouses, hostels and tourist village.

3. In this release the figures for January 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to February 2014 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. The Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) licensing department reclassified all collective accommodation establishments registered as aparthotels to hotels (refer to Legal Notice 351, 2012). These changes are being taken on board for 2013 and 2014 data.

6. 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

7. Response Rate

January 2014	97.3%
February 2014	96.3%