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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during March advanced by 8.5 and 4.9 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month last year.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: March 2014

Cut-off date:  
**19 May 2014**

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during the month under review numbered 108,550, while total nights spent amounted to 569,243. All hotel categories recorded increases in total nights spent, except 4-star hotels. The latter still maintained the largest share of guest nights, accounting for 279,937 nights, or 49.2 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down from 5.4 nights in March 2013 to 5.2 nights during the month under review. The net use of bed-places stood at 50.5 per cent, up by 3.9 percentage points when compared to last year.

On a national level, there were 149 active collective accommodation establishments during March, with a net capacity of 17,104 bedrooms and 37,421 bed-places (Table 4). On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room.

### January-March 2014

Total arrivals and nights spent during the first quarter rose by 10.5 and 2.9 per cent over the corresponding period last year, reaching 262,612 and 1.4 million respectively. Nights spent by non-residents went up by 2.6 per cent, whereas resident nights went up by 6.9 per cent. The occupancy rate for the quarter under review was estimated at 43.0 per cent, 1.9 percentage points more than last year.

### Regional Figures: January-March 2014

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 247,973, up by 10.5 per cent over the first quarter of 2013. Additionally, a rise of 2.7 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Meanwhile, the average length of stay edged down by 0.4 of a night to 5.4, when compared to last year. The net occupancy rate advanced from 41.6 per cent to 43.6 per cent.

Total arrivals and nights spent in Gozo and Comino increased by 10.8 and 9.9 per cent, and stood at 14,639 and 39,116 respectively ■

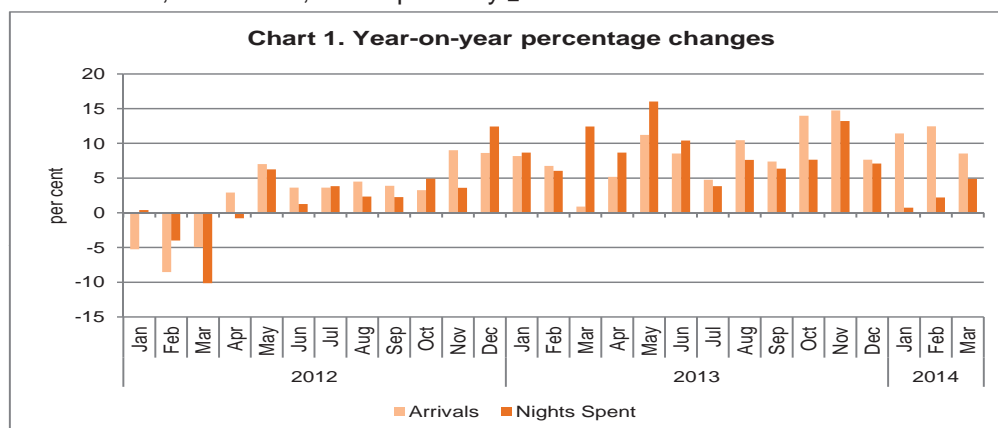
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**Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation**

Arrivals	February*	March	
	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA		
Total	86,858	100,016	108,550
Hotel	84,724	97,525	105,079
5 Star	24,754	26,807	28,153
4 Star	39,634	48,285	48,111
3 Star	18,478	20,570	25,932
2 Star	1,858	1,863	2,882
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,134	2,492	3,471
		Malta	
Total	81,884	93,722	101,977
Hotel	79,808	91,344	98,622
Of which:			
5 Star	23,163	24,948	26,349
4 Star	37,300	45,284	44,949
3 Star	17,831	19,650	25,001
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,076	2,379	3,355
		Gozo and Comino	
Total	4,975	6,294	6,573
Hotel	4,916	6,181	6,457
Of which:			
5 Star	1,591	1,859	1,804
4 Star	2,334	3,001	3,162
3 Star	647	920	931
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	59	113	116

**Table 2. Total nights by type of accommodation**

Nights	February*	March	
	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA		
Total	428,227	542,662	569,243
Hotel	408,392	515,283	539,668
5 Star	82,841	98,789	102,091
4 Star	208,692	284,851	279,937
3 Star	103,953	118,485	140,642
2 Star	12,906	13,158	16,998
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	19,834	27,379	29,575
		Malta	
Total	416,060	524,328	551,428
Hotel	396,373	497,274	522,114
Of which:			
5 Star	78,904	92,768	97,220
4 Star	202,677	275,900	270,381
3 Star	102,628	116,358	138,729
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	19,687	27,054	29,313
		Gozo and Comino	
Total	12,167	18,334	17,815
Hotel	12,019	18,009	17,554
Of which:			
5 Star	3,937	6,021	4,871
4 Star	6,015	8,951	9,556
3 Star	1,325	2,127	1,913
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	148	325	261

\* Revised

<sup>1</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist village

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

Occupancy (%)	February*		March	
	2014		2013	2014
	MALTA			
Total	43.6	46.6	50.5	
Hotel	45.1	47.8	52.0	
5 Star	42.9	46.1	47.7	
4 Star	53.7	53.0	61.4	
3 Star	36.2	40.8	43.1	
2 Star	35.8	36.2	42.3	
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	25.5	32.2	32.4	
	Malta			
Total	44.2	46.9	51.0	
Hotel	45.8	47.9	52.6	
Of which:				
5 Star	43.5	46.2	48.4	
4 Star	54.9	53.3	62.2	
3 Star	36.3	40.6	43.3	
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	26.1	33.4	33.4	
	Gozo and Comino			
Total	29.1	40.4	37.4	
Hotel	30.6	43.5	39.8	
Of which:				
5 Star	32.8	45.3	36.6	
4 Star	31.6	44.6	44.9	
3 Star	27.2	50.5	33.5	
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5.8	8.1	7.4	

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**Table 4. Net number of bedrooms and bed-places**

	March					
	2013		2014		2014	
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	MALTA					
Total	148	149	17,210	17,104	37,852	37,421
Hotel	115	114	16,096	15,942	35,098	34,460
5 Star	15	15	3,471	3,468	6,909	6,904
4 Star	45	43	7,924	7,281	17,404	15,713
3 Star	42	44	4,119	4,595	9,609	10,547
2 Star	13	12	582	598	1,176	1,296
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	33	35	1,114	1,162	2,754	2,961
	Malta					
Total	133	134	16,516	16,378	36,378	35,871
Hotel	106	104	15,469	15,279	33,763	33,038
Of which:						
5 Star	13	13	3,265	3,262	6,480	6,475
4 Star	41	39	7,619	6,959	16,756	15,026
3 Star	40	41	4,051	4,508	9,473	10,363
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	27	30	1,047	1,099	2,615	2,833
	Gozo and Comino					
Total	15	15	694	726	1,474	1,550
Hotel	9	10	627	663	1,335	1,422
Of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429
4 Star	4	4	305	322	648	687
3 Star	2	3	68	87	136	184
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6	5	67	63	139	128

<sup>1</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist village

**Table 5. Total arrivals by type of accommodation**

Arrivals	Q4/2013*	January-March	
		2013	2014
<b>MALTA</b>			
Total	334,510	237,569	262,612
Hotel	326,155	231,925	254,727
5 Star	95,295	65,265	72,281
4 Star	147,022	113,154	115,699
3 Star	74,870	48,825	60,542
2 Star	8,969	4,681	6,205
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	8,354	5,644	7,884
<b>Malta</b>			
Total	316,464	224,353	247,973
Hotel	308,468	218,925	240,286
Of which:			
5 Star	89,926	61,241	67,986
4 Star	139,153	107,045	108,782
3 Star	72,013	46,881	58,414
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	7,996	5,428	7,687
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Total	18,046	13,216	14,639
Hotel	17,688	13,000	14,441
Of which:			
5 Star	5,369	4,024	4,295
4 Star	7,869	6,109	6,917
3 Star	2,857	1,944	2,128
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	358	216	198

**Table 6. Resident arrivals by type of accommodation**

Arrivals	Q4/2013*	January-March	
		2013	2014
<b>MALTA</b>			
Total	44,515	40,191	43,523
Hotel	43,764	39,324	43,034
5 Star	14,373	12,748	12,198
4 Star	23,143	21,184	25,417
3 Star	4,351	4,150	4,131
2 Star	1,897	1,243	1,288
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	750	867	489
<b>Malta</b>			
Total	35,302	31,094	33,687
Hotel	34,633	30,293	33,259
Of which:			
5 Star	11,736	9,991	9,363
4 Star	19,339	16,925	20,781
3 Star	2,859	2,823	2,865
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	668	801	428
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Total	9,213	9,097	9,836
Hotel	9,131	9,031	9,775
Of which:			
5 Star	2,637	2,757	2,835
4 Star	3,804	4,259	4,636
3 Star	1,492	1,327	1,266
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	82	66	61

\* Revised

<sup>1</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist village

**Table 7. Non-resident arrivals by type of accommodation**

Arrivals	Q4/2013*	January-March	
		2013	2014
<b>MALTA</b>			
Total	289,995	197,378	219,089
Hotel	282,391	192,601	211,694
5 Star	80,922	52,517	60,083
4 Star	123,878	91,970	90,283
3 Star	70,519	44,675	56,411
2 Star	7,072	3,439	4,917
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	7,604	4,777	7,395
<b>Malta</b>			
Total	281,162	193,259	214,286
Hotel	273,834	188,632	207,028
Of which:			
5 Star	78,190	51,250	58,623
4 Star	119,813	90,120	88,002
3 Star	69,154	44,058	55,549
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	7,328	4,627	7,259
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Total	8,833	4,119	4,803
Hotel	8,557	3,969	4,666
Of which:			
5 Star	2,732	1,267	1,460
4 Star	4,065	1,850	2,281
3 Star	1,365	617	862
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	276	150	137

**Table 8. Total nights by type of accommodation**

Nights	Q4/2013*	January-March	
		2013	2014
<b>MALTA</b>			
Total	1,769,816	1,334,327	1,372,904
Hotel	1,685,326	1,261,548	1,301,821
5 Star	363,373	236,741	256,784
4 Star	852,065	696,278	658,999
3 Star	416,003	293,646	344,600
2 Star	53,885	34,882	41,438
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	84,490	72,779	71,083
<b>Malta</b>			
Total	1,707,924	1,298,735	1,333,788
Hotel	1,624,652	1,226,482	1,263,159
Of which:			
5 Star	346,891	225,252	244,815
4 Star	818,817	678,930	638,975
3 Star	408,819	289,428	340,239
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	83,272	72,253	70,628
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Total	61,892	35,592	39,116
Hotel	60,674	35,066	38,662
Of which:			
5 Star	16,482	11,489	11,969
4 Star	33,248	17,348	20,024
3 Star	7,184	4,218	4,361
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,218	526	454

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**Table 9. Resident nights by type of accommodation**

Nights	Q4/2013*	January-March	
		2013	2014
<b>MALTA</b>			
Total	91,632	82,632	88,373
Hotel	90,416	81,109	87,417
5 Star	30,730	24,764	25,704
4 Star	47,595	42,452	51,305
3 Star	8,407	11,688	8,000
2 Star	3,683	2,206	2,408
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,216	1,522	956
<b>Malta</b>			
Total	73,480	65,147	69,357
Hotel	72,400	63,725	68,502
Of which:			
5 Star	24,594	19,029	19,416
4 Star	40,704	34,524	42,932
3 Star	6,084	9,391	5,873
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,079	1,421	855
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Total	18,152	17,485	19,016
Hotel	18,015	17,384	18,915
Of which:			
5 Star	6,136	5,735	6,288
4 Star	6,891	7,928	8,373
3 Star	2,323	2,297	2,127
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	137	101	101

**Table 10. Non-resident nights by type of accommodation**

Nights	Q4/2013*	January-March	
		2013	2014
<b>MALTA</b>			
Total	1,678,184	1,251,695	1,284,531
Hotel	1,594,911	1,180,439	1,214,404
5 Star	332,643	211,977	231,080
4 Star	804,470	653,826	607,694
3 Star	407,596	281,958	336,600
2 Star	50,202	32,677	39,030
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	83,274	71,257	70,127
<b>Malta</b>			
Total	1,634,445	1,233,588	1,264,431
Hotel	1,552,252	1,162,757	1,194,657
Of which:			
5 Star	322,297	206,223	225,399
4 Star	778,113	644,406	596,043
3 Star	402,735	280,037	334,366
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	82,193	70,832	69,773
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Total	43,740	18,107	20,100
Hotel	42,659	17,682	19,747
Of which:			
5 Star	10,346	5,754	5,681
4 Star	26,357	9,420	11,651
3 Star	4,861	1,921	2,234
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,081	425	353

\* Revised

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

Occupancy (%)	Q4/2013*	January-March	
		2013	2014
<b>MALTA</b>			
Total	50.4	41.1	43.0
Hotel	52.0	42.0	44.3
5 Star	57.1	38.4	41.7
4 Star	58.3	47.8	52.2
3 Star	41.2	35.6	36.6
2 Star	40.5	32.2	35.6
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	31.0	29.9	27.9
<b>Malta</b>			
Total	50.7	41.6	43.6
Hotel	52.4	42.4	44.9
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	58.2	38.6	42.0
4 Star	58.9	48.6	53.2
3 Star	41.1	35.6	36.8
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	31.5	30.7	28.6
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Total	42.3	29.0	30.3
Hotel	44.1	30.6	31.9
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	41.8	34.9	36.4
4 Star	46.3	29.6	32.5
3 Star	47.8	34.5	27.6
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	13.8	6.5	5.9

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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 February 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to March 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 apart-hotels 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
- *The average number of nights spent* is calculated using the following equation: 
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of arrivals}}$$

7. Response Rate

February 2014	<b>96.3%</b>
March 2014	<b>94.9%</b>