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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during May advanced by 9.5 and 2.2 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month last year.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: May 2014

Cut-off date:  
**23 July 2014**

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during the month under review numbered 156,747, while total nights spent amounted to 819,874. All hotel categories recorded increases in nights spent, except 4-star hotels. The latter maintained the largest share of guest nights, accounting for 376,164 nights, or 45.9 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down from 5.6 nights in May 2013 to 5.2 nights during the month under review. The net use of bed-places stood at 66.9 per cent, up by 3.2 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year.

### Regional Breakdown

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 148,078, up by 10.0 per cent over May 2013. Additionally, a rise of 2.6 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Meanwhile, the average length of stay in Malta edged down by 0.4 of a night reaching 5.3, while the net occupancy rate went up by 3.6 percentage points to 67.8 per cent.

Total registered arrivals in Gozo and Comino increased by 2.3 per cent to 8,669. On the other hand, total nights spent went down by 7.9 per cent to 27,913 (Table 2).

### Capacity

On a national level, there were 162 active collective accommodation establishments during May, with a net capacity of 18,109 bedrooms and 39,566 bed-places. On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room (Table 4).

### January-May 2014

Total arrivals during the first five months amounted to 562,892, an increase of 10.8 per cent over 2013. Total nights spent went up by 4.4 per cent, reaching 2.9 million. The net use of bed-places went up by 3.0 percentage points to 52.6 per cent ■

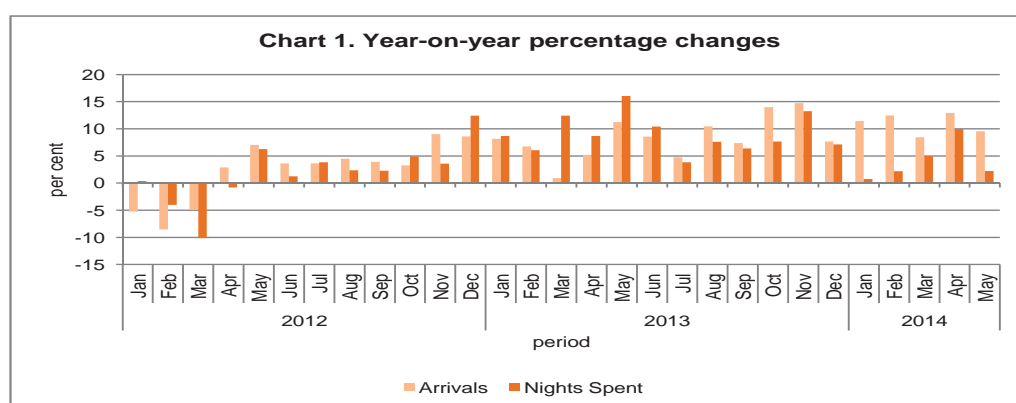
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**Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation**

Arrivals	April*	May		January-May	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	143,637	143,115	156,747	507,876	562,892
Hotel	137,959	138,504	150,335	494,280	542,917
5 Star	35,915	37,061	39,251	134,249	147,447
4 Star	61,464	62,572	65,267	233,285	242,431
3 Star	36,910	35,037	41,534	114,822	138,981
2 Star	3,670	3,834	4,283	11,924	14,059
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5,678	4,611	6,412	13,595	19,974
	Malta				
Total	137,140	134,643	148,078	480,207	533,087
Hotel	131,718	130,283	141,897	467,379	513,797
Of which:					
5 Star	34,174	34,989	37,461	126,616	139,621
4 Star	58,631	58,171	60,412	220,273	227,826
3 Star	35,761	33,891	40,380	110,708	134,550
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5,422	4,360	6,181	12,829	19,290
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	6,497	8,472	8,669	27,668	29,805
Hotel	6,241	8,221	8,438	26,902	29,120
Of which:					
5 Star	1,741	2,072	1,790	7,633	7,826
4 Star	2,833	4,401	4,855	13,012	14,605
3 Star	1,149	1,146	1,154	4,115	4,431
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	256	252	231	767	685

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

Nights	April*	May		January-May	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	752,685	802,051	819,874	2,820,935	2,946,042
Hotel	713,238	761,949	779,229	2,675,121	2,794,867
5 Star	149,584	157,504	162,218	523,369	568,586
4 Star	348,166	381,642	376,164	1,412,719	1,383,330
3 Star	194,218	201,912	217,772	663,502	757,086
2 Star	21,269	20,891	23,075	75,531	85,865
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	39,447	40,101	40,645	145,815	151,175
	Malta				
Total	731,542	771,731	791,961	2,736,641	2,857,870
Hotel	692,869	732,415	752,098	2,592,969	2,708,705
Of which:					
5 Star	142,847	149,544	155,527	498,843	543,189
4 Star	338,550	364,766	359,628	1,370,121	1,337,154
3 Star	191,475	198,628	215,416	653,326	747,626
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	38,673	39,317	39,863	143,671	149,165
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	21,143	30,319	27,913	84,295	88,172
Hotel	20,369	29,534	27,131	82,151	86,162
Of which:					
5 Star	6,737	7,960	6,691	24,526	25,397
4 Star	9,616	16,876	16,536	42,598	46,176
3 Star	2,743	3,284	2,356	10,176	9,460
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	774	785	782	2,143	2,010

\* Revised

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

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

Occupancy (%)	April*	May		January-May	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	63.8	63.7	66.9	49.6	52.6
Hotel	65.5	65.3	68.9	50.8	54.2
5 Star	72.2	73.6	75.8	50.4	54.8
4 Star	72.1	69.4	72.9	55.8	61.1
3 Star	54.5	56.4	61.2	44.1	45.8
2 Star	50.4	46.8	50.7	38.7	42.1
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	43.2	43.7	43.4	34.7	34.4
	Malta				
Total	64.5	64.2	67.8	50.0	53.3
Hotel	66.2	65.7	69.7	51.2	54.8
Of which:					
5 Star	73.5	74.5	77.5	51.0	55.6
4 Star	73.2	70.0	74.0	56.5	62.2
3 Star	54.5	56.4	61.5	44.0	46.0
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	44.2	44.8	44.6	35.5	35.2
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	45.5	54.4	49.0	37.9	37.9
Hotel	47.7	57.1	51.4	39.7	39.8
Of which:					
5 Star	52.3	59.9	50.3	41.5	43.0
4 Star	46.7	58.2	55.2	39.7	41.2
3 Star	49.7	58.2	41.3	46.3	35.0
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	20.2	19.7	18.8	13.8	12.8

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

	May							
	2013		2014		2013		2014	
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places			
	MALTA							
Total	161	162	18,302	18,109	40,633	39,566		
Hotel	124	123	17,091	16,875	37,665	36,548		
5 Star	15	15	3,471	3,468	6,907	6,905		
4 Star	46	45	8,069	7,695	17,742	16,646		
3 Star	48	48	4,879	5,033	11,577	11,529		
2 Star	15	15	672	679	1,439	1,468		
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	37	39	1,211	1,234	2,968	3,018		
	Malta							
Total	144	146	17,448	17,244	38,825	37,730		
Hotel	113	112	16,304	16,071	35,996	34,846		
Of which:								
5 Star	13	13	3,265	3,262	6,478	6,476		
4 Star	41	40	7,623	7,232	16,806	15,679		
3 Star	45	45	4,792	4,946	11,395	11,345		
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	31	34	1,144	1,173	2,829	2,884		
	Gozo and Comino							
Total	17	16	854	865	1,808	1,836		
Hotel	11	11	787	804	1,669	1,702		
Of which:								
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429		
4 Star	5	5	446	463	936	967		
3 Star	3	3	87	87	182	184		
Other Collective Accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6	5	67	61	139	134		

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

## 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 April 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to May 2014 are a first estimate - thus subject to revisions in the following release.
4. 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.

#### 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 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: 
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of arrivals}}$$

#### 6. Response Rate

April 2014	94.2%
May 2014	92.8%