

Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during July advanced by 8.3 and 4.3 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month last year.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: July 2014

Cut-off date:
26 September 2014

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during the month under review numbered 166,300, while total nights spent amounted to 1.1 million. All hotel categories recorded increases in total nights spent, with the largest share reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 493,855 nights, or 45.5 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down from 6.8 nights in July 2013 to 6.5 during the month under review. The net use of bed-places stood at 84.8 per cent, up by 3.0 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

Regional Breakdown

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 156,512, up by 8.4 per cent over July 2013. Additionally, a rise of 4.2 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Meanwhile, the average length of stay edged down by 0.3 of a night to 6.7, when compared to last year. The net occupancy rate advanced from 82.3 per cent to 85.3 per cent.

Total arrivals and nights spent in Gozo and Comino increased by 7.7 and 5.0 per cent when compared to last year, reaching 9,788 and 42,215 respectively.

Capacity

On a national level, there were 166 active collective accommodation establishments operating during July, with a net capacity of 18,694 bedrooms and 41,278 bed-places. On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room (Table 4).

January-July 2014

Total arrivals during the first seven months amounted to 881,892, an increase of 8.8 per cent over 2013. Total nights spent went up by 3.6 per cent, reaching 4.9 million. The net use of bed-places went up by 2.7 percentage points to 60.6 per cent ■

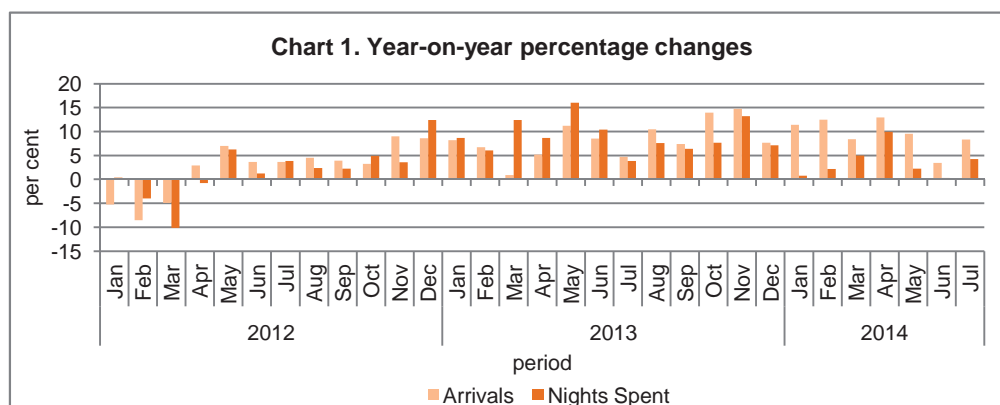
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Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	June*	July		January-July	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
MALTA					
Total	154,488	153,499	166,300	810,747	881,892
Hotel	147,976	148,218	158,667	786,925	847,839
5 Star	39,438	37,635	41,062	208,776	227,947
4 Star	63,089	65,414	67,456	362,186	371,647
3 Star	41,005	40,240	44,748	195,172	224,342
2 Star	4,444	4,929	5,401	20,791	23,904
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	6,512	5,281	7,633	23,822	34,053
Malta					
Total	145,824	144,410	156,512	765,557	833,636
Hotel	139,701	139,457	149,270	743,138	801,047
Of which:					
5 Star	37,052	35,440	38,404	196,881	215,077
4 Star	58,758	60,764	62,565	340,072	347,820
3 Star	39,945	38,959	43,549	188,665	217,652
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	6,123	4,954	7,242	22,419	32,588
Gozo and Comino					
Total	8,664	9,089	9,788	45,190	48,256
Hotel	8,275	8,761	9,397	43,788	46,792
Of which:					
5 Star	2,386	2,195	2,658	11,895	12,870
4 Star	4,331	4,650	4,891	22,114	23,827
3 Star	1,060	1,280	1,199	6,507	6,690
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	389	327	391	1,402	1,464

Table 2. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	June*	July		January-July	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
MALTA					
Total	884,686	1,040,561	1,084,841	4,743,577	4,914,733
Hotel	840,032	984,365	1,026,528	4,498,216	4,660,120
5 Star	170,325	194,541	201,156	881,120	940,067
4 Star	414,939	474,049	493,855	2,303,990	2,292,002
3 Star	229,795	283,830	295,459	1,181,538	1,281,155
2 Star	24,973	31,945	36,058	131,568	146,896
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	44,655	56,196	58,312	245,361	254,613
Malta					
Total	848,814	1,000,351	1,042,625	4,584,051	4,748,474
Hotel	805,588	945,752	985,739	4,343,490	4,498,725
Of which:					
5 Star	161,426	185,165	190,378	838,899	894,993
4 Star	393,832	451,040	469,575	2,217,790	2,200,439
3 Star	227,049	279,753	292,214	1,163,793	1,265,704
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	43,227	54,599	56,886	240,561	249,749
Gozo and Comino					
Total	35,872	40,210	42,215	159,526	166,259
Hotel	34,444	38,613	40,789	154,726	161,395
Of which:					
5 Star	8,899	9,376	10,778	42,221	45,074
4 Star	21,107	23,009	24,280	86,200	91,563
3 Star	2,746	4,077	3,245	17,745	15,451
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	1,428	1,597	1,426	4,800	4,864

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist village

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

Occupancy (%)	June*	July		January-July	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	72.1	81.8	84.8	57.9	60.6
Hotel	74.0	83.1	86.7	59.3	62.3
5 Star	82.2	86.3	90.9	59.9	64.2
4 Star	79.1	85.9	89.4	63.8	68.6
3 Star	64.7	79.6	82.3	53.3	54.1
2 Star	51.6	63.3	70.2	44.9	48.3
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	48.6	64.5	61.2	41.1	40.6
	Malta				
Total	72.4	82.3	85.3	58.4	61.2
Hotel	74.3	83.5	87.1	59.7	62.9
Of which:					
5 Star	83.1	87.3	91.5	60.6	64.8
4 Star	79.4	86.2	89.8	64.4	69.4
3 Star	65.0	79.7	82.7	53.3	54.4
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	49.2	66.0	62.7	42.0	41.4
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	65.1	71.7	73.7	48.0	48.2
Hotel	67.5	74.6	77.3	50.2	50.4
Of which:					
5 Star	69.1	70.5	81.0	49.5	52.9
4 Star	72.8	79.3	80.9	52.4	53.5
3 Star	49.7	72.3	56.9	53.7	40.4
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	35.5	37.1	31.7	20.2	20.1

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Table 4. Net number of establishments, bedrooms and bed-places

	July							
	2013		2014		2013		2014	
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places			
	MALTA							
Total	169	166	18,632	18,694	41,605	41,278		
Hotel	127	124	17,456	17,436	38,796	38,205		
5 Star	15	15	3,470	3,468	7,274	7,142		
4 Star	46	45	8,089	8,086	17,807	17,828		
3 Star	49	48	5,172	5,142	12,088	11,577		
2 Star	17	16	725	740	1,627	1,658		
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	42	42	1,176	1,258	2,809	3,073		
	Malta							
Total	152	149	17,778	17,825	39,797	39,430		
Hotel	116	113	16,669	16,632	37,127	36,502		
Of which:								
5 Star	13	13	3,264	3,262	6,845	6,713		
4 Star	41	40	7,643	7,623	16,871	16,860		
3 Star	46	45	5,085	5,055	11,906	11,393		
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	36	36	1,109	1,193	2,670	2,928		
	Gozo and Comino							
Total	17	17	854	869	1,808	1,848		
Hotel	11	11	787	804	1,669	1,703		
Of which:								
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429		
4 Star	5	5	446	463	936	968		
3 Star	3	3	87	87	182	184		
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	6	6	67	65	139	145		

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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 June 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to July 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

June 2014	96.4%
July 2014	95.5%