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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during September advanced by 3.2 and 4.0 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month last year.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: September 2014

Cut-off date:
18 November 2014

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during the month under review numbered 156,526, while total nights spent amounted to 927,418. All hotel categories recorded increases in total nights spent, with the largest share reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 435,006 nights, or 46.9 per cent of the total (Table 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments remained on par with last year, at 5.9 nights. The net use of bed-places stood at 75.6 per cent, up by 3.6 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 166 active collective accommodation establishments during September, with a net capacity of 18,612 bedrooms and 40,916 bed-places. On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room (Table 4).

July-September 2014

Total arrivals and nights spent during the third quarter rose by 6.1 and 3.5 per cent over the corresponding period last year reaching 497,312 and 3.1 million respectively (Tables 5 and 8). Nights spent by non-residents advanced by 3.3 per cent, whereas resident nights went up by 10.2 per cent (Tables 9 and 10). The occupancy rate for the quarter under review was estimated at 82.6 per cent, 3.6 percentage points more than last year (Table 11).

January-September 2014

Total arrivals during the first nine months surpassed 1.2 million, an increase of 7.7 per cent over 2013 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 3.5 per cent, amounted to almost 7.0 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 3.0 percentage points to stand at 65.6 per cent ■

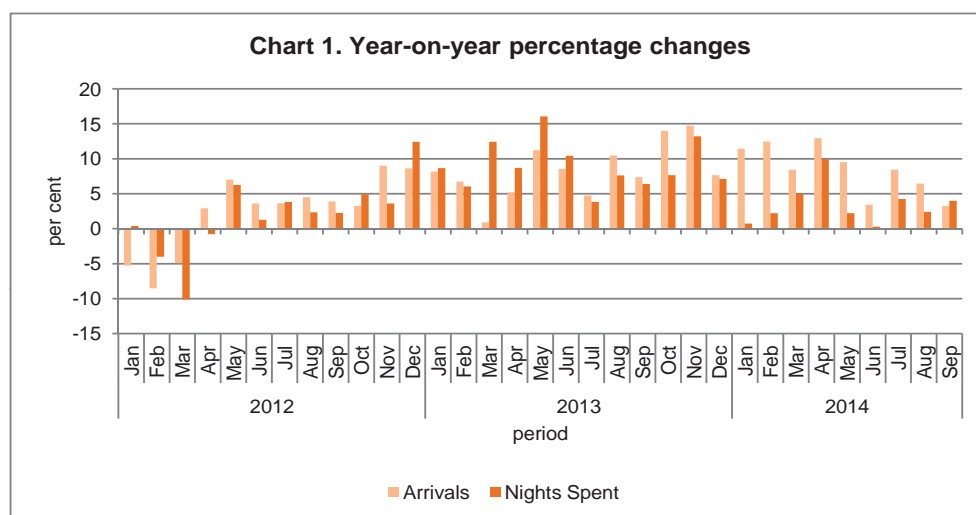
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Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	August*	September		January-September	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	174,342	151,625	156,526	1,126,135	1,212,637
Hotel	166,424	146,435	149,907	1,090,466	1,164,046
5 Star	41,889	38,810	38,375	287,690	307,825
4 Star	70,587	63,665	64,530	493,393	506,764
3 Star	48,589	39,444	42,108	278,626	315,039
2 Star	5,358	4,516	4,894	30,756	34,418
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	7,919	5,190	6,619	35,669	48,590
	Malta				
Total	163,468	142,549	147,635	1,061,130	1,144,615
Hotel	156,027	137,884	141,460	1,027,835	1,098,410
Of which:					
5 Star	39,029	36,602	36,409	270,973	290,129
4 Star	65,479	59,579	60,295	461,836	473,594
3 Star	46,870	37,960	40,533	269,061	305,055
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	7,441	4,665	6,175	33,295	46,204
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	10,874	9,077	8,891	65,005	68,022
Hotel	10,397	8,552	8,447	62,631	65,636
Of which:					
5 Star	2,860	2,208	1,966	16,717	17,696
4 Star	5,108	4,086	4,235	31,557	33,170
3 Star	1,719	1,484	1,575	9,565	9,984
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	477	525	444	2,374	2,386

Table 2. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	August*	September		January-September	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	1,122,360	891,725	927,418	6,731,331	6,964,407
Hotel	1,063,845	851,561	882,470	6,387,388	6,606,331
5 Star	221,539	171,213	177,775	1,267,845	1,339,376
4 Star	509,199	424,334	435,006	3,217,890	3,236,207
3 Star	302,350	232,403	243,305	1,717,219	1,826,810
2 Star	30,757	23,611	26,383	184,434	203,938
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	58,515	40,164	44,948	343,943	358,076
	Malta				
Total	1,074,081	850,964	885,907	6,484,943	6,708,358
Hotel	1,017,352	812,409	842,768	6,148,926	6,358,741
Of which:					
5 Star	209,747	161,936	168,030	1,205,392	1,272,765
4 Star	481,590	400,768	411,375	3,081,116	3,093,404
3 Star	297,863	228,365	239,520	1,690,918	1,803,087
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	56,729	38,555	43,139	336,017	349,617
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	48,279	40,760	41,511	246,388	256,049
Hotel	46,493	39,151	39,702	238,462	247,590
Of which:					
5 Star	11,792	9,277	9,745	62,453	66,611
4 Star	27,609	23,566	23,631	136,774	142,803
3 Star	4,487	4,038	3,785	26,301	23,723
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	1,786	1,609	1,809	7,926	8,459

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist village

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

Occupancy (%)	August*	September		January-September	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	87.2	72.0	75.6	62.6	65.6
Hotel	89.2	74.4	77.7	64.1	67.4
5 Star	98.5	82.6	83.8	66.6	70.4
4 Star	91.0	79.7	81.8	68.4	73.0
3 Star	84.1	65.2	70.7	58.0	59.5
2 Star	63.5	48.2	55.7	47.0	50.6
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	61.7	43.2	49.0	43.8	44.0
	Malta				
Total	87.4	71.9	75.6	62.9	66.0
Hotel	89.3	74.2	77.7	64.4	67.8
Of which:					
5 Star	99.3	83.3	84.4	67.2	71.1
4 Star	91.0	79.5	81.8	68.7	73.6
3 Star	84.2	65.1	70.7	58.0	59.7
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	62.5	43.5	49.1	44.6	44.7
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	84.2	74.9	75.5	55.7	56.1
Hotel	87.1	78.2	77.6	58.2	58.3
Of which:					
5 Star	85.5	72.1	75.7	56.1	59.5
4 Star	92.0	83.9	81.4	61.8	62.0
3 Star	78.7	74.0	68.6	59.6	48.0
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	45.0	37.0	47.1	24.5	26.7

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Table 4. Net number of bedrooms and bed-places

	September					
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	MALTA					
Total	170	166	18,650	18,612	41,270	40,916
Hotel	127	125	17,381	17,355	38,161	37,858
5 Star	15	15	3,470	3,468	6,909	7,068
4 Star	46	45	8,072	8,071	17,745	17,731
3 Star	49	49	5,134	5,107	11,873	11,479
2 Star	17	16	705	709	1,634	1,580
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	43	41	1,269	1,257	3,109	3,058
	Malta					
Total	153	150	17,781	17,745	39,456	39,083
Hotel	116	114	16,577	16,551	36,492	36,153
Of which:						
5 Star	13	13	3,264	3,262	6,480	6,639
4 Star	41	40	7,609	7,608	16,809	16,763
3 Star	46	46	5,047	5,020	11,691	11,295
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	37	36	1,204	1,194	2,964	2,930
	Gozo and Comino					
Total	17	16	869	867	1,814	1,833
Hotel	11	11	804	804	1,669	1,705
Of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429
4 Star	5	5	463	463	936	968
3 Star	3	3	87	87	182	184
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	6	5	65	63	145	128

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Table 5. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	Q2/2014*	July-September	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Total	453,205	468,887	497,312
Hotel	434,670	451,759	475,141
5 Star	114,337	116,549	121,207
4 Star	188,879	196,621	202,574
3 Star	119,057	123,694	135,445
2 Star	12,397	14,894	15,915
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	18,535	17,129	22,171
Malta			
Total	429,375	439,983	467,758
Hotel	411,716	424,154	446,900
Of which:			
5 Star	108,420	109,532	113,723
4 Star	176,860	182,528	188,340
3 Star	115,694	119,355	130,952
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	17,659	15,829	20,859
Gozo and Comino			
Total	23,830	28,904	29,554
Hotel	22,954	27,605	28,241
Of which:			
5 Star	5,917	7,017	7,484
4 Star	12,019	14,093	14,234
3 Star	3,363	4,339	4,493
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	876	1,299	1,313

Table 6. Resident arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	Q2/2014*	July-September	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Total	32,688	32,655	33,390
Hotel	31,973	31,797	32,845
5 Star	10,209	12,406	12,957
4 Star	15,998	13,040	14,386
3 Star	3,652	4,194	4,098
2 Star	2,114	2,157	1,404
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	715	858	545
Malta			
Total	22,614	20,745	21,583
Hotel	22,118	20,274	21,334
Of which:			
5 Star	7,951	9,259	9,735
4 Star	11,329	8,246	9,522
3 Star	2,154	2,153	1,717
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	496	471	249
Gozo and Comino			
Total	10,074	11,911	11,807
Hotel	9,855	11,524	11,511
Of which:			
5 Star	2,258	3,147	3,222
4 Star	4,669	4,794	4,864
3 Star	1,498	2,041	2,381
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	219	387	296

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Table 7. Non-resident arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	Q2/2014*	July-September	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Total	420,517	436,232	463,922
Hotel	402,697	419,962	442,296
5 Star	104,128	104,143	108,250
4 Star	172,881	183,581	188,188
3 Star	115,405	119,500	131,347
2 Star	10,283	12,737	14,511
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	17,820	16,270	21,626
Malta			
Total	406,761	419,239	446,176
Hotel	389,598	403,880	425,566
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	100,469	100,273	103,988
4 Star	165,531	174,282	178,818
3 Star	113,540	117,202	129,235
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	17,163	15,358	20,610
Gozo and Comino			
Total	13,756	16,993	17,747
Hotel	13,099	16,081	16,730
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,659	3,870	4,262
4 Star	7,350	9,299	9,370
3 Star	1,865	2,298	2,112
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	657	912	1,017

Table 8. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	Q2/2014*	July-September	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Total	2,456,322	3,028,315	3,134,603
Hotel	2,331,103	2,873,537	2,972,828
5 Star	482,039	581,266	600,553
4 Star	1,139,148	1,387,950	1,438,060
3 Star	640,600	819,511	841,114
2 Star	69,317	84,810	93,100
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	125,218	154,778	161,775
Malta			
Total	2,371,394	2,901,243	3,002,598
Hotel	2,249,159	2,751,188	2,845,844
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	459,712	551,658	568,238
4 Star	1,091,889	1,314,367	1,362,540
3 Star	632,755	806,878	829,597
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	122,234	150,054	156,754
Gozo and Comino			
Total	84,928	127,072	132,005
Hotel	81,944	122,349	126,984
<i>Of which:</i>			
5 Star	22,327	29,608	32,315
4 Star	47,259	73,583	75,520
3 Star	7,845	12,633	11,517
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	2,984	4,723	5,021

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Table 9. Resident nights by type of accommodation

Nights	Q2/2014*	July-September	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Total	72,937	86,981	95,895
Hotel	71,513	84,597	94,581
5 Star	23,858	35,275	38,964
4 Star	35,702	30,476	40,559
3 Star	7,420	13,691	9,753
2 Star	4,533	5,156	5,305
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	1,424	2,384	1,314
Malta			
Total	53,166	60,182	65,817
Hotel	52,157	58,535	65,177
Of which:			
5 Star	19,252	27,354	30,353
4 Star	26,909	19,976	28,404
3 Star	5,123	10,157	5,607
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	1,009	1,647	640
Gozo and Comino			
Total	19,771	26,799	30,078
Hotel	19,356	26,062	29,404
Of which:			
5 Star	4,606	7,921	8,611
4 Star	8,793	10,500	12,155
3 Star	2,297	3,534	4,146
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	415	737	674

Table 10. Non-resident nights by type of accommodation

Nights	Q2/2014*	July-September	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Total	2,383,384	2,941,334	3,038,708
Hotel	2,259,590	2,788,940	2,878,247
5 Star	458,181	545,991	561,589
4 Star	1,103,445	1,357,474	1,397,501
3 Star	633,180	805,820	831,361
2 Star	64,784	79,655	87,795
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	123,794	152,393	160,461
Malta			
Total	2,318,228	2,841,060	2,936,781
Hotel	2,197,002	2,692,653	2,780,667
Of which:			
5 Star	440,460	524,304	537,885
4 Star	1,064,979	1,294,391	1,334,136
3 Star	627,632	796,721	823,990
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	121,225	148,407	156,114
Gozo and Comino			
Total	65,157	100,273	101,927
Hotel	62,588	96,287	97,580
Of which:			
5 Star	17,721	21,687	23,704
4 Star	38,466	63,083	63,365
3 Star	5,548	9,099	7,371
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	2,569	3,986	4,347

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

Occupancy (%)	Q2/2014*	July-September	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Total	67.6	79.0	82.6
Hotel	69.4	80.8	84.6
5 Star	76.7	88.2	91.2
4 Star	74.7	84.2	87.5
3 Star	60.0	74.6	79.2
2 Star	50.9	56.6	61.8
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	45.2	56.1	57.5
Malta			
Total	68.2	79.1	82.8
Hotel	70.1	80.8	84.7
Of which:			
5 Star	78.0	89.0	91.9
4 Star	75.5	84.1	87.6
3 Star	60.2	74.6	79.3
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	46.2	57.0	58.2
Gozo and Comino			
Total	53.6	76.4	78.0
Hotel	55.9	79.8	80.7
Of which:			
5 Star	57.2	75.0	80.9
4 Star	59.4	85.7	84.8
3 Star	46.9	75.4	68.0
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	24.8	36.4	42.0

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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 August 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to September 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

August 2014	94.0%
September 2014	94.3%