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Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during November 2014 declined by 1.6 per cent, while total nights spent remained at par when compared to the corresponding month in 2013.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: November 2014

Cut-off date:
20 January 2015

In November 2014, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 100,717, while total nights spent amounted to 543,785. All hotel categories recorded increases in total nights spent, except for 5-star and 3-star hotels. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 286,100 nights, or 52.6 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went up from 5.3 nights in November 2013 to 5.4 nights in the same month of 2014. The net use of bed-places stood at 51.7 per cent, up by 3.7 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3).

Regional Breakdown

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 95,046, down by 1.6 per cent over November 2013. Additionally, a rise of 0.2 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Meanwhile, the average length of stay edged up by 0.1 of a night, to 5.5 when compared to the previous year. The net occupancy rate advanced from 48.4 per cent to 52.4 per cent (Tables 1-3).

Total arrivals and nights spent in Gozo and Comino decreased by 2.1 and 6.9 per cent respectively, the former reaching 5,671 and the latter 16,331 (Tables 1 and 2).

Capacity

On a national level, there were 149 active collective accommodation establishments during November 2014, with a net capacity of 16,748 bedrooms and 36,513 bed-places. On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room (Table 4).

January-November 2014

Total arrivals during the first eleven months amounted to almost 1.5 million, an increase of 6.6 per cent over 2013. Total nights spent went up by 3.1 per cent, reaching 8.4 million. The net use of bed-places advanced by 3.0 percentage points to 64.6 per cent (Tables 1 and 3) ■

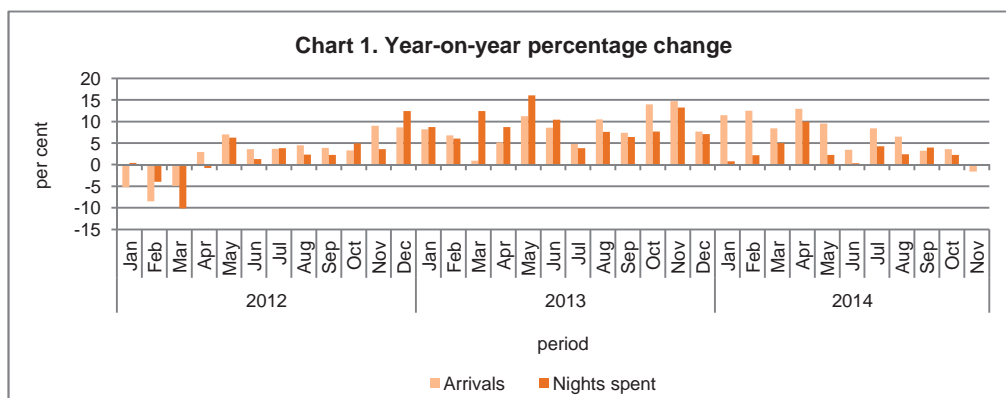
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Table 1. Total arrivals by type of accommodation

Arrivals	October*	November		January-November	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	153,165	102,383	100,717	1,376,340	1,466,592
Hotel	147,542	100,246	98,007	1,334,026	1,409,595
5 Star	40,315	29,143	24,718	356,719	372,858
4 Star	67,556	47,867	50,207	605,584	624,528
3 Star	35,600	20,875	20,937	333,948	371,576
2 Star	4,070	2,361	2,145	37,775	40,633
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	5,623	2,137	2,710	42,314	56,997
	Malta				
Total	145,121	96,590	95,046	1,297,714	1,384,781
Hotel	139,805	94,504	92,402	1,258,077	1,330,617
Of which:					
5 Star	38,568	27,375	23,140	336,332	351,837
4 Star	63,309	45,359	47,273	567,733	584,177
3 Star	34,389	19,968	20,087	322,305	359,531
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	5,316	2,086	2,644	39,637	54,164
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	8,044	5,793	5,671	78,626	81,811
Hotel	7,737	5,742	5,605	75,950	78,978
Of which:					
5 Star	1,747	1,768	1,578	20,387	21,021
4 Star	4,247	2,508	2,934	37,851	40,351
3 Star	1,211	907	850	11,644	12,045
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	307	51	66	2,676	2,833

Table 2. Total nights by type of accommodation

Nights	October*	November		January-November	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	844,867	543,959	543,785	8,101,683	8,353,233
Hotel	805,042	518,299	517,453	7,694,364	7,928,826
5 Star	175,254	109,339	99,116	1,544,963	1,613,746
4 Star	414,809	269,881	286,100	3,894,328	3,937,116
3 Star	190,714	123,687	115,670	2,029,882	2,133,194
2 Star	24,264	15,392	16,567	225,191	244,770
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	39,826	25,660	26,332	407,318	424,407
	Malta				
Total	809,499	526,415	527,454	7,805,358	8,045,312
Hotel	770,632	500,930	501,356	7,407,045	7,630,729
Of which:					
5 Star	166,635	103,745	93,823	1,471,189	1,533,223
4 Star	394,349	261,478	278,015	3,728,863	3,765,768
3 Star	187,495	121,591	113,869	1,997,846	2,104,451
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	38,868	25,485	26,098	398,313	414,583
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	35,368	17,544	16,331	296,325	307,921
Hotel	34,410	17,369	16,097	287,319	298,097
Of which:					
5 Star	8,619	5,594	5,293	73,774	80,523
4 Star	20,460	8,403	8,085	165,465	171,348
3 Star	3,219	2,096	1,801	32,036	28,743
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	958	175	234	9,006	9,824

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

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

Occupancy (%)	October*	November		January-November	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Total	67.1	48.0	51.7	61.6	64.6
Hotel	68.8	49.5	53.2	63.2	66.3
5 Star	80.0	52.8	58.5	66.4	70.4
4 Star	75.3	56.1	60.4	67.8	72.1
3 Star	53.6	38.9	40.0	55.9	57.4
2 Star	53.5	38.3	41.3	46.6	50.1
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	44.6	29.9	32.7	42.1	43.2
	Malta				
Total	67.3	48.4	52.4	61.9	65.0
Hotel	68.9	49.9	54.0	63.4	66.8
Of which:					
5 Star	81.0	53.4	59.9	67.2	71.2
4 Star	75.7	56.8	61.4	68.1	72.8
3 Star	53.6	38.9	40.2	55.9	57.6
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	45.7	30.6	33.5	42.9	43.9
	Gozo and Comino				
Total	62.0	39.2	36.0	54.5	55.0
Hotel	65.1	41.1	37.7	56.9	57.3
Of which:					
5 Star	64.8	43.5	41.1	53.6	58.3
4 Star	68.2	40.8	39.2	60.9	61.0
3 Star	56.4	40.4	32.6	58.3	47.4
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	23.1	7.0	8.8	23.1	25.3

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Table 4. Establishment with net number of bedrooms and bed-places by type of accommodation

	November							
	2013		2014		2013		2014	
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places			
	MALTA							
Total	150	149	17,766	16,748	39,065	36,513		
Hotel	116	115	16,602	15,635	36,207	33,795		
5 Star	15	14	3,469	3,216	6,906	6,283		
4 Star	44	43	7,868	7,391	17,359	16,281		
3 Star	44	45	4,645	4,391	10,601	9,852		
2 Star	13	13	620	637	1,341	1,379		
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	34	34	1,164	1,113	2,858	2,718		
	Malta							
Total	137	136	17,060	16,044	37,563	34,999		
Hotel	106	105	15,939	14,972	34,788	32,370		
Of which:								
5 Star	13	12	3,263	3,010	6,477	5,854		
4 Star	40	39	7,546	7,069	16,673	15,593		
3 Star	41	42	4,558	4,304	10,419	9,668		
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	31	31	1,121	1,072	2,775	2,629		
	Gozo and Comino							
Total	13	13	706	704	1,502	1,514		
Hotel	10	10	663	663	1,419	1,425		
Of which:								
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429		
4 Star	4	4	322	322	686	688		
3 Star	3	3	87	87	182	184		
Other Collective Accommodation ¹	3	3	43	41	83	89		

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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 active 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 under review

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 villages.
3. In this release figures for October 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to November 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 of 2012). These changes are being taken on board for 2013 and 2014 data.

5. Definitions:

- A **bedroom** is a unit formed by one room or group 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 a 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** refer to every 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

October 2014	93.4%
November 2014	92.9%

7. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

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