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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during December 2014 advanced by 5.2 and 7.7 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2013.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: December 2014

Cut-off date:
18 February 2015

In December 2014, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 88,709, while total nights spent amounted to 430,209. All hotel categories recorded decreases in total nights spent, except for 4-star hotels. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 222,983 nights, or 51.8 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments was calculated at 4.8 nights, up from 4.7 nights in 2013.

The net use of bed-places stood at 40.7 per cent, an increase of 4.2 percentage points when compared to December 2013 (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 143 active collective accommodation establishments during December 2014, with a net capacity of 15,838 bedrooms and 34,643 bed-places. On average, each establishment had 2.2 beds per room (Table 4).

October-December 2014

Total arrivals and nights spent during the fourth quarter rose by 2.4 and 2.8 per cent over the corresponding period a year earlier, to 342,521 and 1.8 million respectively (Tables 5 and 8). Nights spent by non-residents advanced by 2.7 per cent, whereas resident nights went up by 5.1 per cent (Tables 9 and 10). The occupancy rate was estimated at 54.0 per cent, 3.4 percentage points more than 2013 (Table 11).

January-December 2014

In 2014, total arrivals surpassed 1.5 million, 6.5 per cent more than 2013 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 3.3 per cent, reaching 8.8 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 3.2 percentage points, at 62.8 per cent (Table 3) ■

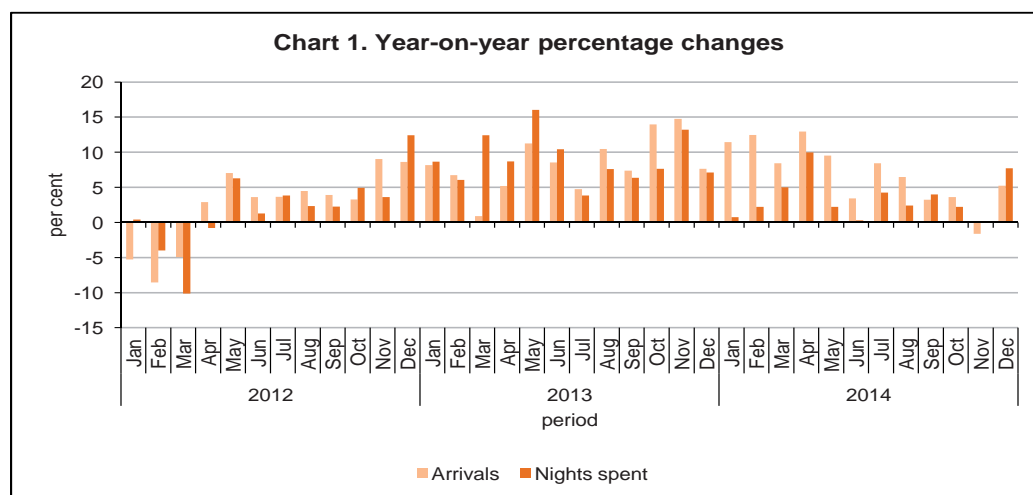
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Table 1. Total arrivals by period and type of accommodation: month and year

Arrivals	November*	December		January-December	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Hotel	97,937	82,595	85,871	1,416,621	1,495,058
5 Star	24,718	26,266	23,478	382,985	396,336
4 Star	50,207	34,831	42,506	640,415	667,034
3 Star	20,867	19,548	18,170	353,496	389,677
2 Star	2,145	1,950	1,717	39,725	42,011
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,710	1,710	2,838	44,024	59,835
Total	100,647	84,305	88,709	1,460,645	1,554,893
	Malta				
Hotel	92,332	78,226	81,163	1,336,303	1,411,372
of which:					
5 Star	23,140	24,567	21,956	360,899	373,793
4 Star	47,273	33,256	40,477	600,989	624,654
3 Star	20,017	18,770	17,268	341,074	376,730
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,644	1,654	2,713	41,291	56,877
Total	94,976	79,880	83,876	1,377,594	1,468,249
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	5,605	4,369	4,708	80,319	83,686
of which:					
5 Star	1,578	1,699	1,522	22,086	22,543
4 Star	2,934	1,575	2,029	39,426	42,380
3 Star	850	778	902	12,422	12,947
Other collective accommodation ¹	66	56	125	2,732	2,958
Total	5,671	4,425	4,833	83,051	86,644

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

Table 2. Total nights spent by period and type of accommodation: month and year

Nights	November*	December		January-December	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Hotel	517,598	378,350	406,282	8,072,714	8,332,698
5 Star	99,116	86,255	78,641	1,631,218	1,692,387
4 Star	286,100	175,627	222,983	4,069,955	4,160,099
3 Star	115,815	103,340	92,367	2,133,222	2,225,706
2 Star	16,567	13,128	12,292	238,319	254,506
Other collective accommodation ¹	26,332	21,114	23,927	428,433	448,334
Total	543,930	399,464	430,209	8,501,147	8,781,032
	Malta				
Hotel	501,501	366,533	394,388	7,773,578	8,022,707
of which:					
5 Star	93,823	81,094	74,430	1,552,283	1,607,653
4 Star	278,015	171,070	217,840	3,899,933	3,983,608
3 Star	114,014	101,891	90,649	2,099,737	2,195,245
Other collective accommodation ¹	26,098	20,976	23,655	419,289	438,237
Total	527,599	387,509	418,043	8,192,867	8,460,945
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	16,097	11,817	11,894	299,136	309,991
of which:					
5 Star	5,293	5,161	4,211	78,935	84,734
4 Star	8,085	4,557	5,143	170,022	176,491
3 Star	1,801	1,449	1,718	33,485	30,461
Other collective accommodation ¹	234	138	272	9,144	10,096
Total	16,331	11,955	12,166	308,280	320,087

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Table 3. Net use of bed-places by period and type of accommodation: month and year

Occupancy (%)	November*	December		January-December	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA				
Hotel	53.3	37.7	41.8	61.2	64.5
5 Star	58.5	40.3	47.2	64.2	68.9
4 Star	60.4	41.2	47.5	66.0	70.2
3 Star	40.1	32.3	31.2	53.9	55.5
2 Star	41.3	31.1	31.6	45.4	48.5
Other collective accommodation ¹	32.5	23.2	28.2	40.2	41.8
Total	51.7	36.5	40.7	59.6	62.8
	Malta				
Hotel	54.0	38.2	42.5	61.5	64.9
of which:					
5 Star	59.9	40.4	48.5	65.0	69.7
4 Star	61.4	42.2	48.6	66.4	70.9
3 Star	40.2	32.4	31.0	53.9	55.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	33.3	23.7	29.1	40.9	42.6
Total	52.4	37.0	41.4	60.0	63.2
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	37.7	26.8	27.9	54.5	55.0
of which:					
5 Star	41.1	38.8	31.7	52.3	56.0
4 Star	39.2	21.4	24.1	58.0	58.4
3 Star	32.6	25.7	40.7	55.0	46.9
Other collective accommodation ¹	8.8	6.3	7.4	22.2	23.7
Total	36.0	25.9	26.3	52.2	52.8

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Table 4. Establishments with net number of bedrooms and bed-places by period and type of accommodation: month

	December					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	MALTA					
Hotel	109	108	15,047	14,704	32,473	31,879
5 Star	15	13	3,478	2,765	6,904	5,379
4 Star	38	39	6,348	6,906	13,759	15,263
3 Star	43	43	4,596	4,412	10,450	9,899
2 Star	13	13	625	621	1,360	1,338
Other collective accommodation ¹	36	35	1,204	1,134	2,944	2,764
Total	145	143	16,251	15,838	35,417	34,643
	Malta					
Hotel	99	99	14,384	14,060	31,053	30,502
of which:						
5 Star	13	11	3,272	2,559	6,475	4,950
4 Star	34	35	6,026	6,584	13,072	14,575
3 Star	40	41	4,509	4,344	10,268	9,763
Other collective accommodation ¹	33	31	1,164	1,081	2,859	2,646
Total	132	130	15,548	15,141	33,912	33,148
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	10	9	663	644	1,420	1,377
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	206	429	429
4 Star	4	4	322	322	687	688
3 Star	3	2	87	68	182	136
Other collective accommodation ¹	3	4	40	53	85	118
Total	13	13	703	697	1,505	1,495

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Table 5. Total arrivals by period and type of accommodation: quarter

Arrivals	Q3/2014*	October-December	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Hotel	474,803	326,155	331,349
5 Star	121,207	95,295	88,511
4 Star	202,574	147,022	160,270
3 Star	135,445	74,870	74,637
2 Star	15,577	8,969	7,931
Other collective accommodation ¹	22,245	8,354	11,171
Total	497,047	334,510	342,521
Malta			
Hotel	446,562	308,468	313,299
of which:			
5 Star	113,723	89,926	83,664
4 Star	188,340	139,153	151,060
3 Star	130,952	72,013	71,674
Other collective accommodation ¹	20,859	7,996	10,673
Total	467,420	316,464	323,973
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	28,241	17,688	18,050
of which:			
5 Star	7,484	5,369	4,847
4 Star	14,234	7,869	9,210
3 Star	4,493	2,857	2,963
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,386	358	498
Total	29,627	18,046	18,548

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Table 6. Resident arrivals by period and type of accommodation: quarter

Arrivals	Q3/2014*	October-December	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Hotel	32,845	43,764	45,229
5 Star	12,957	14,373	14,143
4 Star	14,386	23,143	26,641
3 Star	4,098	4,351	3,562
2 Star	1,404	1,897	883
Other collective accommodation ¹	600	750	756
Total	33,445	44,515	45,985
Malta			
Hotel	21,334	34,633	35,832
of which:			
5 Star	9,735	11,736	11,622
4 Star	9,522	19,339	22,011
3 Star	1,717	2,859	1,967
Other collective accommodation ¹	249	668	643
Total	21,583	35,302	36,475
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	11,511	9,131	9,397
of which:			
5 Star	3,222	2,637	2,521
4 Star	4,864	3,804	4,630
3 Star	2,381	1,492	1,595
Other collective accommodation ¹	351	82	113
Total	11,862	9,213	9,510

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Table 7. Non-resident arrivals by period and type of accommodation: quarter

Arrivals	Q3/2014*	October-December	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Hotel	441,958	282,391	286,120
5 Star	108,250	80,922	74,368
4 Star	188,188	123,878	133,628
3 Star	131,347	70,519	71,075
2 Star	14,173	7,072	7,048
Other collective accommodation ¹	21,645	7,604	10,415
Total	463,603	289,995	296,535
Malta			
Hotel	425,228	273,834	277,467
of which:			
5 Star	103,988	78,190	72,042
4 Star	178,818	119,813	129,048
3 Star	129,235	69,154	69,707
Other collective accommodation ¹	20,610	7,328	10,030
Total	445,838	281,162	287,497
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	16,730	8,557	8,653
of which:			
5 Star	4,262	2,732	2,326
4 Star	9,370	4,065	4,580
3 Star	2,112	1,365	1,368
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,035	276	385
Total	17,765	8,833	9,038

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Table 8. Total nights spent by period and type of accommodation: quarter

Nights	Q3/2014*	October-December	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Hotel	2,970,273	1,685,326	1,728,922
5 Star	600,553	363,373	353,011
4 Star	1,438,060	852,065	923,892
3 Star	841,114	416,003	398,896
2 Star	90,545	53,885	53,123
Other collective accommodation ¹	161,949	84,490	90,085
Total	3,132,221	1,769,816	1,819,007
Malta			
Hotel	2,843,289	1,624,652	1,666,521
of which:			
5 Star	568,238	346,891	334,888
4 Star	1,362,540	818,817	890,204
3 Star	829,597	408,819	392,158
Other collective accommodation ¹	156,754	83,272	88,621
Total	3,000,043	1,707,924	1,755,142
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	126,984	60,674	62,401
of which:			
5 Star	32,315	16,482	18,123
4 Star	75,520	33,248	33,688
3 Star	11,517	7,184	6,738
Other collective accommodation ¹	5,195	1,218	1,464
Total	132,179	61,892	63,865

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Table 9. Resident nights spent by period and type of accommodation: quarter

Nights	Q3/2014*	October-December	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Hotel	94,581	90,416	95,070
5 Star	38,964	30,730	32,296
4 Star	40,559	47,595	52,788
3 Star	9,753	8,407	7,140
2 Star	5,305	3,683	2,846
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,464	1,216	1,199
Total	96,045	91,632	96,269
Malta			
Hotel	65,177	72,400	76,196
of which:			
5 Star	30,353	24,594	26,640
4 Star	28,404	40,704	44,446
3 Star	5,607	6,084	4,610
Other collective accommodation ¹	640	1,079	969
Total	65,817	73,480	77,165
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	29,404	18,015	18,874
of which:			
5 Star	8,611	6,136	5,656
4 Star	12,155	6,891	8,342
3 Star	4,146	2,323	2,530
Other collective accommodation ¹	824	137	230
Total	30,228	18,152	19,104

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Table 10. Non-resident nights spent by period and type of accommodation: quarter

Nights	Q3/2014*	October-December	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Hotel	2,875,692	1,594,911	1,633,852
5 Star	561,589	332,643	320,715
4 Star	1,397,501	804,470	871,104
3 Star	831,361	407,596	391,756
2 Star	85,240	50,202	50,277
Other collective accommodation ¹	160,485	83,274	88,886
Total	3,036,176	1,678,184	1,722,737
Malta			
Hotel	2,778,112	1,552,252	1,590,325
of which:			
5 Star	537,885	322,297	308,248
4 Star	1,334,136	778,113	845,758
3 Star	823,990	402,735	387,548
Other collective accommodation ¹	156,114	82,193	87,652
Total	2,934,226	1,634,445	1,677,976
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	97,580	42,659	43,527
of which:			
5 Star	23,704	10,346	12,467
4 Star	63,365	26,357	25,346
3 Star	7,371	4,861	4,208
Other collective accommodation ¹	4,371	1,081	1,234
Total	101,951	43,740	44,761

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Table 11. Total net use of bed-places by period and type of accommodation: quarter

Occupancy (%)	Q3/2014*	October-December	
		2013	2014
MALTA			
Hotel	84.7	52.3	55.5
5 Star	91.2	57.1	63.6
4 Star	87.8	58.3	61.9
3 Star	79.2	41.9	42.4
2 Star	61.4	40.6	42.7
Other collective accommodation ¹	57.2	31.1	35.2
Total	82.6	50.6	54.0
Malta			
Hotel	84.9	52.7	56.0
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	91.9	58.2	64.9
4 Star	88.0	58.9	62.6
3 Star	79.3	41.8	42.4
Other collective accommodation ¹	57.8	31.7	36.1
Total	82.9	51.0	54.5
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	80.7	43.6	45.1
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	80.9	41.8	45.9
4 Star	84.8	46.3	46.8
3 Star	68.0	42.9	43.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	42.1	13.8	14.0
Total	77.9	41.8	42.9

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Methodological Notes

1. The objective of the Survey on Collective Accommodation Establishments 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 are in line with 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 November 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to December 2014 are a first estimate – therefore subject to revision in the ensuing 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, 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 as follows:
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of arrivals}}$$

6. Response Rate:

November 2014 **92.9%**
December 2014 **91.8%**

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