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## Collective Accommodation Establishments: January 2015

Cut-off date:  
**18 March 2015**

In January 2015, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 71,199, while total nights spent amounted to 401,831. All collective accommodation 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 213,711 nights, or 53.2 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments was calculated at 5.6 nights, at par with last year.

The net use of bed-places stood at 38.8 per cent, an increase of 4.1 percentage points when compared to January 2014 (Table 3).

### Regional breakdown

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 68,828, up by 7.3 per cent over January 2014. Additionally, an increase of 7.8 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Meanwhile, the average length of stay was 5.7 nights, at par with last year. The net occupancy rate went up from 35.2 per cent to 39.5 per cent.

Total arrivals and nights spent in Gozo and Comino decreased by 23.3 and 26.5 per cent when compared to the comparative month last year, to 2,371 and 6,709 respectively.

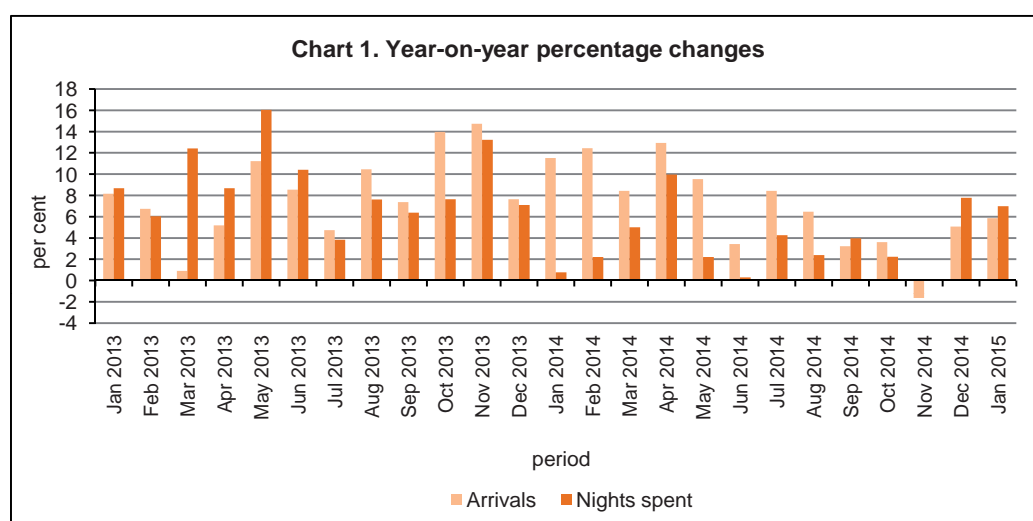
### Capacity

On a national level, there were 135 active collective accommodation establishments during January, with a net capacity of 15,465 bedrooms and 34,000 bed-places (Table 4). On average each establishment had 2.2 beds per room ■

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

Type of collective accommodation	December*	January	
	2014	2014	2015
	MALTA		
Hotel	85,705	64,925	69,150
5-Star	23,478	19,374	16,354
4-Star	42,320	27,954	35,751
3-Star	18,170	16,132	15,330
2-Star	1,736	1,465	1,716
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,873	2,326	2,049
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,578</b>	<b>67,250</b>	<b>71,199</b>
	Malta		
Hotel	80,997	61,857	66,830
of which:			
5-Star	21,956	18,474	16,214
4-Star	40,291	26,533	34,194
3-Star	17,268	15,582	14,879
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,748	2,303	1,998
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,745</b>	<b>64,159</b>	<b>68,828</b>
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	4,708	3,068	2,320
of which:			
5-Star	1,522	900	140
4-Star	2,029	1,421	1,557
3-Star	902	550	451
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	125	23	51
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>3,091</b>	<b>2,371</b>

\* Revised

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

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

Type of collective accommodation	December*	January	
	2014	2014	2015
	MALTA		
Hotel	406,366	353,761	379,297
5-Star	78,641	71,852	62,367
4-Star	222,495	170,370	213,711
3-Star	92,367	100,005	89,179
2-Star	12,863	11,533	14,040
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	24,143	21,834	22,534
<b>Total</b>	<b>430,508</b>	<b>375,594</b>	<b>401,831</b>
	Malta		
Hotel	394,472	344,672	372,704
of which:			
5-Star	74,430	68,691	61,736
4-Star	217,352	165,917	209,037
3-Star	90,649	98,882	88,441
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	23,871	21,789	22,418
<b>Total</b>	<b>418,342</b>	<b>366,460</b>	<b>395,122</b>
	Gozo and Comino		
Hotel	11,894	9,089	6,593
of which:			
5-Star	4,211	3,161	631
4-Star	5,143	4,453	4,674
3-Star	1,718	1,123	738
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	272	45	116
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,166</b>	<b>9,134</b>	<b>6,709</b>

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

Type of collective accommodation	December*		January	
	2014		2014	2015
	MALTA			
Hotel	41.8	35.6	39.8	
5-Star	47.2	34.5	40.2	
4-Star	47.4	40.7	45.1	
3-Star	31.2	30.6	31.1	
2-Star	33.1	28.7	36.9	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	28.3	25.2	27.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.7</b>	<b>34.7</b>	<b>38.8</b>	
	Malta			
Hotel	42.5	36.0	40.4	
of which:				
5-Star	48.5	34.2	40.2	
4-Star	48.5	41.7	46.2	
3-Star	31.0	30.7	31.3	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	29.2	25.6	28.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>39.5</b>	
	Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	27.9	24.0	21.2	
of which:				
5-Star	31.7	41.8	36.8	
4-Star	24.1	20.9	21.9	
3-Star	40.7	21.5	17.5	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	7.4	2.8	2.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>	

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

Type of collective accommodation	January					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA					
Hotel	108	103	14,902	14,385	32,108	31,339
5-Star	14	13	3,384	2,765	6,719	5,379
4-Star	38	39	6,221	6,957	13,509	15,482
3-Star	44	40	4,696	4,090	10,582	9,251
2-Star	12	11	601	573	1,298	1,227
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	30	32	1,117	1,080	2,809	2,661
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>16,019</b>	<b>15,465</b>	<b>34,917</b>	<b>34,000</b>
	Malta					
Hotel	99	94	14,323	13,741	30,873	29,962
of which:						
5-Star	13	11	3,262	2,559	6,475	4,950
4-Star	34	35	5,899	6,635	12,822	14,794
3-Star	41	38	4,609	4,022	10,400	9,115
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	28	27	1,090	1,023	2,750	2,532
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>15,413</b>	<b>14,764</b>	<b>33,623</b>	<b>32,494</b>
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	9	9	579	644	1,235	1,377
of which:						
5-Star	1	2	122	206	244	429
4-Star	4	4	322	322	687	688
3-Star	3	2	87	68	182	136
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2	5	27	57	59	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>1,294</b>	<b>1,506</b>

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

## 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 December 2014 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to January 2015 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 aparthotels to hotels (refer to Legal Notice 351 of 2012).

### 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:

December 2014 **92.4%**  
January 2015 **89.3%**

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

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