

Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during March advanced by 3.4 and 0.2 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2014.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: March 2015

Cut-off date:
22 May 2015

In March, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 111,679, while total nights spent amounted to 570,844. Collective accommodation categories registered decreases in total nights spent, except for 4-star hotels and the 'other' category. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 288,124 nights, or 50.5 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.1 nights in March 2015 from 5.3 nights in the same month of 2014. The net use of bed-places stood at 52.5 per cent, up by 2.0 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 146 active collective accommodation establishments during March, with a net capacity of 16,224 bedrooms and 35,546 bed-places (Table 4).

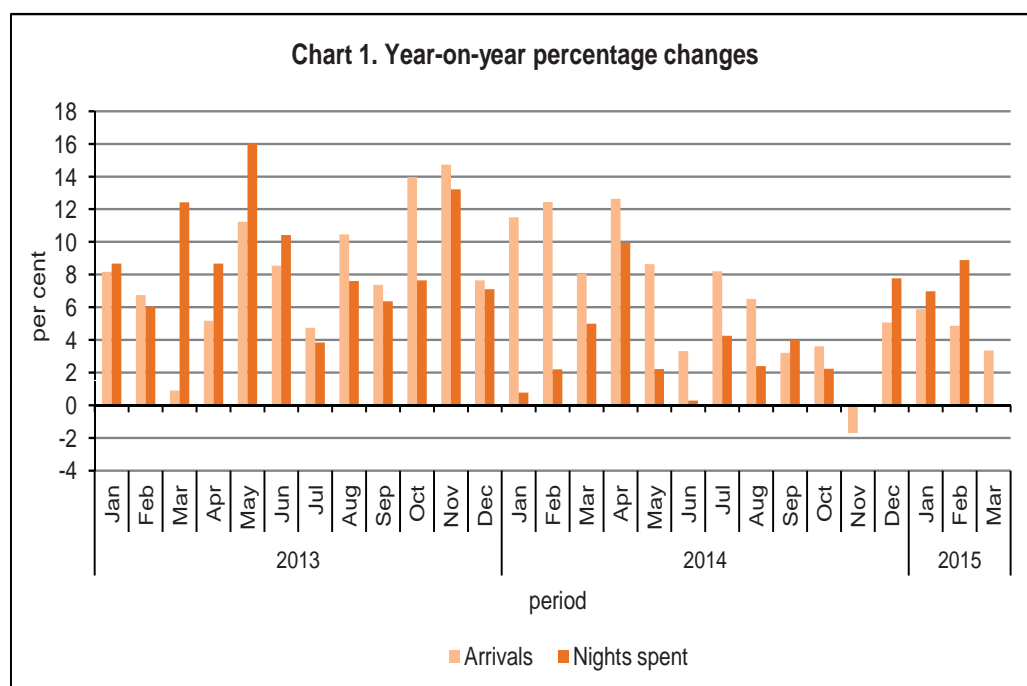
January-March (Q1)

Every quarter the NSO publishes a set of additional tables to enable more analysis. Total arrivals and nights spent during the first quarter this year rose by 4.5 and 4.8 per cent over the corresponding period last year, reaching 273,965 and 1.4 million respectively (Tables 5 and 8). Nights spent by non-residents advanced by 4.4 per cent and resident nights advanced by 9.2 per cent (Tables 9 and 10). The occupancy rate was estimated at 46.8 per cent, 3.8 percentage points more than last year (Table 11) ■

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Table 1. Total arrivals by period and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	February*	March	
	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA		
Hotel	88,815	104,587	108,618
5 Star	22,800	28,153	29,561
4 Star	45,608	47,723	49,670
3 Star	18,634	25,927	26,956
2 Star	1,774	2,783	2,431
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,272	3,471	3,060
Total	91,087	108,058	111,679
		Malta	
Hotel	84,824	98,130	103,011
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	21,923	26,349	28,038
4 Star	43,278	44,561	46,698
3 Star	17,944	24,996	26,116
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,162	3,355	2,944
Total	86,986	101,485	105,956
		Gozo and Comino	
Hotel	3,991	6,457	5,607
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	877	1,804	1,523
4 Star	2,330	3,162	2,972
3 Star	690	931	840
Other collective accommodation ¹	110	116	116
Total	4,101	6,573	5,723

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	February*	March	
	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA		
Hotel	443,371	540,247	541,108
5 Star	75,700	102,091	99,928
4 Star	251,688	279,937	288,124
3 Star	102,650	141,138	137,608
2 Star	13,333	17,082	15,448
Other collective accommodation ¹	22,943	29,575	29,736
Total	466,315	569,822	570,844
		Malta	
Hotel	433,470	522,693	524,362
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	73,459	97,220	95,002
4 Star	245,554	270,381	279,112
3 Star	101,403	139,225	135,507
Other collective accommodation ¹	22,728	29,313	29,452
Total	456,199	552,006	553,814
		Gozo and Comino	
Hotel	9,901	17,554	16,746
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,241	4,871	4,926
4 Star	6,134	9,556	9,012
3 Star	1,247	1,913	2,101
Other collective accommodation ¹	215	261	284
Total	10,116	17,815	17,030

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

Type of accommodation	February*	March	
	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA		
Hotel	50.5	52.1	54.0
5 Star	50.2	47.7	57.4
4 Star	58.5	61.4	60.9
3 Star	39.2	43.2	43.4
2 Star	37.5	42.5	41.5
Other collective accommodation ¹	30.9	32.4	34.9
Total	48.9	50.5	52.5
		Malta	
Hotel	51.5	52.6	54.8
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	51.6	48.4	59.3
4 Star	59.7	62.2	61.8
3 Star	39.5	43.4	43.5
Other collective accommodation ¹	32.1	33.4	36.3
Total	50.0	51.1	53.3
		Gozo and Comino	
Hotel	27.4	39.8	37.4
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	27.1	36.6	35.5
4 Star	31.8	44.9	42.3
3 Star	24.2	33.5	36.8
Other collective accommodation ¹	6.0	7.4	7.1
Total	25.4	37.4	34.9

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

Type of accommodation	March					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA					
Hotel	114	110	15,942	15,092	34,460	32,790
5 Star	15	15	3,468	3,134	6,904	6,087
4 Star	43	41	7,281	6,931	15,713	15,267
3 Star	44	43	4,595	4,465	10,547	10,234
2 Star	12	11	598	562	1,296	1,202
Other collective accommodation ¹	35	36	1,162	1,132	2,961	2,756
Total	149	146	17,104	16,224	37,421	35,546
			Malta			
Hotel	104	100	15,279	14,420	33,038	31,347
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	13	13	3,262	2,919	6,475	5,640
4 Star	39	37	6,959	6,609	15,026	14,579
3 Star	41	40	4,508	4,378	10,363	10,050
Other collective accommodation ¹	30	31	1,099	1,075	2,833	2,627
Total	134	131	16,378	15,495	35,871	33,974
			Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	10	10	663	672	1,422	1,443
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	206	215	429	447
4 Star	4	4	322	322	687	688
3 Star	3	3	87	87	184	184
Other collective accommodation ¹	5	5	63	57	128	129
Total	15	15	726	729	1,550	1,572

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Table 5. Total arrivals by period and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q4/2014*	January-March (Q1)	
		2014	2015
MALTA			
Hotel	331,183	254,236	266,583
5 Star	88,511	72,281	68,715
4 Star	160,084	115,311	131,029
3 Star	74,637	60,537	60,920
2 Star	7,951	6,107	5,920
Other collective accommodation ¹	11,206	7,931	7,382
Total	342,389	262,167	273,965
Malta			
Hotel	313,133	239,795	254,665
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	83,664	67,986	66,175
4 Star	150,874	108,394	124,170
3 Star	71,674	58,409	58,939
Other collective accommodation ¹	10,708	7,734	7,105
Total	323,841	247,528	261,770
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	18,050	14,441	11,918
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	4,847	4,295	2,540
4 Star	9,210	6,917	6,859
3 Star	2,963	2,128	1,981
Other collective accommodation ¹	498	198	277
Total	18,548	14,639	12,195

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Table 6. Non-resident arrivals by period and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q4/2014*	January-March (Q1)	
		2014	2015
MALTA			
Hotel	286,209	211,210	222,647
5 Star	74,368	60,083	55,529
4 Star	133,697	89,903	103,878
3 Star	71,075	56,406	57,832
2 Star	7,068	4,819	5,408
Other collective accommodation ¹	10,450	7,442	6,915
Total	296,659	218,652	229,561
Malta			
Hotel	277,556	206,544	218,137
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	72,042	58,623	54,420
4 Star	129,117	87,622	101,316
3 Star	69,707	55,544	57,049
Other collective accommodation ¹	10,065	7,306	6,743
Total	287,621	213,850	224,879
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	8,653	4,666	4,510
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,326	1,460	1,109
4 Star	4,580	2,281	2,562
3 Star	1,368	862	783
Other collective accommodation ¹	385	137	172
Total	9,038	4,803	4,682

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Table 7. Resident arrivals by period and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q4/2014*	January-March (Q1)	
		2014	2015
MALTA			
Hotel	44,974	43,026	43,937
5 Star	14,143	12,198	13,186
4 Star	26,386	25,409	27,151
3 Star	3,562	4,131	3,088
2 Star	883	1,288	512
Other collective accommodation ¹	756	489	467
Total	45,730	43,515	44,404
Malta			
Hotel	35,577	33,251	36,529
of which:			
5 Star	11,622	9,363	11,755
4 Star	21,756	20,773	22,854
3 Star	1,967	2,865	1,890
Other collective accommodation ¹	643	428	362
Total	36,220	33,679	36,891
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	9,397	9,775	7,408
of which:			
5 Star	2,521	2,835	1,431
4 Star	4,630	4,636	4,297
3 Star	1,595	1,266	1,198
Other collective accommodation ¹	113	61	105
Total	9,510	9,836	7,513

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2014*	January-March (Q1)	
		2014	2015
MALTA			
Hotel	1,729,006	1,302,400	1,363,776
5 Star	353,011	256,784	237,995
4 Star	923,404	658,999	753,523
3 Star	398,896	345,096	329,438
2 Star	53,695	41,521	42,821
Other collective accommodation ¹	90,301	71,243	75,214
Total	1,819,306	1,373,643	1,438,989
Malta			
Hotel	1,666,605	1,263,738	1,330,536
of which:			
5 Star	334,888	244,815	230,197
4 Star	889,716	638,975	733,703
3 Star	392,158	340,735	325,352
Other collective accommodation ¹	88,837	70,788	74,599
Total	1,755,441	1,334,527	1,405,134
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	62,401	38,662	33,240
of which:			
5 Star	18,123	11,969	7,798
4 Star	33,688	20,024	19,820
3 Star	6,738	4,361	4,086
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,464	454	615
Total	63,865	39,116	33,855

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Table 9. Non-resident nights spent by period and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q4/2014*	January-March (Q1)	
		2014	2015
MALTA			
Hotel	1,634,819	1,214,991	1,268,095
5 Star	320,715	231,080	208,188
4 Star	871,499	607,702	695,915
3 Star	391,756	337,096	322,493
2 Star	50,849	39,113	41,500
Other collective accommodation ¹	89,102	70,287	74,372
Total	1,723,920	1,285,278	1,342,467
Malta			
Hotel	1,591,292	1,195,244	1,249,010
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	308,248	225,399	203,379
4 Star	846,153	596,051	684,091
3 Star	387,548	334,862	320,303
Other collective accommodation ¹	87,868	69,933	73,964
Total	1,679,159	1,265,178	1,322,974
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	43,527	19,747	19,085
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	12,467	5,681	4,809
4 Star	25,346	11,651	11,824
3 Star	4,208	2,234	2,190
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,234	353	408
Total	44,761	20,100	19,493

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Table 10. Resident nights spent by period and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q4/2014*	January-March (Q1)	
		2014	2015
MALTA			
Hotel	94,187	87,409	95,681
5 Star	32,296	25,704	29,807
4 Star	51,905	51,297	57,608
3 Star	7,140	8,000	6,945
2 Star	2,846	2,408	1,321
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,199	956	842
Total	95,386	88,365	96,523
Malta			
Hotel	75,313	68,494	81,526
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	26,640	19,416	26,818
4 Star	43,563	42,924	49,612
3 Star	4,610	5,873	5,049
Other collective accommodation ¹	969	855	635
Total	76,282	69,349	82,161
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	18,874	18,915	14,155
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	5,656	6,288	2,989
4 Star	8,342	8,373	7,996
3 Star	2,530	2,127	1,896
Other collective accommodation ¹	230	101	207
Total	19,104	19,016	14,362

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2014*	January-March (Q1)	
		2014	2015
MALTA			
Hotel	55.5	44.3	48.1
5 Star	63.6	41.7	49.6
4 Star	61.8	52.1	54.7
3 Star	42.4	36.7	38.1
2 Star	43.2	35.7	38.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	35.2	27.8	31.1
Total	54.0	43.0	46.8
Malta			
Hotel	56.0	44.9	48.9
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	64.9	42.0	50.5
4 Star	62.6	53.1	55.7
3 Star	42.4	36.8	38.3
Other collective accommodation ¹	36.2	28.5	32.4
Total	54.5	43.5	47.6
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	45.1	31.9	29.7
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	45.9	36.4	32.7
4 Star	46.8	32.5	32.0
3 Star	43.6	27.6	27.1
Other collective accommodation ¹	14.0	5.9	5.3
Total	42.9	30.3	27.4

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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 include:

- 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. Response Rate:

February 2015 **89.2%**

March 2015 **86.7%**

4. In this release figures for February 2015 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to March 2015 are a first estimate therefore subject to revision in the ensuing release.

5. 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).

6. **Definitions:**

- **Bedroom:** a unit formed by one room or group of rooms constituting an indivisible rental whole in an accommodation establishment or dwelling.
- **Bed-place:** in an establishment, this is determined by the number of persons who can stay overnight in the establishment, not taking into account any extra beds that may be provided to clients on request.
- **Residents:** Maltese/Gozitan residents who check into/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:** foreigners who do not necessarily follow the definition of a tourist and check into/out of a collective accommodation establishment.
- **Total arrivals:** the number of residents and non-residents altogether.
- **Total nights spent:** nights which a guest actually spends or is registered to spend in a collective accommodation establishment.
- **Net use of bed-places:** 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.
- **Average length of stay:** this is calculated as follows:
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of arrivals}}$$

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

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