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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during April 2015 declined by 0.7 and 4.3 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2014.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: April 2015

Cut-off date:
26 June 2015

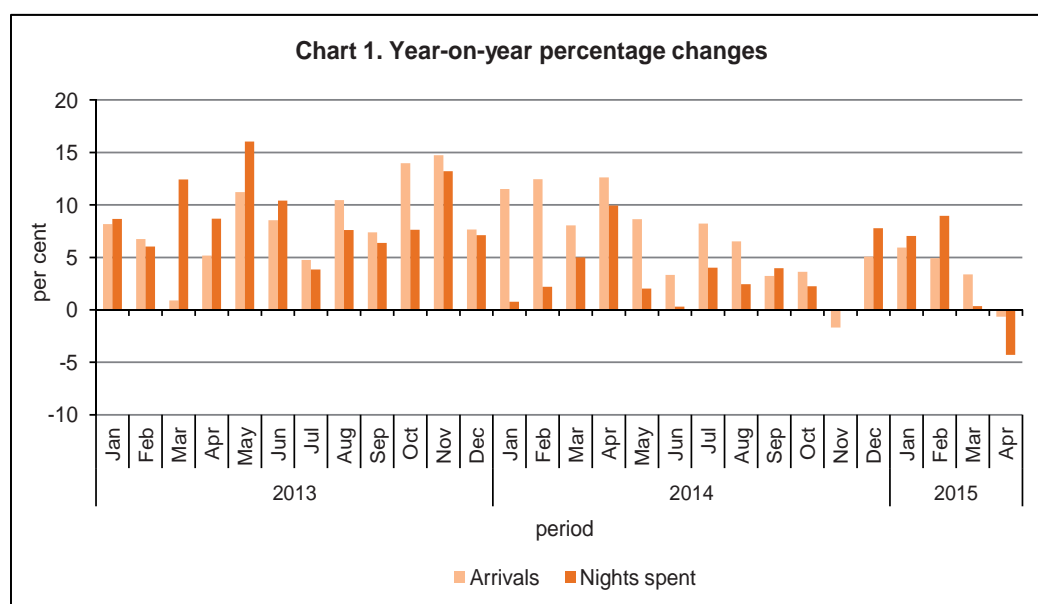
In April, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 142,311, while total nights spent amounted to 720,462. All collective accommodation categories recorded decreases in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 341,886 nights, or 47.5 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 April 2015 from 5.3 nights in the same month of 2014. The net use of bed-places stood at 63.1 per cent, down by 0.7 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 157 active collective accommodation establishments during April, with a net capacity of 17,614 bedrooms and 38,345 bed-places (Table 4).

January-April

Total arrivals during the first four months of 2015 amounted to 416,422, an increase of 2.7 per cent over the same period of 2014 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 1.6 per cent, reaching nearly 2.2 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 2.6 percentage points to 51.2 per cent (Table 3) ■



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Table 1. Total arrivals by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	March*	April		January-April	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA				
Hotel	108,654	137,580	138,316	391,815	404,936
5 Star	29,561	35,915	32,432	108,196	101,147
4 Star	49,706	61,085	60,831	176,396	191,895
3 Star	26,956	36,910	41,220	97,446	102,140
2 Star	2,431	3,670	3,833	9,777	9,753
Other collective accommodation ¹	3,060	5,678	3,996	13,609	11,486
Total	111,715	143,258	142,311	405,425	416,422
	Malta				
Hotel	103,047	131,339	131,656	371,133	386,358
of which:					
5 Star	28,038	34,174	30,416	102,160	96,591
4 Star	46,734	58,252	57,853	166,646	182,058
3 Star	26,116	35,761	40,102	94,169	99,041
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,944	5,422	3,770	13,156	10,983
Total	105,992	136,761	135,425	384,290	397,341
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	5,607	6,241	6,660	20,682	18,578
of which:					
5 Star	1,523	1,741	2,016	6,036	4,556
4 Star	2,972	2,833	2,978	9,750	9,837
3 Star	840	1,149	1,118	3,277	3,099
Other collective accommodation ¹	116	256	226	453	503
Total	5,723	6,497	6,886	21,135	19,081

* Revised

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	March*	April		January-April	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA				
Hotel	542,149	713,238	688,700	2,015,638	2,053,517
5 Star	99,928	149,584	134,027	406,368	372,022
4 Star	289,165	348,166	341,886	1,007,165	1,096,450
3 Star	137,608	194,218	192,908	539,314	522,346
2 Star	15,448	21,269	19,879	62,790	62,700
Other collective accommodation ¹	29,736	39,447	31,762	110,690	107,397
Total	571,885	752,685	720,462	2,126,327	2,160,914
	Malta				
Hotel	525,403	692,869	668,872	1,956,607	2,000,449
of which:					
5 Star	95,002	142,847	127,689	387,662	357,886
4 Star	280,153	338,550	332,339	977,525	1,067,083
3 Star	135,507	191,475	190,326	532,210	515,678
Other collective accommodation ¹	29,452	38,673	31,178	109,462	106,198
Total	554,855	731,542	700,050	2,066,068	2,106,647
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	16,746	20,369	19,828	59,031	53,068
of which:					
5 Star	4,926	6,737	6,338	18,706	14,136
4 Star	9,012	9,616	9,547	29,640	29,367
3 Star	2,101	2,743	2,582	7,104	6,668
Other collective accommodation ¹	284	774	584	1,228	1,199
Total	17,030	21,143	20,412	60,259	54,267

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

Type of accommodation	March*	April		January-April		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	MALTA					
Hotel	54.1	65.5	65.1	50.1	52.8	
5 Star	57.4	72.2	68.4	49.4	55.0	
4 Star	61.1	72.1	69.9	57.6	58.7	
3 Star	43.4	54.5	58.1	41.6	43.6	
2 Star	41.5	50.4	49.6	39.6	41.5	
Other collective accommodation ¹	34.9	43.2	37.4	31.9	32.8	
Total	52.6	63.8	63.1	48.6	51.2	
Type of accommodation	Malta					
	Hotel	54.9	66.2	66.0	50.7	53.5
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	59.3	73.5	69.9	49.9	56.0	
4 Star	62.0	73.2	71.0	58.7	59.8	
3 Star	43.5	54.5	58.3	41.7	43.8	
Other collective accommodation ¹	36.3	44.2	38.7	32.6	34.1	
Total	53.4	64.5	64.0	49.2	52.0	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino					
	Hotel	37.4	47.7	45.8	36.0	34.2
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	35.5	52.3	47.3	40.9	38.0	
4 Star	42.3	46.7	46.3	36.1	35.6	
3 Star	36.8	49.7	46.8	33.3	32.4	
Other collective accommodation ¹	7.1	20.2	13.4	10.6	7.5	
Total	34.9	45.5	42.8	34.3	31.7	

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

Type of accommodation	April						
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	MALTA						
Hotel	120	117	16,580	16,422	36,435	35,473	
5 Star	15	15	3,468	3,451	6,904	6,532	
4 Star	44	42	7,476	7,403	16,240	16,297	
3 Star	47	48	4,986	4,954	11,885	11,304	
2 Star	14	12	650	614	1,406	1,340	
Other collective accommodation ¹	39	40	1,233	1,192	3,082	2,872	
Total	159	157	17,813	17,614	39,517	38,345	
Type of accommodation	Malta						
	Hotel	110	107	15,917	15,750	35,013	34,030
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	13	13	3,262	3,236	6,475	6,085	
4 Star	40	38	7,154	7,081	15,553	15,609	
3 Star	44	45	4,899	4,867	11,701	11,120	
Other collective accommodation ¹	34	34	1,170	1,127	2,954	2,727	
Total	144	141	17,087	16,877	37,967	36,757	
Type of accommodation	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	6	63	65	128	145	
Total	15	16	726	737	1,550	1,588	

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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:

March 2015 **87.7%**

April 2015 **88.7%**

4. In this release figures for March 2015 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to April 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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