

30 November 2015 | 1100 hrs | 220/2015

Total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments during September 2015 increased by 0.2 per cent, while total nights spent decreased by 1.2 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2014.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: September 2015

Cut-off date:  
**23 November 2015**

In September, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 156,826, while total nights spent amounted to 914,552. 5-star and 4-star hotel categories registered decreases in total nights spent, with increases being recorded in the other categories. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 418,996 nights, or 45.8 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.8 nights in September 2015 from 5.9 nights in the same month of 2014. The net use of bed-places stood at 72.8 per cent, down by 2.6 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 176 active collective accommodation establishments during September, with a net capacity of 18,761 bedrooms and 41,877 bed-places (Table 4).

### January-September

Total arrivals during the first nine months of 2015 surpassed 1.2 million, an increase of 1.7 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 1.2 per cent, surpassing 7.0 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 1.6 percentage points to 67.0 per cent (Table 3) ■

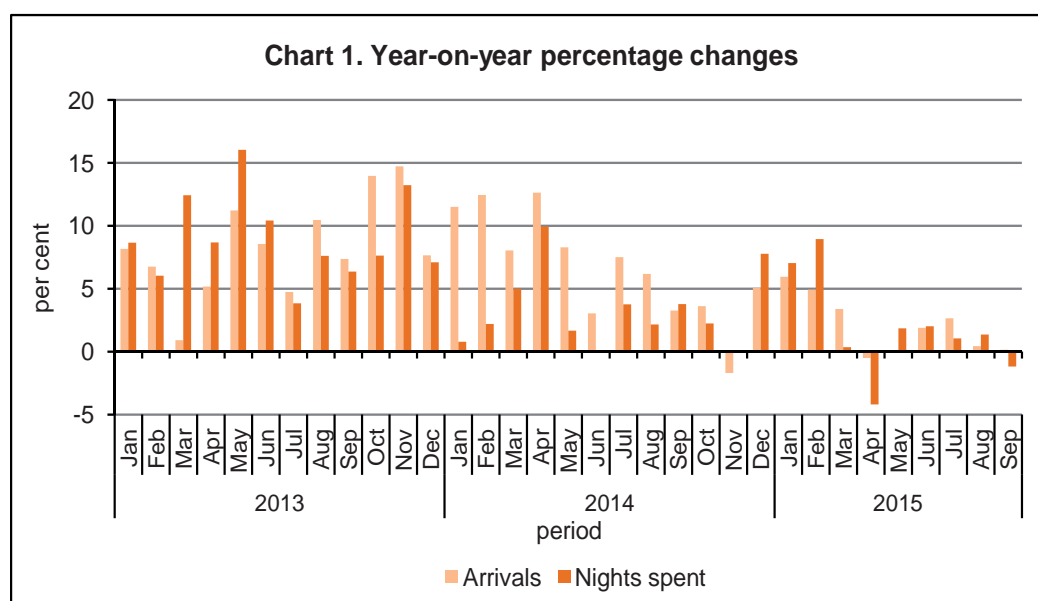
Compiled by:

**Unit C3: Population and  
Tourism Statistics**

**Directorate C: Social  
Statistics**

Further information on data:

**Mr Matthew ZERAFA**  
T. +356 2599 7630  
E. matthew.zerafa@gov.mt



Kindly indicate source when quoting from this release.  
The advance release calendar may be consulted at [www.nso.gov.mt](http://www.nso.gov.mt)

Issued by: **External Cooperation and Communication Unit, National Statistics Office, Lascaris, Valletta VLT 2000, Malta.**  
T. +356 2599 7219 F. +356 2599 7205 E. [nso@gov.mt](mailto:nso@gov.mt)

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

Type of accommodation	August*	September		January-September	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA				
Hotel	167,064	149,979	150,580	1,161,445	1,186,256
5 Star	38,840	38,447	36,776	305,876	289,916
4 Star	68,849	64,530	63,173	506,585	521,965
3 Star	53,816	42,108	45,796	315,034	339,052
2 Star	5,559	4,894	4,835	33,950	35,323
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	7,566	6,601	6,247	48,711	44,806
<b>Total</b>	<b>174,630</b>	<b>156,580</b>	<b>156,826</b>	<b>1,210,156</b>	<b>1,231,062</b>
	Malta				
Hotel	156,975	141,532	141,892	1,095,809	1,121,113
of which:					
5 Star	36,191	36,481	34,311	288,180	272,809
4 Star	65,473	60,295	60,268	473,415	494,182
3 Star	50,370	40,533	43,060	305,050	323,177
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	7,029	6,175	5,815	46,251	42,009
<b>Total</b>	<b>164,004</b>	<b>147,707</b>	<b>147,707</b>	<b>1,142,061</b>	<b>1,163,122</b>
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	10,089	8,447	8,688	65,636	65,143
of which:					
5 Star	2,649	1,966	2,465	17,696	17,107
4 Star	3,376	4,235	2,905	33,170	27,783
3 Star	3,446	1,575	2,736	9,984	15,875
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	537	426	432	2,460	2,798
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,626</b>	<b>8,873</b>	<b>9,119</b>	<b>68,096</b>	<b>67,941</b>

\* Revised

<sup>1</sup> 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	August*	September		January-September	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA				
Hotel	1,076,405	880,689	869,145	6,587,644	6,670,641
5 Star	217,289	177,775	170,443	1,327,957	1,287,950
4 Star	504,863	433,226	418,996	3,232,032	3,296,788
3 Star	320,697	243,305	253,009	1,826,815	1,876,686
2 Star	33,555	26,383	26,696	200,840	209,217
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	58,488	44,750	45,407	358,409	360,777
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,134,892</b>	<b>925,439</b>	<b>914,552</b>	<b>6,946,053</b>	<b>7,031,417</b>
	Malta				
Hotel	1,029,217	840,987	829,308	6,340,054	6,421,357
of which:					
5 Star	205,131	168,030	160,163	1,261,346	1,222,374
4 Star	486,336	409,595	403,111	3,089,229	3,182,222
3 Star	306,997	239,520	241,504	1,803,092	1,822,189
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	56,502	43,139	43,670	349,777	351,321
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,085,718</b>	<b>884,126</b>	<b>872,978</b>	<b>6,689,831</b>	<b>6,772,677</b>
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	47,188	39,702	39,837	247,590	249,284
of which:					
5 Star	12,158	9,745	10,280	66,611	65,576
4 Star	18,527	23,631	15,885	142,803	114,566
3 Star	13,700	3,785	11,506	23,723	54,497
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,986	1,611	1,737	8,632	9,456
<b>Total</b>	<b>49,174</b>	<b>41,313</b>	<b>41,574</b>	<b>256,222</b>	<b>258,740</b>

\* Revised

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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	August*	September		January-September	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA				
Hotel	88.7	77.5	74.6	67.2	68.8
5 Star	95.9	83.8	80.5	69.8	74.4
4 Star	92.7	81.4	79.6	73.0	73.3
3 Star	82.4	70.7	67.1	59.5	61.1
2 Star	63.4	55.7	53.0	50.4	52.5
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	62.0	48.4	49.9	43.9	45.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.8</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>72.8</b>	<b>65.4</b>	<b>67.0</b>
	Malta				
Hotel	88.9	77.5	74.6	67.6	69.2
of which:					
5 Star	96.4	84.4	80.7	70.4	75.2
4 Star	92.9	81.4	79.8	73.6	74.0
3 Star	82.2	70.7	66.8	59.7	61.0
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	63.2	48.8	50.6	44.6	46.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>72.9</b>	<b>65.9</b>	<b>67.5</b>
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	85.0	77.6	74.1	58.3	58.3
of which:					
5 Star	87.7	75.7	76.7	59.5	62.1
4 Star	86.9	81.4	77.0	62.0	58.3
3 Star	86.7	68.6	74.9	48.0	61.5
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	40.8	40.1	36.9	26.9	23.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>81.4</b>	<b>74.9</b>	<b>71.1</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>55.4</b>

\* Revised

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

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

Type of accommodation	September					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA					
Hotel	125	130	17,355	17,518	37,858	38,836
5 Star	15	15	3,468	3,468	7,068	7,061
4 Star	45	44	8,071	7,855	17,731	17,535
3 Star	49	53	5,107	5,453	11,479	12,561
2 Star	16	18	709	742	1,580	1,679
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	41	46	1,255	1,243	3,081	3,041
<b>Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>18,610</b>	<b>18,761</b>	<b>40,939</b>	<b>41,877</b>
	Malta					
Hotel	114	117	16,551	16,670	36,153	37,043
of which:						
5 Star	13	13	3,262	3,253	6,639	6,614
4 Star	40	40	7,608	7,533	16,763	16,847
3 Star	46	48	5,020	5,201	11,295	12,049
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	36	39	1,194	1,174	2,947	2,884
<b>Total</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>17,745</b>	<b>17,844</b>	<b>39,100</b>	<b>39,927</b>
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	11	13	804	848	1,705	1,793
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	215	429	447
4 Star	5	4	463	322	968	688
3 Star	3	5	87	252	184	512
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5	7	61	69	134	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>917</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>1,950</b>

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

**Table 5. Total arrivals by period, region and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Q2/2015*	July-September (Q3)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	437,863	473,219	479,889
5 Star	105,550	120,186	115,651
4 Star	190,369	202,016	198,647
3 Star	129,126	135,440	149,006
2 Star	12,818	15,577	16,585
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	16,183	22,245	20,950
<b>Total</b>	<b>454,045</b>	<b>495,464</b>	<b>500,839</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	413,357	444,978	451,170
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	98,766	112,702	107,868
4 Star	179,201	187,782	188,891
3 Star	124,351	130,947	139,887
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	15,173	20,859	19,439
<b>Total</b>	<b>428,529</b>	<b>465,836</b>	<b>470,609</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	24,506	28,241	28,719
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,784	7,484	7,783
4 Star	11,168	14,234	9,756
3 Star	4,775	4,493	9,119
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,010	1,386	1,511
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,516</b>	<b>29,627</b>	<b>30,230</b>

\* Revised

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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2015*	July-September (Q3)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	404,261	440,636	448,315
5 Star	92,501	107,229	101,841
4 Star	176,223	187,887	188,352
3 Star	124,736	131,347	143,866
2 Star	10,801	14,173	14,256
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	15,626	21,645	20,132
<b>Total</b>	<b>419,886</b>	<b>462,281</b>	<b>468,447</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	390,618	423,906	431,309
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	88,512	102,967	97,173
4 Star	169,507	178,517	181,641
3 Star	122,109	129,235	138,782
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	14,810	20,610	19,065
<b>Total</b>	<b>405,427</b>	<b>444,515</b>	<b>450,374</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	13,643	16,730	17,006
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,989	4,262	4,668
4 Star	6,716	9,370	6,711
3 Star	2,627	2,112	5,084
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	816	1,035	1,067
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,459</b>	<b>17,765</b>	<b>18,073</b>

\* Revised

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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

**Table 7. Resident arrivals by period, region and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Q2/2015*	July-September (Q3)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	33,602	32,583	31,574
5 Star	13,049	12,957	13,810
4 Star	14,145	14,129	10,295
3 Star	4,391	4,093	5,140
2 Star	2,017	1,404	2,329
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	557	600	818
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,159</b>	<b>33,183</b>	<b>32,391</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	22,739	21,072	19,861
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	10,254	9,735	10,695
4 Star	9,693	9,265	7,250
3 Star	2,243	1,712	1,106
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	363	249	374
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,102</b>	<b>21,321</b>	<b>20,235</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	10,863	11,511	11,712
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,795	3,222	3,115
4 Star	4,452	4,864	3,045
3 Star	2,148	2,381	4,034
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	194	351	444
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,057</b>	<b>11,862</b>	<b>12,156</b>

\* Revised

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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2015*	July-September (Q3)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	2,330,663	2,959,914	2,974,518
5 Star	457,846	594,980	592,109
4 Star	1,134,107	1,433,269	1,407,475
3 Star	670,537	841,119	876,711
2 Star	68,173	90,545	98,223
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	119,874	161,949	164,545
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,450,537</b>	<b>3,121,862</b>	<b>3,139,063</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	2,244,231	2,832,930	2,844,906
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	434,159	562,665	558,018
4 Star	1,091,071	1,357,749	1,355,765
3 Star	655,767	829,602	841,070
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	116,857	156,754	158,721
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,361,088</b>	<b>2,989,684</b>	<b>3,003,627</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	86,432	126,984	129,612
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	23,687	32,315	34,091
4 Star	43,036	75,520	51,710
3 Star	14,770	11,517	35,641
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	3,017	5,195	5,824
<b>Total</b>	<b>89,449</b>	<b>132,179</b>	<b>135,436</b>

\* Revised

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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2015*	July-September (Q3)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	2,247,788	2,865,853	2,889,726
5 Star	424,237	556,016	551,526
4 Star	1,099,847	1,393,235	1,382,440
3 Star	659,872	831,361	864,726
2 Star	63,832	85,240	91,034
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	118,742	160,485	162,810
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,366,530</b>	<b>3,026,337</b>	<b>3,052,537</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	2,183,614	2,768,273	2,790,278
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	406,336	532,312	526,120
4 Star	1,065,545	1,329,870	1,338,301
3 Star	649,178	823,990	837,595
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	116,086	156,114	157,991
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,299,700</b>	<b>2,924,387</b>	<b>2,948,269</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	64,174	97,580	99,448
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	17,901	23,704	25,406
4 Star	34,302	63,365	44,139
3 Star	10,694	7,371	27,131
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,656	4,371	4,819
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,830</b>	<b>101,951</b>	<b>104,268</b>

\* Revised

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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2015*	July-September (Q3)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	82,875	94,061	84,792
5 Star	33,609	38,964	40,583
4 Star	34,259	40,034	25,035
3 Star	10,666	9,758	11,985
2 Star	4,341	5,305	7,189
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,132	1,464	1,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>84,007</b>	<b>95,525</b>	<b>86,527</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	60,617	64,657	54,628
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	27,823	30,353	31,898
4 Star	25,525	27,879	17,464
3 Star	6,590	5,612	3,475
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	771	640	730
<b>Total</b>	<b>61,388</b>	<b>65,297</b>	<b>55,358</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	22,258	29,404	30,164
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	5,786	8,611	8,685
4 Star	8,734	12,155	7,571
3 Star	4,076	4,146	8,510
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	361	824	1,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,619</b>	<b>30,228</b>	<b>31,168</b>

\* Revised

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

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 11. Net use of bed-places by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q2/2015*	July-September (Q3)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	71.1	84.4	82.9
5 Star	77.5	90.4	89.7
4 Star	75.4	87.5	87.1
3 Star	63.7	79.2	75.9
2 Star	52.0	61.4	62.8
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	45.4	57.2	58.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>81.1</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	71.7	84.6	83.1
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	78.9	91.0	90.2
4 Star	76.1	87.7	87.3
3 Star	63.9	79.3	75.9
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	46.6	57.8	59.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>69.9</b>	<b>82.6</b>	<b>81.4</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	57.5	80.7	78.6
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	58.2	80.9	82.9
4 Star	60.4	84.8	81.7
3 Star	55.7	68.0	75.9
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	22.3	42.1	40.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>77.9</b>	<b>75.5</b>

\* Revised

<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 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:

August 2015	91.7%
September 2015	91.1%

4. In this release figures for August 2015 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to September 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 aparthotels 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. The occupancy of bed-places is calculated by dividing the total nights during the reference period by the number of bed-places and the number of days when the bed-places are actually available for use during the reference period. The result is then multiplied by 100 to express the occupancy rate as a percentage.

- **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:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadadata/concepts.aspx>

Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadadata/reports.aspx?id=35>

Statistical Database: <http://nso.gov.mt/statdb/start>