

Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during October 2015 increased by 4.1 and 4.0 per cent respectively compared to the corresponding month in 2014.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: October 2015

Cut-off date:
15 December 2015

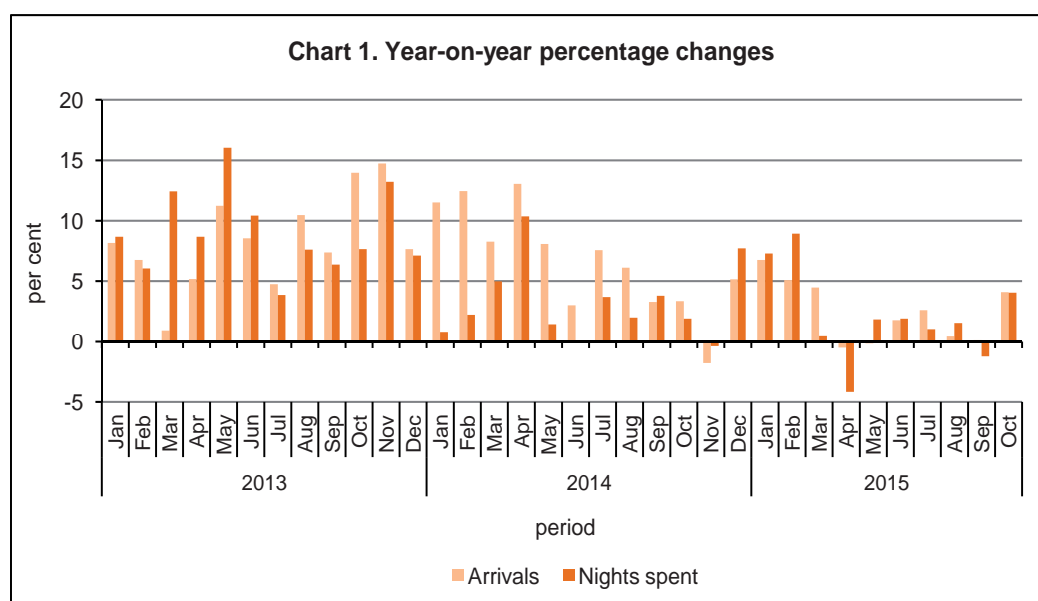
In October, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 158,969, while total nights spent amounted to 876,000. Collective accommodation categories registered increases in total nights spent, with the exception of 5 Star hotels. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4 Star hotels, accounting for 416,694 nights, or 47.6 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments stood at 5.5 nights during the month under review, at par with October 2014. The net use of bed-places stood at 69.7 per cent, up by 2.9 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 173 active collective accommodation establishments during October, with a net capacity of 18,327 bedrooms and 40,570 bed-places (Table 4).

January-October

Total arrivals during the first ten months of 2015 amounted to almost 1.4 million, an increase of 2.0 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 1.5 per cent, surpassing 7.9 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 1.7 percentage points to 67.3 per cent (Table 3) ■



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

Type of accommodation	September*	October		January-October	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
MALTA					
Hotel	150,503	147,111	152,254	1,308,556	1,338,373
5 Star	36,776	39,809	40,218	345,685	330,134
4 Star	63,173	67,632	68,376	574,217	590,341
3 Star	45,837	35,600	38,966	350,634	378,059
2 Star	4,717	4,070	4,694	38,020	39,839
Other collective accommodation ¹	6,275	5,623	6,714	54,334	51,549
Total	156,778	152,735	158,969	1,362,891	1,389,922
Malta					
Hotel	141,815	139,374	143,744	1,235,183	1,264,720
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	34,311	38,062	38,075	326,242	310,884
4 Star	60,268	63,385	65,170	536,800	559,352
3 Star	43,101	34,389	36,480	339,439	359,698
Other collective accommodation ¹	5,844	5,316	6,417	51,568	48,455
Total	147,659	144,691	150,162	1,286,751	1,313,175
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	8,688	7,737	8,510	73,373	73,653
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	2,465	1,747	2,143	19,443	19,250
4 Star	2,905	4,247	3,206	37,417	30,989
3 Star	2,736	1,211	2,486	11,195	18,361
Other collective accommodation ¹	432	307	297	2,767	3,095
Total	9,119	8,044	8,807	76,140	76,748

* 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	September*	October		January-October	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
MALTA					
Hotel	868,605	802,182	830,854	7,389,826	7,500,768
5 Star	170,443	172,387	171,641	1,500,344	1,459,591
4 Star	418,996	414,817	416,694	3,646,849	3,713,482
3 Star	253,548	190,714	216,731	2,017,529	2,093,956
2 Star	25,618	24,264	25,787	225,104	233,740
Other collective accommodation ¹	45,596	39,826	45,146	398,235	406,111
Total	914,201	842,008	876,000	7,788,061	7,906,880
Malta					
Hotel	828,768	767,772	794,266	7,107,826	7,214,897
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	160,163	163,768	161,974	1,425,114	1,384,348
4 Star	403,111	394,357	402,744	3,483,586	3,584,966
3 Star	242,042	187,495	206,475	1,990,587	2,029,203
Other collective accommodation ¹	43,858	38,868	44,172	388,645	395,681
Total	872,627	806,640	838,439	7,496,471	7,610,578
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	39,837	34,410	36,587	282,000	285,871
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	10,280	8,619	9,667	75,230	75,243
4 Star	15,885	20,460	13,950	163,263	128,516
3 Star	11,506	3,219	10,256	26,942	64,753
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,737	958	974	9,590	10,430
Total	41,574	35,368	37,561	291,590	296,301

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

Type of accommodation	September*	October		January-October	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA				
Hotel	74.6	68.5	71.4	67.4	69.0
5 Star	80.5	78.7	81.0	70.7	75.1
4 Star	79.6	75.3	76.9	73.2	73.7
3 Star	67.3	53.6	60.4	58.9	61.0
2 Star	52.0	53.5	51.2	50.8	52.3
Other collective accommodation ¹	50.1	44.4	48.4	43.9	45.9
Total	72.8	66.8	69.7	65.6	67.3
	Malta				
Hotel	74.6	68.7	71.7	67.7	69.5
of which:					
5 Star	80.7	79.6	81.8	71.4	75.9
4 Star	79.8	75.7	77.3	73.8	74.3
3 Star	67.0	53.6	60.2	59.1	61.0
Other collective accommodation ¹	50.8	45.4	50.0	44.7	47.1
Total	72.9	67.0	70.1	66.0	67.8
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	74.1	65.1	65.9	59.0	59.2
of which:					
5 Star	76.7	64.8	69.8	60.1	63.0
4 Star	77.0	68.2	65.4	62.7	59.0
3 Star	74.9	56.4	64.9	48.8	62.0
Other collective accommodation ¹	36.9	23.1	19.8	26.5	23.4
Total	71.1	62.0	62.2	56.7	56.2

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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	October					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA					
Hotel	124	128	17,317	17,093	37,766	37,551
5 Star	15	15	3,468	3,475	7,068	6,835
4 Star	45	44	8,071	7,855	17,762	17,491
3 Star	49	52	5,099	5,025	11,473	11,598
2 Star	15	17	679	738	1,463	1,627
Other collective accommodation ¹	40	45	1,202	1,234	2,916	3,019
Total	164	173	18,519	18,327	40,682	40,570
	Malta					
Hotel	113	115	16,513	16,249	36,061	35,760
of which:						
5 Star	13	13	3,262	3,260	6,639	6,388
4 Star	40	40	7,608	7,533	16,794	16,803
3 Star	46	47	5,012	4,777	11,289	11,088
Other collective accommodation ¹	35	38	1,141	1,164	2,782	2,860
Total	148	153	17,654	17,413	38,843	38,620
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	11	13	804	844	1,705	1,791
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	215	429	447
4 Star	5	4	463	322	968	688
3 Star	3	5	87	248	184	510
Other collective accommodation ¹	5	7	61	70	134	159
Total	16	20	865	914	1,839	1,950

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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:

September 2015	91.7%
October 2015	91.2%

4. In this release figures for September 2015 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to October 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. Prior to comparing and interpreting differences between demand-side (based on Tourstat) and supply-side (based on Accomstat) tourism statistics, users are strongly advised to consult concept 8.3 of the NSO's metadata file (<http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=35>).

7. **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:
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of arrivals}}$$

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

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

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

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