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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during November 2015 increased by 3.3 and 5.3 per cent respectively compared to the corresponding month in 2014.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: November 2015

Cut-off date:
20 January 2016

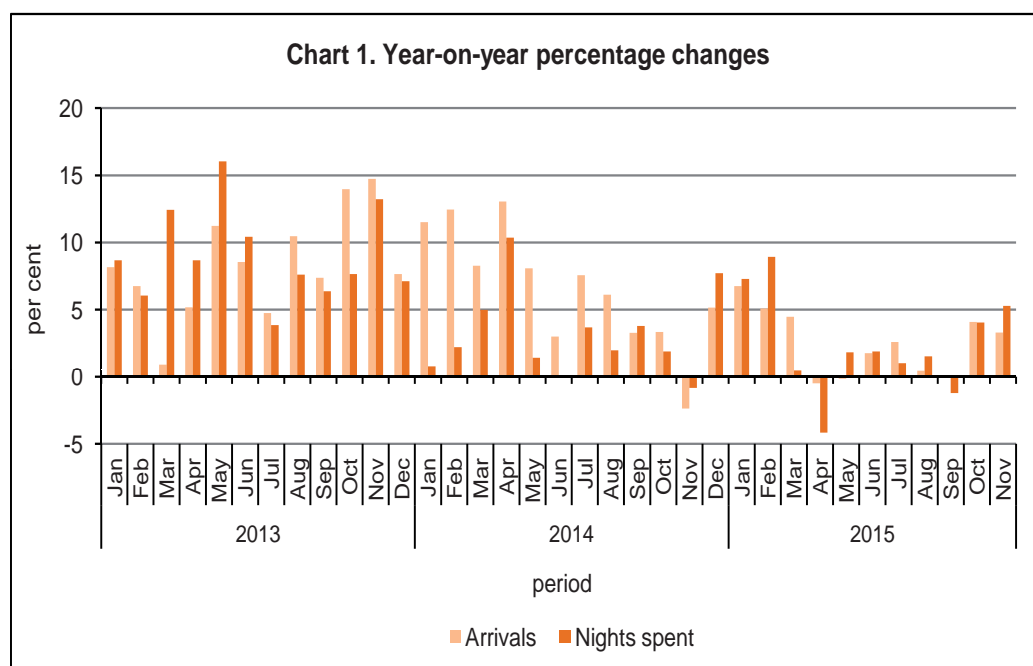
In November, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 103,251, while total nights spent amounted to 567,873. All collective accommodation categories registered increases in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 304,367 nights, or 53.6 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, compared to 5.4 nights in November 2014. The net use of bed-places stood at 49.4 per cent, down by 1.8 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 157 active collective accommodation establishments during November, with a net capacity of 17,598 bedrooms and 38,718 bed-places (Table 4).

January-November

Total arrivals during the first eleven months of 2015 amounted to almost 1.5 million, an increase of 2.1 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 1.8 per cent, reaching almost 8.5 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 1.3 percentage points to 65.7 per cent (Table 3) ■



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

Type of accommodation	October*	November		January-November	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
MALTA					
Hotel	152,254	97,253	100,431	1,405,809	1,438,804
5 Star	40,218	24,221	26,405	369,906	356,539
4 Star	68,376	50,020	49,876	624,237	640,218
3 Star	38,966	20,867	21,709	371,501	399,768
2 Star	4,694	2,145	2,441	40,165	42,279
Other collective accommodation ¹	6,714	2,710	2,820	57,044	54,369
Total	158,969	99,963	103,251	1,462,853	1,493,173
Malta					
Hotel	143,744	91,648	95,509	1,326,831	1,360,229
of which:					
5 Star	38,075	22,643	24,841	348,885	335,725
4 Star	65,170	47,086	47,740	583,886	607,093
3 Star	36,480	20,017	20,760	359,456	380,458
Other collective accommodation ¹	6,417	2,644	2,742	54,211	51,196
Total	150,162	94,292	98,251	1,381,043	1,411,426
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	8,510	5,605	4,922	78,978	78,575
of which:					
5 Star	2,143	1,578	1,564	21,021	20,814
4 Star	3,206	2,934	2,136	40,351	33,125
3 Star	2,486	850	949	12,045	19,310
Other collective accommodation ¹	297	66	78	2,833	3,173
Total	8,807	5,671	5,000	81,811	81,748

* 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	October*	November		January-November	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
MALTA					
Hotel	830,854	513,102	539,462	7,902,929	8,040,231
5 Star	171,641	96,668	98,418	1,597,012	1,558,009
4 Star	416,694	284,052	304,367	3,930,901	4,017,849
3 Star	216,731	115,815	118,823	2,133,344	2,212,779
2 Star	25,787	16,567	17,855	241,671	251,594
Other collective accommodation ¹	45,146	26,332	28,411	424,567	434,522
Total	876,000	539,434	567,873	8,327,496	8,474,753
Malta					
Hotel	794,266	497,005	523,176	7,604,832	7,738,073
of which:					
5 Star	161,974	91,375	93,243	1,516,489	1,477,591
4 Star	402,744	275,967	296,303	3,759,553	3,881,269
3 Star	206,475	114,014	116,779	2,104,601	2,145,982
Other collective accommodation ¹	44,172	26,098	28,175	414,743	423,856
Total	838,439	523,103	551,351	8,019,574	8,161,930
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	36,587	16,097	16,286	298,097	302,157
of which:					
5 Star	9,667	5,293	5,175	80,523	80,418
4 Star	13,950	8,085	8,064	171,348	136,580
3 Star	10,256	1,801	2,044	28,743	66,797
Other collective accommodation ¹	974	234	236	9,824	10,666
Total	37,561	16,331	16,522	307,921	312,823

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

Type of accommodation	October*	November		January-November	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	MALTA				
Hotel	71.4	52.8	50.7	66.2	67.4
5 Star	81.0	57.0	49.2	69.7	72.7
4 Star	76.9	60.0	59.7	72.1	72.4
3 Star	60.4	40.1	38.0	57.4	59.1
2 Star	51.2	41.3	43.6	50.0	51.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	48.4	32.5	33.3	43.0	44.8
Total	69.7	51.2	49.4	64.4	65.7
Malta					
Hotel	71.7	53.5	51.4	66.6	67.9
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	81.8	58.3	50.0	70.4	73.5
4 Star	77.3	61.0	60.6	72.7	73.1
3 Star	60.2	40.2	38.2	57.6	59.1
Other collective accommodation ¹	50.0	33.3	34.5	43.7	46.0
Total	70.1	51.9	50.1	64.8	66.2
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	65.9	37.7	35.9	57.3	57.2
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	69.8	41.1	38.6	58.3	60.5
4 Star	65.4	39.2	39.1	61.0	57.3
3 Star	64.9	32.6	29.6	47.4	60.0
Other collective accommodation ¹	19.8	8.8	6.7	25.3	22.2
Total	62.2	36.0	33.8	55.0	54.3

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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	November					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
MALTA						
Hotel	115	119	15,635	16,450	33,795	35,877
5 Star	14	15	3,216	3,471	6,283	6,817
4 Star	43	44	7,391	7,855	16,281	17,275
3 Star	45	46	4,391	4,480	9,852	10,421
2 Star	13	14	637	644	1,379	1,364
Other collective accommodation ¹	34	38	1,113	1,148	2,735	2,841
Total	149	157	16,748	17,598	36,530	38,718
Malta						
Hotel	105	107	14,972	15,747	32,370	34,366
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	13	3,010	3,256	5,854	6,370
4 Star	39	40	7,069	7,533	15,593	16,587
3 Star	42	42	4,304	4,373	9,668	10,191
Other collective accommodation ¹	31	34	1,072	1,095	2,646	2,723
Total	136	141	16,044	16,842	35,016	37,089
Gozo and Comino						
Hotel	10	12	663	703	1,425	1,511
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	206	215	429	447
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688
3 Star	3	4	87	107	184	230
Other collective accommodation ¹	3	4	41	53	89	118
Total	13	16	704	756	1,514	1,629

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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:

October 2015 **91.2%**
November 2015 **91.8%**

4. In this release figures for October 2015 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to November 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>

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