

Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during December 2015 increased by 4.7 and 2.7 per cent respectively compared to the corresponding month in 2014.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: December 2015

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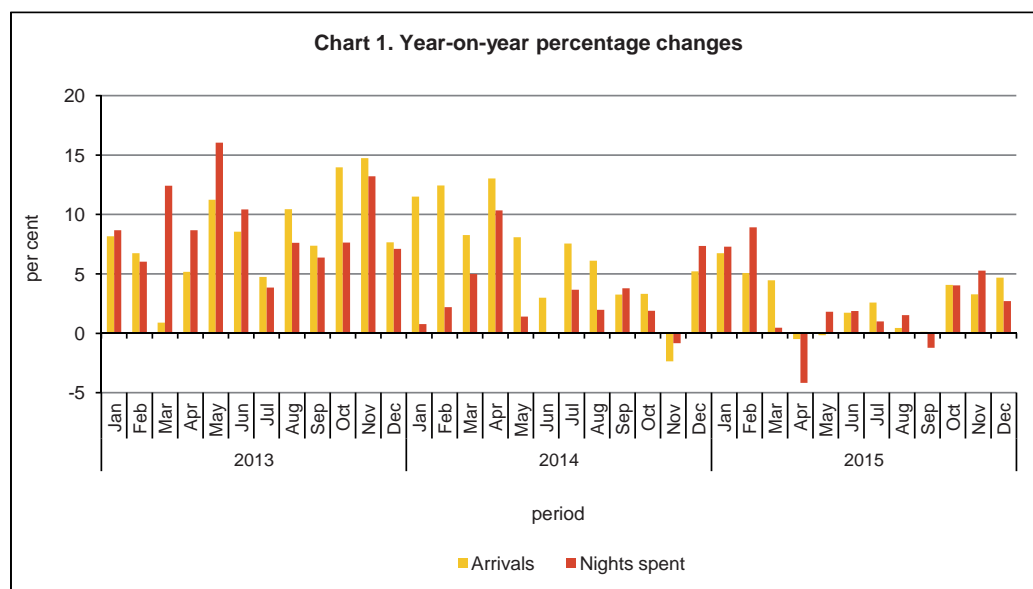
In December, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 92,842, while total nights spent amounted to 440,391. Collective accommodation categories recorded increases in total nights spent, with the exception of 4-star hotels and the 'other' category. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 208,774 nights, or 47.4 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 4.7 nights in December 2015 from 4.8 nights in the same month of 2014. The net use of bed-places stood at 38.5 per cent, down by 2.1 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 153 active collective accommodation establishments during December, with a net capacity of 16,784 bedrooms and 37,155 bed-places (Table 4).

### January-December

In 2015, total arrivals surpassed 1.5 million, an increase of 2.2 per cent over the same period in 2014 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 1.8 per cent, surpassing 8.9 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 0.9 percentage points to 63.5 per cent (Table 3) ■



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

Type of accommodation	November*	December		January-December	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<b>MALTA</b>				
Hotel	100,431	85,821	90,235	1,491,630	1,529,040
5 Star	26,405	23,478	27,749	393,384	384,288
4 Star	49,876	42,436	38,836	666,674	679,053
3 Star	21,709	18,170	20,911	389,672	420,679
2 Star	2,441	1,736	2,740	41,901	45,019
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,820	2,873	2,606	59,918	56,976
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,251</b>	<b>88,694</b>	<b>92,842</b>	<b>1,551,547</b>	<b>1,586,015</b>
	<b>Malta</b>				
Hotel	95,509	81,113	85,123	1,407,944	1,445,353
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	24,841	21,956	26,011	370,841	361,736
4 Star	47,740	40,407	36,734	624,294	643,826
3 Star	20,760	17,268	19,975	376,725	400,433
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,742	2,748	2,515	56,960	53,712
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,251</b>	<b>83,861</b>	<b>87,639</b>	<b>1,464,904</b>	<b>1,499,065</b>
	<b>Gozo and Comino</b>				
Hotel	4,922	4,708	5,112	83,686	83,687
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	1,564	1,522	1,738	22,543	22,552
4 Star	2,136	2,029	2,102	42,380	35,227
3 Star	949	902	936	12,947	20,246
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	78	125	91	2,958	3,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,833</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>86,644</b>	<b>86,951</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	November*	December		January-December	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
	<b>MALTA</b>				
Hotel	539,462	404,659	417,779	8,307,588	8,458,010
5 Star	98,418	78,641	90,290	1,675,653	1,648,299
4 Star	304,367	220,788	208,774	4,151,689	4,226,623
3 Star	118,823	92,367	103,331	2,225,711	2,316,110
2 Star	17,855	12,863	15,384	254,535	266,978
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	28,411	24,143	22,612	448,710	457,134
<b>Total</b>	<b>567,873</b>	<b>428,802</b>	<b>440,391</b>	<b>8,756,297</b>	<b>8,915,144</b>
	<b>Malta</b>				
Hotel	523,176	392,765	404,582	7,997,597	8,142,656
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	93,243	74,430	85,833	1,590,919	1,563,424
4 Star	296,303	215,645	203,092	3,975,198	4,084,361
3 Star	116,779	90,649	101,273	2,195,250	2,247,255
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	28,175	23,871	22,389	438,613	446,245
<b>Total</b>	<b>551,351</b>	<b>416,636</b>	<b>426,971</b>	<b>8,436,210</b>	<b>8,588,901</b>
	<b>Gozo and Comino</b>				
Hotel	16,286	11,894	13,197	309,991	315,354
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	5,175	4,211	4,457	84,734	84,875
4 Star	8,064	5,143	5,682	176,491	142,262
3 Star	2,044	1,718	2,058	30,461	68,855
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	236	272	223	10,096	10,889
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,522</b>	<b>12,166</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>320,087</b>	<b>326,243</b>

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

Type of accommodation	November*	December		January-December		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	MALTA					
Hotel	50.7	41.6	39.5	64.3	65.1	
5 Star	49.2	47.2	44.6	68.2	70.3	
4 Star	59.7	47.0	43.1	70.1	70.0	
3 Star	38.0	31.2	31.5	55.5	56.9	
2 Star	43.6	33.1	37.2	48.7	50.5	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	33.3	28.3	25.7	41.8	43.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>40.6</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>62.6</b>	<b>63.5</b>	
Type of accommodation	Malta					
	Hotel	51.4	42.3	40.1	64.8	65.6
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	50.0	48.5	45.5	69.0	71.1	
4 Star	60.6	48.1	43.9	70.7	70.7	
3 Star	38.2	31.0	31.5	55.6	56.8	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	34.5	29.2	26.5	42.6	44.4	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>39.0</b>	<b>63.0</b>	<b>64.0</b>	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino					
	Hotel	35.9	27.9	27.9	55.0	54.8
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	38.6	31.7	32.2	56.0	57.8	
4 Star	39.1	24.1	26.6	58.4	54.8	
3 Star	29.6	40.7	28.9	46.9	58.1	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6.7	7.4	6.1	23.7	21.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>52.0</b>	

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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	December						
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places		
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
Type of accommodation	MALTA						
	Hotel	108	114	14,705	15,623	31,892	34,289
	5 Star	13	14	2,765	3,341	5,379	6,530
4 Star	39	40	6,906	7,030	15,276	15,630	
3 Star	43	46	4,412	4,613	9,899	10,761	
2 Star	13	14	622	639	1,338	1,368	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	35	39	1,134	1,161	2,781	2,866	
<b>Total</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>15,839</b>	<b>16,784</b>	<b>34,673</b>	<b>37,155</b>	
Type of accommodation	Malta						
	Hotel	99	102	14,061	14,919	30,515	32,762
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	11	12	2,559	3,126	4,950	6,083	
4 Star	35	36	6,584	6,708	14,588	14,942	
3 Star	41	42	4,344	4,506	9,763	10,531	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	31	35	1,081	1,108	2,663	2,748	
<b>Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>15,142</b>	<b>16,027</b>	<b>33,178</b>	<b>35,510</b>	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino						
	Hotel	9	12	644	704	1,377	1,527
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	206	215	429	447	
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688	
3 Star	2	4	68	107	136	230	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	4	4	53	53	118	118	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>1,645</b>	

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2015*	October-December (Q4)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	479,751	330,185	342,921
5 Star	115,651	87,508	94,372
4 Star	198,647	160,088	157,088
3 Star	149,047	74,637	81,586
2 Star	16,407	7,951	9,875
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	20,979	11,206	12,141
<b>Total</b>	<b>500,730</b>	<b>341,391</b>	<b>355,062</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	451,033	312,135	324,377
of which:			
5 Star	107,868	82,661	88,927
4 Star	188,891	150,878	149,644
3 Star	139,928	71,674	77,215
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	19,468	10,708	11,675
<b>Total</b>	<b>470,500</b>	<b>322,843</b>	<b>336,052</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	28,719	18,050	18,544
of which:			
5 Star	7,783	4,847	5,445
4 Star	9,756	9,210	7,444
3 Star	9,119	2,963	4,371
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,511	498	466
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,230</b>	<b>18,548</b>	<b>19,010</b>

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2015*	October-December (Q4)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	448,178	284,824	297,748
5 Star	101,841	73,365	76,832
4 Star	188,352	133,315	135,968
3 Star	143,907	71,075	76,406
2 Star	14,078	7,068	8,542
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	20,158	10,450	11,398
<b>Total</b>	<b>468,335</b>	<b>295,274</b>	<b>309,145</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	431,171	276,171	288,447
of which:			
5 Star	97,173	71,039	74,285
4 Star	181,641	128,735	132,126
3 Star	138,823	69,707	74,005
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	19,091	10,065	11,041
<b>Total</b>	<b>450,262</b>	<b>286,236</b>	<b>299,488</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	17,006	8,653	9,300
of which:			
5 Star	4,668	2,326	2,547
4 Star	6,711	4,580	3,842
3 Star	5,084	1,368	2,401
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,067	385	357
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,073</b>	<b>9,038</b>	<b>9,657</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2015*	October-December (Q4)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	31,574	45,361	45,173
5 Star	13,810	14,143	17,540
4 Star	10,295	26,773	21,120
3 Star	5,140	3,562	5,180
2 Star	2,329	883	1,333
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	821	756	743
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,395</b>	<b>46,117</b>	<b>45,916</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	19,861	35,964	35,929
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	10,695	11,622	14,642
4 Star	7,250	22,143	17,518
3 Star	1,106	1,967	3,210
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	377	643	634
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,238</b>	<b>36,607</b>	<b>36,564</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	11,712	9,397	9,244
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,115	2,521	2,898
4 Star	3,045	4,630	3,602
3 Star	4,034	1,595	1,970
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	444	113	109
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,156</b>	<b>9,510</b>	<b>9,353</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2015*	October-December (Q4)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	2,973,792	1,719,944	1,788,095
5 Star	592,109	347,696	360,349
4 Star	1,407,475	919,657	929,835
3 Star	877,250	398,896	438,886
2 Star	96,959	53,695	59,025
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	164,733	90,301	96,169
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,138,525</b>	<b>1,810,244</b>	<b>1,884,264</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	2,844,180	1,657,543	1,722,025
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	558,018	329,573	341,050
4 Star	1,355,765	885,969	902,139
3 Star	841,609	392,158	424,528
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	158,909	88,837	94,736
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,003,090</b>	<b>1,746,379</b>	<b>1,816,761</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	129,612	62,401	66,070
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	34,091	18,123	19,299
4 Star	51,710	33,688	27,696
3 Star	35,641	6,738	14,358
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5,824	1,464	1,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,436</b>	<b>63,865</b>	<b>67,503</b>

\* Revised

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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	Q3/2015*	October-December (Q4)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	2,889,000	1,624,818	1,684,645
5 Star	551,526	315,400	320,107
4 Star	1,382,440	866,813	881,544
3 Star	865,265	391,756	427,537
2 Star	89,770	50,849	55,458
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	162,995	89,102	94,740
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,051,996</b>	<b>1,713,920</b>	<b>1,779,385</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	2,789,552	1,581,291	1,637,845
of which:			
5 Star	526,120	302,933	307,315
4 Star	1,338,301	841,467	860,367
3 Star	838,133	387,548	416,830
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	158,176	87,868	93,523
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,947,728</b>	<b>1,669,159</b>	<b>1,731,368</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	99,448	43,527	46,800
of which:			
5 Star	25,406	12,467	12,792
4 Star	44,139	25,346	21,177
3 Star	27,131	4,208	10,707
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	4,819	1,234	1,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>104,268</b>	<b>44,761</b>	<b>48,017</b>

\* Revised

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Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2015*	October-December (Q4)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	84,792	95,126	103,450
5 Star	40,583	32,296	40,242
4 Star	25,035	52,844	48,291
3 Star	11,985	7,140	11,349
2 Star	7,189	2,846	3,568
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,738	1,199	1,429
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,530</b>	<b>96,325</b>	<b>104,879</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	54,628	76,252	84,180
of which:			
5 Star	31,898	26,640	33,735
4 Star	17,464	44,502	41,772
3 Star	3,475	4,610	7,698
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	733	969	1,213
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,362</b>	<b>77,221</b>	<b>85,393</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	30,164	18,874	19,270
of which:			
5 Star	8,685	5,656	6,507
4 Star	7,571	8,342	6,519
3 Star	8,510	2,530	3,651
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,005	230	216
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,168</b>	<b>19,104</b>	<b>19,486</b>

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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	Q3/2015*	October-December (Q4)	
		2014	2015
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	82.9	55.2	54.5
5 Star	89.7	62.6	58.7
4 Star	87.1	61.6	60.5
3 Star	75.9	42.4	43.9
2 Star	62.9	43.2	44.5
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	58.8	35.2	36.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>81.2</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>53.1</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	83.1	55.7	54.9
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	90.2	63.9	59.5
4 Star	87.3	62.3	61.2
3 Star	75.9	42.4	43.8
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	59.8	36.2	37.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>81.4</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>53.6</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	78.6	45.1	44.6
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	82.9	45.9	46.9
4 Star	81.7	46.8	43.8
3 Star	75.9	43.6	48.1
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	40.3	14.0	11.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>42.1</b>

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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:

November 2015	<b>91.8%</b>
December 2015	<b>89.5%</b>

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