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Total arrivals and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during January 2016 increased by 1.1 and 0.8 per cent respectively compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: January 2016

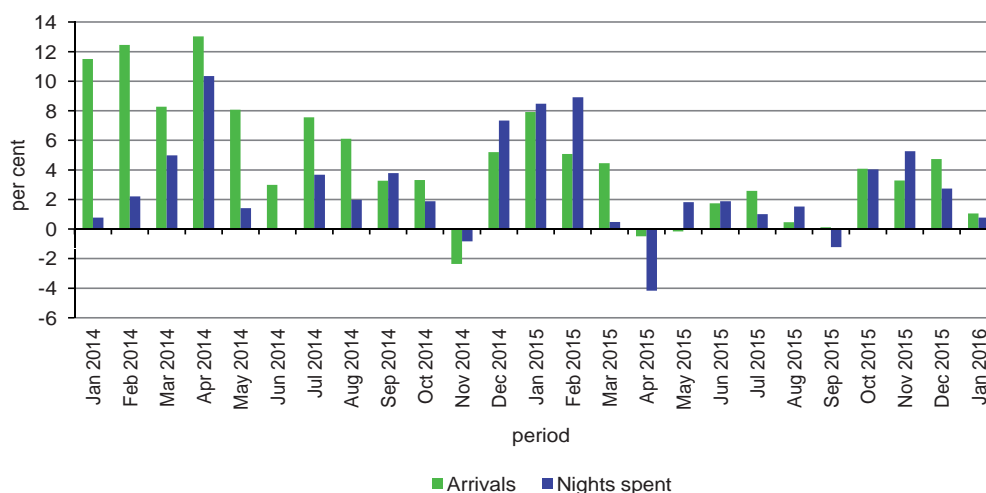
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In January, total arrivals in collective accommodation establishments numbered 73,336, while total nights spent amounted to 410,581. Collective accommodation categories registered increases in total nights spent, with the exception of 4-star and 3-star hotels. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 204,786 nights, or 49.9 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments stood at 5.6 nights during the month under review, at par with January 2015. The net use of bed-places stood at 38.6 per cent, down by 0.1 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 143 active collective accommodation establishments during January, with a net capacity of 15,825 bedrooms and 34,977 bed-places (Table 4) ■

**Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes**



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

Arrivals	December*		January	
	2015		2015	2016
	MALTA			
Hotel	90,235	70,403	71,002	
5 Star	27,749	16,354	20,775	
4 Star	38,836	36,220	32,540	
3 Star	20,911	16,113	15,285	
2 Star	2,740	1,716	2,402	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,659	2,171	2,335	
<b>Total</b>	<b>92,895</b>	<b>72,574</b>	<b>73,336</b>	
		<b>Malta</b>		
Hotel	85,123	68,083	67,812	
of which:				
5 Star	26,011	16,214	20,617	
4 Star	36,734	34,663	30,594	
3 Star	19,975	15,662	14,556	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,568	2,120	2,270	
<b>Total</b>	<b>87,692</b>	<b>70,203</b>	<b>70,081</b>	
		<b>Gozo and Comino</b>		
Hotel	5,112	2,320	3,190	
of which:				
5 Star	1,738	140	158	
4 Star	2,102	1,557	1,946	
3 Star	936	451	729	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	91	51	65	
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>2,371</b>	<b>3,255</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	December*		January	
	2015		2015	2016
	MALTA			
Hotel	417,779	384,442	385,974	
5 Star	90,290	62,367	79,798	
4 Star	208,774	214,379	204,786	
3 Star	103,331	93,656	84,484	
2 Star	15,384	14,040	16,906	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	22,765	23,004	24,608	
<b>Total</b>	<b>440,544</b>	<b>407,446</b>	<b>410,581</b>	
		<b>Malta</b>		
Hotel	404,582	377,849	377,581	
of which:				
5 Star	85,833	61,736	78,891	
4 Star	203,092	209,705	199,457	
3 Star	101,273	92,918	83,238	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	22,542	22,888	24,473	
<b>Total</b>	<b>427,124</b>	<b>400,737</b>	<b>402,053</b>	
		<b>Gozo and Comino</b>		
Hotel	13,197	6,593	8,393	
of which:				
5 Star	4,457	631	907	
4 Star	5,682	4,674	5,329	
3 Star	2,058	738	1,246	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	223	116	135	
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,420</b>	<b>6,709</b>	<b>8,528</b>	

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<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	December*		January	
	2015		2015	2016
	MALTA			
Hotel	39.5	39.7	39.5	39.5
5 Star	44.6	40.2	40.4	40.4
4 Star	43.1	45.2	44.5	44.5
3 Star	31.5	31.2	30.5	30.5
2 Star	37.2	36.9	39.2	39.2
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	25.9	27.3	28.5	28.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>38.7</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>38.6</b>
	<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	40.1	40.3	40.3	40.3
of which:				
5 Star	45.5	40.2	41.8	41.8
4 Star	43.9	46.3	45.4	45.4
3 Star	31.5	31.3	30.7	30.7
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	26.7	28.6	29.6	29.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>39.4</b>
	<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	27.9	21.2	20.4	20.4
of which:				
5 Star	32.2	36.8	10.0	10.0
4 Star	26.6	21.9	25.0	25.0
3 Star	28.9	17.5	21.8	21.8
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6.1	2.9	3.7	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>19.1</b>

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<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	January					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA					
Hotel	105	107	14,606	14,707	31,809	32,181
5 Star	13	14	2,765	3,341	5,379	6,529
4 Star	39	39	6,957	6,840	15,482	15,238
3 Star	42	41	4,311	3,905	9,721	9,022
2 Star	11	13	573	621	1,227	1,392
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	34	36	1,097	1,118	2,722	2,796
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>15,703</b>	<b>15,825</b>	<b>34,531</b>	<b>34,977</b>
	<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	96	96	13,962	14,023	30,432	30,700
of which:						
5 Star	11	12	2,559	3,126	4,950	6,082
4 Star	35	35	6,635	6,518	14,794	14,550
3 Star	40	38	4,243	3,818	9,585	8,838
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	29	32	1,040	1,065	2,593	2,678
<b>Total</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>15,002</b>	<b>15,088</b>	<b>33,025</b>	<b>33,378</b>
	<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	9	11	644	684	1,377	1,481
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	206	215	429	447
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688
3 Star	2	3	68	87	136	184
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5	4	57	53	129	118
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>1,599</b>

<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:

December 2015	<b>89.6%</b>
January 2016	<b>89.5%</b>

4. In this release figures for December 2015 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to January 2016 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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