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Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during February 2016 both increased by 4.5 per cent compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: February 2016

Cut-off date:
19 April 2016

In February, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 95,351, while total nights spent amounted to 487,364. All collective accommodation categories registered increases in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 254,977 nights, or 52.3 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

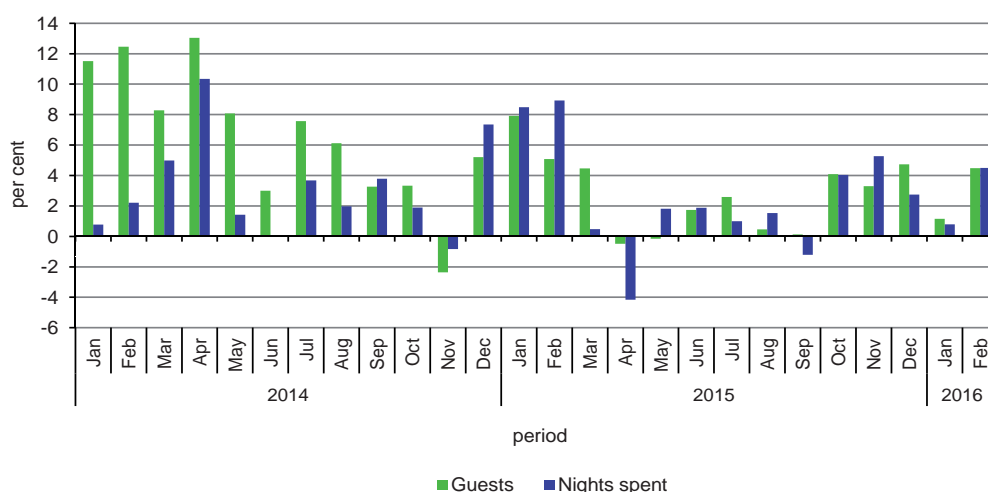
The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments stood at 5.1 nights during the month under review, at par with February 2015. The net use of bed-places stood at 46.7 per cent, down by 2.2 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 147 active collective accommodation establishments during February, with a net capacity of 16,925 bedrooms and 37,453 bed-places (Table 4).

January-February

Total guests during the first two months of 2016 amounted to 168,756, an increase of 3.0 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 2.8 per cent, reaching 898,039 (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 0.9 percentage points to 42.6 per cent (Table 3) ■

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes



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Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	January*	February		January-February	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	71,002	88,874	92,645	159,277	163,647
5 Star	20,775	22,800	23,378	39,154	44,153
4 Star	32,540	45,667	45,827	81,887	78,367
3 Star	15,285	18,634	21,326	34,747	36,611
2 Star	2,402	1,774	2,113	3,489	4,515
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,404	2,392	2,705	4,563	5,109
Total	73,405	91,266	95,351	163,840	168,756
	Malta				
Hotel	67,812	84,883	88,107	152,966	155,919
of which:					
5 Star	20,617	21,923	22,108	38,137	42,725
4 Star	30,594	43,337	43,520	78,000	74,114
3 Star	14,556	17,944	20,571	33,606	35,127
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,350	2,282	2,608	4,402	4,958
Total	70,161	87,165	90,716	157,368	160,877
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	3,190	3,991	4,538	6,311	7,728
of which:					
5 Star	158	877	1,270	1,017	1,428
4 Star	1,946	2,330	2,307	3,887	4,253
3 Star	729	690	755	1,141	1,484
Other collective accommodation ¹	54	110	97	161	151
Total	3,244	4,101	4,635	6,472	7,879

* 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	January*	February		January-February	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	385,974	442,972	459,993	827,414	845,967
5 Star	79,798	75,700	78,550	138,067	158,348
4 Star	204,786	251,289	254,977	465,668	459,763
3 Star	84,484	102,650	111,273	196,306	195,757
2 Star	16,906	13,333	15,194	27,373	32,100
Other collective accommodation ¹	24,701	23,454	27,371	46,458	52,072
Total	410,675	466,427	487,364	873,872	898,039
	Malta				
Hotel	377,581	433,071	449,077	810,920	826,658
of which:					
5 Star	78,891	73,459	75,752	135,195	154,643
4 Star	199,457	245,155	249,048	454,860	448,505
3 Star	83,238	101,403	109,727	194,321	192,965
Other collective accommodation ¹	24,591	23,239	27,126	46,127	51,717
Total	402,172	456,311	476,203	857,047	878,375
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	8,393	9,901	10,916	16,494	19,309
of which:					
5 Star	907	2,241	2,798	2,872	3,705
4 Star	5,329	6,134	5,929	10,808	11,258
3 Star	1,246	1,247	1,546	1,985	2,792
Other collective accommodation ¹	110	215	245	331	355
Total	8,503	10,116	11,161	16,825	19,664

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

Type of accommodation	January*	February		January-February	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	39.5	50.4	47.8	44.8	43.6
5 Star	40.4	50.2	47.2	45.1	43.5
4 Star	44.5	58.4	54.9	51.5	49.7
3 Star	30.5	39.2	38.0	34.9	34.4
2 Star	39.2	37.5	39.8	37.2	39.5
Other collective accommodation ¹	28.5	30.9	33.7	29.0	31.0
Total	38.6	48.9	46.7	43.5	42.6
	Malta				
Hotel	40.3	51.4	48.7	45.6	44.5
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	41.8	51.6	48.3	45.7	44.8
4 Star	45.4	59.6	56.0	52.6	50.7
3 Star	30.7	39.5	38.2	35.1	34.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	29.6	32.1	34.8	30.2	32.1
Total	39.4	49.9	47.6	44.4	43.5
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	20.4	27.4	27.5	24.5	23.9
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	10.0	27.1	28.7	28.8	19.7
4 Star	25.0	31.8	29.7	26.6	27.3
3 Star	21.8	24.2	29.0	21.2	25.3
Other collective accommodation ¹	3.0	6.0	7.8	4.3	5.2
Total	19.0	25.4	26.0	22.5	22.4

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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	February					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA					
Hotel	107	111	14,573	15,801	31,732	34,613
5 Star	14	14	2,873	3,341	5,595	6,537
4 Star	39	41	6,957	7,375	15,462	16,317
3 Star	42	44	4,140	4,491	9,383	10,443
2 Star	12	12	603	594	1,292	1,316
Other collective accommodation ¹	33	36	1,101	1,124	2,718	2,840
Total	140	147	15,674	16,925	34,450	37,453
	Malta					
Hotel	97	100	13,901	15,117	30,289	33,124
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	12	2,658	3,126	5,148	6,082
4 Star	35	37	6,635	7,053	14,774	15,629
3 Star	39	41	4,053	4,404	9,199	10,259
Other collective accommodation ¹	28	32	1,044	1,071	2,589	2,722
Total	125	132	14,945	16,188	32,878	35,846
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	10	11	672	684	1,443	1,489
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	215	215	447	455
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688
3 Star	3	3	87	87	184	184
Other collective accommodation ¹	5	4	57	53	129	118
Total	15	15	729	737	1,572	1,607

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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:

January 2016	89.5%
February 2016	88.2%

4. In this release figures for January 2016 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to February 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 aparthotels 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 guests:** 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:
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of guests}}$$

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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