

Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during May 2016 declined by 0.5 and 0.1 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: May 2016

Cut-off date:  
20 July 2016

In May, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 153,659, while total nights spent amounted to 826,971. 5-star and 3-star hotel categories registered decreases in total nights spent, with increases being recorded in the other categories. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 400,856 nights, or 48.5 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

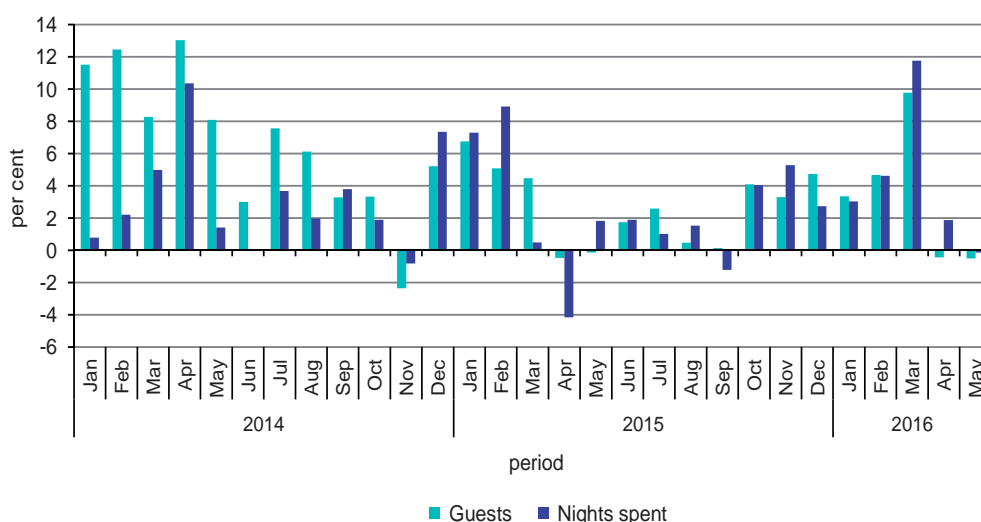
The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments stood at 5.4 nights during the month under review, at par with May 2015. The net use of bed-places stood at 68.5 per cent, down by 0.4 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 168 active collective accommodation establishments during May, with a net capacity of 17,735 bedrooms and 39,028 bed-places (Table 4).

### January-May

Total guests during the first five months of 2016 amounted to 589,983, an increase of 2.8 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 3.8 per cent, surpassing 3.1 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 0.3 percentage points to 55.5 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	April*	May		January-May	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<b>MALTA</b>				
Hotel	136,302	148,354	146,711	555,709	567,412
5 Star	33,465	36,955	36,586	138,102	141,300
4 Star	63,108	64,673	68,568	258,987	271,105
3 Star	35,404	42,847	37,217	144,987	138,351
2 Star	4,324	3,879	4,340	13,632	16,656
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6,147	6,087	6,948	17,994	22,570
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,448</b>	<b>154,441</b>	<b>153,659</b>	<b>573,703</b>	<b>589,983</b>
	<b>Malta</b>				
Hotel	129,910	139,267	139,335	528,044	539,218
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	31,473	34,556	34,743	131,147	134,102
4 Star	60,265	61,139	65,220	245,616	257,477
3 Star	34,317	40,209	35,420	139,250	132,880
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5,839	5,741	6,568	17,145	21,511
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,748</b>	<b>145,008</b>	<b>145,903</b>	<b>545,189</b>	<b>560,729</b>
	<b>Gozo and Comino</b>				
Hotel	6,392	9,087	7,376	27,665	28,194
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	1,992	2,399	1,843	6,955	7,198
4 Star	2,843	3,534	3,348	13,371	13,628
3 Star	1,087	2,638	1,797	5,737	5,471
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	308	346	380	849	1,059
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>9,433</b>	<b>7,756</b>	<b>28,514</b>	<b>29,253</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	April*	May		January-May	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<b>MALTA</b>				
Hotel	694,132	784,256	779,518	2,841,273	2,927,395
5 Star	123,969	158,412	148,906	530,434	534,490
4 Star	364,037	375,850	400,856	1,475,800	1,556,542
3 Star	183,884	229,085	208,190	751,431	740,578
2 Star	22,242	20,908	21,566	83,608	95,785
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	43,339	43,887	47,453	152,642	179,863
<b>Total</b>	<b>737,471</b>	<b>828,142</b>	<b>826,971</b>	<b>2,993,915</b>	<b>3,107,258</b>
	<b>Malta</b>				
Hotel	675,323	753,577	751,659	2,757,526	2,841,468
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	118,253	150,248	141,679	508,134	511,823
4 Star	355,070	362,531	388,223	1,433,114	1,513,782
3 Star	180,874	221,254	201,208	736,932	724,924
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	42,408	42,899	46,310	150,455	176,854
<b>Total</b>	<b>717,731</b>	<b>796,475</b>	<b>797,969</b>	<b>2,907,981</b>	<b>3,018,322</b>
	<b>Gozo and Comino</b>				
Hotel	18,809	30,679	27,859	83,747	85,927
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	5,716	8,164	7,227	22,300	22,667
4 Star	8,967	13,319	12,633	42,686	42,760
3 Star	3,010	7,831	6,982	14,499	15,654
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	931	988	1,143	2,187	3,009
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,740</b>	<b>31,667</b>	<b>29,002</b>	<b>85,934</b>	<b>88,936</b>

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

Type of accommodation	April*	May		January-May		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	MALTA					
Hotel	67.2	70.6	70.0	56.8	56.8	
5 Star	67.5	78.7	73.5	60.5	57.6	
4 Star	72.7	74.6	74.7	62.2	62.7	
3 Star	60.2	63.0	62.8	48.1	48.2	
2 Star	52.1	49.7	49.2	43.3	45.2	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	48.5	48.7	50.8	36.2	40.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>68.9</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>55.5</b>	
Type of accommodation	Malta					
	Hotel	68.5	71.2	71.2	57.5	57.7
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	69.6	80.1	75.2	61.6	59.1	
4 Star	74.0	75.1	75.4	63.2	63.7	
3 Star	60.6	63.3	63.7	48.3	48.5	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	50.5	50.2	52.7	37.5	42.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>69.8</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>56.5</b>	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino					
	Hotel	40.2	57.4	47.7	40.1	36.8
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	41.8	58.9	51.1	43.6	37.3	
4 Star	43.4	62.4	59.2	41.1	40.9	
3 Star	43.6	54.4	44.2	41.5	38.3	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	17.6	22.0	21.0	10.7	13.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.9</b>	<b>54.7</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>37.5</b>	<b>34.8</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	May						
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
MALTA							
Hotel	119	124	16,618	16,508	35,890	35,992	
5 Star	15	14	3,451	3,338	6,496	6,532	
4 Star	42	44	7,375	7,823	16,261	17,299	
3 Star	50	52	5,180	4,711	11,776	10,747	
2 Star	12	14	612	636	1,357	1,414	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	40	44	1,206	1,227	2,931	3,036	
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>17,824</b>	<b>17,735</b>	<b>38,821</b>	<b>39,028</b>	
Type of accommodation	Malta						
	Hotel	108	110	15,805	15,654	34,167	34,109
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	13	12	3,236	3,123	6,049	6,076	
4 Star	38	40	7,053	7,501	15,573	16,611	
3 Star	46	47	4,952	4,463	11,312	10,237	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	34	37	1,141	1,146	2,786	2,859	
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>16,946</b>	<b>16,800</b>	<b>36,953</b>	<b>36,968</b>	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino						
	Hotel	11	14	813	854	1,723	1,883
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	215	215	447	456	
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688	
3 Star	4	5	228	248	464	510	
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6	7	65	81	145	177	
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>935</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>2,060</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:

May 2015	<b>92.7%</b>
April 2016	<b>92.5%</b>
May 2016	<b>89.2%</b>

4. In this release figures for April 2016 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to May 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 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:

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