

Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during August 2016 declined by 3.9 and 5.6 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: August 2016

Cut-off date:
24 October 2016

In August, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 167,688, while total nights spent amounted to 1,070,959. Collective accommodation categories registered decreases in total nights spent, with the exception of 2-star hotels. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 497,137 nights, or 46.4 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 6.4 nights in August 2016 from 6.5 nights in the same month of 2015. The net use of bed-places stood at 84.0 per cent, down by 2.8 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 176 active collective accommodation establishments during August, with a net capacity of 18,195 bedrooms and 41,168 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

Total arrivals in Malta numbered 157,101, down by 4.2 per cent over August 2015. Additionally, a decrease of 5.5 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent (Tables 1 and 2). The average length of stay edged down by 0.1 of a night to 6.5, when compared to last year, while the net occupancy rate declined from 87.1 per cent to 84.6 per cent (Table 3). Total arrivals and nights spent in Gozo and Comino decreased by 0.4 and 8.1 per cent when compared to the comparative month last year, to 10,587 and 45,187 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

January-August

Total guests during the first eight months of 2016 amounted to 1,073,550, a decrease of 0.1 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). Total nights spent went down by 0.6 per cent, reaching nearly 6.1 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 1.1 percentage points to 65.1 per cent (Table 3) ■

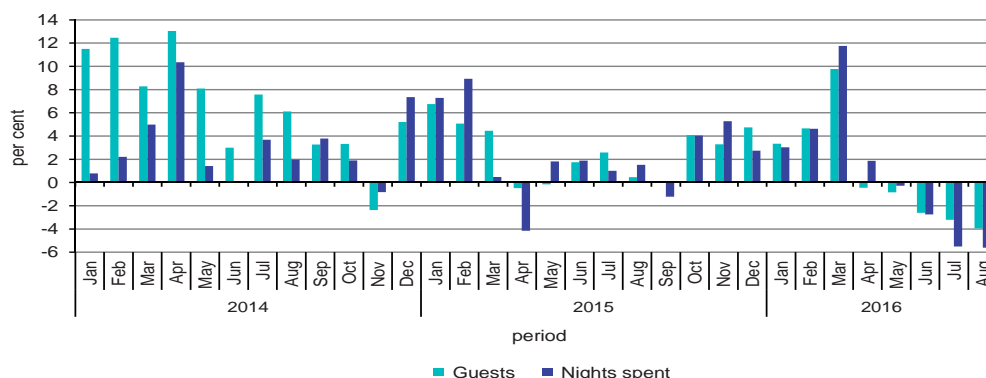
Compiled by:

Unit C3: Population and Tourism Statistics

Further information on data:

Mr Matthew ZERAFA
T. +356 2599 7630
E. matthew.zerafa@gov.mt

Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes



Kindly indicate source when quoting from this release.

The advance release calendar may be consulted at www.nso.gov.mt

Issued by: **Dissemination Unit, National Statistics Office, Lascaris, Valletta VLT 2000, Malta.**

T. +356 2599 7219 F. +356 2599 7205 E. nso@gov.mt

<https://twitter.com/NSOMALTA/> | <https://www.facebook.com/nsomalta/>

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

Type of accommodation	July*	August		January-August	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	155,901	167,004	159,681	1,035,616	1,027,755
5 Star	40,508	38,840	38,477	253,140	257,473
4 Star	68,777	68,849	69,567	457,332	475,178
3 Star	40,790	53,816	45,716	294,716	262,098
2 Star	5,826	5,498	5,921	30,428	33,006
Other collective accommodation ¹	8,055	7,566	8,006	38,560	45,794
Total	163,956	174,570	167,688	1,074,176	1,073,550
	Malta				
Hotel	146,895	156,915	149,689	979,161	972,189
of which:					
5 Star	38,136	36,191	35,870	238,498	242,864
4 Star	65,644	65,473	66,258	433,914	452,032
3 Star	37,948	50,370	42,466	280,117	248,255
Other collective accommodation ¹	7,581	7,029	7,412	36,193	43,259
Total	154,476	163,944	157,101	1,015,354	1,015,448
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	9,006	10,089	9,992	56,455	55,566
of which:					
5 Star	2,372	2,649	2,607	14,642	14,609
4 Star	3,133	3,376	3,309	23,418	23,146
3 Star	2,842	3,446	3,250	14,599	13,843
Other collective accommodation ¹	474	537	595	2,366	2,535
Total	9,480	10,626	10,587	58,821	58,101

* 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	July*	August		January-August	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	970,260	1,076,218	1,013,470	5,801,309	5,737,677
5 Star	198,050	217,289	211,814	1,117,507	1,101,796
4 Star	485,602	504,863	497,137	2,872,649	2,968,625
3 Star	249,514	320,697	270,162	1,628,819	1,473,323
2 Star	37,094	33,369	34,357	182,334	193,934
Other collective accommodation ¹	59,391	58,488	57,488	315,369	342,756
Total	1,029,652	1,134,706	1,070,959	6,116,679	6,080,433
	Malta				
Hotel	931,331	1,029,030	970,463	5,591,862	5,537,616
of which:					
5 Star	188,401	205,131	200,629	1,062,211	1,049,946
4 Star	468,852	486,336	479,257	2,779,111	2,876,974
3 Star	239,053	306,997	258,785	1,580,685	1,427,981
Other collective accommodation ¹	57,740	56,502	55,308	307,651	334,687
Total	989,072	1,085,532	1,025,772	5,899,513	5,872,303
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	38,929	47,188	43,007	209,447	200,062
of which:					
5 Star	9,649	12,158	11,185	55,296	51,850
4 Star	16,750	18,527	17,880	93,538	91,651
3 Star	10,461	13,700	11,377	48,134	45,342
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,651	1,986	2,180	7,719	8,069
Total	40,580	49,174	45,187	217,166	208,130

* Revised

¹ 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	July*	August		January-August	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	83.0	88.8	85.9	68.0	66.6
5 Star	92.3	95.9	97.8	73.6	70.9
4 Star	88.8	92.7	90.7	72.5	72.4
3 Star	71.0	82.4	75.3	60.2	57.1
2 Star	66.7	64.4	61.7	52.6	51.9
Other collective accommodation ¹	61.8	62.0	59.8	45.1	47.3
Total	81.4	86.8	84.0	66.2	65.1
Type of accommodation	Malta				
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	83.8	88.9	86.5	68.5	67.5
of which:					
5 Star	94.0	96.4	99.2	74.4	72.3
4 Star	89.3	92.9	90.9	73.2	73.2
3 Star	71.2	82.2	75.4	60.2	57.3
Other collective accommodation ¹	63.6	63.2	61.3	46.3	48.7
Total	82.3	87.1	84.6	66.8	66.0
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino				
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	67.8	85.0	74.7	56.1	49.4
of which:					
5 Star	68.0	87.7	78.8	60.0	50.4
4 Star	78.5	86.9	83.8	55.9	54.6
3 Star	66.2	86.7	72.0	58.8	51.4
Other collective accommodation ¹	31.1	40.8	36.4	22.1	21.0
Total	64.7	81.4	71.1	53.2	47.0

* Revised

¹ 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	August					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA					
Hotel	130	130	17,515	17,096	39,115	38,046
5 Star	15	14	3,469	3,338	7,308	6,984
4 Star	44	44	7,855	7,942	17,575	17,690
3 Star	53	53	5,450	5,066	12,560	11,577
2 Star	18	19	741	750	1,672	1,795
Other collective accommodation ¹	46	46	1,243	1,099	3,050	3,122
Total	176	176	18,758	18,195	42,165	41,168
Type of accommodation	Malta					
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
	MALTA					
Hotel	117	116	16,671	16,253	37,324	36,190
of which:						
5 Star	13	12	3,254	3,123	6,861	6,526
4 Star	40	40	7,533	7,620	16,887	17,002
3 Star	48	48	5,202	4,818	12,050	11,067
Other collective accommodation ¹	39	38	1,174	1,011	2,893	2,929
Total	156	154	17,845	17,264	40,217	39,119
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino					
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
	MALTA					
Hotel	13	14	844	843	1,791	1,856
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	215	215	447	458
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688
3 Star	5	5	248	248	510	510
Other collective accommodation ¹	7	8	69	88	157	193
Total	20	22	913	931	1,948	2,049

¹ 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:

August 2015	91.8%
July 2016	88.6%
August 2016	89.7%

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

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>