

Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during September 2016 advanced by 0.4 per cent, while total nights spent declined by 2.7 per cent when compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: September 2016

Cut-off date:
22 November 2016

In September, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 157,416, while total nights spent amounted to 889,457. Collective accommodation categories registered decreases in total nights spent, with the exception of 4-star and 2-star hotels. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 424,914 nights, or 47.8 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.7 nights in September 2016 from 5.8 nights in the same month of 2015. The net use of bed-places stood at 72.4 per cent, down by 0.4 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 180 active collective accommodation establishments during September, with a net capacity of 18,318 bedrooms and 40,982 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

Total guests in Malta numbered 147,916, up by 0.2 per cent over September 2015. Additionally, a decrease of 2.5 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 5.8, when compared to last year, while the net occupancy rate stood at 72.9 per cent, at par with last year (Table 3). Total guests in Gozo and Comino increased by 4.2 per cent to 9,500, while total nights spent went down by 7.2 per cent to 38,576 when compared to the comparative month last year (Tables 1 and 2).

January-September

Total guests during the first nine months of 2016 amounted to 1,231,468, a slight increase over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). Total nights spent went down by 0.9 per cent, reaching nearly 7.0 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 1.0 percentage points to 66.0 per cent (Table 3) ■

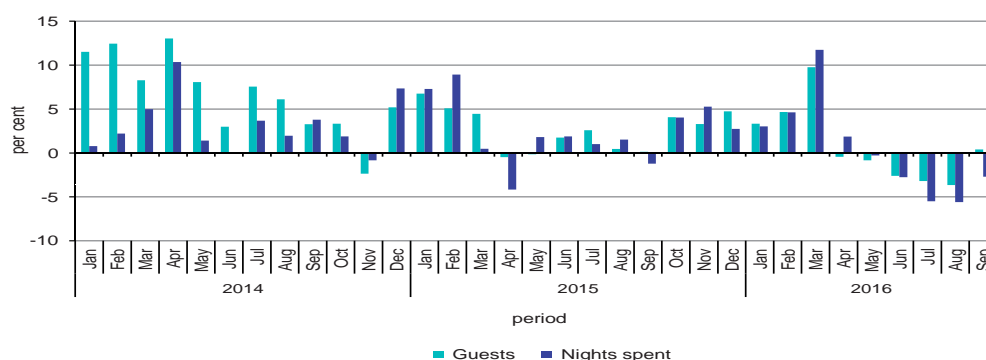
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Chart 1. Year-on-year percentage changes



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

Type of accommodation	August*	September		January-September	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
MALTA					
Hotel	159,709	150,503	150,664	1,186,119	1,178,447
5 Star	38,477	36,776	38,096	289,916	295,569
4 Star	69,567	63,173	65,175	520,505	540,353
3 Star	45,744	45,837	41,988	340,553	304,114
2 Star	5,921	4,717	5,405	35,145	38,411
Other collective accommodation ¹	8,480	6,275	6,752	44,835	53,021
Total	168,190	156,778	157,416	1,230,954	1,231,468
Malta					
Hotel	149,717	141,815	141,737	1,120,976	1,113,954
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	35,870	34,311	35,769	272,809	278,633
4 Star	66,258	60,268	62,074	494,182	514,106
3 Star	42,494	43,101	39,223	323,218	287,506
Other collective accommodation ¹	7,648	5,844	6,179	42,037	49,675
Total	157,365	147,659	147,916	1,163,013	1,163,628
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	9,992	8,688	8,927	65,143	64,493
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	2,607	2,465	2,327	17,107	16,936
4 Star	3,309	2,905	3,101	26,323	26,247
3 Star	3,250	2,736	2,765	17,335	16,608
Other collective accommodation ¹	833	432	573	2,798	3,346
Total	10,825	9,119	9,500	67,941	67,839

* 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	August*	September		January-September	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
MALTA					
Hotel	1,012,514	868,605	844,258	6,669,915	6,580,979
5 Star	211,814	170,443	165,514	1,287,950	1,267,310
4 Star	497,137	418,996	424,914	3,291,645	3,393,539
3 Star	269,206	253,548	226,234	1,882,368	1,698,601
2 Star	34,357	25,618	27,595	207,952	221,529
Other collective accommodation ¹	58,758	45,596	45,199	360,965	389,224
Total	1,071,273	914,201	889,457	7,030,880	6,970,203
Malta					
Hotel	969,507	828,768	807,809	6,420,631	6,344,469
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	200,629	160,163	157,204	1,222,374	1,207,150
4 Star	479,257	403,111	408,909	3,182,222	3,285,883
3 Star	257,829	242,042	216,164	1,822,728	1,643,190
Other collective accommodation ¹	55,994	43,858	43,072	351,509	378,444
Total	1,025,502	872,627	850,881	6,772,140	6,722,913
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	43,007	39,837	36,449	249,284	236,511
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	11,185	10,280	8,310	65,576	60,160
4 Star	17,880	15,885	16,005	109,423	107,656
3 Star	11,377	11,506	10,070	59,640	55,412
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,764	1,737	2,127	9,456	10,780
Total	45,771	41,574	38,576	258,740	247,290

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

Type of accommodation	August*	September		January-September		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	MALTA					
Hotel	85.8	74.6	74.5	68.8	67.5	
5 Star	97.8	80.5	80.8	74.4	72.0	
4 Star	90.7	79.6	80.6	73.3	73.3	
3 Star	75.0	67.3	64.8	61.1	58.0	
2 Star	61.7	52.0	52.4	52.5	52.0	
Other collective accommodation ¹	59.8	50.1	47.6	45.6	47.3	
Total	83.8	72.8	72.4	67.0	66.0	
Type of accommodation	Malta					
	Hotel	86.4	74.6	74.9	69.2	68.3
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	99.2	80.7	82.3	75.2	73.5	
4 Star	90.9	79.8	80.7	74.0	74.0	
3 Star	75.2	67.0	64.8	61.1	58.1	
Other collective accommodation ¹	61.2	50.8	48.6	46.8	48.7	
Total	84.5	72.9	72.9	67.6	66.8	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino					
	Hotel	74.7	74.1	65.8	58.3	51.4
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	78.8	76.7	60.5	62.1	51.6	
4 Star	83.8	77.0	77.5	58.3	57.1	
3 Star	72.0	74.9	65.8	61.3	53.5	
Other collective accommodation ¹	40.9	36.9	33.2	23.9	23.7	
Total	71.2	71.1	62.4	55.4	48.9	

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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	September						
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
Type of accommodation	MALTA						
	Hotel	130	130	17,518	17,187	38,800	37,797
	5 Star	15	14	3,468	3,338	7,061	6,824
4 Star	44	44	7,855	7,932	17,535	17,579	
3 Star	53	53	5,453	5,167	12,561	11,637	
2 Star	18	19	742	750	1,643	1,757	
Other collective accommodation ¹	46	50	1,243	1,131	3,041	3,185	
Total	176	180	18,761	18,318	41,841	40,982	
Type of accommodation	Malta						
	Hotel	117	116	16,670	16,344	37,007	35,951
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	13	12	3,253	3,123	6,614	6,366	
4 Star	40	40	7,533	7,610	16,847	16,891	
3 Star	48	48	5,201	4,919	12,049	11,127	
Other collective accommodation ¹	39	41	1,174	1,032	2,884	2,965	
Total	156	157	17,844	17,376	39,891	38,916	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino						
	Hotel	13	14	848	843	1,793	1,846
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	215	215	447	458	
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	688	
3 Star	5	5	252	248	512	510	
Other collective accommodation ¹	7	9	69	99	157	220	
Total	20	23	917	942	1,950	2,066	

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Table 5. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q2/2016*	July-September (Q3)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	427,773	479,751	466,275
5 Star	107,239	115,651	117,081
4 Star	197,405	198,647	203,519
3 Star	109,862	149,047	128,523
2 Star	13,267	16,407	17,152
Other collective accommodation ¹	20,257	20,979	23,288
Total	448,030	500,730	489,563
Malta			
Hotel	405,631	451,033	438,350
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	100,972	107,868	109,775
4 Star	188,138	188,891	193,976
3 Star	104,698	139,928	119,666
Other collective accommodation ¹	19,162	19,468	21,408
Total	424,793	470,500	459,758
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	22,142	28,719	27,925
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,267	7,783	7,306
4 Star	9,267	9,756	9,543
3 Star	5,164	9,119	8,857
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,095	1,511	1,880
Total	23,237	30,230	29,805

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2016*	July-September (Q3)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	398,434	448,178	433,800
5 Star	94,810	101,841	103,672
4 Star	186,591	188,352	192,210
3 Star	105,667	143,907	122,459
2 Star	11,366	14,078	15,459
Other collective accommodation ¹	19,555	20,158	22,303
Total	417,989	468,335	456,103
Malta			
Hotel	385,836	431,171	418,408
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	91,559	97,173	100,305
4 Star	180,744	181,641	185,725
3 Star	102,801	138,823	117,839
Other collective accommodation ¹	18,682	19,091	20,855
Total	404,518	450,262	439,262
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	12,598	17,006	15,392
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,251	4,668	3,367
4 Star	5,847	6,711	6,485
3 Star	2,866	5,084	4,620
Other collective accommodation ¹	873	1,067	1,449
Total	13,471	18,073	16,841

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2016*	July-September (Q3)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	29,339	31,574	32,475
5 Star	12,429	13,810	13,409
4 Star	10,814	10,295	11,309
3 Star	4,195	5,140	6,064
2 Star	1,901	2,329	1,693
Other collective accommodation ¹	702	821	984
Total	30,040	32,395	33,460
Malta			
Hotel	19,795	19,861	19,942
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	9,413	10,695	9,470
4 Star	7,394	7,250	8,251
3 Star	1,897	1,106	1,827
Other collective accommodation ¹	479	377	553
Total	20,275	20,238	20,496
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	9,543	11,712	12,533
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,016	3,115	3,939
4 Star	3,420	3,045	3,058
3 Star	2,297	4,034	4,237
Other collective accommodation ¹	222	444	431
Total	9,766	12,156	12,964

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2016*	July-September (Q3)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	2,300,201	2,973,792	2,827,033
5 Star	430,317	592,109	575,378
4 Star	1,194,236	1,407,475	1,407,654
3 Star	605,143	877,250	744,954
2 Star	70,505	96,959	99,047
Other collective accommodation ¹	136,805	164,733	163,348
Total	2,437,006	3,138,525	2,990,381
Malta			
Hotel	2,221,334	2,844,180	2,708,648
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	409,025	558,018	546,234
4 Star	1,158,375	1,355,765	1,357,019
3 Star	587,302	841,609	713,046
Other collective accommodation ¹	133,502	158,909	156,807
Total	2,354,836	3,003,090	2,865,454
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	78,867	129,612	118,385
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	21,292	34,091	29,144
4 Star	35,861	51,710	50,635
3 Star	17,842	35,641	31,908
Other collective accommodation ¹	3,303	5,824	6,542
Total	82,170	135,436	124,927

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Table 9. Non-resident nights spent by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q2/2016*	July-September (Q3)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	2,231,961	2,889,000	2,739,089
5 Star	401,144	551,526	535,972
4 Star	1,169,320	1,382,440	1,377,530
3 Star	594,118	865,265	731,105
2 Star	67,378	89,770	94,483
Other collective accommodation ¹	135,558	162,995	161,391
Total	2,367,519	3,051,996	2,900,481
Malta			
Hotel	2,171,987	2,789,552	2,649,736
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	385,999	526,120	516,618
4 Star	1,139,699	1,338,301	1,334,186
3 Star	581,008	838,133	707,567
Other collective accommodation ¹	132,681	158,176	155,692
Total	2,304,667	2,947,728	2,805,429
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	59,974	99,448	89,353
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	15,145	25,406	19,354
4 Star	29,621	44,139	43,344
3 Star	13,110	27,131	23,538
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,877	4,819	5,699
Total	62,852	104,268	95,052

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2016*	July-September (Q3)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	68,240	84,792	87,943
5 Star	29,173	40,583	39,406
4 Star	24,916	25,035	30,124
3 Star	11,025	11,985	13,849
2 Star	3,126	7,189	4,564
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,247	1,738	1,957
Total	69,488	86,530	89,900
Malta			
Hotel	49,348	54,628	58,911
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	23,026	31,898	29,616
4 Star	18,676	17,464	22,833
3 Star	6,293	3,475	5,479
Other collective accommodation ¹	821	733	1,114
Total	50,169	55,362	60,026
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	18,893	30,164	29,032
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,147	8,685	9,790
4 Star	6,240	7,571	7,291
3 Star	4,732	8,510	8,370
Other collective accommodation ¹	426	1,005	842
Total	19,318	31,168	29,874

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Table 11. Net use of bed-places by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Q2/2016*	July-September (Q3)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	70.7	82.9	81.2
5 Star	73.9	89.7	90.5
4 Star	76.5	87.1	86.8
3 Star	62.2	75.9	70.3
2 Star	51.5	62.9	60.4
Other collective accommodation ¹	49.6	58.8	56.5
Total	69.1	81.2	79.3
Malta			
Hotel	71.8	83.1	81.8
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	75.6	90.2	92.0
4 Star	77.3	87.3	87.0
3 Star	62.9	75.9	70.4
Other collective accommodation ¹	51.4	59.8	57.9
Total	70.3	81.4	80.0
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	48.9	78.6	69.5
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	51.2	82.9	69.2
4 Star	57.3	81.7	80.0
3 Star	46.4	75.9	68.0
Other collective accommodation ¹	20.8	40.3	35.4
Total	46.4	75.5	66.2

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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:

September 2015	91.6%
August 2016	90.0%
September 2016	88.9%

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