

Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during November 2016 advanced by 14.7 and 9.3 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: November 2016

Cut-off date:  
**18 January 2017**

In November, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 118,396, while total nights spent amounted to 620,795. All collective accommodation categories registered increases in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 307,577 nights, or 49.5 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.2 nights in November 2016 from 5.5 nights in the same month of 2015. The net use of bed-places stood at 54.8 per cent, up by 5.4 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 168 active collective accommodation establishments during November, with a net capacity of 17,555 bedrooms and 39,227 bed-places (Table 4).

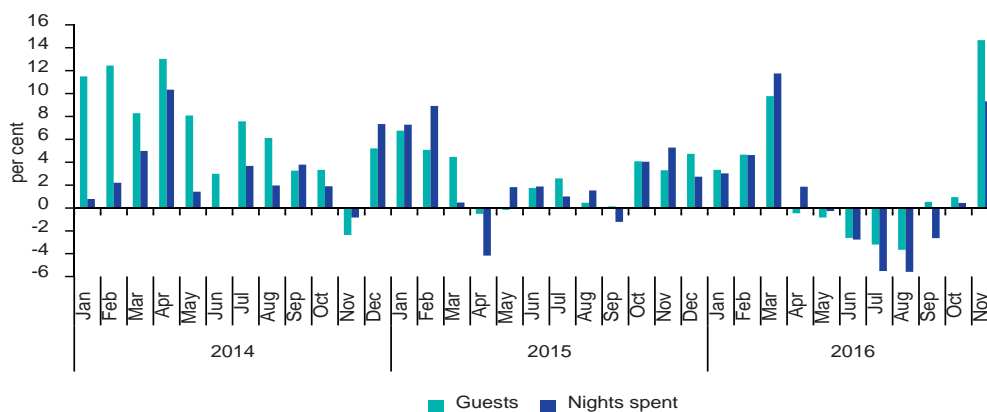
### Regional breakdown

Total guests in Malta numbered 113,182, up by 15.2 per cent over November 2015. Additionally, an increase of 9.6 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent (Tables 1 and 2). The average length of stay edged down by 0.3 of a night to 5.3, when compared with the same month of the previous year, while the net occupancy rate advanced from 50.1 per cent to 55.9 per cent (Table 3). Total guests in Gozo and Comino increased by 4.3 per cent to 5,214, while total nights spent went down by 0.4 per cent to 16,455 when compared to the comparative month of the previous year (Tables 1 and 2).

### January-November

Total guests during the first eleven months of 2016 amounted to 1,510,548, an increase of 1.2 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). Total nights spent reached almost 8.5 million, a slight decrease when compared to the previous year (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 0.3 percentage points to 65.4 per cent (Table 3).

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	October*	November		January-November	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>MALTA</b>					
Hotel	153,130	100,431	113,947	1,438,804	1,445,531
5 Star	39,659	26,405	30,851	356,539	366,079
4 Star	70,477	49,876	52,579	638,758	663,409
3 Star	37,874	21,709	27,578	401,228	369,573
2 Star	5,120	2,441	2,939	42,279	46,470
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	7,356	2,820	4,449	54,369	65,017
<b>Total</b>	<b>160,486</b>	<b>103,251</b>	<b>118,396</b>	<b>1,493,173</b>	<b>1,510,548</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	145,061	95,509	108,944	1,360,229	1,367,965
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	37,422	24,841	29,384	335,725	345,439
4 Star	67,149	47,740	50,244	607,093	631,499
3 Star	36,052	20,760	26,728	380,458	350,293
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6,817	2,742	4,238	51,196	60,921
<b>Total</b>	<b>151,878</b>	<b>98,251</b>	<b>113,182</b>	<b>1,411,426</b>	<b>1,428,886</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	8,069	4,922	5,003	78,575	77,565
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	2,237	1,564	1,467	20,814	20,640
4 Star	3,328	2,136	2,335	31,665	31,910
3 Star	1,822	949	850	20,770	19,280
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	539	78	211	3,173	4,096
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,608</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,214</b>	<b>81,748</b>	<b>81,661</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	October*	November		January-November	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
<b>MALTA</b>					
Hotel	834,610	539,462	585,182	8,040,231	8,000,824
5 Star	170,829	98,418	121,431	1,558,009	1,559,570
4 Star	427,810	304,367	307,577	4,012,706	4,128,926
3 Star	207,388	118,823	136,244	2,217,922	2,042,286
2 Star	28,583	17,855	19,930	251,594	270,042
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	45,314	28,411	35,614	434,522	470,801
<b>Total</b>	<b>879,923</b>	<b>567,873</b>	<b>620,795</b>	<b>8,474,753</b>	<b>8,471,625</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	800,555	523,176	569,281	7,738,073	7,714,357
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	163,017	93,243	116,872	1,477,591	1,487,039
4 Star	413,362	296,303	298,746	3,881,269	3,997,991
3 Star	197,172	116,779	134,481	2,145,982	1,974,895
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	43,564	28,175	35,059	423,856	457,717
<b>Total</b>	<b>844,118</b>	<b>551,351</b>	<b>604,340</b>	<b>8,161,930</b>	<b>8,172,075</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	34,055	16,286	15,901	302,157	286,467
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	7,812	5,175	4,559	80,418	72,531
4 Star	14,448	8,064	8,831	131,437	130,935
3 Star	10,216	2,044	1,763	71,940	67,391
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,750	236	554	10,666	13,084
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,805</b>	<b>16,522</b>	<b>16,455</b>	<b>312,823</b>	<b>299,550</b>

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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	October*	November		January-November	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	72.0	50.7	56.2	67.4	67.0
5 Star	84.3	49.2	61.9	72.7	72.3
4 Star	78.6	59.7	62.0	72.4	72.9
3 Star	57.6	38.0	44.7	59.1	56.8
2 Star	55.4	43.6	45.4	51.6	51.7
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	46.1	33.3	38.9	44.8	46.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>65.7</b>	<b>65.4</b>
	Malta				
Hotel	72.7	51.4	57.2	67.9	67.8
of which:					
5 Star	86.5	50.0	64.1	73.5	73.9
4 Star	79.0	60.6	62.9	73.0	73.5
3 Star	57.2	38.2	44.9	59.0	56.9
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	47.5	34.5	40.6	46.0	47.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.7</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>66.2</b>	<b>66.2</b>
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	59.2	35.9	35.0	57.2	50.9
of which:					
5 Star	55.0	38.6	33.2	60.5	50.2
4 Star	67.7	39.1	43.2	57.2	56.9
3 Star	65.0	29.6	31.7	60.0	54.0
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	26.8	6.7	11.0	22.2	22.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>33.8</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>48.3</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	November					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA					
Hotel	119	121	16,450	16,477	35,877	36,139
5 Star	15	14	3,471	3,338	6,817	6,534
4 Star	44	43	7,855	7,817	17,275	17,309
3 Star	46	48	4,480	4,652	10,421	10,775
2 Star	14	16	644	670	1,364	1,521
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	38	47	1,148	1,078	2,841	3,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>17,598</b>	<b>17,555</b>	<b>38,718</b>	<b>39,227</b>
	Malta					
Hotel	107	108	15,747	15,775	34,366	34,579
of which:						
5 Star	13	12	3,256	3,123	6,370	6,076
4 Star	40	39	7,533	7,495	16,587	16,627
3 Star	42	44	4,373	4,545	10,191	10,545
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	34	40	1,095	999	2,723	2,906
<b>Total</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>16,842</b>	<b>16,774</b>	<b>37,089</b>	<b>37,485</b>
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	12	13	703	702	1,511	1,560
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	215	215	447	458
4 Star	4	4	322	322	688	682
3 Star	4	4	107	107	230	230
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	4	7	53	79	118	182
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>781</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,742</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:

November 2015	<b>91.8%</b>
October 2016	<b>89.3%</b>
November 2016	<b>88.3%</b>

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