

Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during December 2016 advanced by 17.3 and 13.5 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2015.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: December 2016

In December, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 109,011, while total nights spent amounted to 500,179. All collective accommodation categories registered increases in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 231,050 nights, or 46.2 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments in December 2016 went down by 0.1 when compared to the same month in 2015, reaching 4.6 nights. The net use of bed-places stood at 44.1 per cent, up by 5.6 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 161 active collective accommodation establishments during December, with a net capacity of 16,694 bedrooms and 37,209 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

Total guests in Malta numbered 103,806, up by 18.4 per cent over December 2015. Additionally, an increase of 13.9 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent (Tables 1 and 2). The average length of stay edged down by 0.2 of a night to 4.7, when compared with the same month of the previous year, while the net occupancy rate advanced from 39.0 per cent to 45.0 per cent (Table 3). Total guests in Gozo and Comino increased slightly to 5,205, while total nights spent went up by 2.2 per cent to 13,721 when compared to the comparative month of the previous year (Tables 1 and 2).

January-December

In 2016, total guests surpassed 1.6 million, an increase of 2.1 per cent over the same period in 2015 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 0.6 per cent, reaching nearly 9.0 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 0.2 percentage points to 63.7 per cent (Table 3) ■

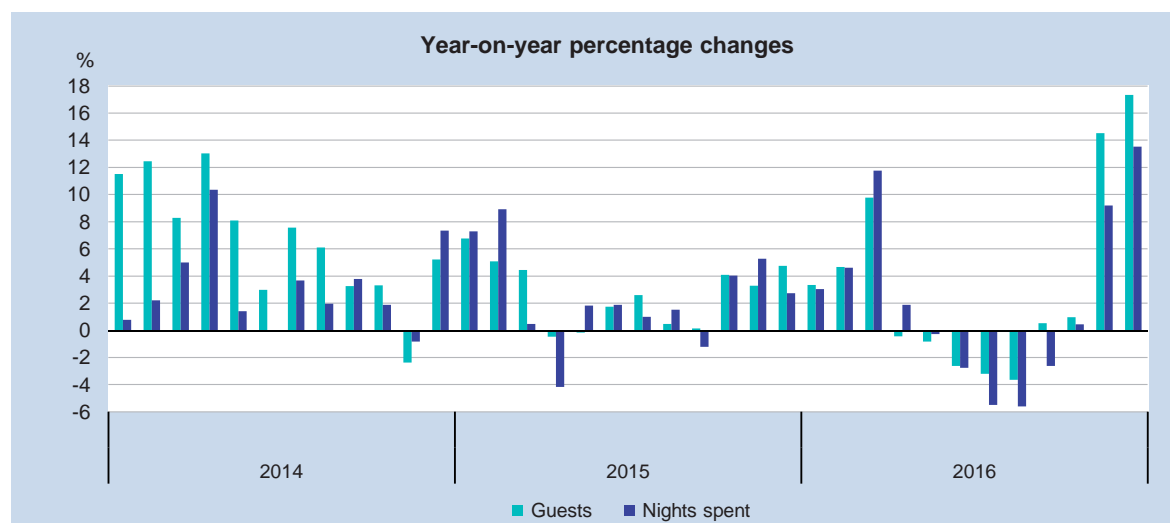


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	November*	December		January-December	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	113,793	90,235	105,566	1,529,040	1,550,943
5 Star	30,851	27,749	29,087	384,288	395,166
4 Star	52,336	38,836	45,206	677,593	708,372
3 Star	27,667	20,911	28,435	422,139	398,097
2 Star	2,939	2,740	2,838	45,019	49,308
Other collective accommodation ¹	4,449	2,659	3,445	57,028	68,461
Total	118,242	92,895	109,011	1,586,068	1,619,404
	Malta				
Hotel	108,790	85,123	100,529	1,445,353	1,468,341
of which:					
5 Star	29,384	26,011	27,457	361,736	372,896
4 Star	50,001	36,734	43,052	643,826	674,308
3 Star	26,817	19,975	27,572	400,433	377,954
Other collective accommodation ¹	4,238	2,568	3,277	53,765	64,198
Total	113,028	87,692	103,806	1,499,117	1,532,538
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	5,003	5,112	5,037	83,687	82,602
of which:					
5 Star	1,467	1,738	1,630	22,552	22,270
4 Star	2,335	2,102	2,154	33,767	34,064
3 Star	850	936	863	21,706	20,143
Other collective accommodation ¹	211	91	168	3,264	4,264
Total	5,214	5,203	5,205	86,951	86,866

* 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	November*	December		January-December	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	MALTA				
Hotel	584,506	417,779	473,592	8,458,010	8,473,740
5 Star	121,431	90,290	97,711	1,648,299	1,657,281
4 Star	305,407	208,774	231,050	4,221,480	4,357,806
3 Star	137,738	103,331	129,063	2,321,253	2,172,843
2 Star	19,930	15,384	15,768	266,978	285,810
Other collective accommodation ¹	35,614	22,765	26,587	457,287	497,388
Total	620,120	440,544	500,179	8,915,297	8,971,128
	Malta				
Hotel	568,605	404,582	460,266	8,142,656	8,173,948
of which:					
5 Star	116,872	85,833	93,478	1,563,424	1,580,517
4 Star	296,576	203,092	224,509	4,084,361	4,220,330
3 Star	135,975	101,273	127,255	2,247,255	2,103,645
Other collective accommodation ¹	35,059	22,542	26,192	446,398	483,909
Total	603,664	427,124	486,458	8,589,054	8,657,857
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	15,901	13,197	13,326	315,354	299,793
of which:					
5 Star	4,559	4,457	4,233	84,875	76,764
4 Star	8,831	5,682	6,541	137,119	137,476
3 Star	1,763	2,058	1,808	73,998	69,199
Other collective accommodation ¹	554	223	395	10,889	13,479
Total	16,455	13,420	13,721	326,243	313,271

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

Type of accommodation	November*	December		January-December		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
	MALTA					
Hotel	56.2	39.5	45.4	65.1	65.3	
5 Star	61.9	44.6	47.6	70.3	70.1	
4 Star	61.6	43.1	48.0	70.0	70.9	
3 Star	45.2	31.4	41.6	56.8	55.6	
2 Star	45.4	37.2	34.1	50.5	50.3	
Other collective accommodation ¹	38.9	25.9	29.5	43.2	45.1	
Total	54.8	38.5	44.1	63.5	63.7	
Type of accommodation	Malta					
	Hotel	57.1	40.1	46.2	65.6	66.0
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	64.1	45.5	48.9	71.1	71.7	
4 Star	62.4	43.8	48.8	70.7	71.6	
3 Star	45.4	31.5	41.9	56.8	55.7	
Other collective accommodation ¹	40.6	26.7	30.9	44.4	46.5	
Total	55.8	39.0	45.0	64.0	64.5	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino					
	Hotel	35.0	27.9	28.0	54.8	49.1
	<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	33.2	32.2	29.8	57.8	48.4	
4 Star	43.2	26.6	30.9	54.6	54.7	
3 Star	31.7	28.9	28.6	58.2	52.8	
Other collective accommodation ¹	11.0	6.1	7.4	21.0	21.6	
Total	32.6	26.3	25.9	52.0	46.5	

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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	December						
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	
Type of accommodation	MALTA						
	Hotel	114	116	15,623	15,654	34,289	34,206
	5 Star	14	14	3,341	3,368	6,530	6,625
4 Star	40	39	7,030	7,011	15,630	15,705	
3 Star	46	47	4,613	4,620	10,761	10,385	
2 Star	14	16	639	655	1,368	1,491	
Other collective accommodation ¹	39	45	1,161	1,040	2,866	3,003	
Total	153	161	16,784	16,694	37,155	37,209	
Type of accommodation	Malta						
	Hotel	102	103	14,919	14,952	32,762	32,646
	<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	12	3,126	3,153	6,083	6,167	
4 Star	36	35	6,708	6,689	14,942	15,023	
3 Star	42	43	4,506	4,513	10,531	10,155	
Other collective accommodation ¹	35	38	1,108	961	2,748	2,826	
Total	137	141	16,027	15,913	35,510	35,472	
Type of accommodation	Gozo and Comino						
	Hotel	12	13	704	702	1,527	1,560
	<i>of which:</i>						
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 ¹	4	7	53	79	118	177	
Total	16	20	757	781	1,645	1,737	

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2016*	October-December (Q4)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	466,282	342,921	372,489
5 Star	117,081	94,372	99,597
4 Star	203,519	157,088	168,019
3 Star	128,529	81,586	93,976
2 Star	17,152	9,875	10,897
Other collective accommodation ¹	23,479	12,194	15,250
Total	489,760	355,114	387,739
Malta			
Hotel	438,357	324,377	354,380
of which:			
5 Star	109,775	88,927	94,263
4 Star	193,976	149,644	160,202
3 Star	119,672	77,215	90,441
Other collective accommodation ¹	21,599	11,728	14,332
Total	459,956	336,104	368,712
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	27,925	18,544	18,109
of which:			
5 Star	7,306	5,445	5,334
4 Star	9,543	7,444	7,817
3 Star	8,857	4,371	3,535
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,880	466	918
Total	29,805	19,010	19,027

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2016*	October-December (Q4)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	433,838	297,748	328,641
5 Star	103,672	76,832	84,282
4 Star	192,210	135,968	149,855
3 Star	122,497	76,406	84,863
2 Star	15,459	8,542	9,641
Other collective accommodation ¹	22,494	11,450	14,364
Total	456,332	309,198	343,005
Malta			
Hotel	418,446	288,447	319,739
of which:			
5 Star	100,305	74,285	82,070
4 Star	185,725	132,126	145,432
3 Star	117,877	74,005	83,054
Other collective accommodation ¹	21,046	11,093	13,645
Total	439,492	299,541	333,383
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	15,392	9,300	8,902
of which:			
5 Star	3,367	2,547	2,212
4 Star	6,485	3,842	4,423
3 Star	4,620	2,401	1,809
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,449	357	719
Total	16,841	9,657	9,621

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2016*	October-December (Q4)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	32,444	45,173	43,848
5 Star	13,409	17,540	15,315
4 Star	11,309	21,120	18,165
3 Star	6,032	5,180	9,113
2 Star	1,693	1,333	1,256
Other collective accommodation ¹	984	743	886
Total	33,428	45,916	44,734
Malta			
Hotel	19,911	35,929	34,641
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	9,470	14,642	12,193
4 Star	8,251	17,518	14,771
3 Star	1,795	3,210	7,387
Other collective accommodation ¹	553	634	687
Total	20,464	36,564	35,329
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	12,533	9,244	9,207
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,939	2,898	3,122
4 Star	3,058	3,602	3,394
3 Star	4,237	1,970	1,726
Other collective accommodation ¹	431	109	198
Total	12,964	9,353	9,405

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2016*	October-December (Q4)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	2,827,086	1,788,095	1,892,707
5 Star	575,378	360,349	389,971
4 Star	1,407,654	929,835	964,267
3 Star	745,007	438,886	474,189
2 Star	99,047	59,025	64,281
Other collective accommodation ¹	163,998	96,322	107,514
Total	2,991,084	1,884,417	2,000,222
Malta			
Hotel	2,708,701	1,722,025	1,829,425
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	546,234	341,050	373,367
4 Star	1,357,019	902,139	934,447
3 Star	713,099	424,528	460,402
Other collective accommodation ¹	157,457	94,889	104,815
Total	2,866,157	1,816,914	1,934,240
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	118,385	66,070	63,282
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	29,144	19,299	16,604
4 Star	50,635	27,696	29,820
3 Star	31,908	14,358	13,787
Other collective accommodation ¹	6,542	1,433	2,699
Total	124,927	67,503	65,981

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2016*	October-December (Q4)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	2,739,180	1,684,645	1,796,053
5 Star	535,972	320,107	357,412
4 Star	1,377,530	881,544	923,030
3 Star	731,195	427,537	453,681
2 Star	94,483	55,458	61,930
Other collective accommodation ¹	162,041	94,893	106,040
Total	2,901,221	1,779,538	1,902,093
Malta			
Hotel	2,649,827	1,637,845	1,751,167
of which:			
5 Star	516,618	307,315	347,279
4 Star	1,334,186	860,367	900,089
3 Star	707,657	416,830	443,143
Other collective accommodation ¹	156,342	93,676	103,724
Total	2,806,169	1,731,521	1,854,891
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	89,353	46,800	44,886
of which:			
5 Star	19,354	12,792	10,133
4 Star	43,344	21,177	22,941
3 Star	23,538	10,707	10,538
Other collective accommodation ¹	5,699	1,217	2,316
Total	95,052	48,017	47,202

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2016*	October-December (Q4)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	87,906	103,450	96,654
5 Star	39,406	40,242	32,559
4 Star	30,124	48,291	41,237
3 Star	13,812	11,349	20,508
2 Star	4,564	3,568	2,350
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,957	1,429	1,474
Total	89,863	104,879	98,129
Malta			
Hotel	58,874	84,180	78,258
of which:			
5 Star	29,616	33,735	26,088
4 Star	22,833	41,772	34,358
3 Star	5,442	7,698	17,259
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,114	1,213	1,091
Total	59,988	85,393	79,349
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	29,032	19,270	18,396
of which:			
5 Star	9,790	6,507	6,471
4 Star	7,291	6,519	6,879
3 Star	8,370	3,651	3,249
Other collective accommodation ¹	842	216	384
Total	29,874	19,486	18,780

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

Type of accommodation	Q3/2016*	October-December (Q4)	
		2015	2016
MALTA			
Hotel	81.2	54.4	58.4
5 Star	90.5	58.7	64.6
4 Star	86.8	60.5	63.4
3 Star	70.3	43.8	48.6
2 Star	60.4	44.5	45.4
Other collective accommodation ¹	56.5	36.1	38.4
Total	79.3	53.1	56.8
Malta			
Hotel	81.8	54.9	59.2
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	92.0	59.5	66.5
4 Star	87.0	61.2	64.1
3 Star	70.4	43.7	48.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	57.9	37.3	39.8
Total	80.0	53.6	57.6
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	69.5	44.6	42.0
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	69.2	46.9	39.4
4 Star	80.0	43.8	47.4
3 Star	68.0	48.1	50.0
Other collective accommodation ¹	35.4	11.8	15.9
Total	66.2	42.1	39.4

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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:

December 2015	89.6%
November 2016	89.2%
December 2016	88.5%

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

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