

Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during June 2017 advanced by 12.8 and 4.2 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2016.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: June 2017

In June, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 171,998, while total nights spent amounted to 910,218. The 3-star hotels registered the largest increase in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 432,949 nights, or 47.6 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.3 nights in June 2017 from 5.7 nights in the same month of 2016. The net use of bed-places stood at 73.5 per cent, an increase of 0.6 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 183 active collective accommodation establishments during June 2017, with a net capacity of 18,186 bedrooms and 41,319 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

Total guests in Malta numbered 161,634, up by 12.5 per cent over June 2016. Additionally, an increase of 3.6 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino increased by 18.0 per cent each when compared to the comparative month last year, amounting to 10,364 and 39,461 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

In Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.4 of a night to 5.4, and that in Gozo and Comino remained stable at 3.8, when compared with the same month last year. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 0.4 percentage points, reaching 74.3 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino increased by 6.0 percentage points to 60.5 per cent over the same month of 2016 (Table 3).

January-June

Total guests in the first six months of 2017 amounted to 848,806, an increase of 14.4 per cent over the same period in 2016 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 6.2 per cent, surpassing 4.2 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 2.0 percentage points to 60.6 per cent (Table 3) ■

Total guests and nights spent

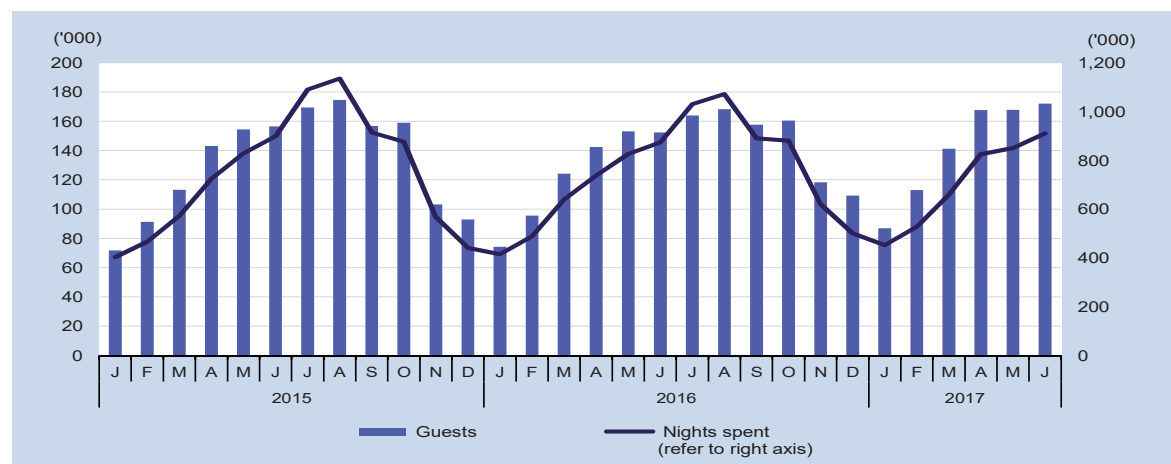


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	May*	June		January-June	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	MALTA				
Hotel	159,458	145,271	163,683	712,172	812,684
5 Star	39,381	37,466	39,603	178,488	202,621
4 Star	67,962	65,729	71,594	336,834	362,559
3 Star	46,899	37,473	47,009	175,591	223,176
2 Star	5,216	4,603	5,477	21,259	24,329
Other collective accommodation ¹	8,297	7,163	8,316	29,733	36,121
Total	167,755	152,434	171,998	741,905	848,806
Malta					
Hotel	151,484	136,897	154,453	675,604	775,751
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	37,824	35,034	36,935	168,858	193,201
4 Star	64,953	62,653	68,885	320,130	347,859
3 Star	43,974	35,193	43,715	167,840	213,306
Other collective accommodation ¹	7,306	6,755	7,181	28,267	31,443
Total	158,790	143,652	161,634	703,871	807,194
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	7,974	8,374	9,230	36,568	36,933
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	1,557	2,432	2,668	9,630	9,420
4 Star	3,009	3,076	2,709	16,704	14,700
3 Star	2,925	2,280	3,294	7,751	9,870
Other collective accommodation ¹	990	407	1,134	1,466	4,678
Total	8,964	8,781	10,364	38,035	41,611

* 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	May*	June		January-June	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	MALTA				
Hotel	801,163	827,658	860,569	3,753,947	3,993,403
5 Star	149,903	157,442	161,404	691,932	741,890
4 Star	384,816	429,343	432,949	1,985,885	2,023,725
3 Star	239,180	214,176	237,893	953,647	1,097,167
2 Star	27,264	26,697	28,324	122,482	130,621
Other collective accommodation ¹	49,027	46,013	49,649	225,876	231,689
Total	850,190	873,671	910,218	3,979,823	4,225,092
Malta					
Hotel	771,859	795,459	824,901	3,635,821	3,869,617
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	143,085	149,093	152,823	660,916	708,268
4 Star	372,515	415,082	419,038	1,928,864	1,968,214
3 Star	230,300	206,326	226,336	930,144	1,069,113
Other collective accommodation ¹	46,046	44,784	45,856	221,638	219,529
Total	817,904	840,243	870,757	3,857,459	4,089,146
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	29,304	32,199	35,668	118,126	123,786
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	6,818	8,349	8,581	31,016	33,622
4 Star	12,301	14,261	13,911	57,021	55,511
3 Star	8,880	7,850	11,557	23,504	28,054
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,981	1,229	3,793	4,238	12,160
Total	32,285	33,428	39,461	122,364	135,946

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

Type of accommodation	May*	June		January-June	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	MALTA				
Hotel	69.5	74.8	75.6	59.9	62.4
5 Star	71.1	80.2	75.9	61.6	61.3
4 Star	71.9	82.0	82.4	66.1	67.4
3 Star	66.1	63.8	67.0	51.0	56.6
2 Star	60.9	53.0	62.6	46.7	51.2
Other collective accommodation ¹	48.6	49.7	49.8	42.4	40.8
Total	67.8	72.9	73.5	58.6	60.6
	Malta				
Hotel	70.5	75.7	76.2	60.9	63.2
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	72.7	81.6	76.9	63.0	62.3
4 Star	72.5	82.5	83.0	67.0	68.3
3 Star	66.9	64.5	67.0	51.3	56.8
Other collective accommodation ¹	50.3	51.2	50.8	43.8	42.3
Total	68.9	73.9	74.3	59.5	61.6
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	50.8	57.3	64.0	40.7	43.9
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	48.0	60.8	62.5	41.6	46.0
4 Star	57.7	69.1	68.0	45.5	45.6
3 Star	50.4	49.7	67.6	41.5	49.5
Other collective accommodation ¹	32.0	24.0	39.9	15.6	24.7
Total	48.2	54.5	60.5	38.6	41.0

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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	June					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	MALTA					
Hotel	129	129	16,880	16,990	36,922	37,986
5 Star	14	15	3,338	3,475	6,546	7,085
4 Star	44	43	7,881	7,813	17,460	17,556
3 Star	53	54	4,938	5,038	11,237	11,836
2 Star	18	17	723	664	1,679	1,509
Other collective accommodation ¹	46	54	1,100	1,196	3,092	3,333
Total	175	183	17,980	18,186	40,014	41,319
	Malta					
Hotel	115	114	16,037	16,128	35,048	36,128
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	13	3,123	3,260	6,088	6,627
4 Star	40	39	7,559	7,497	16,772	16,874
3 Star	48	48	4,690	4,760	10,711	11,266
Other collective accommodation ¹	39	42	1,023	1,048	2,921	3,013
Total	154	156	17,060	17,176	37,969	39,141
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	14	15	843	862	1,874	1,858
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	215	215	458	458
4 Star	4	4	322	316	688	682
3 Star	5	6	248	278	526	570
Other collective accommodation ¹	7	12	77	148	171	320
Total	21	27	920	1,010	2,045	2,178

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2017*	April-June (Q2)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	329,093	427,773	483,591
5 Star	85,015	107,239	117,606
4 Star	150,458	197,405	212,101
3 Star	84,782	109,862	138,394
2 Star	8,838	13,267	15,491
Other collective accommodation ¹	12,305	20,257	23,816
Total	341,399	448,030	507,407
Malta			
Hotel	315,588	405,631	460,163
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	81,252	100,972	111,949
4 Star	144,155	188,138	203,704
3 Star	82,595	104,698	130,711
Other collective accommodation ¹	10,744	19,162	20,699
Total	326,332	424,793	480,862
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	13,505	22,142	23,428
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,763	6,267	5,657
4 Star	6,303	9,267	8,397
3 Star	2,187	5,164	7,683
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,561	1,095	3,117
Total	15,066	23,237	26,545

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2017*	April-June (Q2)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	281,777	398,434	452,949
5 Star	70,818	94,810	106,457
4 Star	127,085	186,591	200,920
3 Star	76,203	105,667	131,386
2 Star	7,671	11,366	14,185
Other collective accommodation ¹	10,777	19,555	22,475
Total	292,554	417,989	475,424
Malta			
Hotel	277,171	385,836	439,519
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	69,521	91,559	103,449
4 Star	124,779	180,744	195,388
3 Star	75,412	102,801	127,085
Other collective accommodation ¹	10,091	18,682	20,156
Total	287,262	404,518	459,675
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	4,606	12,598	13,430
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	1,297	3,251	3,008
4 Star	2,306	5,847	5,532
3 Star	791	2,866	4,301
Other collective accommodation ¹	686	873	2,319
Total	5,292	13,471	15,749

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2017*	April-June (Q2)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	47,316	29,339	30,642
5 Star	14,197	12,429	11,149
4 Star	23,373	10,814	11,180
3 Star	8,579	4,195	7,008
2 Star	1,167	1,901	1,305
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,528	702	1,341
Total	48,844	30,040	31,983
Malta			
Hotel	38,417	19,795	20,644
of which:			
5 Star	11,731	9,413	8,500
4 Star	19,376	7,394	8,315
3 Star	7,183	1,897	3,626
Other collective accommodation ¹	653	479	543
Total	39,070	20,275	21,187
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	8,899	9,543	9,998
of which:			
5 Star	2,466	3,016	2,649
4 Star	3,997	3,420	2,865
3 Star	1,396	2,297	3,382
Other collective accommodation ¹	875	222	798
Total	9,774	9,766	10,796

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2017*	April-June (Q2)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	1,548,750	2,300,201	2,444,653
5 Star	279,095	430,317	462,795
4 Star	808,872	1,194,236	1,214,853
3 Star	409,932	605,143	687,235
2 Star	50,851	70,505	79,769
Other collective accommodation ¹	91,004	136,805	140,686
Total	1,639,753	2,437,006	2,585,339
Malta			
Hotel	1,511,695	2,221,334	2,357,922
of which:			
5 Star	268,200	409,025	440,068
4 Star	789,468	1,158,375	1,178,746
3 Star	405,515	587,302	663,598
Other collective accommodation ¹	88,128	133,502	131,401
Total	1,599,823	2,354,836	2,489,323
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	37,055	78,867	86,731
of which:			
5 Star	10,895	21,292	22,727
4 Star	19,404	35,861	36,107
3 Star	4,417	17,842	23,637
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,876	3,303	9,285
Total	39,931	82,170	96,016

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2017*	April-June (Q2)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	1,449,299	2,231,961	2,367,172
5 Star	251,158	401,144	435,663
4 Star	759,621	1,169,320	1,185,011
3 Star	389,764	594,118	669,337
2 Star	48,756	67,378	77,162
Other collective accommodation ¹	88,400	135,558	138,028
Total	1,537,699	2,367,519	2,505,201
Malta			
Hotel	1,429,844	2,171,987	2,303,567
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	245,810	385,999	419,922
4 Star	748,016	1,139,699	1,156,754
3 Star	387,712	581,008	651,683
Other collective accommodation ¹	86,947	132,681	130,323
Total	1,516,791	2,304,667	2,433,890
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	19,455	59,974	63,605
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	5,348	15,145	15,741
4 Star	11,605	29,621	28,257
3 Star	2,052	13,110	17,654
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,453	2,877	7,705
Total	20,908	62,852	71,310

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2017*	April-June (Q2)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	99,451	68,240	77,481
5 Star	27,937	29,173	27,132
4 Star	49,251	24,916	29,842
3 Star	20,168	11,025	17,899
2 Star	2,095	3,126	2,608
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,604	1,247	2,657
Total	102,055	69,488	80,138
Malta			
Hotel	81,851	49,348	54,355
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	22,390	23,026	20,146
4 Star	41,452	18,676	21,992
3 Star	17,803	6,293	11,916
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,181	821	1,078
Total	83,032	50,169	55,433
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	17,600	18,893	23,126
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	5,547	6,147	6,986
4 Star	7,799	6,240	7,850
3 Star	2,365	4,732	5,983
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,423	426	1,579
Total	19,023	19,318	24,705

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

Type of accommodation	Q1/2017*	April-June (Q2)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	51.1	70.7	72.5
5 Star	47.7	73.9	74.0
4 Star	56.5	76.5	77.3
3 Star	45.8	62.2	65.9
2 Star	41.5	51.5	60.2
Other collective accommodation ¹	33.5	49.6	47.5
Total	49.6	69.1	70.5
Malta			
Hotel	52.0	71.8	73.3
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	48.5	75.6	75.4
4 Star	57.7	77.3	78.0
3 Star	46.1	62.9	66.3
Other collective accommodation ¹	35.2	51.4	49.0
Total	50.7	70.3	71.5
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	29.5	48.9	55.4
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	34.6	51.2	54.5
4 Star	31.3	57.3	60.3
3 Star	29.3	46.4	56.8
Other collective accommodation ¹	13.4	20.8	33.5
Total	27.2	46.4	52.1

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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:

June 2016	91.6%
May 2017	88.7%
June 2017	89.1%

4. In this release figures for May 2017 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to June 2017 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 residents and/or Gozo and Comino residents who check into/out of a collective accommodation establishment. A person is considered to be a Maltese resident and/or Gozo and Comino 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:
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of guests}}$$
- **Tourist:** A visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place/country visited.

8. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

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