

Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during August 2017 advanced by 10.7 and 4.8 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2016.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: August 2017

In August, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 186,140, while total nights spent amounted to 1,123,158. The 4-star hotels registered the largest increase in total nights spent. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 534,203 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 6.0 nights in August 2017 from 6.4 nights in the same month of 2016. The net use of bed-places stood at 84.9 per cent, up by 1.1 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 188 active collective accommodation establishments during August 2017, with a net capacity of 18,630 bedrooms and 42,744 bed-places (Table 4).

### Regional breakdown

Total guests in Malta numbered 174,499, up by 10.9 per cent over August 2016. Additionally, an increase of 4.7 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino increased by 7.5 per cent and 7.7 per cent when compared to the comparative month last year, to 11,641 and 49,295 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

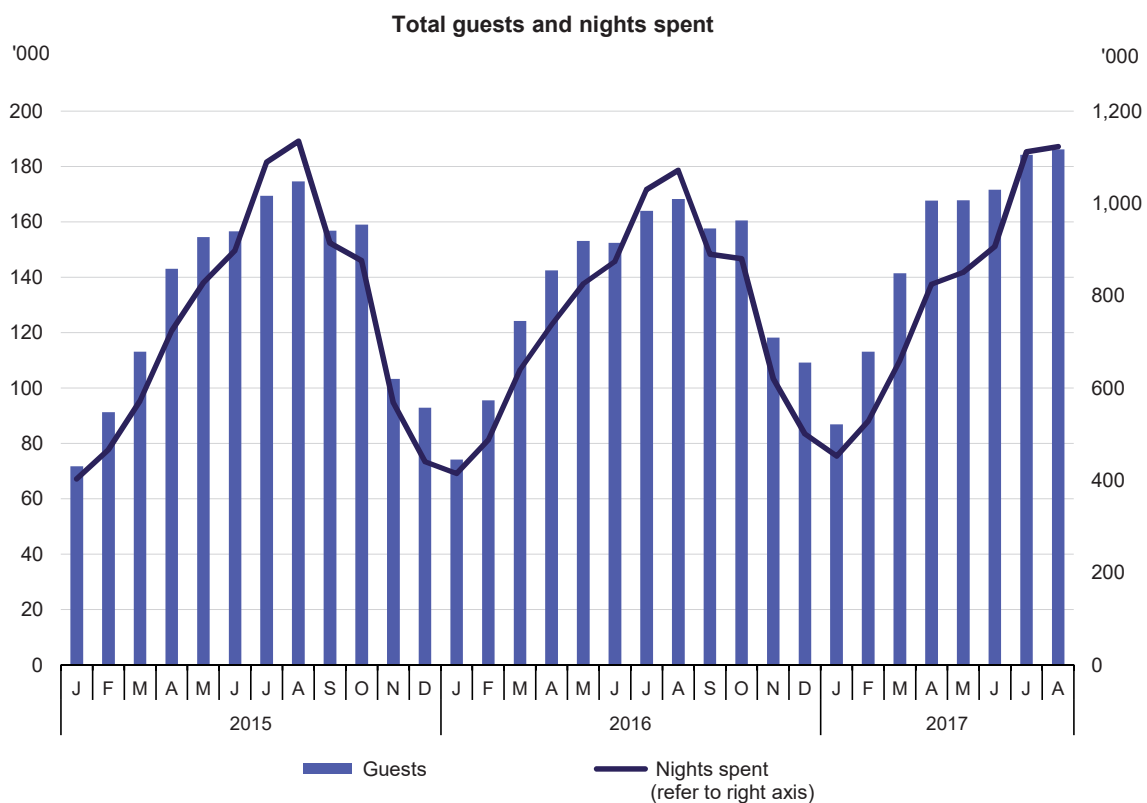
In Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.3 of a night to 6.2, and that in Gozo and Comino remained stable at 4.2 nights, when compared with the same month last year. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 1.0 percentage points, reaching 85.5 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino rose by 2.5 percentage points to 73.7 per cent over the same month of 2016 (Table 3).

### January-August

Total guests in the first eight months of 2017 amounted to 1,218,687, an increase of 13.5 per cent over the same period in 2016 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 6.2 per cent, reaching almost 6.5 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 2.2 percentage points to 67.3 per cent (Table 3) ■

This News Release is the last release on Collective Accommodation Establishments to be issued on a monthly basis. Subsequent compilation and dissemination will refer to quarterly data.

Monthly data are available on [StatDB](#).



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

Type of accommodation	July*	August		January-August	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	<b>MALTA</b>				
Hotel	174,416	159,709	176,903	1,027,783	1,163,556
5 Star	41,470	38,477	42,273	257,473	286,364
4 Star	76,937	69,567	78,943	475,178	517,991
3 Star	49,276	45,744	49,406	262,126	321,858
2 Star	6,733	5,921	6,281	33,006	37,343
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	9,773	8,480	9,237	46,268	55,131
<b>Total</b>	<b>184,189</b>	<b>168,190</b>	<b>186,140</b>	<b>1,074,051</b>	<b>1,218,687</b>
	<b>Malta</b>				
Hotel	163,894	149,717	166,602	972,217	1,105,800
of which:					
5 Star	38,946	35,870	39,723	242,864	271,870
4 Star	73,520	66,258	75,776	452,032	496,707
3 Star	45,444	42,494	45,535	248,283	304,285
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	8,487	7,648	7,897	43,495	47,826
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,380</b>	<b>157,365</b>	<b>174,499</b>	<b>1,015,712</b>	<b>1,153,626</b>
	<b>Gozo and Comino</b>				
Hotel	10,522	9,992	10,301	55,566	57,756
of which:					
5 Star	2,524	2,607	2,550	14,609	14,494
4 Star	3,417	3,309	3,167	23,146	21,284
3 Star	3,832	3,250	3,871	13,843	17,573
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,287	833	1,340	2,773	7,305
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,809</b>	<b>10,825</b>	<b>11,641</b>	<b>58,339</b>	<b>65,061</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	July*	August		January-August	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>MALTA</b>					
Hotel	1,048,042	1,012,514	1,061,141	5,736,721	6,098,738
5 Star	197,938	211,814	216,129	1,101,796	1,155,957
4 Star	517,379	497,137	534,203	2,968,625	3,071,459
3 Star	296,308	269,206	278,479	1,472,367	1,671,954
2 Star	36,417	34,357	32,330	193,934	199,367
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	63,721	58,758	62,016	344,026	357,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,111,763</b>	<b>1,071,273</b>	<b>1,123,158</b>	<b>6,080,747</b>	<b>6,456,164</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	1,004,966	969,507	1,016,492	5,536,660	5,887,227
of which:					
5 Star	188,238	200,629	205,840	1,049,946	1,102,346
4 Star	500,003	479,257	515,965	2,876,974	2,980,334
3 Star	282,264	257,829	264,554	1,427,025	1,615,931
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	59,621	55,994	57,370	335,373	336,520
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,064,587</b>	<b>1,025,502</b>	<b>1,073,862</b>	<b>5,872,033</b>	<b>6,223,747</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	43,076	43,007	44,649	200,062	211,511
of which:					
5 Star	9,700	11,185	10,289	51,850	53,611
4 Star	17,376	17,880	18,238	91,651	91,125
3 Star	14,044	11,377	13,925	45,342	56,023
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	4,100	2,764	4,646	8,653	20,906
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,176</b>	<b>45,771</b>	<b>49,295</b>	<b>208,714</b>	<b>232,417</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	July*	August		January-August	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>MALTA</b>					
Hotel	87.3	85.8	87.2	66.6	69.1
5 Star	88.8	97.8	96.4	70.9	69.8
4 Star	89.7	90.7	89.8	72.4	73.6
3 Star	83.6	75.0	79.1	57.0	63.2
2 Star	79.3	61.7	70.8	51.9	57.5
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	60.7	59.8	58.8	47.3	45.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>84.9</b>	<b>65.1</b>	<b>67.3</b>
<b>Malta</b>					
Hotel	87.9	86.4	87.7	67.5	69.9
of which:					
5 Star	90.2	99.2	98.0	72.3	70.9
4 Star	90.0	90.9	90.0	73.2	74.3
3 Star	83.7	75.2	79.0	57.2	63.3
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	62.9	61.2	59.9	48.7	47.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>86.0</b>	<b>84.5</b>	<b>85.5</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>68.1</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>					
Hotel	75.3	74.7	78.0	49.4	53.3
of which:					
5 Star	68.3	78.8	72.2	50.4	52.8
4 Star	81.5	83.8	85.5	54.6	55.4
3 Star	79.9	72.0	79.4	51.4	61.0
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	40.8	40.9	47.8	22.1	30.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>73.7</b>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>49.9</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	August					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
<b>MALTA</b>						
Hotel	130	130	17,096	17,375	38,046	39,323
5 Star	14	15	3,338	3,476	6,984	7,234
4 Star	44	44	7,942	8,294	17,690	19,183
3 Star	53	54	5,066	4,939	11,577	11,434
2 Star	19	17	750	666	1,795	1,472
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	50	58	1,130	1,255	3,191	3,421
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>18,226</b>	<b>18,630</b>	<b>41,237</b>	<b>42,744</b>
<b>Malta</b>						
Hotel	116	115	16,253	16,512	36,190	37,476
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	13	3,123	3,260	6,526	6,774
4 Star	40	40	7,620	7,978	17,002	18,495
3 Star	48	48	4,818	4,663	11,067	10,867
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	41	46	1,032	1,107	2,973	3,103
<b>Total</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>17,285</b>	<b>17,619</b>	<b>39,163</b>	<b>40,579</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>						
Hotel	14	15	843	863	1,856	1,847
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	215	216	458	460
4 Star	4	4	322	316	688	688
3 Star	5	6	248	276	510	567
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	9	12	98	148	218	318
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1,011</b>	<b>2,074</b>	<b>2,165</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:

August 2016	<b>90.0%</b>
July 2017	<b>88.3%</b>
August 2017	<b>90.0%</b>

4. In this release figures for July 2017 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to August 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 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:** Malta residents and/or Gozo and Comino residents who check into/out of a collective accommodation establishment. A person is considered to be a Malta resident 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>

Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=35>

Statistical Database: <http://nso.gov.mt/statdb/start>

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