

Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during September 2017 advanced by 12.5 per cent and 7.6 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding month in 2016.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: September 2017

In September, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 177,361, while total nights spent amounted to 957,765. The 3-star hotel category registered the largest increase in total nights spent. On the other hand, the largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 448,201 nights, or 46.8 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 5.4 nights in September 2017 from the average of 5.6 nights registered during the same month of 2016. The net use of bed-places stood at 75.6 per cent, up by 3.2 percentage points when compared to the corresponding month last year (Table 3).

On a national level, there were 188 active collective accommodation establishments during September 2017, with a net capacity of 18,677 bedrooms and 42,306 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

Total guests in Malta region numbered 166,328, up by 12.3 per cent over September 2016. Additionally, an increase of 7.4 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino region increased by 16.1 per cent and 11.8 per cent when compared to the comparative month last year, to 11,033 and 43,116 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

In Malta region, the average length of stay went down by 0.2 of a night to 5.5, and that in Gozo and Comino region decreased by 0.2 of a night to 3.9, when compared with the same month last year. The net occupancy rate in Malta region increased by 3.2 percentage points, reaching 76.1 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino region increased by 4.0 percentage points to 66.4 per cent over the same month of 2016 (Table 3).

January-September

Total guests in the first nine months of 2017 amounted to 1,396,190, an increase of 13.4 per cent over the same period in 2016 (Table 1). Total nights spent went up by 6.4 per cent, surpassing 7.4 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places advanced by 2.2 percentage points to 68.2 per cent (Table 3) ■

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

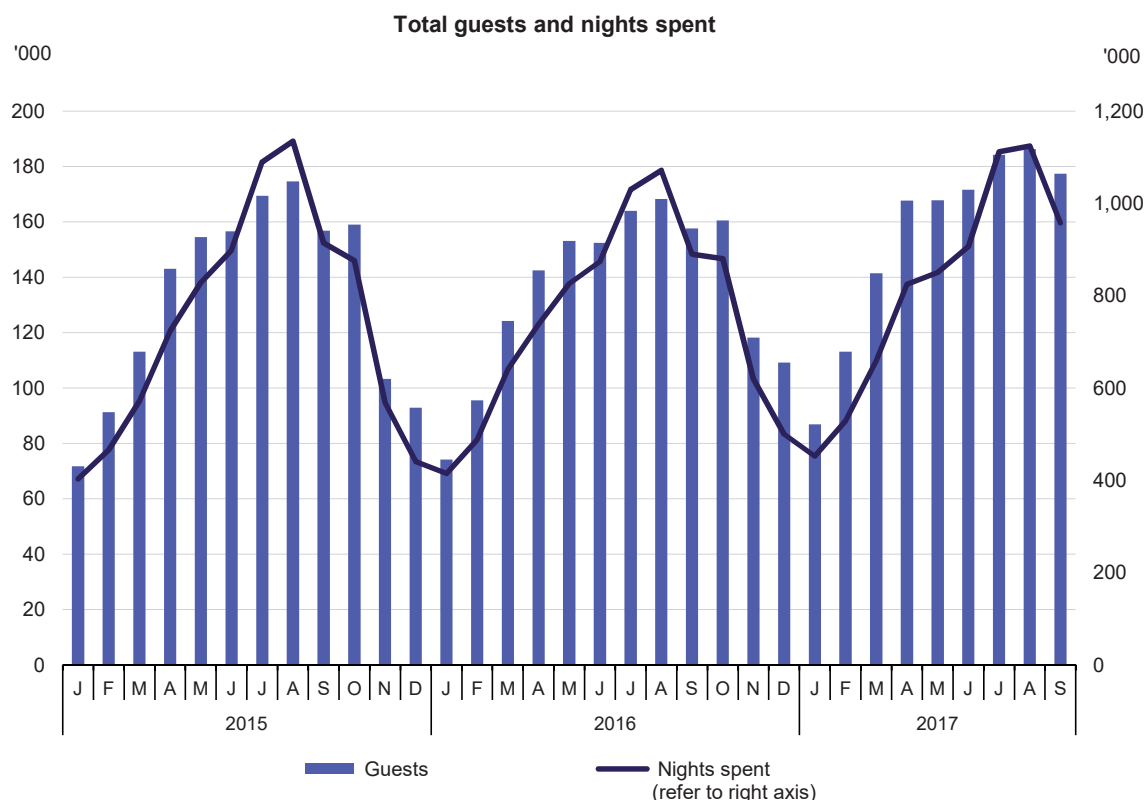


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	August*	September		January-September	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
	MALTA				
Hotel	176,948	150,671	167,523	1,178,454	1,331,125
5 Star	42,273	38,096	38,066	295,569	324,430
4 Star	78,943	65,175	75,538	540,353	593,529
3 Star	49,447	41,995	48,630	304,121	370,529
2 Star	6,285	5,405	5,289	38,411	42,636
Other collective accommodation ¹	9,333	6,943	9,837	53,212	65,065
Total	186,281	157,614	177,361	1,231,665	1,396,190
	Malta				
Hotel	166,647	141,744	157,787	1,113,960	1,263,633
of which:					
5 Star	39,723	35,769	35,512	278,633	307,382
4 Star	75,776	62,074	72,450	514,106	569,157
3 Star	45,576	39,230	45,353	287,513	349,679
Other collective accommodation ¹	7,950	6,370	8,540	49,866	56,419
Total	174,597	148,114	166,328	1,163,826	1,320,052
	Gozo and Comino				
Hotel	10,301	8,927	9,736	64,493	67,492
of which:					
5 Star	2,550	2,327	2,554	16,936	17,048
4 Star	3,167	3,101	3,088	26,247	24,372
3 Star	3,871	2,765	3,277	16,608	20,850
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,384	573	1,297	3,346	8,646
Total	11,685	9,500	11,033	67,839	76,138

* 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	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
MALTA					
Hotel	1,061,850	844,311	902,019	6,581,033	7,001,466
5 Star	216,129	165,514	171,870	1,267,310	1,327,827
4 Star	534,203	424,914	448,201	3,393,539	3,519,660
3 Star	279,398	226,287	254,993	1,698,654	1,927,866
2 Star	32,120	27,595	26,955	221,529	226,112
Other collective accommodation ¹	62,514	45,849	55,746	389,874	413,669
Total	1,124,364	890,160	957,765	6,970,907	7,415,135
Malta					
Hotel	1,017,201	807,862	863,661	6,344,522	6,751,597
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	205,840	157,204	163,224	1,207,150	1,265,570
4 Star	515,965	408,909	432,660	3,285,883	3,412,994
3 Star	265,473	216,217	242,994	1,643,243	1,859,844
Other collective accommodation ¹	57,512	43,722	50,988	379,094	387,650
Total	1,074,714	851,584	914,649	6,723,617	7,139,246
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	44,649	36,449	38,358	236,511	249,869
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	10,289	8,310	8,646	60,160	62,257
4 Star	18,238	16,005	15,541	107,656	106,666
3 Star	13,925	10,070	11,999	55,412	68,022
Other collective accommodation ¹	5,002	2,127	4,758	10,780	26,020
Total	49,651	38,576	43,116	247,290	275,889

* Revised

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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	
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
MALTA					
Hotel	86.9	74.5	77.1	67.5	70.0
5 Star	96.4	80.8	80.7	72.0	71.0
4 Star	89.8	80.6	79.5	73.3	74.3
3 Star	78.4	64.8	72.5	58.0	64.2
2 Star	69.5	52.4	65.5	52.0	58.2
Other collective accommodation ¹	58.9	47.8	56.8	47.4	47.2
Total	84.7	72.4	75.6	66.0	68.2
Malta					
Hotel	87.4	74.9	77.5	68.3	70.7
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	98.0	82.3	82.1	73.5	72.1
4 Star	90.0	80.7	79.7	74.0	75.0
3 Star	78.3	64.8	72.5	58.1	64.3
Other collective accommodation ¹	59.6	48.9	57.6	48.8	48.5
Total	85.2	72.9	76.1	66.8	69.0
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	78.0	65.8	69.3	51.4	55.3
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	72.2	60.5	61.6	51.6	53.8
4 Star	85.5	77.5	75.3	57.1	57.6
3 Star	79.4	65.8	71.8	53.5	62.7
Other collective accommodation ¹	51.5	33.2	49.6	23.7	33.1
Total	74.2	62.4	66.4	48.9	52.0

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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	September					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
MALTA						
Hotel	130	130	17,187	17,454	37,793	39,003
5 Star	14	15	3,338	3,480	6,824	7,095
4 Star	44	44	7,932	8,294	17,579	18,785
3 Star	53	55	5,167	5,056	11,633	11,751
2 Star	19	16	750	624	1,757	1,372
Other collective accommodation ¹	51	58	1,137	1,223	3,214	3,303
Total	181	188	18,324	18,677	41,007	42,306
Malta						
Hotel	116	115	16,344	16,588	35,947	37,157
of which:						
5 Star	12	13	3,123	3,260	6,366	6,627
4 Star	40	40	7,610	7,978	16,891	18,097
3 Star	48	49	4,919	4,781	11,123	11,194
Other collective accommodation ¹	42	46	1,038	1,075	2,994	2,983
Total	158	161	17,382	17,663	38,941	40,140
Gozo and Comino						
Hotel	14	15	843	866	1,846	1,846
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	215	220	458	468
4 Star	4	4	322	316	688	688
3 Star	5	6	248	275	510	557
Other collective accommodation ¹	9	12	99	148	220	320
Total	23	27	942	1,014	2,066	2,166

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2017*	July-September (Q3)	
		2016	2017
	MALTA		
Hotel	483,144	466,282	518,887
5 Star	117,606	117,081	121,809
4 Star	211,654	203,519	231,417
3 Star	138,394	128,529	147,354
2 Star	15,491	17,152	18,307
Other collective accommodation ¹	23,816	23,479	28,944
Total	506,960	489,760	547,831
Malta			
Hotel	459,716	438,357	488,328
of which:			
5 Star	111,949	109,775	114,181
4 Star	203,257	193,976	221,745
3 Star	130,711	119,672	136,374
Other collective accommodation ¹	20,699	21,599	24,976
Total	480,415	459,956	513,304
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	23,428	27,925	30,559
of which:			
5 Star	5,657	7,306	7,628
4 Star	8,397	9,543	9,672
3 Star	7,683	8,857	10,980
Other collective accommodation ¹	3,117	1,880	3,968
Total	26,545	29,805	34,527

* Revised

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2017*	July-September (Q3)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	452,041	433,838	483,558
5 Star	106,457	103,672	107,795
4 Star	200,013	192,210	218,317
3 Star	131,386	122,497	140,665
2 Star	14,185	15,459	16,780
Other collective accommodation ¹	22,475	22,494	27,417
Total	474,516	456,332	510,975
Malta			
Hotel	438,611	418,446	465,892
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	103,449	100,305	104,343
4 Star	194,481	185,725	211,544
3 Star	127,085	117,877	134,133
Other collective accommodation ¹	20,156	21,046	24,481
Total	458,767	439,492	490,373
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	13,430	15,392	17,666
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,008	3,367	3,452
4 Star	5,532	6,485	6,773
3 Star	4,301	4,620	6,532
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,319	1,449	2,936
Total	15,749	16,841	20,602

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2017*	July-September (Q3)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	31,103	32,444	35,330
5 Star	11,149	13,409	14,014
4 Star	11,641	11,309	13,100
3 Star	7,008	6,032	6,688
2 Star	1,305	1,693	1,527
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,341	984	1,526
Total	32,444	33,428	36,856
Malta			
Hotel	21,105	19,911	22,437
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	8,500	9,470	9,838
4 Star	8,776	8,251	10,201
3 Star	3,626	1,795	2,240
Other collective accommodation ¹	543	553	495
Total	21,648	20,464	22,932
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	9,998	12,533	12,893
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,649	3,939	4,176
4 Star	2,865	3,058	2,899
3 Star	3,382	4,237	4,448
Other collective accommodation ¹	798	431	1,031
Total	10,796	12,964	13,924

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2017*	July-September (Q3)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	2,440,805	2,827,086	3,011,911
5 Star	462,795	575,378	585,937
4 Star	1,211,005	1,407,654	1,499,783
3 Star	687,235	745,007	830,700
2 Star	79,769	99,047	95,492
Other collective accommodation ¹	140,686	163,998	181,980
Total	2,581,490	2,991,084	3,193,891
Malta			
Hotel	2,354,074	2,708,701	2,885,828
of which:			
5 Star	440,068	546,234	557,302
4 Star	1,174,898	1,357,019	1,448,628
3 Star	663,598	713,099	790,732
Other collective accommodation ¹	131,401	157,457	168,121
Total	2,485,475	2,866,157	3,053,949
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	86,731	118,385	126,083
of which:			
5 Star	22,727	29,144	28,635
4 Star	36,107	50,635	51,155
3 Star	23,637	31,908	39,968
Other collective accommodation ¹	9,285	6,542	13,859
Total	96,016	124,927	139,942

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2017*	July-September (Q3)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	2,361,621	2,739,180	2,912,030
5 Star	435,663	535,972	545,326
4 Star	1,179,459	1,377,530	1,460,102
3 Star	669,337	731,195	814,428
2 Star	77,162	94,483	92,174
Other collective accommodation ¹	138,028	162,041	178,186
Total	2,499,649	2,901,221	3,090,216
Malta			
Hotel	2,298,016	2,649,827	2,817,865
of which:			
5 Star	419,922	516,618	527,420
4 Star	1,151,202	1,334,186	1,417,794
3 Star	651,683	707,657	783,815
Other collective accommodation ¹	130,323	156,342	166,493
Total	2,428,339	2,806,169	2,984,358
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	63,605	89,353	94,165
of which:			
5 Star	15,741	19,354	17,906
4 Star	28,257	43,344	42,308
3 Star	17,654	23,538	30,613
Other collective accommodation ¹	7,705	5,699	11,693
Total	71,310	95,052	105,858

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2017*	July-September (Q3)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	79,184	87,906	99,881
5 Star	27,132	39,406	40,611
4 Star	31,546	30,124	39,681
3 Star	17,899	13,812	16,272
2 Star	2,608	4,564	3,318
Other collective accommodation ¹	2,657	1,957	3,794
Total	81,841	89,863	103,676
Malta			
Hotel	56,058	58,874	67,963
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	20,146	29,616	29,882
4 Star	23,696	22,833	30,834
3 Star	11,916	5,442	6,917
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,078	1,114	1,628
Total	57,136	59,988	69,591
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	23,126	29,032	31,918
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,986	9,790	10,729
4 Star	7,850	7,291	8,847
3 Star	5,983	8,370	9,355
Other collective accommodation ¹	1,579	842	2,167
Total	24,705	29,874	34,085

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

Type of accommodation	Q2/2017*	July-September (Q3)	
		2016	2017
MALTA			
Hotel	72.4	81.2	83.9
5 Star	74.0	90.5	88.8
4 Star	77.1	86.8	86.4
3 Star	65.9	70.3	78.1
2 Star	60.2	60.4	71.6
Other collective accommodation ¹	47.5	56.5	58.8
Total	70.4	79.3	81.9
Malta			
Hotel	73.2	81.8	84.3
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	75.4	92.0	90.3
4 Star	77.7	87.0	86.7
3 Star	66.3	70.4	78.2
Other collective accommodation ¹	49.0	57.9	60.1
Total	71.4	80.0	82.5
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	55.4	69.5	74.3
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	54.5	69.2	67.4
4 Star	60.3	80.0	80.8
3 Star	56.8	68.0	77.1
Other collective accommodation ¹	33.5	35.4	47.2
Total	52.1	66.2	70.3

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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 2016	89.1%
August 2017	90.1%
September 2017	90.2%
4. In this release figures for August 2017 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to September 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:** 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:
$$\frac{\text{total number of nights}}{\text{total number of guests}}$$
- **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:

Sources and Methods: https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx

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>

9. Any quotations from this news release are to be cited and/or referenced.
10. A detailed news release calendar is available on https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx