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Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during the first quarter of 2018 advanced by 16.4 per cent and 12.7 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2017.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q1/2018

Cut-off date:  
**21 May 2018**

In the first quarter, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 397,518, while total nights spent amounted to 1,848,171. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 937,426 nights, or 50.7 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

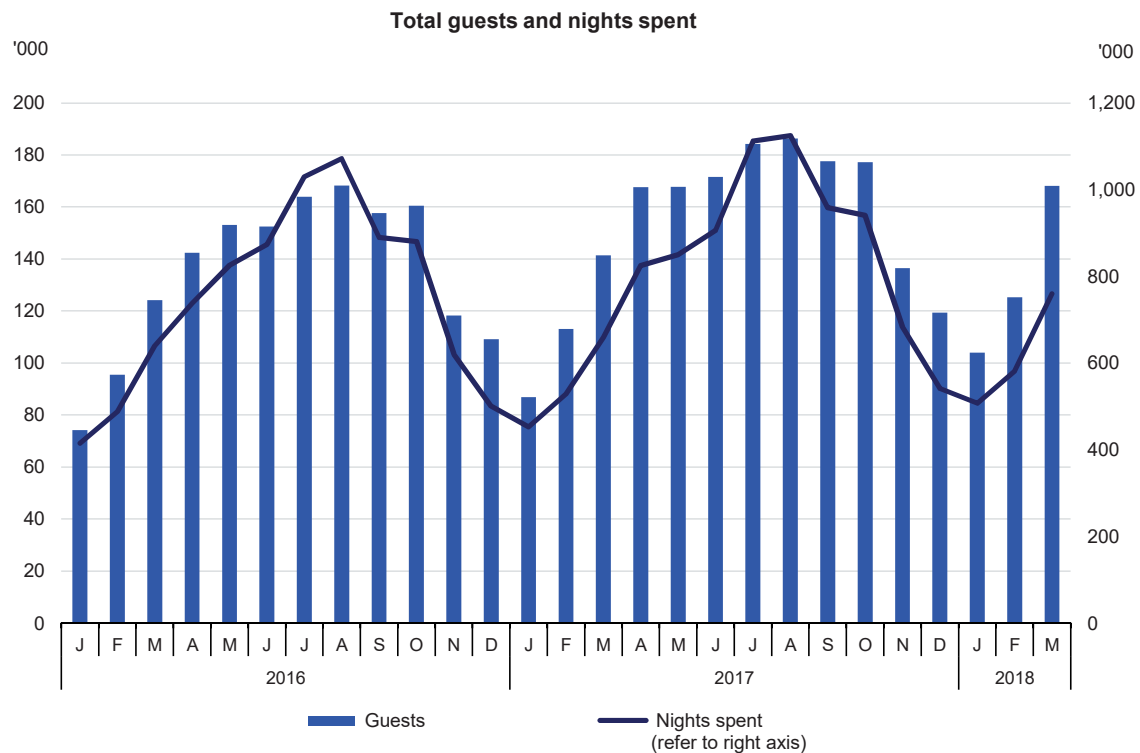
The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments went down to 4.6 nights in the first quarter of 2018 from the average of 4.8 nights registered during the same quarter of 2017. The net use of bed-places stood at 52.6 per cent, up by 3.0 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

During March 2018, there were 184 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 17,655 bedrooms and 39,843 bed-places on a national level (Table 4).

### Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 381,287, up by 16.8 per cent over the first quarter of 2017. Additionally, an increase of 12.8 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino increased by 7.7 per cent and 10.1 per cent when compared to the comparative quarter of the previous year, to 16,231 and 43,963 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

In Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.2 of a night to 4.7 nights; and in Gozo and Comino, it remained stable at 2.7 nights, when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. The net occupancy rate in Malta region increased by 2.8 percentage points, reaching 53.5 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino region increased by 4.0 percentage points to 31.2 per cent over the same quarter of 2017 (Table 3) ■



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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2017*	January-March (Q1)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	414,313	329,093	378,206
5 Star	97,084	85,015	80,656
4 Star	196,182	150,458	186,698
3 Star	109,973	84,782	101,308
2 Star	11,073	8,838	9,544
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	18,769	12,305	19,312
<b>Total</b>	<b>433,082</b>	<b>341,399</b>	<b>397,518</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	394,796	315,588	363,488
of which:			
5 Star	91,301	81,252	76,579
4 Star	188,452	144,155	180,456
3 Star	104,973	82,595	97,765
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	16,642	10,744	17,799
<b>Total</b>	<b>411,439</b>	<b>326,332</b>	<b>381,287</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	19,517	13,505	14,718
of which:			
5 Star	5,783	3,763	4,077
4 Star	7,730	6,303	6,242
3 Star	5,000	2,187	3,543
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,127	1,561	1,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,643</b>	<b>15,066</b>	<b>16,231</b>

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Notes:

1. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

2. Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release:

[https://inso.gov.mt/en/News\\_Releases/View\\_by\\_Unit/Unit\\_C3/Tourism\\_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx](https://inso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx)

**Table 2. Total nights spent (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Q4/2017*	January-March (Q1)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	2,046,856	1,548,750	1,731,237
5 Star	399,906	279,095	280,232
4 Star	1,050,328	808,872	937,426
3 Star	533,448	409,932	457,824
2 Star	63,175	50,851	55,755
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	117,895	91,004	116,934
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,164,751</b>	<b>1,639,753</b>	<b>1,848,171</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	1,980,335	1,511,695	1,690,338
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	382,131	268,200	268,929
4 Star	1,019,917	789,468	916,616
3 Star	517,304	405,515	450,653
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	112,362	88,128	113,870
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,092,697</b>	<b>1,599,823</b>	<b>1,804,208</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	66,521	37,055	40,899
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	17,775	10,895	11,303
4 Star	30,411	19,404	20,810
3 Star	16,144	4,417	7,171
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5,533	2,876	3,064
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,054</b>	<b>39,931</b>	<b>43,963</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2017*	January-March (Q1)	
		2017	2018
	<b>MALTA</b>		
Hotel	59.6	51.1	53.7
5 Star	62.4	47.7	48.8
4 Star	63.0	56.5	58.8
3 Star	52.7	45.8	48.4
2 Star	55.3	41.5	50.8
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	41.1	33.5	40.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>52.6</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	60.2	52.0	54.4
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	63.9	48.5	49.5
4 Star	63.6	57.7	59.8
3 Star	52.6	46.1	48.6
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	42.7	35.2	43.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.9</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>53.5</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	46.0	29.5	34.4
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	41.3	34.6	37.1
4 Star	48.1	31.3	33.8
3 Star	54.0	29.3	36.1
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	23.0	13.4	13.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>42.7</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>31.2</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	March					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>						
Hotel	118	122	16,140	16,432	35,588	36,354
5 Star	14	14	3,371	3,308	6,606	6,518
4 Star	42	42	7,560	7,924	16,846	17,880
3 Star	48	52	4,600	4,629	10,766	10,703
2 Star	14	14	609	571	1,370	1,253
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	49	62	1,105	1,223	3,149	3,489
<b>Total</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>17,245</b>	<b>17,655</b>	<b>38,737</b>	<b>39,843</b>
<b>Malta</b>						
Hotel	106	108	15,458	15,724	34,068	34,822
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	12	3,156	3,088	6,148	6,050
4 Star	38	38	7,238	7,608	16,158	17,192
3 Star	45	47	4,513	4,492	10,582	10,413
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	39	52	970	1,083	2,857	3,188
<b>Total</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>16,428</b>	<b>16,807</b>	<b>36,925</b>	<b>38,010</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>						
Hotel	12	14	682	708	1,520	1,532
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	215	220	458	468
4 Star	4	4	322	316	688	688
3 Star	3	5	87	137	184	290
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	10	10	135	140	292	301
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>1,812</b>	<b>1,833</b>

<sup>1</sup> Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

**Table 5. Non-resident guests by period, region and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Q4/2017*	January-March (Q1)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	366,936	281,777	324,332
5 Star	82,573	70,818	65,391
4 Star	173,457	127,085	158,357
3 Star	100,742	76,203	91,908
2 Star	10,164	7,671	8,676
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	17,199	10,777	17,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>384,135</b>	<b>292,554</b>	<b>341,817</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	356,782	277,171	318,416
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	80,148	69,521	64,080
4 Star	168,836	124,779	155,454
3 Star	97,971	75,412	90,315
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	15,924	10,091	16,770
<b>Total</b>	<b>372,706</b>	<b>287,262</b>	<b>335,186</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	10,154	4,606	5,916
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,425	1,297	1,311
4 Star	4,621	2,306	2,903
3 Star	2,772	791	1,593
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,275	686	715
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,429</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>6,631</b>

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**Table 6. Resident guests by period, region and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Q4/2017*	January-March (Q1)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	47,376	47,316	53,874
5 Star	14,511	14,197	15,265
4 Star	22,726	23,373	28,341
3 Star	9,231	8,579	9,400
2 Star	909	1,167	868
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,570	1,528	1,827
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,946</b>	<b>48,844</b>	<b>55,701</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	38,014	38,417	45,072
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	11,153	11,731	12,499
4 Star	19,617	19,376	25,002
3 Star	7,003	7,183	7,450
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	718	653	1,029
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,732</b>	<b>39,070</b>	<b>46,101</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	9,363	8,899	8,802
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,358	2,466	2,766
4 Star	3,109	3,997	3,339
3 Star	2,228	1,396	1,950
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	852	875	798
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,214</b>	<b>9,774</b>	<b>9,600</b>

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**Table 7. Non-resident nights spent by period, region and type of accommodation**

Type of accommodation	Q4/2017*	January-March (Q1)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	1,941,558	1,449,299	1,618,629
5 Star	366,249	251,158	250,073
4 Star	1,001,280	759,621	878,395
3 Star	512,385	389,764	436,065
2 Star	61,644	48,756	54,096
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	114,641	88,400	113,361
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,056,199</b>	<b>1,537,699</b>	<b>1,731,990</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	1,894,053	1,429,844	1,594,771
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	355,586	245,810	244,194
4 Star	977,374	748,016	864,407
3 Star	500,464	387,712	432,329
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	110,644	86,947	111,681
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,004,698</b>	<b>1,516,791</b>	<b>1,706,452</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	47,505	19,455	23,858
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	10,663	5,348	5,879
4 Star	23,906	11,605	13,988
3 Star	11,921	2,052	3,736
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	3,997	1,453	1,680
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,501</b>	<b>20,908</b>	<b>25,538</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2017*	January-March (Q1)	
		2017	2018
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	105,299	99,451	112,608
5 Star	33,657	27,937	30,159
4 Star	49,048	49,251	59,031
3 Star	21,063	20,168	21,759
2 Star	1,531	2,095	1,659
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	3,254	2,604	3,573
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,552</b>	<b>102,055</b>	<b>116,181</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	86,282	81,851	95,567
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	26,545	22,390	24,735
4 Star	42,543	41,452	52,209
3 Star	16,839	17,803	18,324
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,718	1,181	2,189
<b>Total</b>	<b>88,000</b>	<b>83,032</b>	<b>97,756</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	19,016	17,600	17,041
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	7,112	5,547	5,424
4 Star	6,505	7,799	6,822
3 Star	4,223	2,365	3,435
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,536	1,423	1,384
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,553</b>	<b>19,023</b>	<b>18,425</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.

2. The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments, namely hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

3. Response rates:

January 2017	<b>90.1%</b>	January 2018	<b>91.3%</b>
February 2017	<b>89.2%</b>	February 2018	<b>91.6%</b>
March 2017	<b>87.9%</b>	March 2018	<b>92.6%</b>

4. In this release figures for Quarter 4 2017 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to Quarter 1 2018 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](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. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

10. A detailed news release calendar is available on

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