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Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during the first quarter of 2019 decreased by 6.4 and 8.2 per cent respectively when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2018.

## Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q1/2019

Cut-off date:  
**20 May 2019**

In the first quarter, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 372,210, while total nights spent amounted to almost 1.7 million. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, accounting for 904,043 nights, or 53.3 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2). For guidance on variables recorded in the Collective Accommodation Survey and the Inbound Tourism Survey, see methodological note 6.

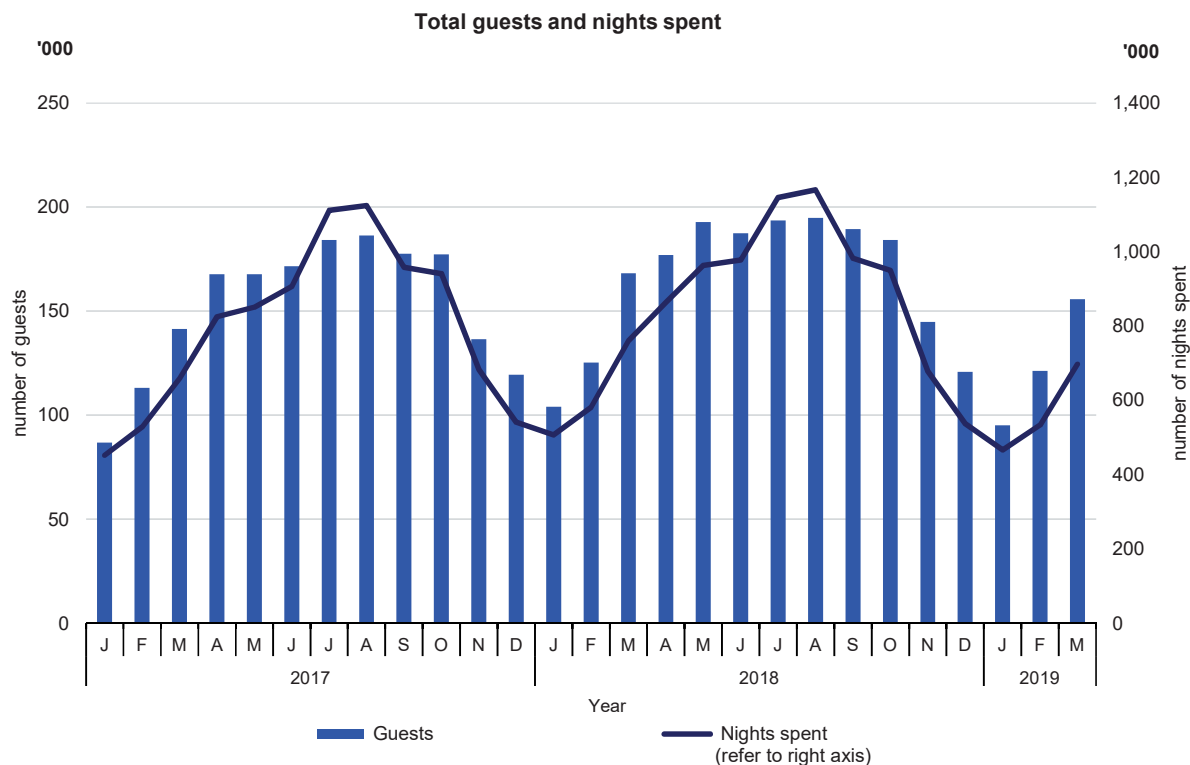
The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments stood at 4.6 nights, at par with the same quarter of 2018. The net use of bed-places stood at 47.7 per cent, down by 4.9 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

During March 2019, there were 190 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 17,723 bedrooms and 40,520 bed-places on a national level (Table 4).

### Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 357,375, down by 6.3 per cent over the first quarter of 2018. Additionally, a decrease of 7.9 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights spent in Gozo and Comino decreased by 8.6 per cent and 19.3 per cent, to 14,835 and 35,453 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

In Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.1 of a night to 4.6 nights; and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 0.3 of a night to 2.4 nights, when compared with the same quarter of the previous year. The net occupancy rate in Malta decreased by 4.9 percentage points, reaching 48.6 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 5.3 percentage points to 25.9 per cent over the same quarter of 2018 (Table 3) ■



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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2018 <sup>2</sup>	January-March	
		2018	2019
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	424,443	378,206	349,380
5 Star	94,252	80,656	70,505
4 Star	210,385	186,698	191,221
3 Star	107,612	101,308	77,836
2 Star	12,194	9,544	9,818
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	25,416	19,315	22,830
<b>Total</b>	<b>449,859</b>	<b>397,521</b>	<b>372,210</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	406,057	363,488	335,779
of which:			
5 Star	89,176	76,579	66,224
4 Star	203,754	180,456	185,956
3 Star	102,022	97,765	74,755
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	23,531	17,799	21,596
<b>Total</b>	<b>429,588</b>	<b>381,287</b>	<b>357,375</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	18,386	14,718	13,601
of which:			
5 Star	5,076	4,077	4,281
4 Star	6,631	6,242	5,265
3 Star	5,590	3,543	3,081
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,885	1,516	1,234
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,271</b>	<b>16,234</b>	<b>14,835</b>

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

<sup>(2)</sup> Revised

Notes:

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

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2018 <sup>2</sup>	January-March	
		2018	2019
		<b>MALTA</b>	
Hotel	2,021,905	1,731,237	1,573,651
5 Star	358,435	280,232	238,047
4 Star	1,074,046	937,426	904,043
3 Star	522,531	457,824	375,763
2 Star	66,893	55,755	55,798
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	143,201	116,909	123,492
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,165,106</b>	<b>1,848,146</b>	<b>1,697,143</b>
		<b>Malta</b>	
Hotel	1,960,249	1,690,338	1,540,523
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	343,060	268,929	228,435
4 Star	1,047,467	916,616	888,464
3 Star	505,031	450,653	369,483
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	138,188	113,870	121,167
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,098,437</b>	<b>1,804,208</b>	<b>1,661,690</b>
		<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	
Hotel	61,656	40,899	33,128
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	15,375	11,303	9,612
4 Star	26,579	20,810	15,579
3 Star	17,500	7,171	6,280
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	5,013	3,039	2,325
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,669</b>	<b>43,938</b>	<b>35,453</b>

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2018 <sup>2</sup>	January-March	
		2018	2019
		MALTA	
Hotel	58.4	53.7	48.6
5 Star	61.0	48.8	44.0
4 Star	61.9	58.8	53.4
3 Star	51.7	48.4	42.4
2 Star	51.1	50.8	47.9
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	43.7	40.7	38.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>52.6</b>	<b>47.7</b>
		Malta	
Hotel	59.1	54.4	49.4
of which:			
5 Star	63.0	49.5	44.5
4 Star	62.7	59.8	54.5
3 Star	51.7	48.6	42.8
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	45.1	43.0	40.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>53.5</b>	<b>48.6</b>
		Gozo and Comino	
Hotel	41.4	34.4	27.7
of which:			
5 Star	35.7	37.1	35.7
4 Star	42.0	33.8	25.1
3 Star	49.7	36.1	26.6
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	24.0	13.7	13.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>39.3</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>25.9</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	March					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019
	MALTA					
Hotel	122	119	16,432	16,402	36,354	36,835
5 Star	14	13	3,308	3,170	6,518	6,352
4 Star	42	43	7,924	8,277	17,880	19,020
3 Star	52	48	4,629	4,361	10,703	10,159
2 Star	14	15	571	594	1,253	1,304
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	61	71	1,200	1,321	3,443	3,685
<b>Total</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>17,632</b>	<b>17,723</b>	<b>39,797</b>	<b>40,520</b>
	Malta					
Hotel	108	105	15,724	15,694	34,822	35,299
of which:						
5 Star	12	11	3,088	2,950	6,050	5,884
4 Star	38	39	7,608	7,961	17,192	18,328
3 Star	47	43	4,492	4,224	10,413	9,869
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	51	61	1,070	1,198	3,162	3,426
<b>Total</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>16,794</b>	<b>16,892</b>	<b>37,984</b>	<b>38,725</b>
	Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	14	14	708	708	1,532	1,536
of which:						
5 Star	2	2	220	220	468	468
4 Star	4	4	316	316	688	692
3 Star	5	5	137	137	290	290
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	10	10	130	123	281	259
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>1,813</b>	<b>1,795</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	Q4/2018 <sup>2</sup>	January-March	
		2018	2019
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	374,805	324,332	294,558
5 Star	80,257	65,391	55,830
4 Star	185,964	158,357	158,614
3 Star	97,642	91,908	71,369
2 Star	10,942	8,676	8,745
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	23,171	17,496	20,904
<b>Total</b>	<b>397,976</b>	<b>341,828</b>	<b>315,462</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	365,815	318,416	290,326
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	78,119	64,080	54,912
4 Star	182,252	155,454	156,560
3 Star	94,722	90,315	70,195
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	22,090	16,770	20,399
<b>Total</b>	<b>387,905</b>	<b>335,186</b>	<b>310,725</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	8,990	5,916	4,232
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,138	1,311	918
4 Star	3,712	2,903	2,054
3 Star	2,920	1,593	1,174
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,081	726	505
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,071</b>	<b>6,642</b>	<b>4,737</b>

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(2) Revised

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2018 <sup>2</sup>	January-March	
		2018	2019
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	49,638	53,874	54,822
5 Star	13,995	15,265	14,675
4 Star	24,421	28,341	32,607
3 Star	9,970	9,400	6,467
2 Star	1,252	868	1,073
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	2,245	1,819	1,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,883</b>	<b>55,693</b>	<b>56,748</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	40,242	45,072	45,453
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	11,057	12,499	11,312
4 Star	21,502	25,002	29,396
3 Star	7,300	7,450	4,560
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,441	1,029	1,197
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,683</b>	<b>46,101</b>	<b>46,650</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	9,396	8,802	9,369
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,938	2,766	3,363
4 Star	2,919	3,339	3,211
3 Star	2,670	1,950	1,907
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	804	790	729
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,200</b>	<b>9,592</b>	<b>10,098</b>

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(2) Revised

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2018 <sup>2</sup>	January-March	
		2018	2019
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	1,912,339	1,618,629	1,458,004
5 Star	325,076	250,073	206,322
4 Star	1,021,251	878,395	836,560
3 Star	501,573	436,065	361,205
2 Star	64,439	54,096	53,917
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	137,105	113,370	119,511
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,049,444</b>	<b>1,731,999</b>	<b>1,577,515</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	1,870,233	1,594,771	1,442,260
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	316,283	244,194	202,921
4 Star	1,001,273	864,407	827,470
3 Star	488,928	432,329	358,167
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	133,464	111,681	118,413
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,003,697</b>	<b>1,706,452</b>	<b>1,560,673</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	42,106	23,858	15,744
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	8,793	5,879	3,401
4 Star	19,978	13,988	9,090
3 Star	12,645	3,736	3,038
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	3,641	1,689	1,098
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,747</b>	<b>25,547</b>	<b>16,842</b>

(1) Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

(2) Revised

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

Type of accommodation	Q4/2018 <sup>2</sup>	January-March	
		2018	2019
<b>MALTA</b>			
Hotel	109,566	112,608	115,647
5 Star	33,359	30,159	31,725
4 Star	52,795	59,031	67,483
3 Star	20,958	21,759	14,558
2 Star	2,454	1,659	1,881
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	6,096	3,539	3,981
<b>Total</b>	<b>115,662</b>	<b>116,147</b>	<b>119,628</b>
<b>Malta</b>			
Hotel	90,016	95,567	98,263
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	26,777	24,735	25,514
4 Star	46,194	52,209	60,994
3 Star	16,103	18,324	11,316
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	4,724	2,189	2,754
<b>Total</b>	<b>94,740</b>	<b>97,756</b>	<b>101,017</b>
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>			
Hotel	19,550	17,041	17,384
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	6,582	5,424	6,211
4 Star	6,601	6,822	6,489
3 Star	4,855	3,435	3,242
Other collective accommodation <sup>1</sup>	1,372	1,350	1,227
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,922</b>	<b>18,391</b>	<b>18,611</b>

(1) Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages

(2) Revised

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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 rates:

January 2018	<b>91.3%</b>	January 2019	<b>88.8%</b>
February 2018	<b>91.6%</b>	February 2019	<b>91.0%</b>
March 2018	<b>92.6%</b>	March 2019	<b>90.7%</b>

4. In this release figures for Quarter 4 2018 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to Quarter 1 2019 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. Users are advised that comparisons between non-resident arrivals recorded in the Inbound Tourism survey (Tourstat, demand-side) and the Collective Accommodation survey (Accomstat, supply-side), should be undertaken in the knowledge that discrepancies will be found. These are mainly due to differences in definitions and methodologies. For more details, one can 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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