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Total guests and nights spent in collective accommodation establishments during the second quarter of 2020 decreased by 97.0 per cent and 97.7 per cent respectively, when compared to the corresponding quarter in 2019.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q2/2020

Cut-off date:
17 August 2020

In the second quarter of 2020, total guests in collective accommodation establishments numbered 17,151, while total nights amounted to 64,161. The largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels and 3-star hotels, with 27.7 per cent and 25.7 per cent of the total respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments during the second quarter of 2020, went down to 3.7 nights from the average of 4.8 nights registered during the same quarter of 2019. The net use of bed-places stood at 6.5 per cent, down by 67.1 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during June 2020, there were 81 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 9,897 bedrooms and 24,009 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 13,674, down by 97.5 per cent over the second quarter of 2019. Additionally, a decrease of 97.9 per cent was recorded in the number of nights spent. Total guests and nights in Gozo and Comino decreased by 87.7 per cent and 90.2 per cent, to 3,477 and 8,796 respectively (Tables 1 and 2).

When compared with the same quarter of the previous year, in Malta, the average length of stay went down by 0.9 of a night to 4.0 nights. In Gozo and Comino the average length of stay also decreased by 0.7 of a night to 2.5 nights. The net occupancy rate in Malta decreased by 69.0 percentage points, reaching 5.9 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino decreased by 30.7 percentage points to 17.8 per cent (Table 3).

January-June 2020

Total guests in the first six months of 2020 amounted to 321,723, a decrease of 66.0 per cent over the same period in 2019 (Table 1). Total nights spent went down by 68.7 per cent, reaching nearly 1.4 million (Table 2). The net use of bed-places declined by 30.3 percentage points to 30.7 per cent (Table 3) ■

Statistics in this News Release should be interpreted in context of the COVID-19 situation.

Chart 1. Total guests and nights spent

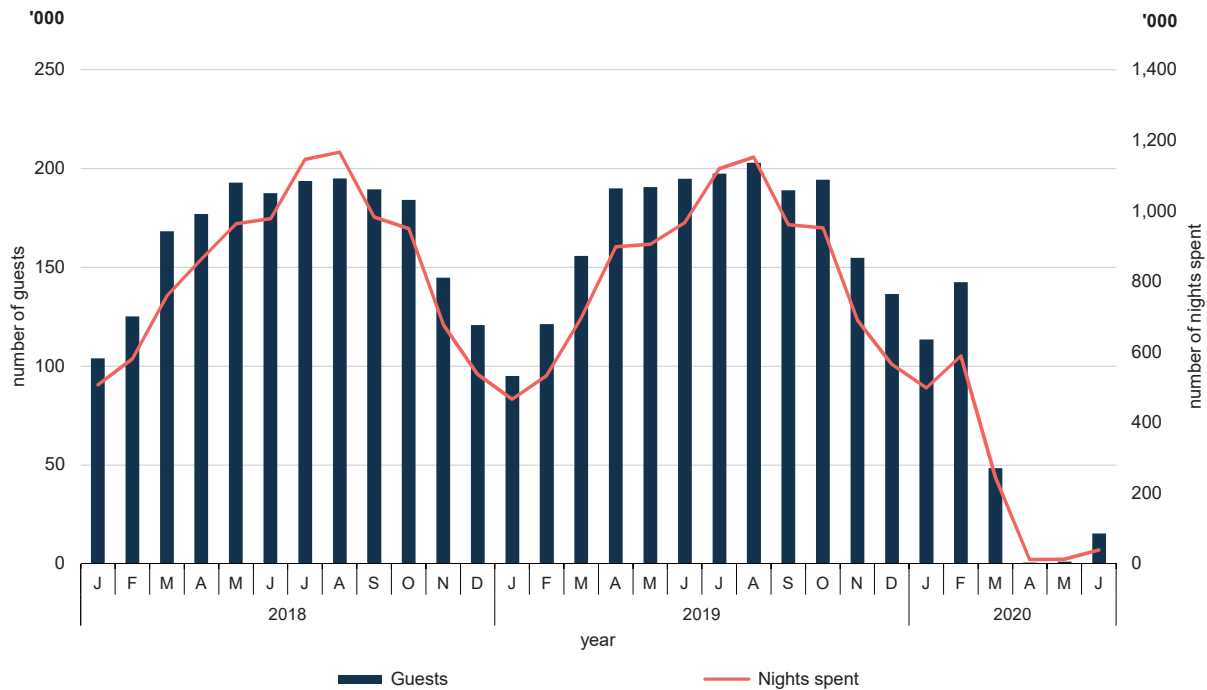


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	January-March 2020 ^{1,2}	April-June		January-June	
		2019	2020 ²	2019	2020 ²
MALTA					
Hotel	281,253	535,746	15,997	885,126	297,250
5 Star	55,795	109,788	4,721	180,293	60,516
4 Star	147,072	257,590	8,449	448,811	155,521
3 Star	69,359	152,466	2,342	230,302	71,701
2 Star	9,027	15,902	485	25,720	9,512
Other collective accommodation³	23,319	39,519	1,154	62,349	24,473
Total	304,572	575,265	17,151	947,475	321,723
Malta					
Hotel	271,432	510,846	12,964	846,625	284,396
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	52,977	103,020	3,797	169,244	56,774
4 Star	143,405	249,160	7,396	435,116	150,801
3 Star	66,821	143,964	1,635	218,719	68,456
Other collective accommodation³	21,998	36,228	710	57,824	22,708
Total	293,430	547,074	13,674	904,449	307,104
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	9,821	24,900	3,033	38,501	12,854
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	2,818	6,768	924	11,049	3,742
4 Star	3,667	8,430	1,053	13,695	4,720
3 Star	2,538	8,502	707	11,583	3,245
Other collective accommodation³	1,321	3,291	444	4,525	1,765
Total	11,142	28,191	3,477	43,026	14,619

¹ Revised.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

³ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

Note: Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release (Table 1a):

https://nso.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 type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	January-March 2020 ^{1, 2}	April-June		January-June	
		2019	2020 ²	2019	2020 ²
MALTA					
Hotel	1,230,899	2,574,544	54,934	4,148,195	1,285,833
5 Star	185,734	425,333	13,619	663,380	199,353
4 Star	679,215	1,337,459	17,766	2,241,502	696,981
3 Star	309,525	733,303	16,497	1,109,066	326,022
2 Star	56,425	78,449	7,052	134,247	63,477
Other collective accommodation³	101,087	195,221	9,227	318,713	110,314
Total	1,331,986	2,769,765	64,161	4,466,908	1,396,147
Malta					
Hotel	1,204,567	2,493,723	47,030	4,034,246	1,251,597
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	177,408	404,630	9,791	633,065	187,199
4 Star	668,014	1,305,413	15,600	2,193,877	683,614
3 Star	304,173	707,930	15,185	1,077,413	319,358
Other collective accommodation³	98,563	186,314	8,335	307,481	106,898
Total	1,303,130	2,680,037	55,365	4,341,727	1,358,495
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	26,332	80,821	7,904	113,949	34,236
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	8,326	20,703	3,828	30,315	12,154
4 Star	11,201	32,046	2,166	47,625	13,367
3 Star	5,352	25,373	1,312	31,653	6,664
Other collective accommodation³	2,524	8,907	892	11,232	3,416
Total	28,856	89,728	8,796	125,181	37,652

¹ Revised.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

³ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

Note: Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release (Table 2a):

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx

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

Type of accommodation	January-March 2020 ^{1, 2}	April-June		January-June	
				per cent	
		2019	2020 ²	2019	2020 ²
MALTA					
Hotel	38.3	75.5	6.5	62.4	31.7
5 Star	30.4	73.2	5.3	59.2	23.0
4 Star	46.4	77.2	6.7	65.4	40.3
3 Star	30.9	75.6	5.9	59.7	25.4
2 Star	42.3	61.2	14.5	54.9	34.9
Other collective accommodation³	28.7	55.3	6.6	47.4	22.4
Total	37.4	73.6	6.5	61.0	30.7
Malta					
Hotel	38.9	76.6	5.8	63.3	32.1
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	30.7	75.0	4.0	60.1	22.8
4 Star	47.5	78.2	6.4	66.5	41.5
3 Star	30.9	76.4	5.5	60.2	25.3
Other collective accommodation³	29.7	57.6	6.3	49.1	23.1
Total	38.0	74.9	5.9	62.0	31.1
Gozo and Comino					
Hotel	22.9	51.9	19.0	41.4	21.8
<i>of which:</i>					
5 Star	24.9	50.0	29.8	44.3	26.2
4 Star	18.7	50.9	10.7	38.1	16.7
3 Star	34.0	58.4	20.8	47.2	30.3
Other collective accommodation³	12.3	30.4	11.5	24.0	12.1
Total	21.3	48.5	17.8	38.9	20.3

¹ Revised.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

³ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

Notes:

1. Monthly tables available on the excel version of this news release (Table 3a):

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C3/Tourism_Statistics/Pages/Collective-Accommodation-Establishments.aspx

2. January-June 2019 figures for Gozo and Comino have been revised.

Table 4. Number of establishments, net bedrooms and net bed-places by type of accommodation, period and region

Type of accommodation	June					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
MALTA						
Hotel	126	54	16,706	9,105	37,709	21,538
5 Star	14	9	3,103	2,426	6,460	4,951
4 Star	44	20	8,298	3,757	19,066	9,303
3 Star	51	19	4,654	2,651	10,746	6,676
2 Star	17	6	651	271	1,437	608
Other collective accommodation¹	80	27	1,447	792	3,969	2,471
Total	206	81	18,153	9,897	41,678	24,009
Malta						
Hotel	111	41	15,861	8,431	35,906	20,087
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	7	2,886	2,209	6,005	4,496
4 Star	40	16	7,982	3,420	18,374	8,579
3 Star	45	15	4,377	2,566	10,176	6,490
Other collective accommodation¹	68	19	1,293	685	3,636	2,231
Total	179	60	17,154	9,116	39,542	22,318
Gozo and Comino						
Hotel	15	13	845	674	1,803	1,451
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	217	217	455	455
4 Star	4	4	316	337	692	724
3 Star	6	4	277	85	570	186
Other collective accommodation¹	12	8	154	107	333	240
Total	27	21	999	781	2,136	1,691

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	January-March 2020 ^{1,2}	April-June	
		2019	2020 ²
MALTA			
Hotel	232,978	497,219	3,031
5 Star	42,363	95,968	1,093
4 Star	120,699	242,460	1,168
3 Star	61,838	144,028	634
2 Star	8,078	14,763	136
Other collective accommodation³	20,456	37,011	87
Total	253,434	534,230	3,118
Malta			
Hotel	230,079	484,269	2,965
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	41,746	93,039	1,066
4 Star	119,300	237,483	1,133
3 Star	61,017	139,288	630
Other collective accommodation³	19,934	34,585	57
Total	250,013	518,854	3,022
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	2,899	12,950	66
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	617	2,929	27
4 Star	1,399	4,977	35
3 Star	821	4,740	4
Other collective accommodation³	522	2,426	30
Total	3,421	15,376	96

¹ Revised.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

³ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	January-March 2020 ^{1,2}	April-June	
		2019	2020 ²
MALTA			
Hotel	48,275	38,527	12,966
5 Star	13,432	13,820	3,628
4 Star	26,373	15,130	7,281
3 Star	7,521	8,438	1,708
2 Star	949	1,139	349
Other collective accommodation³	2,863	2,508	1,067
Total	51,138	41,035	14,033
Malta			
Hotel	41,353	26,577	9,999
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	11,231	9,981	2,731
4 Star	24,105	11,677	6,263
3 Star	5,804	4,676	1,005
Other collective accommodation³	2,064	1,643	653
Total	43,417	28,220	10,652
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	6,922	11,950	2,967
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	2,201	3,839	897
4 Star	2,268	3,453	1,018
3 Star	1,717	3,762	703
Other collective accommodation³	799	865	414
Total	7,721	12,815	3,381

¹ Revised.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

³ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	January-March 2020 ^{1,2}	April-June	
		2019	2020 ²
MALTA			
Hotel	1,123,772	2,481,970	27,102
5 Star	155,930	391,975	4,304
4 Star	621,479	1,300,361	3,280
3 Star	291,788	713,303	13,064
2 Star	54,575	76,331	6,454
Other collective accommodation³	94,370	189,110	6,836
Total	1,218,142	2,671,080	33,938
Malta			
Hotel	1,111,835	2,424,828	26,765
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	152,866	378,715	4,048
4 Star	614,994	1,276,245	3,204
3 Star	289,563	694,707	13,059
Other collective accommodation³	93,205	181,734	6,782
Total	1,205,040	2,606,562	33,547
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	11,937	57,142	337
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,064	13,260	256
4 Star	6,485	24,116	76
3 Star	2,225	18,596	5
Other collective accommodation³	1,165	7,376	54
Total	13,102	64,518	391

¹ Revised.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

³ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	January-March 2020 ^{1,2}	April-June	
		2019	2020 ²
MALTA			
Hotel	107,127	92,574	27,832
5 Star	29,804	33,358	9,315
4 Star	57,736	37,098	14,486
3 Star	17,737	20,000	3,433
2 Star	1,850	2,118	598
Other collective accommodation³	6,717	6,111	2,391
Total	113,844	98,685	30,223
Malta			
Hotel	92,732	68,895	20,265
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	24,542	25,915	5,743
4 Star	53,020	29,168	12,396
3 Star	14,610	13,223	2,126
Other collective accommodation³	5,358	4,580	1,553
Total	98,090	73,475	21,818
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	14,395	23,679	7,567
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	5,262	7,443	3,572
4 Star	4,716	7,930	2,090
3 Star	3,127	6,777	1,307
Other collective accommodation³	1,359	1,531	838
Total	15,754	25,210	8,405

¹ Revised.

² Refer to methodological note 7.

³ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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:

April 2019	90.9%	April 2020	91.7%
May 2019	91.3%	May 2020	99.7%
June 2019	90.6%	June 2020	98.8%

4. In this release, figures for January-March 2020 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to April-June 2020 are a first estimate, therefore subject to revision in the ensuing release.
5. The Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) classification of all accommodation categories is found in Legal Notice 351 of 2012. <http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lp&itemid=23956&l=1>
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. In view of the COVID-19 situation, guests accommodated in any collective accommodation establishment, and for which their stay was related to health or safety reasons (not related to tourism purposes), have been considered as out-of-scope for tourist accommodation statistics and therefore, not recorded for March-June 2020.
8. Due to the COVID-19 situation the following tourism-related sequence of events happened:

28-February	Passengers flying in from Italy, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Iran and South Korea, from 26th February onwards were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
08-March	Flights from/to Milan were suspended.
10-March	Flights from/to Italy were suspended.
10-March	Last cruise liner call.
11-March	Flights from/to France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain were suspended.
11-March	Passengers flying in from France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
13-March	All passengers flying in from all destinations were requested to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
18-March	Last Virtu' Ferries service for passengers between Malta and Sicily was operated.
21-March	All flights from/to all destinations were suspended.

Sources: Malta Tourism Authority, Transport Malta and Virtu' Ferries

9. **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 total number of residents and non-residents.
- **Total nights spent:** the total number of nights which guests actually spend or are 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.

10. 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>

11. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

12. A detailed news release calendar is available on:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/Release_Calendar/Pages/News-Release-Calendar.aspx

European statistics data on collective accommodation by NACE Rev.2 are available at:

<EUROSTAT Website/Homepage/Statistics Database>

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