

PRESS INFORMATION NOTICE

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Update to the National Tourism Survey Weighting Methodology

The National Statistics Office (NSO) has implemented an enhancement to the weighting methodology used in the National Tourism Survey (NTS). Survey weights are applied to correct for biases in the final sample that arise from differences in response rates across population sub-groups.

The NTS collects data on domestic and outbound trips only, therefore the target population relates to residents. Weighting ensures that the survey estimates are representative of the target population in terms of the distribution of individuals and private households. Under the updated methodology, Maltese and foreign residents are calibrated separately. This improvement allows the survey estimates to more accurately reflect the actual proportions of the Maltese and foreign resident populations.

The revised methodology, including the new weights, will be introduced for reference year 2024. Revised estimates for 2024, together with estimates for 2025, will be published in news release **Regional Tourism: 2025** on 23 July. The revised estimates for 2024 will supersede those previously published in [NR 132/2025 Regional Tourism: 2024](#).

The impact of the revised methodology on the comparability of the time series with previous reference years will be evaluated in the coming months. Where the analysis identifies statistically significant differences, revisions to the affected indicators and, where appropriate, the historical series will be conducted. This will maintain methodological consistency, ensure coherence over time, and preserve the accuracy of the published estimates. Users will be informed of any developments arising from this analysis.