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Total guests in collective accommodation establishments during the first quarter of 2022 numbered 253,716 while total nights spent amounted to 1,038,881.

Collective Accommodation Establishments: Q1/2022

Cut-off date:
16 May 2022

In the first quarter of 2022, the largest share of guest nights was reported in 4-star hotels, with 46.7 per cent of the total (Tables 1 and 2).

The average length of stay, in collective accommodation establishments, went up to 4.1 nights in the first quarter of 2022 from the average of 3.7 nights registered during the same quarter of 2021. The net use of bed-places stood at 29.4 per cent, up by 19.2 percentage points when compared to the corresponding quarter of the previous year (Table 3).

On a national level, during March 2022, there were 227 active collective accommodation establishments with a net capacity of 18,021 bedrooms and 41,388 bed-places (Table 4).

Regional breakdown

On a regional level, total guests in Malta numbered 241,335 while number of nights spent stood at 1,011,488. Total guests and nights in Gozo and Comino increased to 12,381 and 27,393 respectively from 7,063 and 14,717 registered in 2021 (Tables 1 and 2).

When compared with the same quarter of the previous year, in Malta, the average length of stay went up by 0.3 of a night to 4.2 nights. In Gozo and Comino the average length of stay increased by 0.1 of a night to 2.2 nights. The net occupancy rate in Malta increased by 19.7 percentage points, reaching 29.8 per cent, and that in Gozo and Comino increased by 7.7 percentage points to 20.1 per cent (Table 3) ■

Chart 1. Total guests and nights spent

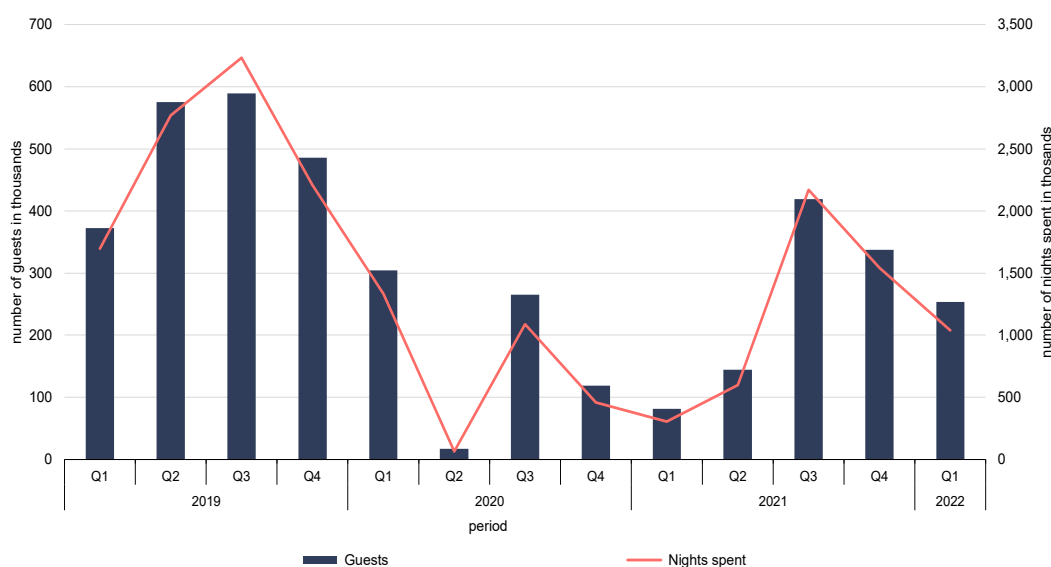


Table 1. Total guests (residents and non-residents) by period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	October-December 2021 ¹	January-March	
		2021	2022
MALTA			
Hotel	304,498	74,256	227,929
5 Star	69,451	20,066	43,993
4 Star	148,952	33,861	119,188
3 Star	76,411	18,739	58,017
2 Star	9,684	1,590	6,731
Other collective accommodation²	33,079	7,326	25,787
Total	337,577	81,582	253,716
Malta			
Hotel	287,665	67,715	217,555
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	64,152	17,772	41,542
4 Star	142,124	31,586	114,914
3 Star	73,154	17,470	55,481
Other collective accommodation²	30,183	6,804	23,780
Total	317,848	74,519	241,335
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	16,833	6,541	10,374
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	5,299	2,294	2,451
4 Star	6,828	2,275	4,274
3 Star	3,257	1,269	2,536
Other collective accommodation²	2,896	522	2,007
Total	19,729	7,063	12,381

¹ Revised.

² 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 period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	October-December 2021 ¹	January-March	
		2021	2022
MALTA			
Hotel	1,422,621	272,789	943,972
5 Star	296,960	65,324	149,444
4 Star	715,429	90,614	485,092
3 Star	361,926	104,690	279,811
2 Star	48,306	12,161	29,625
Other collective accommodation²	119,161	32,325	94,909
Total	1,541,782	305,114	1,038,881
Malta			
Hotel	1,375,004	259,181	920,619
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	280,329	59,654	142,594
4 Star	694,497	86,105	475,199
3 Star	354,495	102,390	275,171
Other collective accommodation²	112,718	31,216	90,869
Total	1,487,722	290,397	1,011,488
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	47,617	13,608	23,353
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	16,631	5,670	6,850
4 Star	20,932	4,509	9,893
3 Star	7,431	2,300	4,640
Other collective accommodation²	6,443	1,109	4,040
Total	54,060	14,717	27,393

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² 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 period, region and type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	October-December 2021 ¹	January-March	
		per cent	
		2021	2022
MALTA			
Hotel	42.3	10.3	30.4
5 Star	41.7	10.5	21.9
4 Star	44.8	7.9	34.2
3 Star	38.5	13.3	30.5
2 Star	41.4	12.9	35.0
Other collective accommodation²	29.3	9.8	21.9
Total	40.9	10.2	29.4
Malta			
Hotel	42.5	10.1	30.7
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	41.8	10.1	21.8
4 Star	45.4	7.8	35.0
3 Star	38.3	13.2	30.4
Other collective accommodation²	30.1	10.1	22.6
Total	41.2	10.1	29.8
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	36.1	13.7	22.2
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	39.7	19.5	27.0
4 Star	31.4	8.7	16.3
3 Star	48.0	20.8	40.8
Other collective accommodation²	19.9	5.8	13.0
Total	32.9	12.4	20.1

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Note: 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

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

Type of accommodation	March					
	Establishments		Bedrooms		Bed-places	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
MALTA						
Hotel	95	120	13,335	16,078	30,137	36,307
5 Star	14	17	3,366	3,727	7,020	7,743
4 Star	33	42	5,802	7,400	13,176	17,026
3 Star	35	48	3,689	4,569	8,859	10,651
2 Star	13	13	478	382	1,082	887
Other collective accommodation¹	72	107	1,331	1,943	3,720	5,081
Total	167	227	14,666	18,021	33,857	41,388
Malta						
Hotel	83	108	12,682	15,417	28,742	34,906
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	12	15	3,149	3,510	6,565	7,288
4 Star	29	38	5,465	7,063	12,452	16,302
3 Star	32	45	3,625	4,497	8,729	10,515
Other collective accommodation¹	64	95	1,224	1,746	3,480	4,649
Total	147	203	13,906	17,163	32,222	39,555
Gozo and Comino						
Hotel	12	12	653	661	1,395	1,401
<i>of which:</i>						
5 Star	2	2	217	217	455	455
4 Star	4	4	337	337	724	724
3 Star	3	3	64	72	130	136
Other collective accommodation¹	8	12	107	197	240	432
Total	20	24	760	858	1,635	1,833

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	October-December 2021 ¹	January-March	
		2021	2022
MALTA			
Hotel	245,733	29,837	169,864
5 Star	50,604	6,488	25,801
4 Star	120,803	13,288	89,629
3 Star	66,645	9,476	49,281
2 Star	7,681	585	5,153
Other collective accommodation²	28,078	2,674	21,182
Total	273,811	32,511	191,046
Malta			
Hotel	239,828	29,201	167,678
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	48,807	6,375	25,425
4 Star	118,416	13,112	88,801
3 Star	65,164	9,134	48,401
Other collective accommodation²	26,726	2,610	20,617
Total	266,554	31,811	188,295
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	5,905	636	2,186
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	1,797	113	376
4 Star	2,387	176	828
3 Star	1,481	342	880
Other collective accommodation²	1,352	64	565
Total	7,257	700	2,751

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	October-December 2021	January-March	
		2021	2022
MALTA			
Hotel	58,765	44,419	58,065
5 Star	18,847	13,578	18,192
4 Star	28,149	20,573	29,559
3 Star	9,766	9,263	8,736
2 Star	2,003	1,005	1,578
Other collective accommodation¹	5,001	4,652	4,605
Total	63,766	49,071	62,670
Malta			
Hotel	47,837	38,514	49,877
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	15,345	11,397	16,117
4 Star	23,708	18,474	26,113
3 Star	7,990	8,336	7,080
Other collective accommodation¹	3,457	4,194	3,163
Total	51,294	42,708	53,040
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	10,928	5,905	8,188
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	3,502	2,181	2,075
4 Star	4,441	2,099	3,446
3 Star	1,776	927	1,656
Other collective accommodation¹	1,544	458	1,442
Total	12,472	6,363	9,630

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	October-December 2021 ¹	January-March	
		2021	2022
MALTA			
Hotel	1,260,319	158,486	804,505
5 Star	245,254	33,935	108,303
4 Star	649,163	52,455	421,933
3 Star	325,725	64,019	250,389
2 Star	40,177	8,077	23,880
Other collective accommodation²	110,007	23,585	85,887
Total	1,370,326	182,071	890,392
Malta			
Hotel	1,236,116	156,331	797,391
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	236,802	32,901	106,434
4 Star	638,168	52,029	418,716
3 Star	321,597	63,356	248,572
Other collective accommodation²	106,381	23,422	84,656
Total	1,342,497	179,753	882,047
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	24,203	2,155	7,114
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	8,452	1,034	1,869
4 Star	10,995	426	3,217
3 Star	4,128	663	1,817
Other collective accommodation²	3,626	163	1,231
Total	27,829	2,318	8,345

¹ Revised.

² Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

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

Type of accommodation	October-December 2021	January-March	
		2021	2022
MALTA			
Hotel	162,302	114,303	139,467
5 Star	51,706	31,389	41,141
4 Star	66,266	38,159	63,159
3 Star	36,201	40,671	29,422
2 Star	8,129	4,084	5,745
Other collective accommodation¹	9,154	8,740	9,022
Total	171,456	123,043	148,489
Malta			
Hotel	138,888	102,850	123,228
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	43,527	26,753	36,160
4 Star	56,329	34,076	56,483
3 Star	32,898	39,034	26,599
Other collective accommodation¹	6,337	7,794	6,213
Total	145,225	110,644	129,441
Gozo and Comino			
Hotel	23,414	11,453	16,239
<i>of which:</i>			
5 Star	8,179	4,636	4,981
4 Star	9,937	4,083	6,676
3 Star	3,303	1,637	2,823
Other collective accommodation¹	2,817	946	2,809
Total	26,231	12,399	19,048

¹ Comprises guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.

Methodological Notes

- 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 non-residents;
 - Number of room nights sold to 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.

- The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments, namely hotels, guesthouses, hostels and tourist villages.
- Response rates:

January 2021	89.9%	January 2022	89.4%
February 2021	91.1%	February 2022	87.9%
March 2021	90.8%	March 2022	87.7%
- In this release, figures for October-December 2021 should be considered as a second estimate while those relating to January-March 2022 are a first estimate, therefore subject to revision in the ensuing release.
- The Malta Tourism Authority (MTA) classification of all accommodation categories are found in Legal Notice 351 of 2012. <http://justiceservices.gov.mt/DownloadDocument.aspx?app=lp&itemid=23956&l=1>
- 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 15.4 of the NSO's metadata file (<https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=35>).
- Statistics in this news release should be interpreted in context of the COVID-19 situation. In view of the pandemic, 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 out-of-scope for tourist accommodation statistics and therefore, not recorded for March 2020 - March 2022.
- Due to the COVID-19 situation, the following tourism-related chronology of events in 2020 happened in Malta:

28th February	People flying in from Italy, China (including Hong Kong), Singapore, Japan, Iran and South Korea from 26 February onwards needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
8th March	Flights from/to Milan were suspended.
10th March	Flights from/to Italy were suspended.
10th March	The last cruise liner call.
11th March	Flights from/to France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain, were suspended.
11th March	People flying in from France, Switzerland, Germany and Spain, needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
13th March	All people flying in from all destinations needed to stay in quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
18th March	The last Virtu' Ferries service for passengers between Malta and Sicily.
21st March	All flights from/to all destinations were suspended.
1st July	Re-opening of Malta International Airport. The first group of destinations that reopened for travel comprised: Germany, Austria, Italy, France, Spain, Poland, Cyprus, Switzerland, Iceland, Slovakia, Norway, Denmark, Hungary, Finland, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Luxembourg, Czech Republic, Greece and Croatia.
15th July	Restrictions on all other flight destinations were lifted.
21st August	First cruise liner call since March 2020.

Sources: Malta Tourism Authority, Virtu Ferries and Transport Malta

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: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/concepts.aspx>

Metadata: <https://metadata.nso.gov.mt/reports.aspx?id=35>

Statistical Database: <https://statdb.nso.gov.mt/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](https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en)

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