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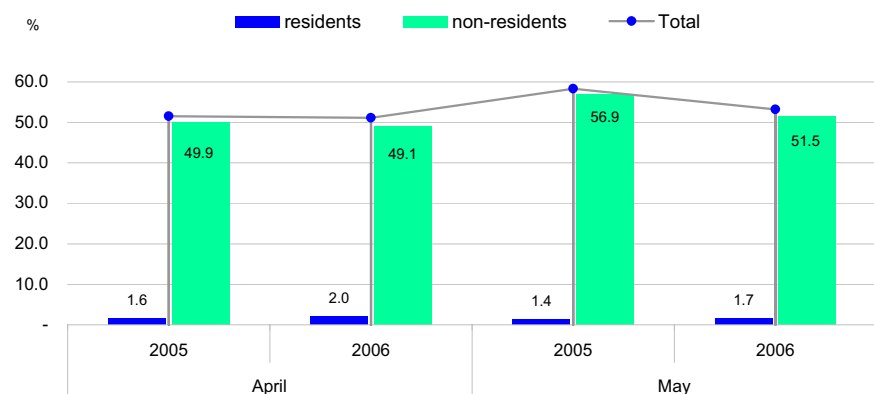
Tourism

Collective accommodation establishments: May 2006

Occupancy Trends

The overall occupancy rate (net use) in May 2006 went down by 5.1 percentage points when compared to May last year, to 53.2 per cent. Year-on-year, an increase of 2.3 per cent was registered in the overall supply of bed-places.

Chart 1. Net occupancy rates in collective accommodation establishments: April-May



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Length of stay and nights spent

In May 2006, total nights spent in collective accommodation establishments were recorded at 646,854, a decrease of 4.3 per cent over the corresponding month in 2005. Year-on-year, the average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments diminished by 0.3 nights to 6.1 nights.

Regional overview

Accounting for 95.5 per cent of the national bed-stock, the overall supply of bed-places in the Malta region stood at 37,669 beds, an increase of 2.2 per cent when compared to a year earlier. On an annual basis the net use of bed-places in the Malta region went down by 4.8 percentage points to 53.9 per cent in May 2006. The average length of stay was at 6.2 nights, down by 0.3 nights when compared to the same month a year ago.

In the Gozo and Comino region, the overall net use of bed-places in May was at 37.7 per cent, a decrease of 9.2 percentage points over the same month a year ago. The average length of stay was at 3.8 nights, down by 0.6 nights when compared to the month in 2005 ■

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Chart 2. Net use of bed-places in collective accommodation establishments by residents and non-residents, at regional level*



*see NUTS classification on page 10

Table 1. Net use of bed-places by residents and non-residents classified by type of accommodation category - MALTA

	Non-residents				Residents				Total			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	49.9	49.1	56.9	51.5	1.6	2.0	1.4	1.7	51.5	51.1	58.3	53.2
Hotel	52.7	51.9	59.2	53.3	1.7	2.3	1.4	1.9	54.4	54.2	60.6	55.2
5-Star	46.9	50.9	53.0	53.4	2.9	4.2	2.1	3.5	49.8	55.1	55.1	56.9
4-Star	60.4	59.4	71.1	64.1	2.2	2.5	1.9	2.3	62.6	61.9	73.0	66.4
3-Star	46.6	44.0	49.7	40.4	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.6	47.1	45.0	50.0	41.0
2-Star	22.5	22.7	20.6	21.2	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.1	23.7	23.3	21.8	22.3
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	36.4	35.3	45.6	42.5	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.9	37.7	36.3	46.9	43.4
Guesthouse	14.7	26.8	14.3	23.8	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.5	15.3	27.5	14.6	24.3
Holiday Complex ⁽²⁾	38.1	35.0	49.0	44.8	1.6	1.2	1.6	1.1	39.7	36.2	50.6	45.9
Hostel	41.3	45.8	44.9	43.9	-	0.2	-	-	41.3	46.0	44.9	43.9

⁽¹⁾ Comprises: guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

⁽²⁾ Aparthotels and Tourist Villages

Table 2. Net use of bed-places by residents and non-residents classified by type of accommodation category - Malta

	Non-residents				Residents				Total			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	51.2	50.3	57.5	52.4	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.5	52.5	51.9	58.7	53.9
Hotel	54.1	53.3	59.9	54.3	1.3	1.7	1.2	1.7	55.4	55.0	61.1	56.0
5-Star	47.4	52.5	52.4	54.7	2.7	3.5	2.1	3.4	50.1	56.0	54.5	58.1
4-Star	62.9	61.8	73.0	65.6	1.8	2.0	1.6	2.0	64.7	63.8	74.6	67.6
3-Star	47.3	44.6	50.2	41.1	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.4	47.5	45.2	50.4	41.5
2-Star	22.5	22.7	20.6	21.2	1.2	0.6	1.2	1.1	23.7	23.3	21.8	22.3
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	36.9	35.8	46.2	43.3	1.3	1.0	1.3	0.9	38.2	36.8	47.5	44.2

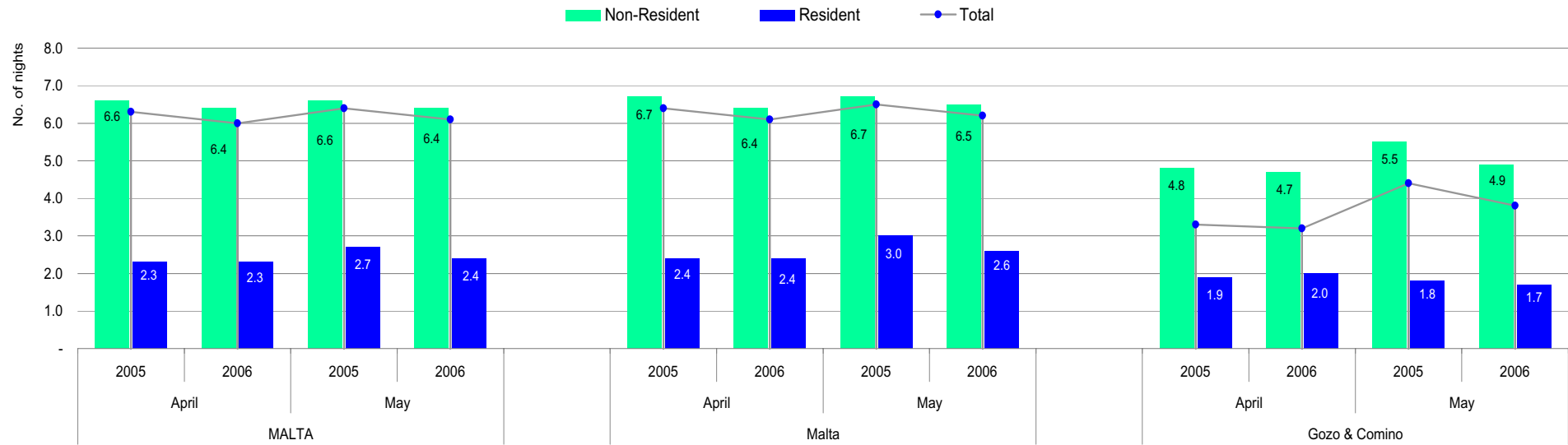
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Table 3. Net use of bed-places by residents and non-residents classified by type of accommodation category - Gozo & Comino

	Non-residents				Residents				Total			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	20.6	22.4	41.1	31.7	8.3	11.7	5.8	6.0	28.9	34.1	46.9	37.7
Hotel	21.0	23.0	43.7	33.4	9.0	12.6	6.4	6.3	30.0	35.6	50.1	39.7
5-Star	35.7	30.7	70.7	37.6	9.3	13.5	1.9	4.2	45.0	44.2	72.6	41.8
4-Star	18.8	20.1	42.1	37.5	8.7	11.2	7.5	7.1	27.5	31.3	49.6	44.6
3-Star	18.1	21.8	29.9	18.4	9.6	15.1	5.7	6.9	27.7	36.9	35.6	25.3
2-Star												
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	17.0	17.1	23.9	17.1	2.6	3.7	2.3	3.4	19.6	20.8	26.2	20.5

⁽¹⁾ Comprises: guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

Chart 3. Average length of stay in collective accommodation establishments by resident and non-resident arrivals, at regional level*



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*see NUTS classification on page 10

Table 4. Resident arrivals classified by type of accommodation category, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	7,675	10,339	6,005	8,870	5,790	7,275	4,493	6,860	1,885	3,064	1,512	2,010
Hotel	7,350	9,707	5,685	8,331	5,502	6,712	4,231	6,408	1,848	2,995	1,454	1,923
5-Star	1,984	2,743	1,659	2,530	1,684	2,110	1,573	2,255	300	633	86	275
4-Star	4,599	5,466	3,278	4,655	3,360	3,902	2,190	3,509	1,239	1,564	1,088	1,146
3-Star	604	1,441	536	1,078	295	643	256	576	309	798	280	502
2-Star	163	57	212	68	163	57	212	68				
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	325	632	320	539	288	563	262	452	37	69	58	87

⁽¹⁾ Comprises: guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

Table 5. Resident nights spent classified by type of accommodation category, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	17,553	23,708	16,035	20,943	13,963	17,701	13,350	17,622	3,590	6,007	2,685	3,321
Hotel	15,094	21,669	13,426	19,022	11,630	15,855	10,880	15,898	3,464	5,814	2,546	3,124
5-Star	3,809	6,730	3,526	5,862	3,299	5,206	3,416	5,322	510	1,524	110	540
4-Star	9,537	11,471	8,427	10,851	7,318	8,610	6,457	9,003	2,219	2,861	1,970	1,848
3-Star	1,479	3,342	1,100	2,062	744	1,913	634	1,326	735	1,429	466	736
2-Star	269	126	373	247	269	126	373	247				
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	2,459	2,039	2,609	1,921	2,333	1,846	2,470	1,724	126	193	139	197

Table 6. Non-resident arrivals classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	81,601	88,906	99,723	97,852	79,738	86,450	96,305	94,307	1,863	2,456	3,418	3,545
Hotel	73,765	80,114	88,832	87,642	72,091	77,827	85,821	84,380	1,674	2,287	3,011	3,262
5-Star	17,469	16,810	17,879	19,874	17,033	16,016	17,150	18,942	436	794	729	932
4-Star	36,163	40,755	45,769	45,829	35,236	39,755	43,929	44,012	927	1,000	1,840	1,817
3-Star	18,839	21,230	23,404	20,554	18,528	20,737	22,962	20,041	311	493	442	513
2-Star	1,294	1,319	1,780	1,385	1,294	1,319	1,780	1,385				
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	7,836	8,792	10,891	10,210	7,647	8,623	10,484	9,927	189	169	407	283

Table 7. Non-resident nights spent classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	541,308	568,563	660,161	625,911	532,361	557,032	641,232	608,396	8,947	11,531	18,929	17,515
Hotel	474,400	499,587	569,911	539,431	466,275	488,951	552,399	522,917	8,125	10,636	17,512	16,514
5-Star	60,845	82,196	87,990	90,420	58,883	78,741	83,977	85,630	1,962	3,455	4,013	4,790
4-Star	262,803	268,241	314,254	305,481	258,031	263,122	303,183	295,708	4,772	5,119	11,071	9,773
3-Star	145,801	143,991	161,415	138,633	144,410	141,929	158,987	136,682	1,391	2,062	2,428	1,951
2-Star	4,951	5,159	6,252	4,897	4,951	5,159	6,252	4,897				
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	66,908	68,976	90,250	86,480	66,086	68,081	88,833	85,479	822	895	1,417	1,001

*see NUTS classification on page 10

⁽¹⁾ Comprises: guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

Table 8. Total arrivals classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	89,276	99,245	105,728	106,722	85,528	93,725	100,798	101,167	3,748	5,520	4,930	5,555
Hotel	81,115	89,821	94,517	95,973	77,593	84,539	90,052	90,788	3,522	5,282	4,465	5,185
5-Star	19,453	19,553	19,538	22,404	18,717	18,126	18,723	21,197	736	1,427	815	1,207
4-Star	40,762	46,221	49,047	50,484	38,596	43,657	46,119	47,521	2,166	2,564	2,928	2,963
3-Star	19,443	22,671	23,940	21,632	18,823	21,380	23,218	20,617	620	1,291	722	1,015
2-Star	1,457	1,376	1,992	1,453	1,457	1,376	1,992	1,453				
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	8,161	9,424	11,211	10,749	7,935	9,186	10,746	10,379	226	238	465	370

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Table 9. Total nights spent classified by type of collective accommodation, at regional level*

	MALTA				Malta				Gozo & Comino			
	April		May		April		May		April		May	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Total	558,861	592,271	676,196	646,854	546,324	574,733	654,582	626,018	12,537	17,538	21,614	20,836
Hotel	489,494	521,256	583,337	558,453	477,905	504,806	563,279	538,815	11,589	16,450	20,058	19,638
5-Star	64,654	88,926	91,516	96,282	62,182	83,947	87,393	90,952	2,472	4,979	4,123	5,330
4-Star	272,340	279,712	322,681	316,332	265,349	271,732	309,640	304,711	6,991	7,980	13,041	11,621
3-Star	147,280	147,333	162,515	140,695	145,154	143,842	159,621	138,008	2,126	3,491	2,894	2,687
2-Star	5,220	5,285	6,625	5,144	5,220	5,285	6,625	5,144				
Other collective accommodation ⁽¹⁾	69,367	71,015	92,859	88,401	68,419	69,927	91,303	87,203	948	1,088	1,556	1,198

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⁽¹⁾ Comprises: guesthouses, holiday complexes and hostels

Table 10. Number of bedrooms and bed-places by hotel category and other type of accommodation for active and dormant accommodation establishments

REGIONAL LEVEL*	COLLECTIVE ACCOMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS	April 2005			April 2006			May 2005			May 2006		
		No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places	No. of establishments	No. of bedrooms	No. of bed-places
MALTA	Total	177	18,062	37,505	179	18,937	39,827	178	18,573	38,574	179	18,785	39,451
	Hotel	112	15,127	30,806	115	16,055	32,993	113	15,598	31,784	115	15,942	32,766
	5-Star	12	2,354	4,520	13	2,743	5,379	13	2,883	5,548	13	2,806	5,505
	4-Star	41	7,211	14,750	43	7,670	15,751	41	7,063	14,482	43	7,490	15,381
	3-Star	47	5,184	10,753	48	5,283	11,107	47	5,130	10,733	48	5,287	11,136
	2-Star	12	378	783	11	359	756	12	522	1,021	11	359	744
	Aparthotel	29	1,946	4,715	29	1,910	4,803	29	1,983	4,781	29	1,863	4,641
	Tourist Village	1	300	600	1	300	600	1	300	600	1	300	600
	Guesthouse	29	344	700	28	327	747	29	343	697	28	335	760
Hostel	6	345	684	6	345	684	6	349	712	6	345	684	
Malta	Total	159	17,234	35,803	161	18,083	38,096	160	17,745	36,872	161	17,917	37,669
	Hotel	102	14,410	29,321	104	15,303	31,454	103	14,881	30,299	104	15,169	30,429
	5-Star	10	2,175	4,145	11	2,564	5,004	11	2,704	5,173	11	2,609	5,094
	4-Star	36	6,800	13,902	38	7,259	14,903	36	6,652	13,634	38	7,081	14,541
	3-Star	44	5,057	10,491	44	5,121	10,791	44	5,003	10,471	44	5,120	10,794
	2-Star	12	378	783	11	359	756	12	522	1,021	11	359	744
	Aparthotel	28	1,916	4,659	28	1,872	4,743	28	1,953	4,725	28	1,833	4,585
	Tourist Village	1	300	600	1	300	600	1	300	600	1	300	600
	Guesthouse	23	267	547	23	267	623	23	266	544	23	274	635
Hostel	5	341	676	5	341	676	5	345	704	5	341	676	
Gozo & Comino	Total	18	828	1,702	18	854	1,731	18	828	1,702	18	868	1,782
	Hotel	10	717	1,485	11	752	1,539	10	717	1,485	11	773	2,337
	5-Star	2	179	375	2	179	375	2	179	375	2	197	411
	4-Star	5	411	848	5	411	848	5	411	848	5	409	840
	3-Star	3	127	262	4	162	316	3	127	262	4	167	342
	2-Star	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Aparthotel	1	30	56	1	38	60	1	30	56	1	30	56
	Tourist Village	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Guesthouse	6	77	153	5	60	124	6	77	153	5	61	125
Hostel	1	4	8	1	4	8	1	4	8	1	4	8	

*see NUTS classification on page 10

Methodological notes

Survey on collective accommodation establishments

1. In this release the figures for February 2006 should be considered as second estimate while those relating to March 2006 are a first estimate - thus subject to minor revisions in the following release.
2. The survey is distributed monthly to all collective accommodation establishments namely hotels, apart-hotels, guesthouses, tourist villages and hostels.
3. The objective of the survey is to estimate the utilization rate of bed-places of all collective accommodation establishments in Malta and Gozo as occupied by residents, giving an indication of domestic tourism, and non-residents. The variables collected from the survey are as follows:
 - Number of residents
 - Number of non-residents
 - Nights spent by residents
 - Nights spent by non-residents
 - Number of bedrooms
 - Number of bed-places
 - Number of days the establishment was closed during the month

The collection of the above variables and the calculation of occupancy levels satisfy sections A and B of EU directive 95/57/EC.

4. These statistics should be considered as current and subject to revision. A last and final revision is normally carried out after the lapse of one year from the reference month.
5. Definitions
 - *Residents* are Maltese/Gozitan residents who check in (out) of a collective accommodation establishment. A person is considered to be resident in a country if the person:
 - (a) has lived for most of the past year or 12 months in that country;
 - (b) has lived in that country for a shorter period and intends to return within 12 months to live in that country.
 - *Non-residents* are foreigners who do not necessarily follow the definition of a tourist and check in (out) of a collective accommodation establishment.
 - *Domestic tourism* is the tourism of resident visitors within the economic territory of the country of residence.
 - *Total arrivals* are the number of residents and non-residents altogether.
 - *A night spent by residents / non-residents* is each night a guest actually spends (sleeps or stays) or is registered (his/her physical presence there being unnecessary) in a collective accommodation establishment.
 - A *bedroom* is the unit formed by one room or groups of rooms constituting an indivisible rental whole in an accommodation establishment or dwelling.
 - A *bed-place* in an establishment is determined by the number of persons who can stay overnight in the bed set up in the establishment, ignoring any extra beds that may be set up by customer request.
 - *Net use of bed-places* is the net occupancy rate calculated for all active accommodation establishments net of seasonal closures and other temporary closures for decoration, police order, etc.
 - *Gross use of bed-places* is the gross occupancy rate calculated for all active and dormant collective accommodation establishments.

Response Rate

April	92.4%
May	91.9%

NUTS classification

The Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) is a common classification that is used to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics with regard to the European Union. It was adopted on 26 May 2003 by means of a Regulation¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council.

¹ (EC) No. 1059/2003

NUTS levels					
Administrative area	I (National)	II (National)	III (Regional)	IV (District)	V (Locality)
MALTA	x	x	x	x	x
Malta			x		
Gozo & Comino			x		
Southern Harbour				x	
Northern Harbour				x	
South Eastern				x	
Western				x	
Northern				x	
Gozo & Comino				x	

COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS - NUTS level V

Southern Harbour: Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa Paola, Santa Luċġja, Tarxien, Xgħajra.

Northern Harbour: Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Ħamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pietà, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

South Eastern: Żejtun, B'Bugia, Gudja, Għaxaq, Kirkop, M'Scala, M'Xlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Żurrieq.

Western: Mdina, Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

Northern: Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il-Baħar.

Gozo and Comino: Rabat, Fontana, G'Sielem & Comino, Għarb, Għasri, Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xagħra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.