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Key figures for the month ended September 2002

Actual estimates	September 2001		% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between July 2001 to September 2001 and July 2002 to September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room occupancy rate (%)	56.8	61.2	7.7	8.7	7.8
Bed occupancy rate (%)	37.7	40.5	7.4	8.4	7.9
Hotel income (R million)	507.4	575.7	13.5	14.9	11.2

Key findings for the month ended September 2002

The room occupancy rate and the bed occupancy rate of hotels in South Africa for September 2002 increased by 7,7% and 7,4% respectively, compared with August 2001. Increases in the room occupancy rate were recorded in all of the 9 provinces. Gauteng recorded the largest increase in the room occupancy rate (+13,6%), followed by North West (+8,6%) and Western Cape (+7,9%). Increases in the bed occupancy rate were recorded in all of the 9 provinces. Gauteng recorded the largest increase in the bed occupancy rate (+14,4%), followed by North West (+9,4%) and Western Cape (+7,9%). The total hotel income for September 2002 increased by 13,5% compared with September 2001.

Increases in the room occupancy rate were recorded in 22 of the 25 tourism regions for September 2002 compared with September 2001 (cf. table B, column 2). Johannesburg and Rest of Gauteng tourism region recorded the largest increase in the room occupancy rate (+15,1%), followed by Pretoria tourism region (+12,3%) and East Rand tourism region (+9,3%). The largest decrease was recorded by Pietermaritzburg and Midlands tourism region (-1,6%), followed by Border tourism region (-1,2%) and Rest of Free State tourism region (-0,2%).

Increases in the bed occupancy rate were recorded in 21 of the 25 tourism regions during the above-mentioned period (cf. table B, column 3). Johannesburg and Rest of Gauteng tourism region recorded the largest increase in the bed occupancy rate (+16,3%), followed by Pretoria tourism region (+11,7%) and East Rand tourism region (+10,5%). The largest decrease was recorded by Rest of Free State tourism region (-2,6%), followed by Pietermaritzburg and Midlands tourism region (-0,7%) and Durban and Umhlanga tourism region (-0,4%).

Increases in total hotel income were recorded in 24 of the 25 tourism regions during the above-mentioned period (cf. table B, column 4). Johannesburg and Rest of Gauteng tourism region recorded the largest increase in total hotel income (+28,6%), followed by Pretoria tourism region (+25,5%) and East Rand tourism region (+18,8%). The only decrease was recorded by Rest of Free State tourism region (-1,2%).

Key findings for the period July 2002 to September 2002

The room occupancy rate of hotels in South Africa for the third quarter of 2002 increased by 8,7% compared with the third quarter of 2001, while the bed occupancy rate increased by 8,4% during the above-mentioned period. The total hotel income for the third quarter of 2002 increased by 14,9% compared with the third quarter of 2001.

Key findings for the period January 2002 to September 2002

The room occupancy rate and the bed occupancy rate of hotels in South Africa for the period January 2002 to September 2002 increased by 7,8% and 7,9% respectively, compared with the period January 2001 to September 2001. Increases in the room occupancy rate were recorded in all 9 provinces. Gauteng recorded the largest increase in the room occupancy rate (+10,4%), followed by North West (+9,1%) and Mpumalanga (+8,3%). Increases in the bed occupancy rate were recorded in all 9 provinces. Gauteng recorded the largest increase in the bed occupancy rate (+11,0%), followed by North West (+9,2%) and Mpumalanga (+8,5%). The total hotel income for the period January 2002 to September 2002 increased by 11,2% compared with the period January 2001 to September 2001.

Increases in the room occupancy rate were recorded in 24 of the 25 tourism regions for the period January 2002 to September 2002 compared with the period January 2001 to September 2001 (cf. table D, column 2). South Coast and Interior tourism region recorded the largest increase in the room occupancy rate (+12,7%), followed by Johannesburg and Rest of Gauteng tourism region (+11,1%) and Overberg tourism region (+10,0%). A decrease was recorded by Pietermaritzburg and Midlands tourism region (-0,5%).

Increases in the bed occupancy rate were recorded in 24 of the 25 tourism regions during the above-mentioned period (cf. table D, column 3). South Coast and Interior region recorded the largest increase in the bed occupancy rate (+12,4%), followed by Johannesburg and Rest of Gauteng tourism region (+12,0%) and Overberg tourism region (+11,0%). A decrease was recorded by Pietermaritzburg and Midlands tourism region (-0,9%).

Increases in total hotel income were recorded in all 25 tourism regions during the above-mentioned period (cf. table D, column 4). Overberg tourism region recorded the largest increase in total hotel income (+18,0%), followed by Johannesburg and Rest of Gauteng tourism region (+17,4%) and East Rand tourism region (+14,8%).

Table A - Percentage change in the room and bed occupancy rates and total hotel income for September 2002 compared with September 2001 according to star grading

	Number of	participants	Percentage increase (+) or decrease (-)			
Star grading	September	September September		Room Bed		
	2001	2002	occupancy	occupancy	income ^{1/}	
			rate	rate		
Ungraded	252	245	6.6	6.4	13.9	
One and two star	34	33	7.8	9.1	6.6	
Three star	93	90	8.6	10.5	13.8	
Four star	28	28	18.2	15.6	9.2	
Five star	14	14	22.2	16.8	14.2	
Total	421	410	7.7	7.4	13.5	

1/ Not adjusted for inflation

Table B - Percentage change in room and bed occupancy rates and total hotel income for September 2002 compared with September 2001 according to province and tourism region

	Per	centage increa	se (+) or decrease (-)
Province and tourism region	Room	Bed	Total hotel
	occupancy	occupancy	income ^{1/}
	rate	rate	
Western Cape	7.9	7.9	9.1
Cape Metropole	8.3	8.7	10.0
Wineland	5.8	4.6	6.8
West Coast	8.4	6.0	7.8
Little and Central Karoo	6.7	7.3	6.7
Garden Route	7.5	7.3	7.6
Overberg	1.9	2.2	3.6
Breede River	6.8	7.5	8.3
Eastern Cape	2.0	1.9	2.2
Border	-1.2	-0.2	0.5
Algoa	1.5	2.2	3.5
Rest of Eastern Cape	4.7	3.9	2.4
Northern Cape	3.0	2.4	4.2
Griqualand West	2.5	2.3	3.8
Rest of Northern Cape	3.6	2.7	4.4
Free State	5.1	3.4	5.1
Bloemfontein and Transgariep	6.1	5.4	7.2
Rest of Free State	-0.2	-2.6	-1.2
KwaZulu-Natal	1.0	0.8	3.0
Durban and Umhlanga	0.2	-0.4	1.8
South Coast and Interior	4.0	4.2	4.8
Pietermaritzburg and Midlands	-1.6	-0.7	0.8
Drakensberg	6.1	6.0	6.4
Rest of KwaZulu-Natal	1.5	0.5	2.1
North West	8.6	9.4	14.9
Gauteng	13.6	14.4	26.9
Pretoria	12.3	11.7	25.5
Johannesburg & Rest of Gauteng	15.1	16.3	28.6
East Rand	9.3	10.5	18.8
Mpumalanga	7.8	7.2	8.6
Northern Province	5.2	6.1	7.5
Total	7.7	7.4	13.5

1/ Not adjusted for inflation

 $\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Table C - Percentage change in the room and bed occupancy rates and total hotel income for January to September 2002 compared with January to September 2001 according to star grading } \\ \end{array}$

	Number of p	articipants	Percentage increase (+) or decrease (-)			
Star grading	September 2001	September 2002	Room occupancy rate	Bed occupancy rate	Total hotel income ^{1/}	
Ungraded	252	245	8.0	8.0	11.2	
One and two star	34	33	6.5	7.0	9.3	
Three star	93	90	5.9	4.4	8.3	
Four star	28	28	9.1	11.6	10.5	
Five star	14	14	13.1	15.3	18.2	
Total	421	410	7.8	7.9	11.2	

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Table D - Percentage change in room and bed occupancy rates and total hotel income for January to September 2002 compared with January to September 2001 according to province and tourism region

	Percentage increase (+) or decrease (-)						
Province and tourism region	Room	Bed	Total hotel				
_	occupancy	occupancy	income ^{1/}				
	rate	rate					
Western Cape	7.5	8.0	10.8				
Cape Metropole	8.4	9.4	11.2				
Wineland	8.4	8.6	11.5				
West Coast	5.5	5.2	6.1				
Little and Central Karoo	2.8	2.8	3.3				
Garden Route	3.1	3.0	5.2				
Overberg	10.0	11.0	18.0				
Breede River	6.6	7.1	9.0				
Eastern Cape	5.2	4.0	5.8				
Border	3.6	4.1	4.6				
Algoa	5.2	5.4	6.0				
Rest of Eastern Cape	6.5	4.5	6.3				
Northern Cape	4.0	3.5	4.7				
Griqualand West	1.0	0.9	1.2				
Rest of Northern Cape	5.7	5.2	6.8				
Free State	5.0	4.3	4.8				
Bloemfontein and Transgariep	3.6	3.6	4.5				
Rest of Free State	5.4	5.3	5.8				
KwaZulu-Natal	6.0	5.8	7.4				
Durban and Umhlanga	5.8	5.6	6.7				
South Coast and Interior	12.7	12.4	12.4				
Pietermaritzburg and Midlands	-0.5	-0.9	2.1				
Drakensberg	5.3	4.8	6.6				
Rest of KwaZulu-Natal	5.4	5.3	6.8				
North West	9.1	9.2	11.8				
Gauteng	10.4	11.0	16.6				
Pretoria	9.1	8.7	14.1				
Johannesburg & Rest of Gauteng	11.1	12.0	17.4				
East Rand	9.4	10.0	14.8				
Mpumalanga	8.3	8.5	8.5				
Northern Province	8.0	8.2	8.9				
Total	7.8	7.9	11.2				

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Figure 1 - Room and bed occupancy rates of hotels

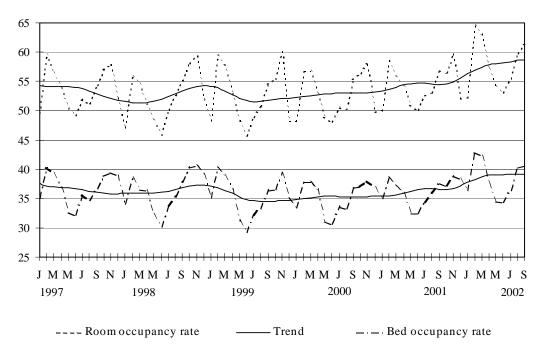
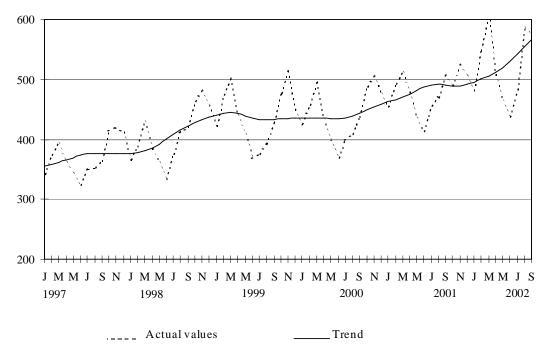


Figure 2 - Total hotel income



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Issue	Expected release date		
September 2002	14 November 2002		
October 2002	19 December 2002		
November 2002	15 January 2003		
December 2002	13 February 2003		
January 2003	13 March 2003		
	September 2002 October 2002 November 2002 December 2002		

Purpose of the survey

The Survey of Trading Statistics of Hotels is a monthly survey covering a sample of private establishments in the formal accommodation industry in South Africa. The results of the survey are used to compile estimates of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and its components, which are used to develop and monitor government policy. These statistics are also used by the private sector in analyses of comparative business and industry performance. The results are published monthly in statistical release P6441 – Hotels: trading statistics.

New questionnaire

The Survey of Trading Statistics of Hotels was re-engineered in consultation with major stakeholders with the purpose of incorporating users' needs. This resulted in the change of some data items on the old questionnaire.

The new questionnaire only collects the following data items -

- room income:
- income from catering;
- income from bar-sales;
- income from off sales;
- other income (sundries);
- total number of rooms available;
- total number of room nights sold;
- total number of beds available; and
- total number of bed nights sold.

Changes regarding tourism regions

After consultation with major stakeholders in the hotel industry, the following changes regarding tourism regions were made and the first results were published in statistical release P6441 - Hotels: trading statistics, January 2000 on 16 March 2000:

- Current tourism regions are grouped according to towns and cities, while the
 previous tourism regions were grouped according to magisterial districts
 (cf. table 8).
- Hotels in Sandton which were previously included in the Rest of Gauteng tourism region, are now included in Johannesburg tourism region.
- Jacaranda tourism region is called Pretoria tourism region.
- The Lowveld and Escarpment tourism region and the Rest of Mpumalanga tourism region have been combined and is now called Mpumalanga tourism region.
- The Rest of Gauteng tourism region and the Johannesburg tourism region were combined for comparison purposes in table B (cf. page 3). As a result of this, Stats SA now reports on 25 tourism regions in table B instead of 26 tourism regions. For more information, see table 8, page 31.

New sample

According to international best practice and in order to train the relevant respondents in using the new questionnaire, to validate the information received and to avoid a break in the time series published in this statistical release, Stats SA decided to introduce the new questionnaire as the first step in the re-engineering process. Stats SA will in due course, as the second step, introduce a new sample.

Currently Stats SA is busy re-engineering the register of businesses which serves as the sampling frame, in collaboration with the South African Revenue Service and the Departments of Trade and Industry and Labour. The process will take some time, since there are hundreds of thousands of businesses, many of whom are, in any given period, changing ownership, closing, or being registered. As soon as this improvement in the listing and classification of businesses has been implemented, Stats SA will draw a new sample.

Table 1 - Summary of trading statistics of hotels in South Africa

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	to	January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	52,443	52,003	51,978	52,150	473,469	470,233
Room nights available per month	Number	1,573,290	1,612,093	1,611,318	1,564,500	14,361,826	14,263,206
Room nights sold per month	Number	894,391	895,230	962,061	956,993	7,682,169	8,235,886
Room occupancy rate	%	56.8	55.5	59.7	61.2	53.5	57.7
Bed statistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	110,162	109,622	109,689	109,978	992,817	990,839
Bed nights available per month	Number	3,304,860	3,398,282	3,400,359	3,299,340	30,115,257	30,054,544
Bed nights sold per month	Number	1,245,146	1,233,552	1,371,062	1,336,621	10,686,478	11,512,058
Bed occupancy rate	%	37.7	36.3	40.3	40.5	35.5	38.3
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	315,660	313,399	393,071	374,934	2,647,202	3,046,593
Income from catering	R'000	116,994	103,980	119,038	124,655	933,384	1,007,878
Income from bar sales	R'000	42,680	35,146	39,916	41,208	356,308	344,251
Other income	R'000	32,021	30,475	34,515	34,903	281,326	293,546
Total hotel income	R'000	507,355	483,000	586,540	575,700	4,218,220	4,692,268

^{*} Revised figures

Table 2 - Percentage change in trading statistics of hotels in South Africa

Particulars	Unit	% change between July 2001 and July 2002	% change between August 2001 and August 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	%	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6	-0.7
Room nights available per month	%	-0.8	-0.9	-0.6	-0.7
Room nights sold per month	%	5.0	11.7	7.0	7.2
Room occupancy rate	%	5.7	12.6	7.7	7.8
Bed statistics					
Bed nights available per day	%	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2
Bed nights available per month	%	-0.5	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2
Bed nights sold per month	%	5.0	11.9	7.3	7.7
Bed occupancy rate	%	5.5	12.3	7.4	7.9
Income statistics					
Room income	%	7.9	35.8	18.8	15.1
Income from catering	%	5.4	10.7	6.5	8.0
Income from bar sales	%	-4.6	-1.7	-3.4	-3.4
Otherincome	%	4.1	8.4	9.0	4.3
Total hotel income	%	6.1	25.0	13.5	11.2

Table 3 - Trading statistics of hotels according to star grading: September 2002

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	Total
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	40,027	2,968	5,652	2,517	986	52,150
Room nights available per month	Number	1,200,810	89,040	169,560	75,510	29,580	1,564,500
Room nights sold per month	Number	772,305	35,847	86,918	43,612	18,311	956,993
Room occupancy rate	%	64.3	40.3	51.3	57.8	61.9	61.2
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	85,140	6,773	11,095	5,020	1,950	109,978
Bed nights available per month	Number	2,554,200	203,190	332,850	150,600	58,500	3,299,340
Bed nights sold per month	Number	1,059,045	56,295	131,700	61,520	28,061	1,336,621
Bed occupancy rate	%	41.5	27.7	39.6	40.9	48.0	40.5
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	306,855	7,649	24,121	19,726	16,583	374,934
Income from catering	R'000	90,969	4,590	15,556	7,426	6,114	124,655
Income from bar sales	R'000	30,092	2,620	4,032	2,028	2,436	41,208
Other income	R'000	27,261	520	3,459	1,966	1,697	34,903
Total hotel income	R'000	455,177	15,379	47,168	31,146	26,830	575,700

Table 4 - Percentage change in trading statistics of hotels for September 2002 compared with September 2001 according to star grading

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	Total
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	-0.5	-2.0	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4	-0.5
Room nights sold per month	Number	6.1	5.3	8.2	18.0	21.7	7.0
Room occupancy rate	%	6.6	7.8	8.6	18.2	22.2	7.7
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	-0.2	-0.4	0.3	-0.4	1.1	-0.2
Bed nights sold per month	%	6.2	8.5	10.8	15.1	18.0	7.3
Bed occupancy rate	%	6.4	9.1	10.5	15.6	16.8	7.4
Income statistics							
Room income	%	19.1	12.0	14.2	20.7	21.2	18.8
Income from catering	%	7.3	6.1	17.2	-11.4	-1.9	6.5
Income from bar sales	%	-4.7	-9.2	2.2	-8.1	17.0	-3.4
Other income	%	7.1	36.6	11.6	23.7	13.4	9.0
Total hotel income	%	13.9	6.6	13.8	9.2	14.2	13.5

Table $5\,$ - Trading statistics of hotels according to province: September 2002

Table 5.1 - Trading statistics of hotels: Western Cape

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	11,613	11,476	11,456	11,593	-0.2	-0.5
Room nights available per month	Number	348,390	355,756	355,136	347,790	-0.2	-0.5
Room nights sold per month	Number	179,280	148,911	168,074	193,036	7.7	7.1
Room occupancy rate	%	51.5	41.9	47.3	55.5	7.9	7.5
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	23,861	23,632	23,609	23,871	0.0	-0.3
Bed nights available per month	Number	715,830	732,592	731,879	716,130	0.0	-0.3
Bed nights sold per month	Number	264,238	218,945	252,464	285,353	8.0	7.9
Bed occupancy rate	%	36.9	29.9	34.5	39.8	7.9	8.0
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	72,189	53,432	64,921	80,689	11.8	13.5
Income from catering	R'000	23,340	16,060	20,339	24,673	5.7	6.4
Income from bar sales	R'000	7,171	5,175	6,696	7,234	0.9	5.8
Otherincome	R'000	6,754	5,165	7,041	6,855	1.5	2.0
Total hotel income	R'000	109,454	79,832	98,997	119,451	9.1	10.8

Table 5.2 - Trading statistics of hotels: Eastern Cape

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	4,311	4,232	4,214	4,216	-2.2	-1.7
Room nights available per month	Number	129,330	131,192	130,634	126,480	-2.2	-1.7
Room nights sold per month	Number	72,104	77,012	72,182	71,962	-0.2	3.5
Room occupancy rate	%	55.8	58.7	55.3	56.9	2.0	5.2
Bed statistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	10,105	9,956	9,952	9,952	-1.5	-1.4
Bed nights available per month	Number	303,150	308,636	308,512	298,560	-1.5	-1.4
Bed nights sold per month	Number	100,183	109,600	106,238	100,576	0.4	2.6
Bed occupancy rate	%	33.0	35.5	34.4	33.7	1.9	4.0
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	18,365	20,029	20,742	18,875	2.8	6.0
Income from catering	R'000	7,866	8,298	8,870	7,995	1.6	6.9
Income from bar sales	R'000	3,331	3,609	3,682	3,284	-1.4	0.9
Otherincome	R'000	1,323	1,533	1,011	1,423	7.5	9.7
Total hotel income	R'000	30,885	33,469	34,305	31,577	2.2	5.8

^{*} Revised figures

Table 5.3 - Trading statistics of hotels: Northern Cape

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	1,824	1,812	1,817	1,817	-0.4	-0.3
Room nights available per month	Number	54,720	56,172	56,327	54,510	-0.4	-0.3
Room nights sold per month	Number	26,714	25,005	26,609	27,415	2.6	3.5
Room occupancy rate	%	48.8	44.5	47.2	50.3	3.0	4.0
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	4,111	4,098	4,169	4,169	1.4	1.0
Bed nights available per month	Number	123,330	127,038	129,239	125,070	1.4	1.0
Bed nights sold per month	Number	33,945	32,118	35,364	35,254	3.9	4.6
Bed occupancy rate	%	27.5	25.3	27.4	28.2	2.4	3.5
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	6,337	5,664	6,180	6,525	3.0	5.4
Income from catering	R'000	1,549	1,178	1,683	1,708	10.3	6.0
Income from bar sales	R'000	794	684	871	841	5.9	3.5
Other income	R'000	189	159	174	166	-12.3	-18.0
Total hotel income	R'000	8,869	7,685	8,908	9,240	4.2	4.7

Table 5.4 - Trading statistics of hotels: Free State

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	2,753	2,724	2,727	2,712	-1.5	-2.1
Room nights available per month	Number	82,590	84,444	84,537	81,360	-1.5	-2.1
Room nights sold per month	Number	38,141	38,789	37,989	39,480	3.5	2.8
Room occupancy rate	%	46.2	45.9	44.9	48.5	5.1	5.0
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	5,702	5,694	5,699	5,641	-1.1	-0.6
Bed nights available per month	Number	171,060	176,514	176,669	169,230	-1.1	-0.6
Bed nights sold per month	Number	55,025	53,846	53,677	56,315	2.3	3.7
Bed occupancy rate	%	32.2	30.5	30.4	33.3	3.4	4.3
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	9,420	9,455	9,325	9,826	4.3	6.3
Income from catering	R'000	2,223	2,345	2,301	2,414	8.6	9.4
Income from bar sales	R'000	981	934	853	909	-7.4	-11.2
Otherincome	R'000	421	498	491	558	32.5	-7.4
Total hotel income	R'000	13,045	13,232	12,970	13,707	5.1	4.8

^{*} Revised figures

Table 5.5 - Trading statistics of hotels: KwaZulu-Natal

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	8,986	9,059	9,064	9,054	0.8	1.0
Room nights available per month	Number	269,580	280,829	280,984	271,620	0.8	1.0
Room nights sold per month	Number	170,972	180,616	175,411	173,968	1.8	7.1
Room occupancy rate	%	63.4	64.3	62.4	64.1	1.0	6.0
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	19,244	19,515	19,536	19,534	1.5	1.5
Bed nights available per month	Number	577,320	604,965	605,616	586,020	1.5	1.5
Bed nights sold per month	Number	245,005	260,885	254,353	250,558	2.3	7.4
Bed occupancy rate	%	42.4	43.1	42.0	42.8	0.8	5.8
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	56,433	71,180	58,593	56,514	0.1	8.6
Income from catering	R'000	21,073	22,733	25,905	23,123	9.7	8.4
Income from bar sales	R'000	7,539	7,032	7,351	7,615	1.0	-1.9
Otherincome	R'000	7,852	8,809	7,389	8,411	7.1	4.8
Total hotel income	R'000	92,897	109,754	99,238	95,663	3.0	7.4

Table 5.6 - Trading statistics of hotels: North West

Particulars	Unit	September 2001*	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	3,084	3,046	3,049	3,049	-1.1	-1.3
Room nights available per month	Number	92,520	94,426	94,519	91,470	-1.1	-1.4
Room nights sold per month	Number	56,267	56,997	63,389	60,431	7.4	7.8
Room occupancy rate	%	60.8	60.4	67.1	66.1	8.6	9.1
Bed statistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	6,151	6,080	6,082	6,086	-1.1	-1.3
Bed nights available per month	Number	184,530	188,480	188,542	182,580	-1.1	-1.3
Bed nights sold per month	Number	94,264	94,389	112,173	102,040	8.2	7.8
Bed occupancy rate	%	51.1	50.1	59.5	55.9	9.4	9.2
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	34,663	33,815	42,005	41,054	18.4	16.8
Income from catering	R'000	14,587	13,501	16,372	18,178	24.6	15.4
Income from bar sales	R'000	8,027	4,793	7,101	6,845	-14.7	-21.9
Otherincome	R'000	3,094	3,325	3,100	3,289	6.3	15.5
Total hotel income	R'000	60,371	55,434	68,578	69,366	14.9	11.8

^{*} Revised figures

Table 5.7 - Trading statistics of hotels: Gauteng

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	15,905	15,767	15,764	15,806	-0.6	-0.9
Room nights available per month	Number	477,150	488,777	488,684	474,180	-0.6	-0.9
Room nights sold per month	Number	279,450	303,242	346,661	315,572	12.9	9.5
Room occupancy rate	%	58.6	62.0	70.9	66.6	13.6	10.4
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	33,061	32,867	32,862	32,943	-0.4	-0.3
Bed nights available per month	Number	991,830	1,018,877	1,018,722	988,290	-0.4	-0.3
Bed nights sold per month	Number	349,244	374,274	454,017	398,238	14.0	10.7
Bed occupancy rate	%	35.2	36.7	44.6	40.3	14.4	11.0
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	99,860	103,333	171,595	140,829	41.0	23.3
Income from catering	R'000	35,308	30,281	32,346	35,006	-0.9	4.9
Income from bar sales	R'000	10,467	9,141	9,081	10,045	-4.0	-0.2
Other income	R'000	10,080	8,781	12,793	11,749	16.6	5.9
Total hotel income	R'000	155,715	151,536	225,815	197,629	26.9	16.6

Table 5.8 - Trading statistics of hotels: Mpumalanga

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002 *	August 2002 *	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	2,479	2,436	2,436	2,435	-1.8	-1.7
Room nights available per month	Number	74,370	75,516	75,516	73,050	-1.8	-1.7
Room nights sold per month	Number	44,879	41,278	47,650	47,552	6.0	6.4
Room occupancy rate	%	60.3	54.7	63.1	65.1	7.8	8.3
Bed statistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	5,293	5,182	5,182	5,180	-2.1	-1.9
Bed nights available per month	Number	158,790	160,642	160,642	155,400	-2.1	-1.8
Bed nights sold per month	Number	63,892	55,590	69,036	67,043	4.9	6.5
Bed occupancy rate	%	40.2	34.6	43.0	43.1	7.2	8.5
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	11,308	10,479	12,862	12,548	11	12.6
Income from catering	R'000	6,590	5,927	7,477	7,178	8.9	13.3
Income from bar sales	R'000	3,170	2,836	3,242	3,261	2.9	3.0
Otherincome	R'000	977	739	967	954	-2.3	-32.6
Total hotel income	R'000	22,045	19,981	24,548	23,941	8.6	8.5

^{*} Revised figures

Table 5.9 - Trading statistics of hotels: Northern Province

Particulars	Unit	September 2001 *	July 2002	August 2002	September 2002	% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January 2001 to September 2001 and January 2002 to September 2002
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	1,488	1,450	1,450	1,467	-1.4	-2.4
Room nights available per month	Number	44,640	44,950	44,950	44,010	-1.4	-2.4
Room nights sold per month	Number	26,585	23,379	24,096	27,579	3.7	5.3
Room occupancy rate	%	59.6	52.0	53.6	62.7	5.2	8.0
Bedstatistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	2,634	2,599	2,599	2,602	-1.2	-1.6
Bed nights available per month	Number	79,020	80,569	80,569	78,060	-1.2	-1.6
Bed nights sold per month	Number	39,350	33,906	33,740	41,244	4.8	6.5
Bed occupancy rate	%	49.8	42.1	41.9	52.8	6.1	8.2
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	7,084	6,012	6,848	8,074	14	14.3
Income from catering	R'000	4,457	3,659	3,746	4,381	-1.7	5.3
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,201	941	1,038	1,174	-2.2	-9.3
Other income	R'000	1,330	1,466	1,548	1,497	12.6	10.7
Total hotel income	R'000	14,072	12,078	13,180	15,126	7.5	8.9

^{*} Revised figures

Table 6 - Trading statistics of hotels according to tourism region and star grading: September 2002

Table 6.1 - Trading statistics of hotels: Cape Metropole

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three star	Four star	Five star	Total
Room statistics							
Room nights available per day	Number	5,560	304	447	886	467	7,664
Room nights available per month	Number	166,800	9,120	13,410	26,580	14,010	229,920
Room nights sold per month	Number	106,076	4,498	6,918	16,201	8,932	142,625
Room occupancy rate	%	63.6	49.3	51.6	61.0	63.8	62.0
Bed statistics							
Bed nights available per day	Number	11,313	565	875	1,638	914	15,305
Bed nights available per month	Number	339,390	16,950	26,250	49,140	27,420	459,150
Bed nights sold per month	Number	148,771	7,022	9,075	23,010	15,286	203,164
Bed occupancy rate	%	43.8	41.4	34.6	46.8	55.7	44.2
Income statistics							
Room income	R'000	43,401	1,052	1,873	7,778	10,872	64,976
Income from catering	R'000	8,759	464	538	2,485	3,258	15,504
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,676	1	134	807	1,421	4,039
Other income	R'000	3,693	152	192	731	805	5,573
Total hotel income	R'000	57,529	1,669	2,737	11,801	16,356	90,092

Table 6.2 - Trading statistics of hotels: Wineland

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded, one, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics			
Room nights available per day	Number	458	458
Room nights available per month	Number	13,740	13,740
Room nights sold per month	Number	7,341	7,341
Room occupancy rate	%	53.5	53.5
Bed statistics			
Bed nights available per day	Number	916	916
Room nights available per month	Number	27,480	27,480
Bed nights sold per month	Number	10,971	10,971
Bed occupancy rate	%	39.9	39.9
Income statistics			
Room income	R'000	2,965	2,965
Income from catering	R'000	2,220	2,220
Income from bar sales	R'000	696	696
Otherincome	R'000	515	515
Total hotel income	R'000	6,396	6,396

Table 6.3 - Trading statistics of hotels: West Coast

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	243	146	20	409
Room nights available per month	Number	7,290	4,380	600	12,270
Room nights sold per month	Number	3,908	2,294	450	6,652
Room occupancy rate	%	53.5	52.4	75.0	54.2
Bed statistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	471	340	40	851
Bed nights available per month	Number	14,130	10,200	1,200	25,530
Bed nights sold per month	Number	6,307	3,450	750	10,507
Bed occupancy rate	%	44.7	33.8	62.5	41.2
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	953	413	56	1,422
Income from catering	R'000	786	533	30	1,349
Income from bar sales	R'000	371	152	18	541
Otherincome	R'000	160	4	6	170
Total hotel income	R'000	2,270	1,102	110	3,482

Table 6.4 - Trading statistics of hotels: Little and Central Karoo

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	468	194	54	716
Room nights available per month	Number	14,040	5,820	1,620	21,480
Room nights sold per month	Number	6,309	1,980	1,054	9,343
Room occupancy rate	%	44.9	34.0	65.1	43.5
Bed statistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,087	514	109	1,710
Bed nights available per month	Number	32,610	15,420	3,270	51,300
Bed nights sold per month	Number	10,230	3,554	1,781	15,565
Bed occupancy rate	%	31.4	23.1	54.5	30.3
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	1,300	345	289	1,934
Income from catering	R'000	544	104	74	722
Income from bar sales	R'000	142	28	4	174
Otherincome	R'000	34	6	4	44
Total hotel income	R'000	2,020	483	371	2,874

Table 6.5 - Trading statistics of hotels: Garden Route

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	826	129	428	1,383
Room nights available per month	Number	24,780	3,870	12,840	41,490
Room nights sold per month	Number	11,023	782	5,157	16,962
Room occupancy rate	%	44.5	20.2	40.2	40.9
Bedstatistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,680	275	1,083	3,038
Bed nights available per month	Number	50,400	8,250	32,490	91,140
Bed nights sold per month	Number	19,016	1,257	8,511	28,784
Bed occupancy rate	%	37.7	15.3	26.2	31.6
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	2,767	119	1,990	4,876
Income from catering	R'000	1,019	188	878	2,085
Income from bar sales	R'000	353	181	231	765
Otherincome	R'000	100	9	112	221
Total hotel income	R'000	4,239	497	3,211	7,947

Table 6.6 - Trading statistics of hotels: Overberg

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded, one, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics			
Room nights available per day	Number	567	567
Room nights available per month	Number	17,010	17,010
Room nights sold per month	Number	6,553	6,553
Room occupancy rate	%	38.5	38.5
Bed statistics			
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,275	1,275
Bed nights available per month	Number	38,250	38,250
Bed nights sold per month	Number	10,658	10,658
Bed occupancy rate	%	27.9	27.9
Income statistics			
Room income	R'000	3,712	3,712
Income from catering	R'000	2,131	2,131
Income from bar sales	R'000	694	694
Other income	R'000	197	197
Total hotel income	R'000	6,734	6,734

Table 6.7 - Trading statistics of hotels: Breede River

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	276	120	396
Room nights available per month	Number	8,280	3,600	11,880
Room nights sold per month	Number	1,547	2,011	3,558
Room occupancy rate	%	18.7	56.0	30.0
Bedstatistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	539	238	777
Bed nights available per month	Number	16,170	7,140	23,310
Bed nights sold per month	Number	2,441	3,262	5,703
Bed occupancy rate	%	15.1	45.8	24.5
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	205	601	806
Income from catering	R'000	142	518	660
Income from bar sales	R'000	143	183	326
Otherincome	R'000	35	102	137
Total hotel income	R'000	525	1,404	1,929

Table 6.8 - Trading statistics of hotels: Border

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	599	209	328	1,136
Room nights available per month	Number	17,970	6,270	9,840	34,080
Room nights sold per month	Number	10,345	2,762	6,336	19,443
Room occupancy rate	%	57.6	44.0	64.4	57.1
Bed statistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,750	413	680	2,843
Bed nights available per month	Number	52,500	12,390	20,400	85,290
Bed nights sold per month	Number	12,040	4,595	9,485	26,120
Bed occupancy rate	%	22.9	37.1	46.5	30.6
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	3,861	445	1,269	5,575
Income from catering	R'000	863	206	775	1,844
Income from bar sales	R'000	282	136	114	532
Other income	R'000	123	26	128	277
Total hotel income	R'000	5,129	813	2,286	8,228

Table 6.9 - Trading statistics of hotels: Algoa

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	1,356	93	1,449
Room nights available per month	Number	40,680	2,790	43,470
Room nights sold per month	Number	23,798	1,259	25,057
Room occupancy rate	%	58.5	45.1	57.6
Bedstatistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	3,515	188	3,703
Bed nights available per month	Number	105,450	5,640	111,090
Bed nights sold per month	Number	29,370	1,916	31,286
Bed occupancy rate	%	27.9	34.0	28.2
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	6,165	493	6,658
Income from catering	R'000	1,648	420	2,068
Income from bar sales	R'000	623	142	765
Otherincome	R'000	363	77	440
Total hotel income	R'000	8,799	1,132	9,931

Table 6.10 - Trading statistics of hotels: Griqualand West

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	463	57	30	550
Room nights available per month	Number	13,890	1,710	900	16,500
Room nights sold per month	Number	8,554	1,259	362	10,175
Room occupancy rate	%	61.6	73.6	40.2	61.6
Bedstatistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,080	228	48	1,356
Bed nights available per month	Number	32,400	6,840	1,440	40,680
Bed nights sold per month	Number	10,273	1,832	477	12,582
Bed occupancy rate	%	31.7	26.8	33.1	30.9
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	2,023	360	86	2,469
Income from catering	R'000	361	58	32	451
Income from bar sales	R'000	179	4	45	228
Otherincome	R'000	141	12	1	154
Total hotel income	R'000	2,704	434	164	3,302

Table 6.11 - Trading statistics of hotels: Rest of the Eastern Cape

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	1,293	338	1,631
Room nights available per month	Number	38,790	10140	48,930
Room nights sold per month	Number	24,261	3,201	27,462
Room occupancy rate	%	62.5	31.6	56.1
Bed statistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	2,427	978	3,405
Bed nights available per month	Number	72,810	29340	102,150
Bed nights sold per month	Number	36,536	6,635	43,171
Bed occupancy rate	%	50.2	22.6	42.3
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	5,877	766	6,643
Income from catering	R'000	3,815	269	4,084
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,748	238	1,986
Otherincome	R'000	699	7	706
Total hotel income	R'000	12,139	1,280	13,419

Table 6.12 - Trading statistics of hotels: Rest of the Northern Cape

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	691	576	1,267
Room nights available per month	Number	20,730	17,280	38,010
Room nights sold per month	Number	10,071	7,169	17,240
Room occupancy rate	%	48.6	41.5	45.4
Bedstatistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,534	1,279	2,813
Bed nights available per month	Number	46,020	38370	84,390
Bed nights sold per month	Number	13,735	8,937	22,672
Bed occupancy rate	%	29.9	23.3	26.9
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	2,256	1,800	4,056
Income from catering	R'000	909	348	1,257
Income from bar sales	R'000	514	99	613
Other income	R'000	11	1	12
Total hotel income	R'000	3,690	2,248	5,938

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Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	1,068	439	1,507
Room nights available per month	Number	32,040	13,170	45,210
Room nights sold per month	Number	24,167	7,531	31,698
Room occupancy rate	%	75.4	57.2	70.1
Bedstatistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	2,201	862	3,063
Bed nights available per month	Number	66,030	25,860	91,890
Bed nights sold per month	Number	35,639	11,053	46,692
Bed occupancy rate	%	54.0	42.7	50.8
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	6,404	1,707	8,111
Income from catering	R'000	512	990	1,502
Income from bar sales	R'000	147	197	344
Other income	R'000	372	94	466
Total hotel income	R'000	7,435	2,988	10,423

Table 6.14 - Trading statistics of hotels: Rest of the Free State

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded, one, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics			
Room nights available per day	Number	1,205	1,205
Room nights available per month	Number	36,150	36,150
Room nights sold per month	Number	7,781	7,781
Room occupancy rate	%	21.5	21.5
Bedstatistics			
Bed nights available per day	Number	2,578	2,578
Bed nights available per month	Number	77,340	77,340
Bed nights sold per month	Number	9,623	9,623
Bed occupancy rate	%	12.4	12.4
Income statistics			
Room income	R'000	1,715	1,715
Income from catering	R'000	912	912
Income from bar sales	R'000	565	565
Other income	R'000	92	92
Total hotel income	R'000	3,284	3,284

Table 6.15 - Trading statistics of hotels: Durban and Umhlanga

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	4,209	198	4,407
Room nights available per month	Number	126,270	5940	132,210
Room nights sold per month	Number	100,436	4,544	104,980
Room occupancy rate	%	79.5	76.5	79.4
Bedstatistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	9,042	384	9,426
Bed nights available per month	Number	271,260	11520	282,780
Bed nights sold per month	Number	134,406	6,182	140,588
Bed occupancy rate	%	49.5	53.7	49.7
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	33,531	1,984	35,515
Income from catering	R'000	8,224	471	8,695
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,891	236	2,127
Other income	R'000	3,412	126	3,538
Total hotel income	R'000	47,058	2,817	49,875

Table 6.16 - Trading statistics of hotels: South Coast and Interior

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	874	330	1,204
Room nights available per month	Number	26,220	9900	36,120
Room nights sold per month	Number	16,176	5,770	21,946
Room occupancy rate	%	61.7	58.3	60.8
Bed statistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	2,061	684	2,745
Bed nights available per month	Number	61,830	20520	82,350
Bed nights sold per month	Number	28,900	9,288	38,188
Bed occupancy rate	%	46.7	45.3	46.4
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	5,559	1,343	6,902
Income from catering	R'000	3,605	881	4,486
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,285	344	1,629
Otherincome	R'000	641	205	846
Total hotel income	R'000	11,090	2,773	13,863

Table 6.17 - Trading statistics of hotels: Pietermaritzburg and Midlands

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total	
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	461	177	638	
Room nights available per month	Number	13,830	5310	19,140	
Room nights sold per month	Number	5,184	2,078	7,262	
Room occupancy rate	%	37.5	39.1	37.9	
Bed statistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	924	375	1,299	
Bed nights available per month	Number	27,720	11250	38,970	
Bed nights sold per month	Number	9,681	3,304	12,985	
Bed occupancy rate	%	34.9	29.4	33.3	
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	1,132	400	1,532	
Income from catering	R'000	993	753	1,746	
Income from bar sales	R'000	251	678	929	
Otherincome	R'000	261	15	276	
Total hotel income	R'000	2,637	1,846	4,483	

Table 6.18 - Trading statistics of hotels: Drakensberg

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	Ungraded One, two, three, four and five star	
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	509	440	949
Room nights available per month	Number	15,270	13200	28,470
Room nights sold per month	Number	8,164	6,358	14,522
Room occupancy rate	%	53.4	48.2	51.0
Bedstatistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,234	1,036	2,270
Bed nights available per month	Number	37,020	31080	68,100
Bed nights sold per month	Number	14,692	13,122	27,814
Bed occupancy rate	%	39.7	42.2	40.8
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	4,253	2,374	6,627
Income from catering	R'000	2,928	1,856	4,784
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,490	533	2,023
Other income	R'000	2,356	610	2,966
Total hotel income	R'000	11,027	5,373	16,400

Table 6.19 - Trading statistics of hotels: Rest of KwaZulu-Natal

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total	
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	1,319	536	1,855	
Room nights available per month	Number	39,570	16080	55,650	
Room nights sold per month	Number	18,003	7,256	25,259	
Room occupancy rate	%	45.5	45.1	45.4	
Bedstatistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	2,754	1,040	3,794	
Bed nights available per month	Number	82,620	31200	113,820	
Bed nights sold per month	Number	21,619	9,364	30,983	
Bed occupancy rate	%	26.2	30.0	27.2	
Income statistics					
Roomincome	R'000	3,995	1,942	5,937	
Income from catering	R'000	1,879	1,534	3,413	
Income from bar sales	R'000	453	455	908	
Other income	R'000	514	272	786	
Total hotel income	R'000	6,841	4,203	11,044	

Table 6.20 - Trading statistics of hotels: North West

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total	
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	2,544	505	3,049	
Room nights available per month	Number	76,320	15150	91,470	
Room nights sold per month	Number	54,825	5,606	60,431	
Room occupancy rate	%	71.8	37.0	66.1	
Bedstatistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	5,147	939	6,086	
Bed nights available per month	Number	154,410	28170	182,580	
Bed nights sold per month	Number	93,520	8,520	102,040	
Bed occupancy rate	%	60.6	30.3	55.9	
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	39,813	1,241	41,054	
Income from catering	R'000	17,011	1,167	18,178	
Income from bar sales	R'000	6,456	389	6,845	
Other income	R'000	3,058	231	3,289	
Total hotel income	R'000	66,338	3,028	69,366	

Table 6.21 - Trading statistics of hotels: Pretoria

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total	
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	2,381	701	3,082	
Room nights available per month	Number	71,430	21,030	92,460	
Room nights sold per month	Number	51,859	14,539	66,398	
Room occupancy rate	%	72.6	69.1	71.8	
Bedstatistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	5,404	1,307	6,711	
Bed nights available per month	Number	162,120	39,210	201,330	
Bed nights sold per month	Number	68,637	18,861	87,498	
Bed occupancy rate	%	42.3	48.1	43.5	
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	16,619	4,627	21,246	
Income from catering	R'000	3,880	2,238	6,118	
Income from bar sales	R'000	960	441	1,401	
Other income	R'000	903	575	1,478	
Total hotel income	R'000	22,362	7,881	30,243	

Table 6.22 - Trading statistics of hotels: Johannesburg

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two and three star	Four and five star	Total
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	7,172	793	491	8,456
Room nights available per month	Number	215,160	23,790	14,730	253,680
Room nights sold per month	Number	142,747	8,713	8,907	160,367
Room occupancy rate	%	66.3	36.6	60.5	63.2
Bed statistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	14,310	1,283	990	16,583
Bed nights available per month	Number	429,300	38,490	29,700	497,490
Bed nights sold per month	Number	179,125	12,308	11,758	203,191
Bed occupancy rate	%	41.7	32.0	39.6	40.8
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	81,728	2,218	4,301	88,247
Income from catering	R'000	18,150	725	1,309	20,184
Income from bar sales	R'000	5,121	221	285	5,627
Other income	R'000	7,235	272	431	7,938
Total hotel income	R'000	112,234	3,436	6,326	121,996

Table 6.23 - Trading statistics of hotels: East Rand

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded, one, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics			
Room nights available per day	Number	2,192	2,192
Room nights available per month	Number	65,760	65,760
Room nights sold per month	Number	49,079	49,079
Room occupancy rate	%	74.6	74.6
Bedstatistics			
Bed nights available per day	Number	5,156	5,156
Bed nights available per month	Number	154,680	154,680
Bed nights sold per month	Number	58,536	58,536
Bed occupancy rate	%	37.8	37.8
Income statistics			
Room income	R'000	17,913	17,913
Income from catering	R'000	2,576	2,576
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,066	1,066
Otherincome	R'000	1,158	1,158
Total hotel income	R'000	22,713	22,713

Table 6.24 - Trading statistics of hotels: Rest of Gauteng

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two and three star	Four and five star	Total
Room statistics					
Room nights available per day	Number	1,414	309	353	2,076
Room nights available per month	Number	42,420	9,270	10,590	62,280
Room nights sold per month	Number	27,804	5,348	6,576	39,728
Room occupancy rate	%	65.5	57.7	62.1	63.8
Bed statistics					
Bed nights available per day	Number	3,072	683	738	4,493
Bed nights available per month	Number	92,160	20,490	22,140	134,790
Bed nights sold per month	Number	31,579	8,716	8,717	49,012
Bed occupancy rate	%	34.3	42.5	39.4	36.4
Income statistics					
Room income	R'000	8,471	1,874	3,079	13,424
Income from catering	R'000	3,001	1,907	1,220	6,128
Income from bar sales	R'000	1,133	509	309	1,951
Otherincome	R'000	662	304	208	1,174
Total hotel income	R'000	13,267	4,594	4,816	22,677

Table 6.25 - Trading statistics of hotels: Mpumalanga

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One and two star	Three star	Four and five star	Total
Room statistics						
Room nights available per day	Number	1,779	145	282	229	2,435
Room nights available per month	Number	53,370	4,350	8,460	6,870	73,050
Room nights sold per month	Number	36,583	2,588	3,925	4,456	47,552
Room occupancy rate	%	68.5	59.5	46.4	64.9	65.1
Bed statistics						
Bed nights available per day	Number	3,846	336	531	467	5,180
Bed nights available per month	Number	115,380	10,080	15,930	14,010	155,400
Bed nights sold per month	Number	48,365	4,939	6,010	7,729	67,043
Bed occupancy rate	%	41.9	49.0	37.7	55.1	43.1
Income statistics						
Room income	R'000	8,726	616	1,096	2,110	12,548
Income from catering	R'000	5,089	162	730	1,197	7,178
Income from bar sales	R'000	2,557	146	157	401	3,261
Other income	R'000	620	26	111	197	954
Total hotel income	R'000	16,992	950	2,094	3,905	23,941

Table 6.26 - Trading statistics of hotels: Northern Province

Particulars	Unit	Ungraded	One, two, three, four and five star	Total
Room statistics				
Room nights available per day	Number	1,053	414	1,467
Room nights available per month	Number	31,590	12,420	44,010
Room nights sold per month	Number	20,514	7,065	27,579
Room occupancy rate	%	64.9	56.9	62.7
Bed statistics				
Bed nights available per day	Number	1,824	778	2,602
Bed nights available per month	Number	54,720	23,340	78,060
Bed nights sold per month	Number	30,660	10,584	41,244
Bed occupancy rate	%	56.0	45.3	52.8
Income statistics				
Room income	R'000	5,863	2,211	8,074
Income from catering	R'000	2,842	1,539	4,381
Income from bar sales	R'000	784	390	1,174
Other income	R'000	436	1,061	1,497
Total hotel income	R'000	9,925	5,201	15,126

Table 7 - Ratios of trading statistics of hotels in South Africa

Particulars	Unit	September 2001	July 2002	August 2002		% change between September 2001 and September 2002	% change between January to September 2001 and January to September 2002
Number of hotels	Number	1,281	1,285	1,284	1,284	0.2	0.3
Room statistics Rooms available per month per hotel Room occupancy rate	Number %	41 56.8	40 55.5	40 59.7	41 61.2		-1.0 7.9
Bedstatistics							
Beds available							
per month per hotel	Number	86	85	85	86	0.0	-0.5
Bed occupancy rate	%	37.7	36.3	40.3	40.5	7.4	7.9
Average hotel income per-							
Room night sold	Rand	352.9	350.1	408.6	391.8	11.0	7.3
Bed night sold	Rand	253.5	254.1	286.7	280.5		
Contribution to							
hotel income							
Room income	%	62.2	64.9	67.0	65.1	4.7	3.5
Income from catering	%	23.1	21.5	20.3	21.6		**
Income from bar sales	%	8.4	7.3	6.8	7.2		
Other income	%	6.3	6.3	5.9	6.1	-3.2	-6.2

Table 8 - Classification of towns and cities according to the 26 tourism regions and nine provinces

Province	Tourism region	Towns and cities
Western Cape	Cape Metropole	Cape Town, Bloubergstrand, Wynberg, Milnerton, Kommetjie, Sunnydale, Scarborough, Fish Hoek, Ocean View, Simon's Town, Bellville, Durbanville, Kraaifontein, Parow, Belhar, Elsies River, Kuils River, Blackheath, Brackenfell, Penhill, Faure, Rustdal, Scottsdene, North Pine, Blue Downs.
	Wineland	Somerset-West, Sir Lowry's Pass, Khayalitsha, Macassar Beach, Paarl, Franschhoek, Klapmuts, Mbekweni, Faure, Kylemore, Jamestown, Kayamandi, Stellenbosch, Wellington.
	West Coast	Vredendal, Lutzville, Vanrhynsdorp, Bitterfontein, Klawer, Clanwilliam, Citrusdal, Graafwater, Lamberts Bay, Piketberg, Aurora, Eendekuil, Elands Bay, Velddrif, Porterville, Redelingshuys, Witwater, Vredenburg, St Helena Bay, Hopefield, Langebaan, Saldanha, Malmesbury, Darling, Melkbosstrand, Philadelphia, Riebeek-Kasteel, Riebeek-West, Yzerfontein, Atlantis, Abbotsdale, Moorreesburg, Koringberg.
	Little and Central Karoo	Laingsburg, Prince Albert, Beaufort-West, Merweville, Sidesaviva, Oudtshoorn, De Rust, Dysseldorp, Bongolethu, Ladismith, Van Wyksdorp, Calitzdorp, Uniondale.
	Garden Route	Heidelberg, Witsand, Riversdale, Albertinia, Gouritsmond, Still Bay, Mossel Bay, Hartenbos, Herbertsdale, Klein Brakrivier, Rheebok Strand, Kwa Nonqaba, George, Herolds Bay, Hoekwil, Great Brack River, Wilderness, Pacaltsdorp, Thembalethu, Knysna, Buffalo Bay, Keurboomstrand, Nature's Valley, Plettenberg Bay, Sedgefield, Wittedrift, Belvedere, Msobomvu.
	Overberg	Caledon, Betty's Bay, Bot River, Grabouw, Greyton, Kleinmond, Pringle Bay, Riviersonderend, Villiersdorp, Teslaarsdal, Middleton, Hermanus, Stanford, Onrus River, Hawston, Bredasdorp, Agulhas, Waenhuiskrans, Napier, Gansbaai, Struis Bay, Swellendam, Barrydale, Bonnievale.
	Breede River	Tulbach, Gouda, Wolseley, Worcester, De Doorns, Rawsonville, Touws River, Zweletemba, Prince Alfred Hamlet, Ceres, Robertson, Mcgregor, Montagu, Ashton, Zolani.
Eastern Cape	Border	East London, Beacon Bay, Eureka, Gonubie, Kidd's Beach, Macleantown, Winterstrand, Cintsa, Cambridge, Gompo Town, King Williams Town, Kei Road, Ginsburg, Stutterheim, Cathcart, Hogsback, Queenstown, Mlungisi.
	Algoa	Port Elizabeth, Sea View, Theescombe, Blue Horizon Bay, Colleen Glen, Kini Bay, Sardinia Bay, Colchester, Motherwell, Kwamagxaki, Kwadwesi, Uitenhage, Despatch, Kwanobuhle.

Table 8 - Classification of towns and cities according to the 26 tourism regions and nine provinces (continued)

Province	Tourism region	Towns and cities
	Rest of Eastern Cape	Kirkwood, Addo, Somerset East, Cookhouse Bhongweni, Lingelihle, Cradock, Middelburg, Kwanonzame, Steynsburg, Hofmeyr, Tarkastad, Zola, Sterkstroom, Joubertina, Louterwater, Two Rivers, Humansdorp, Jeffreys Bay, Kareedouw, Storms River, Cape St Francis, Paradise Beach, St Francis Bay, Kruisfontein, Woodlands, Hankey, Patensie, Thornhill, Umzamomhle, Graaff-Reinette, Nieu-Bethesda, Umasizakhe, Aberdeen, Willowmore, Rietbron, Steytlerville, Vuyolwethu, Jansenville, Klipplaat, Pearston, Alexandria, Boesmansriviermond, Boknesstrand, Paterson, Cannon Rocks, Bathurst, Port Alfred, Kenton-on-Sea, Seafield, Grahamstown, Alicedale, Riebeek-East, Bedford, Cookhouse, Adelaide, Fort-Beaufort, Venterstad, Molteno, Aliwal North, Jamestown, Lady Grey, Indwe, Barkly East, Rhodes, Elliot, Maclear, Ugie, Komga, Haga-Haga, Kei Mouth, Morgan's Bay.
Northern Cape	Griqualand West	Barkly West, Delportshoop, Windsorton, Warrenton, Jan Kempdorp, Valspan, Hartswater, Kimberley, Ritchie.
	Rest of Northern Cape	Upington, Van Zylsrus, Kakamas, Carnarvon, Aughrabies, Brandvlei, Calvinia, Fraserburg, Daniëlskuil, De Aar, Philipstown, Douglas, Strydenburg, Garies, Norvalspont, Kuruman, Victoria West, Vosburg, Olifantshoek, Loeriesfontein, Griquatown, Askham, Okiep, Nieuwoudtville, Postmasburg, Prieska, Hopetown, Port Nolloth, Noupoort, Sutherland, Colesberg, Britstown, Petrusville, Van Wyksvlei, Richmond, Nababeep, Williston, Pofadder, Groblershoop, Hanover, Kamieskroon, Kenhardt, Springbok, Vanderkloof.
Free State	Bloemfontein and Transgariep	Bloemfontein, Bain's Vlei, Bloemspruit, Mangaung, Exelsior, Tweestruit, Brandfort, Verkeerdevlei, Soutpan, Boshof, Dealsville, Hertzogville, Jacobsdal, Petrusburg, Koffiefontein, Jagersfontein, Edenburg, Reddersburg, Dewetsdorp, Trompsburg, Bethulie, Springfontein, Smithfield, Rouxville, Philippolis, Waterkloof.
	Rest of Free State	Welkom, Hennenman, Hoopstad, Bultfontein, Theunissen, Winburg, Koppies, Ventersburg, Virginia, Parys, Wesselsbron, Odendaalsrus, Allanridge, Bothaville, Kroonstad, Edenville, Viljoenskroon, Vredefort, Zastron, Wepener, Van Stadensrus, Ladybrand, Hobhouse, Clocolan, Marquard, Senekal, Paul Roux, Ficksburg, Fouriesburg, Bethlehem, Clarens, Kestell, Harrismith, Warden, Vrede, Cornelia, Memel, Reitz, Lindley, Arlington, Petrus Steyn, Steynsrus, Heilbron, Oranjeville, Frankfort, Tweeling, Villiers, Sasolburg, Deneysville.
KwaZulu- Natal	Durban, Umhlanga	Central Business District of Durban, Marine Parade, Esplanade and all other suburbs, Amanzimtoti, Umbogintwini, Kingsburgh, Canelands, Glen Anil, Tongaat, Mount Edgecombe, Umdloti Beach, Duff's Road, Ottawa, Verulam, Umhlanga Rocks, Stanger, Ballito Bay, Blythedale Beach, Darnall, Zinkwazi, Umhlali Beach, Shakaskraal, Tugela, Pinetown, Westville, Everton, Gillitts, Hillcrest, Kloof, Mariannhill, New Germany, Klaarwater.

Table 8 - Classification of towns and cities according to the 26 tourism regions and nine provinces (continued)

Province	Tourism region	Towns and cities
	South Coast and Interior	Illovo Beach, Umzinto, Clansthal, Umkomaas, Willow Glen, Widenham, Hibberdene, Mtwalume, Ocean View, Park Rynie, Pennington, Scottburgh, Saiccor, Ifafa Beach, Craigieburn, Port Shepstone, Marina Beach, Melville, Munster, Port Edward, Southbroom, Ramsgate, Umtentweni, Umzumbe, Uvongo, Shelly Beach, Marburg, San Lameer, Harding, Mount Currie, Kokstad, Cedarville, Matatiele, Ixopo, Creighton, Margate.
	Pietermaritzburg and Midlands	Pietermaritzburg, Ashburton, Hilton, Plessislaer, Ashdown, Albert Falls, Dalton, Wartburg, New Hanover, Howick, Hilton, Bruntville, Lions River, Mooi River, Umvotikloof, Greytown, Weenen, Kranskop.
	Drakensberg	Klip River, Ladysmith, Steadville, Bergville, Estcourt, Colenso, Winterton, Impendle, Underberg, Himeville.
	Rest of KwaZulu-Natal	Eshowe, Mtunzini, Lower Umfolozi, Richards Bay, Mtubatuba, St Lucia, Hlabisa, Ubombo, Babanango, Melmoth, Camperdown, Assagay, Botha's Hill, Cato Ridge, Ashburton, Drummond, Hammarsdale, Sterkspruit, Pinetown, Inanda, Lower Tugela, Glencoe, Hattingspruit, Wasbank, Dundee, Dannhauser, Newcastle, Charlestown, Utrecht, Vryheid, Louwsburg, Paulpietersburg.
North West	North West	Zeerust, Groot-Marico, Ottoshoop, Brits, Kosmos, Hartbeespoort, Letlhabile, Rustenburg, Marikana, Swartruggens, Borolelo, Koster, Lichtenburg, Biesiesvlei, Ottosdal, Coligny, Christiana, Bloemhof, Wolmaransstad, Leeudoringstad, Makwassie, Witpoort, Klerksdorp, Hartbeesfontein, Orkney, Stilfontein, Ventersdorp, Fochville, Potchefstroom, Babelegi, Mmabatho, Mafikeng, Pilanesberg, and the Rest of North West.
Gauteng	Pretoria	Pretoria, Atteridgeville, Wonderboom, Akasia, Hammanskraal, Roodeplaat, Mamelodi, Halfway House, Midrand, Centurion.
	Johannesburg	Central Business District of Johannesburg, Randburg, Chartwell, Fourways, Soweto, Rosebank, Sandton, Alexandra, and all other suburbs (excluding Bruma and Eastgate).
	East Rand	Germiston, Alberton, Boksburg, Kempton Park, Benoni, Brakpan, Bedfordview, Springs, Edenvale, Vosloorus, Daveyton, Wattville, Johannesburg International Airport, Eastgate.
	Rest of Gauteng	Westonaria, Bekkersdal, Lenasia, Roodepoort, Dobsonville, Krugersdorp, Magaliesburg, Muldersdrift, Kagiso, Munsieville, Randfontein, Carletonville, Rayton, Oberholzer, Muldersdrift, Bronkhorstspruit, Cullinan, Nigel, Heidelberg, Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Evaton, De Deur, Randvaal, Meyerton, Walkerville, Ennerdale, Sharpeville.

Table 8 - Classification of towns and cities according to the 26 tourism regions and nine provinces (concluded)

Province	Tourism region	Towns and cities
Mpumalanga	Mpumalanga	Lydenburg, Dullstroom, Waterval-Boven, Waterval-Onder, Barberton, Nelspruit, White River, Pilgrimsrest, Sabie, Wakkerstroom, Delmas, Balfour, Standerton, Volksrust, Amersfoort, Bethal, Witbank, Groblersdal, Middelburg, Belfast, Carolina, Ermelo, Piet Retief, Burgersfort, Ohrigstad, Hectorspruit, Komatipoort, Malelane, Hazyview, Graskop, Sabie, Balfour, Greylingstad, Dullstroom, Machadadorp, Badplaas, Amsterdam, Breyten, Chrissiesmeer, Morgenzon, Paardekop, Ogies, Vandyksdrift, Marble Hall, Hendrina, Pongola.
Northern Province	Northern Province	Potgietersrus, Pietersburg, Kgomo, Messina, Soutpansberg, Phalaborwa, Magoebaskloof, Letaba, Warmbad, Waterberg, Ellisras, Thabazimbi, Giyani, Thohoyandou, Tzaneen, Nylstroom, Hoedspruit, Kruger National Park from Satara Camp northwards, Naboomspruit, Roedtan, Dendron, Haenertsburg, Nancefield, Louis Trichardt, Alldays, Soekmekaar, Gravelotte, Duiwelskloof, Letsitele, Pienaars River, Belabela, Vaalwater, Northam, Leeupoort.

Additional information

Explanatory notes

Introduction

- 1 This publication contains results of the monthly Survey of Trading Statistics of Hotels conducted in September 2002. The survey is designed to obtain information regarding -
 - room income;
 - income from catering;
 - income from bar-sales;
 - income from off sales;
 - other income (sundries);
 - total number of rooms available;
 - total number of room nights sold;
 - total number of beds available; and
 - total number of bed nights sold.

Scope of the survey 2

The information is collected from a sample of hotels in South Africa and the results are published according to star grading, the nine provinces and 26 tourism regions as indicated in table 8. Stats SA updates the sample and the population of hotels in South Africa regularly as new hotels become operational or others close down. Hotels operating mainly on a time-share basis are excluded.

Classification

- 3 This publication provides information of trading statistics of hotels according to star grading, nine provinces and 26 tourism regions. The star grading system according to Satour's National Grading and Classification Scheme, classifies three-, four- and five-star hotels as having very good to outstanding standards, while one- and two-star hotels are classified as comfortable hotels. Ungraded hotels are not of a lesser standard, they just choose not to participate in the National Grading and Classification Scheme of Satour.
- 4 The 1993 edition of the Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (SIC), Fifth Edition, Report No. 09-90-02, was used to classify the statistical units in the survey. The SIC is based on the 1990 International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC) with suitable adaptations for local conditions. Statistics in this publication are presented at SIC group (4 digit) level.

Statistical unit

5 The statistical unit for the survey is the smallest economic unit (the hotel and its activities) that functions as a separate entity for which comprehensive financial statements are kept.

Survey methodology 6 and design

- Information obtained from Satour provides the sampling frame for the selection of the sample of hotels for the monthly Survey of Trading Statistics of Hotels. Hotels in the sample are stratified according to star grading within each tourism region. The survey is collected by mail each month from a sample of approximately 430 hotels in 26 tourism regions. All three-, four-, and five-star hotels are completely enumerated. A systematic sample is drawn from ungraded hotels and one- and two-star hotels.
- 7 The information received from the sample of hotels is weighted according to the original sample design in order to represent the population of hotels. The number of rooms available per hotel is used as a measure of size for the calculation of weights. Weights are calculated for each star grading within each tourism region. Due to the small representation of some of the hotels according to their star grading within certain tourism regions, Stats SA is obliged to group some of the star gradings together to keep information of individual hotels confidential.

Trend cycle

8 The trend is the long-term pattern or movement of a time series. The X-11 Seasonal Adjustment Program is used for smoothing seasonally adjusted estimates.

Reliability of estimates

9 Data presented in this publication are based on information obtained from a sample of hotels and is, therefore, subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if the data had been obtained from all hotels in South Africa. 10 Inaccuracies may occur because of imperfections in reporting by enterprises and errors made in collection and processing of the data. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as non-sampling error. Every effort is made to reduce non-sampling error to a minimum by careful designing of the questionnaire, pilot studies, editing of data and efficient operating procedures.

Related publications 11

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- Bulletin of Statistics.
- SA Statistics.

Unpublished statistics

12 In some cases Stats SA can also make available information which was not published. This information can be made available in one or more of the following ways: computer printout, CD or diskette. Generally a charge is made for providing unpublished information.

Rounding-off of figures

13 The figures in the tables have, where necessary, been rounded off to the nearest final digit shown. There may therefore be slight discrepancies between the sums of the constituent items of the totals shown.

Symbols and abbreviations

CD Compact Disk

ISIC International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities

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Stats SA Statistics South Africa

* Revised

Technical note

Response rate

The response rate for the survey on the trading statistic of hotels for September 2002 is 84.6%.

Glossary

Average hotel income per bed night sold

Average hotel income per bed night sold is room income divided by the number of bed nights sold.

Average hotel income per room night sold

Average hotel income per room night sold is room income divided by the number of room nights sold.

Bed occupancy rate

Bed occupancy rate for the survey month is the number of bed nights sold, divided by the product of the number of bed nights available per day and the number of days in the survey month, expressed as a percentage.

Bed nights available per day

Bed nights available per day refer to the total number of bed nights available per day for paying guests. A three-quarter bed is counted as one bed available and a double bed as two beds available. Cots are excluded.

Bed nights sold

Bed nights sold refer to the total number of beds occupied by visitors during the survey month.

Hotel income

Hotel income includes -

- room income;
- income from catering;
- income from bar sales; and
- other income.

Income from bar sales

Income from bar sales refers to income from the sale of liquor and beverages at the bar. Income from bar sales also includes the sale of cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Income from catering

Income from catering refers to income from meals and banqueting.

Other income

Other income (sundries) includes -

- rentals and fees received for offices, shops, garages, billiard rooms and dance floors;
- washing, ironing and laundry services; and
- telephone and fax services.

Percentage change

Percentage change is the change in values of the relevant month compared to values of the same month in the previous year.

Reference month

Reference month for the survey refers to one calendar month.

Room nights available per day

Room nights available per day refer to the total number of room nights available per day for paying guests.

Rooms available per month per hotel

Rooms available per month per hotel is calculated as the total number of rooms available for paying guests per month divided by total number of hotels.

Room nights sold

Room nights sold refer to the total number of rooms occupied by visitors during the survey month.

Room income

Room income is the income received from the sale of room nights. Where payments are received in advance of, or after the provision of accommodation to visitors, the monthly figure for room income may not necessarily be directly related to the number of room nights sold during the month. Income from meals is excluded from room income.

Room occupancy rate

Room occupancy rate for the survey month is the number of room nights sold, divided by the product of the number of room nights available per day and the number of days in the survey month, expressed as a percentage.

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