## NI Hotel Performance (Jan-Dec 2019)

## Insights and Intelligence Service

#### **ROOM OCCUPANCY**

### BED-SPACE OCCUPANCY AVERAGE DAILY RATE\* ROOM OCCUPANCY AND ROOM STOCK BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT



DURING JAN-DEC 2019 HOTELS ACHIEVED UNPRECEDENTED SALES WITH OVER 3.9 MILLION BED-SPACES SOLD. HOWEVER, BOTH ROOM AND BED-SPACE OCCUPANCY RECORDED DECREASES, LIKELY IMPACTED BY THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ROOMS TO FILL DURING THIS PERIOD.

#### **SALES JAN-DEC 2019**

During 2019, on average, over 300,000 bed-spaces were sold every month.





<sup>\*</sup>Average Daily Rate (ADR) – A measure of the average rate paid for rooms sold, calculated by dividing room revenue by rooms sold.

Sources: NISRA Accommodation Surveys & STR Global

Performance varied across Northern Ireland Local Government Districts over 2019. The highest room occupancy was recorded in the Belfast area achieving a room occupancy of 71%. The Mid Ulster area recorded the lowest room occupancy at 47%. At the end of December 2019 there were 9,596 hotel rooms available in hotels across Northern Ireland with half of those available in the Belfast area.

#### Hotel room occupancy and room stock by Local Government District

| Local Government District               | Room<br>occup<br>Jan-Dec<br>2019 | Occupancy<br>Change<br>from<br>Jan-Dec<br>2018 <sup>†</sup> | Room<br>stock<br>end<br>Dec<br>2019 | % of<br>total NI<br>room<br>stock<br>Dec<br>2019 | Stock<br>change<br>Dec19 v<br>Dec18 |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Antrim and Newtownabbey                 | 57%                              | -9pps   | 631                                 | 7%   | 0%                                  |
| Ards and North Down                     | +                                | +   | 378                                 | 4%   | +29%                                |
| Armagh City, Banbridge<br>and Craigavon | 64%                              | -2pps   | 207                                 | 2%   | -1%                                 |
| Belfast City                            | 71%                              | -3pps   | 4,791                               | 50%  | +2%                                 |
| Causeway Coast and Glens                | 67%                              | no change   | 737                                 | 8%   | +6%                                 |
| Derry City and Strabane                 | 66%                              | -2pps   | 838                                 | 9%   | +18%                                |
| Fermanagh and Omagh                     | 68%                              | +4pps   | 421                                 | 4%   | -3%                                 |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh                 | +                                | +   | 255                                 | 3%   | 0%                                  |
| Mid and East Antrim                     | 70%                              | -4pps   | 539                                 | 6%   | 0%                                  |
| Mid Ulster                              | 47%                              | -7pps   | 237                                 | 2%   | 0%                                  |
| Newry, Mourne and Down                  | 57%                              | -3pps   | 562                                 | 6%   | +9%                                 |
| Total                                   | 67%                              | -3pps   | 9,596                               |  | +4%                                 |

<sup>†(</sup>percentage point change Jan-Dec 2019/18)

pps = percentage points

<sup>\*</sup>sample size too small to provide a reliable estimate

#### HOTEL OCCUPANCY 2019 – ANALYSIS BY MONTH

## Hotel room occupancy & sales by month



## Hotel bed occupancy & sales by month



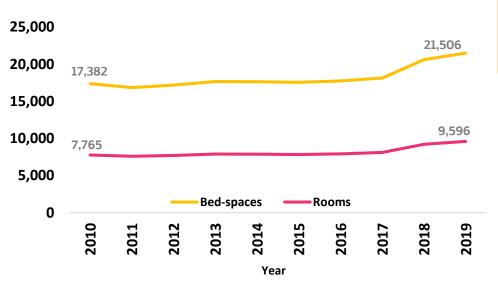
- Room occupancy and bed-space occupancy rates vary from month to month
- Hotel monthly room occupancy during 2019 was the highest in the months of June and August (82%) with the highest bedspace occupancy recorded in the month of August
- January experienced the lowest monthly room occupancy rate of 50% and the lowest bed-space occupancy rate of 36%

- The month of August recorded the highest rooms sold (241,700) and the highest number of bed-spaces sold (444,300) both increasing by 8% on August 2018
- The month of July saw the highest increase in room and bed-spaces sold, an increase of 15% and 11% respectively, likely impacted by the increase in demand due to NI's hosting of The 148<sup>th</sup> Open



#### HOTEL ROOM AND BED-SPACE 2010 - 2019

## Hotel room and bed-space stock 2010 - 2019



At the end of December 2019 there were 145 hotels with 9,596 rooms and 21,506 bed-spaces, an increase of 4% on both rooms and bed-spaces available compared to the end of December 2018.

Hotel room and bed-space capacity remained relatively stable during the period 2010 to 2017 with a period of growth during 2018 and 2019. There was an increase of 1,475 rooms and 3,371 bed-spaces added during this period.

#### Additional Hotels Opened During 2019

| Hotel name                  | Month<br>opened | Location          | Rooms<br>available | Bed-<br>spaces<br>available |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Killeavy Castle Estate      | April           | Armagh            | 46                 | 98                          |
| Holiday Inn Express         | June            | Derry~Londonderry | 119                | 238                         |
| Premier Inn                 | June            | Bangor            | 85                 | 170                         |
| The Salthouse               | June            | Ballycastle       | 24                 | 48                          |
| The Landsdowne <sup>‡</sup> | July            | Belfast           | 23                 | 48                          |
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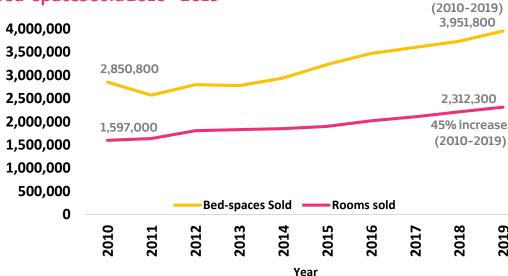
39% increase

<sup>‡</sup>Re-opened following closure during June 2018 to June 2019

## Hotel rooms and bed-spaces sold 2010 - 2019

There were 2,312,300 rooms and 3,951,800 bed-spaces sold during 2019 an increase 5% and 6% compared to the same period in 2018. This equated to an additional 100,400 rooms and 220,200 bed-spaces sold compared to Jan-Dec 2018.

When we compare bed sales to the same period in 2010, there were over 1.1 million additional bed-spaces sold in hotels during Jan-Dec 2019 compared to Jan-Dec 2010.





## NI Guest House, Guest Accommodation and B&B Performance (Jan-Dec 2019)

#### **ROOM OCCUPANCY**

33% -4pps on Jan-Dec 2018

#### **BED-SPACE OCCUPANCY**



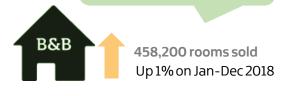
25% -3pps on Jan-Dec 2018

GUEST HOUSE/GUEST ACCOMMODATION/B&Bs (GH/GA/B&Bs) DELIVERED A STRONG PERFORMANCE DURING JAN-DEC 2019 WITH AN ADDITIONAL 49,000 BED-SPACES SOLD COMPARED TO THE SAME PERIOD IN 2018. HOWEVER AVERAGE ROOM AND BED-SPACE OCCUPANCY RECORDED DECREASES, PROBABLY AFFECTED BY THE INCREASE IN ADDITIONAL ROOMS TO FILL COMPARED WITH JAN-DEC 2018.

#### **SALES JAN-DEC 2019**

The number of rooms sold in GH/GA/B&Bs during Jan-Dec 2019 increased by 1% while bed-spaces sold experienced an increase of 6%, possibly indicating increases in multiple occupancy rooms.

2019 was a record year for GH/GA/B&Bs in terms of room and bed-space sales.





826,400 bed-spaces sold Up 6% on Jan-Dec 2018

#### ROOM OCCUPANCY AND ROOM STOCK BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT

Room occupancy declined across many Council areas, likely impacted by the increase in additional rooms to fill compared with Jan-Dec 2018. The highest room occupancy was recorded in the Belfast area, achieving an occupancy level of 52%.

At the end of December 2019 there were 3,999 rooms available in GH/GA/B&Bs across Northern Ireland with a quarter of those available in the Causeway Coast and Glens area. Antrim and Newtownabbey area has the lowest number of GH/GA/B&B rooms.

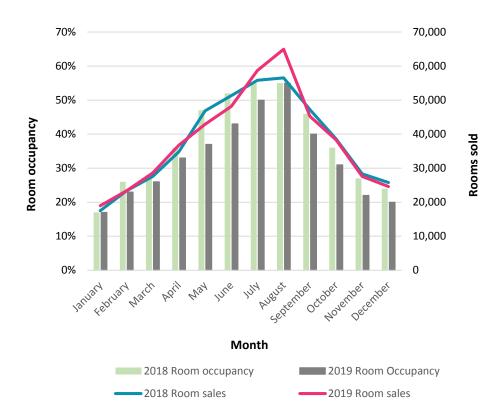
# Guest House, Guest Accommodation and B&B room occupancy and room stock by Local Government District

| Local Government<br>District                                    | Room<br>occup<br>Jan-Dec<br>2019 | Occupancy<br>Change<br>from<br>Jan-Dec<br>2018* | Room<br>stock end<br>Dec 2019 | % of total<br>NI room<br>stock<br>Dec 2019 | Stock<br>change<br>Dec 19 v<br>Dec 18 |  |
|---|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Antrim and<br>Newtownabbey                                      | 36%                              | -18pps  | 140                           | 4%   | +44%                                  |  |
| Ards and North Down   | 25%                              | no change                                       | 231                           | 6%   | +2%                                   |  |
| Armagh City, Banbridge<br>and Craigavon                         | 26%                              | -2pps   | 186                           | 5%   | -2%                                   |  |
| Belfast City  | 52%                              | -6pps   | 631                           | 16%  | +15%                                  |  |
| Causeway Coast and<br>Glens                                     | 26%                              | -8pps   | 1,009                         | 25%  | +10%                                  |  |
| Derry City and Strabane   | 35%                              | -5pps   | 318                           | 8%   | +25%                                  |  |
| Fermanagh and Omagh   | 35%                              | -5pps   | 445                           | 11%  | +6%                                   |  |
| Lisburn and Castlereagh   | 31%                              | +2pps   | 159                           | 4%   | +7%                                   |  |
| Mid and East Antrim   | 32%                              | -9pps   | 201                           | 5%   | +8%                                   |  |
| Mid Ulster  | 44%                              | -11pps  | 193                           | 5%   | +25%                                  |  |
| Newry, Mourne and Down  | 25%                              | -3pps   | 486                           | 12%  | +2%                                   |  |
| Total   | 33%                              | -4pps   | 3,999                         |  | +11%                                  |  |
| (percentage point change Jan-Dec 2019/18) pps = percentage poin |                                  |   |                               |  |                                       |  |

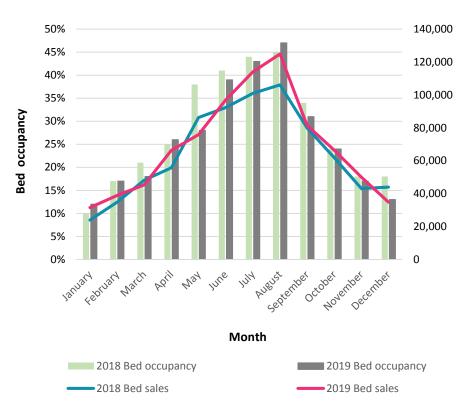
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#### GH/GA/B&BOCCUPANCY 2019 - ANALYSIS BY MONTH

## GH/GA/B&B room occupancy & sales by month



## GH/GA/B&B bed occupancy & sales by month



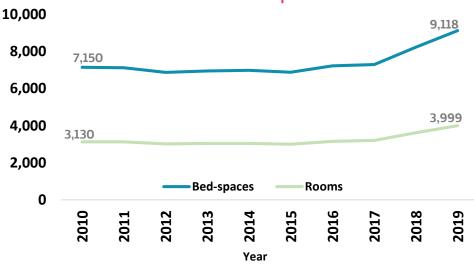
Beds sold

- GH/GA/B&B monthly room occupancy during 2019 was the highest in August (55%) with the highest bed-space occupancy also recorded that month (47%)
- January saw the lowest monthly room occupancy rate of 17% and the lowest bed-space occupancy rate of 12%

- The month of August recorded the highest number of rooms sold (65,000) and the highest number of bed-spaces sold (124,900), increases of 15% and 18% respectively compared to August 2018
- The month of January experienced the highest increase in bed-spaces sold up 31% compared with January 2018 with the largest decrease evident during the month of December, bed-spaces sold during December declined by 21% compared with December 2018

#### GH/GA/B&BBED-SPACE 2010 - 2019

#### GH/GA/B&B room and bed-space stock 2010 - 2019



At the end of December 2019 there were 962 GH/GA/B&Bs with 3,999 rooms and 9,118 bed-spaces, an increase of 11% on both rooms and bed-spaces available compared to end December 2018.

Room and bed-space capacity remained relatively stable during the period 2010 to 2017 with a period of growth between 2017 and 2019.

## GH/GA/B&B rooms and bed-spaces sold 2010 - 2019

Following a decline in room and bedspace sales between 2012 and 2015, sales picked up, demonstrating growth between 2016 and 2019.

