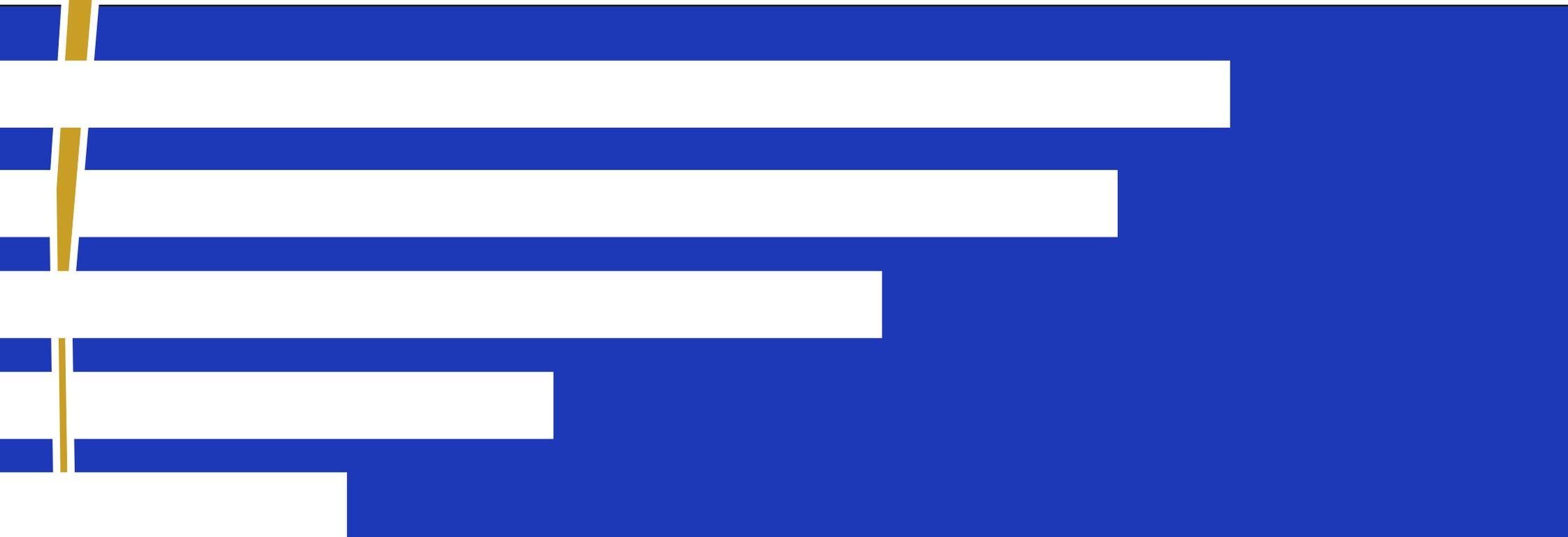


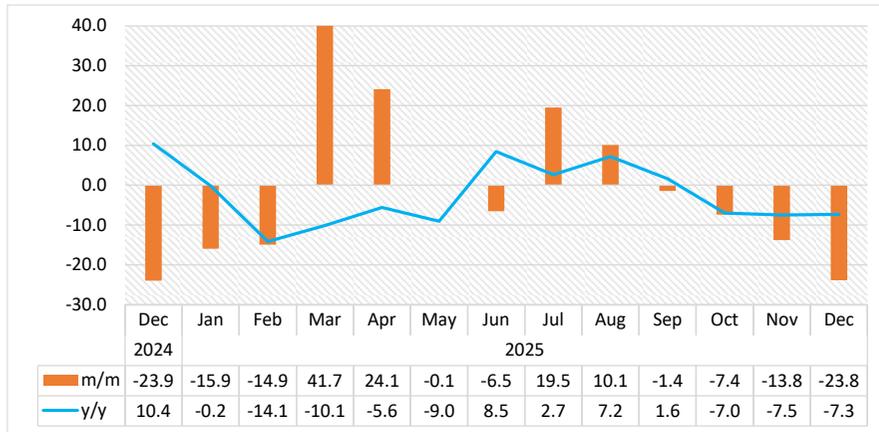


# ROOMS & BEDS OCCUPANCY

DECEMBER 2025

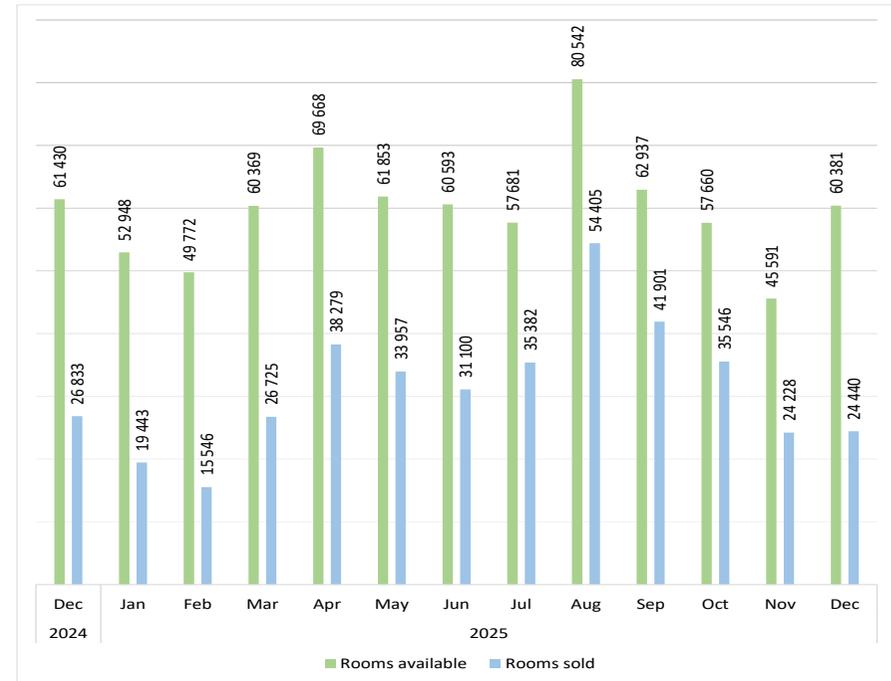


**Chart 1: Rooms Occupancy Rate Index, Percentage Change<sup>1</sup>**



- The **Rooms Occupancy Rate Index** declined by 23.8 percent month-on-month in December 2025, following a 13.8 percent decrease recorded in November 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also fell by 7.3 percent (Chart 1).
- The month-on-month contraction was largely attributed to reduced occupancy levels in hospitality establishments across all regions.
- Over the review period, the central region experienced the sharpest decline with 66.1 percent, followed by the northern region with a decrease of 26.5 percent. The southern and coastal regions recorded moderate declines, with 19.5 and 8.2 percent, respectively.

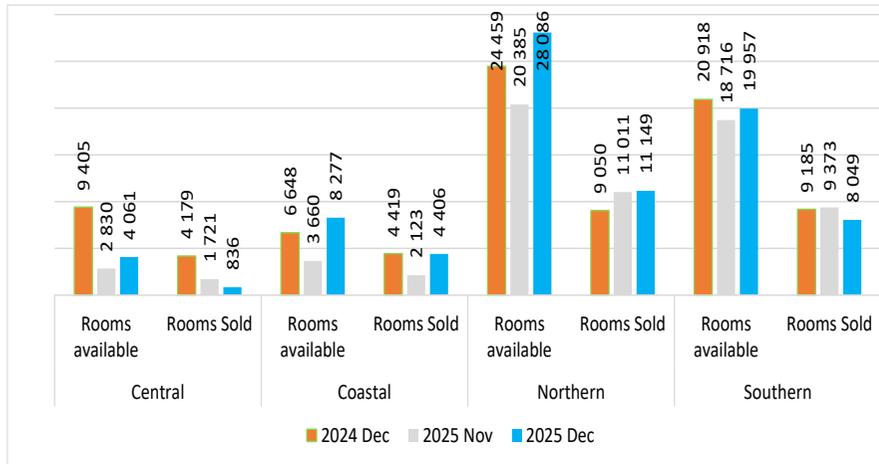
**Chart 2: Number of Rooms Available and Sold**



- During the review period, a total of 60 381 rooms were available nationwide, of which 24 440 were occupied, resulting in an occupancy rate of 40.5 percent. This represents a decline compared to November 2025, when 45 591 rooms were available and 24 228 were sold, yielding a higher occupancy rate of 53.1 percent (Chart 2).

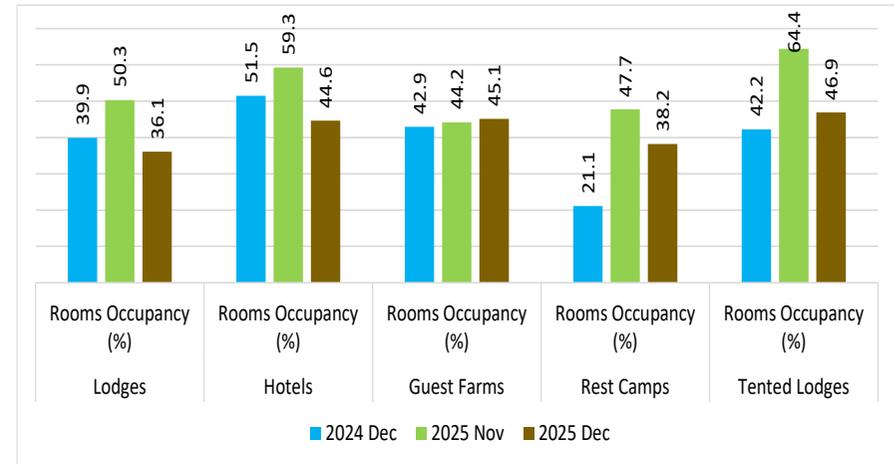
<sup>1</sup> This chart is limited to 40 percent for better readability.

**Chart 3: Number of Rooms Available and Sold by Region**



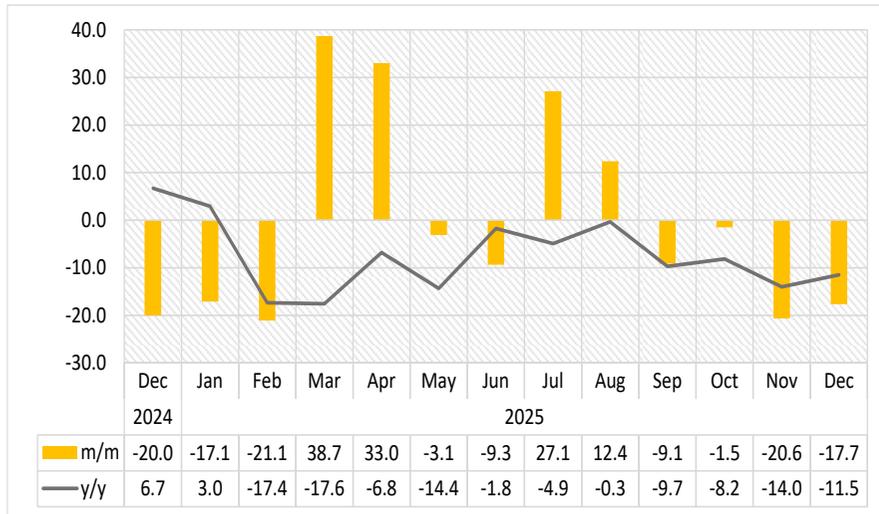
- In December 2025, the northern region recorded 28 086 available rooms, an increase from 20 385 registered in November 2025 and 24 459 rooms recorded in December 2024 (Chart 3).
- During the review period, 11 149 rooms were sold in the northern region, as opposed to 11 011 rooms recorded in November 2025 and 9 050 rooms sold in December 2024.
- In the southern region, a total of 19 957 rooms were available, of which 8 049 were occupied, resulting in 11 908 rooms remaining unsold during the month.

**Chart 4: Rooms Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments**



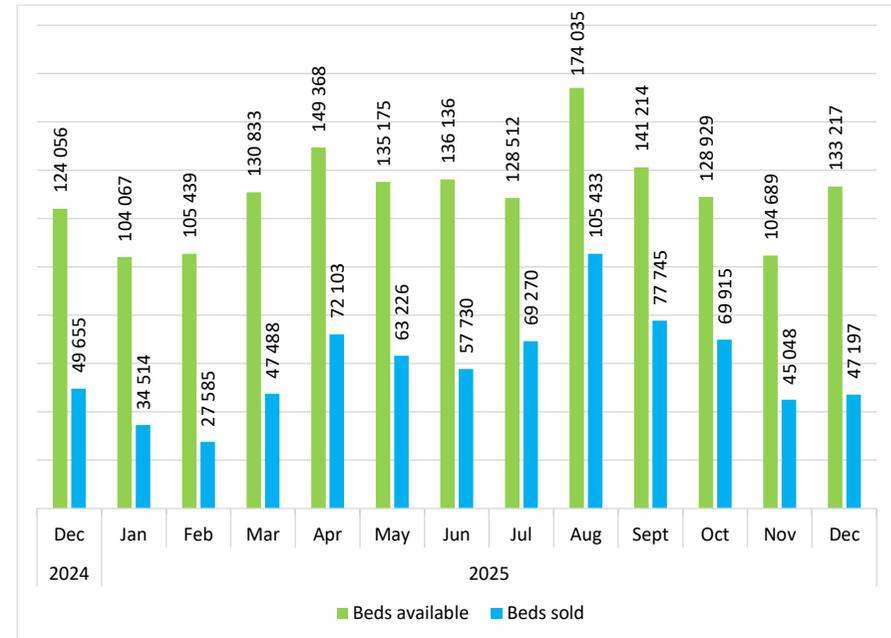
- In December 2025, room occupancy rates declined across most accommodation types compared to the previous month, apart from guest farms, which recorded an increase (Chart 4).
- Guest farms showed an improvement in December 2025, with occupancy rates rising to 45.1 percent from 44.2 percent posted in the preceding month of 2025.
- In contrast, tented lodges and hotels experienced notable slowdowns in December 2025, as occupancy rates fell to 46.9 and 44.6 percent, respectively, from 64.4 and 59.3 percent recorded in November 2025.
- Lodges and rest camps lodges also recorded weaker performance, with occupancy rates declining to 36.1 and 38.2 percent, respectively in December 2025, down from 50.3 and 47.7 percent recorded in the previous month.

**Chart 5: Beds Occupancy Index, Percentage Change**



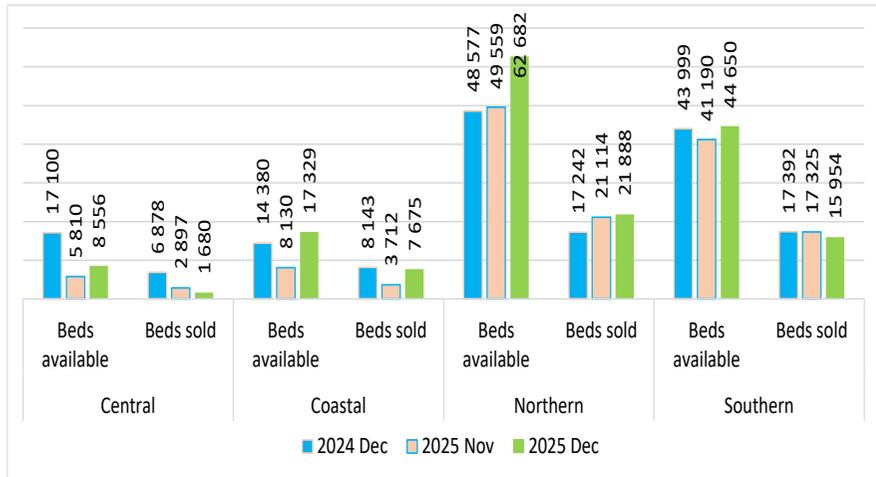
- The **Bed Occupancy Rate Index** declined by 17.7 percent month-on-month in December 2025, following a 20.6 percent decrease recorded in November 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also fell by 11.5 percent (Chart 5).
- The month-on-month contraction was largely driven by generally lower bed occupancy levels across most hospitality establishments in all regions, except for guest farms, which recorded an improvement during the review period.
- During the review period, the central region experienced the steepest month-on-month decline of 60.6 percent, followed by decreases in the northern and southern regions with 18.0 and 15.0 percent, respectively. The coastal region also recorded a decline of 3.0 percent in December 2025.

**Chart 6: Number of Beds Available and Sold**



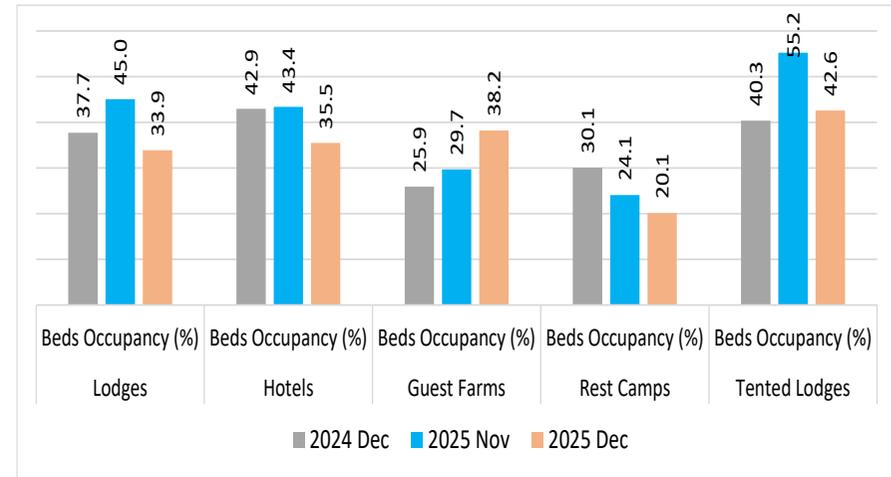
- In December 2025, a total of 47 197 beds were sold out of 133 217 available nationwide, compared to 45 048 beds sold out of 104 689 available in November 2025 (Chart 6).
- This comparison indicates increases in both bed availability and bed sales from November to December 2025.

**Chart 7: Number of Beds Available and Sold by Region**



- In December 2025, hospitality establishments in the northern region reported 62 682 available beds, an increase from 49 559 beds in November 2025 and higher than 48 577 available beds recorded in the corresponding month of 2024.
- Over the same period, the southern region recorded 44 650 available beds, up from 41 190 beds in November 2025 and exceeding the 43 999 beds reported in December 2024.
- In the coastal region, bed availability rose to 17 329 in December 2025 from 8 130 in November 2025. Similarly, the central region reported 8 556 available beds, compared to 5 810 beds in the preceding month (Chart 7).

**Chart 8: Beds Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments**



- During the period under review, bed occupancy rates slowed down across most hospitality categories compared to November 2025, apart from guest farms, which recorded an increase (Chart 8).
- In December 2025, tented lodges posted the highest bed occupancy rate of 42.6 percent, followed by guest farms with 38.2 percent. Hotels ranked third with an occupancy rate of 35.5 percent, while lodges and rest camps recorded the lowest rates with 33.9 and 20.1 percent, respectively.

**Table 1: The Indices of Rooms and Beds Occupancy**

Year	Month	Index for Room Occupancy rates	Index for Bed Occupancy rates
<b>2021</b>	Jan	37.0	42.8
	Feb	35.3	36.1
	Mar	36.7	41.2
	Apr	50.6	55.7
	May	45.8	54.1
	Jun	30.6	32.5
	Jul	21.7	26.1
	Aug	37.7	44.4
	Sep	50.1	55.7
	Oct	61.8	72.5
	Nov	64.2	71.0
	Dec	50.8	64.0
<b>2022</b>	Jan	35.2	41.9
	Feb	48.1	48.3
	Mar	51.1	56.3
	Apr	66.7	80.7
	May	71.9	84.8
	Jun	58.7	67.2
	Jul	95.9	116.7
	Aug	111.9	135.2
	Sep	96.6	117.9
	Oct	62.0	73.1
	Nov	83.7	96.1
	Dec	69.3	86.2
<b>2023</b>	Jan	67.7	78.8
	Feb	57.8	65.1
	Mar	74.3	85.1
	Apr	94.7	120.1
	May	92.8	108.6
	Jun	93.5	103.7
	Jul	111.4	134.5
	Aug	125.8	154.6
	Sep	119.6	141.8
	Oct	119.7	146.0
	Nov	91.0	114.5
	Dec	72.3	90.0

**Table 1: The Indices of Rooms and Beds Occupancy Continue...**

Year	Month	Index for Room Occupancy rates	Index for Bed Occupancy rates
<b>2024</b>	Jan	67.2	77.3
	Feb	66.4	76.0
	Mar	89.9	105.7
	Apr	106.3	124.3
	May	110.2	131.0
	Jun	86.4	103.6
	Jul	109.1	136.0
	Aug	115.1	145.8
	Sep	119.6	146.3
	Oct	121.0	141.7
	Nov	104.9	120.1
	Dec	79.8	96.0
<b>2025</b>	Jan	67.1	79.6
	Feb	57.0	62.8
	Mar	80.8	87.1
	Apr	100.3	115.8
	May	100.3	112.2
	Jun	93.7	101.8
	Jul	112.0	129.3
	Aug	123.4	145.4
	Sep	121.6	132.1
	Oct	112.6	130.1
	Nov	97.0	103.3
	Dec	73.9	85.0

## *Methodology*

<b>Background:</b>	The room and bed occupancy indices serve as a proxy for the tourism sector, a priority sector under NDP5.
<b>Data sources:</b>	Hospitality Association of Namibia.
<b>Central regions:</b>	Khomas, Omaheke, Otjozondjupa.
<b>Coastal region:</b>	Erongo.
<b>Northern regions:</b>	Ohangwena, Omusati, Oshana, Oshikoto, Kunene, Kavango East, Kavango West and Zambezi.
<b>Southern regions:</b>	//Kharas and Hardap.
<b>Base year:</b>	The volumes have been referenced to 2015 data as of November 2019.
<b>Conversion:</b>	1 basis point = 0.01 percent.