

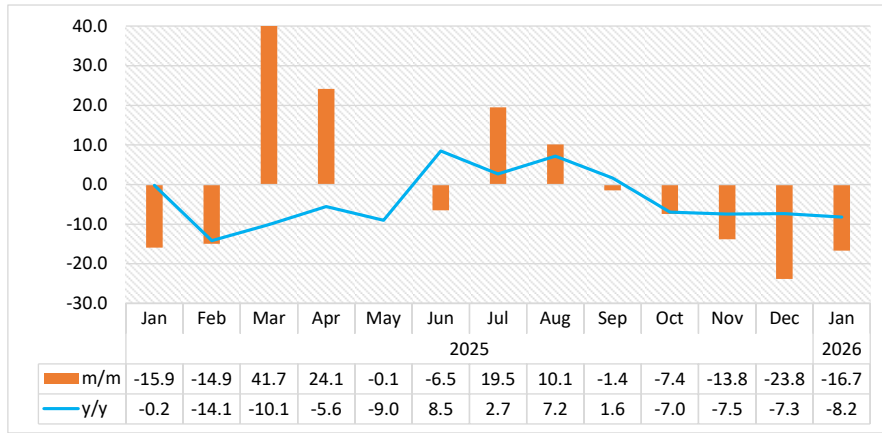


# ROOMS & BEDS OCCUPANCY

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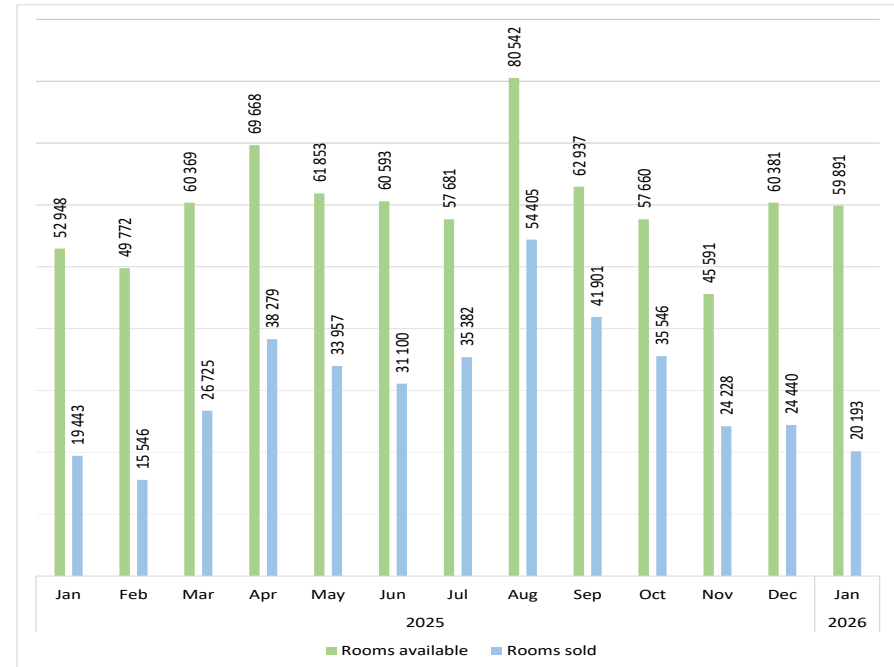
**Chart 1: Rooms Occupancy Rate Index, Percentage Change<sup>1</sup>**



- The **Rooms Occupancy Rate Index** decreased by 16.7 percent month-on-month in January 2026, following a 23.8 percent decline recorded in December 2025. On a year-on-year basis, the index also dropped by 8.2 percent (Chart 1).
- The monthly decline was mainly driven by lower occupancy levels in hospitality establishments across most regions, except for the central region, which recorded an increase during the review period.
- Regionally, the coastal area registered the highest decrease of 42.2 percent, followed by the northern region with 27.5 percent decline and the southern region with 27.2 percent drop. In contrast, the central region recorded a notable increase of 193.1 percent during the period under review.

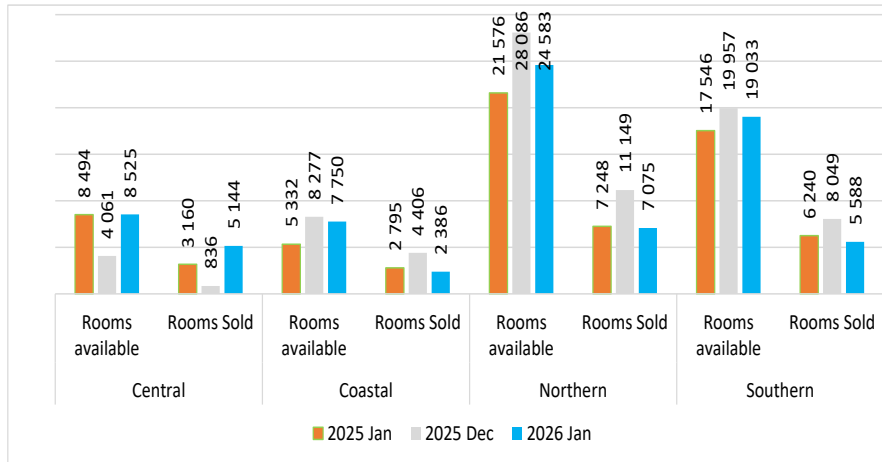
<sup>1</sup> This chart is limited to 40 percent for better readability.

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



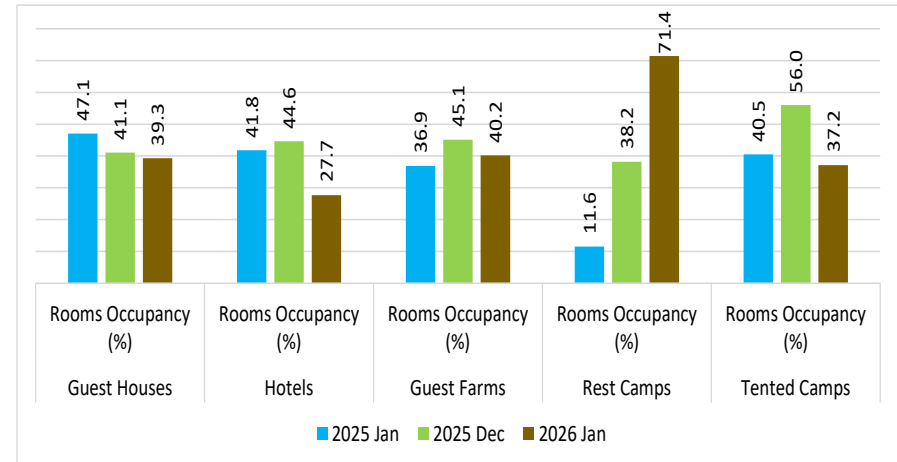
- During the review period, a total of 59 891 rooms were available nationwide, of which 20 193 were occupied, resulting in an occupancy rate of 33.7 percent. This reflects a decline from December 2025, when 60 381 rooms were available and 24 440 were occupied, corresponding to a higher occupancy rate of 40.5 percent (Chart 2).

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



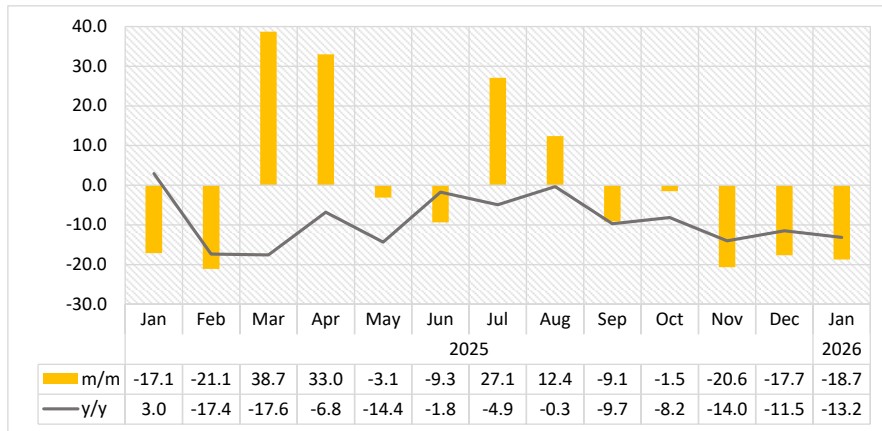
- In January 2026, the northern region recorded 24 583 available rooms, down from 28 086 rooms noted in December 2025 but higher than 21 576 rooms available in the same month of 2025 (Chart 3).
- During the period under review, 7 075 rooms were sold in the northern region, compared to 11 149 rooms recorded in December 2025 and 7 248 rooms sold in January 2025.
- In the southern region, a total of 19 033 rooms were available, of which 5 588 were occupied, leaving 13 445 rooms unsold during the month.

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



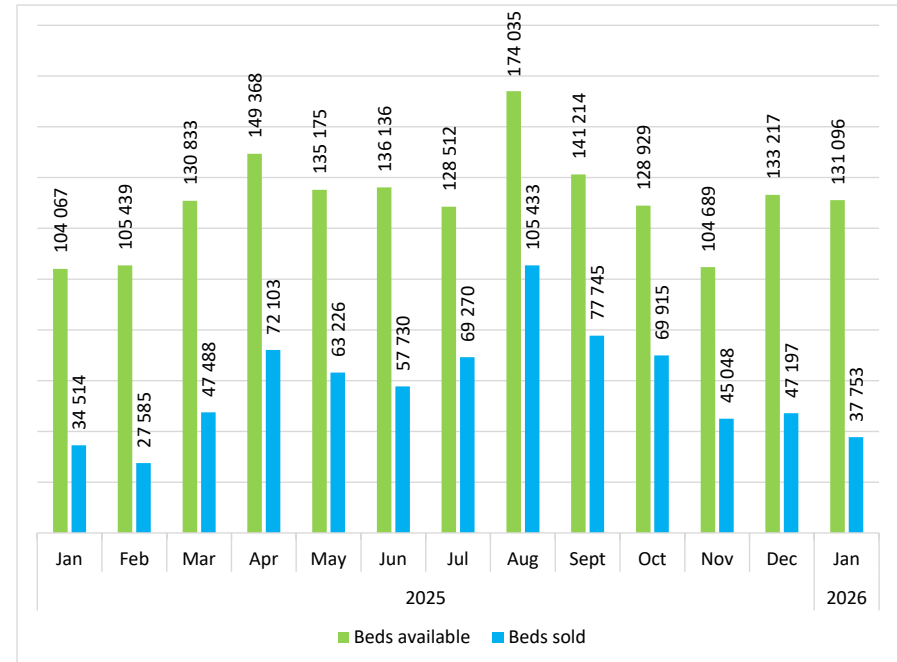
- In January 2026, room occupancy rates slowed down across most accommodation categories as opposed to the preceding month, apart from rest camps, which recorded an increase (Chart 4).
- Rest camps registered improved performance, with occupancy rates rising to 71.4 percent in January 2026 from 38.2 percent in December 2025.
- In contrast, tented camps and hotels recorded weaker performance, as occupancy rates dropped to 37.2 and 27.7 percent, respectively, in January 2026, compared to 56.0 and 44.6 percent recorded in December 2025.
- Guest farms and guest houses also experienced noticeable slowdowns, with occupancy rates falling to 40.2 and 39.3 percent, respectively, from 45.1 and 41.1 percent recorded in the previous month.

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



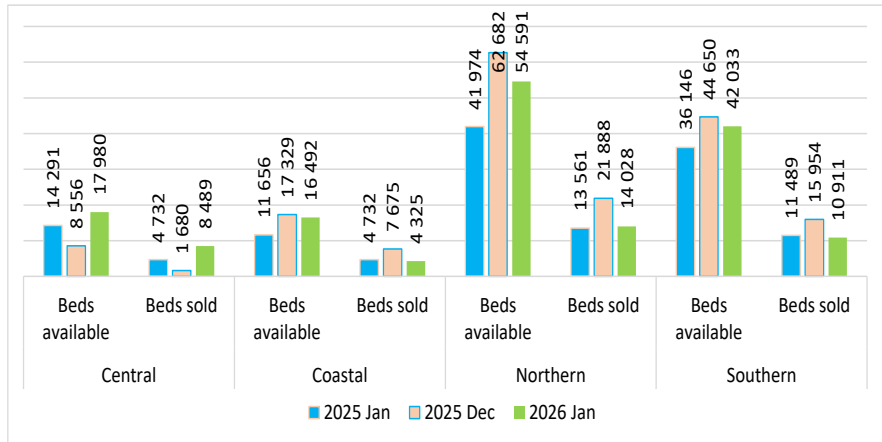
- The **Bed Occupancy Rate Index** fell by 18.7 percent month-on-month in January 2026, following a 17.7 percent decline recorded in December 2025. Compared to the same month a year earlier, the index also decreased by 13.2 percent (Chart 5).
- The monthly decline was largely attributed to lower bed occupancy levels across most hospitality establishments in all regions, except for rest camps and guest houses, which recorded improvements during the review period.
- Regionally, the coastal area registered the sharpest month-on-month decrease of 40.8 percent, followed by declines in the southern and northern regions of 27.4 and 26.4 percent, respectively. Conversely, the central region recorded a substantial increase of 140.5 percent in January 2026.

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



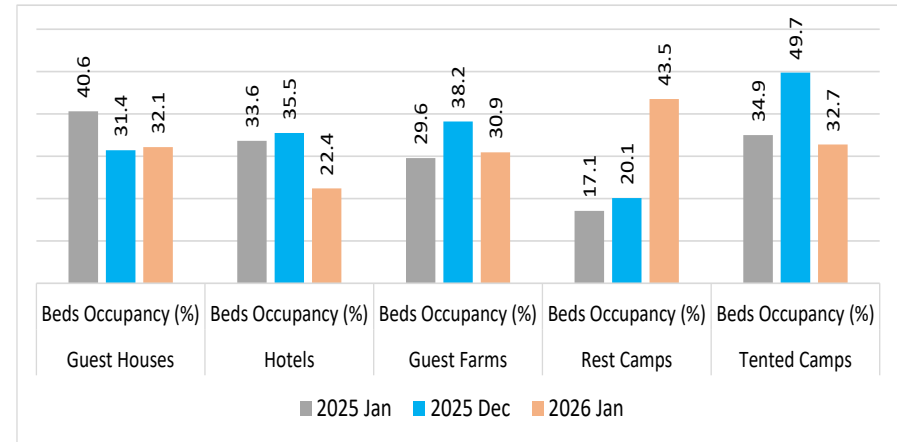
- In January 2026, a total of 37 753 beds were sold out of 131 096 available nationwide, in contrast to 47 197 beds sold out of 133 217 available in December 2025 (Chart 6).
- This comparison reflects declines in both bed availability and sales between December 2025 and January 2026.

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



- In January 2026, hospitality establishments in the northern region recorded 54 591 available beds, down from 62 682 in December 2025 but higher than 41 974 beds available in the same month of 2025.
- During the same period, the southern region reported 42 033 available beds, decreasing from 44 650 beds in December 2025 but surpassing 36 146 beds recorded in January 2025.
- In the central region, bed availability increased to 17 980 in January 2026 from 8 556 in December 2025. Meanwhile, the coastal region registered 16 492 available beds, slightly lower than 17 329 beds reported in the previous month (Chart 7).

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



- During the period under review, bed occupancy rates declined across most hospitality categories compared to December 2025, except for rest camps and guest houses, which recorded increases (Chart 8).
- In January 2026, rest camps registered the highest bed occupancy rate of 43.5 percent, followed by tented camps with 32.7 percent. Guest houses ranked third with an occupancy rate of 32.1 percent, while guest farms and hotels recorded the lowest rates at 30.9 and 22.4 percent, respectively.

Table 1: The Indices of Rooms and Beds Occupancy

Year	Month	Index for Room Occupancy rates	Index for Bed Occupancy rates
2021	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
2022	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
2023	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

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Year	Month	Index for Room Occupancy rates	Index for Bed Occupancy rates
2024	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
2025	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
2026	Jan	61.6	69.1

## *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.