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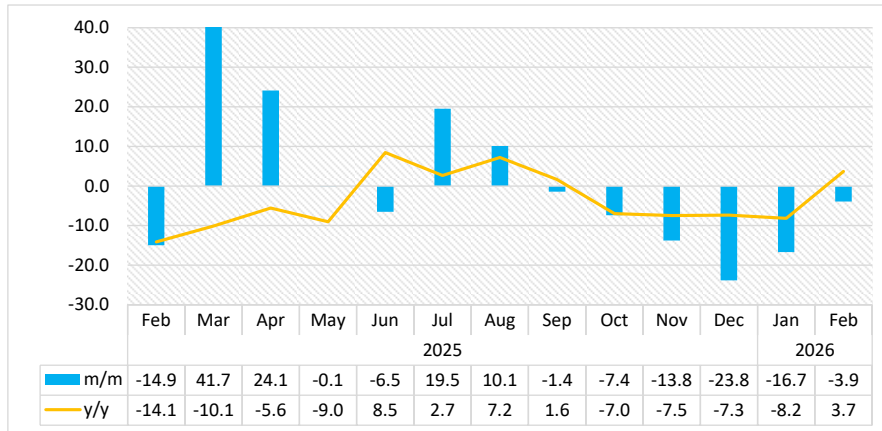


ROOMS & BEDS OCCUPANCY

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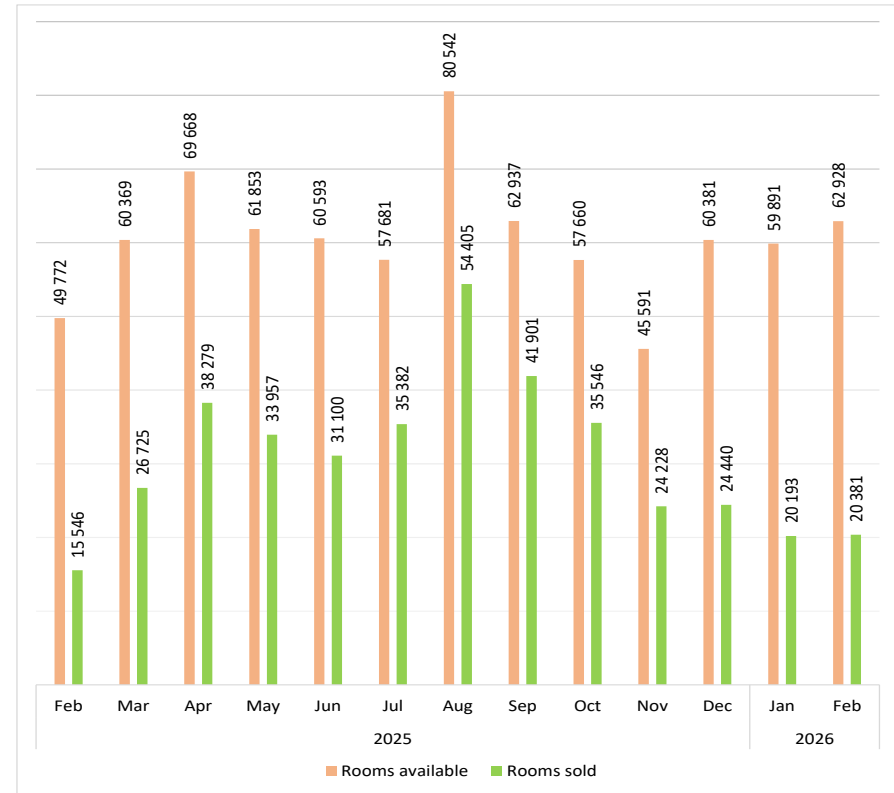
Chart 1: Rooms Occupancy Rate Index, Percentage Change¹



- The **Rooms Occupancy Rate Index** fell by 3.9 percent on a month-on-month basis in February 2026, following a 16.7 percent decline recorded in January 2026. Despite this monthly drop, the index increased by 3.7 percent on a year-on-year basis (Chart 1).
- The monthly decline was attributed to lower occupancy levels in hospitality establishments in the central region, while establishments in the coastal, southern, and northern regions recorded increases during the review period.
- At the regional level, the central area recorded a steep decline, with occupancy levels dropping by 47.4 percent. In contrast, the coastal region posted the highest increase of 37.1 percent, followed by the southern region with 11.6 percent rise, while the northern region recorded an increase of 1.4 percent during the period under review.

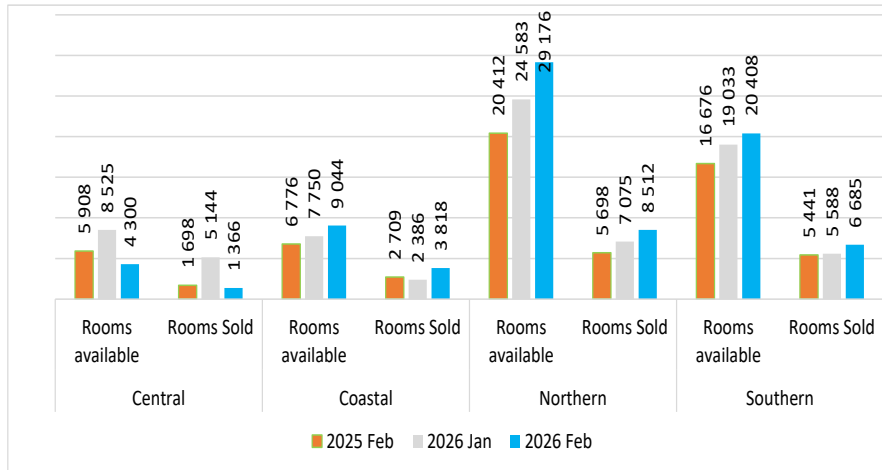
¹ This chart is limited to 40 percent for better readability.

Chart 2: Number of Rooms Available and Sold



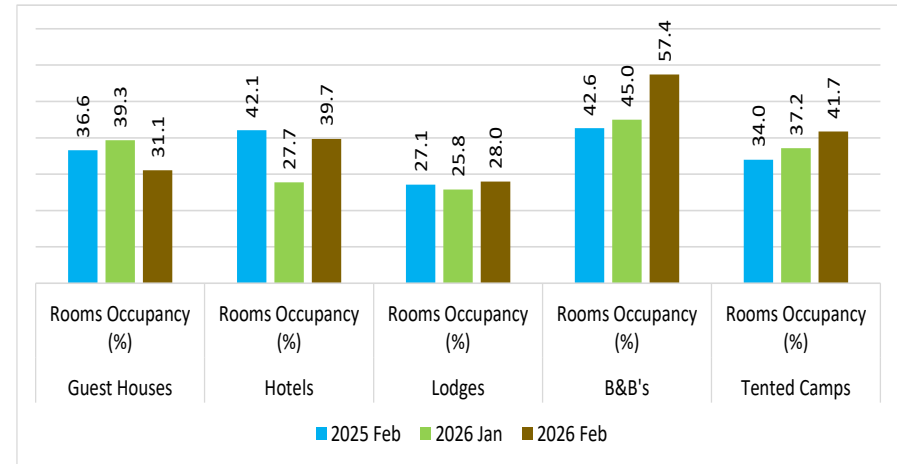
- During the review period, 62 928 rooms were available nationwide, with only 20 381 rooms occupied, yielding an occupancy rate of 32.4 percent. In comparison, January 2026 recorded 59 891 available rooms and 20 193 rooms occupied, resulting in a slightly higher occupancy rate of 33.7 percent (Chart 2).

Chart 3: Number of Rooms Available and Sold by Region



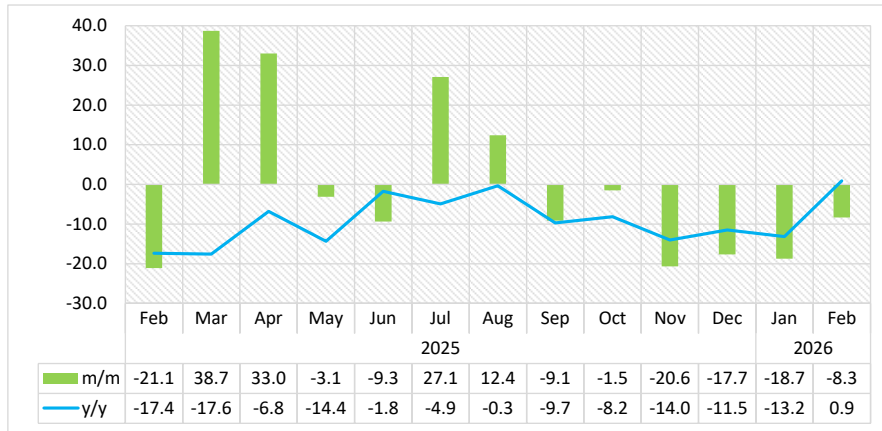
- In February 2026, the northern region recorded 29 176 available rooms, up from 24 583 and 20 412 rooms recorded in January 2026 and in the corresponding month of 2025, respectively (Chart 3).
- During the period under review, 8 512 rooms were sold in the northern region, compared to 7 075 rooms sold in January 2026 and 5 698 rooms recorded in February 2025.
- In the southern region, a total of 20 408 rooms were available, of which 6 685 rooms were occupied, leaving 13 723 rooms unsold during the month.

Chart 4: Rooms Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



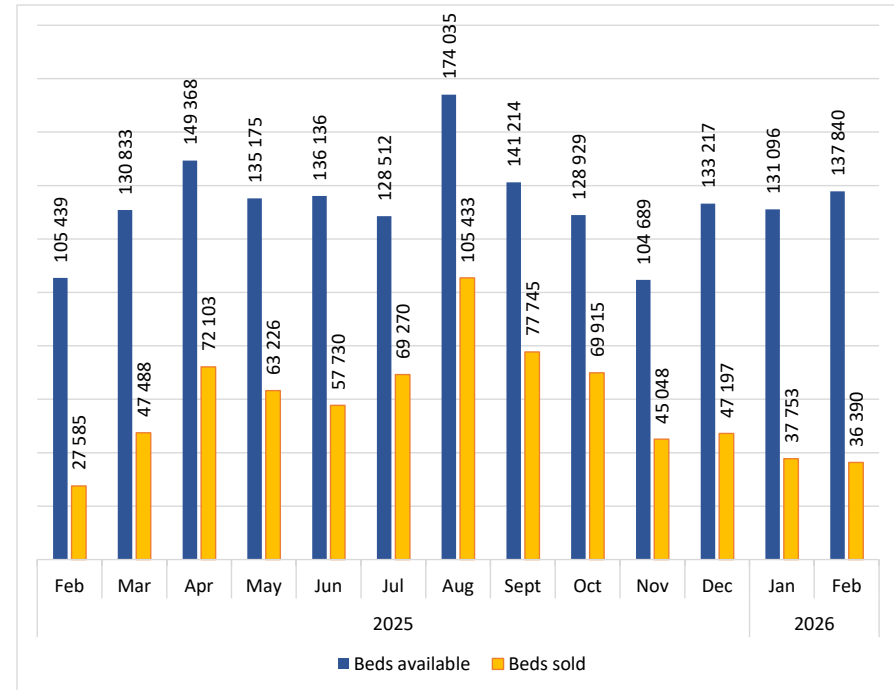
- In February 2026, occupancy rates for guest houses declined, while all other accommodation categories recorded increases compared to the previous month (Chart 4).
- Bed and breakfasts (B&Bs) showed stronger performance, with occupancy rates rising to 57.4 percent in February 2026 from 45.0 percent in January 2026.
- Tented camps and hotels also recorded notable improvements, with occupancy rates increasing to 41.7 percent and 39.7 percent, respectively, up from 37.2 and 27.7 percent noted in the preceding month.
- Lodges similarly experienced improved performance, with occupancy rates rising to 28.0 percent in February 2026 from 25.8 percent posted in January 2026. In contrast, guest houses saw a decline, with occupancy rates dropping to 31.1 percent from 39.3 percent recorded in the previous month.

Chart 5: Beds Occupancy Index, Percentage Change



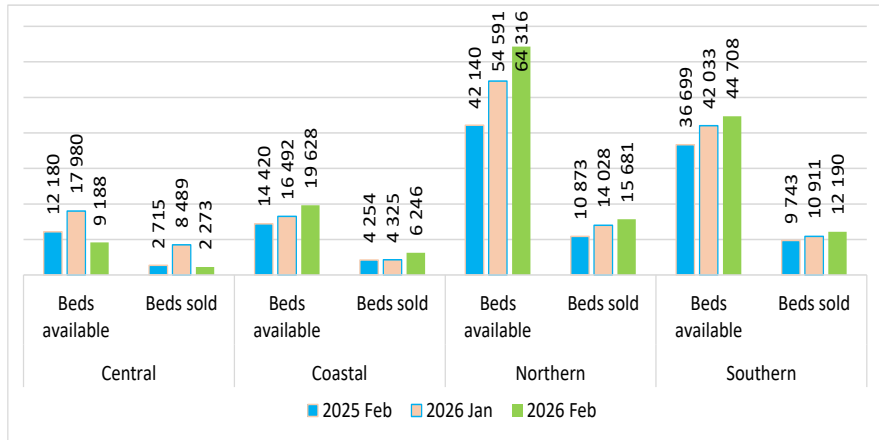
- The **Bed Occupancy Rate Index** declined by 8.3 percent on a month-on-month basis in February 2026, following a 18.7 percent decrease recorded in January 2026. However, compared to the same month a year earlier, the index rose by 0.9 percent (Chart 5).
- The monthly decline was mainly driven by lower bed occupancy levels across most hospitality establishments in the central and northern regions, while establishments in the coastal and southern regions recorded improvements during the review period.
- At the regional level, the central area recorded the steepest month-on-month decline of 47.6 percent in February 2026, followed by a 5.1 percent decrease in the northern region. In contrast, the coastal and southern regions posted increases of 21.3 and 5.0 percent, respectively, during the same period.

Chart 6: Number of Beds Available and Sold



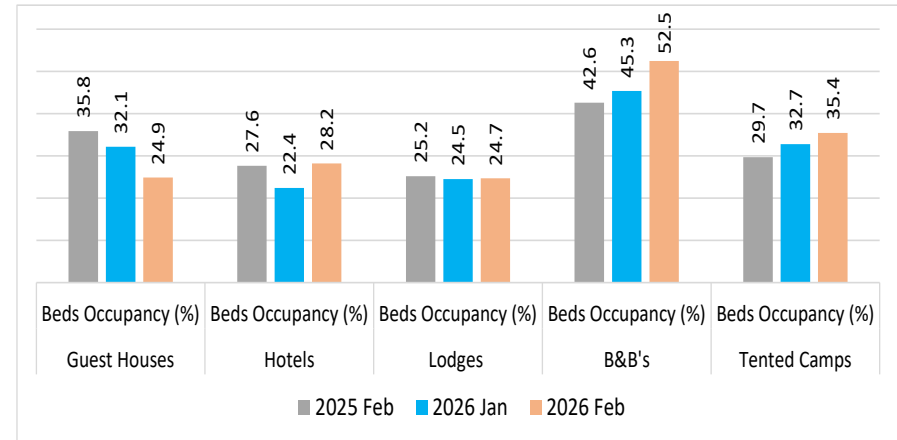
- In February 2026, a total of 36 390 beds were sold out of 137 840 beds available nationwide, compared to 37 753 beds sold out of 131 096 beds available in January 2026 (Chart 6).
- This comparison shows that bed availability increased between January and February 2026, while bed sales decreased over the same period.

Chart 7: Number of Beds Available and Sold by Region



- In February 2026, hospitality establishments in the northern region recorded 64 316 available beds, up from 54 591 beds recorded in January 2026 and higher than 42 140 beds available in the corresponding month of 2025.
- During the same period, the southern region reported 44 708 available beds, increasing from 42 033 beds posted in January 2026 and exceeding 36 699 beds recorded in February 2025.
- In the coastal region, bed availability rose to 19 628 in February 2026 from 16 492 beds noted in January 2026. Meanwhile, the central region recorded 9 188 available beds, significantly lower than 17 980 beds reported in the preceding month (Chart 7).

Chart 8: Beds Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



- During the review period, bed occupancy rates in guest houses declined markedly compared to January 2026, while B&Bs, tented camps, hotels, and lodges all recorded improvements (Chart 8).
- In February 2026, guest houses experienced the steepest month-on-month drop-in bed occupancy rates with 24.9 percent. In contrast, B&Bs recorded the highest increase of 52.5 percent, followed by tented camps with 35.4 percent. Hotels and lodges ranked third and fourth, with occupancy rates of 28.2 and 24.7 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
	Feb	59.1	63.3

Methodology

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