

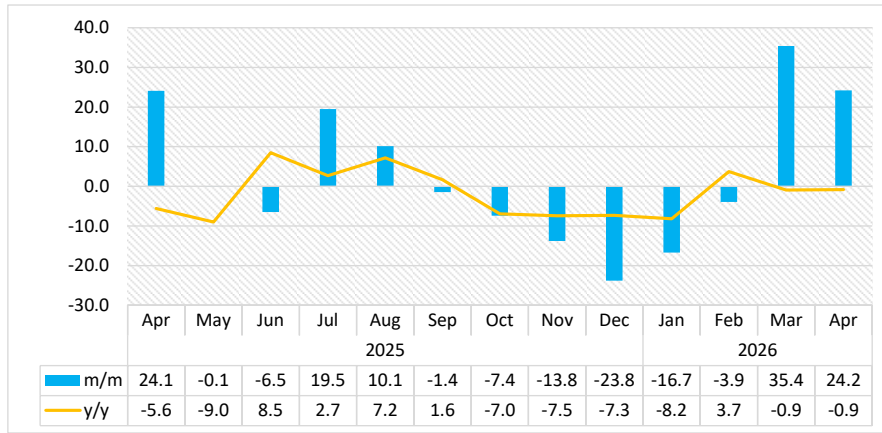


ROOMS & BEDS OCCUPANCY

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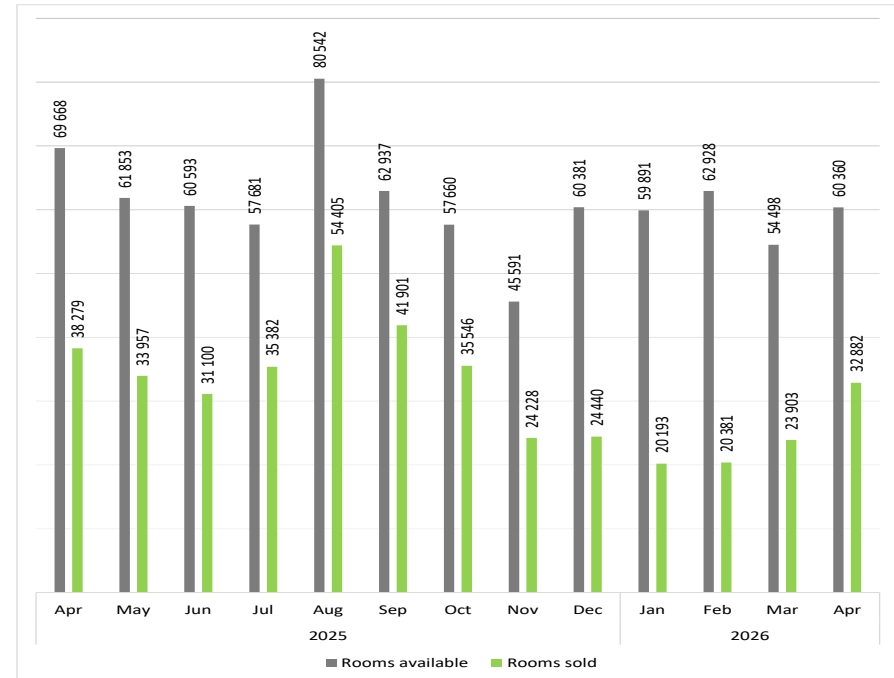


Chart 1: Rooms Occupancy Rate Index, Percentage Change



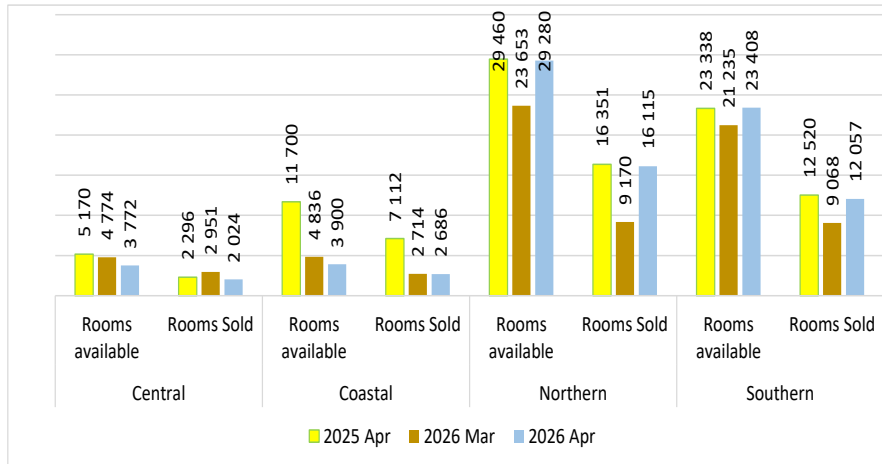
- The **Rooms Occupancy Rate Index** recorded a 24.2 percent increase on a month-on-month basis in April 2026, compared to a 35.4 percent rise registered in March 2026, indicating a moderation in growth. On a year-on-year basis, however, the index declined slightly by 0.9 percent relative to April 2025 (Chart 1).
- The monthly increase was largely driven by improved occupancy rates across hospitality establishments in most regions, with the central region being the only area to record a decline during the review period.
- Regionally, the northern region recorded the strongest growth, with occupancy rates increasing by 42.0 percent. The coastal region and the southern region followed in second and third positions, posting increases of 22.7 percent and 20.6 percent, respectively. In contrast, the central region ranked fourth, registering a 13.2 percent decline during the period under review.

Chart 2: Number of Rooms Available and Sold



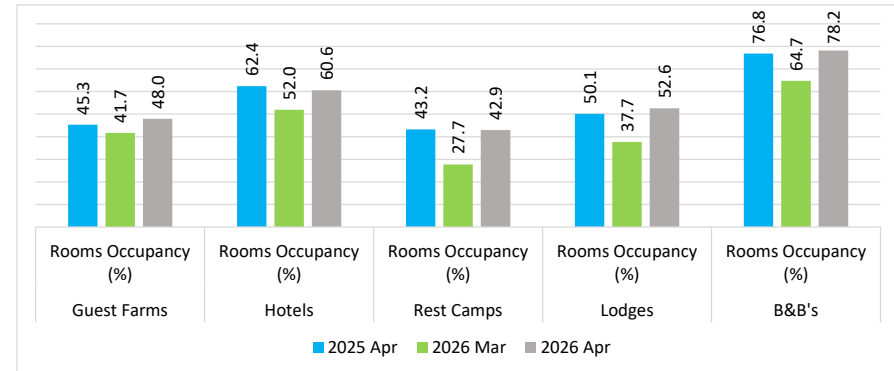
- During the period under review, a total of 60 360 rooms were available in April 2026, with 32 882 rooms occupied, yielding an occupancy rate of 54.5 percent. This represents an improvement from March 2026, when 23 903 rooms of the 54 498 available rooms were occupied, translating into a lower occupancy rate of 43.9 percent (Chart 2).

Chart 3: Number of Rooms Available and Sold by Region



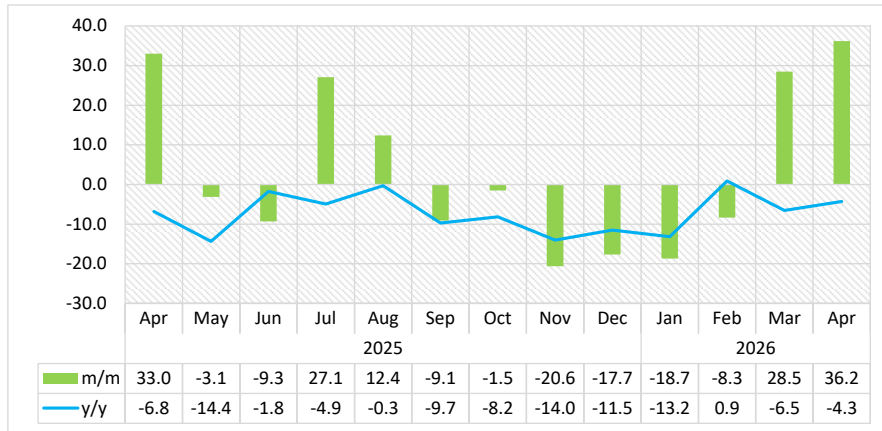
- In April 2026, the northern region recorded 29 280 available rooms, representing an increase from 23 653 rooms in March 2026, although slightly lower than the 29 460 rooms available in April 2025 (Chart 3).
- A total of 16 115 rooms were sold in the northern region during the period under review, compared to 9 170 rooms sold in March 2026 and 16 351 rooms sold in the corresponding month of 2025.
- In the southern region, 23 408 rooms were available during April 2026. Of these, 12 057 rooms were occupied, while the remaining 11 351 rooms remained vacant during the month.

Chart 4: Rooms Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



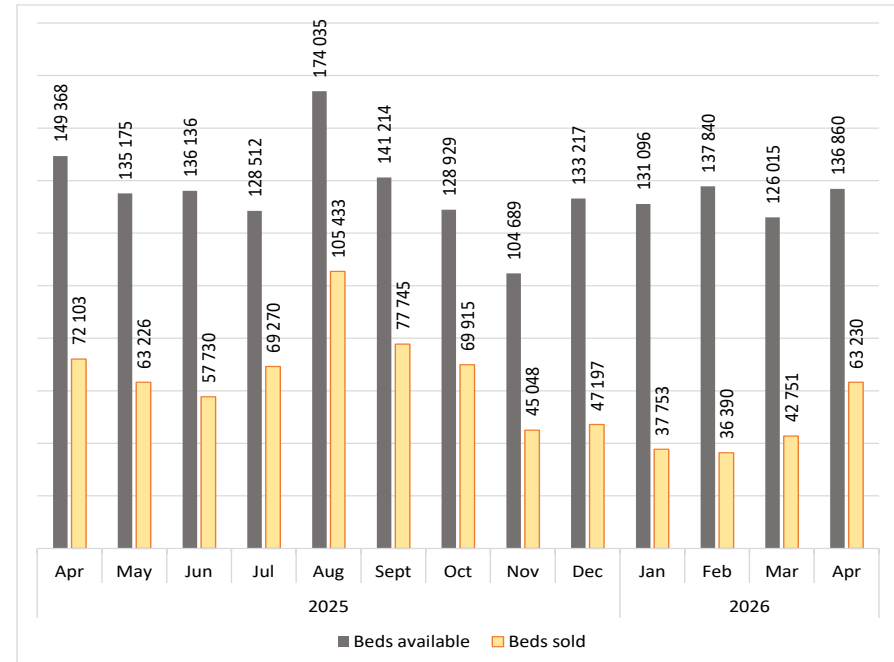
- In April 2026, room occupancy rates improved across all categories of accommodation establishments compared to the previous month (Chart 4).
- Bed and breakfasts (B&Bs) and hotels recorded particularly strong performances, with occupancy rates rising to 78.2 percent and 60.6 percent, respectively, from 64.7 percent and 52.0 percent recorded in March 2026.
- Lodges and guest farms also registered significant gains, with occupancy rates increasing to 52.6 percent and 48.0 percent, respectively, compared to 37.7 percent and 41.7 percent in the preceding month.
- Similarly, rest camps experienced improved occupancy levels, with the rate increasing to 42.9 percent in April 2026 from 27.7 percent recorded in March 2026.

Chart 5: Beds Occupancy Index, Percentage Change



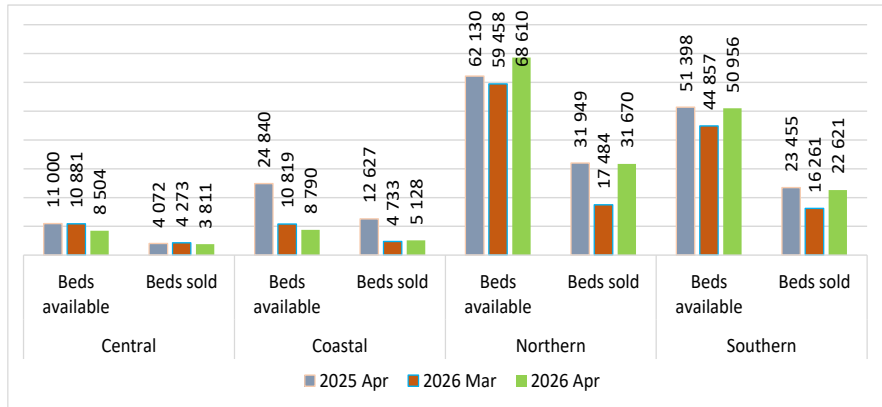
- The **Bed Occupancy Rate Index** recorded a 36.2 percent increase on a month-on-month basis in April 2026, following a 28.5 percent rise registered in March 2026. Despite the monthly growth, the index declined by 4.3 percent compared to the corresponding month of 2025 (Chart 5).
- The increase observed during the month was driven by improved bed occupancy levels across hospitality establishments in all regions during the review period.
- At the regional level, the northern region posted the strongest month-on-month growth in bed occupancy, increasing by 57.0 percent in April 2026. The coastal region followed with a 33.4 percent increase, while the southern and central regions recorded gains of 22.5 percent and 14.1 percent, respectively, over the same period.

Chart 6: Number of Beds Available and Sold



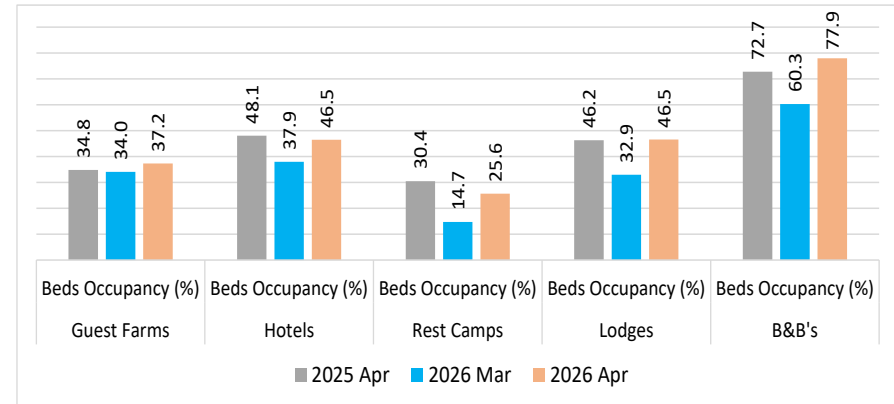
- During the period under review, 63 230 beds were occupied out of a total of 136 860 beds available nationwide. This compares with 42 751 beds occupied out of 126 015 beds available in March 2026 (Chart 6).
- The comparison indicates that both bed capacity and bed occupancy increased between March and April 2026, reflecting stronger demand for accommodation services during the period under review.

Chart 7: Number of Beds Available and Sold by Region



- In April 2026, the northern region recorded 68 610 available beds in hospitality establishments, increasing from 59 458 beds in March 2026 and surpassing the 62 130 beds available in the corresponding month of 2025.
- The southern region registered 50 956 available beds during the review period, up from 44 857 beds recorded in March 2026, but marginally below the 51 398 beds available in April 2025.
- In contrast, bed availability in the coastal region declined to 8 790 beds in April 2026 from 10 819 beds recorded a month earlier. Likewise, the central region reported 8 504 available beds, a notable decrease from 10 881 beds recorded in March 2026 (Chart 7).

Chart 8: Beds Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



- During the period under review, bed occupancy rates improved across all categories of accommodation establishments compared to March 2026.
- In April 2026, bed and breakfasts (B&Bs) recorded the highest month-on-month increase in bed occupancy, rising by 77.9 percent. Lodges and hotels followed in second and third positions, respectively, each registering growth of 46.5 percent, while guest farms ranked fourth with an increase of 37.2 percent.
- Rest camps also posted growth, recording a 25.6 percent increase in bed occupancy and placing fifth among the accommodation categories during the review period (Chart 8).

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
	Mar	80.1	81.4
	Apr	99.5	110.9

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.