

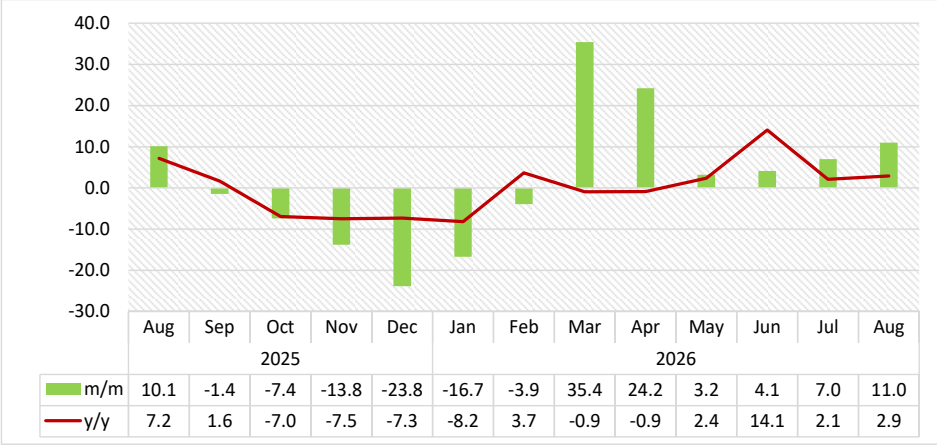
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SECTORAL REPORT

ROOMS & BEDS OCCUPANCY

August 2026

Chart 1: Rooms Occupancy Rate Index, Percentage Change



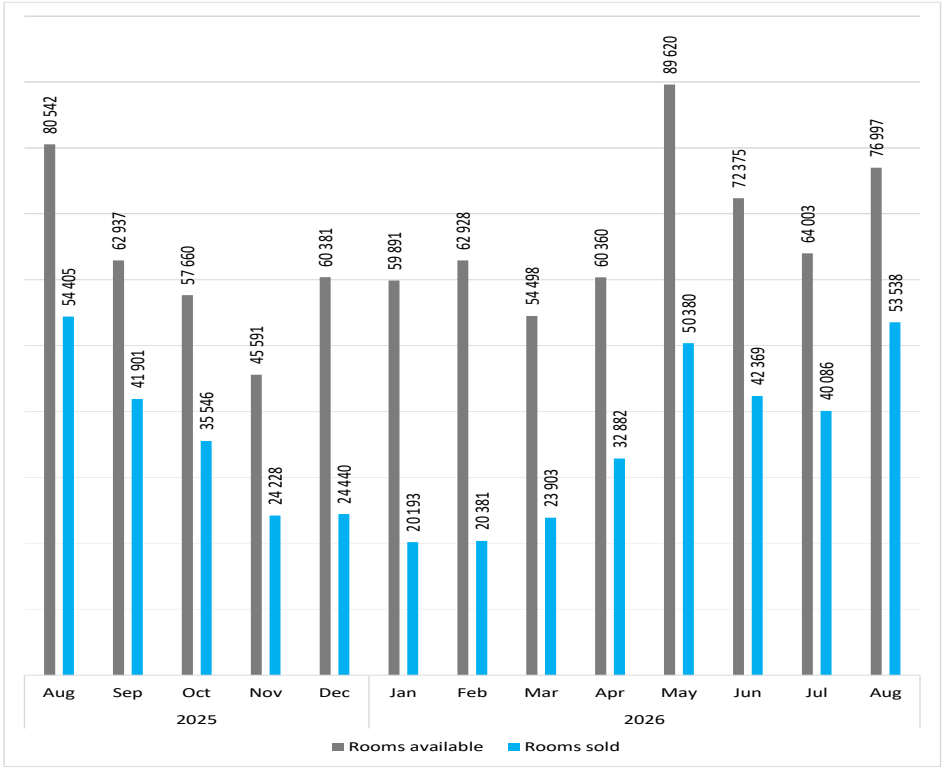
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	10.1	-1.4	-7.4	-13.8	-23.8	-16.7	-3.9	35.4	24.2	3.2	4.1	7.0	11.0
y/y	7.2	1.6	-7.0	-7.5	-7.3	-8.2	3.7	-0.9	-0.9	2.4	14.1	2.1	2.9

- The **Rooms Occupancy Rate Index** continued to rise in August 2026, increasing by 11.0 percent month-on-month, following a 7.0 percent gain in July 2026. This indicates that monthly growth gained momentum. On a year-on-year basis, the index grew by 2.9 percent, compared to a 7.2 percent increase noted in August 2025 (Chart 1).

- The monthly growth was primarily driven by improved occupancy rates across hospitality establishments in all regions during the month under review.

- By region, the northern region registered the strongest growth, with occupancy rates rising by 14.8 percent, followed by the coastal and central regions, which grew by 9.9 percent and 7.5 percent, respectively, while the southern region registered a 6.7 percent increase during the period under review.

Chart 2: Number of Rooms Available and Sold



- During the period under review, 76 997 rooms were available in August 2026, of which 53 538 rooms were occupied, resulting in an occupancy rate of 69.5 percent. This represents an improvement from July 2026, when 40 086 rooms out of the 64 003 available rooms were occupied, yielding an occupancy rate of 62.6 percent (Chart 2).

Chart 3: Number of Rooms Available and Sold by Region

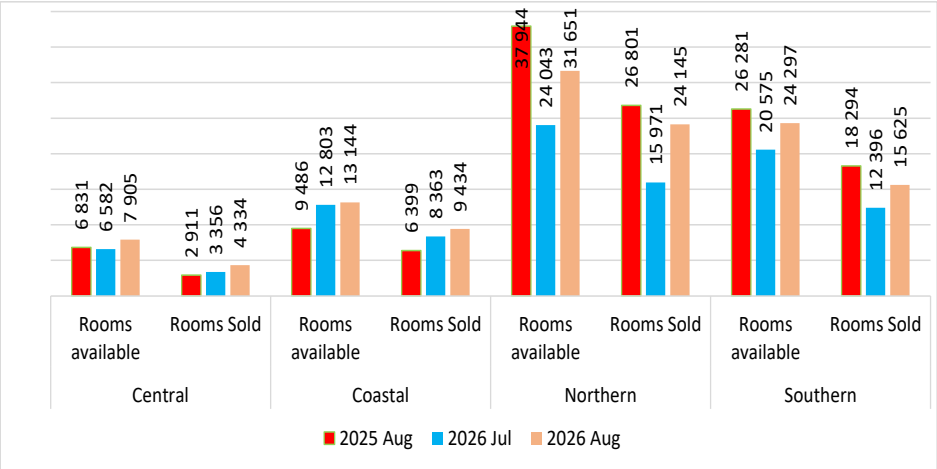
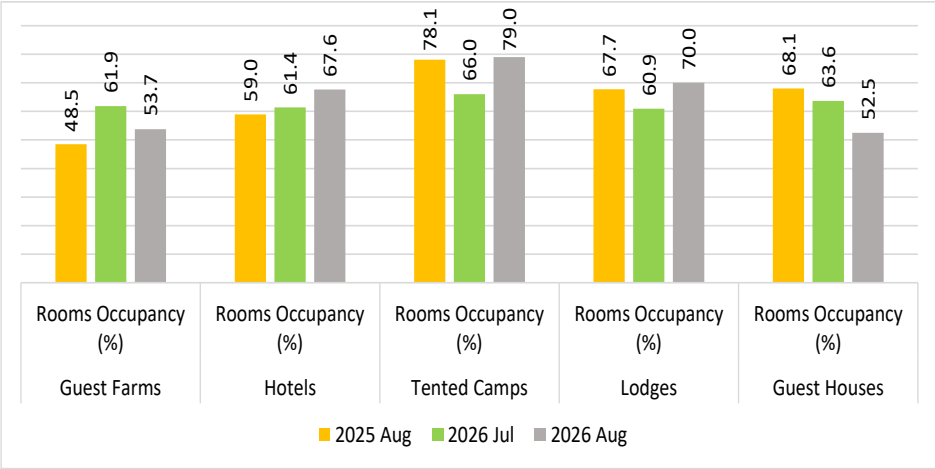


Chart 4: Rooms Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



- In August 2026, the Northern region had 31 651 available rooms, up from 24 043 rooms in July 2026 but below the 37 944 rooms available in the corresponding month of 2025.

- During the month under review, 24 145 rooms were occupied in the Northern region, compared to 15 971 rooms in July 2026 and 26 801 rooms occupied in August 2025.

- In the Southern region, 24 297 rooms were available in August 2026, of which 15 625 were occupied and 8 672 remained unoccupied. This represented the largest number of unoccupied rooms among all regions during the month under review (Chart 3).

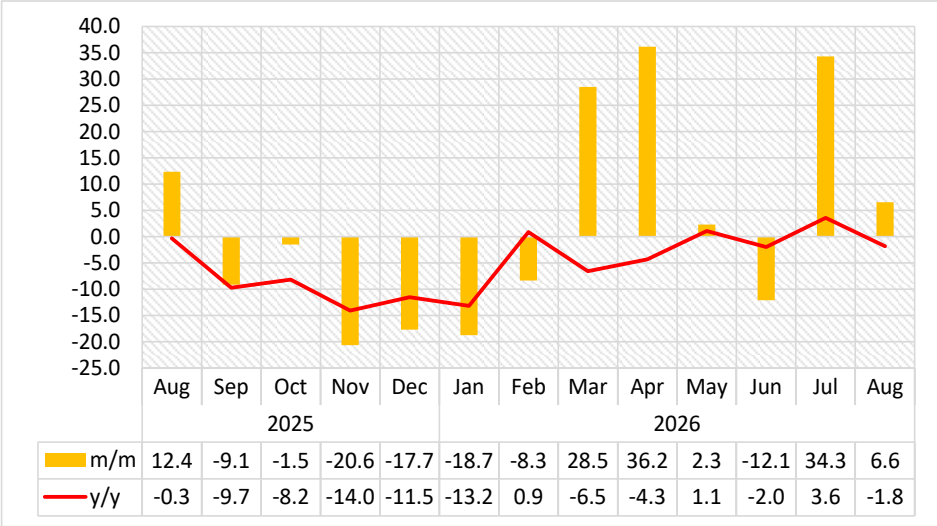
- In August 2026, room occupancy rates improved across most accommodation categories compared with the preceding month, except for guest farms and guest houses, which registered declines in room occupancy rates (Chart 4).

- Tented camps recorded the strongest performance, with the occupancy rate rising to 79.0 percent, from 66.0 percent registered in July 2026.

- Similarly, occupancy rates for lodges and hotels improved to 70.0 percent and 67.6 percent, respectively, from 60.9 percent and 61.4 percent recorded in the previous month.

- In contrast, guest farms and guest houses registered lower occupancy rates, declining to 53.7 percent and 52.5 percent, respectively, from 61.9 percent and 63.6 percent noted in July 2026 (Chart 4).

Chart 5: Beds Occupancy Index, Percentage Change



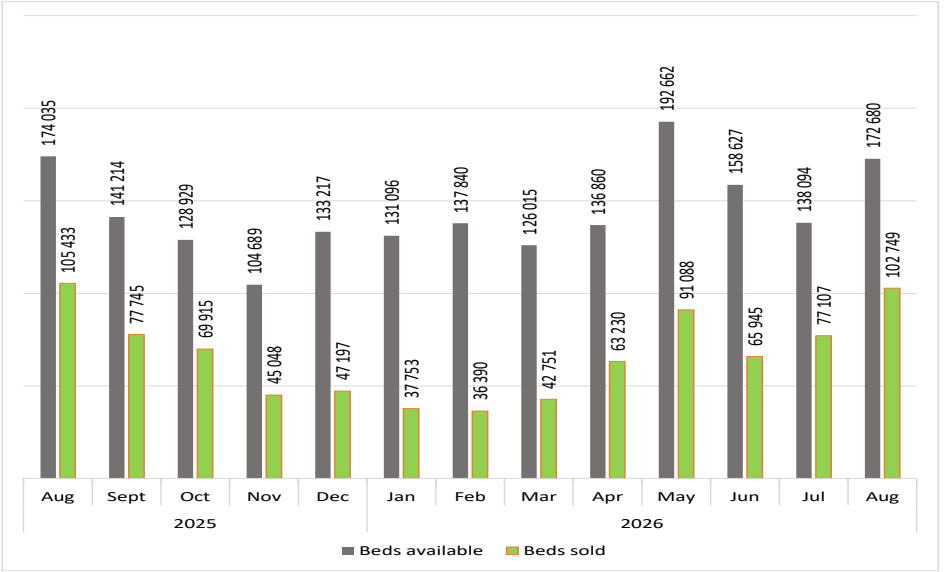
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
	2025					2026							
m/m	12.4	-9.1	-1.5	-20.6	-17.7	-18.7	-8.3	28.5	36.2	2.3	-12.1	34.3	6.6
y/y	-0.3	-9.7	-8.2	-14.0	-11.5	-13.2	0.9	-6.5	-4.3	1.1	-2.0	3.6	-1.8

- The **Bed Occupancy Rate Index** rose by 6.6 percent month-on-month in August 2026, from a 34.3 percent increase posted in July 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the index declined by 1.8 percent, compared to a marginal 0.3 percent decline in the corresponding month of 2025 (Chart 5).

- The monthly growth was primarily driven by higher bed occupancy rates across hospitality establishments in all regions during the period under review.

- At the regional level, the coastal region registered the strongest month-on-month growth in bed occupancy, with 14.2 percent in August 2026. This was followed by the central region, which grew by 6.9 percent, while the northern and southern regions registered growth of 5.0 percent and 2.7 percent, respectively.

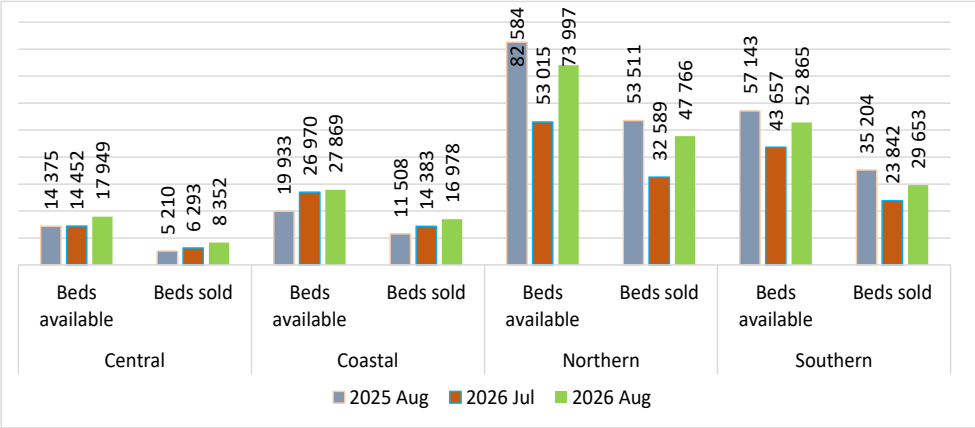
Chart 6: Number of Beds Available and Sold



- During the period under review, a total of 102 749 beds were occupied out of 172 680 available beds nationwide, compared to 77 107 occupied beds out of 138 094 available beds in July 2026 (Chart 6).

- The higher number of occupied beds was primarily attributed to increased demand for accommodation services during the review period, which contributed to growth in both bed occupancy and overall bed availability between July and August 2026.

Chart 7: Number of Beds Available and Sold by Region

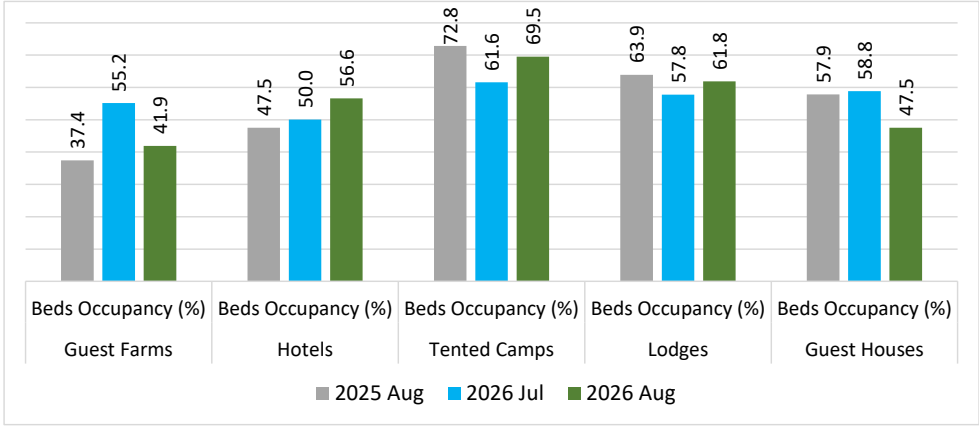


- In August 2026, the northern region had 73 997 available beds in hospitality establishments, up from 53 015 beds available in July 2026 but below the recorded 82 584 beds available in August 2025.

- The southern region had 52 865 available beds during the period under review, compared to 43 657 beds in July 2026 and 57 143 beds recorded in August 2025.

- Bed availability in the coastal region rose to 27 869 beds in August 2026, from 26 970 beds recorded in the previous month. Similarly, the central region had 17 949 available beds, up from 14 452 beds posted in July 2026 (Chart 7).

Chart 8: Beds Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



- During the period under review, bed occupancy rates improved across most accommodation categories compared to the prior month, apart from guest houses and guest farms, which registered declines in occupancy rates (Chart 8).

- In August 2026, tented camps recorded the strongest month-on-month growth in bed occupancy, with 69.5 percent, followed by lodges and hotels, which registered increases of 61.8 percent and 56.6 percent, respectively.

- In contrast, bed occupancy rates declined for guest houses and guest farms, by 47.5 percent and 41.9 percent, respectively, indicating weaker occupancy performance in these two 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

Table 1: The Indices of Rooms and Beds Occupancy Continue…

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
	May	102.7	113.4
	Jun	106.9	99.8
	Jul	114.4	134.0
	Aug	127.0	142.8

Methodology

Background: The room and bed occupancy indices serve as a proxy for the tourism sector, a priority sector under NDP6.

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.