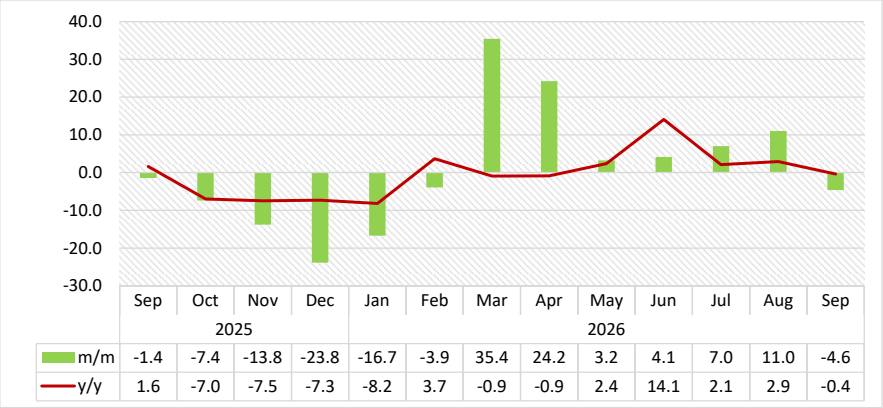
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ROOMS & BEDS OCCUPANCY

SEPTEMBER 2026

Chart 1: Rooms Occupancy Rate Index, Percentage Change



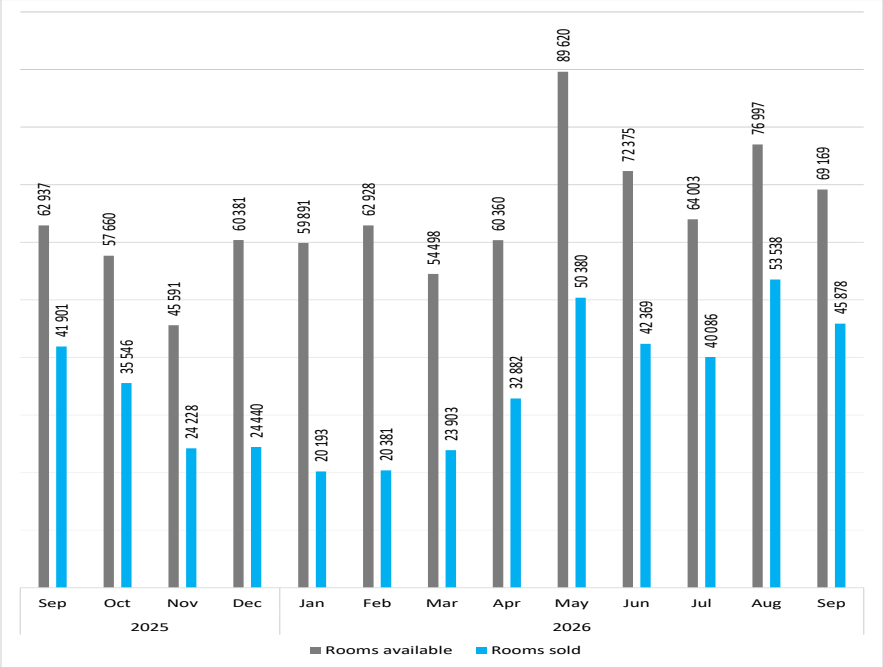
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
	2025				2026								
m/m	-1.4	-7.4	-13.8	-23.8	-16.7	-3.9	35.4	24.2	3.2	4.1	7.0	11.0	-4.6
y/y	1.6	-7.0	-7.5	-7.3	-8.2	3.7	-0.9	-0.9	2.4	14.1	2.1	2.9	-0.4

- The **Rooms Occupancy Rate Index** declined by 4.6 percent month-on-month in September 2026, reversing 11.0 percent increase in August 2026. On an annual basis, the index edged down by 0.4 percent, compared to a 1.6 percent increase recorded in September 2025 (Chart 1).

- The monthly decline was primarily driven by lower occupancy rates across hospitality establishments in all regions, except the central region, which registered an increase during the month under review.

- By region, the southern region recorded the steepest decline, with occupancy rates falling by 10.2 percent, followed by the coastal and northern regions, which registered decreases of 6.9 and 5.3 percent, respectively. In contrast, the central region recorded a notable increase of 32.9 percent during the period under review.

Chart 2: Number of Rooms Available and Sold



- During the period under review, 69 169 rooms were available in September 2026, of which 45 878 rooms were occupied, translating into an occupancy rate of 66.3 percent. This represents a decline from August 2026, when 53 538 rooms of the 76 997 available rooms were occupied, resulting in an occupancy rate of 69.5 percent (Chart 2).

Chart 3: Number of Rooms Available and Sold by Region

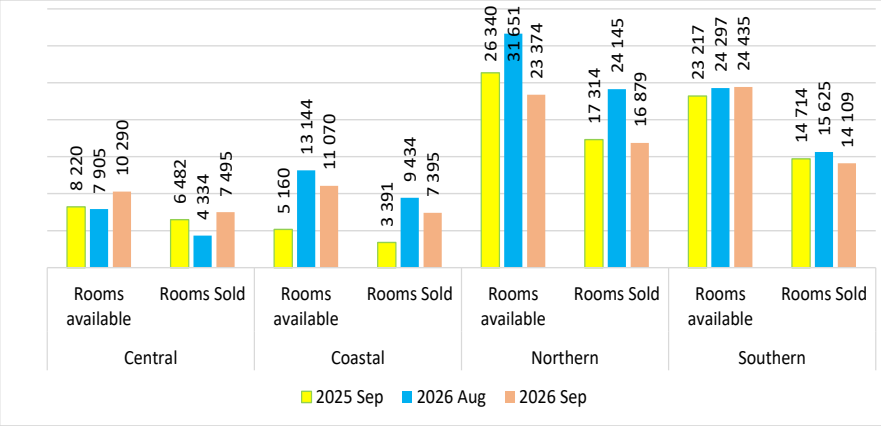
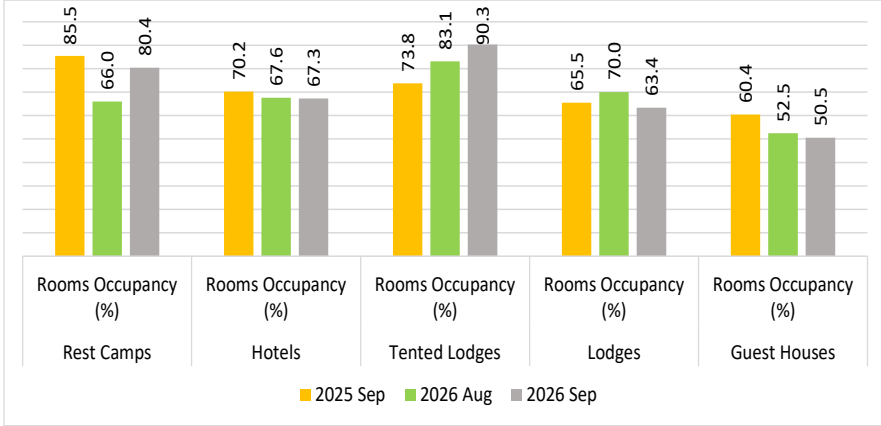


Chart 4: Rooms Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



- In September 2026, the southern region had 24 435 rooms available, slightly higher than 24 297 rooms recorded in August 2026 and 23 217 available in the same month of 2025.

- Room occupancy in the southern region totalled 14 109 in September 2026, down from 15 625 rooms occupied in August 2026 and 14 714 rooms occupied in September 2025.

- In the northern region, 23 374 rooms were available in September 2026, of which 16 879 rooms were occupied, while the remaining 6 495 rooms were unoccupied during the month under review (Chart 3).

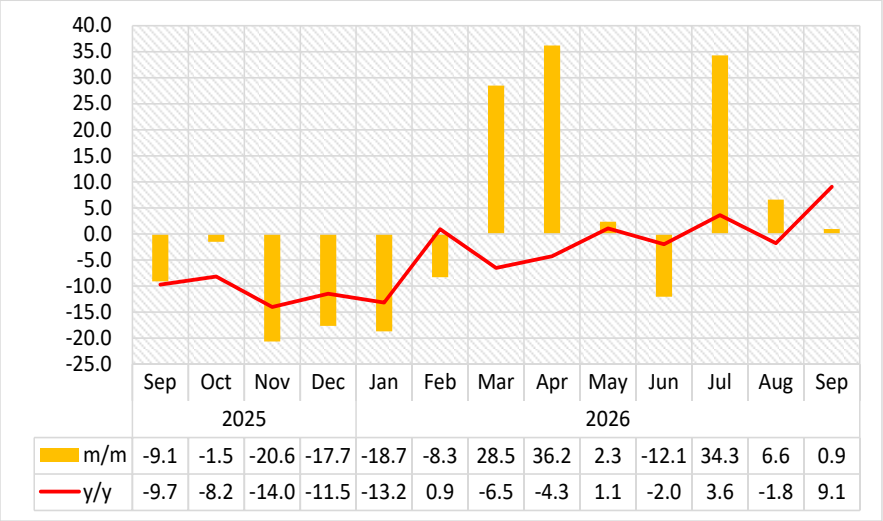
- In September 2026, room occupancy rates declined across most accommodation categories compared to the previous month, however, tented lodges and rest camps recorded increases (Chart 4).

- Hotels registered a marginal decline in occupancy rates, from 67.6 percent in August 2026 to 67.3 percent experienced in September 2026.

- Similarly, occupancy rates for lodges and guest houses fell to 63.4 and 50.5 percent in September 2026, respectively, from 70.0 and 52.5 percent recorded in August 2026.

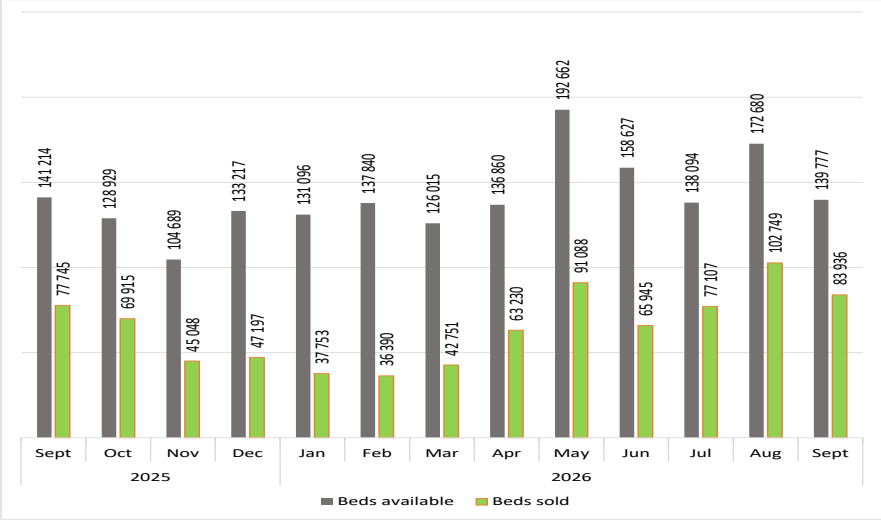
- In contrast, tented lodges and rest camps recorded higher occupancy rates, rising to 90.3 and 80.4 percent, respectively, from 83.1 and 66.0 percent noted in the preceding month (Chart 4).

Chart 5: Beds Occupancy Index, Percentage Change



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

Chart 6: Number of Beds Available and Sold



- The **Bed Occupancy Rate Index** increased marginally by 0.9 percent month-on-month in September 2026, moderating from 6.6 percent growth recorded in August 2026. On a year-on-year basis, the index also rose by 9.1 percent, reversing 9.7 percent decline recorded in September 2025 (Chart 5).

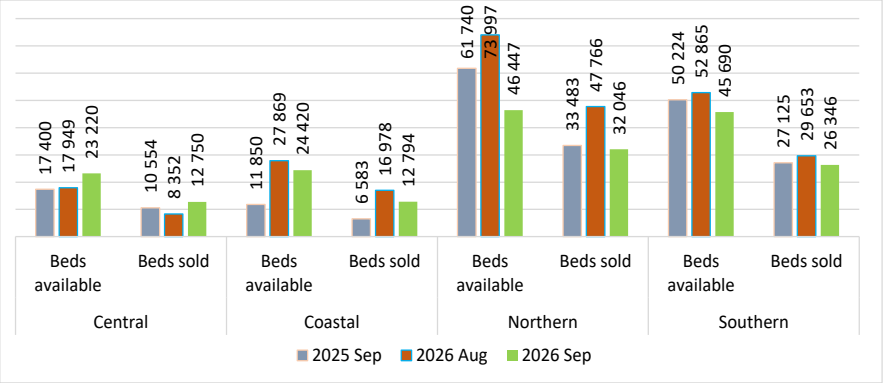
- The monthly increase was primarily driven by higher bed occupancy rates across hospitality establishments in the central, northern and southern regions during the month under review.

- Regionally, the central region recorded the strongest month-on-month growth in bed occupancy, with 18.0 percent in September 2026. This was followed by northern and southern regions, which registered increases of 6.9 and 2.8 percent, respectively. In contrast, the coastal region recorded a 14.0 percent decline in bed occupancy during the period under review.

- During the period under review, 83 936 beds were occupied out of 139 777 available beds nationwide, compared to 102 749 occupied beds out of 172 680 available beds in August 2026 (Chart 6).

- The decline in occupied beds was primarily attributed to lower demand for accommodation services during the review period, accompanied by a reduction in the overall availability of beds between August and September 2026.

Chart 7: Number of Beds Available and Sold by Region

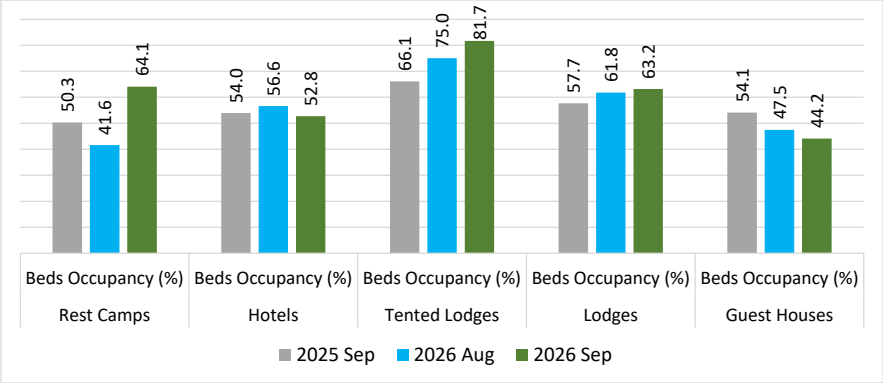


- In September 2026, hospitality establishments in the northern region had 46 447 beds available, down from 73 997 beds in August 2026 and 61 740 beds in September 2025.

- The southern region recorded 45 690 available beds during the month under review, compared to 52 865 beds in August 2026 and 50 224 beds in September 2025.

- Bed availability in the coastal region declined to 24 420 beds in September 2026, from 27 869 beds recorded in the preceding month. Conversely, the central region recorded an increase in available beds to 23 220, up from 17 949 registered in August 2026 (Chart 7).

Chart 8: Beds Occupancy by Type of Hospitality Establishments



- During the period under review, bed occupancy rates increased across most accommodation categories compared to the preceding month, with hotels and guest houses being the only categories recording declines (Chart 8).

- In September 2026, tented lodges registered the strongest month-on-month growth in bed occupancy, with 81.7 percent, followed by rest camps and lodges, which recorded increases of 64.1 and 63.2 percent, respectively.

- In contrast, bed occupancy rates declined in hotels and guest houses by 52.8 and 44.2 percent, respectively, reflecting weaker occupancy performance in these two accommodation categories during the month under review (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
	Sept	121.1	144.1

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.