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Half time tourism summer season 2020: 21.5 million nights spent (-44.6%); resident guests cushion decline in July (-17.4%) significantly

Vienna, 2020-08-28 – The number of **nights spent** in **July 2020** decreased by 17.4% to 15.50 million, as preliminary results from Statistics Austria show. While the number of nights spent by non-resident guests fell by 28.7% to 9.93 million, that of resident guests rose by 15.2% to the highest value ever recorded for the second most important month of the summer season (5.57 million). Apart from the increase in nights spent by residents, the relatively small decline in German nights spent by 4.3% to 6.73 million is remarkable in view of the COVID-19 crisis. The overall decrease in nights spent in July is mainly due to the absence of guests from other important countries of origin, including the Netherlands (-21.7%), Belgium (-30.3%), the Czech Republic (-28.1%), Poland (-27.8%), Hungary (-43.5%), France (-55.7%) and Italy (-66.4%). Nights spent by tourists from the USA, Sweden and Russia even fell by more than 90%.

Arrivals in accommodation establishments also decreased by 26.6% to 3.95 million, with the number of non-resident guests falling by 40.9% and that of resident guests rising by 9.4%.

Large regional differences in July 2020: high declines in Vienna, increases of nights spent in Burgenland, Styria and Carinthia

With -73.3%, the decline of nights spent in the federal capital Vienna was most pronounced in July. Declines were also registered in Lower Austria (-22.0%), Upper Austria (-16.7%), Salzburg (-21.5%), Tyrol (-14.3%) and Vorarlberg (-10.8%). By contrast, the July result developed positively in the federal states of Burgenland (+4.1%), Styria (+2.0%) and Carinthia (+0.1%), with nights spent by domestic guests contributing to this growth (+19.7%, +22.8% and +35.6%, respectively). The development of nights spent by foreign guests was negative in all federal states.

First half of summer season (May to July) by 44.6% below previous year's level

As a result of the closings of accommodations until 28 May 2020 and the opening of borders from 16 June 2020 for most European countries, only 21.52 million nights spent were registered in the period from **May to July 2020**, 17.3 million nights less than in the same period of the previous year (-44.6%). The decline in nights spent from people living abroad (-54.4% to 12.43 million) was significantly higher than that for domestic guests (-21.7% to 9.09 million). Particularly high losses of nights spent were recorded for guests from the most important tourist countries of origin for Austria Germany (-39.4%), the Netherlands (-45.0%) and Switzerland as well as Liechtenstein (-42.0%).

Previous calendar year: with 63.7 million nights spent about one third less

Despite the strong winter months of January (+5.8%) and February (+10.5%), 63.74 million nights spent were achieved in the current **calendar year 2020**, 33.0% less than in the same period of the previous year. Compared to the nights spent from January to July 2019, the Corona-related decrease in nights spent can be put at 31.4 million.

For further information please refer to the [German version](#).

Information on methods: Within the scope of the monthly overnight statistics, the arrivals and nights spent are provided by rented tourist accommodation establishments in communities with more than 1 000 nights spent per year. Thus, of the 2 095 Austrian communities, 1 566 reporting communities transmit data to Statistics Austria monthly. The survey units are commercial and private tourist accommodation establishments, which transmit their data to the relevant reporting community. For further information related to methodology see "[Standard documentation](#)".

The winter season considers the period November to April, the summer season the period May to October.

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