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### **Nights spent in August 2020 down by 11.2% year on year; nearly a quarter more nights spent by resident guests**

**Vienna**, 2020-09-28 – In **August 2020**, the most important month of the tourism summer season, a decrease of 11.2% compared to August 2019 to 17.92 million **nights spent** was registered, as Statistics Austria reports on the basis of preliminary results. The increase of 22.6% in nights spent by resident guests to 6.62 million and a 2.8% rise in nights spent by German guests partly compensated the sharp drop in nights spent by other non-resident guests. The number of **arrivals** in accommodation establishments was 4.59 million in August, 20.1% below the previous year's figure. The number of non-resident guests fell by 35.6%, while the number of resident guests rose by 15.6%.

While the number of nights spent even rose in the federal states of Burgenland (+6.8%), Styria (+4.1%) and Carinthia (+2.2%) thanks to strong increases in nights spent by resident guests in August, there was a strong decline of 71.5% in the federal capital Vienna. All other federal states also recorded declines compared to the same month last year: Vorarlberg -0.5%, Tyrol -7.1%, Salzburg -10.6%, Upper Austria -11.4% and Lower Austria -18.4%.

### **A third less nights spent in the current tourism summer season**

The number of nights spent in the **current summer season (May to August 2020)** was 39.51 million, down by 33.0% compared to the same period of the previous year. The number of **arrivals** declined by 43.2%.

### **Current calendar year 2020: so far, almost 34 million fewer nights spent than in the previous year**

In the **current calendar year 2020 (January to August)**, 81.7 million nights spent were registered, 33.62 million fewer than in same period of the previous year – despite the strong winter months of January and February with increases of 5.8% and 10.5%, respectively. By the end of August 2020, nights spent decreased by 29.1% compared to the period January to August 2019 and arrivals sunk by 38.3% to 20.48 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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