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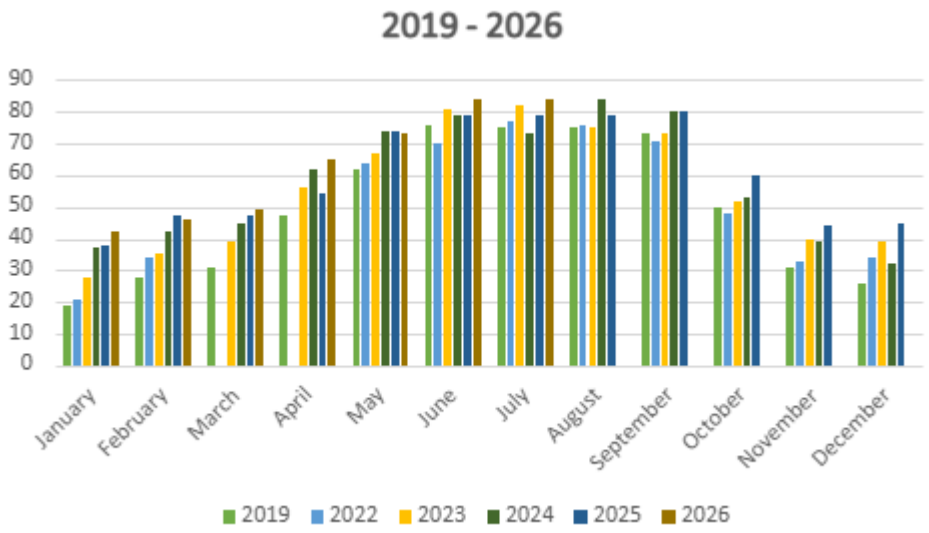

2019 - 2026 Occupancy (of open units %)						
Month	**2019**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**
January	19	21	28	37	38	42
February	28	34	35	42	47	46
March	31	*	39	45	47	49
April	47	*	56	62	54	65
May	62	64	67	74	74	73
June	76	70	81	79	79	84
July	75	77	82	73	79	84
August	75	76	75	84	79	
September	73	71	73	80	80	
October	50	48	52	53	60	
November	31	33	40	39	44	
December	26	34	39	32	45	

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There is usually a seasonal pattern in occupancy, with peaks in July, August or September and troughs in January each year. This pattern was severely disrupted in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic, but can be seen again in 2021 and 2022.

COVID-19 related requirements were put in place for people travelling into Guernsey in February 2020 and remained in place throughout 2021 with no non-essential travel allowed between 12th March 2020 and 20th May 2020 or between 14th January 2021 and 22nd March 2021. The requirements varied depending on the country of origin and vaccination status of the traveller. All COVID-19 related travel restrictions were lifted on 17th February 2022.

Temporary planning exemptions were introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic. From 25th March 2020, providers of visitor accommodation have been permitted to accommodate non-visitors and long-stay residents all year round, provided that the establishments revert to their usual use for visitor accommodation once the temporary exemptions cease to apply (on 31st December 2023). Exemptions allowing long-stay visitors would normally apply only to self-catering establishments during the Winter Let period from 1st November to 31st March each year.

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