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Of the 19,104 surnames recorded in the 2011 Census, Borg, Camilleri and Vella stand out as the most common, covering between them almost 10 per cent of the population.

Census of Population and Housing 2011: A focus on Surnames

More than 19,000 surnames found

The 2011 Census of Population and Housing, taken on 20 November, recorded 19,104 surnames across the Maltese Islands. Almost 14,000 residents, or 3.3 per cent of the total population, had a double-barrel surname, an increase of around 45 per cent compared to the 2005 Census, when 9,507 persons were enumerated as such. Of these, 2,917 residents, or 21.2 per cent, were non-Maltese.

Localities with the highest proportion of residents having a double-barrel surname were Mdina, with 15 per cent, followed by Swieqi (8.3 per cent), Hal Balzan (8 per cent) and Tas-Sliema (7.7 per cent). Localities in Gozo recorded the smallest proportions of persons with a double-barrel surname.

Residents having a double-barrel surname tended to be relatively younger, with an average age of 32.4, compared to 40.8 for other residents.

Most common surnames identical to 2005

The top ten surnames were identical in rank to those recorded in the 2005 Census, and accounted for almost one-fourth of the population. In particular, 13,610 persons, or 3.3 per cent of the population, bore the surname Borg, followed by Camilleri and Vella, with 13,090 and 12,192 persons respectively. The top 20 surnames accounted for 38.6 per cent. No significant difference was observed on a gender level.

The top three surnames among non-Maltese nationals were the same as for their Maltese counterparts. Additionally, the three most prevalent foreign surnames were Smith, Jones and Brown, with less than 80 persons carrying each surname.

Interesting trends emerge at locality level

The Census makes it possible to map the distribution of surnames, showing how the most popular surnames are spread across the Maltese Islands. For instance, whereas the majority of the most common surnames, including Borg, Camilleri, Zammit, Galea, Micallef and Attard, are found in Birkirkara and Mosta, the largest two localities on the island, other popular surnames are most prevalent in smaller localities.

The Census highlights areas of concentration of particular surnames. For instance Grech, Farrugia and Spiteri are most likely to be found in Haz-Zabbar, Zurrieq and Zejtun respectively, which place higher in rank in terms of number of residents.

Interesting trends emerge among other less popular surnames, particularly in Gozo. For instance Mintoff, which ranks 144th at a national level, has the most common cluster in Ghasri, while De Brincat is most concentrated in Munxar. Similarly, although Carabott is the third most common surname in Marsaxlokk, it places 94th nationwide.

Such trends indicate that despite an increasingly mobile population, many surnames still have strong ties to specific localities, even in a relatively small country such as Malta ■

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Table 1. Most common surnames in Malta ...

Surname	Locality	No	% surname	% population
1. Borg	Birkirkara	1,335	9.8	0.3
	Mosta	780	5.7	0.2
	San Ġwann	671	4.9	0.2
	Hal Qormi	665	4.9	0.2
	Mellieħa	561	4.1	0.1
	Haż-Żebbuġ	509	3.7	0.1
	H'Attard	490	3.6	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	486	3.6	0.1
	Rabat	457	3.4	0.1
	Siġġiewi	404	3.0	0.1
	Total	13,610	100.0	3.3
2. Camilleri	Mosta	812	6.2	0.2
	Birkirkara	672	5.1	0.2
	Żurrieq	637	4.9	0.2
	Naxxar	562	4.3	0.1
	Hal Qormi	541	4.1	0.1
	Haż-Żabbar	477	3.6	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	447	3.4	0.1
	Haż-Żebbuġ	432	3.3	0.1
	Żejtun	417	3.2	0.1
	Rabat	406	3.1	0.1
	Total	13,090	100.0	3.1
3. Vella	Mellieħa	861	7.1	0.2
	Mosta	810	6.6	0.2
	Birkirkara	495	4.1	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	480	3.9	0.1
	Hal Qormi	465	3.8	0.1
	Haż-Żabbar	459	3.8	0.1
	Mġarr	435	3.6	0.1
	Naxxar	395	3.2	0.1
	Victoria	342	2.8	0.1
	San Ġwann	318	2.6	0.1
	Total	12,192	100.0	2.9
4. Farrugia	Żurrieq	908	7.6	0.2
	Haż-Żebbuġ	485	4.1	0.1
	Siġġiewi	478	4.0	0.1
	Hal Qormi	457	3.8	0.1
	Birkirkara	436	3.6	0.1
	Mosta	431	3.6	0.1
	Haż-Żabbar	415	3.5	0.1
	Birżebbuġa	414	3.5	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	347	2.9	0.1
	Mqabba	341	2.9	0.1
	Total	11,953	100.0	2.9

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Surname	Locality	No	% surname	% population
5. Zammit	Birkirkara	661	6.8	0.2
	Ħal Qormi	616	6.3	0.1
	Mosta	446	4.6	0.1
	Żurrieq	389	4.0	0.1
	Ħaż-Żabbar	319	3.3	0.1
	Ħaż-Żebbuġ	308	3.2	0.1
	San Ġwann	302	3.1	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	269	2.8	0.1
	Ħ'Attard	264	2.7	0.1
	Naxxar	264	2.7	0.1
Total		9,769	100.0	2.3
6. Galea	Mosta	624	7.1	0.1
	Rabat	501	5.7	0.1
	Birkirkara	446	5.1	0.1
	Naxxar	339	3.9	0.1
	Ħal Qormi	313	3.6	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	307	3.5	0.1
	Fgura	264	3.0	0.1
	Ħaż-Żabbar	257	2.9	0.1
	Żejtun	236	2.7	0.1
	Marsaskala	235	2.7	0.1
Total		8,767	100.0	2.1
7. Micallef	Birkirkara	637	7.3	0.2
	Rabat	629	7.2	0.2
	Mosta	498	5.7	0.1
	San Ġwann	476	5.5	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	418	4.8	0.1
	Ħaż-Żebbuġ	361	4.2	0.1
	Ħal Qormi	324	3.7	0.1
	Naxxar	303	3.5	0.1
	Ħ'Attard	288	3.3	0.1
	Ħaż-Żabbar	239	2.8	0.1
Total		8,677	100.0	2.1
8. Grech	Ħaż-Żabbar	415	5.1	0.1
	Birkirkara	405	5.0	0.1
	Ħal Qormi	390	4.8	0.1
	Victoria	376	4.6	0.1
	Mosta	352	4.3	0.1
	Naxxar	332	4.1	0.1
	San Ġwann	258	3.2	0.1
	Fgura	235	2.9	0.1
	Ħ'Attard	230	2.8	0.1
	Ta' Kerċem	219	2.7	0.1
Total		8,178	100.0	2.0

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Surname	Locality	No	% surname	% population
9. Attard	Birkirkara	457	6.0	0.1
	Haż-Żebbuġ	405	5.3	0.1
	Victoria	322	4.2	0.1
	Mosta	302	3.9	0.1
	Hal Qormi	280	3.6	0.1
	Xagħra	265	3.5	0.1
	Fgura	232	3.0	0.1
	Haż-Żabbar	215	2.8	0.1
	H'Attard	213	2.8	0.1
	San Ġwann	200	2.6	0.0
	Total	7,680	100.0	1.8
10. Spiteri	Żejtun	423	5.8	0.1
	Birkirkara	353	4.8	0.1
	Hal Qormi	352	4.8	0.1
	Mosta	298	4.1	0.1
	Fgura	250	3.4	0.1
	San Ġwann	224	3.1	0.1
	Haż-Żabbar	219	3.0	0.1
	Hamrun	215	2.9	0.1
	St Paul's Bay	207	2.8	0.0
	Hal Luqa	196	2.7	0.0
		Total	7,316	100.0

Table 2a. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: Southern Harbour ...

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Cospicua	5,251	Farrugia	161	3.1	1	4	-3
		Vella	140	2.7	2	3	-1
		Grech	136	2.6	3	8	-5
		Azzopardi	119	2.3	4	11	-7
		Camilleri	107	2.0	5	2	+3
Fgura	11,415	Farrugia	331	2.9	1	4	-3
		Camilleri	300	2.6	2	2	0
		Cassar	284	2.5	3	12	-9
		Borg	276	2.4	4	1	+3
		Vella	271	2.4	5	3	+2
Floriana	2,034	Micallef	95	4.7	1	7	-6
		Borg	69	3.4	2	1	+1
		Agius	62	3.0	3	16	-13
		Camilleri	60	2.9	4	2	+2
		Vella	55	2.7	5	3	+2
Hal Luqa	5,882	Camilleri	241	4.1	1	2	-1
		Farrugia	212	3.6	2	4	-2
		Spiteri	196	3.3	3	10	-7
		Borg	172	2.9	4	1	+3
		Zammit	170	2.9	5	5	0
Haż-Żabbar	14,823	Camilleri	477	3.2	1	2	-1
		Vella	459	3.1	2	3	-1
		Grech	415	2.8	4	8	-4
		Farrugia	415	2.8	3	4	-1
		Buhagiar	330	2.2	5	48	-43
Kalkara	2,940	Grech	95	3.2	1	8	-7
		Farrugia	91	3.1	2	4	-2
		Zammit	82	2.8	3	5	-2
		Vella	80	2.7	4	3	+1
		Spiteri	79	2.7	5	10	-5
Marsa	4,784	Camilleri	185	3.9	1	2	-1
		Zammit	172	3.6	2	5	-3
		Spiteri	127	2.7	3	10	-7
		Cassar	123	2.6	4	12	-8
		Vella	117	2.4	5	3	+2
Paola	8,273	Vella	228	2.8	1	3	-2
		Cassar	217	2.6	2	12	-10
		Farrugia	211	2.6	3	4	-1
		Zammit	205	2.5	4	5	-1
		Borg	188	2.3	5	1	+4
Santa Luċġja	2,939	Farrugia	97	3.3	1	4	-3
		Camilleri	85	2.9	2	2	0
		Galea	68	2.3	4	6	-2
		Schembri	68	2.3	3	18	-15
		Caruana	66	2.2	5	14	-9
Senglea	2,721	Caruana	88	3.2	1	14	-13
		Abela	84	3.1	2	17	-15
		Azzopardi	70	2.6	5	11	-6
		Cassar	70	2.6	4	12	-8
		Vella	70	2.6	3	3	0
Tarxien	8,309	Farrugia	255	3.1	1	4	-3
		Cassar	220	2.6	2	12	-10
		Zammit	219	2.6	3	5	-2
		Camilleri	199	2.4	4	2	+2
		Borg	190	2.3	5	1	+4

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Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Valletta	5,784	Borg	221	3.8	1	1	0
		Zammit	176	3.0	2	5	-3
		Camilleri	143	2.5	3	2	+1
		Caruana	125	2.2	4	14	-10
		Farrugia	124	2.1	5	4	+1
Vittoriosa	2,476	Attard	71	2.9	1	9	-8
		Farrugia	67	2.7	2	4	-2
		Grech	65	2.6	3	8	-5
		Gatt	64	2.6	4	24	-20
		Mifsud	63	2.5	5	13	-8
Xgħajra	1,572	Vella	50	3.2	1	3	-2
		Zammit	49	3.1	2	5	-3
		Borg	48	3.1	3	1	+2
		Abela	47	3.0	4	17	-13
		Cassar	45	2.9	5	12	-7

Table 2b. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: Northern Harbour ...

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Birkirkara	21,533	Borg	1,335	6.2	1	1	0
		Camilleri	672	3.1	2	2	0
		Zammit	661	3.1	3	5	-2
		Micallef	637	3.0	4	7	-3
		Vella	495	2.3	5	3	+2
Gżira	7,065	Borg	264	3.7	1	1	0
		Camilleri	176	2.5	2	2	0
		Zammit	158	2.2	3	5	-2
		Micallef	141	2.0	4	7	-3
		Farrugia	129	1.8	5	4	+1
Hal Qormi	16,312	Borg	665	4.1	1	1	0
		Zammit	616	3.8	2	5	-3
		Camilleri	541	3.3	3	2	+1
		Vella	465	2.9	4	3	+1
		Farrugia	457	2.8	5	4	+1
Hamrun	9,032	Borg	305	3.4	1	1	0
		Camilleri	297	3.3	2	2	0
		Farrugia	235	2.6	3	4	-1
		Zammit	228	2.5	4	5	-1
		Mifsud	218	2.4	5	13	-8
Msida	7,822	Borg	263	3.4	1	1	0
		Micallef	204	2.6	2	7	-5
		Camilleri	202	2.6	3	2	+1
		Farrugia	196	2.5	4	4	0
		Galea	178	2.3	5	6	-1
Pembroke	3,443	Vella	107	3.1	2	3	-1
		Borg	107	3.1	1	1	0
		Zammit	105	3.0	4	5	-1
		Camilleri	105	3.0	3	2	+1
		Galea	79	2.3	5	6	-1
San Ġwann	12,128	Borg	671	5.5	1	1	0
		Micallef	476	3.9	2	7	-5
		Vella	318	2.6	3	3	0
		Zammit	302	2.5	4	5	-1
		Grech	258	2.1	5	8	-3

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Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Santa Venera	6,800	Zammit	243	3.6	1	5	-4
		Borg	239	3.5	2	1	+1
		Farrugia	234	3.4	3	4	-1
		Vella	210	3.1	4	3	+1
		Camilleri	171	2.5	5	2	+3
St Julian's	8,039	Borg	249	3.1	1	1	0
		Camilleri	188	2.3	2	2	0
		Vella	163	2.0	3	3	0
		Galea	151	1.9	4	6	-2
		Attard	146	1.8	5	9	-4
Swieqi	8,775	Borg	206	2.3	1	1	0
		Camilleri	197	2.2	2	2	0
		Vella	191	2.2	3	3	0
		Farrugia	187	2.1	4	4	0
		Zammit	166	1.9	5	5	0
Ta' Xbiex	1,547	Borg	44	2.8	1	1	0
		Zammit	38	2.5	2	5	-3
		Galea	35	2.3	3	6	-3
		Cassar	33	2.1	4	12	-8
		Camilleri	30	1.9	5	2	+3
Tal-Pietà	4,056	Borg	129	3.2	1	1	0
		Vella	101	2.5	2	3	-1
		Micallef	90	2.2	3	7	-4
		Farrugia	86	2.1	4	4	0
		Grech	83	2.0	5	8	-3
Tas-Sliema	13,511	Camilleri	348	2.6	1	2	-1
		Borg	313	2.3	2	1	+1
		Zammit	250	1.9	3	5	-2
		Vella	244	1.8	4	3	+1
		Mifsud	215	1.6	5	13	-8

Table 2c. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: South Eastern ...

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Birzebbuga	10,525	Farrugia	414	3.9	1	4	-3
		Camilleri	327	3.1	2	2	0
		Schembri	217	2.1	3	18	-15
		Zammit	211	2.0	4	5	-1
		Vella	204	1.9	5	3	+2
Gudja	2,973	Farrugia	151	5.1	1	4	-3
		Zammit	113	3.8	2	5	-3
		Caruana	112	3.8	3	14	-11
		Dalli	110	3.7	4	79	-75
		Borg	83	2.8	5	1	+4
Hal Ghaxaq	4,525	Abela	210	4.6	1	17	-16
		Caruana	171	3.8	2	14	-12
		Farrugia	159	3.5	3	4	-1
		Spiteri	149	3.3	4	10	-6
		Agius	147	3.2	5	16	-11
Hal Kirkop	2,271	Farrugia	130	5.7	1	4	-3
		Cassar	90	4.0	3	12	-9
		Zammit	90	4.0	2	5	-3
		Spiteri	67	3.0	4	10	-6
		Grech	66	2.9	5	8	-3

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Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Hal Safi	2,066	Zammit	172	8.3	1	5	-4
		Busuttil	124	6.0	2	41	-39
		Farrugia	106	5.1	3	4	-1
		Abdilla	90	4.4	4	77	-73
		Camilleri	86	4.2	5	2	+3
Marsaskala	11,056	Farrugia	294	2.7	1	4	-3
		Borg	285	2.6	2	1	+1
		Camilleri	280	2.5	3	2	+1
		Cassar	269	2.4	4	12	-8
		Vella	245	2.2	5	3	+2
Marsaxlokk	3,339	Bugeja	224	6.7	1	21	-20
		Caruana	164	4.9	2	14	-12
		Carabott	158	4.7	3	94	-91
		Grech	133	4.0	4	8	-4
		Vella	112	3.4	5	3	+2
Mqabba	3,213	Farrugia	341	10.6	1	4	-3
		Zammit	183	5.7	2	5	-3
		Camilleri	128	4.0	3	2	+1
		Mifsud	117	3.6	4	13	-9
		Grech	114	3.5	5	8	-3
Qrendi	2,642	Farrugia	219	8.3	1	4	-3
		Magro	127	4.8	2	60	-58
		Camilleri	108	4.1	3	2	+1
		Azzopardi	85	3.2	4	11	-7
		Mifsud	74	2.8	5	13	-8
Żejtun	11,277	Abela	540	4.8	1	17	-16
		Spiteri	423	3.8	2	10	-8
		Camilleri	417	3.7	3	2	+1
		Caruana	396	3.5	4	14	-10
		Mifsud	353	3.1	5	13	-8
Żurrieq	10,234	Farrugia	908	8.9	1	4	-3
		Camilleri	637	6.2	2	2	0
		Schembri	402	3.9	3	18	-15
		Zammit	389	3.8	4	5	-1
		Caruana	330	3.2	5	14	-9

Table 2d. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: Western ...

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Had-Dingli	3,495	Micallef	233	6.7	1	7	-6
		Farrugia	220	6.3	2	4	-2
		Abela	190	5.4	3	17	-14
		Galea	177	5.1	4	6	-2
		Azzopardi	150	4.3	5	11	-6
Hal Balzan	4,130	Borg	158	3.8	1	1	0
		Camilleri	138	3.3	2	2	0
		Vella	91	2.2	4	3	+1
		Micallef	91	2.2	3	7	-4
		Caruana	78	1.9	5	14	-9
Hal Lija	2,973	Borg	149	5.0	1	1	0
		Zammit	86	2.9	2	5	-3
		Fenech	71	2.4	4	19	-15
		Camilleri	71	2.4	3	2	+1
		Sammut	59	2.0	5	23	-18

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Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
H'Attard	10,520	Borg	490	4.7	1	1	0
		Camilleri	336	3.2	2	2	0
		Farrugia	312	3.0	3	4	-1
		Micallef	288	2.7	4	7	-3
		Vella	274	2.6	5	3	+2
Haż-Żebbuġ	11,542	Borg	509	4.4	1	1	0
		Farrugia	485	4.2	2	4	-2
		Camilleri	432	3.7	3	2	+1
		Attard	405	3.5	4	9	-5
		Agius	385	3.3	5	16	-11
Iklin	3,134	Borg	161	5.1	1	1	0
		Micallef	109	3.5	2	7	-5
		Galea	85	2.7	3	6	-3
		Grech	82	2.6	4	8	-4
		Camilleri	78	2.5	5	2	+3
Mdina	237	Borg	13	5.5	1	1	0
		Attard	11	4.6	2	9	-7
Mtarfa	2,564	Galea	112	4.4	1	6	-5
		Borg	110	4.3	2	1	+1
		Azzopardi	97	3.8	3	11	-8
		Camilleri	91	3.5	4	2	+2
		Micallef	82	3.2	5	7	-2
Rabat	11,193	Micallef	629	5.6	1	7	-6
		Azzopardi	512	4.6	2	11	-9
		Galea	501	4.5	3	6	-3
		Borg	457	4.1	4	1	+3
		Camilleri	406	3.6	5	2	+3
Siggiewi	8,140	Farrugia	478	5.9	1	4	-3
		Borg	404	5.0	2	1	+1
		Vella	292	3.6	3	3	0
		Camilleri	289	3.6	4	2	+2
		Schembri	267	3.3	5	18	-13

Table 2e. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: Northern ...

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Hal Ġharghur	2,613	Aquilina	123	4.7	1	27	-26
		Borg	103	3.9	2	1	+1
		Camilleri	98	3.8	3	2	+1
		Bezzina	92	3.5	4	56	-52
		Muscat	89	3.4	5	15	-10
Mellieħa	8,605	Vella	861	10.0	1	3	-2
		Borg	561	6.5	2	1	+1
		Gauci	264	3.1	3	22	-19
		Fenech	243	2.8	4	19	-15
		Micallef	205	2.4	5	7	-2
Mġarr	3,449	Vella	435	12.6	1	3	-2
		Muscat	345	10.0	2	15	-13
		Camilleri	246	7.1	3	2	+1
		Galea	174	5.0	4	6	-2
		Vassallo	134	3.9	5	30	-25

... Table 2e. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: Northern

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Mosta	19,650	Camilleri	812	4.1	1	2	-1
		Vella	810	4.1	2	3	-1
		Borg	780	4.0	3	1	+2
		Galea	624	3.2	4	6	-2
		Muscat	583	3.0	5	15	-10
Naxxar	12,802	Camilleri	562	4.4	1	2	-1
		Vella	395	3.1	2	3	-1
		Borg	364	2.8	3	1	+2
		Galea	339	2.6	4	6	-2
		Grech	332	2.6	5	8	-3
St Paul's Bay	16,478	Borg	486	2.9	1	1	0
		Vella	480	2.9	2	3	-1
		Camilleri	447	2.7	3	2	+1
		Micallef	418	2.5	4	7	-3
		Farrugia	347	2.1	5	4	+1

Table 2f. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: Gozo and Comino ...

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
Fontana	873	Attard	49	5.6	1	9	-8
		Camilleri	40	4.6	3	2	+1
		Mizzi	40	4.6	2	37	-35
		Borg	37	4.2	4	1	+3
		Grech	35	4.0	5	8	-3
Ghajnsielem	2,621	Xuereb	171	6.5	1	39	-38
		Grech	138	5.3	2	8	-6
		Vella	133	5.1	3	3	0
		Azzopardi	132	5.0	4	11	-7
		Grima	121	4.6	5	28	-23
Gharb	1,183	Cassar	77	6.5	1	12	-11
		Cauchi	58	4.9	2	44	-42
		Vella	52	4.4	3	3	0
		Caruana	50	4.2	4	14	-10
		Micallef	46	3.9	5	7	-2
Ghasri	427	Mintoff	41	9.6	1	144	-143
		Zammit	29	6.8	2	5	-3
		Farrugia	25	5.9	4	4	0
		Saliba	25	5.9	3	35	-32
		Attard	22	5.2	5	9	-4
Munxar	1,073	Debrincat	58	5.4	1	138	-137
		Vella	53	4.9	2	3	-1
		Bajada	50	4.7	3	91	-88
		Attard	36	3.4	4	9	-5
		Grech	35	3.3	5	8	-3
Nadur	3,961	Camilleri	397	10.0	1	2	-1
		Portelli	348	8.8	2	33	-31
		Muscat	330	8.3	3	15	-12
		Said	202	5.1	4	70	-66
		Buttigieg	184	4.6	5	38	-33
Qala	1,795	Buttigieg	196	10.9	1	38	-37
		Camilleri	101	5.6	2	2	0
		Portelli	98	5.5	3	33	-30
		Xerri	86	4.8	4	80	-76
		Mizzi	73	4.1	5	37	-32

... Table 2f. Most common surnames in Malta by district and locality: Gozo and Comino

Locality	Number of residents in locality	Surname	Number of persons bearing the surname	% population	Rank (of surname within locality)	Rank (of surname relative to total population)	Difference in rank
San Lawrenz	604	Grima	91	15.1	1	28	-27
		Cauchi	51	8.4	2	44	-42
		Formosa	50	8.3	3	51	-48
		Cassar	44	7.3	4	12	-8
		Attard	26	4.3	5	9	-4
Ta' Kerċem	1,698	Grech	219	12.9	1	8	-7
		Vella	135	8.0	2	3	-1
		Spiteri	103	6.1	3	10	-7
		Formosa	86	5.1	4	51	-47
		Mercieca	73	4.3	5	43	-38
Ta' Sannat	1,801	Vella	113	6.3	1	3	-2
		Muscat	102	5.7	2	15	-13
		Buttigieg	77	4.3	3	38	-35
		Spiteri	75	4.2	4	10	-6
		Curmi	73	4.1	5	76	-71
Victoria	6,203	Grech	376	6.1	1	8	-7
		Vella	342	5.5	2	3	-1
		Attard	322	5.2	3	9	-6
		Farrugia	286	4.6	4	4	0
		Camilleri	219	3.5	5	2	+3
Xaghra	3,968	Sultana	456	11.5	1	53	-52
		Attard	265	6.7	2	9	-7
		Galea	144	3.6	3	6	-3
		Mercieca	138	3.5	4	43	-39
		Bajada	127	3.2	5	91	-86
Xewkija	3,112	Vella	220	7.1	1	3	-2
		Azzopardi	196	6.3	2	11	-9
		Attard	193	6.2	3	9	-6
		Spiteri	140	4.5	4	10	-6
		Xuereb	122	3.9	5	39	-34
Żebbuġ	1,824	Cini	185	10.1	1	69	-68
		Saliba	112	6.1	2	35	-33
		Vella	101	5.5	3	3	0
		Zammit	80	4.4	4	5	-1
		Camilleri	68	3.7	5	2	+3

Table 3. Maltese residents by type of surname and locality of residence ...

District	Locality	Single surnames		Double-barrel surnames		Total		
		No	Row %	No	Row %	No	Row %	
Southern Harbour	Valletta	5,468	97.4	144	2.6	5,612	100.0	
	Vittoriosa	2,343	98.1	45	1.9	2,388	100.0	
	Senglea	2,634	98.5	40	1.5	2,674	100.0	
	Cospicua	5,076	98.5	78	1.5	5,154	100.0	
	Haż-Żabbar	14,442	98.1	273	1.9	14,715	100.0	
	Fgura	10,972	97.7	257	2.3	11,229	100.0	
	Floriana	1,933	98.0	40	2.0	1,973	100.0	
	Kalkara	2,846	98.6	39	1.4	2,885	100.0	
	Hal Luqa	5,721	98.7	75	1.3	5,796	100.0	
	Marsa	4,563	98.8	55	1.2	4,618	100.0	
	Paola	7,713	98.0	161	2.0	7,874	100.0	
	Santa Luċija	2,858	97.9	62	2.1	2,920	100.0	
	Tarxien	8,030	97.7	185	2.3	8,215	100.0	
	Xgħajra	1,501	97.0	46	3.0	1,547	100.0	
	Total		76,100	98.1	1,500	1.9	77,600	100.0
Northern Harbour	Hal Qormi	15,991	98.9	178	1.1	16,169	100.0	
	Birkirkara	20,532	97.3	559	2.7	21,091	100.0	
	Gżira	6,099	96.4	227	3.6	6,326	100.0	
	Hamrun	8,655	97.9	183	2.1	8,838	100.0	
	Msida	6,899	97.0	211	3.0	7,110	100.0	
	Pembroke	3,154	95.0	165	5.0	3,319	100.0	
	Tal-Pietà	3,598	96.4	133	3.6	3,731	100.0	
	St Julian's	6,407	92.7	506	7.3	6,913	100.0	
	San Ġwann	11,074	95.7	501	4.3	11,575	100.0	
	Santa Venera	6,462	97.2	187	2.8	6,649	100.0	
	Tas-Sliema	10,666	92.3	895	7.7	11,561	100.0	
	Swieqi	7,141	91.7	647	8.3	7,788	100.0	
	Ta' Xbiex	1,362	94.3	83	5.7	1,445	100.0	
	Total		108,040	96.0	4,475	4.0	112,515	100.0
	South Eastern	Żejtun	11,004	98.5	164	1.5	11,168	100.0
Birżebbuġa		8,277	97.8	182	2.2	8,459	100.0	
Gudja		2,902	98.4	47	1.6	2,949	100.0	
Hal Għaxaq		4,427	98.8	53	1.2	4,480	100.0	
Hal Kirkop		2,224	98.8	28	1.2	2,252	100.0	
Marsaskala		10,062	96.8	333	3.2	10,395	100.0	
Marsaxlokk		3,219	98.2	59	1.8	3,278	100.0	
Mqabba		3,140	98.5	47	1.5	3,187	100.0	
Qrendi		2,561	98.7	35	1.3	2,596	100.0	
Hal Safi		1,973	97.9	42	2.1	2,015	100.0	
Żurrieq		9,932	98.1	189	1.9	10,121	100.0	
Total			59,721	98.1	1,179	1.9	60,900	100.0
Western	Mdina	193	85.0	34	15.0	227	100.0	
	Haż-Żebbuġ	11,203	98.4	181	1.6	11,384	100.0	
	Siġġiewi	7,871	98.0	157	2.0	8,028	100.0	
	H'Attard	9,858	95.8	431	4.2	10,289	100.0	
	Hal Balzan	3,531	92.0	307	8.0	3,838	100.0	
	Had-Dingli	3,388	97.9	74	2.1	3,462	100.0	
	Iklin	2,975	96.8	97	3.2	3,072	100.0	
	Hal Lija	2,696	94.2	165	5.8	2,861	100.0	
	Rabat	10,745	98.2	202	1.8	10,947	100.0	
	Mtarfa	2,480	97.9	53	2.1	2,533	100.0	
	Total		54,940	97.0	1,701	3.0	56,641	100.0

... Table 3. Maltese residents by type of surname and locality of residence

District	Locality	Single surnames		Double-barrel surnames		Total	
		No	Row %	No	Row %	No	Row %
Northern	Hal Gharghur	2,413	96.9	77	3.1	2,490	100.0
	Mellieħa	7,517	97.6	184	2.4	7,701	100.0
	Mġarr	3,294	98.3	58	1.7	3,352	100.0
	Mosta	18,647	97.4	499	2.6	19,146	100.0
	Naxxar	11,708	95.6	537	4.4	12,245	100.0
	St Paul's Bay	13,096	96.8	430	3.2	13,526	100.0
	Total	56,675	96.9	1,785	3.1	58,460	100.0
Gozo and Comino	Victoria	5,977	99.0	59	1.0	6,036	100.0
	Fontana	851	99.5	4	0.5	855	100.0
	Għajnsielem	2,514	99.8	4	0.2	2,518	100.0
	Għarb	1,068	99.3	7	0.7	1,075	100.0
	Għasri	388	99.2	3	0.8	391	100.0
	Ta' Kerċem	1,635	100.0	0	0.0	1,635	100.0
	Munxar	980	99.5	5	0.5	985	100.0
	Nadur	3,835	99.5	19	0.5	3,854	100.0
	Qala	1,664	99.0	17	1.0	1,681	100.0
	San Lawrenz	560	99.1	5	0.9	565	100.0
	Ta' Sannat	1,711	99.3	12	0.7	1,723	100.0
	Xagħra	3,744	99.3	26	0.7	3,770	100.0
	Xewkija	3,030	99.3	20	0.7	3,050	100.0
	Żebbuġ	1,701	99.2	14	0.8	1,715	100.0
	Total	29,658	99.3	195	0.7	29,853	100.0
Total		385,134	97.3	10,835	2.7	395,969	100.0

Methodological notes

1. The Census of Population and Housing was taken on Sunday 20 November 2011 in conformity with the Census Act of 1948 and Regulation 763/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The information contained in this release should be considered as provisional and subject to minor revisions. The final results are expected to be published by the end of June this year, well before the March 2014 regulatory deadline set by the European Commission (Eurostat).
2. A double-barrel surname (also known as double surname) is a family name with two parts, which may or may not be joined by a hyphen. Borg Cardona and Mifsud Bonnici are examples of double-barrel surnames. Such surnames were treated differently from single surnames, even if any one of the surnames exists on its own. For this reason, caution is advised when comparing data with the 2005 Census.
3. Due to confidentiality issues, only the top two surnames are being published for Mdina, the smallest locality.
4. Unless otherwise stated, information on double-barrel surnames relates to persons in possession of Maltese citizenship.
5. District classification:

For aggregation purposes, all localities were grouped into six districts as follows:

A. Malta

1. Southern Harbour

Valletta, Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua, Haż-Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Hał Luqa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xghajra.

2. Northern Harbour

Hał Qormi, Birkirkara, Gżira, Hamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Tal-Pieta', St Julian's, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Tas-Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

3. South Eastern

Żejtun, Birżebbuġa, Gudja, Hał Ghaxaq, Hał Kirkop, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Hał Safi, Żurrieq.

4. Western

Mdina, Haż-Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, H'Attard, Hał Balzan, Hał Dingli, Iklin, Hał Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.

5. Northern

Hał Gharghur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, St Paul's Bay.

B. Gozo and Comino

Victoria, Fontana, Għajnsielem, Għarb, Għasri, Ta' Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Ta' Sannat, Xaghra, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.