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The theme for this year's International Women's Day focuses on action to end violence against women. In 2012, 77 per cent of reported domestic violence victims were females.

International Women's Day 2013

International Women's Day is globally celebrated on 8 March, where women are recognised for their achievements through time. The female population in Malta and Gozo stood at 209,843 in 2011, comprising 50.3 per cent of the total population (Table 1).

Women in employment

Figures from the Labour Force Survey showed that the highest female employment rate was in the 25-34 age bracket, at 69 per cent (Table 2). On average, an employed woman worked around 32 hours per week, 7 hours less than their male counterparts (Table 5).

The unemployment rate for females stood at 7 per cent, around 1 per cent higher than that for males. The highest unemployment rate in females was recorded for those aged 15-24, at 14 per cent (Table 3). The inactivity rate for females was 56 per cent (Table 4), decreasing slightly over the past years but remaining higher than that for males (Chart 3).

Women in education

During the scholastic year 2010-2011, 12,728 female students enrolled in post-secondary institutions. Among enrolled students aged 15-24, 52 per cent were females (Table 6). Moreover, 54 per cent of students who graduated from post-secondary institutions were females (Table 7).

Women and technology

In 2012, 80 per cent of females were daily computer users (Table 8), while 79 per cent of women used the internet on a daily basis (Table 9). Forty-nine per cent of females said that they used the internet for communication and access to information, while 35 per cent of persons who used this medium for creativity purposes were females (Table 10).

Women and crime

Of the domestic violence cases reported to the police in 2012, the majority of victims, 69 per cent, were females aged 18-59. At 57 per cent, the most common type of violence reported on women was classified as Slight Bodily Harm with Physical Force (Table 14).

Women in public life

Twenty-six female candidates will be contesting the forthcoming general elections. This accounts for a female participation of 15.5 per cent, an increase of 5 per cent over 2008. Of these, 14 will contest on two districts. The 12th District has the highest number of female candidates with nearly one-fourth of the total. In contrast, there are no women contesting the 7th District (Table 13) ■

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Table 1. Total population by age group at end of year: 2010-2011*

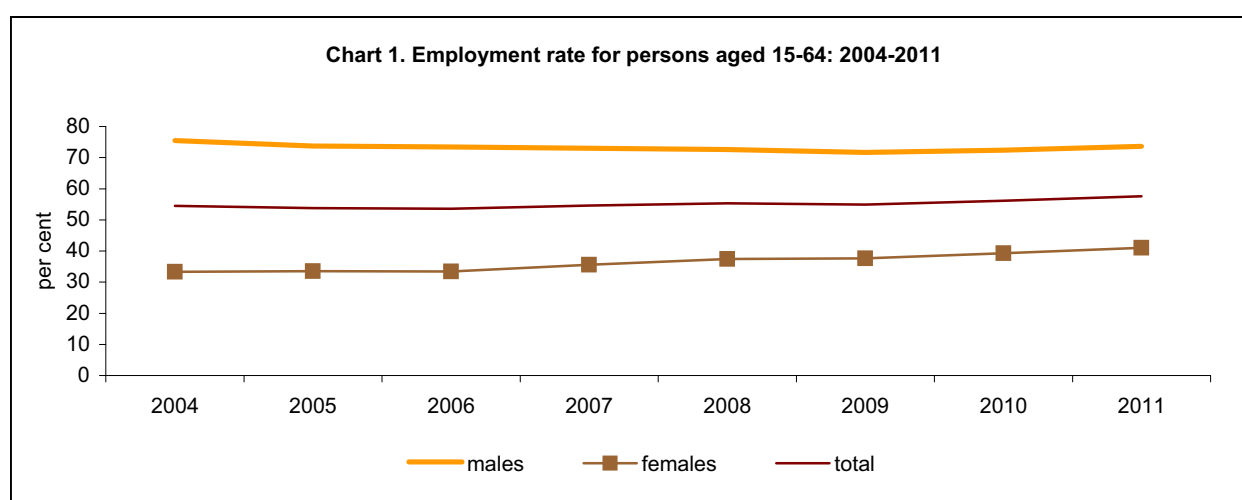
Age group	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	2010			2011		
Total	206,785	209,047	415,832	207,677	209,843	417,520
0-4	10,223	9,450	19,673	10,344	9,685	20,029
5-9	10,006	9,533	19,539	9,971	9,420	19,391
10-14	11,825	11,313	23,138	11,294	10,840	22,134
15-19	13,808	13,051	26,859	13,455	12,634	26,089
20-24	15,152	14,227	29,379	15,063	14,386	29,449
25-29	15,640	14,742	30,382	15,713	14,580	30,293
30-34	15,695	14,627	30,322	15,656	14,589	30,245
35-39	14,412	13,664	28,076	14,726	14,013	28,739
40-44	12,672	12,258	24,930	12,907	12,434	25,341
45-49	14,124	13,771	27,895	13,556	13,294	26,850
50-54	15,300	15,418	30,718	15,228	15,258	30,486
55-59	14,410	14,442	28,852	14,693	14,594	29,287
60-64	15,222	15,589	30,811	15,050	15,397	30,447
65-69	10,202	11,093	21,295	11,662	12,524	24,186
70-74	7,606	9,020	16,626	7,319	8,755	16,074
75+	10,488	16,849	27,337	11,040	17,440	28,480

*Based on the November 2011 Census
Source: Demographic Statistics, NSO

Table 2. Employment rate for persons aged 15-64 by age group: 2011

Age group	Males	Females	Total
Total	73.6	41.0	57.6
15-24	48.4	40.6	44.7
25-34	89.6	68.9	79.6
35-44	91.2	51.6	71.7
45-54	88.8	30.4	59.9
55-64	50.1	13.7	31.8

Source: Labour Force Survey 2011



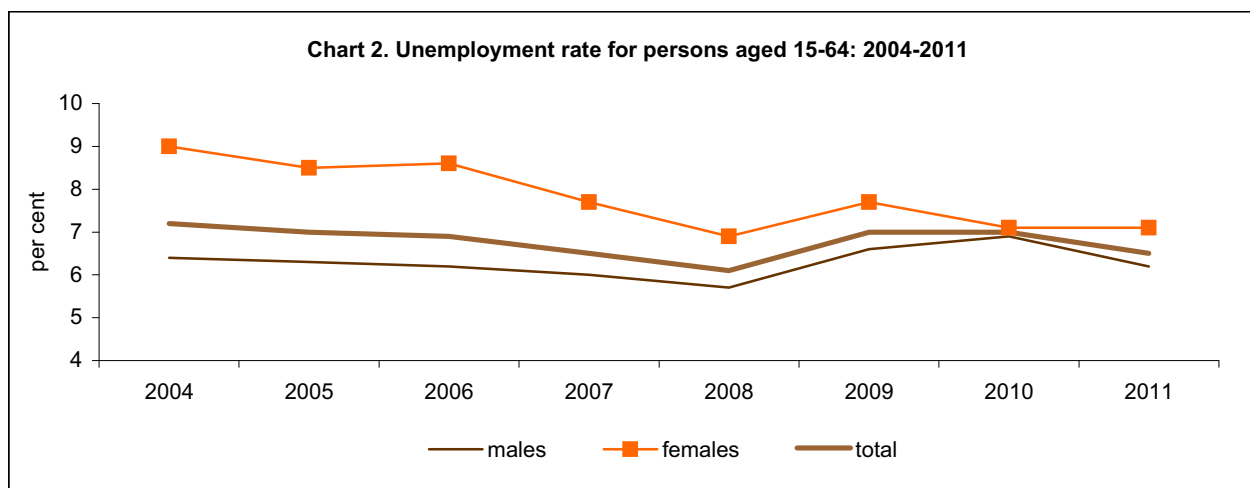
Source: Labour Force Survey 2011

Table 3. Unemployment rate for persons aged 15-64 by age group: 2011

Age group	Males	Females	Total
Total	6.2	7.1	6.5
15-24	13.8	13.6	13.7
25-34	6.0	4.5	5.4
35-44	5.3	5.2	5.3
45-54	4.7	8.9	5.8
55-64	[2.7]	[2.7]	[2.7]

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Source: Labour Force Survey 2011

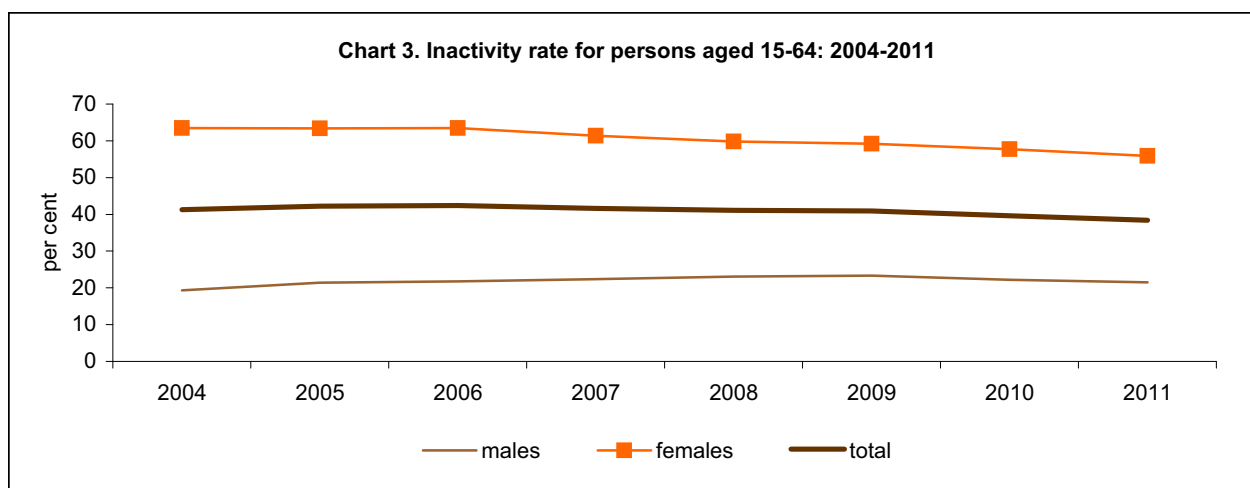


Source: Labour Force Survey 2011

Table 4. Inactivity rate for persons aged 15-64 by age group: 2011

Age group	Males	Females	Total
Total	21.5	55.9	38.4
15-24	43.8	53.0	48.2
25-34	4.8	27.9	15.9
35-44	3.7	45.5	24.3
45-54	6.8	66.6	36.4
55-64	48.4	85.9	67.3

Source: Labour Force Survey 2011



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Table 5. Average weekly hours worked by employed persons by age group: 2011

Age group	Males	Females	Total
15-24	40.9	34.6	38.7
15-64	38.4	31.5	36.0

Source: Labour Force Survey 2011

Table 6. Student enrolment in post-secondary institutions* by age group: 2010-2011

Age group	Males	Females	Total
Total	12,704	12,728	25,432
15-24	9,735	10,404	20,139
25-34	1,527	1,333	2,860
35-44	714	539	1,253
45-54	400	354	754
55-64	238	83	321
65+	90	15	105

* Post-secondary institutions include also the University of Malta

Source: Education Statistics, NSO

Table 7. Graduate students by age group: 2010-2011

Age group	Males	Females	Total
Total	3,399	4,041	7,440
15-24	2,872	3,464	6,336
25+	527	577	1,104

Note: The figures reflect the number of graduating students from all post-secondary institutions (incl. University of Malta).

Source: Education Statistics, NSO

Table 8. Frequency of computer use: 2012

Frequency	Number			%		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	113,653	105,694	219,347	100.0	100.0	100.0
Every day or almost every day	98,966	84,121	183,088	87.1	79.6	63.4
At least once a week	10,324	17,471	27,794	9.1	16.5	2.7
Less than once a week	:	:	[8,465]	:	:	[3.9]

Note: Values include only persons who used a computer during January-March 2012.

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Source: Survey on Information and Communication Technology Usage in Households and by Individuals 2012

Table 9. Frequency of internet use: 2012

Frequency	Number			%		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	112,231	104,753	216,984	100.0	100.0	100.0
Every day or almost every day	98,244	82,503	180,747	87.5	78.8	83.3
At least once a week	9,960	17,803	27,763	8.9	17.0	12.8
Less than once a week	:	:	[8,473]	:	:	[3.9]

Note: Values include only persons who used internet during January-March 2012.

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Source: Survey on Information and Communication Technology Usage in Households and by Individuals 2012

Table 10. Activities relating to internet use: 2012

Activity	Number			% sex		
	Males	Females	Total*	Males	Females	Total*
Communication and access to information	104,268	98,835	203,103	51.3	48.7	100.0
Access to information	104,795	92,723	197,518	53.1	46.9	100.0
Use of entertainment	80,460	68,140	148,600	54.1	45.9	100.0
Creativity	24,843	13,475	38,318	64.8	35.2	100.0
Other online services	88,387	73,528	161,914	54.6	45.4	100.0

* Totals do not reflect total population due to respondents being able to choose more than one activity

Note: Values include only persons who used internet during January-March 2012.

Source: Survey on Information and Communication Technology Usage in Households and by Individuals 2012

Table 11. Participants in parish feast processions by type and age group: 2010-2011

Person type and age group	2010						2011					
	Number			Average per feast			Number			Average per feast		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	6,672	1,292	7,964	54.7	10.6	65.3	6,874	1,304	8,178	56.3	10.7	67.0
Religious persons	872	24	896	7.1	0.2	7.3	893	24	917	7.3	0.2	7.5
18-64	654	19	673	5.4	0.2	5.5	659	17	676	5.4	0.1	5.5
65+	218	5	223	1.8	0.0	1.8	234	7	241	1.9	0.1	2.0
Lay persons	5,800	1,268	7,068	47.5	10.4	57.9	5,981	1,280	7,261	49.0	10.5	59.5
0-17	1,607	316	1,923	13.2	2.6	15.8	1,680	324	2,004	13.8	2.7	16.4
18-64	3,468	733	4,201	28.4	6.0	34.4	3,577	729	4,306	29.3	6.0	35.3
65+	725	219	944	5.9	1.8	7.7	724	227	951	5.9	1.9	7.8

Note: Persons who participated in more than one procession are counted more than once.

Source: Parish Feasts Statistics, NSO

Table 12. Participants* in Good Friday processions by type and age group: 2010-2011

Person type and age group	2010			2011		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Total	7,816	1,426	9,242	7,961	1,475	9,436
Religious persons	182	2	184	185	2	187
18-64	104	-	104	108	-	108
65+	78	2	80	77	2	79
Lay persons	7,634	1,424	9,058	7,776	1,473	9,249
0-17	1,467	876	2,343	1,515	887	2,402
18-64	5,609	546	6,155	5,710	575	6,285
65+	558	2	560	551	11	562

* Participants also include band players

Note: Persons who participated in more than one procession are counted more than once.

Source: Good Friday Statistics, NSO

Table 13. Candidatures for the general election by electoral district: 2013

Electoral District	Number		
	Males	Females	Total
1	20	3	23
2	15	4	19
3	17	4	21
4	17	2	19
5	19	2	21
6	16	4	20
7	21	0	21
8	16	2	18
9	20	5	25
10	19	4	23
11	22	3	25
12	16	5	21
13	10	2	12
Total	228	40	268
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number of candidates	142	26	168

Note: The majority of candidates contest two districts.

Source: <http://www.electoral.gov.mt> (06/03/2013)

Table 14. Persons recorded as victims of domestic violence in cases reported to the police by age group and incident sub-class: 2012

Incident Subclass	Males				Females				Total
	Under 18	18-59	60+	Total	Under 18	18-59	60+	Total	
Total	36	194	28	258	38	767	55	860	1,118
Grievous Bodily Harm with Improper Arms	1	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	3
Grievous Bodily Harm with Physical Force	2	7	3	12	3	16	3	22	34
Psychological Harm	7	59	8	74	8	272	18	298	372
Slight Bodily Harm by Improper Arms	4	10	1	15	-	16	1	17	32
Slight Bodily Harm by Proper Arms	-	3	-	3	-	4	-	4	7
Slight Bodily Harm with Physical Force	22	113	15	150	27	435	32	494	644
Stalking	-	1	-	1	-	24	1	25	26

Source: Police Incident Reporting System (PIRS) - Victims

Methodological Notes

This news release makes reference to various statistics published by the NSO as well as external data. Sources are quoted after each table.

Population:

Total Population: Figures include both Maltese and foreign residents. The total population at the end of year t, is computed using the following equation: $P_t = P_{t-1} + B_t - D_t + I_t - E_t$, where

- P_t is the total population at the end of year t
- P_{t-1} is the total population at the end of year t-1
- B_t is the total number of births registered during year t
- D_t is the total number of deaths registered during year t
- I_t is the total immigration of both Maltese and foreign nationals registered during year t. This figure is measured by summing up the count of all new work permit and residence permit holders, their dependents, asylum seekers under protection, returned migrants and new adoptions of children from foreign countries
- E_t is the total emigration of both Maltese and foreign nationals registered during year t. This figure is measured by summing up the counts of all work permits and residence permit holders who fail to extend their permit during the year under review, together with their dependents, resettled or repatriated asylum seekers who were previously given protection and other Maltese emigrants (i.e. persons who leave the country for period of at least 12 months)

Employment:

Employment: This comprises all persons aged 15 years and over who, during the Labour Force Survey reference week, were in one of the following categories:

- **Paid employment:** includes those who, during the reference week, worked for at least one hour for a wage or salary, in cash or in kind
- **Were employees but were not at work:** were on paid or sick leave, did not work due to bad weather, were undergoing training or education, did not work due to a labour dispute, were on maternity or parental leave, did not work due to slack work for technical or economic reasons, were absent from work for a period of less than 3 months, or were not working because on layoff and receiving at least 50 per cent of the salary/wage
- **Self-employed:** a person who runs a trade or business, rather than working as an employee for someone else. A person is self-employed if s/he is a sole proprietor or a partner working in business
- **Unpaid family workers:** refers to people who worked without pay in a family business or farm. Excluded from this definition are housewives

Employment Rate: Represents all persons in employment aged 15-64 as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64).

Unemployment: This comprises all persons above 15 years of age who, during the reference week, satisfied the following criteria:

- **Without work**
- **Actively seeking work during the previous 4 weeks** e.g. includes contacting the ETC, applied directly with an employer, contacting a private employment agency, inserting or answering to an advert in a newspaper
- **Currently available for work:** available to start work within 2 weeks of the reference week

Unemployment Rate: Represents unemployed persons aged between 15 and 64 as a percentage of the total active (employed and unemployed) population.

Inactive Persons: All persons who are not classified as employed or unemployed are defined as inactive.

Inactivity Rate: Represents all inactive persons aged 15-64 as a percentage of the population of working age (15-64).

Information and Communication Technology:

The sample for the Survey on Information and Communication Technology Usage in Households and by Individuals 2012 is based on households having at least one member aged between 16-74.

Public Life:

Electoral Districts: These are the electoral districts used for the 2013 General Elections:

- **District 1:** Valletta, Floriana, Ħamrun, Marsa (part), Tal-Pietà, Santa Venera (part), G'Manġa
- **District 2:** Vittoriosa, Senglea, Cospicua, Haż-Żabbar, Kalkara, Xgħajra
- **District 3:** Żejtun, Fgura (part), Marsaskala
- **District 4:** Fgura (part), Gudja, Ħal Għaxaq, Marsa (part), Paola, Santa Luċija, Ħal Tarxien
- **District 5:** Birżebbuġa, Ħal Kirkop, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Ħal Safi, Żurrieq, Bubaqra (Żurrieq)
- **District 6:** Ħal Qormi, Siġġiewi, Ħal Luqa, Ħal Farruġ
- **District 7:** Mdina, Haż-Żebbuġ, Ħad-Dingli, Mġarr, Mtarfa, Rabat (Malta), Baħrija
- **District 8:** Birkirkara, Ħal Lija, Iklin, Naxxar (part), Santa Venera (part), Fleur de Lys (Birkirkara)
- **District 9:** Ħal Għargħur, Msida, San Ġwann, Swieqi, Madliena, Ta' Xbiex, Kappara (San Ġwann), Ibraġġ (Swieqi)
- **District 10:** Gżira, Pembroke, St Julian's, Paceville, Tas-Sliema
- **District 11:** Ħ'Attard, Ħal Balzan, Mosta
- **District 12:** Mellieħa, Naxxar (part), Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq, St Paul's Bay, Burmarrad
- **District 13:** Gozo, Comino

Crime:

1. The data in this release refer to the number of persons recorded as victims of alleged domestic violence cases, entered in the P.I.R.S (Police Incident Reporting System) throughout all police districts around Malta and Gozo. Cases that may have been filed solely at specialised branches are not included.
2. The presented figures do not reflect the number of reported incidents since a single report could involve multiple victims.
3. Incident sub-class refers to the type of report entered while the number of victims refer to all persons contained and/or listed as victims within such reports.