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The theme for this year's International Day of Families is "Advancing Social Integration and Intergenerational Solidarity". This day is commemorated annually on 15 May.

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Living Conditions

According to the Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey, the most common household type was that of one-person households. This was followed by households with more than two adults with no dependent children (Table 1).

Persons found to be mostly at-risk-of-poverty in 2011 were those living in single parent households, with 47 per cent of persons in this category being at risk (Table 2). The at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate for this household category (which also takes into account material deprivation and work intensity) stood at 63 per cent (Table 3).

There were 4,231 births in 2012, of which just over half were boys (Table 5). The majority of babies were born to parents between the ages of 30 and 34, while just over one-fourth were born outside marriage.

In 2011, just under 9,000 children aged 0-12 were attending pre-school for an average 27 hours per week, while 29,360 children were spending an average of 31 hours per week at compulsory school (Table 6). Furthermore, 12,910 children spent an average 14 hours per week being cared for by grandparents or other relatives and friends.



Employment

The employment rate in 2012 stood at 59 per cent, with that for married persons being 60 per cent (Table 7). This rate varied greatly when disaggregated by sex, from 82 per cent among married men to 39 per cent among married women. Further to this, 70 per cent of parents were employed in 2012 – 94 per cent of fathers and 50 per cent of mothers (Table 9).

Information and Communication Technology

Over three-fourths of households had access to a computer last year, with the highest prevalence being in households with three or more adults with children, and the lowest being in those consisting of one adult without children (Table 10). The same trend was also observed with regard to the percentage of households with internet access at home.

When looking at an age profile of computer and internet users in 2012, it can be seen that while nearly all persons aged between 16 and 24 used both a computer and the internet, these percentages decreased steadily with age, reaching 28 and 27 per cent respectively in persons aged 65-74 (Table 11) ■

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Table 1. Distribution of households by type: 2011

Household type	Number	% total
Households without dependent children	87,170	60.3
<i>of which:</i>		
One person household, total	27,160	18.8
One person household, male	11,080	7.7
One person household, female	16,080	11.1
One person household, under 65 years of age	12,520	8.7
One person household, 65 years old and over	14,640	10.1
Two adults, no dependent children, both under 65 years of age	16,090	11.1
Two adults, no dependent children, at least one adult aged 65 or more	18,550	12.8
Other households without dependent children	25,370	17.5
Households with dependent children	57,420	39.7
<i>of which:</i>		
Single parent household, one or more dependent children	3,840	2.7
Two adults, one dependent child	16,030	11.1
Two adults, two dependent children	16,400	11.3
Two adults, three or more dependent children	5,420	3.7
Other households with dependent children	15,730	10.9
Total	144,590	100.0

Source: Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey 2011

Table 2. Persons at-risk-of-poverty by household type: 2011

Household type	Number	% total population
Households without dependent children	22,440	12.2
<i>of which:</i>		
One person household, male	2,850	25.7
One person household, female	3,330	20.7
One person household, under 65 years of age	3,540	28.2
One person household, 65 years old and over	2,640	18.0
Two adults, no dependent children, both under 65 years of age	4,220	13.1
Two adults, no dependent children, at least one adult aged 65 or more	7,860	21.2
Other households without dependent children	[4,180]	[4.8]
Households with dependent children	41,150	18.0
<i>of which:</i>		
Single parent household, one or more dependent children	4,510	47.2
Two adults, one dependent child	5,980	12.4
Two adults, two dependent children	12,710	19.4
Two adults, three or more dependent children	8,800	31.6
Other households with dependent children	9,150	11.8
Total	63,590	15.4

Under represented figures are marked []

Source: Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey 2011

Table 3. Persons at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion by household type: 2011

Household type	Number	% total population
Households without dependent children	19,330	19.1
<i>of which:</i>		
One person household, male	2,320	41.8
One person household, female	2,230	58.2
Two adults, no dependent children	6,270	21.9
Other households without dependent children	[8,510]	[13.5]
Households with dependent children	50,310	22.9
<i>of which:</i>		
Single parent household, one or more dependent children	5,890	62.9
Two adults, one dependent child	8,240	17.7
Two adults, two dependent children	14,200	21.8
Two adults, three or more dependent children	9,030	32.7
Other households with dependent children	12,950	18.3
Total	69,640	21.7

Note: This table includes persons under 60 only.

Under represented figures are marked []

Source: Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey 2011

Table 4. Families receiving child/family benefits: 2008-2012

Type of benefit	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Children's allowance	48,056	47,665	46,808	46,299	45,940
Disability child allowance	745	765	819	820	872
Maternity benefit	2,687	2,639	2,358	2,481	3,183

Source: Department of Social Security (DSS) Unique Beneficiaries Report

Table 5. Total live births by age of mother/father and births outside marriage: 2012

Ages	Total				Of which births outside marriage			
	By age of mother		By age of father		By age of mother		By age of father	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
All ages	2,191	2,040	2,191	2,040	530	543	530	543
under 20	106	106	27	14	93	93	22	9
20-24	296	296	124	153	174	171	87	110
25-29	624	654	448	449	117	125	115	123
30-34	774	649	753	698	79	92	92	93
35-39	342	280	508	402	55	45	52	51
40-44	48	53	147	142	12	16	26	16
45-49	1	2	47	45	-	1	11	14
50-54	-	-	11	10	-	-	2	3
55-59	-	-	5	4	-	-	4	1
60+	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1
Unspecified	-	-	120	122	-	-	119	122

Note: Data is provisional

Source: Public Registry

Table 6. Childcare by number of children (aged 0-12), average number of hours and type of childcare: 2011

Type of childcare	Number of children availing of service	Number of hours per week	Average per child availing of service
Education at pre-school	8,940	241,460	27
Education at compulsory school	29,360	908,450	31
Child care at centre-based services/day-care centres	10,930	61,220	6
Child care by a professional child-minder at child's home or at child-minder's home	:	:	:
Child care by grandparents, other household members (outside parents), other relatives, friends or neighbours	12,910	182,190	14

: – estimate based on less than 20 counts; not provided.

Source: Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey 2011

Table 7. Activity, employment and unemployment rates of persons by marital status: 2012

Marital Status	Activity rates			Employment rates			Unemployment rates		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%								
Single	70.0	60.5	65.8	63.3	54.5	59.4	9.5	9.9	9.6
Married	84.6	41.1	62.2	81.8	39.1	59.8	3.2	4.7	3.7
Widowed	56.3	20.9	31.9	55.0	19.5	30.6	[2.2]	[5.5]	[3.8]
Divorced/Legally Separated/Annulled	82.3	46.8	62.2	74.5	41.4	55.8	[9.9]	[11.4]	10.5
Total	78.0	47.7	63.1	73.3	44.2	59.1	5.9	7.4	6.4

Under represented figures are marked as []

Source: Labour Force Survey 2012

Table 8. Average hours worked by employed persons (aged 15-64 years) by marital status and age group: 2012

		Average hours worked		
		Males	Females	Total
Marital status	Single	39	36	38
	Married	42	33	39
	Widowed	39	32	36
	Divorced/Legally Separated/Annulled	42	34	38
Age group	15-24	37	34	36
	25-54	42	35	39
	55-64	40	34	39
Total (15-64 years)		41	35	39

Source: Labour Force Survey 2012

Table 9. Parents aged 15 and over by economic status: 2012

Economic Status	All parents			... of which married parents		
	Fathers	Mothers	Total	Fathers	Mothers	Total
Employed	39,397	24,003	63,400	37,769	20,081	57,850
Unemployed	1,231	1,676	2,907	1,194	1,102	2,296
Inactive	1,472	22,778	24,250	1,261	18,909	20,170
Total	42,100	48,457	90,557	40,224	40,092	80,316
% total						
Employed	93.6	49.5	70.0	93.9	50.1	72.0
Unemployed	2.9	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.7	2.9
Inactive	3.5	47.0	26.8	3.1	47.2	25.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Parents refer to persons having children aged 17 or less.

Source: Labour Force Survey 2012

Table 10. Households with access to a computer and the internet at home: 2012

Household type	Computer		Internet*	
	Number	% total households	Number	% total households
One adult without children	11,896	52.2	11,896	52.2
One adult with children	:	:	:	:
Two adults without children	23,694	63.1	23,341	62.1
Two adults with children	22,190	94.8	21,906	93.6
Three or more adults without children	37,505	91.9	37,077	90.8
Three or more adults with children	11,357	97.5	11,369	97.6
Total	108,087	78.3	106,908	77.5

* Internet includes access via smart phone

: – data not reliable due to small sample representation

Source: Information and Communication Technology usage in households and by individuals survey 2012

Table 11. Profile of computer and internet users by age: 2012

Age group	Computer ¹		Internet ²	
	Number	% total population	Number	% total population
16-24	49,132	98.7	48,901	98.3
25-34	52,713	91.2	52,545	90.9
35-44	45,774	85.7	45,362	84.9
45-54	36,172	65.7	35,636	64.2
55-64	23,875	40.1	23,227	39.0
65-74	11,680	27.7	11,312	26.8
Total	219,347	68.9	216,984	68.2

¹includes only persons who used a computer during January-March of the reference year

²includes only persons who used the internet during January-March of the reference year

Source: Information and Communication Technology usage in households and by individuals survey 2012

Methodological Notes

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

Activity Rate: Persons in the labour force (employed + unemployed) aged between 15-64 as a percentage of total population aged 15-64.

At-Risk-Of-Poverty Rate: Share of persons with an equivalised disposable income below the at-risk-of-poverty threshold. This is equivalent to 60 per cent of the median national equivalised income of the persons living in households.

Dependent Child: Dependent children cover two groups. All persons below 18 are considered to be dependent children. Persons aged 18 to 24, living in a household of which at least one of their parents is a member and who are economically inactive, are also considered as dependent children.

Employment: This comprises all persons aged 15 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: Persons employed aged between 15-64 as a percentage of total population aged 15-64.

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).

Total Disposable Income of a household is calculated by deducting:

- regular inter-household cash transfers paid
- tax on income
- social insurance contributions

from the total gross household income.

Total Live Births: include all babies being born and registered with the Public Authorities in Malta. All still births are excluded. Figures on live births are provisional.

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: Persons unemployed aged 15 and over as a percentage of total labour force aged 15 and over.