The estimated total population of Malta and Gozo at the end of 2019 stood at 514,564, up by four per cent when compared to 2018.

World Population Day: 11 July 2020

Persons under the age of 18 made up 16 per cent of the total population, while a further 18 per cent were aged 65 years and over. Of these, 3,049 persons – 2,132 females and 917 males – were aged 90 years and over (Tables 1 and 2). The population increase in 2019 was driven by a net migration (immigration less emigration) of 20,343 persons. The largest proportion of net migrants were men, reaching 13,535 against 6,808 female counterparts. Excluding adoptions, the largest share of migrants were third-country nationals at 12,355 followed by other EU nationals at 7,489. Net migration of Maltese nationals was estimated at 446 (Table 3).

Resident live births registered during 2019 amounted to 4,350, a decrease of two per cent over the previous year (Table 4). There were approximately nine births for every 1,000 persons in 2019. Over the past 10 years the total fertility rate has decreased from 1.42 to 1.14, while the average age of parents who gave birth has increased from 28.6 years to 30.6 years. This was largely due to a sharper increase in population figures when compared to the slight decrease in the number of live births (Table 5).

Total resident deaths remained constant compared to last year and rose by 14 per cent over the past 10 years. Of the 3,688 registered resident deaths during 2019, 65 per cent were persons aged 75 and over (Table 7). The average life expectancy for those born in 2019 was 83 years, an increase of 2.6 years when compared to 10 years ago (Table 8).
### Table 1. End-of-year total population estimates by sex: 2006-2019

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\(^1\) Birth figures refer to babies whose birth parent was a resident of Malta at the time of birth.

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¹ Number of live births per 1,000 total mid-year population.
² The number of children that would be born to a female if she were to live to the end of her child-bearing years, and bear children in accordance with current age-specific fertility rates.
³ In line with the amendment to the Marriage Act 2017, upon registration, parents are denoted as parent who gave birth to child and parent. Refer to methodological note 3.
⁴ Revised.

**Chart 4. Total fertility rate (TFR) and average age of parent who gave birth¹: 2006-2019**

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¹ In line with the amendment to the Marriage Act 2017, upon registration, parents are denoted as parent who gave birth to child and parent. Refer to methodological note 3.
### Table 6. Resident live births by age group of parents<sup>1</sup> and sex of child: 2019

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<sup>1</sup> In line with the amendment to the Marriage Act 2017, upon registration, parents are denoted as parent who gave birth to child and parent. Refer to methodological note 3.

### Chart 5. Resident live births by age group of parents<sup>1</sup>: 2019

![Chart 5. Resident live births by age group of parents](chart)

<sup>1</sup> In line with the amendment to the Marriage Act 2017, upon registration, parents are denoted as parent who gave birth to child and parent. Refer to methodological note 3.
### Table 7. Deaths by age group reached at last birthday and sex: 2006-2019

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¹ Revised
Methodological Notes

1. All population components are based on definitions provided for in the European Regulation (EU) No. 1260/2013 on European demographic statistics.

2. All migration components are based on definitions provided for in the European Regulation (EU) No. 862/2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection.


4. Definitions:
   - **Crude birth rate**: the number of total live births per thousand mid-year population.
   - **Emigration**: the action by which a natural person leaves his or her usual residence in the territory of the Member State for a period that is, or is expected to last, a minimum of 12 months. This figure is measured by summing up the counts of all employment termination forms which ended during the reference year and residence permit holders who fail to extend their permits during the reference year, together with their dependants; resettled or repatriated asylum seekers who were previously given protection and other Maltese emigrants.
   - **Immigration**: the action by which a natural person establishes his or her usual residence in a territory of a State for a period that is, or is expected to last, a minimum of 12 months. This figure is measured by summing up the count of all new employment engagement forms and residence permit holders, their dependants, asylum seekers granted protection, returned Maltese migrants and adoptions of children from foreign countries.
   - **Life expectancy**: a population based statistical measure of the average number of years a person has before death. Life expectancies can be calculated for any age and give the further number of years a person can on average expect to live given the age they have attained during the reference year.
   - **Mid-year population**: total mid-year population is calculated by averaging start-of-year and end-of-year population estimates.
   - **Natural increase**: the difference between the number of live births and the number of deaths during a reference year.
   - **Total fertility rate**: the number of children that would be born to a female if she were to live to the end of her child-bearing years and bear children in accordance with current age-specific fertility rates.
   - **Total population**: all persons residing in Maltese Islands. The total population at the end of year $t$, is computed using the equation $P_t = P_{t-1} + B_t - D_t + I_t - E_t$, where:
     i. $P_t$ is the total resident population at the end of year $t$.
     ii. $P_{t-1}$ is the total resident population at the end of year $t-1$.
     iii. $B_t$ is the total number of babies whose birth parent was resident in Malta during year $t$.
     iv. $D_t$ is the total number of registered deaths of persons resident in Malta during year $t$.
     v. $I_t$ is the total immigration of both Maltese and foreign nationals registered during year $t$ who immigrated with the intention to live in Malta for a period of at least 12 months.
     vi. $E_t$ is the total emigration of both Maltese and foreign nationals resident in Malta registered during year $t$ who leave the country for a period of at least 12 months.
   - **Live births resident in Malta**: all babies whose parent(s) is(are) resident in Malta at the time of birth. Therefore the definition excludes babies born to parents who are resident abroad.
   - **Total deaths**: all registered resident Maltese and foreign deaths in Malta and Gozo. These counts exclude deaths of tourists, but include Maltese residents who die abroad and whose death is subsequently registered in Malta. This definition excludes still births.
   - **Third Country National**: any person who is not a citizen of the European Union.
   - **Usual residence**: refers to the place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest, regardless of temporary absences for purposes of recreation, holidays, visits to friends and relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage. Usual residents of a specific geographical area are:
     i. those who have lived in their place of usual residence for a continuous period of at least 12 months before the reference time; or
     ii. those who arrived in their place of usual residence during the 12 months before the reference time with the intention of staying there for at least one year.
   - **Usually resident population**: refers to all persons who have their usual residence in a Member State at the reference time.
5. Sources:

- Demographic data in this release is based on records held by the Public Registry and the Directorate of Health Information and Research.
- Migration data is based on relevant administrative records and on estimates based on auxiliary information and access to administrative records as shown in the table below:

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6. Geographical information:
The European Union includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

7. Timely population estimates are published in order to meet user needs. These estimates are subject to further quality assurance processes and may be subject to revision in subsequent demographic publications.

8. More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

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