

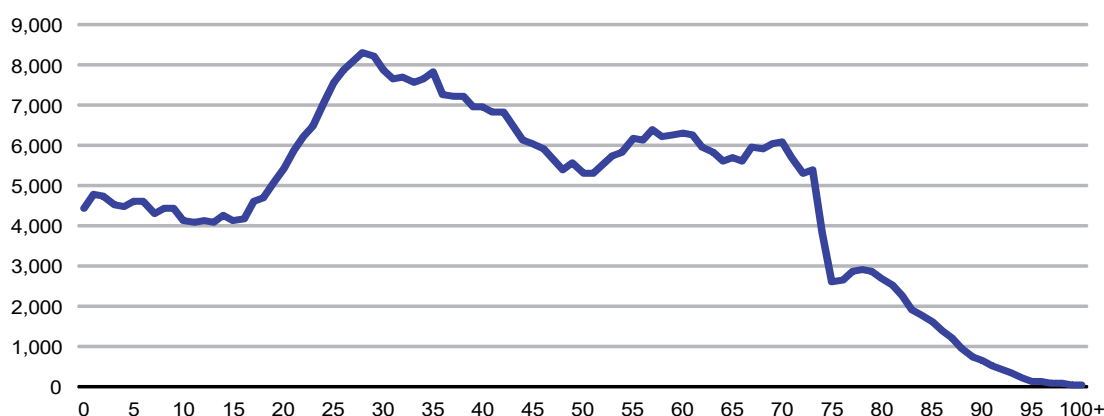
The estimated total population of Malta and Gozo at the end of 2017 stood at 475,701, up by 3.3 per cent when compared to 2016.

World Population Day: 11 July 2018

Persons under 18 made up 16.6 per cent of the total population, while a further 18.8 per cent were aged 65 and over. Of these, 2,784 persons – 1,958 females and 826 males – were over 89 (Tables 1 and 2). The population increase was mainly due to net migration (immigration less emigration) (Table 3). The population of Malta accounts for 0.1 per cent of the total population of the EU (Table 4).

Resident live births registered during 2017 decreased by 3.5 per cent over the previous year (Table 5). 3.2 per cent of parents who gave birth during 2017 were teenagers (under 20 years of age). On the other hand, the majority of parents who gave birth, 65.2 per cent, were aged between 25 and 34 years (Table 6). Resident deaths increased by 6.9 per cent over the previous year. Of the 3,571 deaths registered during 2017, 63.3 per cent were persons aged 75 years and over (Table 7).

Chart 1. Total population by single years of age: 2017



There were 3,072 marriages occurring in 2017 which were registered in Malta and Gozo (including marriages among foreigners). Civil marriages accounted for 54.6 per cent of the total marriages registered in 2017, an increase of 3.1 per cent over the previous year (Table 9). Out of the total marriages registered, 20.8 per cent were among spouses aged between 25 and 29 years. 42.4 per cent of total marriages registered were between spouses within the same age group. On the other hand, there were 1,227 registered marriages, or 39.9 per cent, in which one spouse was within one age group higher than that of the other (Table 10) ■

Chart 2. End-of-year total population estimates: 2006-2017

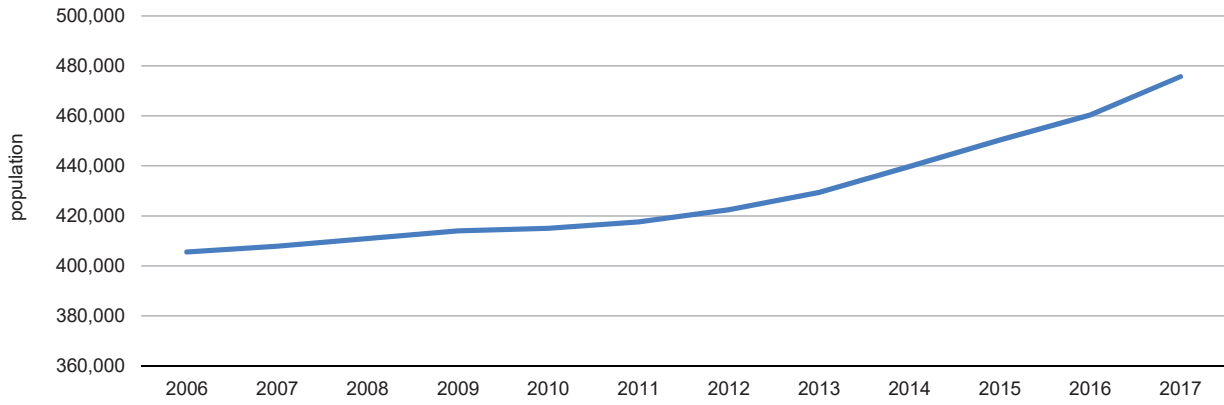


Table 1. End-of-year total population estimates: 2006-2017

Year	Males	Females	Total
2006	201,519	204,097	405,616
2007	202,734	205,098	407,832
2008	204,607	206,319	410,926
2009	206,203	207,824	414,027
2010	206,405	208,584	414,989
2011*	207,695	209,851	417,546
2012	210,383	212,126	422,509
2013	214,533	214,891	429,424
2014	220,488	219,203	439,691
2015	226,396	224,019	450,415
2016	231,663	228,634	460,297
2017	240,599	235,102	475,701

* Based on Census taken in year

Chart 3. Total population by age group and gender as at 31 December 2017

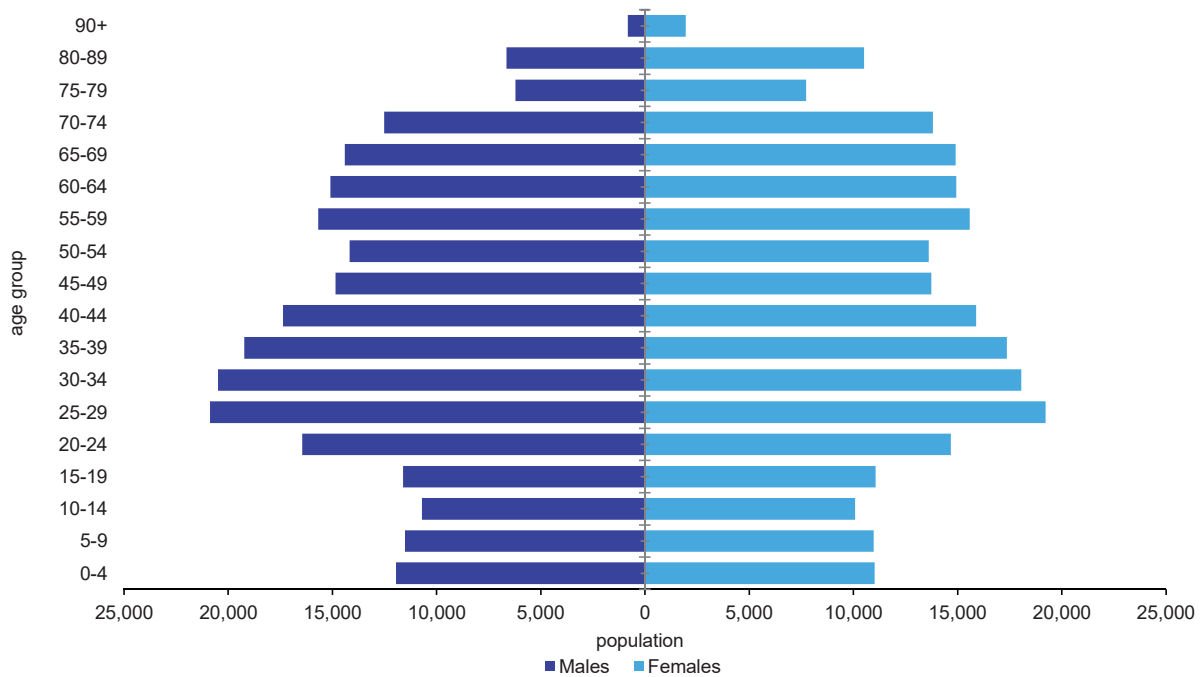


Table 2. Total population by single years of age as at 31 December 2017

Age group/ Single years	Males	Females	Total	Age group/ Single years	Males	Females	Total
0-9	23,462	21,996	45,458	50-59	29,860	29,191	59,051
Less than 1	2,280	2,176	4,456	50	2,712	2,623	5,335
1	2,517	2,259	4,776	51	2,715	2,595	5,310
2	2,404	2,339	4,743	52	2,817	2,735	5,552
3	2,408	2,118	4,526	53	2,958	2,798	5,756
4	2,337	2,133	4,470	54	2,973	2,861	5,834
5	2,409	2,229	4,638	55	3,144	3,059	6,203
6	2,345	2,270	4,615	56	3,143	3,000	6,143
7	2,195	2,140	4,335	57	3,215	3,204	6,419
8	2,269	2,186	4,455	58	3,088	3,158	6,246
9	2,298	2,146	4,444	59	3,095	3,158	6,253
10-19	22,307	21,142	43,449	60-69	29,495	29,840	59,335
10	2,174	1,978	4,152	60	3,180	3,151	6,331
11	2,163	1,955	4,118	61	3,148	3,110	6,258
12	2,130	2,026	4,156	62	3,035	2,942	5,977
13	2,097	1,991	4,088	63	2,938	2,909	5,847
14	2,134	2,123	4,257	64	2,790	2,830	5,620
15	2,160	1,977	4,137	65	2,795	2,899	5,694
16	2,148	2,029	4,177	66	2,770	2,868	5,638
17	2,300	2,320	4,620	67	2,964	3,014	5,978
18	2,374	2,312	4,686	68	2,939	2,996	5,935
19	2,627	2,431	5,058	69	2,936	3,121	6,057
20-29	37,334	33,897	71,231	70-79	18,728	21,548	40,276
20	2,874	2,558	5,432	70	2,908	3,182	6,090
21	3,168	2,728	5,896	71	2,705	2,989	5,694
22	3,320	2,909	6,229	72	2,545	2,790	5,335
23	3,406	3,071	6,477	73	2,602	2,780	5,382
24	3,688	3,404	7,092	74	1,754	2,074	3,828
25	3,939	3,640	7,579	75	1,215	1,383	2,598
26	4,105	3,765	7,870	76	1,187	1,484	2,671
27	4,248	3,852	8,100	77	1,274	1,606	2,880
28	4,296	4,046	8,342	78	1,292	1,647	2,939
29	4,290	3,924	8,214	79	1,246	1,613	2,859
30-39	39,719	35,408	75,127	80-89	6,648	10,507	17,155
30	4,160	3,722	7,882	80	1,153	1,558	2,711
31	4,109	3,573	7,682	81	1,103	1,446	2,549
32	4,143	3,568	7,711	82	920	1,351	2,271
33	4,028	3,564	7,592	83	764	1,155	1,919
34	4,050	3,621	7,671	84	678	1,120	1,798
35	4,071	3,759	7,830	85	573	1,028	1,601
36	3,827	3,470	7,297	86	477	911	1,388
37	3,843	3,393	7,236	87	411	801	1,212
38	3,821	3,417	7,238	88	296	646	942
39	3,667	3,321	6,988	89	273	491	764
40-49	32,220	29,615	61,835	90+	826	1,958	2,784
40	3,696	3,265	6,961				
41	3,527	3,313	6,840	Total	240,599	235,102	475,701
42	3,599	3,227	6,826				
43	3,387	3,088	6,475				
44	3,155	2,989	6,144				
45	3,113	2,922	6,035				
46	3,090	2,844	5,934				
47	2,964	2,705	5,669				
48	2,832	2,563	5,395				
49	2,857	2,699	5,556				

Note: Figures are based on Census of Population and Housing 2011.

Table 3. Composition of population change: 2017

	Males	Females	Total
Population end 2016	231,663	228,634	460,297
+ Births*	2,215	2,104	4,319
+ Adoptions (foreign)	16	17	33
- Deaths**	1,815	1,756	3,571
Sub-total	232,079	228,999	461,078
Migration flows:			
+ Immigration of Maltese nationals	756	715	1,471
- Emigration of Maltese nationals	548	476	1,024
+ Immigration of Other EU nationals	7,069	4,669	11,738
- Emigration of Other EU nationals	1,404	1,104	2,508
+ Immigration of Third-country nationals	4,694	3,740	8,434
- Emigration of Third-country nationals	2,047	1,441	3,488
Population end 2017	240,599	235,102	475,701

* Birth figures refer to babies born to parents who gave birth, where such parents are residents of Malta

** Death figures exclude registered deaths of persons who are not resident of Malta

Table 4. Total population figures in the EU

	Population as at 01.01.2018	Share in EU population (%)
EU	512,596.4	100.0
Austria	8,822.3	1.7
Belgium	11,413.1	2.2
Bulgaria	7,050.0	1.4
Croatia	4,105.5	0.8
Cyprus	864.2	0.2
Czech Republic	10,610.1	2.1
Denmark	5,781.2	1.1
Estonia	1,319.1	0.3
Finland	5,513.1	1.1
France	67,221.9	13.1
Germany*	82,850.0	16.2
Greece*	10,738.9	2.1
Hungary	9,778.4	1.9
Ireland	4,838.3	0.9
Italy	60,484.0	11.8
Latvia	1,934.4	0.4
Lithuania	2,808.9	0.5
Luxembourg	602.0	0.1
Malta	475.7	0.1
Netherlands	17,118.1	3.3
Poland	37,976.7	7.4
Portugal	10,291.0	2.0
Romania	19,523.6	3.8
Slovakia	5,443.1	1.1
Slovenia	2,066.9	0.4
Spain	46,659.3	9.1
Sweden	10,120.2	2.0
United Kingdom	66,186.4	12.9

Source: Eurostat

Note: All data are provisional. Reference date 01.01.2018 is equivalent to 31.12.2017

* Data are estimated

Table 5. Resident live births: 2006-2017

Year	Total	Boys	Girls	Crude birth rate (a)
2006	3,779	1,983	1,796	9.3
2007	3,765	1,980	1,785	9.3
2008	4,013	2,092	1,921	9.8
2009	4,029	2,087	1,942	9.8
2010	3,898	2,000	1,898	9.4
2011	4,165	2,116	2,049	10.0
2012	4,130	2,141	1,989	9.8
2013	4,032	2,109	1,923	9.5
2014	4,191	2,223	1,968	9.8
2015	4,325	2,208	2,117	10.0
2016	4,476	2,365	2,111	9.8
2017	4,319	2,215	2,104	9.2

(a) Number of live births per 1,000 total mid-year population

Chart 4. Resident live births: 2006-2017

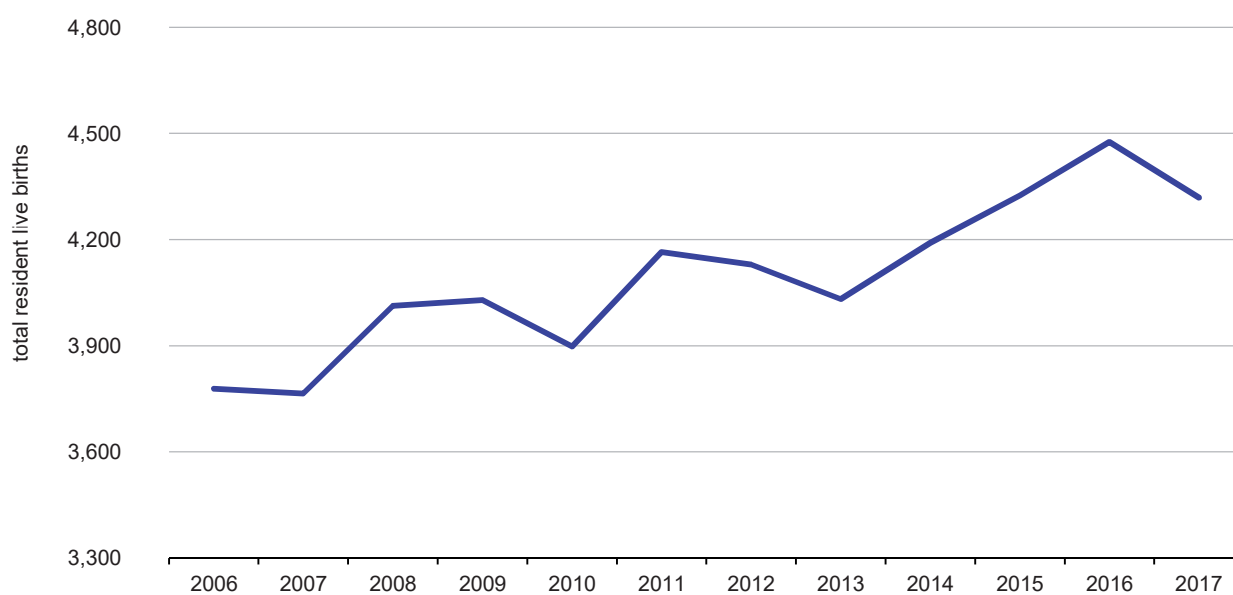


Table 6. Resident live births by age group of parents*: 2017

Ages	Age group of parent who gave birth to child		Age group of parent	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
All ages	2,215	2,104	2,215	2,104
Under 20	65	73	12	22
20-24	234	236	105	108
25-29	636	624	402	412
30-34	802	756	781	703
35-39	408	350	546	527
40-44	69	60	202	189
45-49	1	5	59	57
50-54	-	-	19	15
55-59	-	-	7	5
60+	-	-	3	1
Unspecified	-	-	79	65

*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: 2017

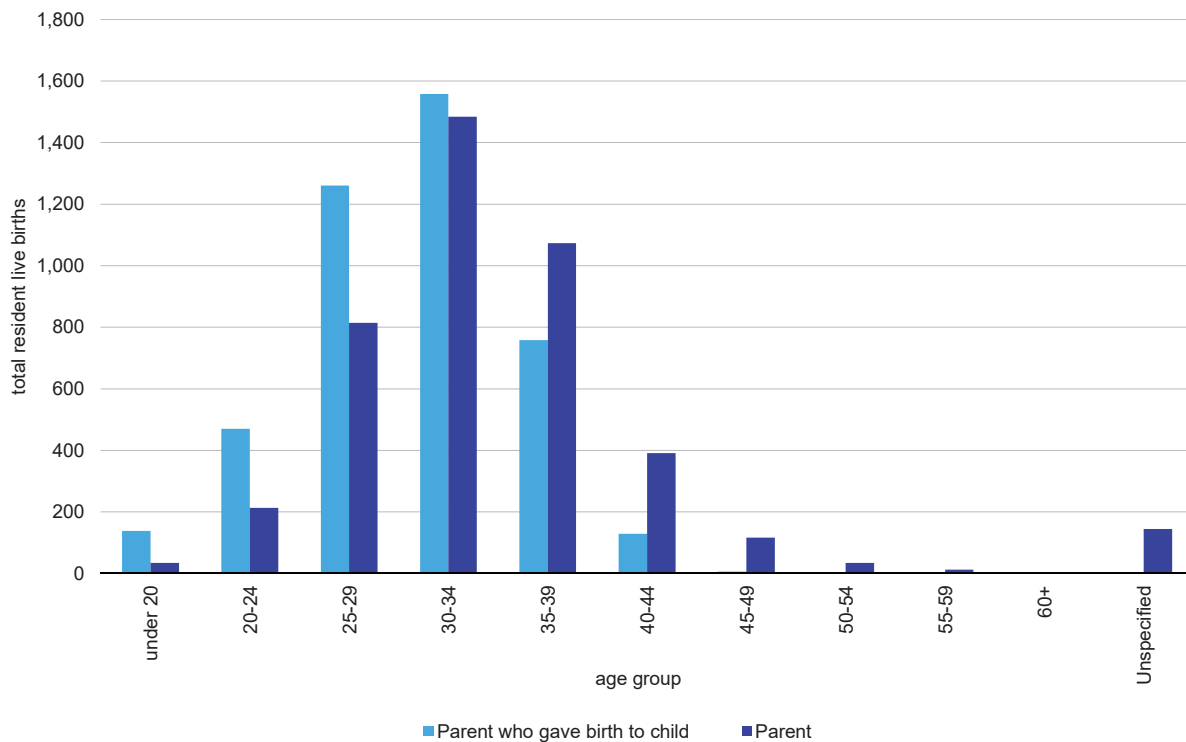


Table 7. Deaths by age reached at last birthday: 2006-2017

Year	Age												Total
	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	
Males													
2006	10	1	-	3	7	12	17	38	95	202	393	889	1,667
2007	9	1	1	3	7	16	28	35	77	211	368	854	1,610
2008	22	5	-	2	3	6	29	36	97	260	336	872	1,668
2009	11	1	1	2	6	11	27	28	71	222	352	940	1,672
2010	13	2	-	2	5	9	23	37	77	221	328	772	1,489
2011	13	-	1	-	9	7	22	29	82	219	371	911	1,664
2012	11	1	1	1	1	7	24	37	77	231	364	991	1,746
2013	14	1	-	1	3	10	13	29	72	212	375	906	1,636
2014	11	1	1	3	4	6	22	35	73	195	395	909	1,655
2015	16	3	-	2	4	4	23	26	69	223	374	988	1,732
2016	20	1	1	-	4	3	16	37	88	191	394	889	1,644
2017	20	2	-	-	4	9	22	38	58	218	445	999	1,815
Females													
2006	4	3	-	3	2	1	6	17	52	135	258	1,068	1,549
2007	16	-	1	2	1	1	6	19	51	142	250	1,012	1,501
2008	12	1	1	1	1	3	7	11	50	145	251	1,092	1,575
2009	11	2	1	2	2	4	15	10	52	136	217	1,097	1,549
2010	9	2	-	3	1	3	4	11	49	131	235	1,073	1,521
2011	14	3	1	1	2	1	13	19	46	124	228	1,151	1,603
2012	11	2	-	2	2	1	14	18	55	137	233	1,197	1,672
2013	13	1	-	-	2	5	4	10	40	110	217	1,198	1,600
2014	10	1	-	1	2	1	7	17	27	133	249	1,167	1,615
2015	9	1	2	1	2	6	7	13	36	120	261	1,252	1,710
2016	13	1	-	1	4	2	6	20	45	118	279	1,209	1,698
2017	10	2	-	2	1	1	7	17	57	125	273	1,261	1,756
Total													
2006	14	4	-	6	9	13	23	55	147	337	651	1,957	3,216
2007	25	1	2	5	8	17	34	54	128	353	618	1,866	3,111
2008	34	6	1	3	4	9	36	47	147	405	587	1,964	3,243
2009	22	3	2	4	8	15	42	38	123	358	569	2,037	3,221
2010	22	4	-	5	6	12	27	48	126	352	563	1,845	3,010
2011	27	3	2	1	11	8	35	48	128	343	599	2,062	3,267
2012	22	3	1	3	3	8	38	55	132	368	597	2,188	3,418
2013	27	2	-	1	5	15	17	39	112	322	592	2,104	3,236
2014	21	2	1	4	6	7	29	52	100	328	644	2,076	3,270
2015	25	4	2	3	6	10	30	39	105	343	635	2,240	3,442
2016	33	2	1	1	8	5	22	57	133	309	673	2,098	3,342
2017	30	4	-	2	5	10	29	55	115	343	718	2,260	3,571

Chart 6. Deaths by age reached at last birthday: 2006-2017

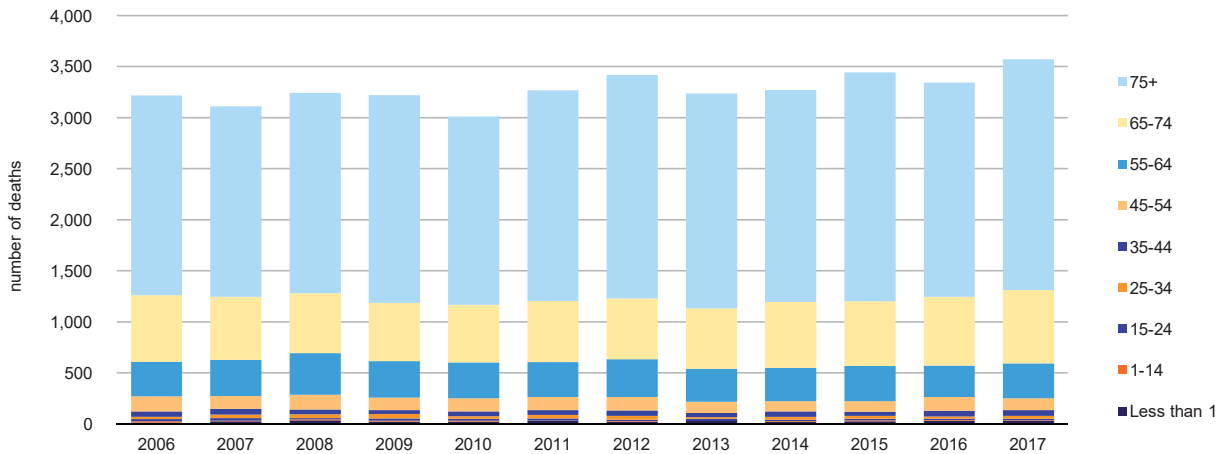


Table 8. Natural change of the EU population: 2018

EU Member State	Absolute number in 1 000		
	Live births	Deaths	Natural change
EU	5,058.6	5,262.7	-204.2
Austria	87.6	83.3	4.4
Belgium	119.7	109.7	10
Bulgaria	64.0	109.8	-45.8
Croatia	36.6	53.5	-16.9
Cyprus	9.2	6.0	3.2
Czech Republic	114.4	111.4	3
Denmark	61.4	53.3	8.1
Estonia	13.8	15.5	-1.8
Finland	50.3	53.7	-3.4
France	767.7	603.1	164.6
Germany*	785.0	933.0	-148
Greece*	88.5	124.5	-36
Hungary	94.6	131.9	-37.2
Ireland*	62.1	30.3	31.8
Italy	458.2	649.1	-190.9
Latvia	20.8	28.8	-7.9
Lithuania	28.7	40.1	-11.4
Luxembourg	6.2	4.3	1.9
Malta	4.3	3.6	0.7
Netherlands	169.2	150.0	19.2
Poland	402.0	402.9	-0.9
Portugal*	86.2	109.6	-23.4
Romania*	189.5	260.6	-71.1
Slovakia	58.0	53.9	4.1
Slovenia	20.2	20.5	-0.3
Spain	390.0	421.3	-31.2
Sweden	115.4	92.0	23.4
United Kingdom*	755.0	607.2	147.9

Source: Eurostat

Note: All data are provisional. Reference date 01.01.2018 is equivalent to 31.12.2017

* Data are estimated

Table 9. Registered marriages¹ in Malta and Gozo by type and year of marriage: 2006-2017

Year	MALTA	Malta	Gozo and Comino	of which: Civil marriages	Crude marriage rate*
2006	2,536	2,352	184	859	6.3
2007	2,479	2,326	153	867	6.1
2008	2,482	2,289	193	840	6.1
2009	2,353	2,158	195	832	5.7
2010	2,596	2,356	240	847	6.3
2011	2,562	2,377	185	965	6.2
2012	2,823	2,612	211	1,170	6.7
2013	2,578	2,405	173	1,199	6.1
2014	2,871	2,651	220	1,388	6.7
2015	3,002	2,790	212	1,481	7.0
2016	3,034	2,826	208	1,628	6.9
2017**	3,072	2,854	218	1,678	6.6

¹Includes marriages among foreigners

*Number of marriages per 1,000 persons in total mid-year population

**Includes same-sex marriages. Refer to methodological note 3

Chart 7. Registered marriages in Malta and Gozo by type and year of marriage: 2006-2017

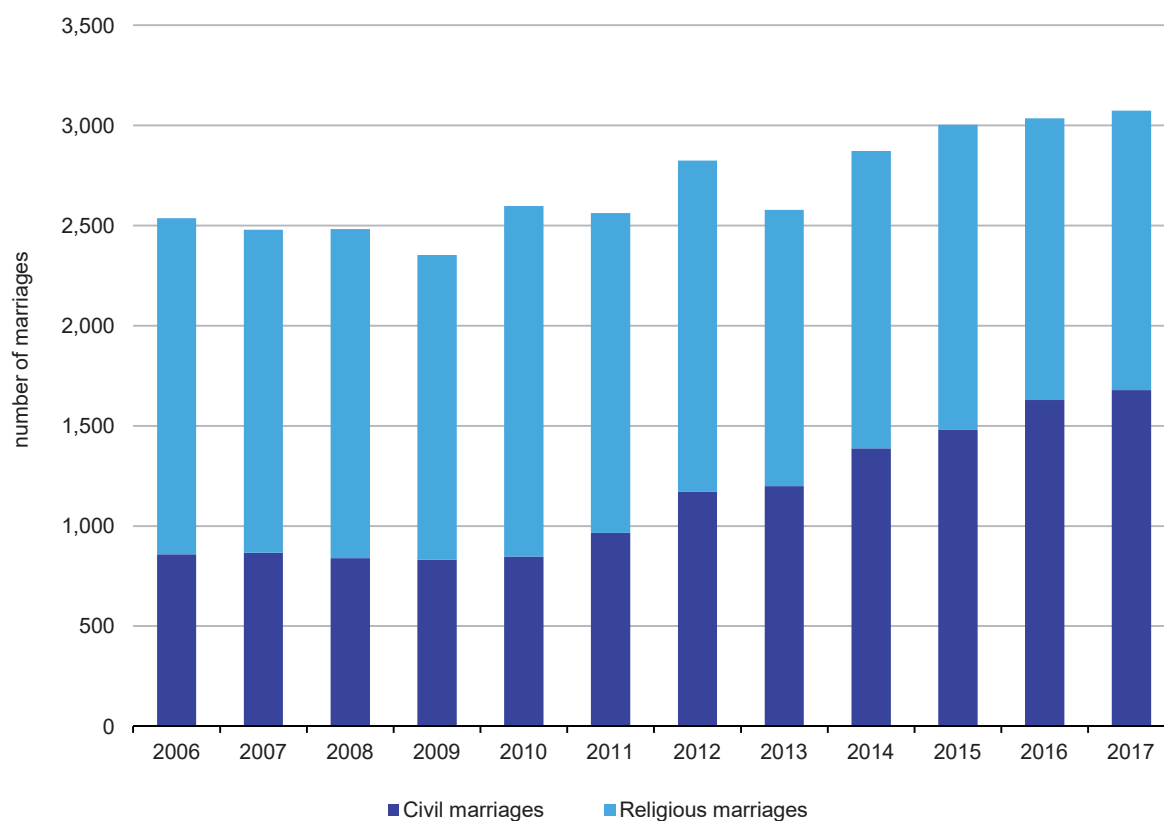


Table 10. Registered marriages in Malta and Gozo by age group of spouses*: 2017

Age group of youngest spouse	Age group of eldest spouse												Total	
	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Unspecified		
16-19	1	7	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
20-24	-	61	183	60	9	6	1	1	-	-	-	1	322	
25-29	-	-	638	554	125	30	12	3	-	1	2	1	1,366	
30-34	-	-	-	354	221	89	27	6	7	3	2	1	710	
35-39	-	-	-	-	100	90	38	16	2	1	-	1	248	
40-44	-	-	-	-	-	39	54	24	6	4	3	-	130	
45-49	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	53	21	11	3	-	126	
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	36	12	8	-	84	
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	14	3	-	36	
60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	15	-	23	
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	1	16	
Unspecified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	1	68	823	968	455	254	171	131	91	54	51	5	3,072	

* Includes same-sex marriages. Refer to methodological note 3

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.
3. Statistics in this release reflect the enactment of the Marriage Act and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2017. All provisions of this Act came into force on 1st September 2017 through Legal Notice 212/2017.

4. Definitions

- **Civil marriages:** all non-religious marriages that are recognised by Maltese law.
- **Crude birth rate:** the number of total live births per thousand mid-year population.
- **Crude marriage rate:** total number of marriages 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 (i.e. persons who leave the country for a period of at least 12 months).
- **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 under protection, returned migrants and new adoptions of children from foreign countries.
- **Mid-year population:** Total and Maltese mid-year population is calculated by averaging start-of-the-year and end-year population estimates.
- **Natural increase:** The difference between the number of live births and the number of deaths during a reference year.
- **Total population:** all persons residing in Malta. 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:
 - P_t is the total resident population at the end of year t ,
 - P_{t-1} is the total resident population at the end of year $t-1$,
 - B_t is the total number of births born to parents who gave birth to child that are resident in Malta registered during year t ,
 - D_t is the total number of deaths of persons resident in Malta registered during year t ,
 - 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.
 - 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 gave birth and who are resident abroad.
- **Total registered marriages:** all marriages registered in Malta and Gozo. These include marriages between non-resident foreign spouses and same-sex marriages following the amendment to the Marriage Act which came into force as at 1st September 2017.
- **Total deaths:** all registered 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:

Entity	Data flows	Data records
National Statistics Office (NSO)	Immigration of Maltese Nationals	Decennial Census of Population and Housing
		Ongoing frontier survey: TOURSTAT
	Emigration of Maltese Nationals	Ongoing frontier survey: TOURSTAT
Employment and Training Corporation (Jobsplus)	Migration Flows of European Union Nationals	Employment engagement and termination forms
Office of the Refugee Commissioner	Migration flows of Third-Country Nationals	Asylum records
Third-Country Nationals Unit		Resettlements and repatriations
Citizenship and Expatriates Affairs		Residence permits database

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:

Statistical Concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

Metadata (Demography): <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=36>

Metadata (Migration): <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=38>

News Releases for previous years:

https://nso.gov.mt/en/News_Releases/View_by_Unit/Unit_C5/Population_and_Migration_Statistics/Pages/World-Population-Day.aspx

9. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately.

10. A detailed news release calendar is available on

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