01. DEMOGRAPHY

Population: 2017

1. … 442,978 and 32,723 persons resided in the Malta and Gozo and Comino regions, respectively.
2. … persons aged between 30 and 39 years accounted for the highest share of the population of the Malta region while persons aged between 50 and 59 years accounted for the highest share of the population of the Gozo and Comino region. (Chart 1.1.1)

Change in population: 2011 – 2017

3. … the highest increases in population were experienced in the elderly population cohorts while the population of between 10 and 19 years of age registered the largest decrease in both regions. (Charts 1.1.3, 1.1.4)
4. … natural population change was uninterruptedly positive year-on-year for the Malta region while that of Gozo and Comino region was positive for all years except for the years 2013 and 2015. (Chart 1.1.5)

Households: 2017

5. … the most common household size for people living in the Malta region was the two-person whereas in the Gozo and Comino region one-person households were the most common. (Chart 1.2.2)
6. … average household disposable income was highest in the Western district at €32,754 and lowest in the district of Gozo and Comino at €22,867. (Chart 1.2.3)
7. … persons at-risk-poverty rates for the regions of Malta and Gozo and Comino were 16.7 and 16.4 per cent, respectively.

Selected Social benefits: 2016

8. … two-thirds pension had the highest number of beneficiaries from the selection of social benefits in both regions during the years under consideration. (Chart 1.3.1)
9. … expenditure per capita on the selected benefits was highest in the localities of Mdina, Floriana, Santa Luċija and Birgu where the expenditure per capita exceeded €2,000 in each of the localities. (Map 1.3.1)
10. … expenditure per capita on the selected benefits was less than €900 in the localities of Mellieha, Munxar, Marsascala, St. Paul’s Bay, Pembroke, Swieqi and Mtarfa. (Map 1.3.1)
02. EDUCATION

Childcare: as at March 2017

1. ... 4 037 children in registered childcare centres. Free Childcare Scheme comprised 79.1 per cent of all children attending childcare centres. This scheme was provided mostly through centres located in the Northern Harbour district at 38.7 per cent. (Maps 2.2)

Pre-primary children: scholastic year 2016/2017

2. ... largest proportion of pre-primary students resided and attended school in the Northern Harbour district.
3. ... share of pre-primary students attending state and independent schools amounted to 72.0 and 16.8 per cent respectively. (Maps 2.3)

Primary students: scholastic year 2016/2017

4. ... 25 796 students enrolled in primary education. State schools remained the most popular at 56.2 per cent of total student body in primary level. (Maps 2.4)

Secondary students: scholastic year 2016/2017

5. ... 20 654 students enrolled in secondary education. Most students attended institutions in the same district of residence. (Maps 2.5)

Post-secondary general education adolescents: Scholastic year 2016/2017

6. ... 5 313 adolescents enrolled in post-secondary general education, of which 78.6 per cent attended state-run institutions. Most institutions were located in the Northern Harbour district at 45.2 per cent. (Maps 2.6)

State Vocational education – academic year 2016/17

7. ... 58.1 per cent of students who attended full-time courses were males. Most students hailed from the Northern Harbour and Southern Harbour districts at 26.0 and 20.4 per cent, respectively. (Maps 2.7)

University of Malta – academic year 2016/17

8. ... 11 069 students attended full-time and part-time courses; an increase of 0.4 per cent when compared to academic year 2015/16. (Maps 2.9)

Graduates per 1 000 inhabitants – academic year 2015/16

9. ... share of graduates at MQF levels 5 and 6 per 1 000 inhabitants was highest in the Gozo and Comino district at 5.4 and 6.3, respectively; followed by the Western district at 3.9 and 6.2 per 1 000 inhabitants, respectively. (Chart 2.11)
03. LABOUR MARKET

Employment by place of residence: 2017

1. ... 183,914 Malta residents worked on full-time basis, an increase of 6.3 per cent when compared to 2016.
2. ... 77.7 per cent Malta residents worked in the private sector.
3. ... 13,272 Gozo and Comino residents with a full-time job, an increase of 6.7 per cent when compared to 2016.
4. ... 58.1 per cent Gozo and Comino residents worked in the private sector. (Chart 3.1)

Employment by place of work: 2017

5. ... full-time employment in Malta region stood at 187,053, reflecting an increase of 6.3 per cent over 2016. (Charts 3.1 and 3.2)
6. ... the highest proportion of full-time employment in Malta region was registered in the wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; accommodation and food services activities (G, H and I). (Chart 3.3)
7. ... full-time employment in Gozo and Comino region amounted to 10,133, an increase of 8.0 per cent when compared to 2016. (Charts 3.1 and 3.2)
8. ... full-time males in the Gozo and Comino region were predominantly employed in the wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; accommodation and food services activities (G, H and I) while the females were mainly employed in the public administration and defence; compulsory social security; education; human health and social work activities (O, P and Q). (Chart 3.6b)

Commuter workers: 2017

9. ... were predominantly Gozo and Comino residents working in the Malta region, accounting to 3,410 employed persons.

Unemployment: 2017

10. ... 27.4 per cent of unemployed persons resided in the Northern Harbour district.
11. ... 39.5 per cent of the total featured in the 50 years and over age bracket. (Chart 3.12)

Gross annual basic salary: 2017

12. ... €18,207 was the estimated average gross annual basic salary for employees.
13. ... €19,668 was the highest estimated average gross annual salary recorded for males, residing in the Northern district.
14. ... €16,269 was the highest estimated average gross annual salary recorded for females, residing in the Western district. (Chart 3.13)
04. ECONOMY

*Gross Value Added at basic price: 2017*

1. ... for the regions of Malta and Gozo and Comino increased by 9.0 and 10.9 per cent, respectively when compared to 2016.

2. ... almost all industries in the Malta region registered increases, except for the industries of agriculture, forestry and fishing (A) and real estate activities (L) while almost all industries in the Gozo and Comino region registered increases with the exception of the industries of agriculture, forestry and fishing (A). (*Charts 4.1b, 4.4b*)

3. ... the largest increase in Malta region was recorded in the industry comprising of professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities (M and N) at 21.2 per cent, and assumed a contribution of 14.9 per cent to total GVA. (*Charts 4.1a, 4.1b*)

4. ... the largest increase in the Gozo and Comino region was registered in economic activities relating to professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities (M and N) at 49.3 per cent, contributing to 12.5 per cent of the total GVA. (*Charts 4.4a, 4.4b*)

*GDP at market prices and employment growth: 2012 – 2017*

5. ... in both regions, employment growth lagged GDP growth. (*Charts 4.5, 4.6*)

6. ... GDP per capita in Gozo and Comino region stood at 60.9 per cent when compared to corresponding estimates at national level. (*Chart 4.7*)
05. TRANSPORT

Road transport

Licences: 2016

1. ... licensed vehicles in MALTA amounted to 358 947 with largest proportion recorded in the Northern Harbour district. (Chart 5.1.1)
2. ... passenger cars accounted for 78.8 per cent of total licensed motor vehicles, but motorcycles registered the highest increase at 16.7 per cent.
3. ... driving licence holders amounted to 252 276, an increase of 1.8 per cent over 2015. The Northern Harbour district registered largest number (27.6 per cent). Gozo and Comino district accounted for 9.1 per cent of the total.

Transport Indicators: 2016

4. ... the number of vehicles to 1 000 driving licence holders stood at 1 423. Gozo and Comino district registered the highest ratio of vehicles, 1 025 per 1 000 total residents, while the Northern Harbour district registered the lowest ratio with 689 vehicles per 1 000 residents.
5. ... average age of passenger cars in MALTA stood at 14.03 years. The Southern Harbour district had the highest average age of passenger cars, 15.26 years, followed by Gozo and Comino district of 14.58 years.
6. ... the number of public transport commuters totalled 43 253 238, with just 4.6 per cent of public transport commuters pertaining to Gozo and Comino region.

Traffic accidents: 2016

7. ... reported traffic accidents decreased by 3.1 per cent over 2015 with 38.1 per cent of total accidents recorded in the Northern Harbour district. Gozo and Comino district had the lowest registered accidents, 773 cases. (Chart 5.1.2a)
8. ... Birkirkara was the locality with the highest rate of traffic accidents, with 1 209 cases, followed by Ħal Qormi and St Paul's Bay. (Chart 5.1.2b and Map 5.1.1)

Contraventions: 2016

9. ... traffic-related contraventions issued by the Police increased by 2.0 per cent from 2015, while those issued by Local Wardens decreased by 4.1 per cent. Most of these contraventions were issued in the Northern Harbour district. (Charts 5.1.3a, 5.1.4a)
10. ... St Paul's Bay was highest in terms of contraventions issued by the Police, with 5 573 contraventions while Tas-Sliema had the highest tally of contraventions issued by Local Wardens. (Charts 5.1.3b, 5.1.4b and Map 5.1.2)
11. ... speed camera contraventions totalled 73 257, 88.1 per cent of which exceed the speed limit within the range of 15km/h. The camera installed in Triq in-Nut ar Żarb, Ħ’Attard, caught the most over-speeding vehicles, totalling 13 127 contraventions. (Map 5.1.3)
Sea transport

Stock of fishing vessels: 2016

12. ... stock of fishing vessels stood at 2 977 with MPVs comprising the largest proportion, 45.6 per cent. The largest share of fishing vessels was registered in the South Eastern district, 28.3 per cent. Fishing vessels registered in the Gozo and Comino district amounted to 19.8 per cent.

Sea transport between Malta and Gozo operated by Gozo Channel Co Ltd: 2018

13. ... passengers and vehicles travelling between Malta and Gozo increased by 7.0 and 7.5 per cent, respectively when compared to 2017.

14. ... passenger traffic originating from Ċirkewwa was busiest on Friday and Saturday, whereas highest numbers from Mġarr were recorded on Sunday and Saturday. (Charts 5.2.1a - 5.2.1c)
06. TOURISM

Supply-side Survey (Operators)

Collective accommodation

In 2017
1. ... in Malta region guests exceeded 1.7 million, up by 13.0 per cent from 2016, while guest nights increased by 6.6 per cent. (Charts 6.1.1a, 6.1.1b)
2. ... in Gozo and Comino region guests increased by 12.6 per cent to 97 781, while guest nights went up by 11.1 per cent. (Charts 6.1.1a, 6.1.1b)
3. ... largest share of guests was recorded in the Northern Harbour district (46.7 per cent of total guests). On the other hand most guest nights were spent in the Northern district (48.1 per cent of total guest nights).
4. ... collective accommodation in the Northern Harbour and Northern districts comprised 88.4 per cent of the non-resident guests. (Chart 6.1.5a)
5. ... the Northern district took the largest proportion of non-resident guest nights, (48.3 per cent). (Chart 6.1.6a)
6. ... most resident guests and guest nights were registered in the Northern district accounting for 40.8 per cent and 43.1 per cent, respectively. (Charts 6.1.5b, 6.1.6b)
7. ... the Western district had the longest average length of stay, 6.4 nights, followed by the Northern district (6.3 nights). (Charts 6.17a, 6.1.7b)
8. ... highest net occupancy rate was recorded in the Northern district at 68.9 per cent, followed by the Southern Harbour district at 67.2 per cent. (Charts 6.1.8a, 6.1.8b)
9. ... largest share of active collective accommodation establishments was recorded in the Northern Harbour district (40.7 per cent), followed by the Northern district (27.5 per cent).
10. ... largest proportion of bed-places was registered in the Northern district, at 47.7 per cent of the total bed-places, followed by the Northern Harbour district at 40.6 per cent.

Self-Catering Establishments in Gozo and Comino region

As at end of 2017
11. ... total registered self-catering accommodation accounted for 72.3 per cent of total bedstock in Gozo and Comino region. (Chart 6.1.10)
12. ... farmhouses accounted for more than half of the total active holiday furnished premises. (Chart 6.1.10)

Demand-side Surveys (Visitors)

Domestic Tourism

13. ... in 2017, total domestic trips to and from Malta, and Gozo and Comino regions amounted to 260 763, an increase of 10.3 per cent when compared to 2016. (Chart 6.2.1.1a)
Malta residents who visited the Gozo and Comino region for duration of at least one night...

- ... accounted for 52.4 per cent of total tourists (domestic + inbound) visiting this region. (Chart 6.2.1.1a)
- ... on average stayed 2.8 nights.
- ... mainly belonged to the 25 to 44 age bracket (43.6 per cent).
- ... travelled for holiday purposes (89.9 per cent).
- ... and stayed in private accommodation establishments (including rented accommodation) increased by 1.0 per cent over 2016, whereas those who stayed in collective accommodation increased by 35.6 per cent over the same period. (Chart 6.2.1.2a)
- ... spent an estimate of €40 million, 8.9 per cent more when compared to 2016.

... Gozo and Comino residents who travelled to Malta region amounted to 23 924, an increase of 32.0 per cent when compared to 2016. (Chart 6.2.1.1a)

Inbound Tourism

14. ... in 2017, inbound tourism stood at 2 273 837, an increase of 15.7 per cent when compared to 2016. (Chart 6.2.2.1) More than half of these tourists came to MALTA using low-cost airlines (52.1 per cent).

15. ... inbound tourists visiting only Malta region (single centre destination)...

- ... surpassed the 2.0 million, increasing by 15.9 per cent when compared to 2016.
- ... were more likely to stay in collective accommodation establishments (69.4 per cent).
- ... on average stayed 7.0 nights, down by 0.3 of a night when compared to 2016.
- ... mainly travelled by low-cost airlines (52.1 per cent) and by other airlines (45.8 per cent).
- ... had an estimated expenditure exceeding €1.7 billion.

(Charts 6.2.2.1, 6.2.2.3a, 6.2.2.7 - 6.2.2.9, 6.2.2.10a, 6.2.2.10c, 6.2.2.11a, 6.2.2.11b)

16. ... inbound tourists visiting only Gozo and Comino region (single centre destination) ...

- ... amounted to 92 285, an increase of 9.0 per cent over 2016.
- ... were more likely to stay in private accommodation (67.3 per cent); the majority (64.4 per cent) opted for rented accommodation.
- ... on average stayed 9.2 nights, down by 0.5 of a night when compared to 2016.
- ... mainly travelled by low-cost airlines (54.1 per cent) and by other airlines (45.7 per cent).
- ... had an estimated expenditure of €81.5 million. Non-package expenditure was 74.0 per cent higher than the package component.

(Charts 6.2.2.2, 6.2.2.3a, 6.2.2.8, 6.2.2.10d, 6.2.2.11a, 6.2.2.25, 6.2.2.23, 6.2.2.24, 6.2.2.26)

17. ... in 2017, same-day visitors to Gozo and Comino accounted for 83.2 per cent of the total inbound visitors to Gozo and Comino, totalling to 1 062 503 visitors. (Chart 6.2.2.15)
18. ... inbound tourists visiting both regions during their stay (twin centre destination) ...  
• ... accounted for 5.4 per cent of the total inbound tourism trips.  
• ... totalled 122 611, an increase of 16.6 per cent over 2016.  
• ... were more likely to stay in private accommodation establishments (51.6 per cent).  
• ... on average stayed 11.0 nights, down by 0.3 of a night compared to 2016.  
• ... travelled mainly by low-cost airlines (50.4 per cent) and by other airlines (47.9 per cent).  
• ... had an estimated expenditure of €136.8 million. Non-package expenditure was four times higher when compared to package expenditure.

(Charts 6.2.2.1, 6.2.2.3a, 6.2.2.11a, 6.2.2.32, 6.2.2.33)

Cruise Passengers

In 2017

19. ... 342 cruise liner calls in MALTA with a total of 670 135 cruise passengers, the latter increasing by 7.0 per cent over 2016.  
20. ... 40 759 spent at least one night on board their berthed cruise liner.  
21. ... 23 cruise liner calls in Gozo and Comino region with a total of 14 503 passengers.
07. AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Agriculture: 2016

1. ... 93.5 per cent of the total vegetable tonnage - amounting to €18.3 million - was generated in the Malta region.

2. ... 73.1 per cent of the total fruit tonnage - amounting to €2.4 million - was generated in Malta region.

3. ... Gozo and Comino region generated €1.8 million from vegetables and €0.4 million from fruits.

Livestock and farms: 2016

4. ... both Malta and Gozo and Comino regions registered the highest number of sheep farms. (Chart 7.1.4)

5. ... pig heads were highest in Malta region and cattle heads were highest in the Gozo and Comino region. (Chart 7.1.4 and Map 7.1.1)

Fisheries: 2016

6. ... of the 2 million kg of fish caught in 2016, 84.2 per cent were recorded in the Malta region.

7. ... the share of fish value originating from Gozo and Comino landings accounted for 12.7 per cent of the total.

8. ... all the Blue Fin Tuna originated from the Malta region. (Chart 7.2.1)
08. RESOURCES

Water

between 2012 to 2017

1. ... water consumption in MALTA registered an increase year-on-year. (Chart 8.1.1)

2. ... the percentage of network losses continued to decrease; from 14.1 to 12.0 per cent.

3. ... network losses percentage was lowest in the Malta region.

4. ... seasonal peaks and troughs for water consumption were more pronounced in Gozo and Comino region - characterised with sharper increases in demand during summer months. (Chart 8.1.2)

Waste

in 2016

5. ... while the collection of separated dry recyclables through bring-in sites was considerably lower than that collected in 2011, the collection of separated dry recyclables through the grey/green bag collection registered a year-on-year increase from 2011.

6. ... the grey/green bag collection stood at 15 881 tonnes in the region of Malta and 1 232 tonnes in Gozo and Comino region.

7. ... the collection of glass through bring-in sites constituted the highest share of all the material collected in each region – 55.8 per cent in Malta region and 53.8 per cent in Gozo and Comino region. (Chart 8.2.1)

8. ... separated waste collected from civic amenity sites increased by 2 586 tonnes in Malta region and decreased by 160 tonnes in Gozo and Comino region from 2015.

9. ... over 90 per cent of all waste collected from civic amenity sites were classified as non-hazardous.

10. ... municipal waste generation amounted to 269 837 tonnes: an increase of 0.4 per cent for Malta region and a decline of 4.6 per cent in the Gozo and Comino region over 2015.

Renewable Energy from Photovoltaic Panels (PVs)

in 2017

11. ... the stock of PV installations amounted to 22 862, of which 84.3 per cent were installed in the region of Malta, the rest in the Gozo and Comino region. (Map 8.3.1)
12. ... the Northern Harbour and Western districts accounted for 37.6 per cent of the total stock of PV installations in Malta region.

13. ... the domestic sector accounted for 94.0 per cent of the total stock of PV installations and 54.0 per cent of the total kWp. *(Chart 8.3.2-3 and Map 8.3.2)*

14. ... the commercial and public sectors account for 4.9 and 1.1 per cent of the total stock, and 41.2 and 4.8 per cent of the total kWp respectively. *(Chart 8.3.2-3 and Map 8.3.2-3)*

15. ... the South Eastern district had one-fifth of the total kWp and produced the most renewable energy from all districts. *(Map 8.3.6)*

16. ... the top 10 localities - when comparing the total number of PVs installed per thousand population – were all located in the Gozo and Comino region. *(Map 8.3.4)*

17. ... the peak power rating of an average PV system in the domestic sector stood at 2.8 kWp, whereas that for the commercial and public sectors amounted to 41.8 and 20.4 kWp, respectively.