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MALTA: A PROFILE

Situated in the Central Mediterranean Sea, Malta is a small archipelago of five islands – Malta (the largest), Gozo, Comino, Comminotto (Maltese, Kemmunett), and Filfla. The latter two are uninhabited. The Maltese Islands lie some 93 kilometres south of Sicily and 290 kilometres north of Libya. The capital city of Malta is Valletta.

The climate is a typically Mediterranean one with hot, dry summers, warm autumns and short, cool winters with adequate rainfall. Temperatures are stable, the annual mean being 18°C and monthly averages ranging from 12°C to 31°C. Winds are strong and frequent, the most common being the cool northwesterly known locally as *il-majjistral*, the dry northeasterly known as *il-grigal*, and the hot, humid southeasterly known as *ix-xlokk*.

Malta attained independence in 1964. Under the 1964 Independence Constitution, Malta was a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary state. This constitution was amended in 1974 to make Malta a republic within the Commonwealth. Its head of state is a president appointed by the Maltese Parliament which, in its turn, is elected by Universal Suffrage for a term of five years.

Maltese culture stems largely from the Islands' history of domination by Arab, Norman, European and English influences, as well as from the widespread prevalence of the Roman Catholic Church. Folk traditions have grown mainly around the *festas*, held in honour of the patron saints of towns and villages; these are marked by religious ceremonies, processions and celebrations of a more mondaine nature. The Easter period also gives rise to a spate of Good Friday biblical character pageants in several parts of the Islands. These are populist and devotional at the same time. Folk festivals are also popular. The principal one is *I-Imnarja*, an agrarian feast held on 29 June, the joint feastday of St. Peter and St. Paul, and highlighted by *I-għana*, a type of folksinging peculiar to the Maltese Islands.

Carnival in Malta dates back to at least the middle of the 15th Century. Balls and dance competitions featuring *il-Maltija*, the national dance, *il-Parata*, a sword dance, as well as contemporary dances and défilés of floats are the order of this 3-day festival.

Malta is a country of bastions and belfries. No other country in the world has so many walled cities, churches and chapels in so small an area. The walled cities are Valletta (*il-Belt*), Mdina (*I-Imdina*), Floriana (*il-Furjana*), Cospicua (*Bormla*), Senglea (*I-Isla*), and Vittoriosa (*il-Birgu*). Mdina ranks amongst the world's oldest mediaeval cities. St. John's Co-Cathedral, in the heart of Valletta, is characterised by beautiful Flemish tapestries and houses many famous paintings by Caravaggio and Mattia Preti.

Malta owes its rich architectural heritage to the rule of the Knights Hospitallers of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem (1530-1798). Under the Knights, the Maltese discomfited the Turks of the Ottoman Empire in the Great Siege of 1565. They also built their capital city, a gem of Baroque architecture.

About the Artist

Eman Grima was born in 1951. He studied art first under George Fenech, and later attended the Malta School of Arts under the tutorship of Esprit Barthelet. In 1980 he was awarded an Italian Government Scholarship at the Accademia di Belle Arti in Perugia. Apart from holding twelve personal exhibitions, four of which abroad, he has participated in collective exhibitions in Malta, England, Italy, France and the USA. His work is represented in the National Museum of Fine Arts, the Cathedral Museum and, in various private collections in Malta and abroad.

KEY FACTS ABOUT MALTA

2004

Area	316 km ²
Population	402,668
Population density (persons per sq. km.)	
MALTA (national)	1,274
Malta (island)	1,507
Gozo	477
Births	3,686
Crude birth rate	9.5
Marriages	2,402
Crude marriage rate	6.2
Deaths	2,903
Crude death rate	7.4
Infant mortality rate	5.9
GDP per head (at market prices)	Lm4,562
Unemployment rate	6.9%
Inflation rate	2.79%
Imports	Lm1,315.4 million
Exports	Lm903.8 million
Total manufacturing sales	Lm 1,011 million
Tourist arrivals	1.2 million
Average tourist length of stay	8.6 nights
Meat production	16,054 tonnes (beef, pork and broilers)
Fish landings	1,068 tonnes
Balance of Payments current account	Lm175.3 million
Licensed road vehicles/1,000 inhabitants	673
Road casualties/1,000 inhabitants	3.2

LOCAL COUNCILS

Malta

Attard	Balzan	Birgu (Vittoriosa)
Birkirkara	Birzebbugia	Bormla (Cospicua)
Dingli	Fgura	Floriana
Għargħur	Għaxaq	Gudja
Gżira	Hamrun	Iklin
Isla (Senglea)	Kalkara	Kirkop
Lija	Luqa	Marsa
Marsascala	Marsaxlokk	Mdina
Mellieħa	Mġarr (Malta)	Mosta
Mqabba	Msida	Mtarfa
Naxxar	Paola	Pembroke
Pieta'	Qormi	Qrendi
Rabat (Malta)	Safi	San Ġiljan
San Gwann	San Pawl il-Baħar	Santa Luċija
Santa Venera	Sigġiewi	Sliema
Swieqi	Ta' Xbiex	Tarxien
Valletta	Xgħajra	Żabbar
Żebbuġ (Malta)	Żejtun	Żurrieq

Gozo

Fontana	Għajnsielem	Għarb
Għasri	Kerċem	Munxar
Nadur	Qala	Rabat (Victoria-Gozo)
San Lawrenz	Sannat	Xagħra
Xewkija	Żebbuġ (Gozo)	

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Denmark	DK
Estonia	EE
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Hungary	HU
Ireland	IE
Italy	IT
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Lithuania	LT
Luxembourg	LU
Malta	MT
Netherlands	NL
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Slovenia	SI
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Sweden	SE
United Kingdom	UK
Bulgaria	BG
Romania	RO
Turkey	TR

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Code	Category
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B	Fishing
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E	Electricity, gas and water supply
F	Construction
G	Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods
H	Hotels and restaurants
I	Transport, storage and communication
J	Financial intermediation
K	Real estate, renting and business activities
L	Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
M	Education
N	Health and social work
O	Other community, social and personal service activities
P	Private households with employed persons

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FOREWORD

Malta in Figures 2005 is a concise collection of statistics that presents social and economic data from National Statistics Office sources as well as from various government organisations and departments and other authoritative sources. It comprises information on a wide range of statistical topics: the economy; population; education; culture; the environment; health; the labour market; industry; agriculture and fisheries; and tourism and travel.

This publication is designed to give a brief but informative insight into Maltese society and the economy. It is not comprehensive and does not by any means purport to represent the sum of the National Statistics Office's activities and projects. The latter are contained in a substantial body of NSO published output that takes the form of print, CD-ROM and internet publications, which run into several issues a year. Additional and complementary information is available through the NSO homepage and electronic databases, which can be accessed for free twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Having said this, *Malta in Figures 2005* is an invaluable guide to individuals and organisations who would like to acquire a handy and general outlook on life in Malta today. Many of the sections in this booklet are enriched by explanatory notes which should be read in conjunction with the tables and charts. We trust that you will enjoy this compact data book and hope that it will arouse enough of your interest as to lead you to consult the more detailed statistical collections and studies which emanate from this Office.

Alfred Camilleri
Director-General

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA AND LAND COVER

Table 1. Malta: geographical data

Situation		Area	
Northern latitude	36° 00' 00"	Malta	245.728 square kilometres
Southern latitude	35° 48' 00"	Gozo	67.078 square kilometres
Eastern longitude	14° 35' 00"	Comino	2.784 square kilometres
Western longitude	14° 10' 30"	Total	315.590 square kilometres
Extension	maximum length	Malta	27.359 kilometres
		Gozo	14.484 kilometres
	maximum width	Malta	14.480 kilometres
		Gozo	7.242 kilometres
	shoreline	Malta	196.80 kilometres
		Gozo	56.01 kilometres

Table 2. Mean air temperature

Month	2002	2003	2004
Mean temperature (°C)			
January	11.5	13.4	12.2
February	13.8	10.4	13.0
March	15.5	12.7	13.7
April	16.9	15.5	16.1
May	19.5	20.4	18.2
June	24.6	26.1	23.1
July	27.1	28.8	26.3
August	26.4	28.7	26.7
September	24.0	24.5	23.4
October	21.3	22.1	22.2
November	18.3	18.0	16.8
December	14.2	13.9	15.0

Table 3. Mean air temperature, sunshine and wind velocity

Year	Mean temperature	Mean maximum	Mean minimum	Mean daily sunshine (hours)	Average wind velocity (Knots)
	Degrees celsius				
2002	19.4	22.8	16.1	8.1	7.6
2003	19.5	23.0	16.1	8.0	7.1
2004	18.9	22.3	15.4	8.1	7.3

Table 4. Rainfall

Period	Total (millimetres)
2002	259.6
2003	753.2
2004	461.4

Table 5. Relative humidity

Month	per cent		
	2002	2003	2004
January	77	78	74
February	83	73	77
March	76	79	76
April	74	82	77
May	79	76	72
June	62	64	62
July	65	63	61
August	69	68	66
September	75	79	70
October	75	80	77
November	79	78	73
December	80	73	76

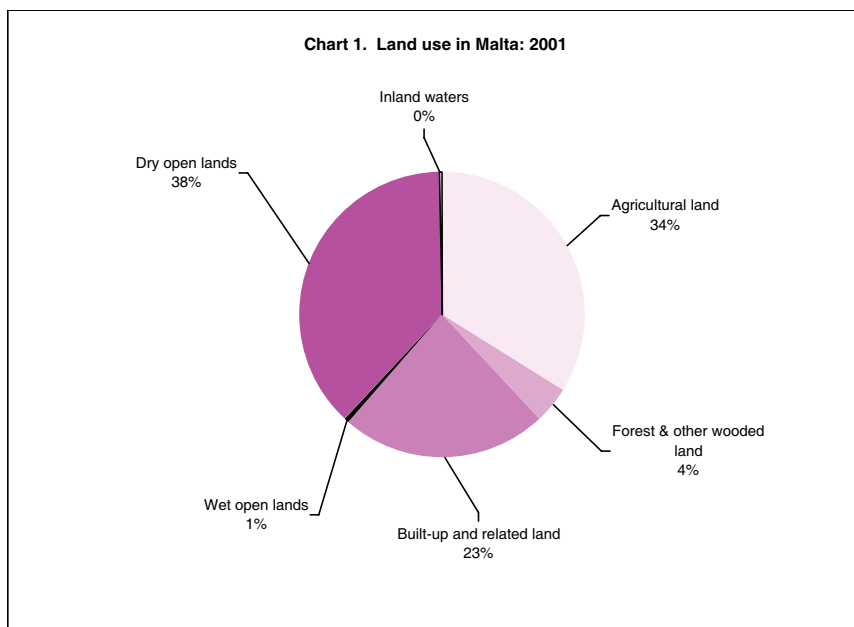
Table 6. Land use: 2001

	Km ²	% total area
Total agricultural land	107.06	33.88
Land under forest and other wooded land *	13.37	4.23
Built-up and related land (excl. scattered farm buildings)	73.38	23.22
Of which:		
Industrial land	5.63	1.78
Land use for quarries etc.	2.56	0.81
Land of mixed use **	65.19	20.63
Wet open land	1.60	0.50
Dry open land ***	119.59	37.84
Inland waters	1.00	0.33
Total land area	316.00	100.00

* (used for recreational purposes), Public-owned

** includes residential, commercial and technical infrastructure

*** includes coastal areas, cliffs, garigue and other open land which is not earmarked for development



ENVIRONMENT

Table 7. Waste disposal in public landfills

	Municipal solid waste	Construction and demolition waste	Industrial and other waste
2002	187,066	1,289,248	40,115
2003	201,835	538,069	41,351
2004	211,718	30,897	31,909

Source: Waste Management Strategy Implementation Department.

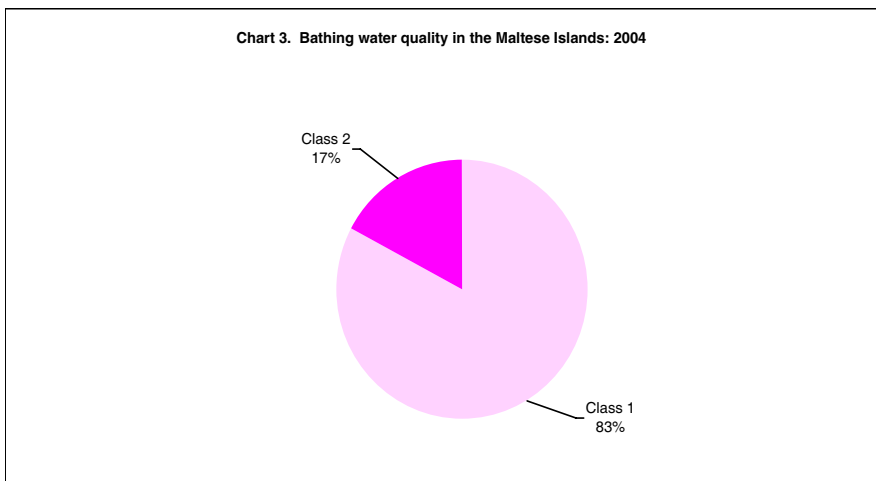
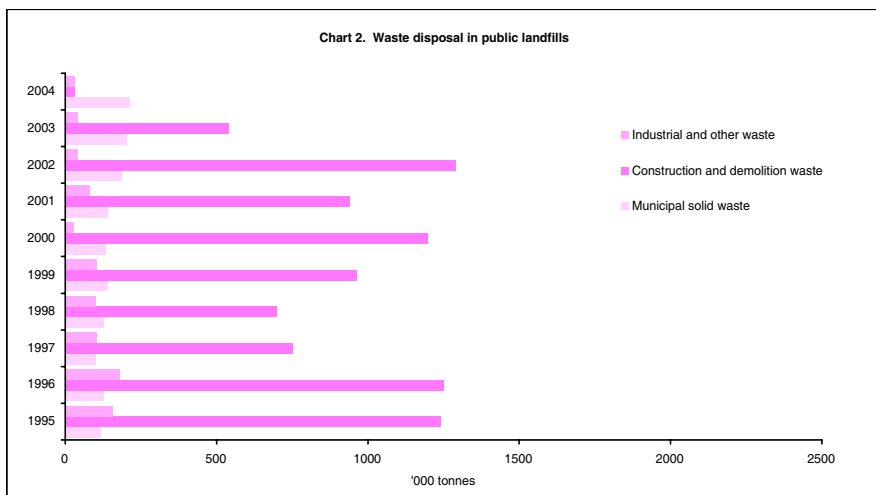


Chart 4. Bathing water quality in Malta (Island of): 2004

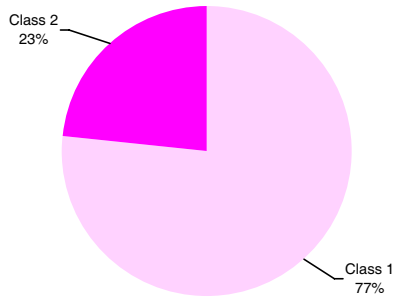
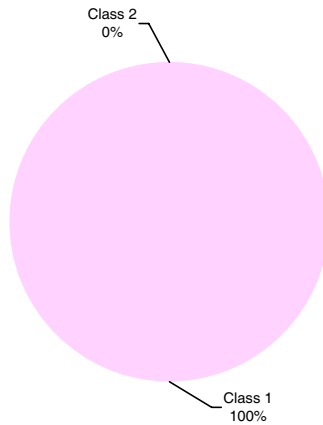


Chart 5. Bathing water quality in Gozo and Comino: 2004



Note: 1st Class Area: Faecal Coliforms < 100 per 100ml in at least 95% of total samples collected during the bathing season.

2nd Class Area: Faecal Coliforms < 100 per 100ml in at least 50% of samples and < 1000 per 100ml in at least 90% of total samples collected during the bathing season.

3rd Class Area: Faecal Coliforms ³ 100 per 100ml in 50% or more of samples and /or ³ 1000 per 100ml in 10% or more of total number of samples collected during the bathing season.

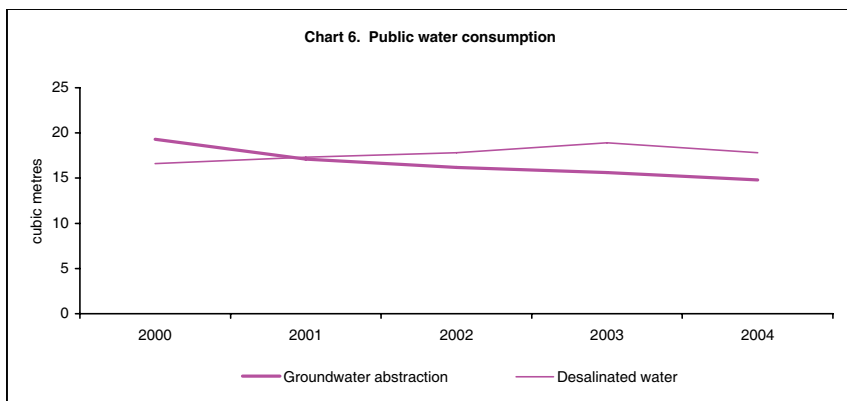


Table 8. Broad sectoral consumption of water

Year	Domestic sector	Industrial sector	Commercial/ Government/ Other sectors	All uses [^] ('000 m ³)
	(% of all users)			
1999	65.0	6.6	28.4	17,415
1999/2000	63.5	7.4	29.0	18,001
2000	61.9	9.3	28.8	18,731
2001	63.5	7.4	29.1	18,002
2002	67.0	6.0	27.0	18,613
2003	66.5	6.0	27.5	18,968
2004	69.0	4.5	26.0	18,552

[^] Excluding loss in network

* August 1998 to July 1999

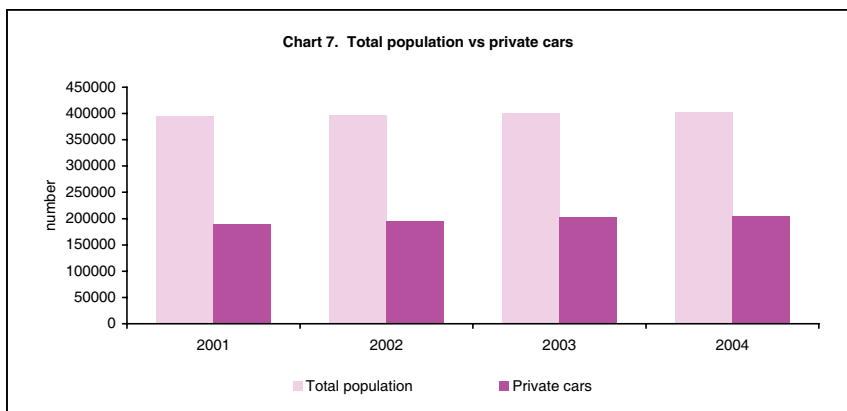


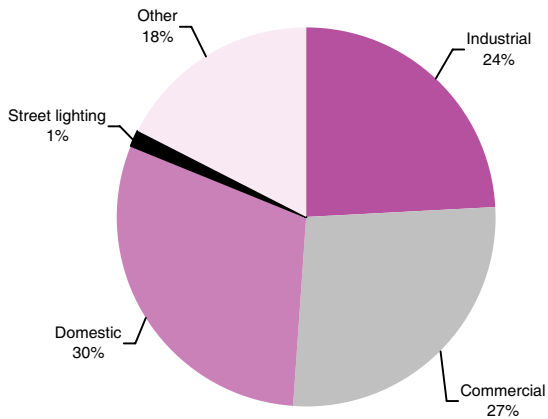
Table 9. Power generation and consumption

'000 kilowatt hour

Year	Total generated	Used in station	Consumed				Other
			Industrial	Commercial	Domestic	Street lighting	
2000/2001	1,943,350	117,661	482,908	503,660	540,265	42,733	256,123
2001/2002	2,055,073	123,987	504,760	501,582	561,907	44,901	317,936
2002/2003	2,208,015	125,093	499,230	553,804	623,679	35,220	370,989
2003/2004	2,214,892	127,777	505,535	563,090	623,672	29,068	365,750

Source: Enemalta Corporation.

Chart 8. Use of generated power: 2003/2004



POPULATION AND MAIN CAUSES OF DEATH

Table 10. Population

	Total population	Increase/decrease	
		Absolute	Per cent
Males			
2002	196,836	1,473	0.75
2003	198,099	1,263	0.64
2004	199,580	1,481	0.75
Females			
2002	200,460	1,182	0.59
2003	201,768	1,308	0.65
2004	203,088	1,320	0.65
Total			
2002	397,296	2,655	0.67
2003	399,867	2,571	0.65
2004	402,668	2,801	0.70

Note: Data refer to December of the various years.

Table 11. Demographic events

Year	Live births			Crude birth rate*	Marriages	Crude marriage rate*	Deaths			Crude death rate*
	Males	Females	Total				Males	Females	Total	
2002	1,997	1,808	3,805	9.9	2,240	5.8	1,604	1,427	3,031	7.6
2003	1,956	1,946	3,902	10.1	2,350	6.1	1,541	1,531	3,072	7.9
2004	1,899	1,787	3,686	9.5	2,402	6.2	1,436	1,467	2,903	7.5

* Per 1,000 population

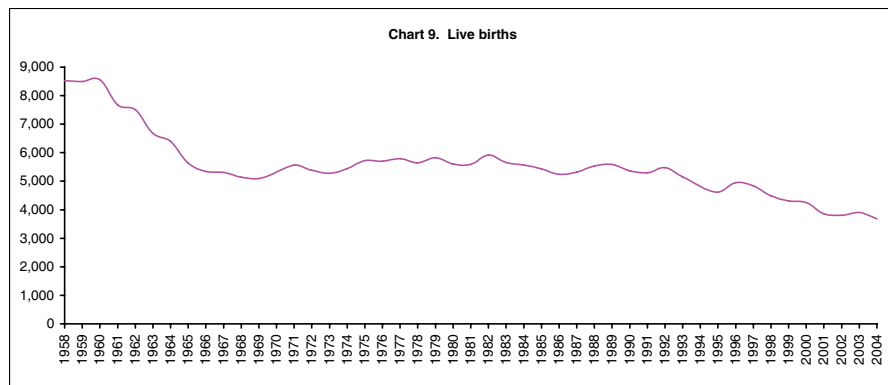


Table 12. Mean age in years at marriage

	2002		2003		2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
First marriage	26.9	25.4	28.5	26.0	28.9	26.6
Other marriage	44.2	38.9	45.4	41.1	45.9	41.9

Note: The 'Other Marriage' category includes persons whose previous marital status was that of widowed or divorced or annulled.

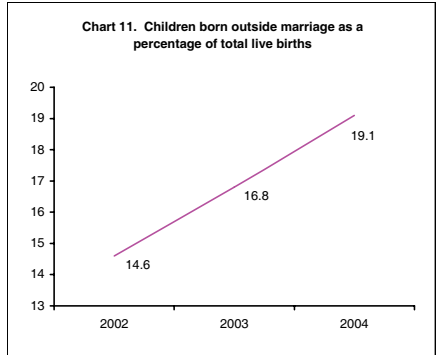
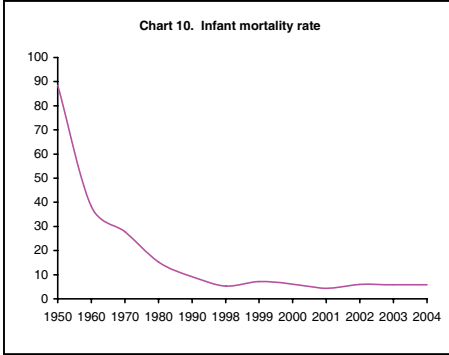
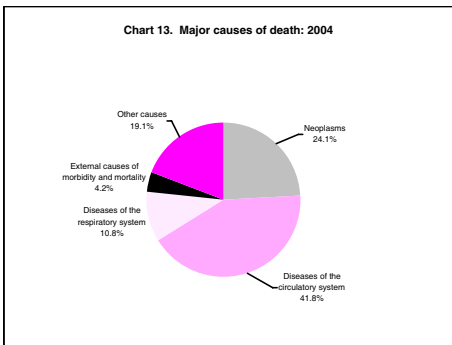
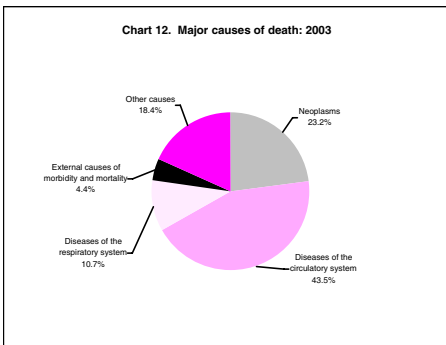


Table 13. Mortality rate by sex and major cause of death

Major cause of death	2002		2003		2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Neoplasms	26.2	22.4	24.4	21.9	26.6	21.8
Diseases of the circulatory system	40.8	47.8	42.3	44.6	39.5	44.2
Diseases of the respiratory system	13.8	9.0	12.0	9.3	12.3	9.3
External causes of morbidity and mortality	4.5	3.6	5.2	3.6	4.5	3.9
Other causes	14.7	17.2	16.1	20.6	17.1	20.8



Source: Department of Health Information.

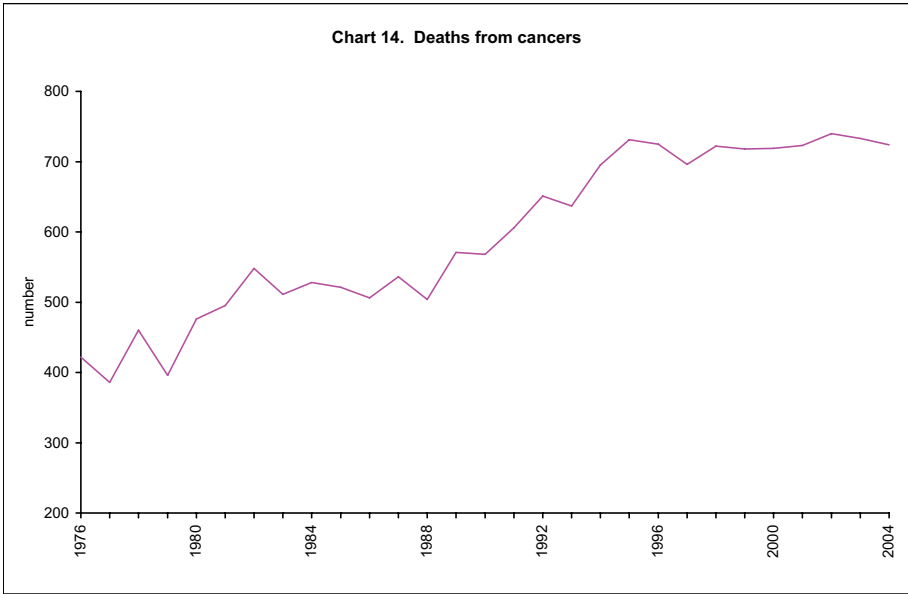


Table 14. Migration

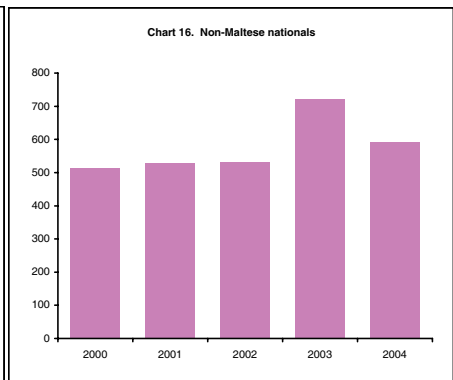
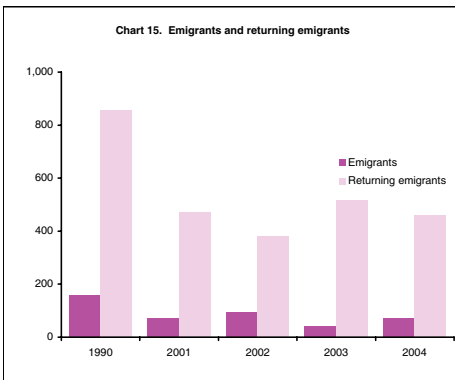
Year	Emigrants from	Emigrants returning to
	Maltese Islands	
1990	160	858
2001	73	472
2002	96	382
2003	40	518
2004*	70	459

* estimated

Table 15. Non-Maltese nationals settling in Maltese Islands

Year	Number
1999	369
2000	515
2001	530
2002	533
2003	721
2004*	593

* estimated



EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Table 16. Enrolment at different levels of education

Level	Primary	Secondary	Post-secondary	Tertiary	Vocational ¹
2002 Total	32,717	28,126	4,973	6,362	4,262
Males	16,946	14,302	2,705	3,159	2,764
Females	15,771	13,824	2,268	4,173	1,026
2003 Total	31,708	28,560	5,169	9,006	4,635
Males	16,454	14,443	2,298	3,888	3,168
Females	15,254	14,117	2,871	5,118	1,467
2004 Total	31,064	29,540	5,479	7,955	7,041
Males	16,084	14,988	2,318	3,515	5,063
Females	14,980	14,552	3,161	4,440	1,978

¹ including post-secondary vocational courses

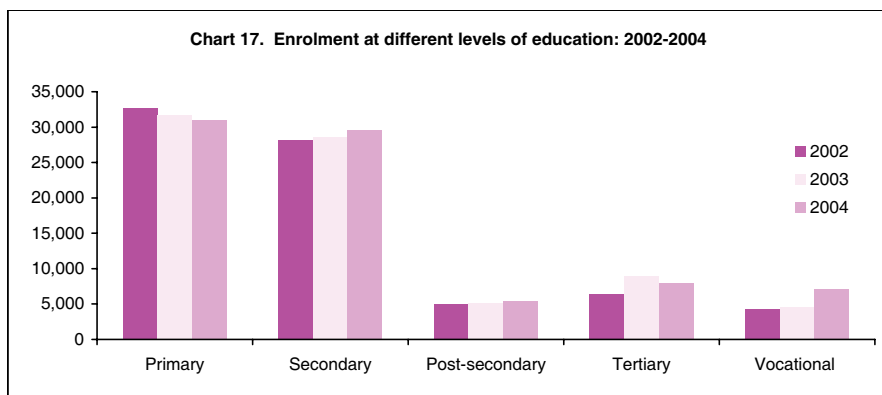


Table 17. Teaching staff¹ by educational level and sex

Level	2001/2002		2002/2003		2003/2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Pre-Primary	12	31	17	902	10	966
Primary	384	2,015	372	2,013	363	2,006
Secondary & Post-Secondary	1,344	1,848	1,376	2,069	1,622	2,332
Vocational ²	398	109	366	103	349	144
Tertiary	599	201	595	208	518	166
Special	20	103	20	112	20	124
Total	2,757	4,307	2,746	5,407	2,882	5,738

¹ includes staff not directly engaged in teaching

² Vocational education comprises technical institutes, trade schools, the Institute of Tourism Studies, the Kindergarten Assistants' Training Centre and MCAST from (2001)

Table 18. Enrolment in post-obligatory education

Age	1990		1998		2002		2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
15/16	1,402	930	2,281	616	994	584	783	1,081
17	472	620	1,367	1,492	1,557	1,716	1,596	1,753
18	627	381	1,490	1,511	1,537	1,816	1,295	979
19	457	186	1,002	768	1,137	1,100	1,214	1,093
20	648	169	773	637	761	814	1,144	1,051
21	138	109	437	487	552	637	873	860
22	146	112	332	305	386	326	612	770
23	161	93	188	153	196	143	517	435
24	125	69	157	126	143	115	290	268
25+	392	247	1,364	1,004	917	853	2,572	1,289
Total	4,568	2,916	9,391	7,099	8,180	8,104	10,896	9,579

Note: Includes full-time and part-time students in upper secondary vocational and non-vocational institutions, as well as the university.

Table 19. Percentage of early school-leavers

Year	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
2002	53.0	50.9	52.0
2003	51.7	48.2	50.0
2004	45.2	39.9	42.6

Note: 'School-leavers' refers to persons between 18-24 years who have achieved lower secondary school level or less and who are not in further education. This indicator has been calculated as a percentage of the total population in the same age bracket. Data refer to the December issues of the Labour Force Survey.

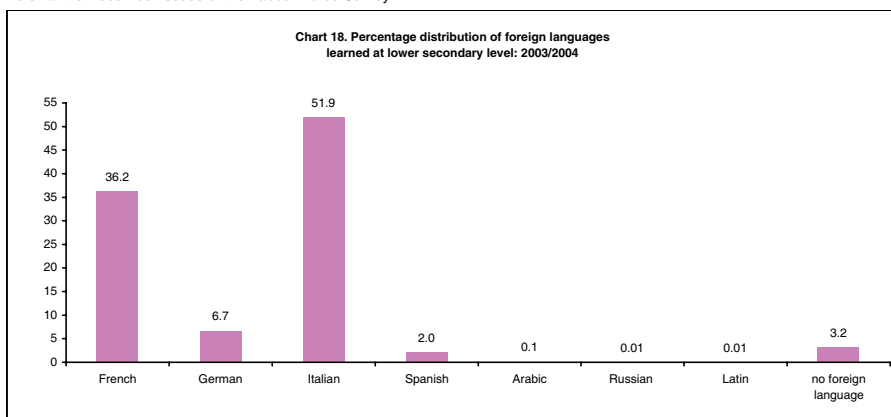


Chart 19. Foreign-language learning among lower secondary schools by type of school: 2003/2004

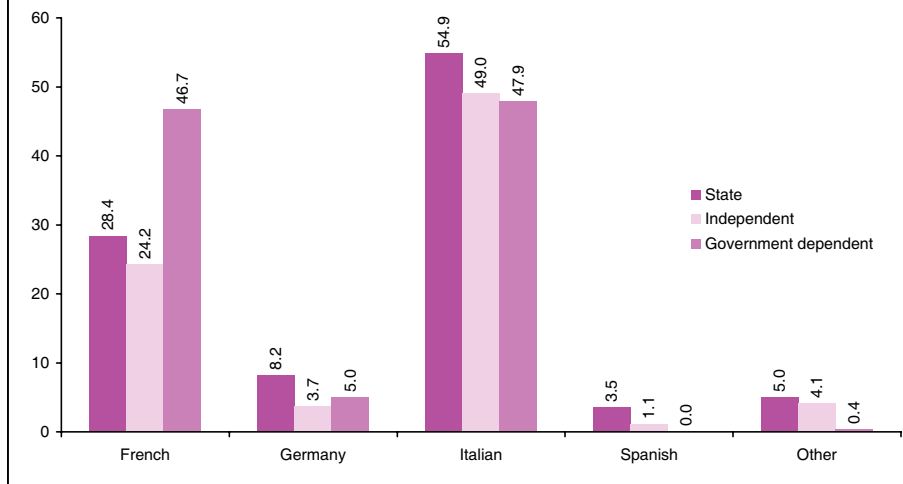


Table 20. Participation rate in non-formal learning

	Education level			Working status		
	High	Medium	Low	Employed	Unemployed	Inactive
EU25	31	16	7	21	14	6
Belgium	35	19	9	26	13	5
Czech Republic	27	12	4	17	6	2
Denmark	61	44	31	53	41	23
Germany	25	11	4	16	12	4
Estonia	27	11	:	19	13	:
Greece	13	5	1	6	7	2
Spain	21	13	5	12	16	5
France	35	20	11	25	20	6
Italy	14	7	2	7	2	1
Ireland	24	14	7	17	12	6
Cyprus	45	17	4	25	13	4
Latvia	33	11	3	17	8	4
Lithuania	20	5	:	10	4	:
Luxembourg	36	16	5	20	20	6
Hungary	10	5	2	6	5	2
Malta	25	23	6	14	:	4
Netherlands	15	12	6	13	9	5
Austria	45	26	9	30	25	11
Poland	32	8	2	15	4	1
Portugal	30	18	5	11	9	4
Slovenia	49	22	7	31	13	5
Slovak Republic	41	20	7	29	7	2
Finland	60	37	24	50	25	16
Sweden	64	45	30	53	24	23
United Kingdom	56	34	11	42	26	14

When determining the highest level of educational attainment, both general and vocational education/training should be considered. Three levels are distinguished in table 20: low corresponds to pre-primary, primary and lower secondary education (ISCED levels 0, 1, 2); medium: corresponds to upper secondary and post-secondary education (ISCED levels 3, 4); high corresponds to tertiary education (ISCED levels 5, 6).

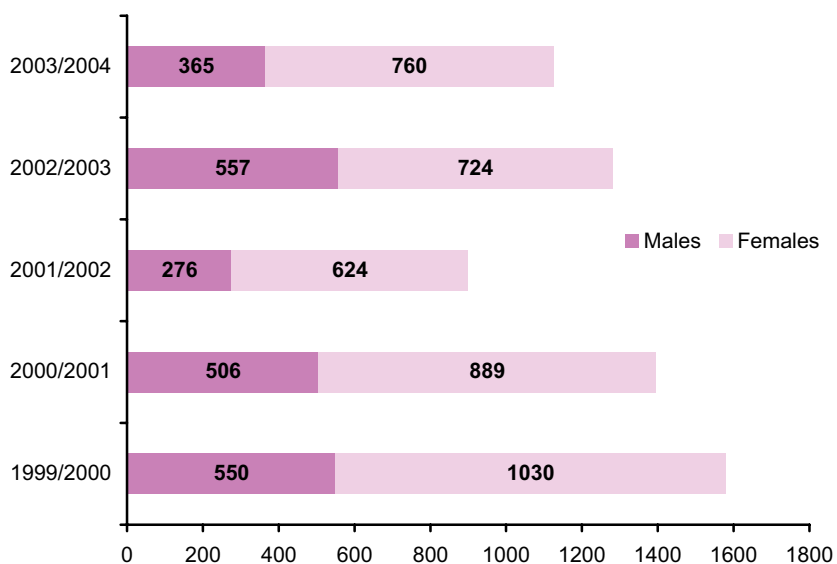
target population: 25-64 year olds.

Table 21. Students receiving adult education and/or attending evening classes centres¹ by sex and age group: 2003/2004

	Males		Females	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
0-20	1,786	24.4	2,153	26.6
21-30	1,842	25.1	1,827	22.5
31-39	2,336	31.9	1,147	14.1
40 and over	1,366	18.6	2,980	36.8
Total	7,330	100.0	8,107	100.0

¹ state and private

Chart 20. Distribution of persons attending the adult literacy classes: 1999/2000 - 2003/2004



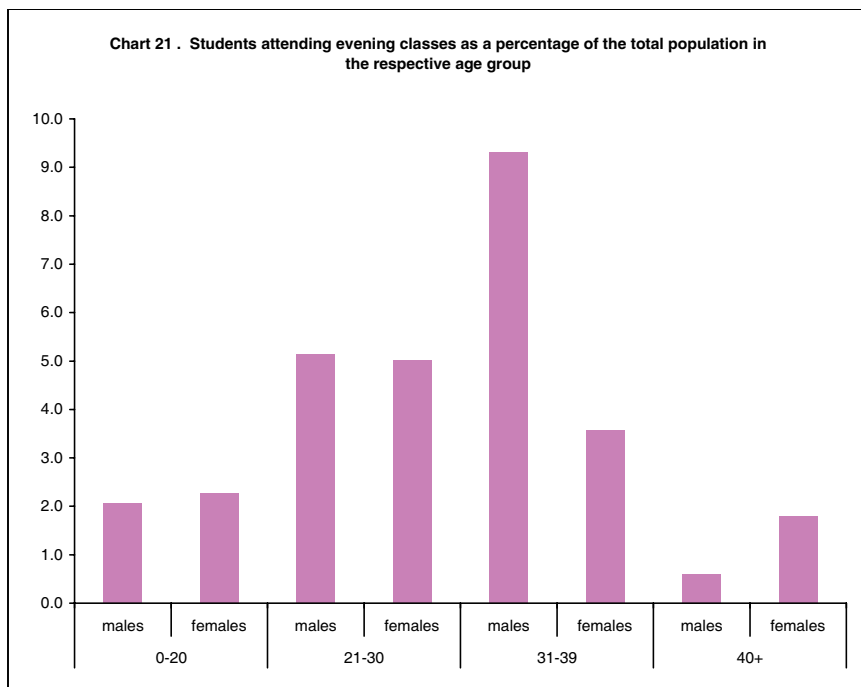


Table 22. Public libraries

Acquisitions / Loans	2002	2003	2004
Book purchases	6,936	4,412	4,290
Book donations ¹	8,324	11,404	15,379
New library members	6,327	6,149	6,671
Book loans	757,166	807,650	816,230
of which:			
Central Public Library	281,886	282,996	295,686
Regional libraries	218,246	228,789	202,563
Branch libraries (Malta)	222,766	247,572	267,276
Branch libraries (Gozo)	34,268	48,293	50,705

¹ includes book items which were either donated to branch libraries or purchased by local councils for their respective branch libraries

^P provisional

Table 23. Number of books received at the National Library of Malta under Legal Deposit

	2002	2003	2004
Number of books	289	599	426

^p provisional

Source: National Library of Malta.

Table 24. Number of periodical titles¹ received at the National Library of Malta under Legal Deposit

	2002	2003	2004
Number of periodical titles	548	699	723

¹ includes: parish news letters; *fešta* programme; and ephemera

^p provisional

Source: National Library of Malta.

Table 25. Average book loans per person from the Public Library system

	2002	2003	2004
Total book loans	757,166	807,650	816,230
Total population	397,296	399,867	402,668
Average loans per person	1.9	2.0	2.0

Table 26. Visitors to public museums

Visitors	2002	2003	2004
On payment	980,075	916,535	1,166,284
For free	220,885	167,370	90,618
Total visitors	1,200,960	1,083,905	1,256,902
Group tickets sold	498,335	482,225	508,525

Table 27. Radio and television broadcasting stations approved by the Broadcasting Authority

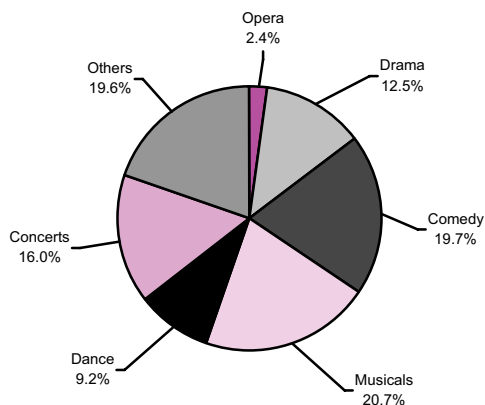
	2005
Radio: nationwide stations	12
Radio: community stations	26
Television stations	5

Table 28. Theatre patronage

	2002	2003	2004
Opera	4,646	4,143	3,430
Drama	19,319	19,090	18,192
Comedy	19,987	25,255	28,720
Musicals	26,150	30,646	30,120
Dance	18,781	14,889	13,348
Concerts	34,477	22,333	23,249
Others	31,437	21,320	28,617
Total	154,797	137,676	145,676

Source: Administrative data.

Chart 22. Preferred type of theatre performance



Source: NSO survey of theatre-goers, 2004.

Table 29. Participation rate in any kind of learning by age and sex

	25-34			35-44		
	males	females	total	males	females	total
EU25	51	50	50	45	45	45
Austria	88	91	90	87	89	88
Belgium	51	50	51	47	43	45
Cyprus	54	50	52	44	39	41
Czech Republic	36	31	34	32	33	32
Denmark	81	83	82	82	85	83
Estonia	42	41	41	31	40	36
Finland	82	87	85	78	87	82
France	63	59	61	59	51	55
Germany	52	48	50	46	44	45
Greece	27	28	27	20	18	19
Hungary	18	21	20	11	15	13
Ireland	47	55	51	47	56	52
Italy	58	57	57	53	50	52
Latvia	49	63	56	45	52	49
Lithuania	30	38	34	24	39	32
Luxembourg	86	87	86	85	83	84
Malta	80	83	82	28	29	29
Netherlands	53	48	51	47	40	44
Poland	39	42	41	31	35	33
Portugal	53	56	54	46	46	46
Slovak Republic	63	62	62	62	62	62
Slovenia	85	88	86	81	85	83
Spain	32	35	33	26	26	26
Sweden	78	75	77	72	76	74
United Kingdom	44	45	44	41	44	42

	45-54			55-64			total		
	males	females	total	males	females	total	males	females	total
EU25	41	40	40	31	28	30	43	41	42
Austria	86	88	87	91	94	93	88	90	89
Belgium	44	38	41	30	24	27	44	40	42
Cyprus	36	30	33	24	15	19	40	35	38
Czech Republic	28	28	28	22	17	20	30	27	29
Denmark	80	80	80	72	72	72	79	80	80
Estonia	26	33	30	17	15	16	30	33	31
Finland	75	81	76	62	69	66	74	81	77
France	55	47	51	36	28	32	55	47	51
Germany	42	40	41	33	30	32	43	41	42
Greece	15	11	13	10	5	7	19	16	17
Hungary	8	9	8	5	4	4	11	12	12
Ireland	42	52	47	38	47	42	44	53	49
Italy	50	43	47	39	32	35	51	46	49
Latvia	38	46	42	34	37	36	42	50	46
Lithuania	23	28	25	14	18	16	24	32	28
Luxembourg	80	78	79	75	76	75	82	81	82
Malta	74	73	74	20	16	18	54	53	53
Netherlands	40	39	39	33	27	30	44	39	42
Poland	25	27	26	18	15	16	29	31	30
Portugal	40	38	39	36	30	33	45	44	44
Slovak Republic	61	60	61	52	46	49	61	59	60
Slovenia	80	81	80	78	79	78	81	83	82
Spain	20	19	20	14	14	14	24	25	25
Sweden	67	75	71	60	64	62	69	73	71
United Kingdom	36	41	39	24	21	23	37	38	38

Target population: 25-64 year olds. Data for United Kingdom do not include informal learning.

HEALTHCARE

Table 30. Healthcare facilities

	2002	2003	2004
Acute care hospitals	9	9	9
Average acute care length of stay	4.32	4.62	4.64

Note: Acute care refers to short stay.

Source: Department of Health Information.

Table 31. Healthcare professionals

	2002	2003	2004
Registered medical practitioners	1,058	1,254	1,302
per 1000 population	2.7	3.1	3.2
Registered dentists	159	168	181
per 1000 population	0.4	0.4	0.4
Registered pharmacists	809	800	837
per 1000 population	2.0	2.0	2.1
Registered nurses and midwives	2,307	2,423	2,150
per 1000 population	5.8	6.1	5.3

Source: Department of Health Information.

Table 32. Infant and child vaccinations

	2003	2004/2005 ¹
	Per cent	Per cent
Diphtheria	93.3	93.6
Tetanus	93.3	93.6
Pertussis	93.3	92.8
Poliomyelitis	93.3	93.6
HIB	91.1	92.7
MMR	87.8	87.4

Notes:

1. Infants refer to persons who have completed 1 year of life.
2. Children refer to persons who have completed 2 years of life.
3. HIB - Haemophilus Influenza B.
4. MMR - Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

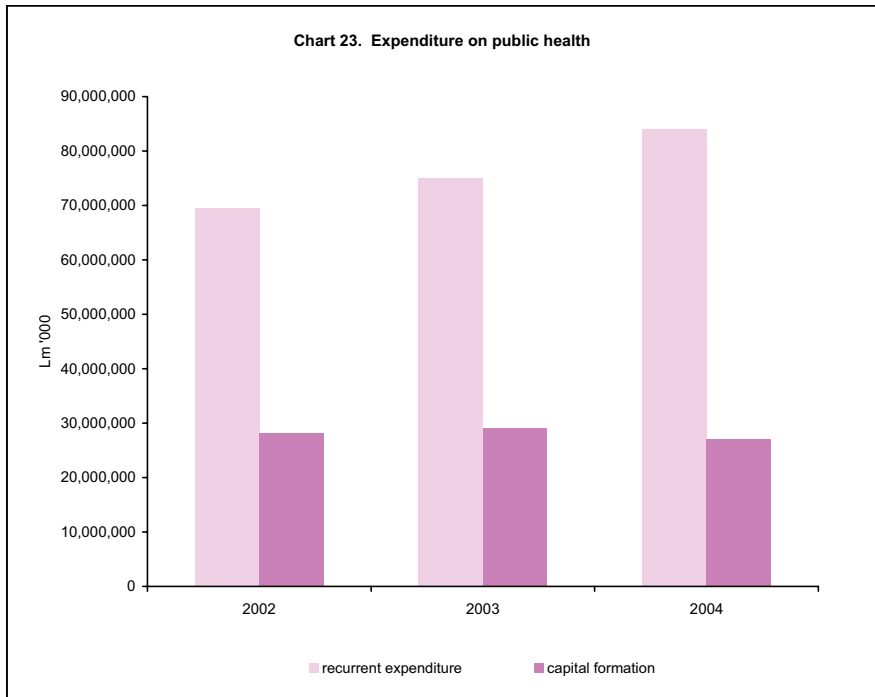
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Source: National Immunisation Service.

Table 33. Expenditure on public health

	Lm '000		
Type of expenditure	2002	2003	2004
Total expenditure	97,640,044	104,311,362	111,138,859
Recurrent expenditure	69,461,635	75,118,062	84,070,108
of which:			
Wages and salaries	48,508,396	51,386,543	54,116,682
Materials and supplies	19,734,398	22,277,509	28,694,695
Other	1,218,841	1,454,010	1,258,731
Capital formation	28,178,409	29,193,300	27,068,751
of which:			
Buildings	26,931,151	28,277,768	26,306,096
Other	1,247,258	915,532	762,655

Source: Annual Reports of Government Departments; Government of Malta Financial Report, various issues.



SOCIAL SECURITY

Table 34. Claims for short-term benefits

Type of benefit	2002	2003	2004
Sickness benefit	127,436	138,145	128,991
Unemployment benefit	11,239	15,763	19,564
Special unemployment benefit	637	1,427	1,389
Injury benefit	4,654	4,602	3,997
Marriage grant	3,323	3,197	3,378
Gratuity on re-marriage	3	7	10
Total	147,292	163,141	157,329

Table 35. Families receiving children/family benefits

Type of benefit	2002	2003	2004
Child allowance	37,141	36,481	37,809
Disabled child allowance	597	660	673
Maternity benefit	3,243	2,839	2,774

Table 36. Persons receiving pensions/assistance

Type of benefit	2002	2003	2004
Contributory pension	57,732	59,405	61,264
of which:			
Retirement pension	7,392	7,507	7,744
Nat. min. retirement pension	7,963	7,899	7,911
Two-thirds pension	16,211	16,882	18,129
Nat. min. invalidity pension	5,582	6,348	6,745
Nat. min. widow's pension	7,905	7,860	7,742
Other	12,679	12,909	12,993
Non-contributory pension	7,073	6,983	6,928
of which:			
Old age	4,224	4,098	4,409
Mentally/severely handicapped	1,956	2,047	2,092
Other	893	838	427
Non-contributory assistance	58,215	57,004	61,378
of which:			
Social assistance	14,209	12,768	16,227
Sickness assistance	14,467	14,553	14,520
Supplementary allowance	29,274	29,425	30,390
Other	265	258	241

Note: all figures have been rounded

Source: Department of Social Security

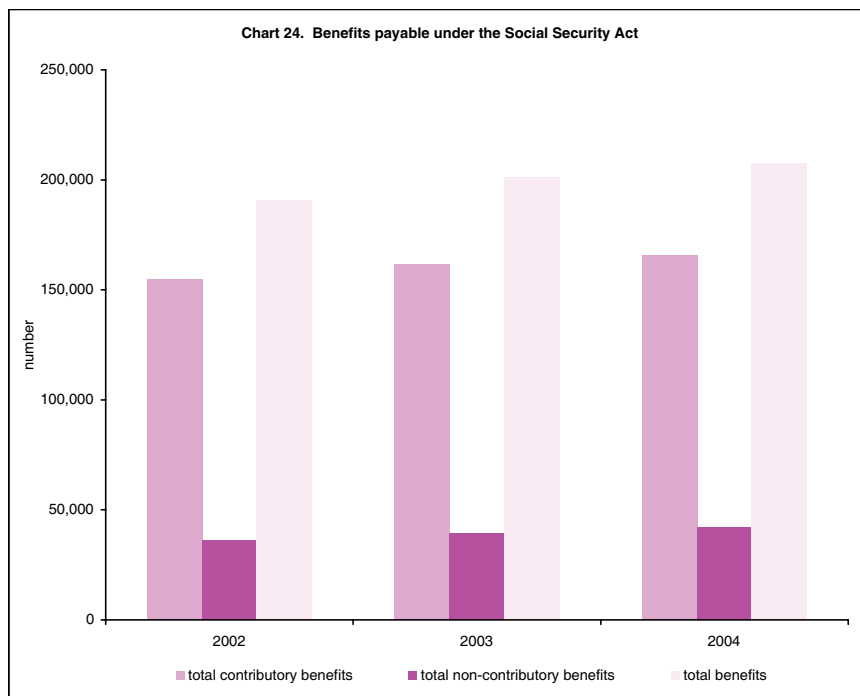
Table 37. Social benefits payable under the Social Security Act (Cap. 318)

Lm'000

Type of benefit	2002	2003	2004
Total contributory benefits	154,621	161,697	165,553
Retirement pension	80,887	84,132	86,447
Invalidity pension	12,073	14,196	15,426
Widow's pension	30,611	32,453	33,244
Children's allowance	15,850	14,859	14,285
Sickness benefit	2,070	2,273	1,890
Bonus	10,126	10,733	11,200
Other	3,003	3,052	3,061
Total non-contributory benefits	36,128	39,225	41,905
Age/Pension for the visually impaired	5,830	5,887	6,268
Disability pension	2,849	3,099	3,292
Social assistance	17,210	18,949	20,769
Medical assistance	5,204	5,703	5,788
Bonus	2,940	3,049	3,175
Supplementary assistance	1,927	2,414	2,528
Other	167	123	86
Total benefits	190,749	200,922	207,458

Note: all figures have been rounded

Source: Department of Social Security



QUALITY OF LIFE

Table 38. Information society: selected indicators

Type of indicator	Total December 2002	Per 100 Population ¹	Total December 2003	Per 100 Population ¹	Total December 2004	Per 100 Population ¹
Telephone lines	207,269	52.2	208,271	52.1	210,706	52.4
Mobile telephone subscriptions	276,859	69.7	289,992	72.5	308,401	76.8
Pagers subscriptions	4,645	1.2	4,383	1.1	4,300	1.1
Two-way radio licences	1,130	0.3	999	0.2	912	0.2
Cable TV subscriptions	95,107	23.9	99,434	24.9	101,000	25.1
Internet subscriptions	67,001	16.9	76,814	19.2	87,870	21.9
VOIP (minutes consumed)	:	:	4,352,767	1,088.6	6,308,017	1,577.5

¹ average figures have been rounded

Table 39. Licensed motor vehicles

Type of vehicle	2002	2003	2004
Private Cars	195,055	201,924	204,702
Commercial Vehicles	43,852	44,657	44,575
Motorcycles	13,097	13,420	12,639
Other	9,325	9,451	9,221
Total	261,329	269,452	271,137

Table 40. Road traffic accidents, cases by region

Region	2002	2003	2004
Malta (Island of)	13,383	13,304	14,917
Gozo and Comino	679	675	726
Total	14,062	13,979	15,643

Table 40. Road traffic accidents, casualties by region

Region	2002	2003	2004
Malta (Island of)	1,201	1,093	1,185
Gozo and Comino	111	95	96
Total	1,312	1,188	1,281

Table 42. Road equipment and accidents

	2002	2003	2004
Road Vehicles			
Licensed vehicles	261,329	269,452	271,137
Licensed passenger cars	195,055	201,924	204,702
Rate of motorisation (licensed vehicles per 1000 inhabitants)	658	674	678
Rate of motorisation (passenger cars per 1000 inhabitants)	491	505	512
Road Accidents			
Accidents per 1000 licensed vehicles	54	52	58
Casualties per 1000 inhabitants	3.3	3.0	3.2

Table 43. Trends in human development

Human Development Index (HDI)	1985	1995	2000	2002	2003
Norway (highest in HDI rank)	0.897	0.935	0.954	0.956	0.963
Malta (32nd in HDI rank)	0.789	0.850	0.873	0.875	0.867
Malta as % of highest in rank	88	91	92	92	90

Source: UNDP (2005) Human Development Report 2005.

THE ECONOMY

Table 44. GDP and GNI (ESA 1995)

		2001	2002	2003	2004
		Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000
ESA 95					
Code					
PRODUCTION APPROACH					
P.1	Output of goods and services (at basic prices)	3,140,113	3,188,412	3,320,717	3,380,318
P.2	Intermediate consumption (at purchasers' prices)	1,612,326	1,624,812	1,715,142	1,801,109
B.1g	Gross value added (at basic prices)	1,527,787	1,563,600	1,605,575	1,579,209
D.21	Taxes on products	223,468	242,512	234,685	264,871
D.31	Subsidies on products	13,560	9,291	11,192	13,674
B.1*g	Gross Domestic Product (ESA 95)	1,737,695	1,796,821	1,829,068	1,830,406
EXPENDITURE APPROACH					
P.3	Total final consumption expenditure	1,494,402	1,526,592	1,584,452	1,630,550
P.3	Household final consumption expenditure	1,108,963	1,118,916	1,155,236	1,180,417
P.3	NPISH final consumption expenditure	26,808	29,573	30,962	31,912
P.3	General government final consumption expenditure	358,631	378,103	398,254	418,221
P.5	Gross capital formation	321,794	251,239	319,403	332,463
P.51	Gross fixed capital formation	332,797	280,363	363,062	380,802
P.52	Changes in inventories	-23,301	-34,550	-47,059	-54,339
P.53	Acquisitions less disposals of valuables	12,298	5,426	3,400	6,000
P.6	Exports of goods and services	1,409,132	1,492,598	1,447,776	1,393,428
P.7	Imports of goods and services	1,487,633	1,473,608	1,522,563	1,526,035
B.1*g	Gross Domestic Product (ESA 95)	1,737,695	1,796,821	1,829,068	1,830,406
INCOME APPROACH					
D.1	Compensation of employees	797,558	819,909	852,385	857,542
B.2g+B.3g	Gross operating surplus and mixed income	737,662	764,362	773,468	728,153
D.2	Taxes on production and imports	229,799	249,881	242,886	280,225
D.3	Subsidies	27,323	37,328	39,667	35,517
B.1*g	Gross Domestic Product (ESA 95)	1,737,695	1,796,821	1,829,068	1,830,406
D.1	Compensation of employees received from the rest of the world	2,443	3,459	4,714	5,470
D.1	Compensation of employees paid to the rest of the world	3,078	3,463	3,774	4,137
D.2	Taxes on production and imports paid to the Institutions of the EU	0	0	0	5,988
D.3	Subsidies received from the Institutions of the EU	0	0	0	1,290
D.4	Property income received from the rest of the world	370,463	357,682	326,663	322,264
D.4	Property income paid to the rest of the world	358,721	355,124	338,946	345,121
B.5*g	Gross National Income (ESA 95)	1,748,802	1,799,375	1,817,725	1,804,184

Table 45. Production and generation of income accounts

		Total economy			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
ESA 95	Code	Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000
Production account					
P.1	Output	3,140,113	3,188,412	3,320,717	3,380,318
P.2	Intermediate consumption	1,612,326	1,624,812	1,715,142	1,801,109
B.1g	Value added, gross	1,527,787	1,563,600	1,605,575	1,579,209
K.1	Consumption of fixed capital	249,347	252,197	261,762	288,177
B.1n	Value added, net	1,278,440	1,311,403	1,343,813	1,291,032
Generation of income account					
B.1n	Value added, net	1,278,440	1,311,403	1,343,813	1,291,032
D.1	Compensation of employees	797,558	819,909	852,385	857,542
D.29	Other taxes on production	6,328	7,365	8,196	15,354
D.39	Other subsidies on production (-)	13,761	28,036	28,474	21,840
B.2	Operating surplus	488,315	512,165	511,706	439,976

		Total economy			
		2001	2002	2003	2004
ESA 95	Code	Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000
Gross Domestic Product					
B.1g	Value added, gross (at basic prices)	1,527,787	1,563,600	1,605,575	1,579,209
D.21	<i>add</i> Taxes on products	223,468	242,511	234,686	264,872
D.31	<i>less</i> Subsidies on products	13,560	9,293	11,193	13,674
B.1*g	GDP at market prices	1,737,695	1,796,821	1,829,068	1,830,407
Rate of growth		2.4%	3.4%	1.8%	0.1%

Table 46. GDP by category of expenditure at constant 2000 prices

		2001	2002	2003	2004
ESA 95		Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000	Lm'000
Code					
P.3	Total final consumption expenditure	1,443,967	1,453,541	1,490,774	1,482,980
P.3	Household final consumption expenditure	1,090,075	1,085,287	1,111,681	1,097,957
P.3	NPISH final consumption expenditure	25,417	26,669	27,360	27,042
P.3	General government final consumption expenditure	328,476	341,586	351,733	357,981
P.5	Gross capital formation	310,915	233,646	295,557	304,768
P.51	Gross fixed capital formation	321,306	261,188	335,941	348,558
P.52	Changes in inventories	-22,380	-32,671	-43,515	-49,225
P.53	Acquisitions less disposals of valuables	11,989	5,130	3,131	5,435
P.6	Exports of goods and services	1,537,989	1,593,210	1,559,676	1,566,307
P.7	Imports of goods and services	1,590,363	1,553,005	1,661,717	1,694,669
B.1*g	Gross Domestic Product (ESA 95)	1,702,508	1,727,393	1,684,290	1,659,386
	<i>Rate of Growth</i>	<i>0.4%</i>	<i>1.5%</i>	<i>-2.5%</i>	<i>-1.5%</i>

Table 47. Percentage contribution to Gross Value Added (at basic prices)

NACE	2001	2002	2003	2004
A Agriculture, hunting and forestry	2.29	2.25	2.27	2.24
B Fishing	0.29	0.31	0.29	0.27
C Mining and quarrying	0.24	0.28	0.32	0.35
D Manufacturing	19.62	19.64	19.50	17.87
E Electricity, gas and water supply	1.83	1.87	1.39	0.72
F Construction	4.39	4.47	4.52	4.84
G Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles, motorcycles and personal and household goods	11.42	11.38	11.47	11.89
H Hotels and restaurants	6.83	6.86	6.78	6.65
I Transport, storage and communication	11.39	10.34	9.69	10.11
J Financial intermediation	5.77	5.22	4.82	3.59
K Real estate, renting and business activities	11.81	12.31	13.14	14.16
L Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	7.62	7.62	7.87	8.22
M Education	6.51	6.76	6.92	7.36
N Health and social work	5.39	5.65	5.77	6.26
O Other community, social and personal service activities**	4.57	5.05	5.24	5.49
Gross Value Added	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

** Including private households with employed persons (NACE P)

Chart 25. Percentage contribution to GVA: 2001
(at basic prices)

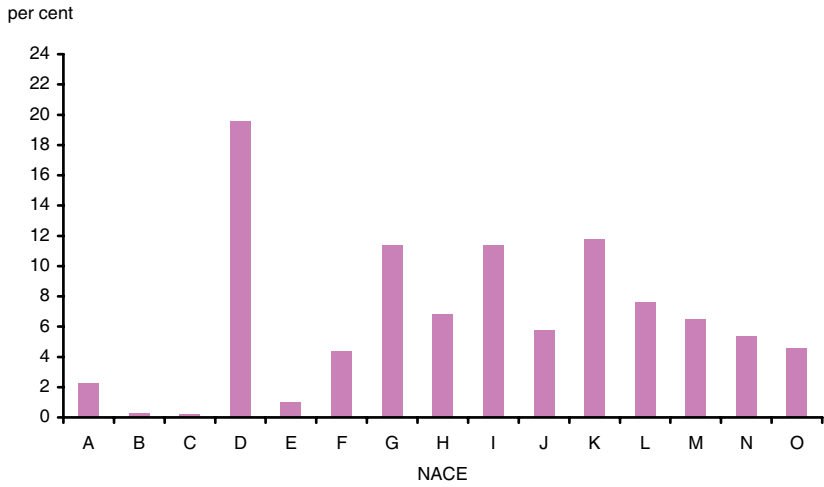
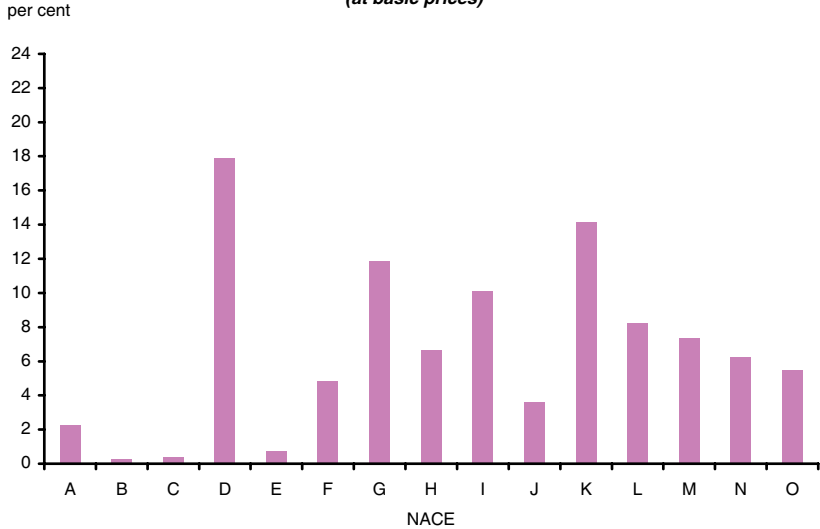


Chart 26. Percentage contribution to GVA: 2004
(at basic prices)



**Table 48. Gross Domestic Product per capita
in Purchasing Power Standards ¹**

Country	GDP per head in PPS ²				(EU25=100) ³			
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2001	2002	2003	2004
EU Member States								
Austria (AT)	25,400	25,800	26,300	27,800	122.1	120.0	120.9	122.7
Belgium (BE)	24,400	25,300	25,700	26,800	117.3	117.6	118.1	118.4
Cyprus (CY)	17,300	17,700	17,400	18,700	82.9	82.0	79.9	82.8
Czech Republic (CZ)	13,500	14,300	14,700	15,900	64.9	66.4	67.9	70.3
Denmark (DK)	26,000	26,100	26,300	27,600	125.0	121.4	121.1	121.8
Estonia (EE)	8,800	9,700	10,500	11,600	42.2	45.1	48.3	51.2
Finland (FI)	23,500	24,200	24,200	25,400	112.8	112.2	111.2	112.3
France (FR)	23,800	24,200	24,200	24,800	114.1	112.2	111.4	109.3
Germany (DE)	22,900	23,400	23,600	24,600	110.0	108.7	108.4	108.7
Greece (EL)	15,300	16,600	17,600	18,600	73.3	77.2	81.1	82.0
Hungary (HU)	11,600	12,500	12,900	13,600	55.8	58.1	59.3	60.1
Ireland (IE)	26,900	28,600	29,100	31,000	129.0	132.9	134.2	137.1
Italy (IT)	23,300 ^e	23,700 ^e	23,400	24,000	112.0 ^e	110.1 ^e	107.9	105.8
Latvia (LV)	7,700	8,300	8,900	9,700	37.1	38.7	40.9	42.8
Lithuania (LT)	8,400	9,000	9,800	10,800	40.2	41.9	45.3	47.8
Luxembourg (LU)	44,700	47,400	50,800	54,000	214.8	220.3	233.9	238.6
Malta (MT)	15,400	16,000	15,800	15,700	74.0	74.2	72.7	69.2
Netherlands (NL)	26,500	27,000	27,100	28,200	127.1	125.3	124.8	124.4
Poland (PL)	9,600	10,000	10,200	11,100	46.1	46.3	47.0	48.8
Portugal (PT)	16,600	17,100	15,800	16,400	79.9	79.5	72.9	72.4
Slovak Republic (SK)	10,000	10,900	11,200	11,700	48.0	50.5	51.5	51.9
Slovenia (SI)	15,400	16,000	16,500	17,900	73.9	74.5	76.0	79.1
Spain (ES)	19,400	20,500	21,200	22,100	93.2	95.2	97.4	97.6
Sweden (SE)	24,000	24,500	25,200	26,600	115.3	113.7	115.9	117.4
United Kingdom (UK)	23,600	25,000	25,300	26,300	113.2	116.1	116.2	116.2
Candidate Countries								
Bulgaria (BG)	5,800	6,100	6,500	6,900	28.0	28.3	29.8	30.6
Romania (RO)	5,500	6,100	6,500	7,300 ^f	26.2	28.1	30.0	32.2 ^f
Turkey (TR)	5,300	5,600 ^f	5,800 ^f	6,500 ^f	25.7	26.1 ^f	26.5 ^f	28.5 ^f
Average GDP per head in PPS for EU-15	22,800	23,500	23,700 ^f	24,600 ^f	109.6	109.3	109.0 ^f	108.6 ^f
Average GDP per head in PPS for EU-25	20,800	21,500	21,700	22,700	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^f forecast

^e estimated value

¹ PPS is the artificial common reference currency unit used in the EU to express the volume of economic aggregates for the purpose of spatial comparisons

² GDP in terms of current prices, expressed in millions of PPS (Purchasing Power Standard)

³ This is the volume index of GDP per capita in Purchasing Power Standards (PPS), expressed in relation to the European Union (EU-25) average set equal 100; the per capita volume index represents the real volume of GDP in per capita terms in relation to the European Union (EU-25) average set equal 100; the per capita volume index represents the real volume of GDP in per capita terms.

Source: Eurostat database (indicators)

GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Table 49. Consolidated Fund Data

	Lm'000		
Aggregates	2002	2003	2004
Total revenue	770,957	873,487	921,875
less loans (<i>Treasury</i>)	10,563	132,129	99,948
less sale of shares (<i>Finance</i>)	27,341	0	0
less other extraordinary receipts (<i>Finance</i>)	13,250	2,137	8,899
Revenue (net of loans, sale of shares and other extraordinary receipts)	719,802	739,221	813,027
<i>of which:</i>			
Grants	2,721	2,517	30,310
Customs & Excise	59,813	61,576	62,309
Consumption tax	117,503	123,910	141,570
Income tax	190,175	205,218	211,177
Social security	181,142	188,427	189,657
Others	168,449	157,573	178,004
Total expenditure (<i>Treasury</i>)	819,324	857,405	933,909
less contribution to Sinking Fund in respect of			
local and foreign loans	10,900	12,288	12,445
less direct loan repayment	947	451	14,419
Total expenditure (less contribution to Sinking Fund and less direct loan repayment)	807,477	844,666	907,045
<i>consisting of:</i>			
Recurrent expenditure	645,995	677,655	732,846
<i>of which</i>			
Education	47,502	48,998	50,212
Social security (benefits)	190,749	200,922	207,458
Others	407,744	427,735	475,175
Public debt servicing (excluding contribution to the Sinking Fund and direct loan repayment)	63,811	63,042	69,580
Capital programme	97,672	103,969	104,620
Productive investment	31,526	28,372	27,036
Infrastructure	27,391	34,095	41,693
Social	38,754	41,501	35,891
Fiscal position (Lm million)			
GDP at current market prices	1,797 ^P	1,829 ^P	1,830 ^P
Government deficit (-) (a)	-88	-105	-94
As a percentage of GDP	4.9	5.8	5.1

^P provisional

(a) Made up of total expenditure (less contribution to Sinking Fund and less direct loan repayment) minus revenue (net of loans and sale of shares, and other extraordinary receipts).

Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding.

Note 1: The deficit figure is exclusive to Central Government data, and is not strictly comparable to the Maastricht Criteria (which includes also the extended Government ie. Local councils and extra budgetary units).

Source: The Treasury

Table 50. Government debt

Lm' 000

Aggregates	2002	2003	2004
Government debt position	1,076,961	1,259,605	1,353,404
<i>consisting of</i>			
Treasury bills (a)	218,831	232,286	245,355
Government stock	813,030	913,029	1,014,696
Foreign borrowing (b)	45,100	72,616	68,571
Other debt assumptions (c)	-	41,846	26,661
MGSF investments in Government Debt (d)	-	-172	-1,879
Government debt			
As a percentage of GDP	59.9	68.9	73.9

(a) Treasury bills are quoted at nominal prices.

(b) Foreign borrowing is quoted in Maltese liri.

(c) Includes loans of Ex-Malta Drydocks and Ex-Malta Shipbuilding.

(d) Malta Government Stocks owned by the Sinking Fund.

Note 1: The debt figures reported are exclusive to Central Government data, and are strictly not comparable to the Maastricht Criteria (which includes also the extended Government ie. Local councils and Extra Budgetary Units).

Note 2: Figures may not add up exactly due to rounding.

Source: Central Bank of Malta, quoting data from *The Treasury and the Malta Stock Exchange*.

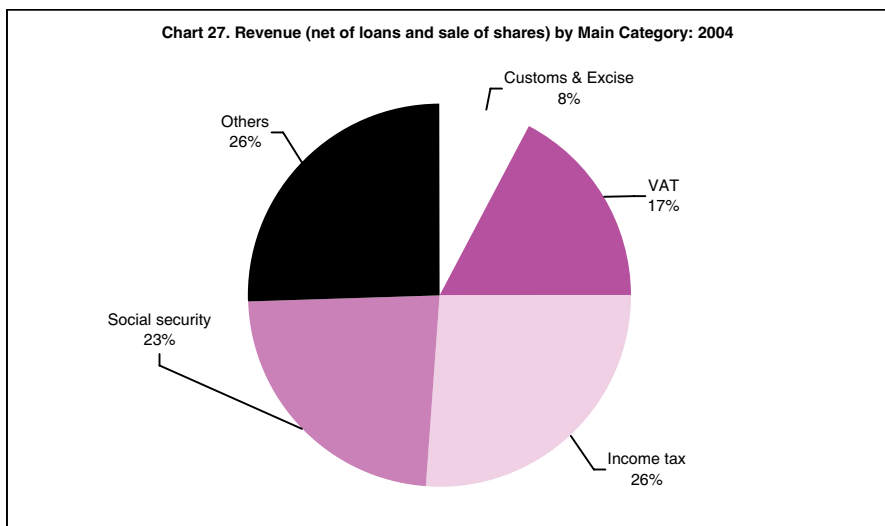


Chart 28. Total expenditure (less contribution to Sinking Fund and repayment of loans) by Main Category 2004

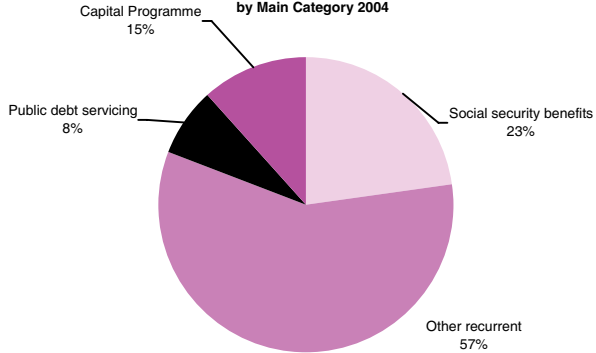
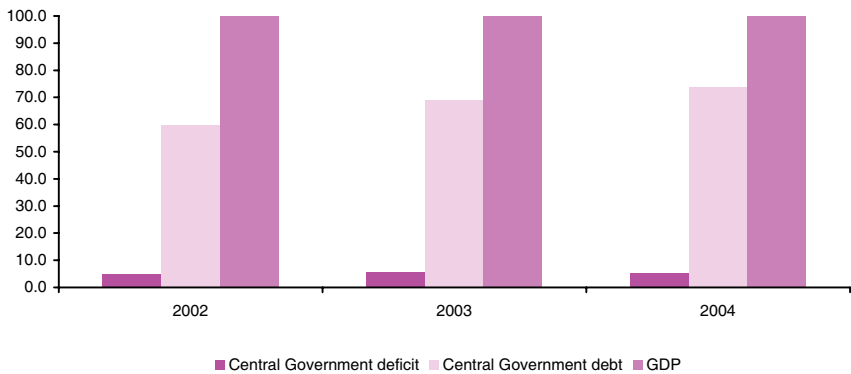


Chart 29. Total government expenditure (less contribution to Sinking fund and less direct loan repayment) and Recurrent revenue as a percentage of GDP



Chart 30. Central Government deficit and debt as a percentage of GDP



BALANCE OF PAYMENTS

Table 51. Balance of Payments

Lm '000

	2001		2002		2003		2004 ^P	
	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit	Debit
Current Account	0	73,629	5,407	0	0	105,264	0	175,259
Goods, Services and Income	1,772,038	1,849,432	1,853,739	1,832,196	1,779,153	1,865,284	1,721,161	1,870,717
Goods and Services	1,399,132	1,487,633	1,492,598	1,473,609	1,447,776	1,522,564	1,393,428	1,521,459
Goods	900,601	1,155,266	999,154	1,153,401	942,404	1,201,552	918,619	1,209,712
Services	498,531	332,367	493,444	320,208	505,372	321,012	474,809	311,747
Transport	145,231	140,608	145,696	151,792	124,229	133,603	120,684	132,212
Travel	260,745	81,234	245,726	66,360	261,471	80,931	269,131	88,025
Other services	92,555	110,525	102,022	102,056	119,672	106,478	84,994	91,510
Income	372,906	361,799	361,141	358,587	331,377	342,720	327,733	349,259
Compensation of employees	2,443	3,078	3,459	3,463	4,714	3,774	5,470	4,137
Investment income	370,463	358,721	357,682	355,124	326,663	338,946	322,263	345,122
Current Transfers	85,944	82,179	107,476	123,612	76,933	96,066	76,648	102,351
Capital and Financial Account	0	54,763	0	28,018	39,898	0	123,652	0
Capital Account	663	0	2,870	0	6,619	0	28,817	0
Financial Account	0	55,426	0	30,888	33,279	0	94,835	0
Direct Investment	106,739	0	0	181,844	153,858	0	148,963	0
Abroad	0	4,193	11,965	0	0	182,445	0	26,175
In Malta	110,932	0	0	193,809	336,303	0	175,138	0
Portfolio Investment	0	220,118	0	159,419	0	601,142	0	571,516
Assets	0	124,305	0	160,225	0	594,083	0	568,681
Liabilities	0	95,813	806	0	0	7,059	0	2,835
Financial Derivatives *	0	0	0	0	9,037	0	942	0
Assets	0	0	0	0	0	1,797	0	253,696
Liabilities	0	0	0	0	10,833	0	254,638	0
Other Investments	173,295	0	432,211	0	526,266	0	447,190	0
Assets	488,225	0	0	239,884	0	17,482	0	368,868
Liabilities	0	314,930	672,096	0	543,749	0	816,058	0
Reserve Assets	0	115,342	0	121,836	0	54,740	69,257	0
Net Errors and Omissions	128,392	0	22,611	0	65,366	0	51,607	0

^P provisional

* Data on financial derivatives that were previously included with portfolio investment are being shown separately as from the last quarter of 2003

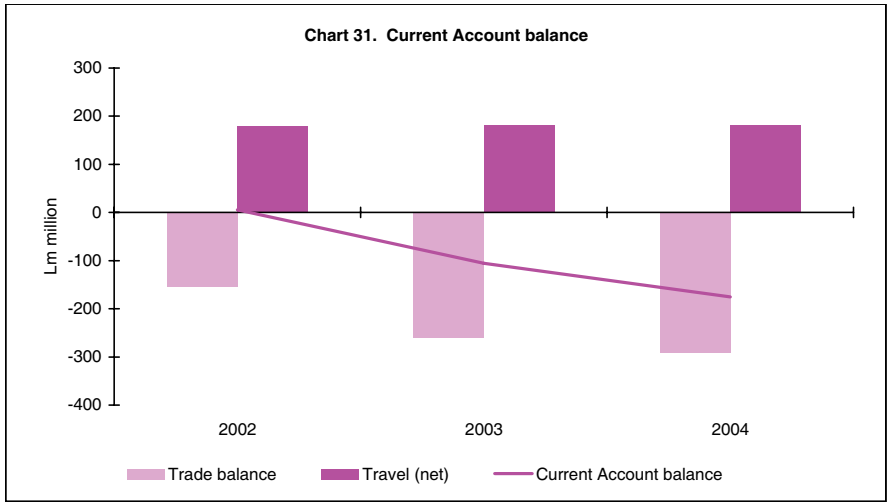
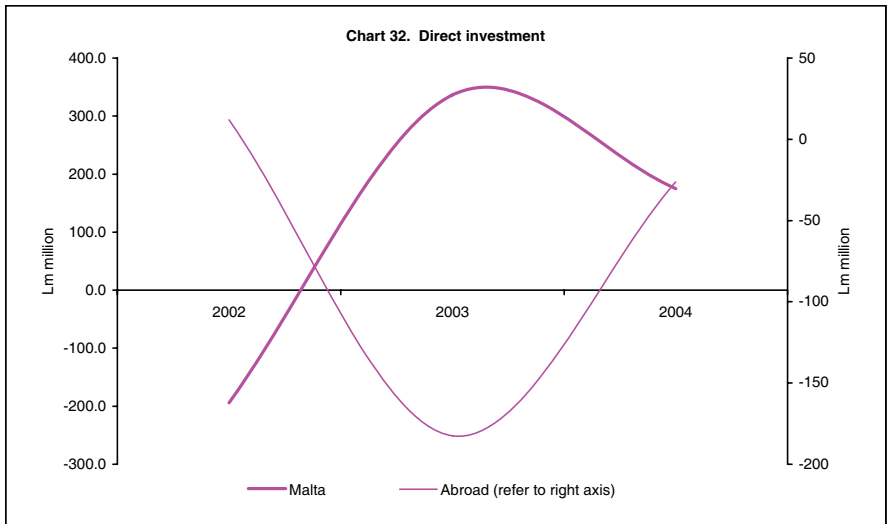


Table 52. Direct investment

	Lm million			
	2001	2002	2003	2004 ^P
In Malta	110.9	-193.9	336.3	175.1
Abroad	-4.2	12.0	-182.4	-26.2

^P provisional



INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Table 53. Imports by broad economic category

Economic category	2002	2003	2004
Imports	1,227,458	1,281,279	1,315,354
Industrial supplies	630,666	657,632	625,258
Capital goods	200,006	210,668	241,566
Consumer goods	294,025	311,081	341,459
Fuel/lubricants	102,761	101,898	107,071
Exports	960,728	928,312	905,398
Visible trade gap	-266,730	-352,967	-409,956

Lm '000

Table 54. Imports by sector

Sector	2002	2003	2004
Food	115,187	116,191	122,988
Beverages and tobacco	22,783	24,778	22,586
Crude materials	12,176	12,103	11,707
Fuels	102,939	102,071	107,521
Animal / vegetable oils and fats	2,405	2,546	3,010
Chemicals	97,117	103,148	111,297
Semi-manufactures	150,577	145,433	147,342
Machinery & transport equipment	585,611	621,260	626,074
Manufactured goods	128,138	142,992	155,730
Miscellaneous transactions	10,525	10,757	7,099
TOTAL	1,227,458	1,281,279	1,315,354

Lm'000

Table 55. Exports by sector

Sector	2002	2003	2004
Food	39,140	34,250	30,916
Beverages and tobacco	17,400	16,252	14,169
Crude materials	2,250	2,528	3,235
Fuels	52,387	51,743	39,243
Chemicals	18,590	18,993	23,887
Semi-manufactures	48,968	48,779	50,590
Machinery & transport equipment	601,757	576,747	575,190
Manufactured goods	186,317	177,543	167,766
Miscellaneous transactions	1,582	1,477	402
TOTAL	968,391	928,312	905,398

Lm'000

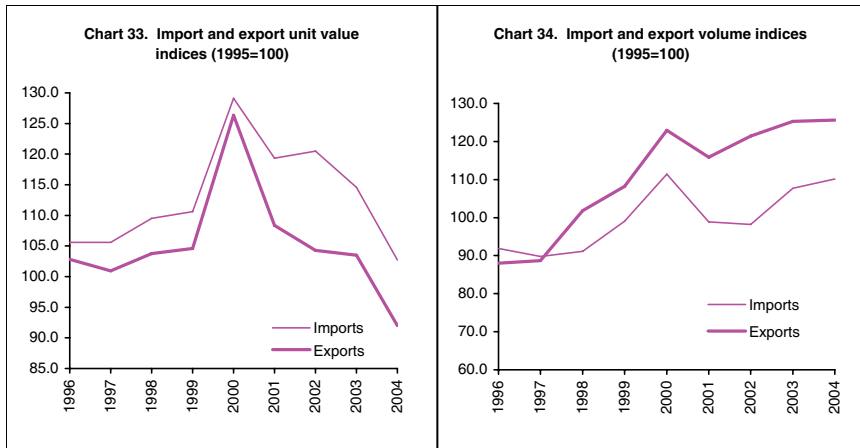
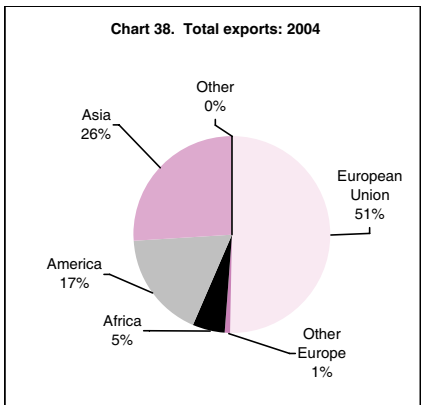
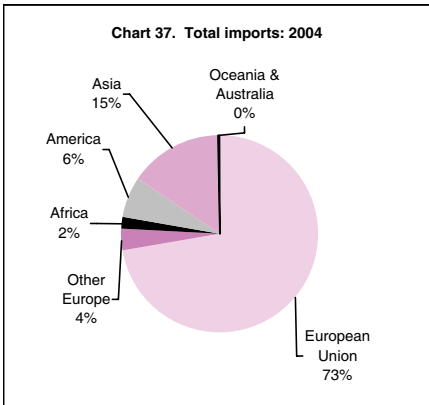
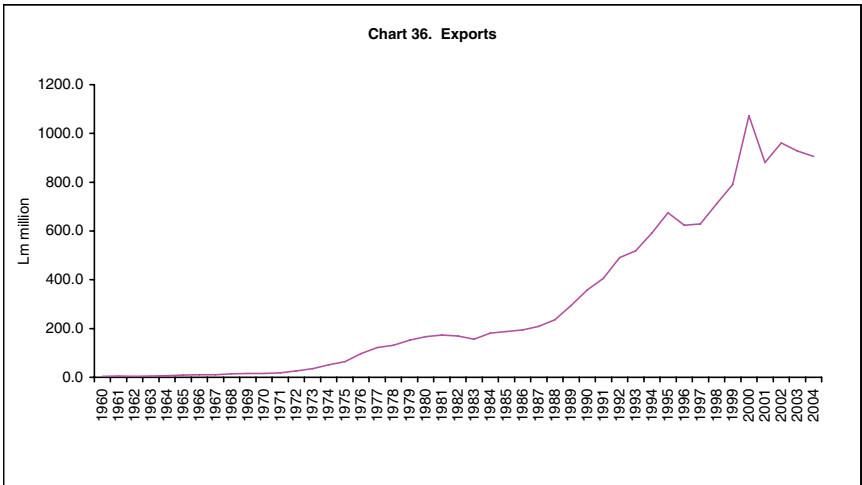
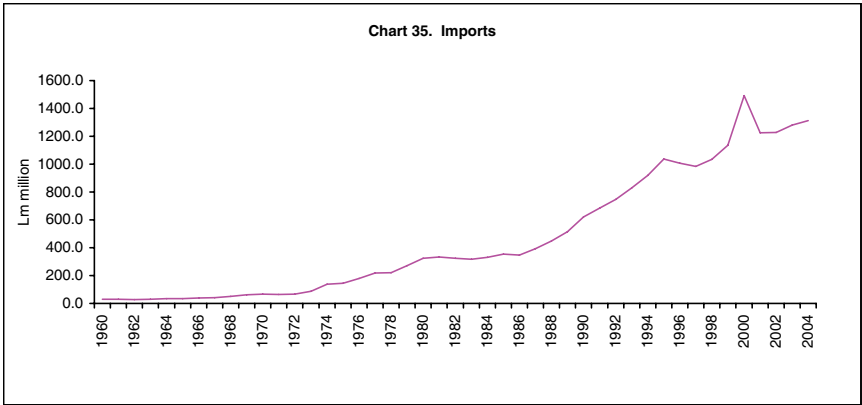


Table 56. Direction of trade

Lm '000

	2002	2003	2004
Imports			
European Union	824,844	867,348	951,711
of which:			
France	205,158	218,900	171,351
Germany	98,539	100,990	116,388
Italy	271,772	294,411	335,876
United Kingdom	127,764	118,637	157,408
Other Europe	66,688	70,159	46,891
Africa	17,309	10,789	25,729
America	127,377	115,926	84,859
Asia	184,971	210,176	202,818
Oceania & Australia	6,269	6,881	3,346
Total	1,227,458	1,281,279	1,315,354
Exports			
European Union	421,834	411,065	433,776
of which:			
France	120,027	120,195	140,604
Germany	93,510	95,234	97,469
Italy	32,658	31,496	27,014
United Kingdom	112,263	109,021	102,874
Other Europe	19,327	24,392	7,167
Africa	44,775	35,130	46,673
America	163,678	143,229	150,685
Asia	247,729	255,229	225,518
Oceania & Australia	526	459	871
Ships and aircraft stores, and bunkers	62,859	58,808	40,708
Total	960,728	928,312	905,398



AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

Table 57. Land under cultivation

Region	Total agricultural land (Ha)			
	Irrigated land	%	Dry land	%
Malta	1,374	91.05	6,826	79.00
Gozo	135	8.95	1,814	21.00
Total	1,509	100.00	8,640	100.00

Source: Census of Agriculture 2001

Table 58. Marketed vegetables and fruit

Produce	'000 tonnes		
	2002	2003	2004
Vegetables	39.8	38.1	41.9
Potato exports	6.1	4.1	7.9
Fruit*	2.1	2.1	2.6

* revised

Table 59. Meat, milk and egg production

Produce	2002	2003	2004
Beef (tonnes)	1,636	1,408	1,290
Pork (tonnes)	10,405	9,822	8,470
Broilers (tonnes)	6,661	7,405	6,294
Milk producer sales ('000 litres)	41,435	38,854	39,924
Estimated egg products ('000 eggs)	99,248	98,355	99,600

Table 60. Fish landings

Quantity	tonnes		
	2002	2003	2004
Swordfish	190	134	174
Dorado	347	507	473
Blue-fin Tuna	176	220	228
Other	228	145	193

Table 61. Fish price index

	2002	2003	2004
Fish price index 1995 = 100	137.89	129.52	118.98

Table 62. Fish volume index

	2002	2003	2004
Fish volume index 1995 = 100	101.63	115.61	115.35

Table 63. Agriculture and fishing: contribution to GDP

	2002	2003	2004
GDP at factor cost	1,563,600	1,605,575	1,579,209
Agriculture and fishing	40,057	41,090	39,679
% of GDP	2.56	2.56	2.51
Compensation of employees	9,490	10,057	11,324
% of GDP	0.61	0.63	0.72
Operating surplus	26,354	28,869	25,842
% of GDP	1.69	1.80	1.64

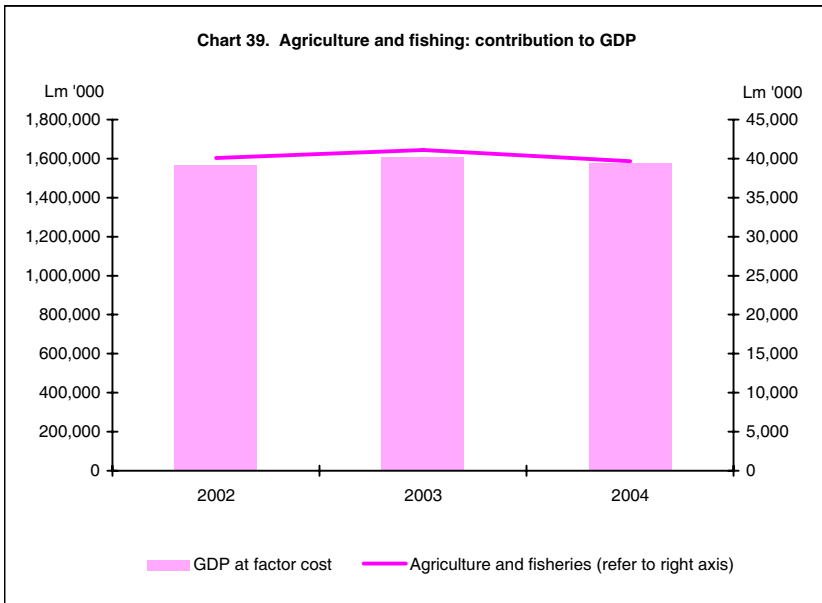


Table 64. Agricultural price indices based on economic accounts for agriculture (2000 = 100)

	2002	2003	2004
Agricultural output *	105.76	102.93	102.03
Vegetables	111.85	98.00	100.30
Potatoes	117.52	118.97	106.69
Fruit	111.62	116.97	100.65
Animals	102.78	101.76	105.01
Animal products	103.65	114.91	109.67

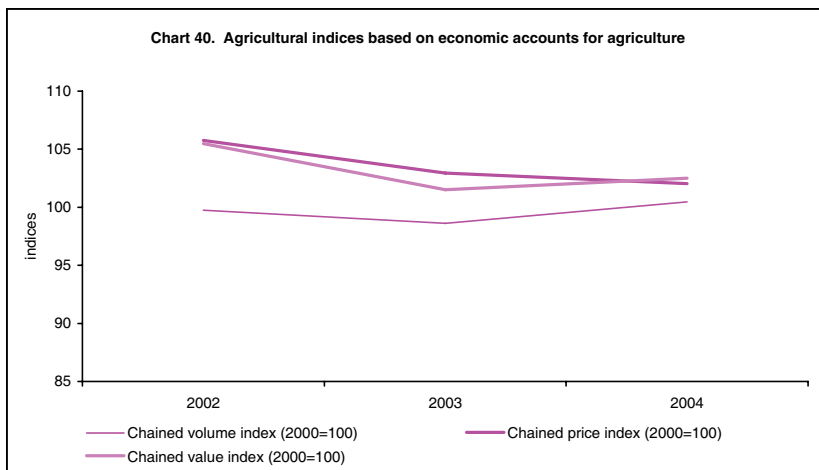
Table 65. Agricultural volume indices based on economic accounts for agriculture (2000 = 100)

	2002	2003	2004
Agricultural output *	99.74	98.63	100.47
Vegetables	93.23	97.49	102.35
Potatoes	92.33	78.16	119.71
Fruit	89.76	93.18	118.33
Animals	106.50	104.33	96.03
Animal products	95.42	91.17	90.66

Table 66. Agricultural value indices based on economic accounts for agriculture (2000 = 100)

	2002	2003	2004
Agricultural output *	105.49	101.52	102.51
Vegetables	104.28	95.54	102.66
Potatoes	108.51	92.99	127.72
Fruit	100.19	108.99	119.10
Animals	109.46	106.17	100.84
Animal products	98.90	104.76	99.43

* excluding secondary activities and nursery plants

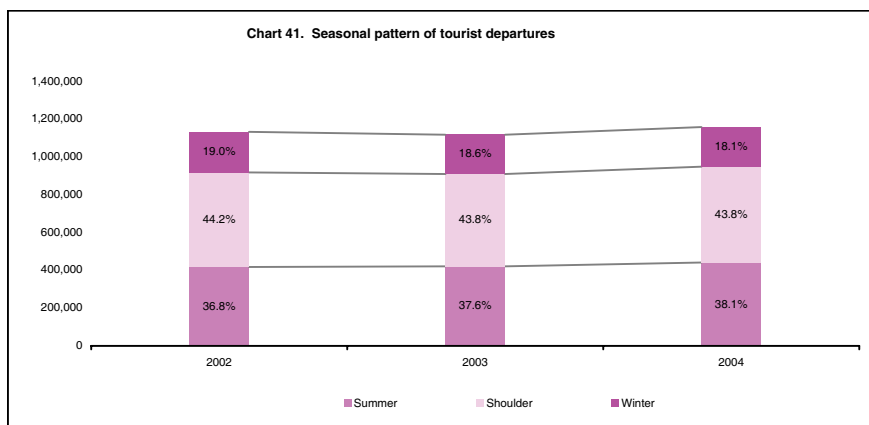


TOURISM

Table 67. Departing Tourists from Malta, by country of origin

Country of origin	2002	2003	2004
United Kingdom	467,405	473,097	452,979
Germany	148,471	125,415	135,160
Italy	88,230	92,680	102,641
France	80,273	77,382	87,146
Netherlands	42,375	40,044	38,460
Libya	25,046	17,463	12,832
Other	280,477	292,153	328,466
Total	1,132,277	1,118,234	1,157,684

Source: Tourstat and embarkation cards



**Table 68. Average length of stay of tourists by type of accommodation
(in nights)**

Accommodation categories	2002	2003	2004
TOTAL	8.9	9.0	8.6
Hotel and similar accommodation	8.8	9.0	8.6
5-star	7.0	6.8	6.4
4-star	8.7	8.9	8.7
3-star	9.7	9.8	9.4
2-star	8.2	8.9	8.2
Guesthouse	11.6	10.6	11.2
Tourist Village	8.5	9.9	8.7
Holiday complex / Aparthotel	9.7	10.5	11.0
Other Collective accommodation	18.4	14.6	15.9

Sources: Tourstat

Table 69. Collective accommodation and bed-places

Accommodation	2002		2003		2004	
	No. of hotels	No. of bed-places	No. of hotels	No. of bed-places	No. of hotels	No. of bed-places
5-star hotel	11	3,738	13	5,040	13	5,040
4-star hotel	45	15,341	47	15,908	44	15,315
3-star hotel	51	11,548	53	11,668	45	10,272
2-star hotel	19	1,258	18	1,174	16	1,059
Holiday complex / Apart-hotel	35	6,949	36	7,053	33	6,617
Guesthouse	36	940	40	1,044	38	979
Hostel	2	166	3	236	5	488
Total	189	39,940	210	42,123	194	39,770

Source: Malta Tourism Authority

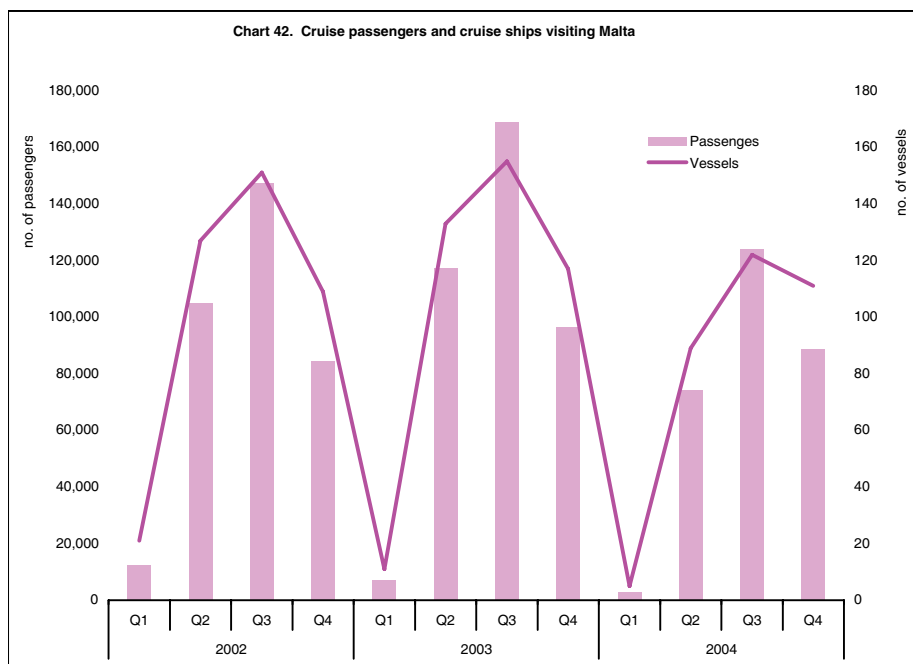


Table 70. Travel account in the Balance of Payments

	Lm '000		
	2002	2003 ^P	2004 ^P
Travel receipts	245,726	261,471	269,131
Travel expenditures	66,360	80,931	88,025
Net travel account	179,366	180,540	181,106
Net amount for all economic sectors (current account)	5,407	-108,021	-186,828
Travel receipts	245,726	261,471	269,131
of which:			
accommodation expenses (includes hotels, guesthouses, complexes and private residences)	173,491	183,603	199,317
Accommodation as a percentage of travel receipts	70.6	70.2	74.1
Services receipts from abroad	493,444	504,290	472,080
Travel receipts as a percentage of services receipts	49.8	51.8	57.0
Travel ratio ¹	3.70	3.23	3.06
Normalised travel ratio ²	0.57	0.53	0.51

^P provisional

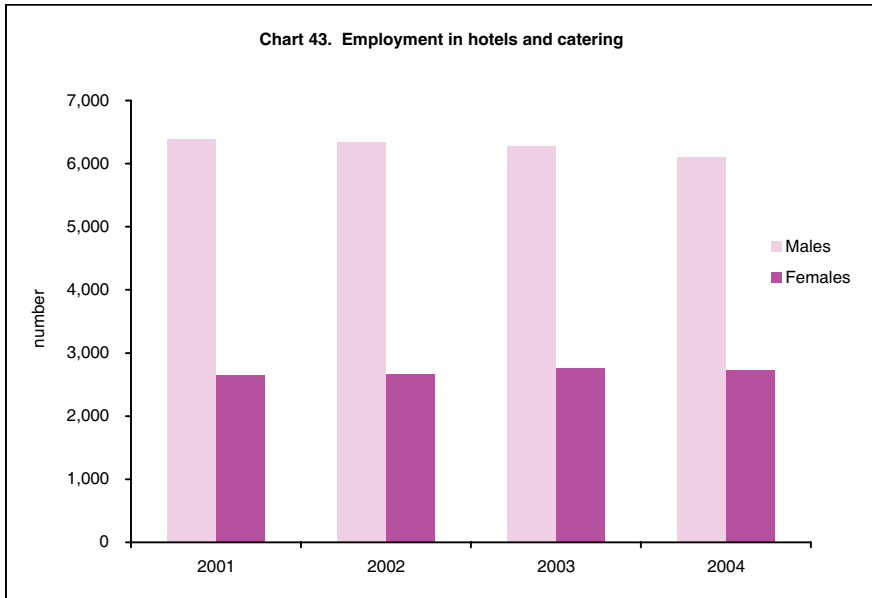
¹ measured by dividing credits by debits. A ratio greater than 1 indicates a country is a net exporter of tourism (receipts are greater than expenditures)

² measured as follows: (credits - debits/credits + debits). A ratio equal to +1 indicates a country exporting only tourism services

Table 71. Employment in hotels and catering

Sex	2002	2003	2004
Males	6,347	6,270	6,102
Females	2,667	2,763	2,736
Total	9,014	9,033	8,838

Source: Employment and Training Corporation (ETC).

**Table 72. Maltese travelling abroad by air**

	2002	2003	2004 ^P
Maltese going abroad	156,683	174,442	203,398
Expenditure on travel abroad (Lm million)	66.4	80.9	88.0

^P provisional

MANUFACTURING

**Table 73. Average annual employment and wages and salaries
in manufacturing industry**

Sector	Average annual employment			Wages & salaries (Lm'000)		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Food and Beverages	3,118	3,146	3,046	16,124	17,242	16,934
Tobacco products	150	160	158	1,080	1,204	1,215
Textiles and textile products	795	796	1,058	3,261	3,295	5,346
Wearing apparel and clothes	3,027	2,164	1,637	13,230	10,155	7,864
Leather and leather products	696	527	421	2,804	2,367	1,878
Wood and wood products	46	46	31	160	165	112
Paper and paper products	311	282	285	1,711	1,798	1,820
Publishing and printing	1,547	1,640	1,625	9,556	10,888	11,592
Chemicals and chemical products	1,051	1,059	802	6,624	6,871	5,346
Rubber and plastic products	1,928	1,718	1,818	10,706	10,677	11,107
Other non-metallic mineral products	658	685	669	2,861	3,100	3,094
Basic metals products	56	48		295	266	
Fabricated metal products	684	666	649	3,721	3,803	3,930
Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	389	384	427	2,096	2,187	2,443
Office machinery and computers	20	19		102	90	
Electrical machinery and apparatus	1,220	1,183	1,148	7,281	7,660	7,424
Radio, TV and Communication equipment	3,133	3,277	3,048	20,762	22,891	21,866
Medical, precision and optical instruments	1,004	992	1,180	5,512	6,343	7,199
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	55	48	54	197	182	213
Other transport equipment	163	218	233	955	1,840	1,807
Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	1,748	1,720	1,560	9,680	10,307	9,699
Totals	21,797	20,776	19,848	118,718	123,331	120,891

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

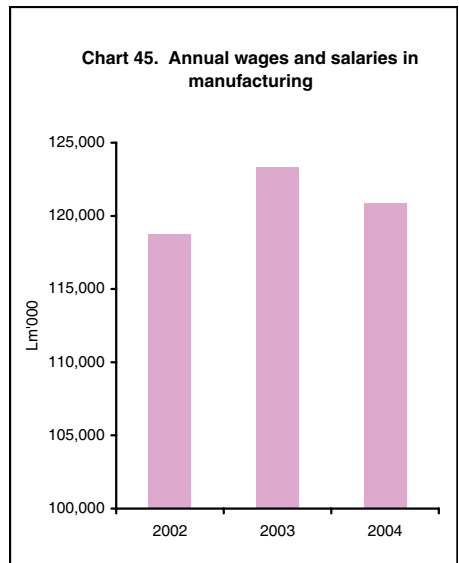
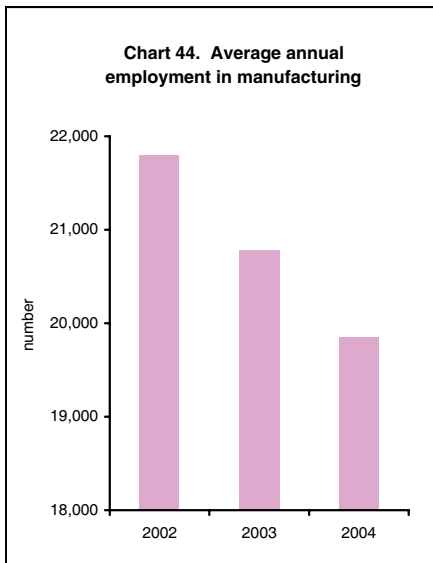


Table 74. Average annual earnings and sales per employee in manufacturing industry

(Lm)

Sector	Average annual earnings			Average annual sales		
	per employee			per employee		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Food and Beverages	5,171	5,480	5,560	38,059	39,535	38,089
Tobacco products	7,200	7,528	7,680	199,753	188,507	212,869
Textiles and textile products	4,102	4,140	5,052	22,167	19,461	25,441
Wearing apparel and clothes	4,371	4,692	4,803	20,196	24,629	23,116
Leather and leather products	4,029	4,496	4,459	19,892	20,705	18,686
Wood and wood products	3,478	3,585	3,644	10,261	10,807	12,362
Paper and paper products	5,502	6,371	6,382	23,466	26,365	26,299
Publishing and printing	6,177	6,640	7,135	27,684	30,083	29,909
Chemicals and chemical products	6,303	6,488	6,664	33,174	35,066	36,029
Rubber and plastic products	5,553	6,216	6,110	20,470	22,124	21,405
Other non-metallic mineral products	4,348	4,528	4,625	21,014	20,839	21,951
Basic metals products	5,268	5,579		7,000	5,825	
Fabricated metal products	5,440	5,708	6,058	23,232	23,559	21,764
Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	5,388	5,699	5,724	27,784	33,678	29,301
Office machinery and computers	5,100	4,861		58,050	44,354	
Electrical machinery and apparatus	5,968	6,473	6,467	33,181	32,182	39,677
Radio, TV and Communication equipment	6,627	6,985	7,173	146,581	148,524	158,806
Medical, precision and optical instruments	5,490	6,394	6,102	22,731	27,205	30,055
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	3,582	3,767	3,966	12,927	15,074	11,863
Other transport equipment	5,859	8,461	7,770	44,742	73,801	56,137
Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	5,538	5,994	6,218	30,245	28,605	28,881
Totals	5,446	5,936	6,091	45,495	49,498	50,975

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

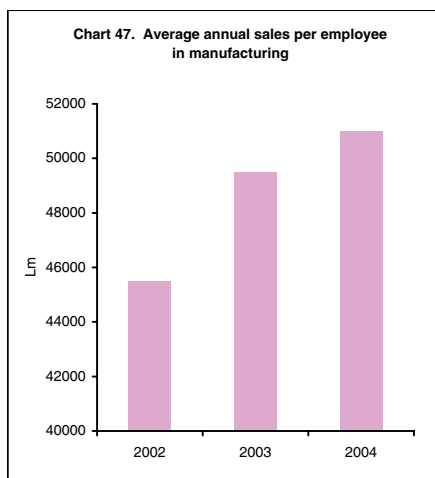
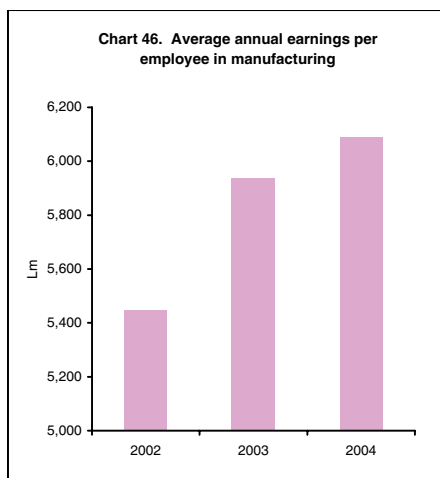
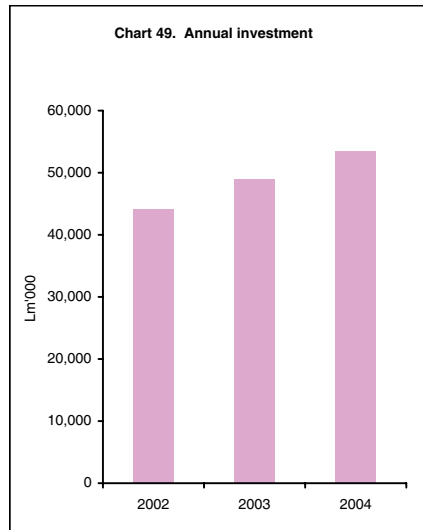
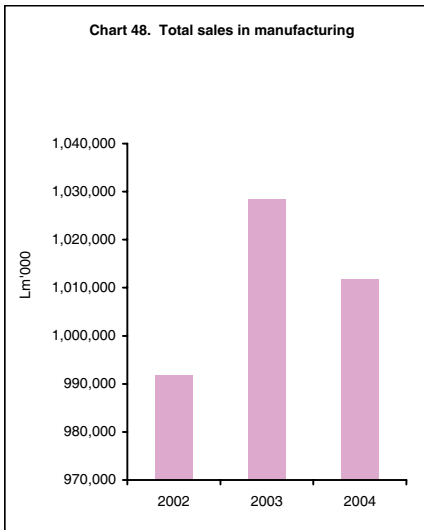


Table 75. Total sales and Investment in manufacturing industry

(Lm'000)

Sector	Total sales			Investment		
	2002	2003	2004	2002	2003	2004
Food and Beverages	118,669	124,386	116,002	2,910	8,042	4,698
Tobacco products	29,963	30,163	33,687	598	131	242
Textiles and textile products	17,623	15,491	26,923	1,918	306	3,002
Wearing apparel and clothes	61,132	53,304	37,846	889	454	141
Leather and leather products	13,845	10,902	7,871	252	119	53
Wood and wood products	472	497	380	1	2	1
Paper and paper products	7,298	7,442	7,502	22	22	1,293
Publishing and printing	42,826	49,329	48,595	3,639	3,056	5,640
Chemicals and chemical products	34,867	37,135	28,904	5,840	6,582	10,084
Rubber and plastic products	39,466	38,004	38,914	2,754	2,673	1,837
Other non-metallic mineral products	13,827	14,264	14,685	409	405	100
Basic metals products	392	278		1	2	
Fabricated metal products	15,891	15,696	14,120	365	464	410
Machinery and equipment n.e.c.	10,808	12,925	12,504	256	389	160
Office machinery and computers	1,161	820		0	1	
Electrical machinery and apparatus	40,481	38,080	45,549	1,955	1,848	1,728
Radio, TV and Communication equipment	459,237	486,714	484,081	17,506	17,524	18,170
Medical, precision and optical instruments	22,822	26,988	35,458	806	923	1,193
Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers	710	728	638	7	1	2
Other transport equipment	7,293	16,053	13,052	27	713	117
Furniture and Manufacturing n.e.c.	52,867	49,188	45,047	4,012	5,306	4,548
Totals	991,650	1,028,377	1,011,757	44,167	48,963	53,420

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.



Methodological Notes:

1. For 2002 all enterprises are classified in accordance with NACE Rev. 1 (Nomenclature des Activités Economiques dans les Communautés Européennes), and with NACE Rev 1.1 from 2003 onwards. Few changes were carried out and their effect on the sectors in manufacturing industry was minimal.
2. Employment is inclusive of all part-time employees and outworkers. As regards to Tables. 73 & 74: Average annual employment, is worked out on average taken on the total employment in manufacturing sectors at the end-of-month figures marking the end of every quarter, i.e. March, June, September and December.
3. Gross wages and salaries are inclusive of all basic wages and salaries payable at regular intervals, overtime, night shift and other allowances, bonuses and commissions. Employers' social security contributions are excluded.
4. Total Sales are made up of all local sales, which are exclusive of VAT and exports on an FOB basis.
5. Investment refers to new investment during the reference period. These are tangible capital goods for own company use but not for speculative use. They have a useful life of more than one year. Any additions, alterations, improvements or renovations prolonging the service life or to increase the productive capacity of capital goods are taken into account. Excluded from the definition are current maintenance costs as well as investment in capital goods used under rental and lease contracts, intangible goods (patents, trade marks), financial assets and goods acquired through mergers. Computer software is regarded as investment if its life is over one year and if it is of a relatively considerable value.

Data for 2004 are provisional.

EMPLOYMENT

Table 76. Labour status

Labour Status	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Employed	102,120	46,283	148,403	101,159	45,883	147,042	102,801	45,301	148,102
Unemployed	6,715	4,160	10,875	8,502	4,094	12,596	6,297	4,739	11,036
Inactive	48,085	111,659	159,744	47,766	113,210	160,976	48,311	113,552	161,863
Total	156,920	162,102	319,022	157,427	163,187	320,614	157,409	163,592	321,001
percentage									
Employed	65.08	28.55	46.52	64.26	28.12	45.86	65.31	27.69	46.14
Unemployed	4.28	2.57	3.41	5.40	2.51	3.93	4.00	2.90	3.44
Inactive	30.64	68.88	50.07	30.34	69.37	50.21	30.69	69.41	50.42
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Table 77. Activity, employment and unemployment rate

Month	Activity rate			Employment rate			Unemployment rate		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
2002	79.1	37.6	58.5	74.2	34.5	54.5	6.2	8.2	6.8
2003	79.5	36.7	58.3	73.3	33.7	53.7	7.8	8.2	7.9
2004	78.9	37.0	58.1	74.3	33.5	54.0	5.8	9.5	6.9

Note: Data refer to the December issues of the Labour Force Survey.

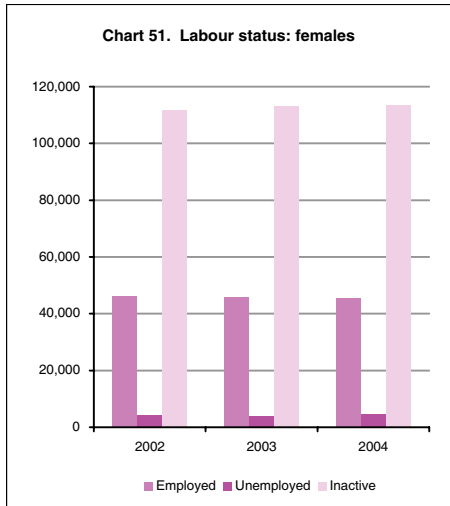
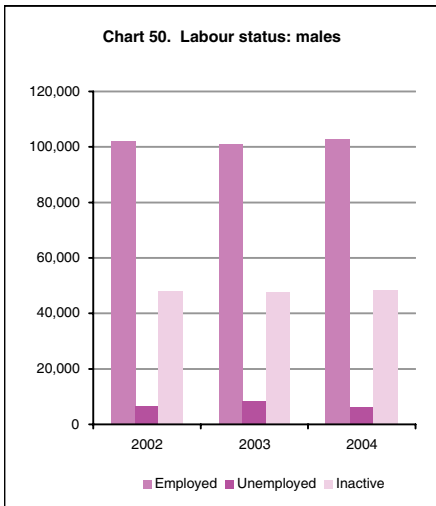


Table 78. Total employed persons by age distribution

Age group	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
15-24	16,069	13,955	30,024	14,471	13,298	27,769	15,450	12,530	27,980
25-34	23,488	12,325	35,813	23,985	12,931	36,916	24,132	13,861	37,993
35-44	24,142	9,566	33,708	23,494	8,520	32,014	26,389	7,968	34,357
45-54	27,103	8,039	35,142	27,683	7,593	35,276	25,372	8,414	33,786
55-64	10,338	2,222	12,560	10,620	3,045	13,665	10,255	2,389	12,644
65+	980 ^u	176 ^u	1,156 ^u	906 ^u	496 ^u	1,402 ^u	1203 ^u	139 ^u	1342 ^u
Total	102,120	46,283	148,403	101,159	45,883	147,042	102,801	45,301	148,102
percentage									
15-24	15.7	30.2	20.2	14.3	29.0	18.9	15.0	27.6	18.9
25-34	23.0	26.6	24.1	23.7	28.2	25.1	23.5	30.6	25.7
35-44	23.6	20.7	22.7	23.2	18.6	21.8	25.6	17.6	23.2
45-54	26.5	17.4	23.7	27.4	16.5	24.0	24.7	18.6	22.8
55-64	10.1	4.8	8.5	10.5	6.6	9.3	10.0	5.3	8.5
65+	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.0	1.2	0.3	0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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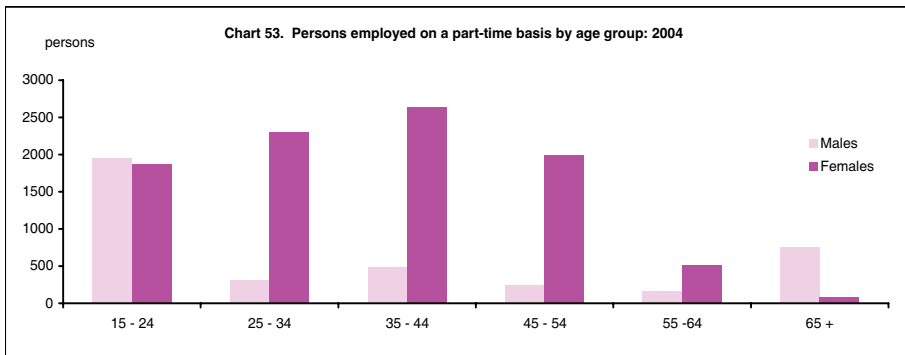
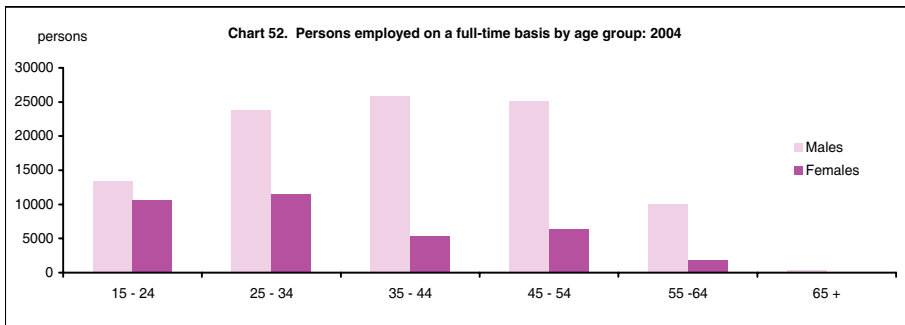


Table 79. Total employed persons by main occupation

Occupation	2002		2003		2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Armed forces	1,058 ^u	-	1,368 ^u	-	1,641 ^u	-
Legislators, senior officials and managers	11,457	2,322	11,248	2,536	10,642	2,225
Professionals	7,544	6,604	8,002	6,769	9,532	7,034
Technicians and associate professionals	13,174	7,450	13,741	6,957	12,418	8,392
Clerks	7,547	9,550	7,523	9,563	8,416	7,696
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	13,443	7,579	12,475	10,401	13,284	8,707
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	1,552 ^u	75 ^u	2,427	62 ^u	1,866 ^u	148 ^u
Craft and related trades workers	19,701	615 ^u	18,879	733 ^u	20,759	647 ^u
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	11,051	6,846	11,245	4,546	10,370	5,421
Elementary occupations	15,593	5,242	14,251	4,316	13,873	5,031
Total	102,120	46,283	101,159	45,883	102,801	45,301

^u under-represented

**Table 80. Total employed persons by economic activity
(Main occupation)**

Occupation	2002		2003		2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	2,409	182 ^u	2,303	185 ^u	1,833 ^u	203 ^u
Fishing	284 ^u	69 ^u	560 ^u	-	494 ^u	-
Mining and quarrying	730 ^u	-	956 ^u	79 ^u	992 ^u	-
Manufacturing	18,983	9,323	20,639	7,478	20,203	7,829
Electricity, gas and water supply	3,321	427 ^u	3,818	298 ^u	2,734	214 ^u
Construction	11,575	501 ^u	10,826	388 ^u	11,170	276 ^u
Wholesale and retail trade; repairs of household goods and vehicles	15,020	5,798	14,330	7,820	15,909	5,667
Hotels and restaurants	8,968	4,099	7,397	4,443	8,361	4,824
Transport, storage and communication	9,967	2,785	8,661	2,648	8,840	2,147
Financial intermediation	2,891	2,866	2,670	2,649	2,633	1,462 ^u
Real estate, renting and business activities	5,433	1,879	5,153	2,140	6,045	2,483
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	9,304	3,203	9,908	3,340	11,356	3,903
Education	4,638	7,130	4,095	6,753	4,040	8,024
Health and social work	5,081	5,618	5,071	5,440	5,008	6,069
Other community, social and personal service activities	3,462	2,143	4,772	1,668 ^u	2,944	1,807 ^u
Private households with employed persons	-	191 ^u	-	417 ^u	-	161 ^u
Extra-territorial organisations and bodies	54 ^u	69 ^u	-	137 ^u	239 ^u	232 ^u
Total	102,120	46,283	101,159	45,883	102,801	45,301

^u under-represented

Table 81. Unemployed persons by age group

Age group	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
15-24	2,518	2,188	4,706	3,072	2,597	5,669	2,507	2,414	4,921
25-44	2,624	1,197 ^u	3,821	3,901	901 ^u	4,802	2,622	1,553 ^u	4,175
45-64	1,573 ^u	775 ^u	2,348	1,529 ^u	596 ^u	2,125	1,168 ^u	772 ^u	1,940
Total	6,715	4,160	10,875	8,502	4,094	12,596	6,297	4,739	11,036
percentage									
15-24	37.5	52.6	43.3	36.1	63.4	45.0	39.8	50.9	44.6
25-44	39.1	28.7	35.1	45.9	22.0	38.1	41.6	32.8	37.8
45-64	23.4	18.7	21.6	18.0	14.6	16.9	18.5	16.3	17.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^u under-represented

Table 82. Unemployed persons by duration of job search

Duration of job search	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Less than 5 months	1,712 ^u	2,299	4,011	2,607	1,309 ^u	3,916	1,918	2,655	4,573
6-17 months	939 ^u	704 ^u	1,643 ^u	1,263 ^u	1,203 ^u	2,466	1,993	1,270 ^u	3,263
18+ months	4,064	1,157 ^u	5,221	4,632	1,582 ^u	6,214	2,386	814 ^u	3,200
Total	6,715	4,160	10,875	8,502	4,094	12,596	6,297	4,739	11,036

^u under-represented

Table 83. Inactive persons by age group

Age group	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
15-24	12,808	12,526	25,334	13,523	13,253	26,776	13,078	14,291	27,369
25-34	1,652 ^u	12,440	14,092	492 ^u	11,939	12,431	1,484 ^u	10,795	12,279
35-44	1,149 ^u	17,781	18,930	1,473 ^u	16,765	18,238	1,057 ^u	19,243	20,300
45-54	4,122	21,939	26,061	3,894	25,040	28,934	4,067	22,024	26,091
55-64	8,703	18,738	27,441	8,623	18,172	26,795	9,104	18,739	27,843
65+	19,651	28,235	47,886	19,761	28,041	47,802	19,521	28,460	47,981
Total	48,085	111,659	159,744	47,766	113,210	160,976	48,311	113,552	161,863
percentage									
15-24	26.6	11.2	15.9	28.3	11.7	16.6	27.1	12.6	16.9
25-34	3.4	11.1	8.8	1.0	10.5	7.7	3.1	9.5	7.6
35-44	2.4	15.9	11.9	3.1	14.8	11.3	2.2	16.9	12.5
45-54	8.6	19.6	16.3	8.1	22.1	18.0	8.4	19.4	16.1
55-64	18.1	16.8	17.2	18.1	16.1	16.6	18.8	16.5	17.2
65+	40.9	25.3	30.0	41.4	24.8	29.7	40.4	25.1	29.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

^u under-represented

ACCIDENTS AT WORK

Table 84. Accidents at work by sex of victim

Sex	2002		2003		2004	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Males	4,438	89.9	4,208	88.7	3,611	87.8
Females	498	10.1	538	11.3	500	12.2
Total	4,936	100.0	4,746	100.0	4,111	100.0

Table 85. Accidents at work by occupation of victim

Occupation	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
2002						
Legislators, senior officials and managers	30	0.7	1	0.2	31	0.6
Professionals	62	1.4	15	3.0	77	1.6
Technicians and associate professionals	166	3.7	76	15.3	242	4.9
Clerks	98	2.2	35	7.0	133	2.7
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	182	4.1	26	5.2	208	4.2
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	26	0.6	1	0.2	27	0.6
Craft and related trades workers	865	19.5	4	0.8	869	17.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	218	4.9	9	1.8	227	4.6
Elementary occupations	2,791	62.9	331	66.5	3,122	63.2
Total	4,438	100.0	498	100.0	4,936	100.0
2003						
Legislators, senior officials and managers	65	1.6	5	0.9	70	1.4
Professionals	184	4.4	95	17.6	279	5.9
Technicians and associate professionals	60	1.4	10	1.9	70	1.5
Clerks	77	1.8	37	6.9	114	2.4
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	237	5.6	38	7.1	275	5.8
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	37	0.9	-	-	37	0.8
Craft and related trades workers	1,067	25.4	6	1.1	1,073	22.6
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	211	5.0	46	8.6	257	5.4
Elementary occupations	2,270	53.9	301	55.9	2,571	54.2
Total	4,208	100.0	538	100.0	4,746	100.0
2004						
Legislators, senior officials and managers	69	1.9	10	2.0	79	1.9
Professionals	74	2.1	72	14.4	146	3.6
Technicians and associate professionals	140	3.9	7	1.4	147	3.6
Clerks	80	2.2	36	7.2	116	2.8
Service workers and shop and market sales workers	276	7.6	57	11.4	333	8.1
Skilled agricultural and fishery workers	44	1.2	-	-	44	1.1
Craft and related trades workers	897	24.8	4	0.8	901	21.9
Plant and machine operators and assemblers	303	8.4	56	11.2	359	8.7
Elementary occupations	1,715	47.5	257	51.4	1,972	48.0
Total	3,611	100.0	500	100.0	4,111	100.0

Table 86. Accidents at work by age group of victim

Age group	Males		Females		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
2002						
15-24	888	20.0	195	39.1	1,083	22.0
25-34	1,187	26.7	128	25.7	1,315	26.6
35-44	1,002	22.6	66	13.3	1,068	21.6
45-54	1,002	22.6	82	16.5	1,084	22.0
55 +	359	8.1	27	5.4	386	7.8
Total	4,438	100.0	498	100.0	4,936	100.0
2003						
15-24	808	19.2	188	35.0	996	21.0
25-34	1,141	27.1	139	25.8	1,280	27.0
35-44	977	23.2	90	16.7	1,067	22.5
45-54	902	21.5	92	17.1	994	20.9
55 +	380	9.0	29	5.4	409	8.6
Total	4,208	100.0	538	100.0	4,746	100.0
2004						
15-24	687	19.0	177	35.4	864	21.0
25-34	1,028	28.5	119	23.8	1,147	27.9
35-44	777	21.5	79	15.8	856	20.8
45-54	783	21.7	84	16.8	867	21.1
55 +	336	9.3	41	8.2	377	9.2
Total	3,611	100.0	500	100.0	4,111	100.0

Table 87. Accidents at work by economic activity

Economic activity	2002		2003		2004	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, hunting and forestry	42	4	39	2	53	2
Fishing	7	-	8	-	12	-
Mining and quarrying	17	-	19	-	22	-
Manufacturing	1,581	152	1,574	152	1,300	123
Electricity, gas and water supply	157	4	160	1	153	1
Construction	528	5	562	9	626	1
Wholesale and retail trade; repairs of household goods and vehicles	199	18	228	17	264	25
Hotels and restaurants	231	47	257	90	289	95
Transport, storage and communication	323	34	351	33	348	35
Financial intermediation	10	1	21	12	8	4
Real estate, renting and business activities	82	17	146	26	147	28
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	141	14	190	21	177	21
Education	128	87	27	37	31	31
Health and social work	6	17	94	106	98	120
Other community, social and personal service activities	46	6	75	5	46	10
Private households with employed persons	-	-	1	-	-	-
Extra-territorial organisations and bodies	940	92	456	27	2	2
Unknown	-	-	-	-	35	2
Total	4,438	498	4,208	538	3,611	500

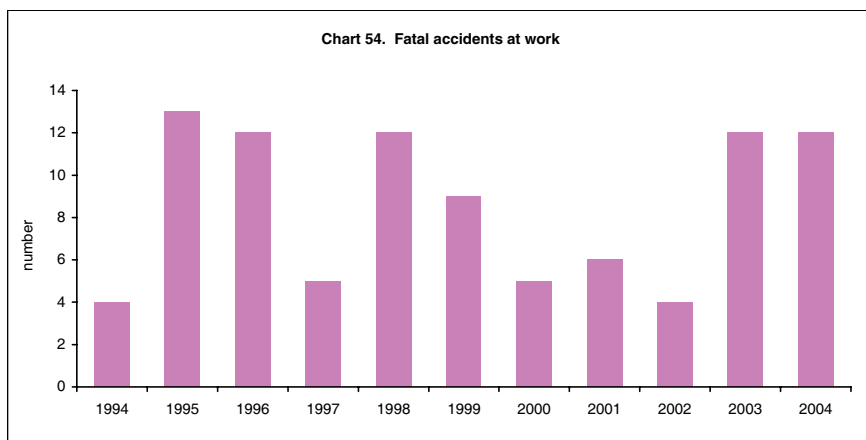
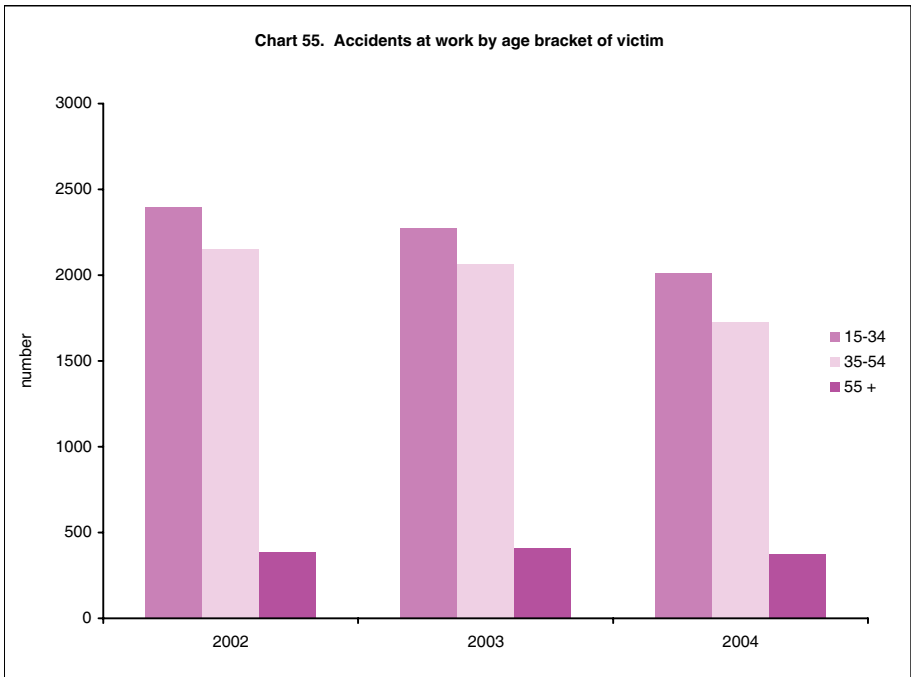


Table 88. Fatal accidents at work

Year	Number
1994	4
1995	13
1996	12
1997	5
1998	12
1999	9
2000	5
2001	6
2002	4
2003	12
2004	12



CONSUMER PRICES

Table 89. Retail Prices Index

Section	Weight 1995 = 100	2002	Weight 2002 = 100	2003	2004
Food	29.92	117.96	23.82	102.30	102.53
Beverages and tobacco	7.34	150.01	6.11	102.40	111.80
Clothing and footwear	10.14	91.89	8.24	92.33	90.05
Housing	5.27	122.57	7.57	102.11	105.96
Fuel, light and power	2.53	110.00	2.25	100.00	101.29
Durable household goods	9.31	105.69	7.65	99.12	101.31
Transport and communications	16.00	128.35	23.13	101.27	105.35
Personal care and health	6.47	124.25	6.22	102.62	107.86
Education, entertainment and recreation	8.31	121.24	8.84	99.27	100.44
Other goods and services	4.71	108.93	6.17	103.25	111.51
All items	100.00	118.49	100.00	100.75	103.56

**Table 90. Monthly inflation rates
(12-month moving average)**

Month	2002	2003	2004
January	3.27	1.79	1.57
February	3.48	1.58	1.71
March	3.62	1.46	1.75
April	3.65	1.36	1.86
May	3.64	1.26	1.95
June	3.54	1.25	2.03
July	3.39	1.19	2.23
August	3.14	1.14	2.41
September	2.89	1.09	2.57
October	2.82	1.05	2.63
November	2.55	1.13	2.75
December	2.19	1.30	2.79

Chart 56. Monthly inflation rates

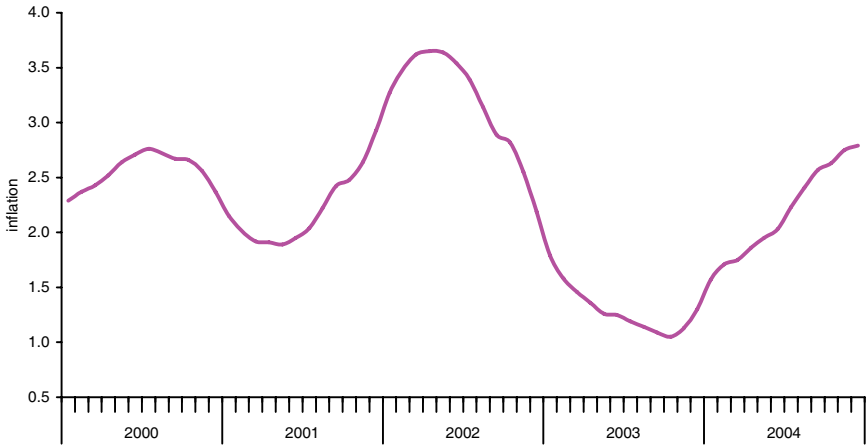
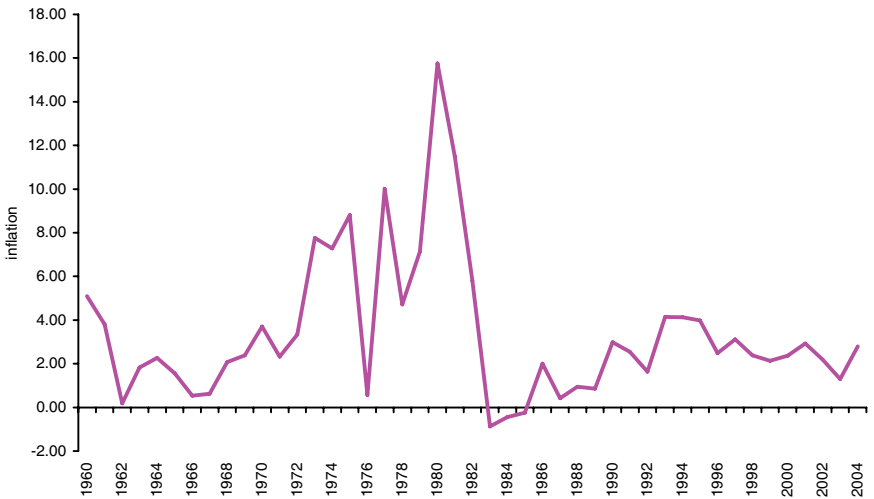


Chart 57. Annual inflation rates



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Table 91. Average exchange rates of major selected currencies against the Maltese Lira

Currency	2002	2003	2004
US \$	0.4329	0.3767	0.3441
Stg £	0.6503	0.6159	0.6308
Euro	0.4087	0.4261	0.4279
Yen	0.0035	0.0033	0.0032

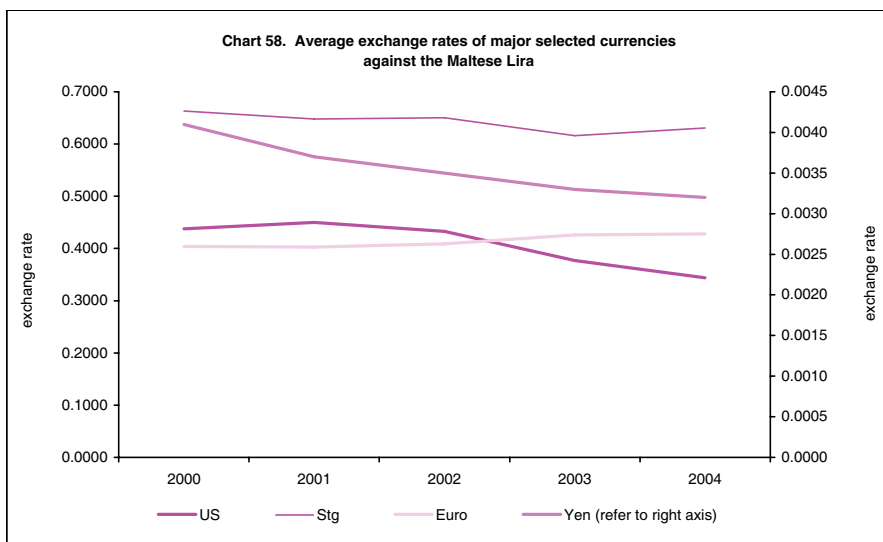


Table 92. Average exchange rates of the Maltese Lira against major selected currencies

Currency	2002	2003	2004
US \$	2.3100	2.6543	2.9061
Stg £	1.5378	1.6237	1.5853
Euro	2.4468	2.3470	2.3368
Yen	288.88	307.38	314.19

Source: Central Bank of Malta.

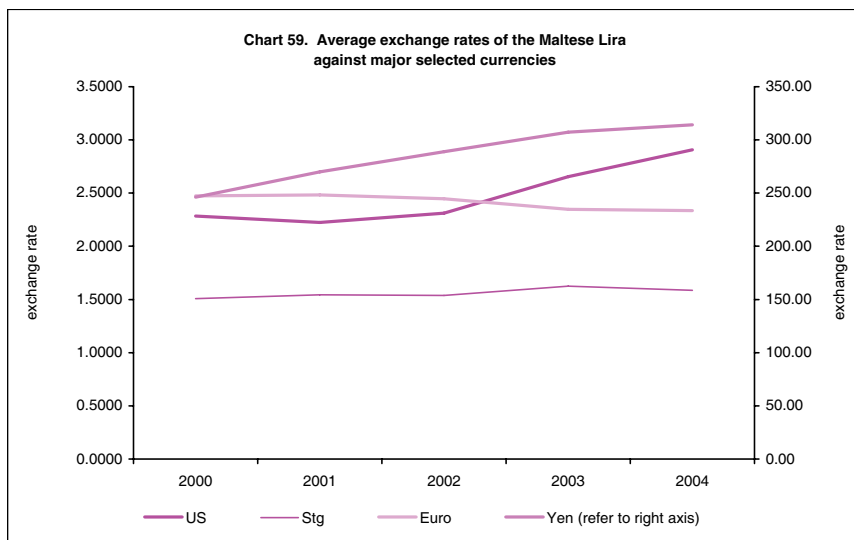


Table 93. Monetary aggregates

	Lm '000		
	2002	2003	2004
Narrow Money (M1)	1,367,373	1,490,948	1,580,944
of which:			
Currency in circulation	436,831	460,424	485,993
Intermediate Money (M2)	2,781,488	2,849,218	2,918,320
Broad Money (M3)	2,781,488	2,849,244	2,918,320

Table 94. Counterparts of M3

	Lm'000		
	2002*	2003	2004
Domestic Credit	2,401,446	2,467,386	2,603,144
Net Foreign Assets	1,301,322	1,598,342	1,625,734
<i>Less other counterparts of M3</i>	921,281	1,216,486	1,310,557
Broad Money (M3)	2,781,488	2,849,244	2,918,320

* estimated

Source: Central Bank of Malta.

Table 95. Deposits
(analysis by ownership)

			Lm '000	
	2002		2003	2004
Resident	2,620,801	Resident	2,676,727	2,730,560
of which:		of which:		
Personal	2,121,567	Central Government	19,216	21,367
Business	426,933	Other general Government	6,852	7,191
Other	72,301	Financial intermediaries and financial auxiliaries	51,299	55,223
		Non-financial companies	419,019	414,530
		Households and non-profit institutions	2,180,340	2,232,250
Non-Resident	908,426	Non-Resident	850,927	1,077,942
Total	3,529,227	Total	3,527,654	3,808,503

Note: As from 2003 there has been a re-classification of the data shown above.

Source: Central Bank of Malta.

Table 96. Selected interest rates in Malta

	Per cent per annum		
	2002	2003	2004
Central Bank			
Discount Rate	3.75	3.00	3.00
Deposit Money Banks			
Current	1.12	0.44	0.47
Savings	1.80	1.01	0.95
Time	4.39	3.45	2.87
Average Weighted Lending Rate	6.07	5.31	5.33
Government Securities			
Treasury Bills			
1 month	-	-	2.96
3 month	3.67	2.94	2.96
6 month	3.80	2.93	2.97
1 year	-	-	2.97
Government Stocks			
2 year	-	3.39	3.21
5 year	5.15	4.37	4.26
10 year	5.43	4.71	4.70
15 year	5.86	4.96	4.97

Source: Central Bank of Malta.

Note: "-" sign implies that no transaction occurred during the preceding quarter.