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About the Artist

Anton Abela, born 1983, started painting at a very early age. He studied Art at the Junior Lyceum where he was encouraged further to develop as an artist.

Anton read for a Bachelor of Arts degree in History of Art at the University of Malta in 2005, where he specialised in Medieval Art, focusing on Byzantine, Greek Orthodox and Russian idiosyncrasies. Apart from being an artist, work at the University of Malta Library led Anton to be more interested in art research.

In September 2005, he participated in a collective exhibition entitled *Brushstrokes*. Anton developed an innovative art technique first presented to the public during his first solo exhibition entitled *Inverse Reality* in October 2007 and in a second solo exhibition entitled *Visions*, in March 2008.

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KEY FACTS ABOUT MALTA IN 2007

Area	316 km ²
Population	410,290
Population density (persons per sq. km.)	1,298
Live births	3,536
Crude birth rate	9.0
Marriages	2,479
Crude marriage rate	6.1
Deaths	3,111
Crude death rate	7.6
Licensed road vehicles/1,000 inhabitants	699.8
Road casualties/1,000 inhabitants	2.9
GDP (at market prices)	EUR 5,398.5 million
Balance of Payments current account	- EUR 292.3 million
Unemployment rate	6.5%
Imports	EUR 3,540.3 million
Exports	EUR 2,237.1 million
Total manufacturing sales	EUR 2,384.2 million
Tourist arrivals	1.2 million
Average tourist length of stay	8.9 nights
Rainfall	620.4
Registered medical practitioners	1,357

FOREWORD

Malta in Figures 2008 is a compact booklet that aims to project to the public an image of Malta through the presentation of a collection of statistical information. The word 'statistics' embraces a whole range of such information. Equally, it implies different types of statistical sources. These include:

- statistical surveys and statistical inquiries;
- administrative statistics that are generated by management and administrative systems which have been primarily set up by Government and other public bodies to serve operational purposes.

A good cross-section of these sources, as well as their products and outputs, is represented in this publication. Having said this, it does not purport to embody all the National Statistics Office's activities and output. The latter are visible and may be availed of in a substantial series of NSO publications in print, CD-ROM and Internet formats, several of which run into many editions a year. In addition, the NSO website and electronic databases are repositories of more detailed information to which policy makers, researchers, professionals and the public have equal and free access.

The numbers in *Malta in Figures 2008* are complemented by explanatory notes which should be read carefully in conjunction with the tables and charts. We are confident that this data book will prove useful to a diverse audience and trust that it will be a means to encourage the interested reader to consult the statistical collections which the Office has built up over the years.

Reno Camilleri
Acting Director General
September 2008

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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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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	315.59	square kilometres
Extent			
maximum length	Malta	27.359	kilometres
	Gozo	14.484	kilometres
maximum width	Malta	14.48	kilometres
	Gozo	7.242	kilometres
shoreline	Malta	196.8	kilometres
	Gozo	56.01	kilometres

Source: National Statistics Office.

Table 2. Mean air temperature

Month	2004	2005	2006	2007
Mean temperature (°C)				
January	12.2	12.4	12.4	11.5
February	13.0	12.4	11.9	13.8
March	13.7	13.4	13.3	14.3
April	16.1	15.5	16.6	16.7
May	18.2	19.1	20.8	20.5
June	23.1	23.0	24.2	24.8
July	26.3	25.9	27.0	26.6
August	26.7	26.3	26.6	27.3
September	23.4	24.1	24.1	25.0
October	22.2	20.7	21.8	21.4
November	16.8	17.0	17.7	17.6
December	15.0	13.8	16.0	14.4

Source: Meteorological Office.

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				
2004	18.9	22.3	15.4	8.1	7.3
2005	19.1	22.1	15.3	8.0	7.9
2006	19.4	22.8	15.9	8.3	7.3
2007	19.7	23.3	16.2	8.1	7.8

Source: Meteorological Office.

Table 4. Rainfall

Period	Total (millimetres)
2004	461.4
2005	505.6
2006	540.0
2007	620.4

Source: Meteorological Office.

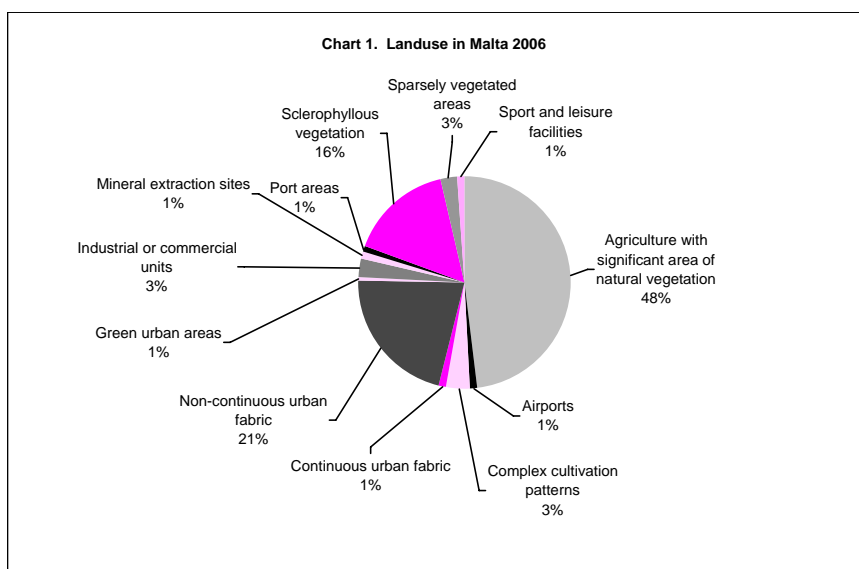
Table 5. Relative humidity

Month	per cent			
	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	74	73	80	76.85
February	77	72	77	75.57
March	76	77	78	80.98
April	77	75	75	81.59
May	72	68	67	70.55
June	62	70	54	67.87
July	61	62	69	59.74
August	66	70	67	70.51
September	70	75	75	70.75
October	77	79	79	79.02
November	73	73	75	75.94
December	76	74	76	75.52

Source: Meteorological Office.

Table 6. Land use: 2006

Description	Km ²	% total area
Agriculture with significant area of natural vegetation	0.25	47.54
Airports	0.27	1.18
Complex cultivation patterns	0.41	3.40
Coniferous forest	0.59	0.21
Continuous urban fabric	0.67	1.23
Non-continuous urban fabric	1.43	21.09
Dump sites	1.81	0.13
Green urban areas	2.32	0.57
Industrial or commercial units	3.09	2.57
Mineral extraction sites	3.72	1.22
Mixed forest	3.86	0.45
Non-irrigated arable land	3.88	0.19
Port areas	8.11	0.73
Salines	8.11	0.08
Sclerophyllous vegetation	10.71	15.76
Sparsely vegetated areas	49.69	2.57
Sport and leisure facilities	66.51	0.98
Vineyards	149.93	0.09
	315.35	100.00



ENVIRONMENT

Table 7. Waste disposal in public landfills

	Municipal solid waste	Construction and demolition waste	Industrial and other waste
2003	201,835	538,069	41,351
2004	211,718	30,897	31,909
2005	218,601	17,436	21,673
2006	218,204	4,502	24,549
2007	254,570	5,023	18,946

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Source: Waste Management Strategy Implementation Department.

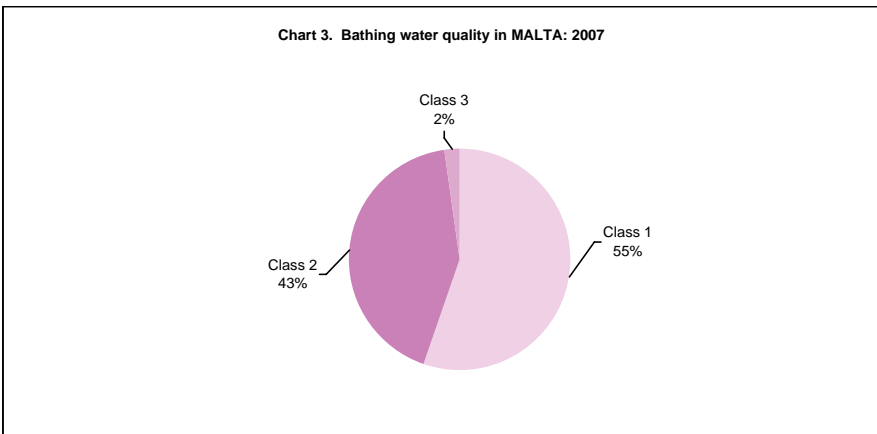
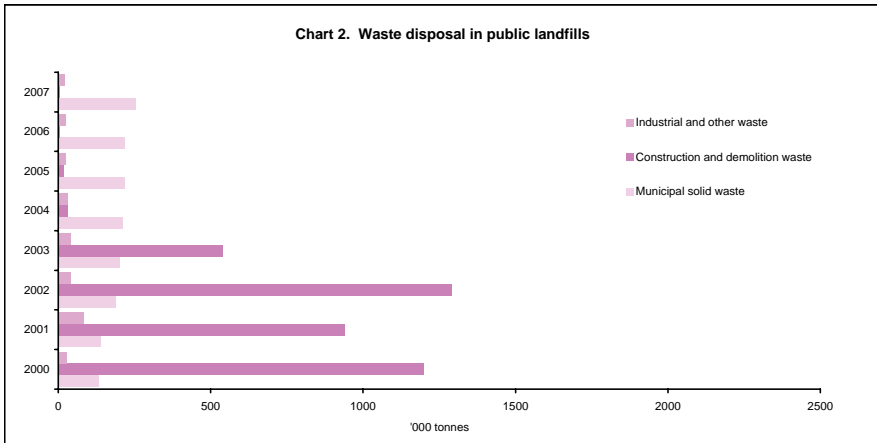


Chart 4. Bathing water quality in Malta: 2007

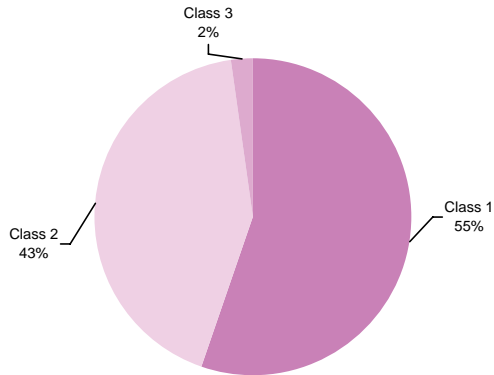
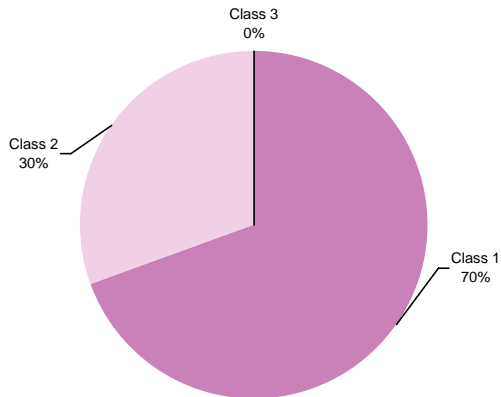


Chart 5. Bathing water quality in Gozo and Comino: 2007



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 \geq 100 per 100ml in 50% or more of samples and /or \geq 1000 per 100ml in 10% or more of total number of samples collected during the bathing season.

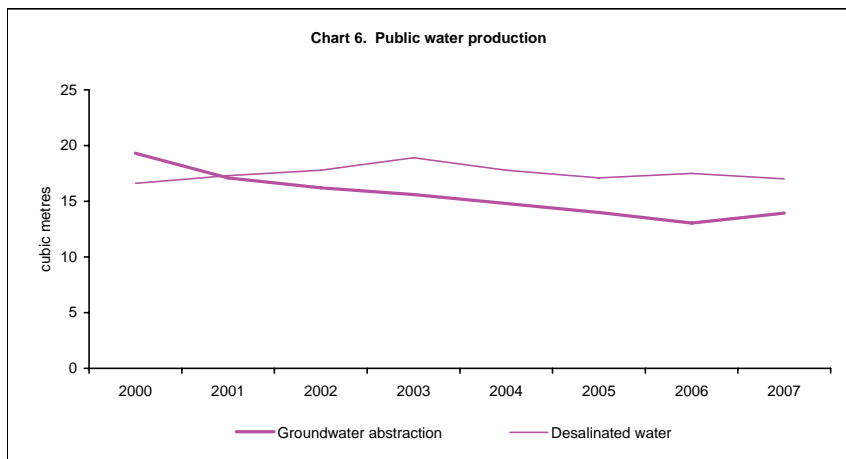


Table 8. Broad sectoral consumption of water

Year	Domestic sector	Industrial sector	Commercial/ Government/ Other sectors	All uses [^] ('000 m ³)
	(% of all users)			
2003	66.5	6.0	27.5	20,515
2004	69.2	4.5	26.0	18,552
2005	67.0	7.0	26.0	12,414
2006	73.7	7.2	19.1	14,620
2007	72.8	5.5	21.7	15,357

[^] Excluding loss in network

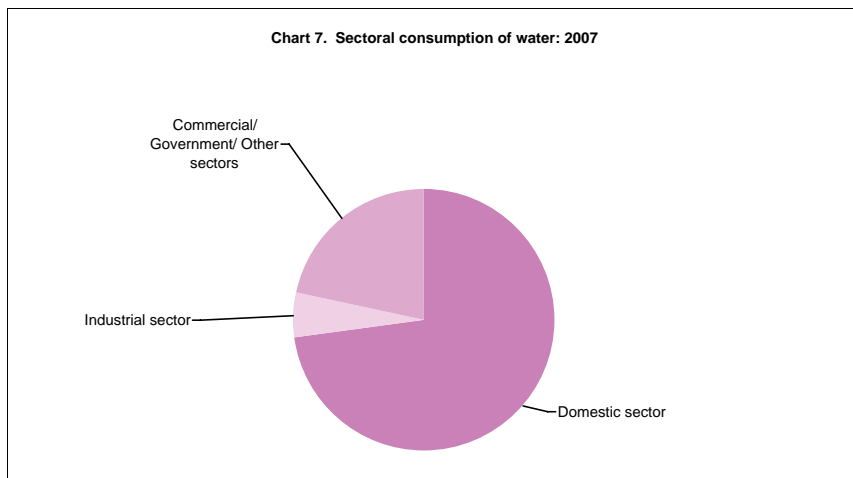


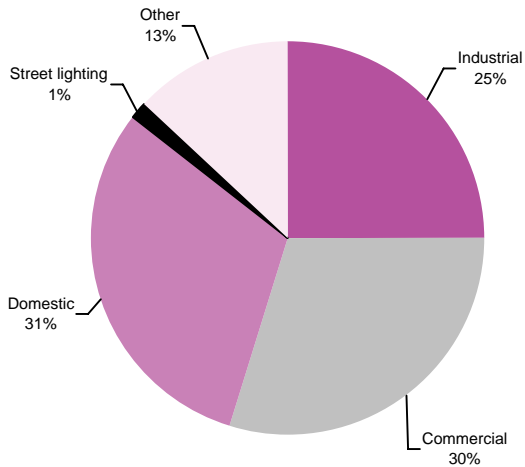
Table 9. Power generation and consumption

'000 kilowatt hour

Year	Total generated	Used in station	Consumed				Other
			Industrial	Commercial	Domestic	Street lighting	
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
2004/2005	2,263,145	131,005	518,147	577,544	669,467	29,192	337,790
2005/2006	2,260,762	130,801	530,218	635,779	658,224	28,796	276,943

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			
2004	199,580	1,481	0.74
2005	200,840	1,260	0.63
2006	202,613	1,773	0.87
2007	204,106	1,493	0.73
Females			
2004	203,088	1,320	0.65
2005	204,166	1,078	0.53
2006	205,197	1,031	0.50
2007	206,184	987	0.48
Total			
2004	402,668	2,801	0.70
2005	405,006	2,338	0.58
2006	407,810	2,804	0.69
2007	410,290	2,480	0.60

Note: As at end December.

Source: National Statistics Office.

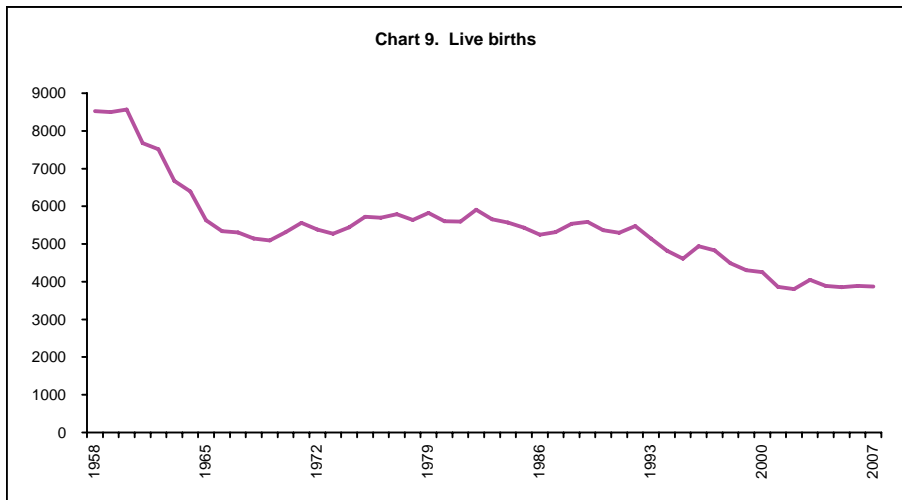


Table 11. Demographic events

Year	Live births			Crude birth rate*	Marriages	Crude marriage rate*	Deaths			Crude death rate*
	Males	Females	Total				Males	Females	Total	
2004	1,998	1,889	3,887	9.7	2,402	6.0	1,491	1,508	2,999	7.5
2005	1,984	1,874	3,858	9.6	2,374	5.9	1,576	1,554	3,130	7.8
2006	2,039	1,846	3,885	9.6	2,536	6.3	1,667	1,549	3,216	7.9
2007	2,036	1,835	3,871	9.5	2,479	6.1	1,610	1,501	3,111	7.6

* Per 1,000 mid-year population
Source: National Statistics Office.

Table 12. Mean age at marriage

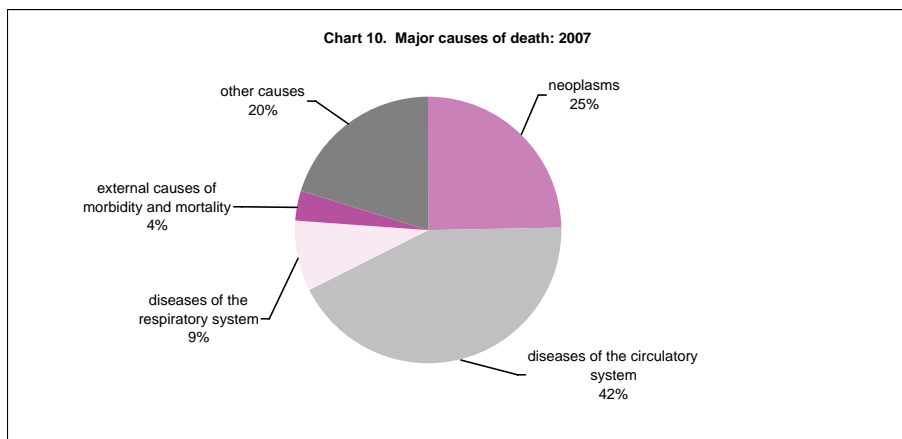
	2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
First marriage	28.9	26.6	29.3	26.7	29.7	27.1	29.5	27.5
Other marriage	45.9	41.9	44.5	40.7	44.9	40.2	45.6	40.5

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

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

Major cause of death	2004		2005		2006		2007	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Neoplasms	26.6	21.8	25.3	20.5	26.8	22.7	28.2	24.9
Diseases of the circulatory system	39.5	44.2	41.8	47.0	39.9	45.4	37.3	44.2
Diseases of the respiratory system	12.3	9.3	12.0	7.5	10.1	7.4	10.3	7.7
External causes of morbidity and mortality	4.5	3.9	4.6	2.9	4.2	2.9	6.3	2.6
Other causes	17.2	20.8	16.3	22.2	18.4	21.6	17.9	20.6

Source: Department of Health Information.



EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Table 14. Enrolment at different levels of education

Level	Primary	Secondary	Post-secondary ¹	Tertiary	Vocational ²
2003/2004 Total	31,064	29,540	5,743	7,955	6,777
Males	16,084	14,988	2423	3,515	4,958
Females	14,980	14,552	3320	4,440	1,819
2004/2005 Total	29,596	28,204	5,915	9,530	6,781
Males	15,401	14,357	2,524	4,173	4,643
Females	14,195	13,847	3,391	5,357	2,138
2005/2006 Total	29,607	27,786	5,571	8,922	6,164
Males	15,273	14,176	2,454	3,833	4,026
Females	14,334	13,610	3,117	5,089	2,138

¹ Including Matriculation certificate course offered at MCAST

² Including post-secondary vocational courses

Note: Data for 2006 not available.

Source: National Statistics Office.

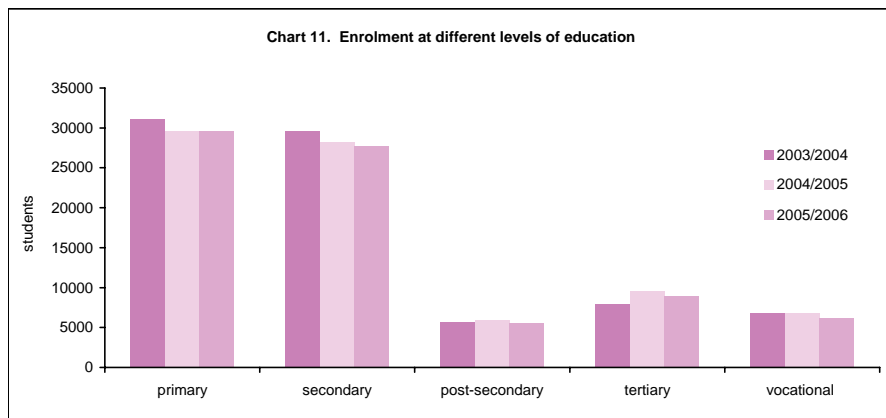


Table 15. Teaching staff¹ by educational level and sex

Level	2003/2004		2004/2005		2005/2006	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Pre-Primary & Primary	304	2,454	298	2,476	307	3,026
Secondary & Post-Secondary	1,586	2,778	1,547	2,705	1,458	2,363
Vocational ²	349	144	210	119	209	126
Tertiary	518	166	488	157	608	242
Special	20	124	17	131	19	143
Total	2,777	5,666	2,560	5,588	2,601	5,900

¹ Includes staff not directly engaged in teaching (eg. administration and facilitators)

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

Source: National Statistics Office.

Table 17. Percentage of early school-leavers

Year	Sex		Total
	Males	Females	
2004	44.4	40.0	42.3
2005	42.4	35.9	39.2
2006	43.9	37.8	40.9
2007	41.7	36.1	39.0

Note: The term 'Early 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.

Source: National Statistics Office, Labour Force Survey annualised data.

Table 18. Public libraries

	2005	2006	2007
Book acquisitions	19,498	19,995	27,119
Total new library members	6,447	5,917	5,257
<i>of which:</i>			
Malta	5,783	5,157	4,459
Gozo	664	760	798
Book loans	853,210	875,270	813,153
<i>of which:</i>			
Central Public Library	277,910	245,678	214,837
Regional libraries	181,552	229,800	226,108
Branch libraries - Malta	277,791	281,911	251,059
Gozo Lending Library	67,831	63,885	66,103
Branch libraries - Gozo	48,126	53,996	55,046

Source: National Library of Malta; Gozo Lending Library.

Table 19. Books and periodicals received at the National Library of Malta under Legal Deposit

	2005	2006	2007
Books	692	673	513
Periodicals	731	496	486

Note: From 2006 onwards, the periodical list shows only active titles. An inactive periodical is one that has ceased publication and as such, is no longer submitted under Legal Deposit to the National Library.

Source: National Library of Malta.

HEALTHCARE

Table 20. Healthcare facilities

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Acute care hospitals	9	6	6	6
Average acute care length of stay	4.64	5.38 ¹	3.96 ¹	4.30 ¹

¹ Average length of stay calculated for state hospitals only

Note 1: Acute care refers to short stay.

Source: Department of Health Information.

Table 21. Healthcare professionals

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Registered medical practitioners	1,302	1,407	1,564	1,357 ¹
Registered dentists	181	195	190	175 ¹
Registered pharmacists	837	884	790 ¹	630
Registered nurses and midwives	2,150	2,345 ²	2,411 ²	2,540 ²

¹ From 2006 and from 2007, Pharmacy Council registers and Medical Council registers respectively have been restructured

² Figures refer to practising nurses and midwives operating in the state health sector only

Source: Department of Health Information and Research.

Table 22. Infant and child vaccinations

	2005/2006	2006/2007
	Per cent	
Diphtheria	92.4	85.0
Tetanus	92.4	85.0
Pertussis	92.4	85.0
Poliomyelitis	93.6	83.0
HIB ¹	83.1	83.0
MMR ²	86.0	94.0

¹ Full appellation is Haemophilus Influenza B; this leads to croup

² Measles, Mumps and Rubella

Source: Department of Health Information, WHO HFA database.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Table 23. Claims for short-term benefits

Type of benefit	2004	2005	2006	2007
Sickness benefit	128,991	130,294	123,316	106,440
Unemployment benefit	19,564	19,964	18,732	18,514
Special unemployment benefit	1,389	1,626	1,241	959
Injury benefit	3,997	3,441	4,249	4,235
Marriage grant	3,378	3,211	3,311	3,404
Gratuity on re-marriage	10	9	6	1
Total	157,329	158,545	150,855	133,553

Source: Department of Social Security.

Table 24. Families receiving child/family benefits

Type of benefit	2004	2005	2006	2007
Child allowance	37,809	35,905	34,354	31,951
Disabled child allowance	673	660	646	682
Maternity benefit	2,774	2,671	2,497	2,629

Source: Department of Social Security.

Table 25. Persons receiving pensions/assistance

Type of benefit	2004	2005	2006	2007
Contributory pension	61,264	63,806	70,312	72,202
<i>of which:</i>				
retirement pension	7,744	8,143	8,844	9,159
national minimum retirement pension	7,911	7,657	8,688	8,118
two-thirds pension	18,129	20,125	22,642	24,765
national minimum invalidity pension	6,745	6,811	7,307	7,059
national minimum widow's pension	7,742	7,783	8,330	8,488
other	12,993	13,287	14,501	14,613
Non-contributory pension	6,928	7,255	7,416	7,516
<i>of which:</i>				
old age	4,409	4,710	4,818	4,885
disabled	2,092	2,139	2,194	2,237
other	427	406	404	394
Non-contributory assistance	61,378	62,314	61,187	61,259
<i>of which:</i>				
unemployment assistance	6,623	6,581	6,074	5,762
social assistance	9,604	10,175	10,350	10,770
sickness assistance	14,520	14,635	14,631	14,712
supplementary allowance	30,390	30,677	29,918	29,789
other	241	246	214	226

Source: Department of Social Security.

