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Chart 1. End-of-year total population estimates: 2008-2025

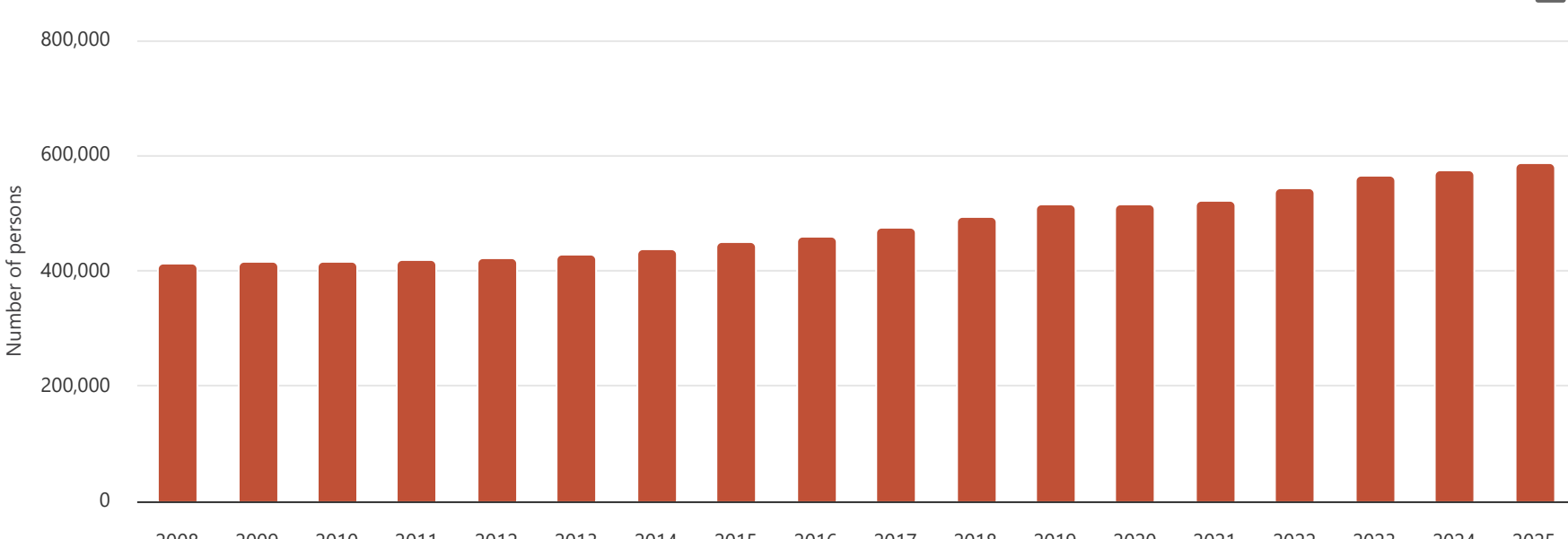
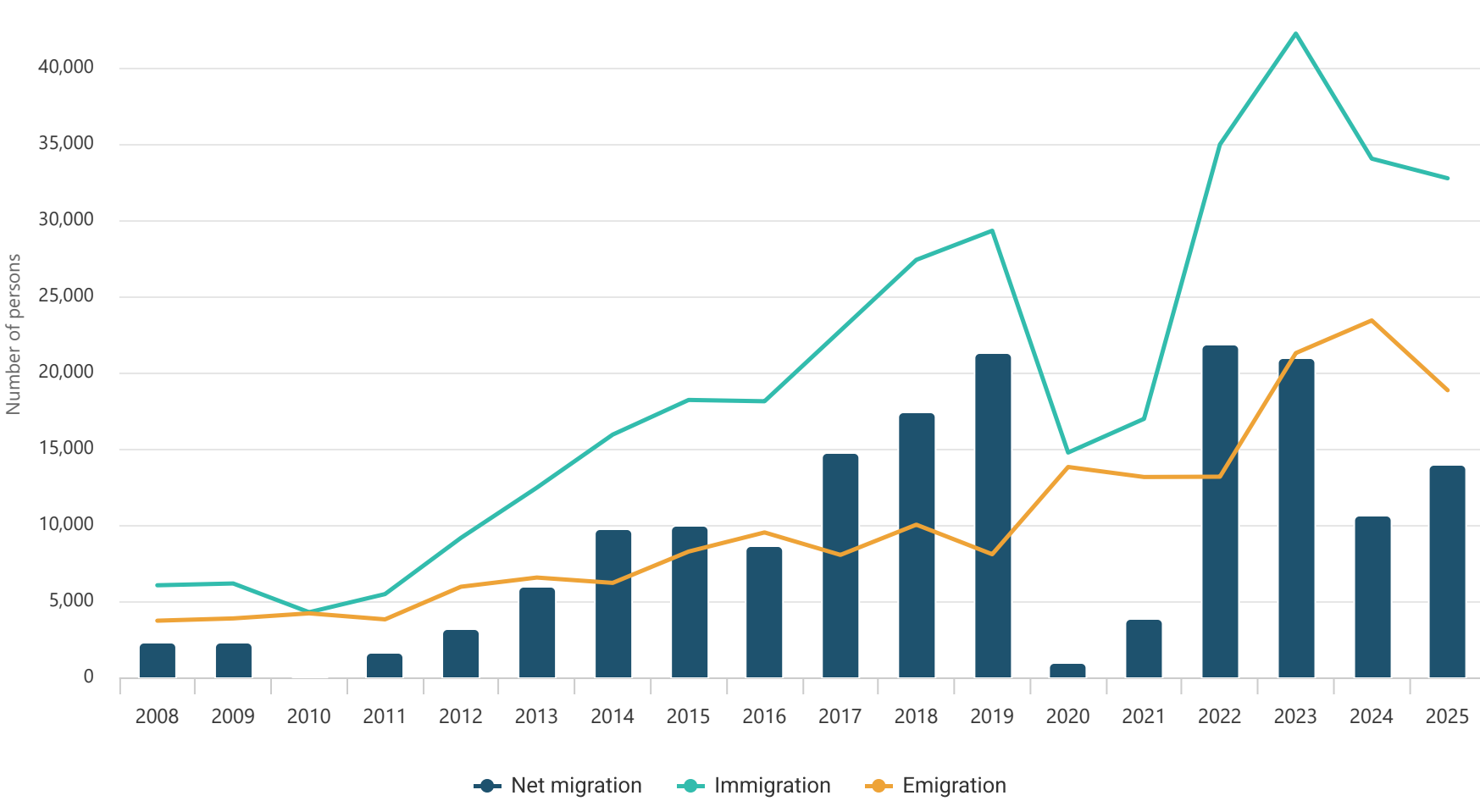
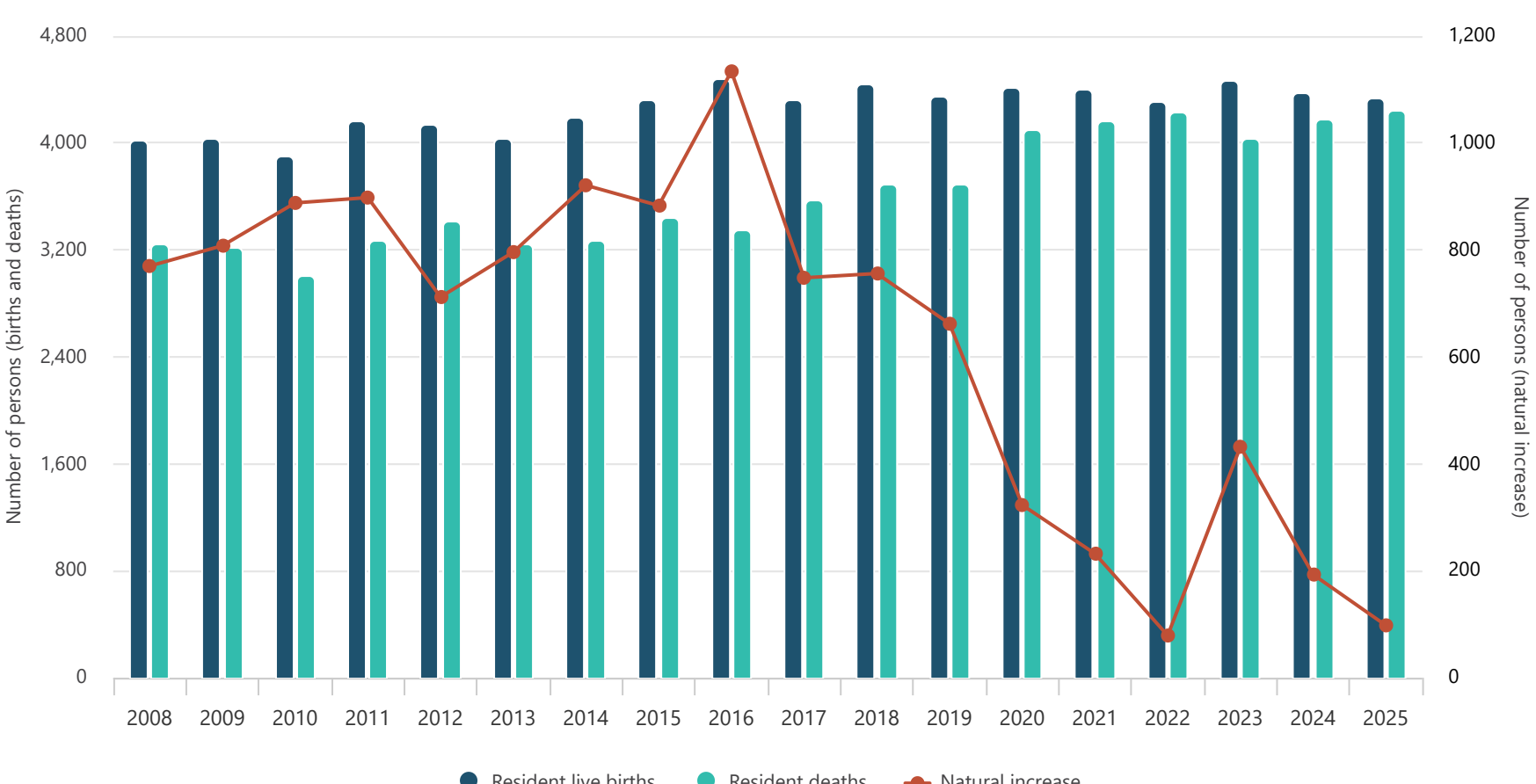


Chart 2. Migration flows: 2008-2025



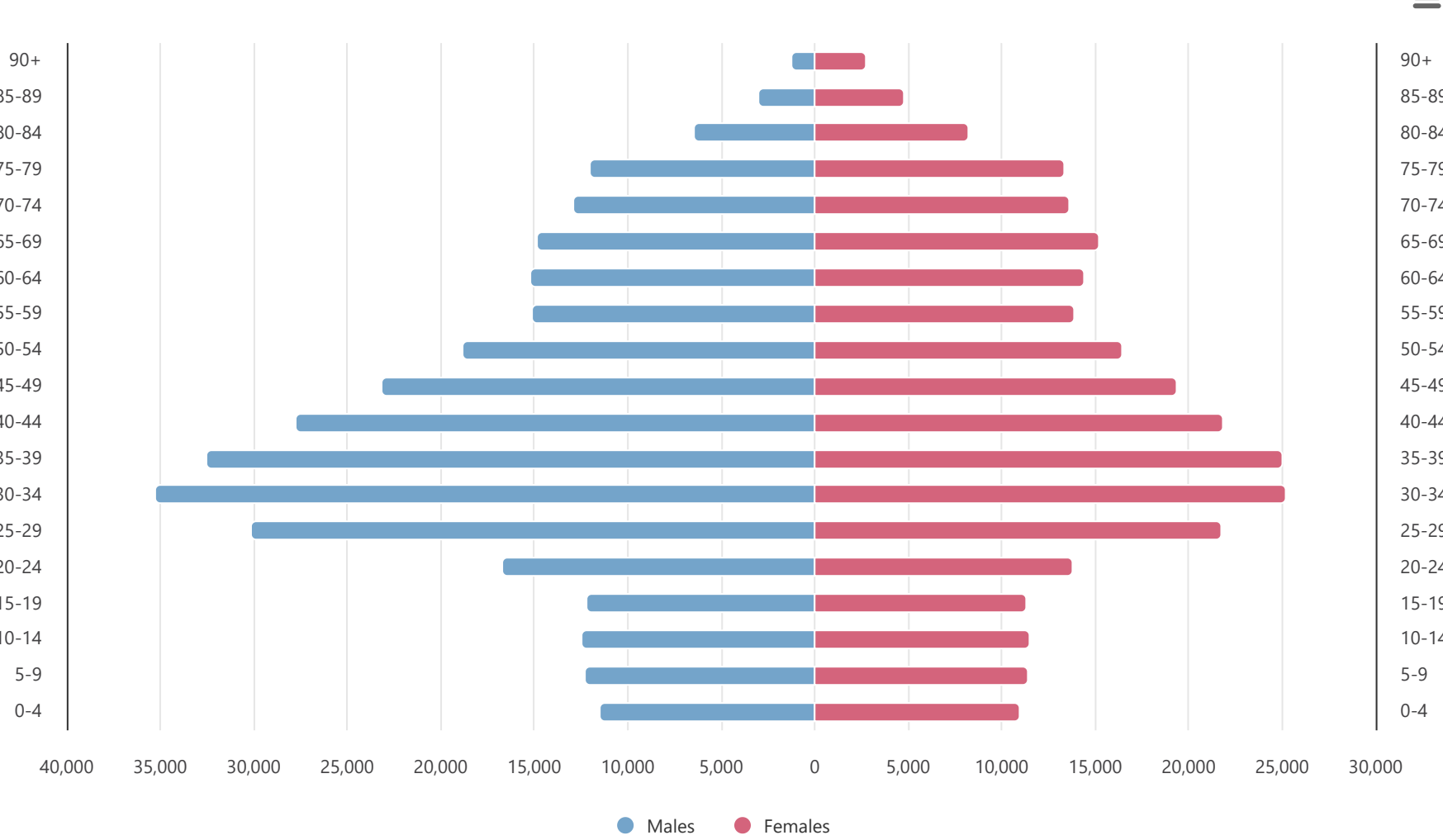
Resident live births in 2025 decreased by 0.8 per cent when compared to the previous year (Table 4). Of the parents who gave birth in 2025, 38.2 per cent were aged 30 to 34 at the time of birth (Table 5). Resident deaths in 2025 increased by 1.4 per cent over the previous year (Table 6). Of the 4,240 resident deaths occurring during 2025, 71.5 per cent were persons aged 75 and over at the time of death (Table 7). The decrease in births and increase in deaths led to a drop in natural increase, from 193 in 2024 to 98 in 2025. This is equal to a 49.2 per cent decline when compared to 2024 (Chart 3).

Chart 3. Natural increase: 2008-2025



As at the end of 2025, males accounted for 53.3 per cent of the total resident population. An analysis of the population by age and sex shows that males predominated across all broad age groups up to 69 years, while females constituted the majority among those in the broad age groups of 70 years and over. This sex disparity was more pronounced in older age groups, with females outnumbering males nearly two to one among those aged 85 and over. Persons under the age of 18 made up 14.3 per cent of the total population, while persons aged 65 and over accounted for 18.4 per cent. A total of 4,005 persons were aged 90 and over – 2,758 females and 1,247 males (Table 8).

Chart 4. Total population by age group and sex as at 31 December 2025



The total resident population was made up of 68.9 per cent Maltese citizens and 31.1 per cent non-Maltese citizens. The distribution by age among the Maltese population was relatively balanced across the 10-year age groups between 30 to 79. By contrast, the non-Maltese population was predominantly working age, with 22.1 per cent aged 20-29, 34.8 per cent aged 30-39, and 18.7 per cent aged 40-49 (Table 9).

The Western district had the highest share of Maltese citizens at 85.4 per cent, followed by the Southern Harbour district (79.3 per cent) and the South Eastern district (79.2 per cent). In contrast, the Northern Harbour and Northern districts recorded the highest share of foreign citizens, at 43.9 per cent and 38.8 per cent, respectively (Tables 10–11).

Population density was highest in central and harbour localities, particularly Tas-Sliema (18,186 persons per km²), Tal-Pietà (16,346 persons per km²), and L-Isla (15,060 persons per km²). Other localities in the inner harbour and surrounding areas recorded high population densities, including Il-Gżira (12,746 persons per km²), Il-Fgura (12,488 persons per km²) and Il-Ħamrun (11,754 persons per km²), reflecting the concentration of residents within this region. By contrast, the lowest population densities were recorded in L-Ghasri (104 persons per km²), San Lawrenz (226 persons per km²), and L-Imdina (227 persons per km²) (Table 12, Map 1).

Map 1. Population density by locality (persons per km²) as at 31 December 2025

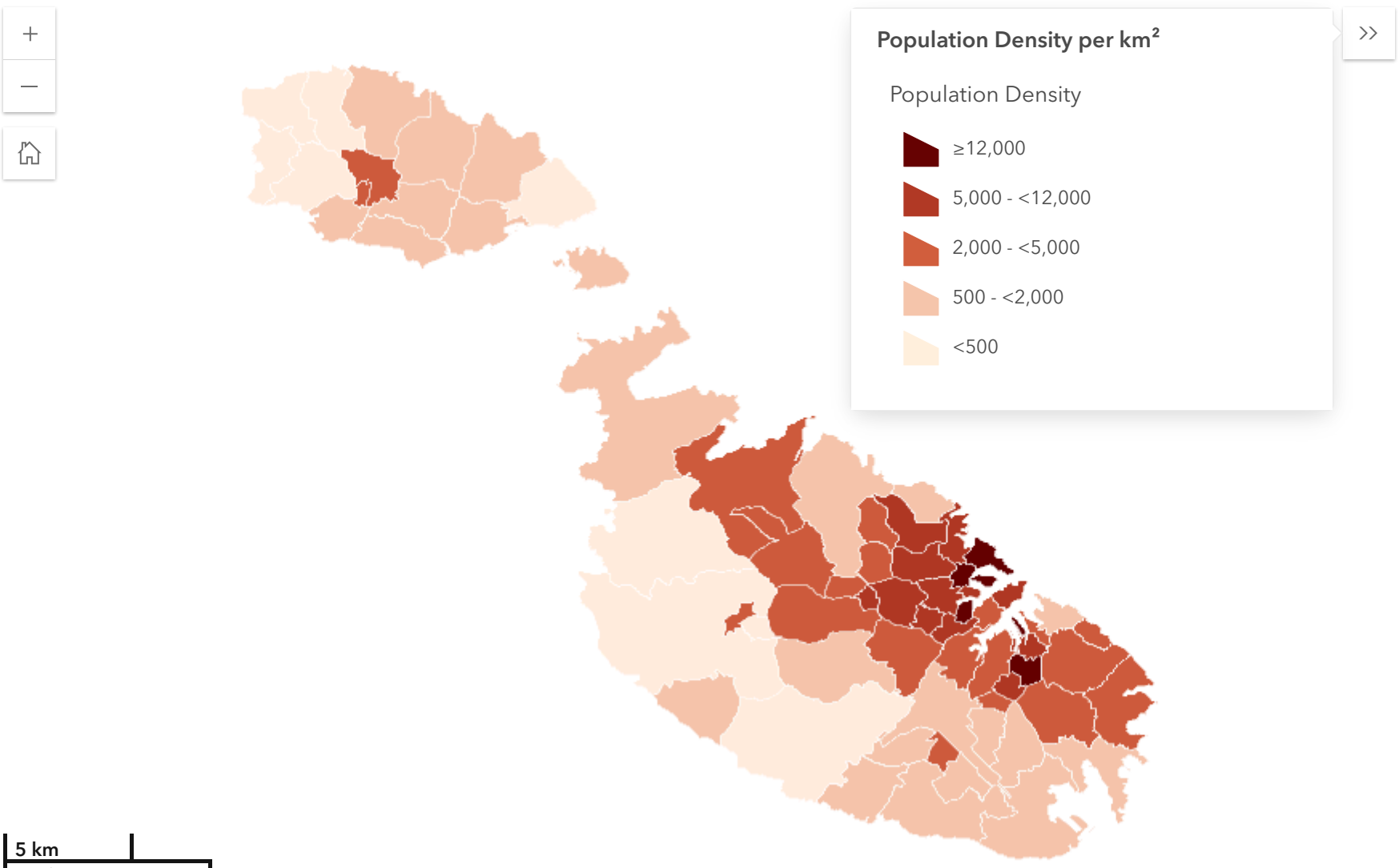


Table 1. End-of-year total population estimates by sex: 2008-2025

Year	Males	Females	Total
2008	204,607	206,319	410,926
2009	206,203	207,824	414,027
2010	206,405	208,584	414,989
2011	207,695	209,851	417,546
2012	210,024	211,440	421,464
2013	214,221	213,935	428,156
2014	220,495	218,310	438,805
2015	226,508	223,127	449,635
2016	231,743	227,632	459,375
2017	240,738	234,099	474,837
2018	252,181	240,787	492,968
2019	266,559	248,296	514,855
2020	267,614	248,511	516,125
2021	270,469	249,705	520,174
2022	284,821	257,230	542,051
2023	298,746	264,697	563,443
2024	304,947	269,303	574,250
2025	313,692	274,562	588,254

Table 2. Composition of population change: 2025

	Males	Females	Total
Population end 2024	304,947	269,303	574,250
Natural increase:			
+ Births ¹	2,230	2,108	4,338
- Deaths ²	2,183	2,057	4,240
Sub-total	304,994	269,354	574,348
Migration flows:			
+ Adoptions (foreign)	9	15	24
+ Immigration of Maltese citizens	1,124	1,125	2,249
- Emigration of Maltese citizens	880	882	1,762
+ Immigration of other EU citizens	4,405	3,150	7,555
- Emigration of other EU citizens	2,869	2,145	5,014
+ Immigration of non-EU citizens ³	14,691	8,225	22,916
- Emigration of non-EU citizens ³	7,782	4,280	12,062
Population end 2025	313,692	274,562	588,254

¹ Birth figures refer to babies born in Malta whose birth parent(s) was(were) resident in Malta at the time of birth.

² Death figures refer to registered deaths of persons who were resident in Malta at the time of death.

Note: As of reference year 2020, includes citizens of the United Kingdom.

Table 3. Migration flows: 2008-2025

Year	Immigration	Emigration	Net migration
2008	6,043	3,719	2,324
2009	6,161	3,868	2,293
2010	4,275	4,201	74
2011	5,465	3,806	1,659
2012	9,152	5,946	3,206
2013	12,446	6,550	5,896
2014	15,928	6,200	9,728
2015	18,202	8,255	9,947
2016	18,116	9,510	8,606
2017	22,750	8,036	14,714
2018	27,394	10,019	17,375
2019	29,304	8,079	21,225
2020	14,751	13,804	947
2021	16,963	13,146	3,817
2022	34,964	13,166	21,798
2023	42,239	21,279	20,960
2024	34,033	23,419	10,614
2025	32,744	18,838	13,906

Table 4. Resident live births by sex and year

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
2008	2,092	1,921	4,013
2009	2,087	1,942	4,029
2010	2,000	1,898	3,898
2011	2,116	2,049	4,165
2012	2,141	1,989	4,130
2013	2,109	1,923	4,032
2014	2,223	1,968	4,191
2015	2,208	2,117	4,325
2016	2,365	2,111	4,476
2017	2,215	2,104	4,319
2018	2,278	2,166	4,444
2019	2,260	2,090	4,350
2020	2,283	2,131	4,414
2021	2,245	2,150	4,395
2022	2,191	2,118	4,309
2023	2,279	2,183	4,462
2024	2,226	2,148	4,374
2025	2,230	2,108	4,338

Table 5. Resident live births by age group of parents¹ and sex of child: 2025

Age group	Age group of parent who gave birth to child		Age group of other parent	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 20	32	27	10	5
20-24	165	159	67	62
25-29	417	425	233	265
30-34	885	774	736	720
35-39	587	578	722	624
40-44	131	132	271	273
45-49	13	13	83	73
50-54	-	-	31	14
55-59	-	-	10	5
60+	-	-	2	4
Unspecified	-	-	65	63
All ages	2,230	2,108	2,230	2,108

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

Table 6. Resident deaths by sex and year

Year	Males	Females	Total
2008	1,668	1,575	3,243
2009	1,672	1,549	3,221
2010	1,489	1,521	3,010
2011	1,664	1,603	3,267
2012	1,746	1,672	3,418
2013	1,636	1,600	3,236
2014	1,655	1,615	3,270
2015	1,732	1,710	3,442
2016	1,644	1,698	3,342
2017	1,815	1,756	3,571
2018	1,876	1,812	3,688
2019	1,869	1,819	3,688
2020	2,122	1,969	4,091
2021	2,086	2,077	4,163
2022	2,179	2,051	4,230
2023	2,034	1,996	4,030
2024	2,144	2,037	4,181
2025	2,183	2,057	4,240

Table 7. Resident deaths by age group at death, sex and year

Year	Age group												Total
	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+	
Males													
2008	22	5	-	2	3	6	29	36	97	260	336	872	1,668
2009	10	2	1	1	6	10	29	27	70	206	351	959	1,672
2010	13	2	-	2	5	9	23	37	77	221	328	772	1,489
2011	13	-	1	-	9	7	22	29	82	219	371	911	1,664
2012	11	1	1	1	1	7	24	37	77	231	364	991	1,746
2013	14	1	-	1	3	10	13	29	72	212	375	906	1,636
2014	11	1	1	3	4	6	22	35	73	195	395	909	1,655
2015	16	3	-	2	4	4	23	26	69	223	374	988	1,732
2016	20	1	1	-	4	3	16	37	88	191	394	889	1,644
2017	19	3	-	-	2	11	22	34	61	203	448	1,012	1,815
2018	16	3	-	-	2	6	23	33	75	209	485	1,024	1,876
2019	9	6	2	1	1	2	22	28	60	190	480	1,068	1,869
2020	8	1	2	2	2	8	23	42	81	224	509	1,220	2,122
2021	6	-	1	3	3	8	15	44	84	225	494	1,203	2,086
2022	14	1	2	-	2	13	16	47	85	208	481	1,310	2,179
2023	9	1	-	1	3	2	26	34	74	187	427	1,270	2,034
2024	11	2	1	-	2	5	28	42	71	170	440	1,372	2,144
2025	12	4	3	1	2	6	31	46	82	161	427	1,408	2,183
Females													
2008	12	1	1	1	1	3	7	11	50	145	251	1,092	1,575
2009	11	2	1	2	1	4	16	9	51	123	216	1,113	1,549
2010	9	2	-	3	1	3	4	11	49	131	235	1,073	1,521
2011	14	3	1	1	2	1	13	19	46	124	228	1,151	1,603
2012	11	2	-	2	2	1	14	18	55	137	233	1,197	1,672
2013	13	1	-	-	2	5	4	10	40	110	217	1,198	1,600
2014	10	1	-	1	2	1	7	17	27	133	249	1,167	1,615
2015	9	1	2	1	2	6	7	13	36	120	261	1,252	1,710
2016	13	1	-	1	4	2	6	20	45	118	279	1,209	1,698
2017	10	2	-	1	2	1	6	16	50	127	273	1,268	1,756
2018	9	1	2	-	-	2	12	27	43	131	279	1,306	1,812
2019	20	1	1	3	2	2	12	17	47	104	295	1,315	1,819
2020	9	1	-	1	3	3	7	21	43	124	291	1,466	1,969
2021	11	1	1	1	2	1	7	21	43	126	324	1,539	2,077
2022	9	1	-	-	1	3	7	15	51	122	299	1,543	2,051
2023	7	1	1	-	1	3	9	24	38	96	291	1,525	1,996
2024	10	4	-	1	1	2	6	20	40	99	253	1,601	2,037
2025	8	1	-	-	-	2	13	15	45	114	236	1,623	2,057
Total													
2008	34	6	1	3	4	9	36	47	147	405	587	1,964	3,243
2009	21	4	2	3	7	14	45	36	121	329	567	2,072	3,221
2010	22	4	-	5	6	12	27	48	126	352	563	1,845	3,010
2011	27	3	2	1	11	8	35	48	128	343	599	2,062	3,267
2012	22	3	1	3	3	8	38	55	132	368	597	2,188	3,418
2013	27	2	-	1	5	15	17	39	112	322	592	2,104	3,236
2014	21	2	1	4	6	7	29	52	100	328	644	2,076	3,270
2015	25	4	2	3	6	10	30	39	105	343	635	2,240	3,442
2016	33	2	1	1	8	5	22	57	133	309	673	2,098	3,342
2017	29	5	-	1	4	12	28	50	111	330	721	2,280	3,571
2018	25	4	2	-	2	8	35	60	118	340	764	2,330	3,688
2019	29	7	3	4	3	4	34	45	107	294	775	2,383	3,688
2020	17	2	2	3	5	11	30	63	124	348	800	2,686	4,091
2021	17	1	2	4	5	9	22	65	127	351	818	2,742	4,163
2022	23	2	2	-	3	16	23	62	136	330	780	2,853	4,230
2023	16	2	1	1	4	5	35	58	112	283	718	2,795	4,030
2024	21	6	1	1	3	7	34	62	111	269	693	2,973	4,181
2025	20	5	3	1	2	8	44	61	127	275	663	3,031	4,240

Table 8. Total population by sex and single years of age as at 31 December 2025

Age group/ Single years	Males	Females	Total	Age group/ Single years	Males	Females	Total
0-9	23,795	22,381	46,176	50-59	33,961	30,264	64,225
Less than 1	2,229	2,108	4,337	50	4,249	3,533	7,782
1	2,259	2,165	4,424	51	3,948	3,383	7,331
2	2,346	2,237	4,583	52	3,559	3,274	6,833
3	2,276	2,227	4,503	53	3,587	3,188	6,775
4	2,381	2,243	4,624	54	3,459	3,046	6,505
5	2,393	2,204	4,597	55	3,277	2,915	6,192
6	2,363	2,190	4,553	56	3,118	2,724	5,842
7	2,521	2,386	4,907	57	3,048	2,845	5,893
8	2,427	2,290	4,717	58	2,847	2,722	5,569
9	2,600	2,331	4,931	59	2,869	2,634	5,503
10-19	24,609	22,775	47,384	60-69	30,073	29,546	59,619
10	2,502	2,392	4,894	60	2,898	2,764	5,662
11	2,549	2,220	4,769	61	3,005	2,821	5,826
12	2,448	2,174	4,622	62	3,021	2,857	5,878
13	2,483	2,355	4,838	63	3,142	2,979	6,121
14	2,451	2,361	4,812	64	3,112	2,942	6,054
15	2,350	2,251	4,601	65	3,101	3,080	6,181
16	2,407	2,274	4,681	66	2,942	3,063	6,005
17	2,497	2,280	4,777	67	2,969	3,050	6,019
18	2,406	2,162	4,568	68	2,975	3,011	5,986
19	2,516	2,306	4,822	69	2,908	2,979	5,887
20-29	46,857	35,501	82,358	70-79	24,927	26,946	51,873
20	2,656	2,429	5,085	70	2,854	2,778	5,632
21	3,003	2,560	5,563	71	2,634	2,786	5,420
22	3,267	2,800	6,067	72	2,518	2,659	5,177
23	3,683	2,849	6,532	73	2,469	2,673	5,142
24	4,086	3,158	7,244	74	2,447	2,677	5,124
25	4,892	3,860	8,752	75	2,550	2,720	5,270
26	5,366	4,003	9,369	76	2,499	2,670	5,169
27	6,094	4,383	10,477	77	2,463	2,745	5,208
28	6,668	4,630	11,298	78	2,331	2,717	5,048
29	7,142	4,829	11,971	79	2,162	2,521	4,683
30-39	67,845	50,242	118,087	80-89	9,502	12,987	22,489
30	7,223	4,896	12,119	80	1,876	2,290	4,166
31	6,943	4,933	11,876	81	1,877	2,212	4,089
32	7,198	5,101	12,299	82	1,163	1,586	2,749
33	7,004	5,099	12,103	83	821	1,034	1,855
34	6,935	5,173	12,108	84	731	1,055	1,786
35	6,814	5,165	11,979	85	740	1,098	1,838
36	6,746	5,265	12,011	86	722	1,059	1,781
37	6,678	5,148	11,826	87	604	995	1,599
38	6,281	4,867	11,148	88	527	914	1,441
39	6,023	4,595	10,618	89	441	744	1,185
40-49	50,876	41,162	92,038	90+	1,247	2,758	4,005
40	5,882	4,465	10,347	Total	313,692	274,562	588,254
41	5,778	4,405	10,183				
42	5,550	4,404	9,954				
43	5,533	4,484	10,017				
44	4,985	4,091	9,076				
45	4,970	4,039	9,009				
46	4,802	4,033	8,835				
47	4,648	3,808	8,456				
48	4,519	3,727	8,246				
49	4,209	3,706	7,915				

Note: Figures are compiled based on updates from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing.

Table 9. Total population by broad citizenship and single years of age as at 31 December 2025

Age group/ Single years	Maltese	Foreign	Total	Age group/ Single years	Maltese	Foreign	Total
0-9	34,416	11,760	46,176	50-59	50,010	14,215	64,225
Less than 1	2,977	1,360	4,337	50	5,671	2,111	7,782
1	3,008	1,416	4,424	51	5,461	1,870	7,331
2	3,215	1,368	4,583	52	5,250	1,583	6,833
3	3,280	1,223	4,503	53	5,143	1,632	6,775
4	3,362	1,262	4,624	54	5,106	1,399	6,505
5	3,596	1,001	4,597	55	4,867	1,325	6,192
6	3,580	973	4,553	56	4,596	1,246	5,842
7	3,744	1,163	4,907	57	4,728	1,165	5,893
8	3,721	996	4,717	58	4,571	998	5,569
9	3,933	998	4,931	59	4,617	886	5,503
10-19	38,840	8,544	47,384	60-69	53,719	5,900	59,619
10	3,846	1,048	4,894	60	4,813	849	5,662
11	3,858	911	4,769	61	5,021	805	5,826
12	3,760	862	4,622	62	5,113	765	5,878
13	3,941	897	4,838	63	5,467	654	6,121
14	4,078	734	4,812	64	5,477	577	6,054
15	3,878	723	4,601	65	5,631	550	6,181
16	3,931	750	4,681	66	5,521	484	6,005
17	3,993	784	4,777	67	5,588	431	6,019
18	3,763	805	4,568	68	5,585	401	5,986
19	3,792	1,030	4,822	69	5,503	384	5,887
20-29	42,034	40,324	82,358	70-79	48,820	3,053	51,873
20	3,781	1,304	5,085	70	5,259	373	5,632
21	3,816	1,747	5,563	71	5,065	355	5,420
22	3,968	2,099	6,067	72	4,849	328	5,177
23	3,853	2,679	6,532	73	4,843	299	5,142
24	3,893	3,351	7,244	74	4,822	302	5,124
25	4,292	4,460	8,752	75	4,989	281	5,270
26	4,273	5,096	9,369	76	4,870	299	5,169
27	4,568	5,909	10,477	77	4,932	276	5,208
28	4,741	6,557	11,298	78	4,764	284	5,048
29	4,849	7,122	11,971	79	4,427	256	4,683
30-39	54,565	63,522	118,087	80-89	21,430	1,059	22,489
30	4,998	7,121	12,119	80	3,973	193	4,166
31	5,043	6,833	11,876	81	3,909	180	4,089
32	5,302	6,997	12,299	82	2,616	133	2,749
33	5,463	6,640	12,103	83	1,708	147	1,855
34	5,612	6,496	12,108	84	1,702	84	1,786
35	5,628	6,351	11,979	85	1,742	96	1,838
36	5,770	6,241	12,011	86	1,725	56	1,781
37	5,733	6,093	11,826	87	1,522	77	1,599
38	5,523	5,625	11,148	88	1,386	55	1,441
39	5,493	5,125	10,618	89	1,147	38	1,185
40-49	57,860	34,178	92,038	90+	3,867	138	4,005
40	5,570	4,777	10,347	Total	405,561	182,693	588,254
41	5,713	4,470	10,183				
42	5,848	4,106	9,954				
43	6,052	3,965	10,017				
44	5,732	3,344	9,076				
45	5,728	3,281	9,009				
46	5,890	2,945	8,835				
47	5,731	2,725	8,456				
48	5,792	2,454	8,246				
49	5,804	2,111	7,915				

Note: Figures are compiled based on updates from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing.

Table 10. Total population by broad citizenship and district as at 31 December 2025

District	Total	Maltese	Foreign
Southern Harbour	91,297	72,378	18,919
Northern Harbour	188,162	105,587	82,575
South Eastern	85,038	67,327	17,711
Western	70,625	60,300	10,325
Northern	111,339	68,120	43,219
Gozo and Comino	41,793	31,849	9,944
Total	588,254	405,561	182,693

Note: Figures are compiled based on updates from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing.

Table 11. Total population by broad citizenship, district and locality as at 31 December 2025

District	Locality	Maltese	Foreign	Total
Southern Harbour	Valletta	4,386	803	5,189
	Il-Birgu	1,897	365	2,262
	L-Isla	2,027	380	2,407
	Bormla	4,090	695	4,785
	Haż-Żabbar	15,731	2,562	18,293
	Il-Fgura	11,267	3,003	14,270
	Floriana	1,569	474	2,043
	Il-Kalkara	2,789	533	3,322
	Hal Luqa	4,546	2,365	6,911
	Il-Marsa	3,973	2,258	6,231
	Raħal Ġdid	7,122	2,942	10,064
	Santa Luċija	2,505	145	2,650
Northern Harbour	Hal Tarxien	8,615	1,651	10,266
	Ix-Xghajra	1,861	743	2,604
		72,378	18,919	91,297
	Hal Qormi	15,388	5,089	20,477
	Birkirkara	20,095	10,071	30,166
	Il-Ġżira	4,791	7,601	12,392
	Il-Ħamrun	7,800	4,586	12,386
	L-Imsida	5,906	11,594	17,500
	Pembroke	3,122	617	3,739
	Tal-Pietà	3,193	4,190	7,383
	San Ġiljan	6,715	8,879	15,594
	San Ġwann	11,006	5,537	16,543
South Eastern	Santa Venera	7,115	2,891	10,006
	Tas-Sliema	10,336	13,234	23,570
	Is-Swieqi	8,809	7,075	15,884
	Ta' Xbiex	1,311	1,211	2,522
		105,587	82,575	188,162
	Iż-Żejtun	11,701	1,344	13,045
	Birżebbuġa	8,500	4,416	12,916
	Il-Gudja	3,036	539	3,575
	Hal Ghaxaq	5,249	726	5,975
	Hal Kirkop	2,414	282	2,696
Western	Marsaskala	12,393	6,818	19,211
	Marsaxlokk	3,538	789	4,327
	L-Imqabba	3,450	284	3,734
	Il-Qrendi	3,008	375	3,383
	Hal Safi	2,270	811	3,081
	Iż-Żurrieq	11,768	1,327	13,095
		67,327	17,711	85,038
	L-Imdina	153	48	201
Northern	Haż-Żebbuġ	12,740	2,612	15,352
	Is-Siġġiewi	9,027	841	9,868
	Ħ'Attard	11,266	2,147	13,413
	Hal Balzan	3,935	1,210	5,145
	Ħad-Dingli	3,819	156	3,975
	L-Iklin	3,032	728	3,760
	Hal Lija	2,893	987	3,880
	Ir-Rabat	10,965	1,498	12,463
Gozo and Comino	L-Imtarfa	2,470	98	2,568
		60,300	10,325	70,625
	Hal Gharghur	3,348	711	4,059
	Il-Mellieħa	9,417	5,124	14,541
	L-Imġarr	4,603	770	5,373
	Il-Mosta	21,102	4,743	25,845
	In-Naxxar	14,600	3,826	18,426
	San Pawl Il-Baħar	15,050	28,045	43,095
Total		68,120	43,219	111,339
	Ir-Rabat, Ghawdex	5,742	1,929	7,671
	Il-Fontana	897	274	1,171
	Għajnsielem and Comino	2,931	901	3,832
	L-Għarb	1,228	364	1,592
	L-Għasri	417	102	519
	Ta' Kerċem	1,706	222	1,928
	Il-Munxar	1,099	861	1,960
	In-Nadur	3,983	713	4,696
	Il-Qala	1,876	512	2,388
	San Lawrenz	599	209	808
	Ta' Sannat	1,956	315	2,271
	Ix-Xagħra	4,371	1,015	5,386
	Ix-Xewkija	3,055	735	3,790
	Iż-Żebbuġ	1,989	1,792	3,781
		31,849	9,944	41,793
Total		405,561	182,693	588,254

Note: Figures are compiled based on updates from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing.

Table 12. End of year population density per km² by district and locality of residence: 2025

District	Locality	Total
Southern Harbour	Valletta	6,170.0
	Il-Birgu	4,312.8
	L-Isla	15,060.1
	Bormla	5,270.6
	Haż-Żabbar	3,419.6
	Il-Fgura	12,487.6
	Floriana	2,165.5
	Il-Kalkara	1,888.6
	Hal Luqa	1,027.7
	Il-Marsa	2,260.6
	Raħal Ġdid	4,029.6
	Santa Luċija	3,668.5
	Hal Tarxien	11,705.4
	Ix-Xghajra	2,696.8
		3,488.4
Northern Harbour	Hal Qormi	4,071.0
	Birkirkara	11,000.3
	Il-Ġżira	12,745.8
	Il-Hamrun	11,753.9
	L-Imaida	10,295.7
	Pembroke	1,623.7
	Tal-Pietà	16,346.0
	San Ġiljan	9,765.6
	San Ġwann	6,320.1
	Santa Venera	11,046.4
	Tas-Sliema	18,186.4
	Is-Swieqi	5,202.6
	Ta' Xbiex	8,638.5
		7,835.6
South Eastern	Iż-Żejtun	2,430.4
	Birżebbuġa	1,401.7
	Il-Gudja	1,588.8
	Hal Ghaxaq	1,551.4
	Hal Kirkop	2,363.2
	Marsaskala	3,577.1
	Marsaxlokk	920.1
	L-Imqabba	1,434.6
	Il-Qrendi	689.8
	Hal Safi	1,349.2
	Iż-Żurrieq	1,548.5
		1,695.8
Western	L-Imdina	227.1
	Haż-Żebbuġ	1,772.7
	Is-Siġġiewi	496.8
	Fl-Attard	2,020.4
	Hal Balzan	8,619.0
	Mad-Dingli	701.6
	L-Iklin	2,178.0
	Hal Lija	3,541.9
	Ir-Rabat	468.9
	L-Imtarfa	3,543.7
		975.0
Northern	Hal Gharghur	2,013.4
	Il-Mellieħa	643.4
	L-Imġarr	333.3
	Il-Mosta	3,813.0
	In-Naxxar	1,592.3
	San Pawl Il-Baħar	2,973.7
		1,513.2
Gozo and Comino	Ir-Rabat, Ghawdex	2,646.5
	Il-Fontana	2,495.6
	Għajnsielem and Comino	534.0
	L-Għarb	343.6
	L-Għasri	103.7
	Ta' Kerċem	351.4
	Il-Munxar	694.4
	In-Nadur	654.5
	Il-Qala	407.6
	San Lawrenz	226.2
	Ta' Sannat	590.0
	Ix-Xagħra	706.4
	Ix-Xewkija	837.2
	Iż-Żebbuġ	500.3
		608.7
Malta		2,218.3
Gozo and Comino		608.7
MALTA		1,867.5

Note: Figures are compiled based on updates from the 2021 Census of Population and Housing.

Methodological Notes

1. All population components are based on definitions provided for in the European Regulation (EU) No. 1260/2013 on European demographic statistics.
2. All migration components are based on definitions provided for in the European Regulation (EU) No. 862/2007 on Community statistics on migration and international protection.
3. Statistics in this release reflect the enactment of the Marriage Act and Other Laws (Amendment) Act, 2017. All provisions of this Act came into force on 1st September 2017 through Legal Notice 212/2017.

4. Population base:
The population estimate is based on the Census of Population and Housing, which provides a detailed population count by age, sex, and other characteristics at a specific reference date (most recently, 21 November 2021). This count serves as the base for annual population estimates.

Between censuses, estimates are updated using the cohort-component method: starting from the last census base, births and net migration are added, and deaths are subtracted. Migration is calculated using administrative records and/or surveys (see also Definitions: Total population). When a new census is held, intercensal estimates are reviewed and adjusted to correct for any error of closure, ensuring consistency over time.

5. Definitions:
- **Emigration:** the action by which a natural person leaves his or her usual residence in the territory of the Member State for a period that is, or is expected to last, a minimum of 12 months. This figure is measured by summing up the counts of all employment termination forms which ended during the reference year and residence permit holders who fail to extend their permits during the reference year, together with their dependants; resettled or repatriated asylum seekers who were previously given protection and other Maltese emigrants.

● **Immigration:** the action by which a natural person establishes his or her usual residence in a territory of a State for a period that is, or is expected to last, a minimum of 12 months. This figure is measured by summing up the count of all new employment engagement forms and residence permit holders, their dependants, asylum seekers granted protection, returned Maltese migrants and adoptions of children from foreign countries.

● **Natural increase:** the difference between the number of live births and the number of deaths during a reference year.

● **Total population:** all persons residing in the Maltese Islands. The total population at the end of year t is computed using the equation $P_t = P_{t-1} + B_t - D_t + I_t - E_t$, where:

i. P_t is the total resident population at the end of year t ,

ii. P_{t-1} is the total resident population at the end of year $t-1$,

iii. B_t is the total number of babies whose birth parent was resident in Malta during year t ,

iv. D_t is the total number of registered deaths of persons resident in Malta during year t ,

v. I_t is the total immigration of both Maltese and foreign nationals registered during year t who immigrated with the intention to live in Malta for a period of at least 12 months,

vi. E_t is the total emigration of both Maltese and foreign nationals resident in Malta registered during year t who leave the country for a period of at least 12 months.

● **Resident live births:** all babies whose parent(s) is(are) resident in Malta at the time of birth. Therefore the definition excludes babies born to parents who are resident abroad.

● **Resident deaths:** all registered resident Maltese and foreign deaths in Malta and Gozo. These counts exclude deaths of tourists, but include Maltese residents who die abroad and whose death is subsequently registered in Malta. This definition excludes stillbirths.

● **Non-EU citizen:** any person who is not a citizen of the European Union. As of reference year 2020, this also includes citizens of the United Kingdom.

● **Usual residence:** refers to the place where a person normally spends the daily period of rest, regardless of temporary absences for purposes of recreation, holidays, visits to friends and relatives, business, medical treatment or religious pilgrimage. Usual residents of a specific geographical area are:

i. those who have lived in their place of usual residence for a continuous period of at least 12 months before the reference time; or

ii. those who arrived in their place of usual residence during the 12 months before the reference time with the intention of staying there for at least one year.

● **Usually resident population:** refers to all persons who have their usual residence in a Member State at the reference time.
6. Sources:

● Demographic data in this release is based on records held by the Public Registry and the Directorate of Health Information and Research.

● Migration data is estimated based on a number of administrative records. These registers are not designed for direct compilation of population statistics in line with the required definitions, therefore complex estimation techniques are used to derive meaningful population statistics from these sources. Moreover, when no appropriate sources are available, auxiliary sources like surveys are used to address data gaps. A list of relevant data sources is provided below:
- | Entity | Data flows | Data records |
|--|---|--|
| National Statistics Office (NSO) | Immigration of Maltese citizens | Decennial Census of Population and Housing |
| | | Ongoing frontier survey: TOURSTAT |
| | Emigration of Maltese citizens | Ongoing frontier survey: TOURSTAT |
| Jobsplus | Migration flows of European Union and United Kingdom citizens | Employment engagement and termination forms |
| International Protection Agency | Migration flows of Non-European Union Citizens excluding the United Kingdom | Asylum records |
| International Protection Appeals Tribunal | | |
| Ministry for Home Affairs and Security - Migration Directorate | | Resettlements, repatriations and relocations |
| Identita' - Expatriates Unit | | Residence permits database |
| Identita' - Public Registry | Foreign adoptions | Registration of adoptions |
7. Geographical information:
The **European Union** (EU27) includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden.

8. Further data availability:
Additional data, statistics, and time series related to population statistics are available in the [Selected Indicators section](#).

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

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

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