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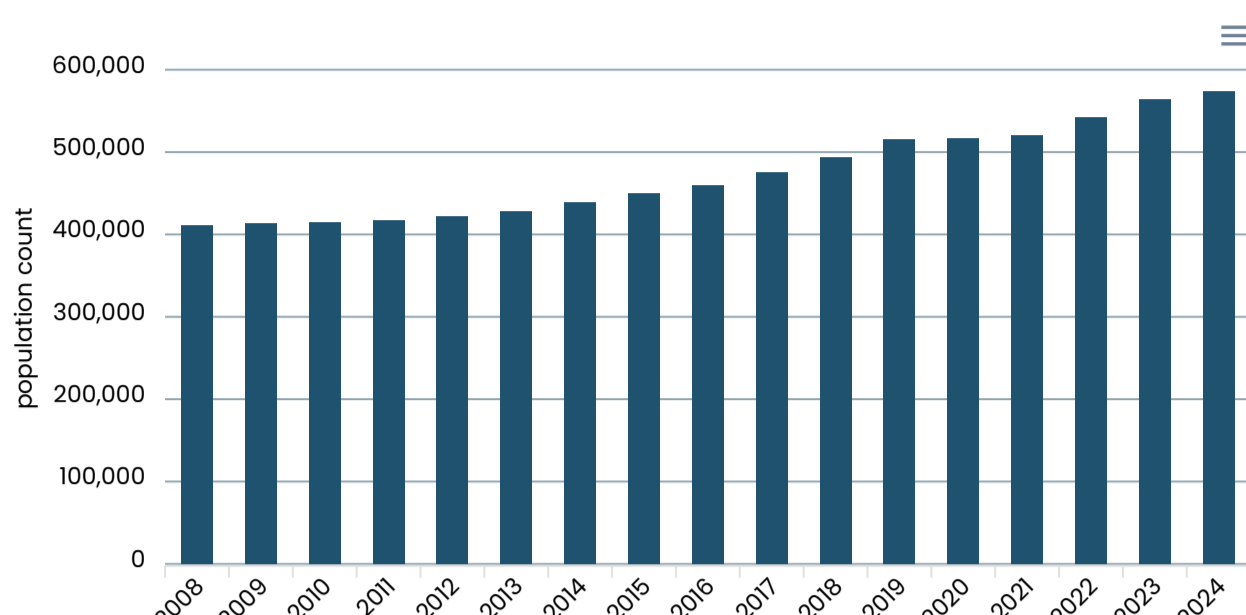
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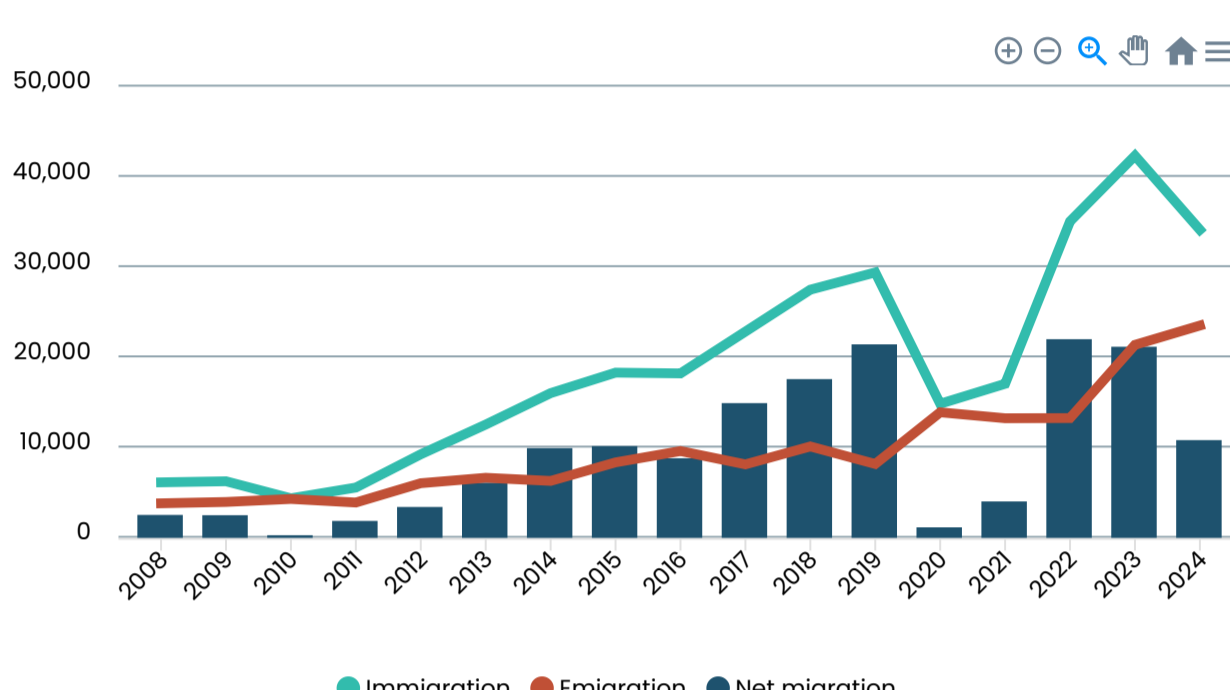


The estimated total population of Malta and Gozo at the end of 2024 stood at 574,250, up by 1.9 per cent when compared to the previous year. Male accounted for 53.1 per cent of the population (Table 1). The population increase in 2024 was mainly dependent on the total net migration (immigration less emigration) of 10,614 persons. The net of non-EU citizens made up 76.6 per cent of the total net migrants in 2024. Males accounted for 57.7 per cent of the total net migration (Table 2). While net migration decreased by nearly half when compared to 2023 (49.4 per cent), emigration increased whereas immigration decreased in 2024 (Chart 2, Table 3).

**Chart 1. End-of-year total population estimates**



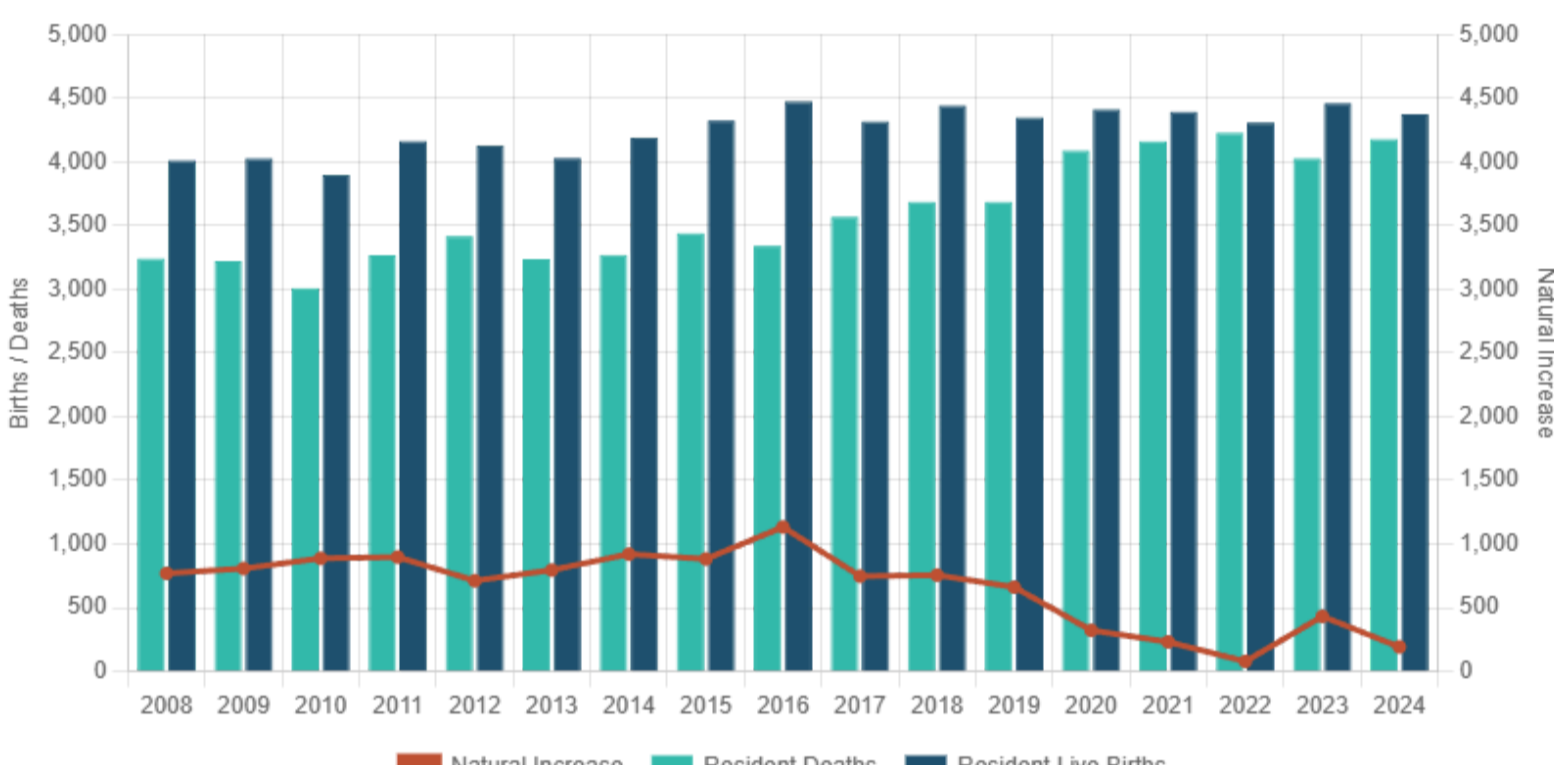
**Chart 2. Migration flows**



Natural increase dropped by 55.3 per cent when compared to the previous year, from 432 in 2023 to 193 in 2024. This decrease was due to a decline in resident live births and an increase in resident deaths (Chart 3).

Resident live births in 2024 decreased by 2.0 per cent when compared to the previous year (Table 4). Of the parents who gave birth in 2024, 38.5 per cent were aged 30 to 34 at the time of birth (Table 5). Resident deaths in 2024 increased by 3.7 per cent over the previous year (Table 6). Of the 4,181 resident deaths occurring during 2024, 71.1 per cent were persons aged 75 and over at the time of death (Table 7).

**Chart 3. Natural increase**



As at end 2024, 53.1 per cent of the total resident population was male. An analysis of the population by age and sex reveals that the working-age groups (15-64 year olds) are predominantly male, whereas the population aged 65 and over is predominantly female. For persons aged 85 and above, females outnumbered males by a ratio of nearly two to one. Persons under the age of 18 made up 14.5 per cent of the total population, while 18.4 per cent were aged 65 and over. Of these, 3,773 persons – 2,645 females and 1,128 males – were aged 90 and over (Chart 4, Table 8).

**Chart 4. Total population by age group and sex as at 31 December 2024**

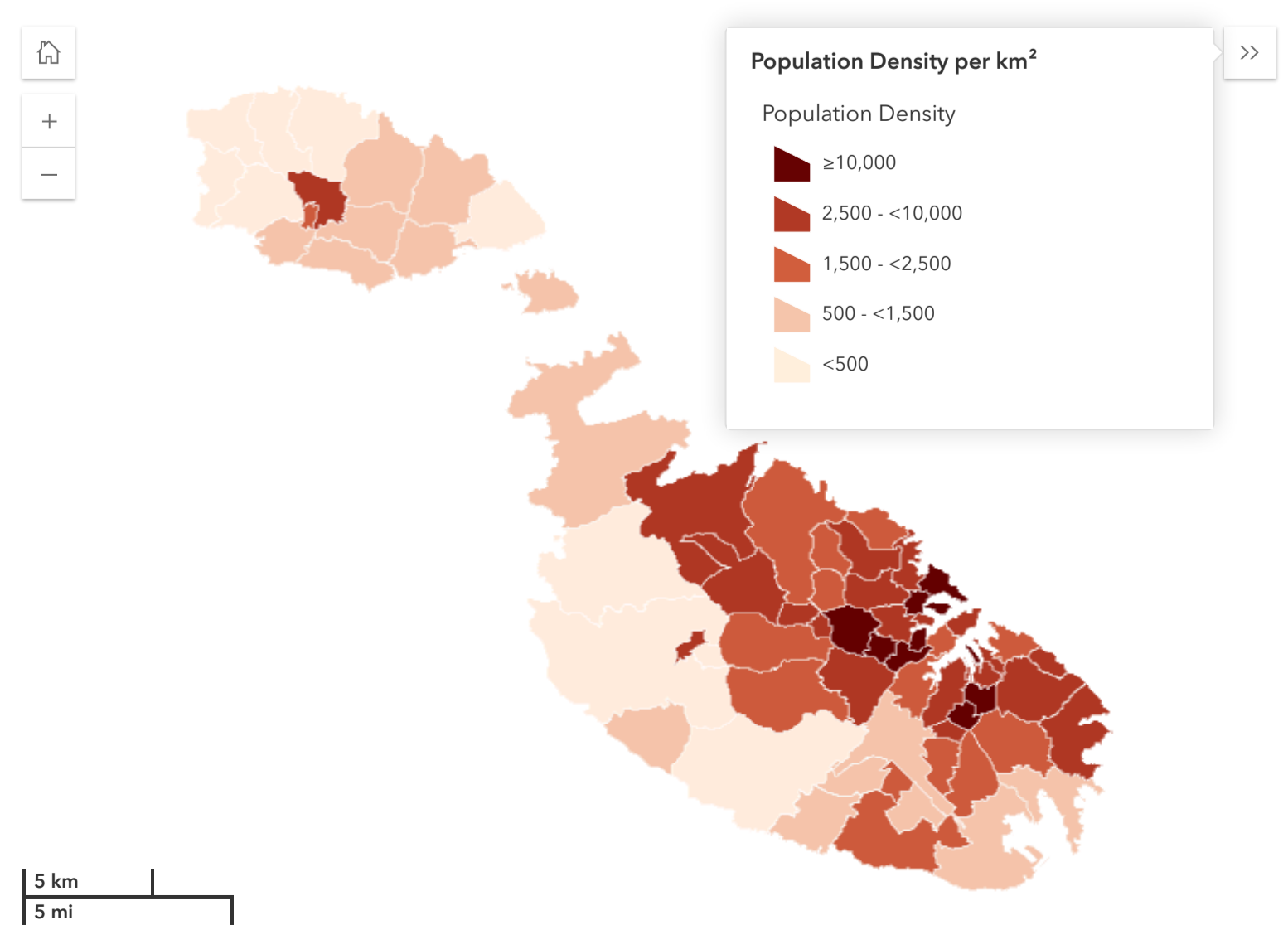


The total resident population, was made up of 70.6 per cent Maltese citizens and 29.4 per cent non-Maltese citizens. Regarding age structure, the distribution among Maltese nationals was relatively even across the main age groups: 13.5 per cent were aged 30-39, 14.3 per cent were aged 40-49, 12.1 per cent were aged 50-59, 13.5 per cent were aged 60-69, and 12.0 per cent were aged 70-79. In contrast, the non-Maltese population was more heavily concentrated in younger working-age cohorts, with 22.9 per cent aged 20-29, 34.3 per cent aged 30-39, and 18.3 per cent aged 40-49 (Table 9).

The overall population comprised 70.6 per cent Maltese citizens and 29.4 per cent foreign citizens. The Western district had the highest concentration of Maltese citizens at 86.5 per cent, followed by the Southern Harbour district (81.0 per cent) and South Eastern district (80.7 per cent). The Northern Harbour and Northern districts show higher shares of foreign citizens, at 42.3 per cent and 36.9 per cent respectively, with corresponding lower shares of Maltese citizens at 57.7 per cent and 63.1 per cent respectively (Tables 10-11).

The highest densities were recorded in central and harbour localities, notably Sliema (17,539 persons per km<sup>2</sup>), Pietà (15,691 persons per km<sup>2</sup>), and Isla (14,948 persons per km<sup>2</sup>). Other densely populated areas include Gżira (12,398 persons per km<sup>2</sup>), Fgura (12,239 persons per km<sup>2</sup>) and Hal Tarxien (11,457 persons per km<sup>2</sup>), indicating a concentration of population in the inner harbour and surrounding zones. In contrast, the localities of Għasri, San Lawrenz, and Mdina showed the lowest densities with 103, 223 and 227 persons per km<sup>2</sup> respectively (Table 12, Map 1).

**Map 1. End of year population density per km<sup>2</sup> by locality of residence: 2024**



**Table 1. End-of-year total population estimates by sex: 2008-2024**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
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

**Table 2. Composition of population change: 2024**

	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
Population end 2023	298,746	264,697	563,443
<b>Natural increase:</b>			
+ Births <sup>1</sup>	2,226	2,148	4,374
- Deaths <sup>2</sup>	2,144	2,037	4,181
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>298,828</b>	<b>264,808</b>	<b>563,636</b>
<b>Migration flows:</b>			
+ Adoptions (foreign)	17	18	35
+ Immigration of Maltese citizens	1,228	1,229	2,457
- Emigration of Maltese citizens	961	963	1,924
+ Immigration of other EU citizens	4,432	2,909	7,341
- Emigration of other EU citizens	3,211	2,218	5,429
+ Immigration of non-EU citizens <sup>3</sup>	15,536	8,664	24,200
- Emigration of non-EU citizens <sup>3</sup>	10,922	5,144	16,066
<b>Population end 2024</b>	<b>304,947</b>	<b>269,303</b>	<b>574,250</b>

Notes:

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

**Table 3. Migration flows: 2008-2024**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Immigration</b>	<b>Emigration</b>	<b>Net migration</b>
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

**Table 4. Resident live births by sex and year**

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

**Table 5. Resident live births by age group of parents<sup>1</sup> and sex of child: 2024**

Age group	Age group of parent who gave birth to child		Age group of other parent	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
Under 20	29	39	7	10
20-24	160	173	56	75
25-29	431	403	296	259
30-34	868	818	738	720
35-39	590	551	654	646
40-44	132	151	290	246
45-49	15	13	91	92
50-54	1	-	17	21
55-59	-	-	5	6
60+	-	-	3	5
Unspecified	-	-	69	68
<b>All ages</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>2,148</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>2,148</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Total</b>
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

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+	
<b>Males</b>													
2008	22	5	-	2	3	6	29	36	97	260	336	872	<b>1,668</b>
2009	10	2	1	1	6	10	29	27	70	206	351	959	<b>1,672</b>
2010	13	2	-	2	5	9	23	37	77	221	328	772	<b>1,489</b>
2011	13	-	1	-	9	7	22	29	82	219	371	911	<b>1,664</b>
2012	11	1	1	1	1	7	24	37	77	231	364	991	<b>1,746</b>
2013	14	1	-	1	3	10	13	29	72	212	375	906	<b>1,636</b>
2014	11	1	1	3	4	6	22	35	73	195	395	909	<b>1,655</b>
2015	16	3	-	2	4	4	23	26	69	223	374	988	<b>1,732</b>
2016	20	1	1	-	4	3	16	37	88	191	394	889	<b>1,644</b>
2017	19	3	-	-	2	11	22	34	61	203	448	1,012	<b>1,815</b>
2018	16	3	-	-	2	6	23	33	75	209	485	1,024	<b>1,876</b>
2019	9	6	2	1	1	2	22	28	60	190	480	1,068	<b>1,869</b>
2020	8	1	2	2	2	8	23	42	81	224	509	1,220	<b>2,122</b>
2021	6	-	1	3	3	8	15	44	84	225	494	1,203	<b>2,086</b>
2022	14	1	2	-	2	13	16	47	85	208	481	1,310	<b>2,179</b>
2023	9	1	-	1	3	2	26	34	74	187	427	1,270	<b>2,034</b>
2024	11	2	1	-	2	5	28	42	71	170	440	1,372	<b>2,144</b>
<b>Females</b>													
2008	12	1	1	1	1	3	7	11	50	145	251	1,092	<b>1,575</b>
2009	11	2	1	2	1	4	16	9	51	123	216	1,113	<b>1,549</b>
2010	9	2	-	3	1	3	4	11	49	131	235	1,073	<b>1,521</b>
2011	14	3	1	1	2	1	13	19	46	124	228	1,151	<b>1,603</b>
2012	11	2	-	2	2	1	14	18	55	137	233	1,197	<b>1,672</b>
2013	13	1	-	-	2	5	4	10	40	110	217	1,198	<b>1,600</b>
2014	10	1	-	1	2	1	7	17	27	133	249	1,167	<b>1,615</b>
2015	9	1	2	1	2	6	7	13	36	120	261	1,252	<b>1,710</b>
2016	13	1	-	1	4	2	6	20	45	118	279	1,209	<b>1,698</b>
2017	10	2	-	1	2	1	6	16	50	127	273	1,268	<b>1,756</b>
2018	9	1	2	-	-	2	12	27	43	131	279	1,306	<b>1,812</b>
2019	20	1	1	3	2	2	12	17	47	104	295	1,315	<b>1,819</b>
2020	9	1	-	1	3	3	7	21	43	124	291	1,466	<b>1,969</b>
2021	11	1	1	1	2	1	7	21	43	126	324	1,539	<b>2,077</b>
2022	9	1	-	-	1	3	7	15	51	122	299	1,543	<b>2,051</b>
2023	7	1	1	-	1	3	9	24	38	96	291	1,525	<b>1,996</b>
2024	10	4	-	1	1	2	6	20	40	99	253	1,601	<b>2,037</b>
<b>Total</b>													
2008	34	6	1	3	4	9	36	47	147	405	587	1,964	<b>3,243</b>
2009	21	4	2	3	7	14	45	36	121	329	567	2,072	<b>3,221</b>
2010	22	4	-	5	6	12	27	48	126	352	563	1,845	<b>3,010</b>
2011	27	3	2	1	11	8	35	48	128	343	599	2,062	<b>3,267</b>
2012	22	3	1	3	3	8	38	55	132	368	597	2,188	<b>3,418</b>
2013	27	2	-	1	5	15	17	39	112	322	592	2,104	<b>3,236</b>
2014	21	2	1	4	6	7	29	52	100	328	644	2,076	<b>3,270</b>

2015	25	4	2	3	6	10	30	39	105	343	635	2,240	<b>3,442</b>
2016	33	2	1	1	8	5	22	57	133	309	673	2,098	<b>3,342</b>
2017	29	5	-	1	4	12	28	50	111	330	721	2,280	<b>3,571</b>
2018	25	4	2	-	2	8	35	60	118	340	764	2,330	<b>3,688</b>
2019	29	7	3	4	3	4	34	45	107	294	775	2,383	<b>3,688</b>
2020	17	2	2	3	5	11	30	63	124	348	800	2,686	<b>4,091</b>
2021	17	1	2	4	5	9	22	65	127	351	818	2,742	<b>4,163</b>
2022	23	2	2	-	3	16	23	62	136	330	780	2,853	<b>4,230</b>
2023	16	2	1	1	4	5	35	58	112	283	718	2,795	<b>4,030</b>
2024	21	6	1	1	3	7	34	62	111	269	693	2,973	<b>4,181</b>

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Table 8. Total population by sex and single years of age as at 31 December 2024

Age group/ Single years	Males	Females	Total	Age group/ Single years	Males	Females	Total
<b>0-9</b>	<b>23,759</b>	<b>22,403</b>	<b>46,162</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>32,640</b>	<b>29,568</b>	<b>62,208</b>
Less than 1	2,220	2,142	4,362	50	3,933	3,381	7,314
1	2,308	2,204	4,512	51	3,565	3,275	6,840
2	2,256	2,191	4,447	52	3,582	3,195	6,777
3	2,357	2,228	4,585	53	3,474	3,056	6,530
4	2,374	2,189	4,563	54	3,275	2,921	6,196
5	2,318	2,166	4,484	55	3,114	2,734	5,848
6	2,495	2,344	4,839	56	3,058	2,847	5,905
7	2,395	2,268	4,663	57	2,850	2,720	5,570
8	2,560	2,313	4,873	58	2,864	2,650	5,514
9	2,476	2,358	4,834	59	2,925	2,789	5,714
<b>10-19</b>	<b>24,131</b>	<b>22,274</b>	<b>46,405</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>30,359</b>	<b>29,808</b>	<b>60,167</b>
10	2,513	2,205	4,718	60	3,025	2,849	5,874
11	2,438	2,176	4,614	61	3,021	2,877	5,898
12	2,465	2,328	4,793	62	3,179	3,006	6,185
13	2,471	2,369	4,840	63	3,142	2,973	6,115
14	2,295	2,205	4,500	64	3,143	3,102	6,245
15	2,366	2,251	4,617	65	2,976	3,089	6,065
16	2,454	2,249	4,703	66	3,006	3,077	6,083
17	2,360	2,106	4,466	67	3,020	3,025	6,045
18	2,324	2,134	4,458	68	2,949	3,000	5,949
19	2,445	2,251	4,696	69	2,898	2,810	5,708
<b>20-29</b>	<b>46,773</b>	<b>34,968</b>	<b>81,741</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>24,593</b>	<b>26,915</b>	<b>51,508</b>
20	2,767	2,411	5,178	70	2,693	2,812	5,505
21	3,006	2,619	5,625	71	2,564	2,682	5,246
22	3,317	2,617	5,934	72	2,518	2,697	5,215
23	3,657	2,808	6,465	73	2,501	2,712	5,213
24	4,321	3,427	7,748	74	2,598	2,765	5,363
25	4,723	3,598	8,321	75	2,569	2,707	5,276
26	5,506	3,970	9,476	76	2,531	2,800	5,331
27	6,122	4,280	10,402	77	2,394	2,786	5,180
28	6,581	4,545	11,126	78	2,260	2,590	4,850
29	6,773	4,693	11,466	79	1,965	2,364	4,329
<b>30-39</b>	<b>64,203</b>	<b>48,664</b>	<b>112,867</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>8,702</b>	<b>12,076</b>	<b>20,778</b>
30	6,625	4,712	11,337	80	1,980	2,291	4,271
31	6,820	4,933	11,753	81	1,239	1,654	2,893
32	6,749	4,935	11,684	82	876	1,076	1,952
33	6,665	5,024	11,689	83	792	1,117	1,909
34	6,605	5,072	11,677	84	808	1,163	1,971
35	6,523	5,172	11,695	85	787	1,136	1,923
36	6,527	5,071	11,598	86	673	1,080	1,753
37	6,100	4,756	10,856	87	598	997	1,595
38	5,855	4,556	10,411	88	515	826	1,341
39	5,734	4,433	10,167	89	434	736	1,170
<b>40-49</b>	<b>48,659</b>	<b>39,982</b>	<b>88,641</b>	<b>90+</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>2,645</b>	<b>3,773</b>
40	5,652	4,344	9,996				
41	5,455	4,345	9,800	<b>Total</b>	<b>304,947</b>	<b>269,303</b>	<b>574,250</b>
42	5,472	4,444	9,916				
43	4,932	4,058	8,990				
44	4,908	4,012	8,920				
45	4,755	4,001	8,756				
46	4,582	3,817	8,399				
47	4,479	3,734	8,213				
48	4,181	3,697	7,878				
49	4,243	3,530	7,773				

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 2024

Age group/ Single years	Maltese	Foreign	Total	Age group/ Single years	Maltese	Foreign	Total
<b>0-9</b>	<b>35,150</b>	<b>11,012</b>	<b>46,162</b>	<b>50-59</b>	<b>49,168</b>	<b>13,040</b>	<b>62,208</b>
Less than 1	3,002	1,360	4,362	50	5,461	1,853	7,314
1	3,200	1,312	4,512	51	5,234	1,606	6,840
2	3,262	1,185	4,447	52	5,145	1,632	6,777
3	3,352	1,233	4,585	53	5,101	1,429	6,530
4	3,581	982	4,563	54	4,864	1,332	6,196
5	3,569	915	4,484	55	4,596	1,252	5,848
6	3,726	1,113	4,839	56	4,730	1,175	5,905
7	3,705	958	4,663	57	4,580	990	5,570
8	3,915	958	4,873	58	4,622	892	5,514
9	3,838	996	4,834	59	4,835	879	5,714
<b>10-19</b>	<b>38,655</b>	<b>7,750</b>	<b>46,405</b>	<b>60-69</b>	<b>54,537</b>	<b>5,630</b>	<b>60,167</b>
10	3,844	874	4,718	60	5,037	837	5,874
11	3,746	868	4,614	61	5,137	761	5,898
12	3,930	863	4,793	62	5,497	688	6,185
13	4,069	771	4,840	63	5,507	608	6,115
14	3,867	633	4,500	64	5,666	579	6,245
15	3,919	698	4,617	65	5,559	506	6,065
16	3,980	723	4,703	66	5,625	458	6,083
17	3,757	709	4,466	67	5,632	413	6,045
18	3,775	683	4,458	68	5,553	396	5,949
19	3,768	928	4,696	69	5,324	384	5,708
<b>20-29</b>	<b>43,101</b>	<b>38,640</b>	<b>81,741</b>	<b>70-79</b>	<b>48,549</b>	<b>2,959</b>	<b>51,508</b>
20	3,802	1,376	5,178	70	5,132	373	5,505
21	3,957	1,668	5,625	71	4,913	333	5,246
22	3,839	2,095	5,934	72	4,911	304	5,215
23	3,881	2,584	6,465	73	4,902	311	5,213
24	4,276	3,472	7,748	74	5,073	290	5,363
25	4,261	4,060	8,321	75	4,966	310	5,276
26	4,544	4,932	9,476	76	5,047	284	5,331
27	4,732	5,670	10,402	77	4,892	288	5,180
28	4,830	6,296	11,126	78	4,585	265	4,850
29	4,979	6,487	11,466	79	4,128	201	4,329
<b>30-39</b>	<b>54,889</b>	<b>57,978</b>	<b>112,867</b>	<b>80-89</b>	<b>19,838</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>20,778</b>
30	5,017	6,320	11,337	80	4,084	187	4,271
31	5,278	6,475	11,753	81	2,751	142	2,893
32	5,453	6,231	11,684	82	1,801	151	1,952
33	5,592	6,097	11,689	83	1,822	87	1,909
34	5,604	6,073	11,677	84	1,870	101	1,971
35	5,741	5,954	11,695	85	1,861	62	1,923
36	5,708	5,890	11,598	86	1,675	78	1,753
37	5,492	5,364	10,856	87	1,536	59	1,595
38	5,467	4,944	10,411	88	1,301	40	1,341
39	5,537	4,630	10,167	89	1,137	33	1,170
<b>40-49</b>	<b>57,787</b>	<b>30,854</b>	<b>88,641</b>	<b>90+</b>	<b>3,638</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>3,773</b>
40	5,694	4,302	9,996				
41	5,831	3,969	9,800	<b>Total</b>	<b>405,312</b>	<b>168,938</b>	<b>574,250</b>
42	6,030	3,886	9,916				
43	5,699	3,291	8,990				
44	5,712	3,208	8,920				
45	5,867	2,889	8,756				
46	5,722	2,677	8,399				
47	5,781	2,432	8,213				
48	5,790	2,088	7,878				
49	5,661	2,112	7,773				

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 2024**

<b>District</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Maltese</b>	<b>Foreign</b>
<b>Total</b>	574,250	405,312	168,938
<b>Southern Harbour</b>	90,156	73,042	17,114
<b>Northern Harbour</b>	182,673	105,409	77,264
<b>South Eastern</b>	83,235	67,135	16,100
<b>Western</b>	69,569	60,180	9,389
<b>Northern</b>	107,364	67,785	39,579
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	41,253	31,761	9,492

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 2024**

District	Locality	Maltese	Foreign	Total
Southern Harbour	Valletta	4,406	791	5,197
	Il-Birgu	1,910	363	2,273
	L-Isla	2,032	357	2,389
	Bormla	4,116	664	4,780
	Ħaż-Żabbar	15,840	2,122	17,962
	Il-Fgura	11,294	2,692	13,986
	Floriana	1,594	472	2,066
	Il-Kalkara	2,786	499	3,285
	Ħal Luqa	4,919	2,209	7,128
	Il-Marsa	3,978	1,975	5,953
	Raĥal Ġdid	7,167	2,762	9,929
	Santa Lucija	2,516	136	2,652
	Ħal Tarxien	8,631	1,417	10,048
	Ix-Xgħajra	1,853	655	2,508
		<b>73,042</b>	<b>17,114</b>	<b>90,156</b>
Northern Harbour	Ħal Qormi	15,546	4,495	20,041
	Birkirkara	20,222	9,260	29,482
	Il-Gżira	4,848	7,206	12,054
	Il-Ħamrun	7,851	4,137	11,988
	L-Imsida	5,954	10,655	16,609
	Pembroke	3,114	621	3,735
	Tal-Pietà	3,195	3,892	7,087
	San Ġiljan	6,510	8,698	15,208
	San Ġwann	10,950	5,125	16,075
	Santa Venera	7,099	2,659	9,758
	Tas-Sliema	10,284	12,446	22,730
	Is-Swieqi	8,527	6,871	15,398
	Ta' Xbiex	1,309	1,199	2,508
			<b>105,409</b>	<b>77,264</b>
South Eastern	Iż-Żejtun	11,711	1,147	12,858
	Birżebbuġa	8,488	4,113	12,601
	Il-Gudja	3,026	457	3,483
	Ħal Għaxaq	5,240	625	5,865
	Ħal Kirkop	2,410	246	2,656
	Marsaskala	12,374	6,340	18,714
	Marsaxlokk	3,528	717	4,245
	L-Imqabba	3,420	265	3,685
	Il-Qrendi	2,988	333	3,321
	Ħal Safi	2,248	717	2,965
	Iż-Żurrieq	11,702	1,140	12,842
			<b>67,135</b>	<b>16,100</b>
	L-Imdina	153	48	201
	Ħaż-Żebbuġ	12,713	2,304	15,017
	Is-Siġġiewi	8,986	770	9,756

Western	Fi'Attard	11,183	1,951	13,134
	Fi'al Balzan	3,944	1,126	5,070
	Fi'ad-Dingli	3,798	143	3,941
	L-Iklin	3,027	714	3,741
	Fi'al Lija	2,893	900	3,793
	Ir-Rabat	11,016	1,336	12,352
	L-Imtarfa	2,467	97	2,564
		<b>60,180</b>	<b>9,389</b>	<b>69,569</b>
Northern	Fi'al Għargħur	3,328	673	4,001
	Il-Mellieħa	9,355	4,933	14,288
	L-Imġarr	4,545	704	5,249
	Il-Mosta	21,045	4,451	25,496
	In-Naxxar	14,552	3,574	18,126
	San Pawl Il-Baħar	14,960	25,244	40,204
		<b>67,785</b>	<b>39,579</b>	<b>107,364</b>
Gozo and Comino	Ir-Rabat, Għawdex	5,781	1,743	7,524
	Il-Fontana	894	254	1,148
	Għajnsielem and Comino	2,918	846	3,764
	L-Għarb	1,225	365	1,590
	L-Għasri	418	99	517
	Ta' Kerċem	1,701	210	1,911
	Il-Munxar	1,101	822	1,923
	In-Nadur	3,953	677	4,630
	Il-Qala	1,868	512	2,380
	San Lawrenz	606	190	796
	Ta' Sannat	1,948	312	2,260
	Ix-Xagħra	4,336	1,023	5,359
	Ix-Xewkija	3,044	668	3,712
	Iż-Żebbuġ	1,968	1,771	3,739
		<b>31,761</b>	<b>9,492</b>	<b>41,253</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>405,312</b>	<b>168,938</b>	<b>574,250</b>

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

**Table 12. End of year population density per km<sup>2</sup> by district and locality of residence: 2024**

District	Locality	Total
Southern Harbour	Valletta	6,179.7
	Il-Birgu	4,333.9
	L-Isla	14,947.8
	Bormla	5,265.2
	Haż-Żabbar	3,357.8
	Il-Fgura	12,239.4
	Floriana	2,189.9
	Il-Kalkara	1,867.6
	Hał Luqa	1,060.0
	Il-Marsa	2,159.8
	Raħal Ġdid	3,975.6
	Santa Luċija	3,671.3
	Hał Tarxien	11,457.1
	Ix-Xgħajra	2,597.4
	<b>3,444.9</b>	
Northern Harbour	Hał Qormi	3,984.4
	Birkirkara	10,751.1
	Il-Gżira	12,398.4
	Il-Ħamrun	11,376.5
	L-Imsida	9,771.7
	Pembroke	1,622.0
	Tal-Pietà	15,691.0
	San Ġiljan	9,452.4
	San Ġwann	6,141.4
	Santa Venera	10,772.8
	Tas-Sliema	17,538.6
	Is-Swieqi	5,043.6
	Ta' Xbiex	8,590.7
	<b>7,603.4</b>	
South Eastern	Iż-Żejtun	2,395.6
	Birżebbuġa	1,367.5
	Il-Gudja	1,547.9
	Hał Għaxaq	1,522.9
	Hał Kirkop	2,328.2
	Marsaskala	3,484.8
	Marsaxlokk	902.7
	L-Imqabba	1,415.8
	Il-Qrendi	677.1
	Hał Safi	1,298.4
	Iż-Żurrieq	1,518.6
	<b>1,659.9</b>	
	L-Imdina	227.1
	Haż-Żebbuġ	1,734.1
	Is-Siġġiewi	491.2

Western	Fi'Attard	1,978.4
	Hal Balzan	8,493.5
	Had-Dingli	695.6
	L-Iklin	2,167.0
	Hal Lija	3,462.6
	Ir-Rabat	464.7
	L-Imtarfa	3,538.2
	<b>960.4</b>	
Northern	Hal Għargħur	1,984.7
	Il-Mellieħa	632.2
	L-Imġarr	325.6
	Il-Mosta	3,761.6
	In-Naxxar	1,566.5
	San Pawl Il-Baħar	2,777.9
	<b>1,459.6</b>	
Gozo and Comino	Ir-Rabat, Għawdex	2,595.8
	Il-Fontana	2,423.5
	Għajnsielem and Comino	524.5
	L-Għarb	343.2
	L-Għasri	103.3
	Ta' Kerċem	348.6
	Il-Munxar	681.1
	In-Nadur	645.3
	Il-Qala	406.3
	San Lawrenz	222.8
	Ta' Sannat	587.1
	Ix-Xagħra	702.9
	Ix-Xewkija	820.0
Iż-Żebbuġ	494.7	
	<b>600.9</b>	
	Malta	<b>2,163.7</b>
	Gozo and Comino	<b>600.9</b>
	<b>MALTA</b>	<b>1,823.1</b>

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 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 still births.

- **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, Security and Employment - 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:

- [Statistical concepts](#)
- [Metadata \(Demography\)](#)
- [Metadata \(Migration\)](#)
- [Past releases](#)

11. A detailed news release calendar is available [online](#).

12. References to this news release are to be cited appropriately. For guidance on access and re-use of data please visit our [dedicated webpage](#).

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