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### Commentary

The National Statistics Office is compiling various data sets on a regional basis. These deal with various areas including demography, labour, industry, as well as other indicators. This news release presents a brief overview of some of the demographic, educational and employment parameters in Malta and Gozo.

In the period under review, 2000 - 2002, the Maltese islands have experienced several changes in its population trends. In 2000 the total population amounted to 391,415 persons. By 2002 it reached the 397,296 mark, meaning an increase of 5,881 persons, or 1.5 per cent. Chart 1 shows that the population in Gozo is experiencing a slower growth rate than that for Malta. The female population outweighs the male population for both regions. Chart 2 gives a profile of the population balance from 1995 to 2002 where it is evident that the birth rates are falling whereas the death rate is on the increase.

Such demographic trends have a direct effect on the school population and the enrolment into primary schools. Tables 2 and 3 give an overview of the government school population from 1995 to 2002 for the primary and the secondary schools. Table 4 shows that the government schools still enjoy the highest preference for educational services. In 2002 that total school population was composed as follows: 64 per cent were enrolled in government schools, 24 per cent in government dependent private schools and 12 per cent in independent private schools. This distinction is more evident in Gozo where 78 per cent of the total school population are enrolled in government schools as opposed to 62 per cent in Malta.

Tables 5a to 5c give an overview of the graduate situation in the Islands. In the academic year 2001/02, 93.5 per cent of the total graduates were Maltese while the remaining 6.5 per cent were Gozitan. However, reviewing this on a per capita basis, the Maltese graduates amount to 0.48 persons over the Maltese population whereas the rate of Gozitan graduates stood at 0.39 persons over the Gozitan population.

An evaluation of the employment on situation on a regional basis, from the Labour Force surveys which were carried out in September 2003, is presented in Tables 6 to 12. The male population dominate the workforce on both islands, totalling 70 per cent of the gainfully occupied. In Gozo, a substantial amount of the workforce is employed with the public sector when compared to their Maltese counterparts. It is noted that the professional status for the total workforce on the Islands is composed mostly of employees rather than the self employed. The salaries also vary, where on average employees working with the public sector (which includes parastatal and government) are paid more than those employed with the private sector. The wage difference also exists between males and females employees where the males are paid more than their female counterparts.

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Table 1. Total population (Maltese and foreign) by region and district

District	2000			2001			2002		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>Maltese Islands</b>	<b>193,689</b>	<b>197,726</b>	<b>391,415</b>	<b>195,363</b>	<b>199,278</b>	<b>394,641</b>	<b>196,836</b>	<b>200,460</b>	<b>397,296</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>178,761</b>	<b>182,273</b>	<b>361,034</b>	<b>180,148</b>	<b>183,651</b>	<b>363,799</b>	<b>181,367</b>	<b>184,661</b>	<b>366,028</b>
Southern Harbour	42,426	42,916	85,342	42,566	42,929	85,495	42,603	42,959	85,562
Northern Harbour	59,121	61,685	120,806	59,508	62,152	121,660	59,878	62,422	122,300
South Eastern	26,589	27,036	53,625	26,847	27,302	54,149	27,140	27,575	54,715
Western	26,894	27,265	54,159	27,064	27,479	54,543	27,225	27,590	54,815
Northern	23,731	23,371	47,102	24,163	23,789	47,952	24,521	24,115	48,636
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>14,928</b>	<b>15,453</b>	<b>30,381</b>	<b>15,215</b>	<b>15,627</b>	<b>30,842</b>	<b>15,469</b>	<b>15,799</b>	<b>31,268</b>

Chart 1. Total population change in the Maltese Islands

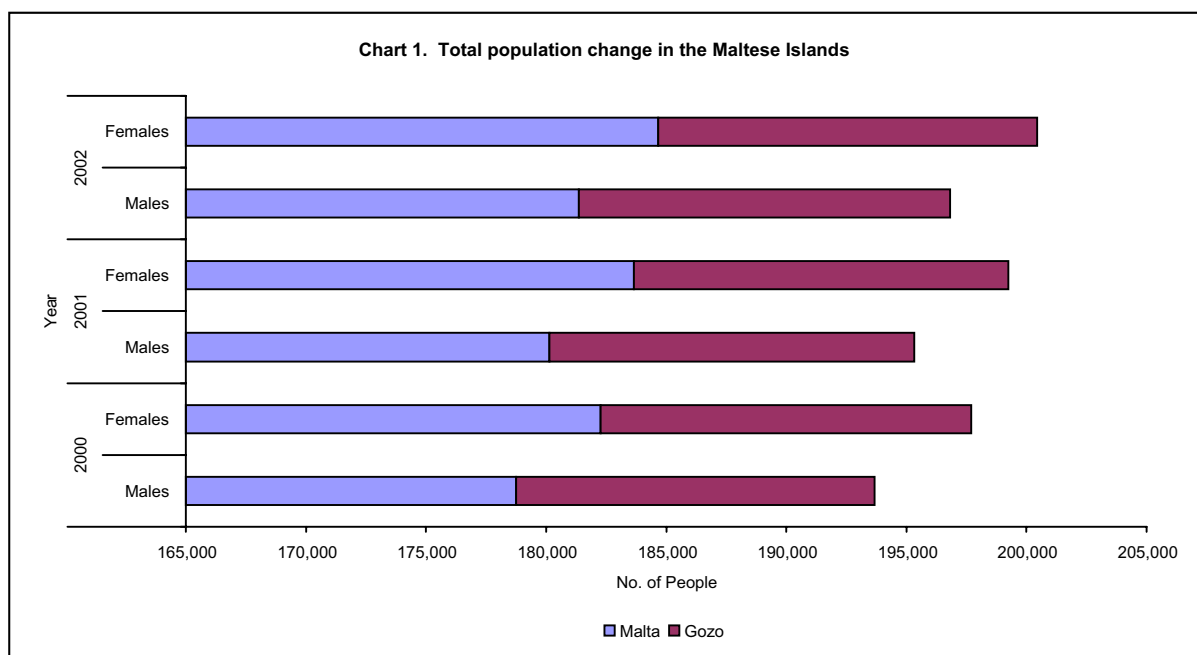


Chart 2. Population balance in the Maltese islands

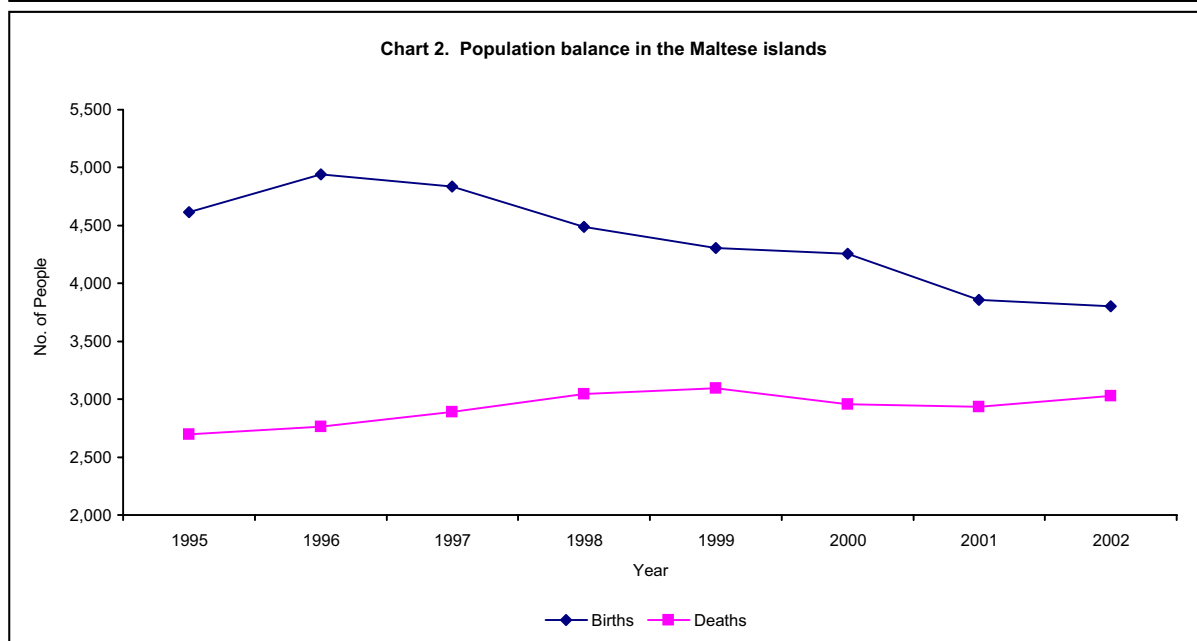


Table 2. Government kindergarten and primary schools - school population classified by district: 1995-2002

District	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Maltese Islands</b>	<b>30,190</b>	<b>30,141</b>	<b>30,187</b>	<b>29,609</b>	<b>29,062</b>	<b>28,170</b>	<b>27,361</b>	<b>26,511</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>27,286</b>	<b>27,352</b>	<b>27,447</b>	<b>26,976</b>	<b>26,502</b>	<b>25,671</b>	<b>24,984</b>	<b>24,183</b>
Southern Harbour	7,452	7,288	7,206	7,032	6,826	6,665	6,420	6,182
Northern Harbour	7,624	7,445	7,400	7,107	6,945	6,619	6,385	6,163
South Eastern	4,934	5,009	5,081	5,082	5,039	4,881	4,767	4,629
Western	3,891	3,965	4,030	4,044	3,964	3,821	3,753	3,627
Northern	3,385	3,645	3,730	3,711	3,728	3,685	3,659	3,582
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>2,904</b>	<b>2,789</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>2,633</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>2,499</b>	<b>2,377</b>	<b>2,328</b>

Table 3. Government secondary schools - school population classified by district: 1995-2002

District	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Maltese Islands</b>	<b>19,123</b>	<b>19,185</b>	<b>18,239</b>	<b>18,467</b>	<b>18,615</b>	<b>18,444</b>	<b>18,545</b>	<b>18,744</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>17,475</b>	<b>17,421</b>	<b>16,388</b>	<b>16,500</b>	<b>16,638</b>	<b>16,470</b>	<b>16,513</b>	<b>16,786</b>
Southern Harbour	4,431	4,421	4,286	4,282	4,218	4,215	4,887	4,933
Northern Harbour	9,198	9,238	8,472	8,952	8,970	8,941	8,345	8,542
South Eastern	1,466	1,479	1,454	1,356	1,313	1,222	1,168	1,180
Western	1,654	1,424	1,209	1,362	1,240	1,202	1,229	1,248
Northern	726	859	967	548	897	890	884	883
<b>Gozo and Comino</b>	<b>1,648</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,967</b>	<b>1,977</b>	<b>1,974</b>	<b>2,032</b>	<b>1,958</b>

Table 4. Distribution of the student population by type of school and region: 2002

Region	Government Schools	Government dependent private schools	Independent Private Schools
<b>Maltese Islands</b>	<b>45,255</b>	<b>17,276</b>	<b>8,694</b>
Malta	40,969	16,032	8,694
Gozo	4,286	1,244	-

**Table 5a. Gozitan graduates by faculty academic year**

Faculty	2000/2001			2001/2002		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Centre for communications and technology	3	1	4	4	-	4
European Documentation and research centre	1	-	1	-	1	1
Workers Participation and Development Centre	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faculty of Arts	5	1	6	8	5	13
Faculty of Economics and management	8	10	18	18	16	34
Faculty of Education	27	16	43	20	13	33
Faculty of Engineering	-	1	1	1	4	5
Faculty of Laws	10	4	14	10	5	15
Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	4	7	11	-	-	-
Dental Surgery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Faculty Science	1	2	3	1	1	2
Faculty of Theology	-	-	-	1	-	1
Institute of Health Care	4	-	4	7	4	11
Institute at Gerontology	-	-	-	-	-	-
Institute of Social Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-
Institute of Youth Studies	-	-	-	-	-	-
Board of Studies for Information Technology.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mediterranean academy of Diplomatic Studies	-	1	1	1	-	1
International Environment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Architecture and Civil Engineering	1	3	4	-	2	2
Institute of Agriculture	1	2	3	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>122</b>

**Table 5b. Maltese graduates by faculty academic year**

Faculty	2000/2001			2001/2002		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Centre for communications and technology	19	38	57	17	31	48
European Documentation and research centre	6	12	18	8	8	16
Workers Participation and Development Centre	28	33	61	26	30	56
Faculty of Arts	45	72	117	37	59	96
Faculty of Economics and management	166	95	261	196	129	325
Faculty of Education	138	325	463	136	318	454
Faculty of Engineering	58	6	64	44	3	47
Faculty of Laws	177	190	367	147	157	304
Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	44	39	83	46	44	90
Dental Surgery	12	4	16	11	5	16
Faculty Science	31	23	54	24	18	42
Faculty of Theology	25	15	40	22	14	36
Institute of Health Care	43	69	112	33	54	87
Institute at Gerontology	12	5	17	7	2	9
Institute of Social Welfare	2	21	23	2	21	23
Institute of Youth Studies	6	13	19	2	2	4
Board of Studies for Information Technology.	26	-	26	27	3	30
Mediterranean academy of Diplomatic Studies	17	8	25	4	3	7
International Environment	4	3	7	2	3	5
Architecture and Civil Engineering	20	14	34	19	9	28
Institute of Agriculture	17	9	26	13	10	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>1,890</b>	<b>823</b>	<b>923</b>	<b>1,746</b>

**Table 5c. Total graduates by faculty academic year**

Faculty	2000/2001			2001/2002		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Centre for communications and technology	22	39	61	21	31	52
European Documentation and Research Centre	7	12	19	8	9	17
Workers Participation and Development Centre	28	33	61	26	30	56
Faculty of Arts	50	73	123	45	64	109
Faculty of Economics and management	174	105	279	214	145	359
Faculty of Education	165	341	506	156	331	487
Faculty of Engineering	58	7	65	45	7	52
Faculty of Laws	187	194	381	157	162	319
Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	48	46	94	46	44	90
Dental Surgery	12	4	16	11	5	16
Faculty Science	32	25	57	25	19	44
Faculty of Theology	25	15	40	23	14	37
Institute of Health Care	47	69	116	40	58	98
Institute at Gerontology	12	5	17	7	2	9
Institute of Social Welfare	2	21	23	2	21	23
Institute of Youth Studies	6	13	19	2	2	4
Board of Studies for Information Technology	26	-	26	27	3	30
Mediterranean academy of Diplomatic Studies	17	9	26	5	3	8
International Environment	4	3	7	2	3	5
Architecture and Civil Engineering	21	17	38	19	11	30
Institute of Agriculture	18	11	29	13	10	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>2,003</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>1,868</b>

**Table 6. Total employees classified by sex: September 2003**

Gender	Region				Total	
	Malta		Gozo			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Males	94,129	69.5	7,577	68.4	101,706	69.4
Females	41,390	30.5	3,506	31.6	44,896	30.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,083</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 7. Total employees classified by economic sector: September 2003**

Economic sector	Region				Total	
	Malta		Gozo			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Private	92,803	68.5	5,656	51.0	98,459	67.2
Public *	42,716	31.5	5,427	49.0	48,143	32.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,083</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Includes Independent statutory bodies.

**Table 8. Total employees classified by economic activity: September 2003**

Economic activity	Region				Total	
	Malta		Gozo			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Agricultural Sector	2,226	1.6	503 <sup>u</sup>	4.5	2,729	1.9
Industry sector	41,556	30.7	2,194	19.8	43,750	29.9
Services sector	91,541	67.6	8,386	75.7	99,927	68.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,323</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,580</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146,406</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>u</sup>: under represented data.

**Table 9. Professional status of main occupation for total employed persons: September 2003**

Professional status	Region				Total	
	Malta		Gozo			
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Self Employed	19,202	14.2	2,098	18.9	21,300	14.5
Employees	116,317	85.8	8,985	81.1	125,302	85.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,519</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,083</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>146,602</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 10. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic sector: September 2003**

Economic sector	Region				Total	
	Malta		Gozo			
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm
Private	73,604	4,844	3,426	4,745	77,030	4,840
Public	42,656	5,740	5,374	5,583	48,030	5,716
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,260</b>	<b>5,292</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>5,164</b>	<b>125,060</b>	<b>5,278</b>

**Table 11. Average gross annual salary for employees by economic activity: September 2003**

Economic activity	Region				Total	
	Malta		Gozo			
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm
Agricultural sector <sup>u</sup>	779	4,480.2	246	4,296.1	1,025	4,436.0
Industrial Sector	36,976	4,716.6	1,636	4,052.3	38,612	4,691.3
Services sector	78,309	5,433.4	6,918	5,806.2	85,227	5,447.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,064</b>	<b>4,876.7</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>4,718.2</b>	<b>124,864</b>	<b>4,858.2</b>

<sup>u</sup>: under represented data.

**Table 12. Average gross annual salary for employees by sex: September 2003**

Gender	Region				Total	
	Malta		Gozo			
	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm	No	Average Lm
Males	77,715	5,379.5	6,087	5,098.4	83,802	5,359.1
Females	38,545	4,513.3	2,713	4,627.8	41,258	4,520.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>116,260</b>	<b>5,092.3</b>	<b>8,800</b>	<b>4,953.3</b>	<b>125,060</b>	<b>5,082.5</b>

Source:- LFS Survey September quarter 2003