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World Population Day 2007

July 11 is World Population Day. The theme selected by the United Nations this year is "Motherhood".

World Population Day is an annual event that has been observed for the past 17 years, which serves as an opportunity to raise awareness on important population issues. This News Release presents salient aspects of population in Malta.

Total population at end 2006 is estimated at 405,577 of which just over half were women, as seen in Table 1. Of these, 24 per cent comprised people under 20 years old, while 14 per cent comprised people aged 65 years and over.

Figures 1 and 2 reveal shifts in age distribution this past quarter-century. A significant shift concerns a decrease in the younger age groups and an increase in the older ones. This is mainly attributable to a fall in live births, a factor that has been characteristic of these past years. In fact, across the 1997-2006 decade, the number of live births decreased by 20 per cent. In comparison with 2005, live births rose by nearly 1 per cent in 2006 – male births increased by 3 per cent, while female ones decreased by nearly 2 per cent (Table 2).

Table 3 illustrates the distribution of maternities by age of mother and order of birth. The majority – 53 per cent – were first births, while 33 per cent were second births. Most mothers were aged between 25 and 29 years, while 6 per cent of all maternities occurred among women up to 20 years old.

Total registered deaths in 2006 numbered 3,216, implying an increase of nearly 3 per cent over 2005 (Table 4). This annual statistic has been the highest registered since 1997. As in previous years, the majority of deaths were registered in the 75-and-over age group; having said this, the proportion of total deaths in 2006 of the 75+ age group is three percentage points higher than the annual average for the decade 1997-2006 – the mean proportion of total deaths averaged over these 10 years of this age group was 58 per cent, while this stood at 61 per cent last year.

Last year, registered marriages increased by 7 per cent compared to 2005. Table 6 features also civil marriages which numbered 859, or 34 per cent of all marriages. Table 7 illustrates the distribution of brides and bridegrooms by age. It is evident that the 25-29 age group is the most recurrent one in respect of both men and women who are getting married. A score of persons, mostly men, aged 65 years and over were married in 2006 ■

Note: Population figures in this News Release have been extracted from the recently-available 2005 Census. As such, they may not be strictly comparable with demographic statistics, published in other NSO publications, that have been based on 1995 Census data.

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1. Estimated total population by age group and sex: 2006

Ages	Males	Females	Total
0-4	9,510	9,024	18,534
5-9	11,355	10,857	22,212
10-14	13,505	12,652	26,157
15-19	14,729	14,135	28,864
20-24	15,102	14,176	29,278
25-29	15,287	14,305	29,592
30-34	14,670	13,902	28,572
35-39	12,780	12,240	25,020
40-44	13,587	13,118	26,705
45-49	15,170	15,126	30,296
50-54	14,631	14,440	29,071
55-59	15,201	15,368	30,569
60-64	11,912	12,517	24,429
65-69	8,065	9,247	17,312
70-74	6,703	8,608	15,311
75-79	4,480	6,693	11,173
80-84	2,916	4,611	7,527
85-89	1,310	2,321	3,631
90+	378	946	1,324
Total	201,291	204,286	405,577

Source: Census of Population and Housing 2005, preliminary results.

2. Total live births: 1997-2006

Year	MALTA			Malta		Gozo & Comino	
	Total	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
1997	4,848	2,536	2,312	2,334	2,136	202	176
1998	4,670	2,405	2,265	2,210	2,070	195	195
1999	4,403	2,239	2,164	2,070	1,999	169	165
2000	4,392	2,174	2,218	2,015	2,011	159	207
2001	3,957	2,037	1,920	1,875	1,780	162	140
2002	3,918	2,048	1,870	1,886	1,737	162	133
2003	4,050	2,029	2,021	1,879	1,852	150	169
2004	3,887	1,998	1,889	1,867	1,762	131	127
2005	3,858	1,984	1,874	1,842	1,733	142	141
2006	3,885	2,039	1,846	1,884	1,715	155	131

Note: MALTA denotes the country at national level. Malta and Gozo denote the regions.

Source: Public Registry administrative records.

3. Total maternities* by age group of mother and order of birth: 2006

Age group of mother	Birth order							Total
	1st birth	2nd birth	3rd birth	4th birth	5th birth	6th birth or more	Unspecified	
less than 20	211	25	1	-	-	-	2	239
20-24	448	160	31	6	-	-	1	646
25-29	827	397	98	19	9	3	2	1,355
30-34	419	509	150	42	11	6	-	1,137
35-39	90	146	91	28	8	11	-	374
40-44	13	15	22	10	3	2	-	65
45-49	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	3
Unknown	3	-	3	1	-	1	-	8
Total	2,011	1,252	396	107	32	24	5	3,827

*includes still births

Source: National Obstetric Information Systems (NOIS), Dept. of Health Information.

4. Total deaths by age group and sex: 1997-2006

Year	Age in completed years at time of death												
	All Ages	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75+
All persons													
1997	2,888	31	9	2	5	11	16	34	60	154	250	695	1,621
1998	3,044	24	6	3	4	19	14	20	62	147	286	705	1,754
1999	3,097	31	4	2	8	7	12	30	64	166	308	680	1,785
2000	2,957	26	4	4	3	9	11	23	45	167	284	715	1,666
2001	2,935	17	9	3	1	12	15	28	41	161	268	657	1,723
2002	3,031	23	5	2	4	9	13	34	43	155	286	685	1,772
2003	3,164	23	2	2	2	8	17	31	59	145	301	674	1,900
2004	2,999	23	8	1	5	11	16	25	40	130	295	737	1,708
2005	3,130	23	3	4	4	9	12	27	38	146	329	705	1,830
2006	3,216	14	4	-	6	9	13	23	55	147	337	651	1,957
Males													
1997	1,532	17	4	-	4	7	14	25	40	91	149	401	780
1998	1,581	17	5	3	-	13	10	15	43	102	168	424	781
1999	1,540	18	2	-	4	2	7	24	42	101	196	385	759
2000	1,507	13	3	2	2	5	10	13	27	94	172	429	737
2001	1,496	12	5	2	1	10	11	25	28	100	157	392	753
2002	1,604	9	5	2	2	8	10	23	26	98	167	405	849
2003	1,595	16	1	1	1	7	11	19	37	94	176	396	836
2004	1,491	14	3	1	2	9	9	17	29	76	180	414	737
2005	1,576	14	-	-	3	7	10	22	21	80	200	428	791
2006	1,667	10	1	0	3	7	12	17	38	95	202	393	889
Females													
1997	1,356	14	5	2	1	4	2	9	20	63	101	294	841
1998	1,463	7	1	-	4	6	4	5	19	45	118	281	973
1999	1,557	13	2	2	4	5	5	6	22	65	112	295	1,027
2000	1,450	13	1	2	1	4	1	10	18	73	112	286	929
2001	1,439	5	4	1	-	2	4	3	13	61	111	265	970
2002	1,427	14	-	-	2	1	3	11	17	57	119	280	923
2003	1,569	7	1	1	1	1	6	12	22	51	125	278	1,064
2004	1,508	9	5	-	3	2	7	8	11	54	115	323	971
2005	1,554	9	3	4	1	2	2	5	17	66	129	277	1,039
2006	1,549	4	3	-	3	2	1	6	17	52	135	258	1,068

Source: Department of Health Information.

5. Annual deaths by ICD chapters of causes: 2003-2006

ICD-10 chapters	Causes of death	2003	2004	2005	2006
1	Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	16	13	15	19
2	Neoplasms	733	724	718	798
3/4	Endocrine, Nutritional and Metabolic diseases, and diseases of blood forming organs	98	136	133	144
5	Mental and behavioural disorders	53	65	70	88
6	Diseases of the nervous system	85	64	92	95
9	Diseases of the circulatory system	1,375	1,255	1,388	1,369
10	Diseases of the respiratory system	338	323	305	283
11	Diseases of the digestive system	125	129	123	140
12	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	59	54	50	37
13	Diseases of the Musculo-skeletal system and the connective tissue	13	17	14	18
14	Diseases of the genito-urinary system	57	42	44	58
15/16	Pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium, and certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	11	11	15	7
17	Congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities	23	26	14	12
18	Symptoms, signs and abnormal clinical and laboratory findings n.e.c.	39	15	32	33
20	External causes of morbidity and mortality	139	125	117	115
	Total	3,164	2,999	3,130	3,216

Source: Department of Health Information.

6. Number and rate of marriages: 1997-2006

Year	MALTA	Malta	Gozo & Comino	of which: civil marriages	% civil marriages
1997	2,414	2,224	190	366	15.2
1998	2,376	2,205	171	409	17.2
1999	2,409	2,248	161	463	19.2
2000	2,545	2,375	170	509	20.0
2001	2,194	2,058	136	474	21.6
2002	2,240	2,068	172	575	25.7
2003	2,350	2,169	181	803	34.2
2004	2,402	2,210	192	756	31.5
2005	2,374	2,216	158	779	32.8
2006	2,536	2,352	184	859	33.9

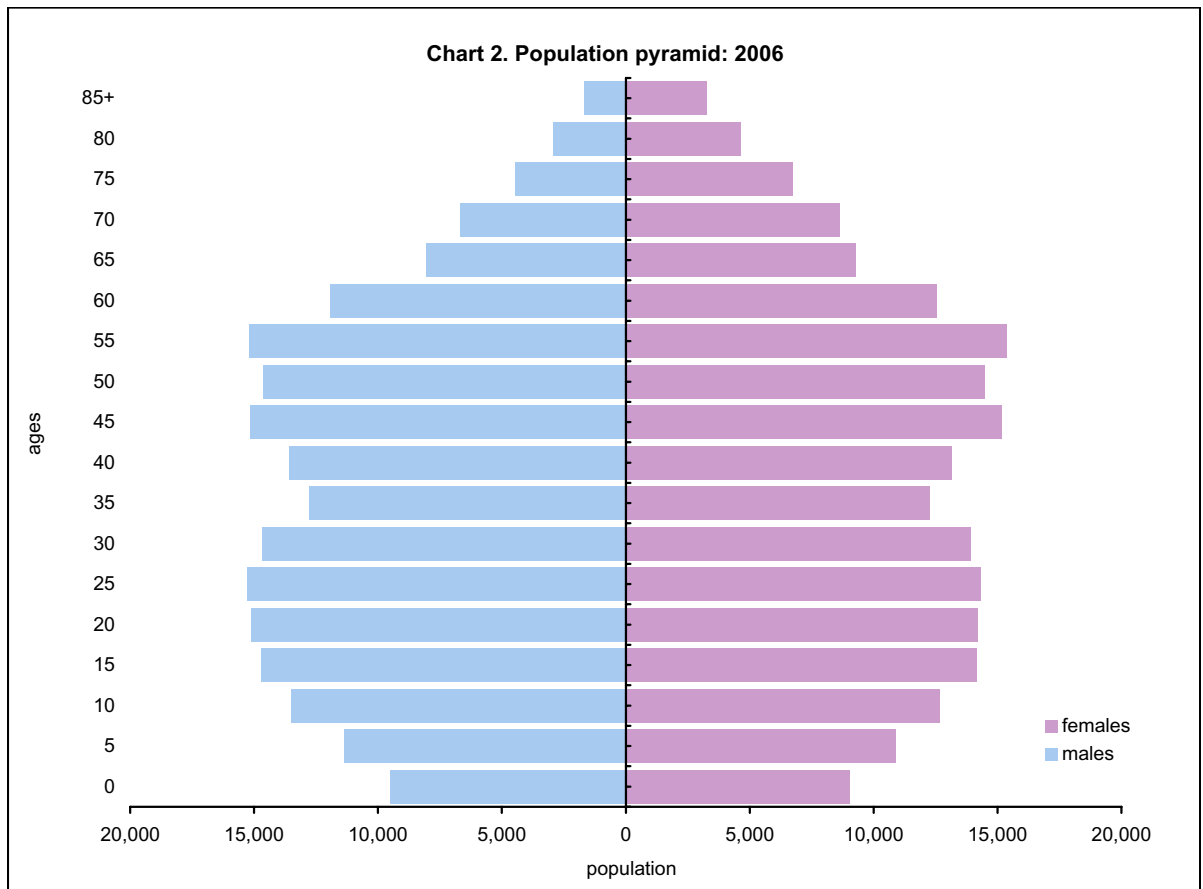
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Source: Public Registry administrative records.

7. Marriages classified by age group of spouses: 2006

Age group of bride	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Age unknown	Total brides
16-19	8	31	16	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
20-24	4	201	411	110	12	5	3	1	-	1	-	-	748
25-29	-	64	551	287	72	15	7	1	1	-	-	-	998
30-34	-	10	90	165	66	33	9	6	2	1	-	-	382
35-39	-	2	10	34	55	36	12	3	1	-	-	-	153
40-44	-	-	2	5	15	21	18	7	9	-	3	-	80
45-49	-	-	1	1	6	5	14	4	10	2	5	-	48
50-54	-	-	-	-	-	5	5	8	8	5	1	-	32
55-59	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	4	6	3	-	17
60-64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	4	-	9
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Age Unknown	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8
Total grooms	12	309	1,082	604	227	121	68	34	36	19	18	6	2,536

Source: Public Registry administrative records.



Definitions:

Total live births: total number of registered births in Malta and Gozo from both Maltese and foreign parents.

Number of maternities: total number of women who gave birth to one or more live or stillborn baby after a minimal gestation period of 22 weeks.

Number of deaths: total number of registered deaths in Malta and Gozo; these include deaths of foreign residents and does not include registered deaths of tourists.

Number of marriages: total number of registered marriages in Malta and Gozo by both foreign and Maltese spouses.

NUTS classification

The Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) is a common classification that is used to provide a single uniform breakdown of territorial units for the production of regional statistics with regard to the European Union. It was adopted on 26 May 2003 by means of a Regulation¹ of the European Parliament and of the Council.

¹ (EC) No. 1059/2003

NUTS levels					
Administrative area	I (National)	II (National)	III (Regional)	IV (District)	V (Locality)
MALTA	x	x	x	x	x
Malta			x		
Gozo & Comino			x		
Southern Harbour				x	
Northern Harbour				x	
South Eastern				x	
Western				x	
Northern				x	
Gozo & Comino				x	

COMPOSITION OF DISTRICTS - NUTS level V

- Southern Harbour:** Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, Żabbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa Paola, Santa Luċija, Tarxien, Xgħajra.
- Northern Harbour:** Qormi, B'Kara, Gżira, Ħamrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, San Ġiljan, San Ġwann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.
- South Eastern:** Żejtun, B'Bugia, Gudja, Ghaxaq, Kirkop, M'Scala, M'Xlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, Żurrieq.
- Western:** Mdina, Żebbuġ, Siġġiewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat, Mtarfa.
- Northern:** Għargħur, Mellieħa, Mġarr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl il-Baħar.
- Gozo and Comino:** Rabat, Fontana, G'Sielem & Comino, Għarb, Għasri, Kerċem, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xgħira, Xewkija, Żebbuġ.