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## Education

### Teaching English to Foreigners: 2007

*In 2007, the number of foreign students following courses in English-language specialised schools stood at 83,952, an increase of 27.2 per cent over 2006.*

Information provided from 36 schools operating in the teaching of the English language to foreigners indicates an increase of 27.2 per cent in the number of students visiting Malta to study English over 2006.

The majority of these students were between 16 and 17 years, with 43.2 per cent of the students in this age group originating from Italy and France, as illustrated in Table 1. All age groups registered increases over the previous year. Germany, Spain, Italy, France and the Russian Federation garnered 72.9 per cent of the total incoming students.

As indicated in Table 2, the European market still dominates with regard to the number of students who are coming to Malta to follow courses in the English language. However, the share of students coming from Asia and Africa has increased when compared to the previous year.

As illustrated in Table 3, seven out of every 100 incoming tourists are students who have visited the country with the specific intention of studying English. The summer months tend to be the time of the year when most of these students come to Malta; in this respect 11 out of every 100 summer tourists are students following courses in the English language.

Longer stays are prevalent among students between 21 and 25 years, with an average length of stay of 3.3 weeks per student. As Table 7 illustrates, students from Turkey, Libya and Japan tend to stay longer in the country when compared to the rest of the students coming from other countries. By contrast, students from Austria, Germany and Italy tend to have shorter stays.

In 2007, teachers working in English-language specialised schools numbered 1,257. Of these, 91.9 per cent were working on a part-time basis. Female teaching personnel made up 74.1 per cent of total teachers working in these schools ■

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**Table 1. Foreign students following courses in English-language specialised schools classified by selected countries, age group and sex: 2007**

Country of origin	15 & under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 & over		Total		
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Total
Germany	1,234	1,034	1,721	1,173	1,139	808	1,065	835	1,030	738	2,614	2,797	8,803	7,385	16,188
Spain	283	159	538	452	2,567	1,452	3,833	2,320	770	627	273	191	8,264	5,201	13,465
Italy	1,336	1,118	2,724	2,047	812	715	685	596	471	496	887	739	6,915	5,711	12,626
France	1,091	874	2,462	2,025	854	622	638	588	309	264	277	280	5,631	4,653	10,284
Russian Federation	1,052	832	1,127	743	1,052	540	994	540	535	329	528	376	5,288	3,360	8,648
Austria	172	140	1,588	1,149	318	191	122	64	74	42	264	228	2,538	1,814	4,352
Switzerland	149	93	375	249	437	241	326	261	231	186	454	385	1,972	1,415	3,387
Czech Republic	198	116	179	102	172	114	173	97	117	122	202	144	1,041	695	1,736
Turkey	84	106	41	73	120	143	152	223	113	158	76	96	586	799	1,385
Japan	4	4	59	17	104	39	258	119	238	62	246	88	909	329	1,238
Poland	138	86	162	90	106	49	68	32	62	38	167	153	703	448	1,151
Sweden	58	11	521	129	105	34	61	23	15	5	83	33	843	235	1,078
Korea Republic of (South Korea)	15	21	5	5	54	19	202	262	126	71	25	24	427	402	829
Hungary	61	45	68	33	68	44	98	50	97	63	121	73	513	308	821
Ukraine	99	93	59	76	101	50	106	69	49	26	52	32	466	346	812
Netherlands	34	15	109	55	97	34	71	46	15	29	46	50	372	229	601
Slovakia	49	53	44	57	53	20	47	46	39	47	75	68	307	291	598
Belgium	60	24	134	64	77	34	44	21	15	3	8	5	338	151	489
Slovenia	78	54	71	46	15	10	33	13	43	34	15	20	255	177	432
Morocco	-	3	104	109	42	40	13	14	1	3	2	1	162	170	332
World not allocated geographically	37	41	54	48	3	7	31	27	24	14	7	10	156	147	303
Other countries	250	245	341	221	288	222	370	406	152	125	354	223	1,755	1,442	3,197
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,482</b>	<b>5,167</b>	<b>12,486</b>	<b>8,963</b>	<b>8,584</b>	<b>5,428</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>6,652</b>	<b>4,526</b>	<b>3,482</b>	<b>6,776</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>48,244</b>	<b>35,708</b>	<b>83,952</b>

Table 2. Student population classified by continent and age group: 2007

Continent	15 & under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 & over		Total			%
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Total	
Europe	6,322	4,961	12,212	8,711	8,244	5,175	8,683	5,968	4,068	3,257	6,358	5,799	45,887	33,871	79,758	95.0
<i>EU-27</i>	4,873	3,791	10,507	7,523	6,481	4,167	7,033	4,801	3,108	2,539	5,180	4,868	37,182	27,689	64,871	77.3
<i>Other European</i>	1,449	1,170	1,705	1,188	1,763	1,008	1,650	1,167	960	718	1,178	931	8,705	6,182	14,887	17.7
Asia	112	115	103	49	213	120	555	513	400	165	337	156	1,720	1,118	2,838	3.4
America	1	5	7	8	37	23	49	29	28	23	59	31	181	119	300	0.4
Africa	10	45	110	147	87	103	72	115	6	23	15	20	300	453	753	0.9
World not allocated geographically	37	41	54	48	3	7	31	27	24	14	7	10	156	147	303	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,482</b>	<b>5,167</b>	<b>12,486</b>	<b>8,963</b>	<b>8,584</b>	<b>5,428</b>	<b>9,390</b>	<b>6,652</b>	<b>4,526</b>	<b>3,482</b>	<b>6,776</b>	<b>6,016</b>	<b>48,244</b>	<b>35,708</b>	<b>83,952</b>	<b>99.6</b>

**Table 3. Student population classified by seasonal pattern, sex and percentage of all incoming tourists: 2007**

	<b>Winter</b>	<b>Shoulder</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Total</b>
Females	4,232	14,365	29,647	48,244
Males	3,430	11,372	20,906	35,708
<b>Total students</b>	<b>7,662</b>	<b>25,737</b>	<b>50,553</b>	<b>83,952</b>
Females	108,408	264,448	241,242	614,098
Males	127,830	275,001	226,528	629,359
<b>Total tourists</b>	<b>236,238</b>	<b>539,449</b>	<b>467,770</b>	<b>1,243,457</b>
Females	3.9	5.4	12.3	7.9
Males	2.7	4.1	9.2	5.7
<b>Students as % of tourists</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>6.8</b>

**Table 4. Student population classified by seasonal pattern and age group: 2007**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Winter</b>		<b>Shoulder</b>		<b>Summer</b>		<b>Total</b>		
	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Total</b>
17 & under	753	508	5,463	4,248	12,752	9,374	18,968	14,130	<b>33,098</b>
18-20	590	429	2,011	1,456	5,983	3,543	8,584	5,428	<b>14,012</b>
21 & over	2,889	2,493	6,891	5,668	10,912	7,989	20,692	16,150	<b>36,842</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,232</b>	<b>3,430</b>	<b>14,365</b>	<b>11,372</b>	<b>29,647</b>	<b>20,906</b>	<b>48,244</b>	<b>35,708</b>	<b>83,952</b>

Table 5. Foreign students as a percentage of all incoming tourists classified by selected countries and sex: 2007

Country of origin	2007								
	Students			Tourists			% of Students over tourists		
	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total
Austria	2,538	1,814	4,352	11,242	9,142	20,384	22.6	19.8	21.4
Belgium	338	151	489	12,931	13,524	26,456	2.6	1.1	1.8
Croatia	50	33	83	795	973	1,768	6.3	3.4	4.7
Czech Republic	1,041	695	1,736	2,823	2,853	5,675	36.9	24.4	30.6
Denmark	164	63	227	14,267	13,719	27,986	1.1	0.5	0.8
Finland	122	65	187	7,069	5,368	12,437	1.7	1.2	1.5
France	5,631	4,653	10,284	38,224	36,874	75,098	14.7	12.6	13.7
Germany	8,803	7,385	16,188	63,667	66,382	130,049	13.8	11.1	12.4
Hungary	513	308	821	4,523	4,897	9,420	11.3	6.3	8.7
Italy	6,915	5,711	12,626	45,693	67,957	113,651	15.1	8.4	11.1
Japan	909	329	1,238	8,356	4,817	13,173	10.9	6.8	9.4
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	32	204	236	1,545	7,714	9,259	2.1	2.6	2.5
Netherlands	372	229	601	17,483	17,300	34,783	2.1	1.3	1.7
Norway	89	36	125	7,778	7,536	15,313	1.1	0.5	0.8
Poland	703	448	1,151	2,693	3,274	5,967	26.1	13.7	19.3
Russian Federation	5,288	3,360	8,648	14,758	8,151	22,909	35.8	41.2	37.7
Slovakia	307	291	598	1,442	936	2,378	21.3	31.1	25.1
Slovenia	255	177	432	1,199	1,923	3,122	21.3	9.2	13.8
Spain	8,264	5,201	13,465	20,591	16,837	37,428	40.1	30.9	36.0
Sweden	843	235	1,078	17,061	14,483	31,544	4.9	1.6	3.4
Switzerland	1,972	1,415	3,387	10,699	11,324	22,023	18.4	12.5	15.4
Ukraine	466	346	812	2,052	1,134	3,186	22.7	30.5	25.5
Other Countries	2,629	2,559	5,188	307,207	312,241	619,448	0.9	0.8	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,244</b>	<b>35,708</b>	<b>83,952</b>	<b>614,098</b>	<b>629,359</b>	<b>1,243,457</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>6.8</b>

**Table 6. Total number of weeks spent in Malta by students who followed a course in English-language specialised schools for English language classified by selected countries, age group and sex: 2007**

Country of origin	15 & under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 & over		Total		
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Total
Germany	1,659	1,313	3,312	2,233	2,799	2,037	2,580	2,018	2,248	1,655	4,722	4,892	17,320	14,148	31,468
Spain	615	384	1,553	1,233	8,026	4,303	11,779	6,930	2,199	1,842	829	740	25,001	15,432	40,433
Italy	2,099	1,795	5,106	3,751	1,476	1,260	1,585	1,290	1,009	1,121	1,592	1,446	12,867	10,663	23,530
France	2,034	1,659	5,110	3,617	2,458	1,608	2,007	1,787	693	545	577	531	12,879	9,747	22,626
Russian Federation	2,447	1,827	2,801	1,771	3,164	1,538	3,321	1,651	1,679	1,079	1,596	1,213	15,008	9,079	24,087
Austria	339	305	2,025	1,128	454	286	255	139	154	84	525	462	3,752	2,404	6,156
Switzerland	361	249	1,006	788	1,824	950	1,418	1,457	812	688	1,247	1,232	6,668	5,364	12,032
Czech Republic	467	254	361	219	333	242	355	236	239	253	390	306	2,145	1,510	3,655
Turkey	150	231	133	213	409	1,011	806	1,764	838	1,419	409	467	2,745	5,105	7,850
Japan	11	9	120	38	351	162	1,311	521	1,410	324	991	257	4,194	1,311	5,505
Poland	332	205	407	217	284	122	206	97	146	118	322	283	1,697	1,042	2,739
Sweden	148	25	1,554	391	657	189	296	105	69	22	232	76	2,956	808	3,764
Korea Republic of (South Korea)	55	68	22	9	535	110	2,350	2,030	872	889	210	289	4,044	3,395	7,439
Hungary	101	95	183	77	148	87	221	162	229	102	377	283	1,259	806	2,065
Ukraine	241	227	152	186	287	155	344	190	131	106	182	84	1,337	948	2,285
Netherlands	83	34	290	142	324	107	253	130	26	60	63	99	1,039	572	1,611
Slovakia	130	114	111	131	125	59	122	118	102	131	207	160	797	713	1,510
Belgium	158	61	414	181	262	107	172	73	41	8	24	10	1,071	440	1,511
Slovenia	190	132	181	106	44	23	71	27	91	71	49	40	626	399	1,025
Morocco	-	7	14	23	198	202	41	31	8	16	10	10	271	289	560
World not allocated geographically	16	25	77	45	6	14	145	42	76	28	145	18	465	172	637
Other countries	545	574	904	689	832	650	1,136	1,340	537	553	1,152	694	5,106	4,500	9,606
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,181</b>	<b>9,593</b>	<b>25,836</b>	<b>17,188</b>	<b>24,996</b>	<b>15,222</b>	<b>30,774</b>	<b>22,138</b>	<b>13,609</b>	<b>11,114</b>	<b>15,851</b>	<b>13,592</b>	<b>123,247</b>	<b>88,847</b>	<b>212,094</b>

Table 7. Average number of weeks per student spent in Malta classified by sex, age and selected countries: 2007

Country of origin	15 & under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 & over		Total		
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Total
Austria	2.0	2.2	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.4
Belgium	2.6	2.5	3.1	2.8	3.4	3.2	3.9	3.5	2.7	2.7	3.0	2.0	3.2	2.9	3.1
Croatia	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.5	3.8	4.3	3.0	1.9	1.7	2.3	2.5	2.4
Czech Republic	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.2	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.1
Denmark	0.8	1.4	2.5	2.1	2.5	0.8	0.9	0.3	2.3	1.7	3.2	1.4	2.3	1.7	2.2
Finland	2.0	0.0	3.1	3.3	3.4	2.3	3.1	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.9	2.5	2.7
France	1.9	1.9	2.1	1.8	2.9	2.6	3.2	3.0	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.9	2.3	2.1	2.2
Germany	1.3	1.3	1.9	1.9	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9
Hungary	1.7	2.1	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.3	3.2	2.4	1.6	3.1	3.9	2.5	2.6	2.5
Italy	1.6	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9
Japan	2.8	2.3	2.0	2.2	3.4	4.2	5.1	4.4	5.9	5.2	4.0	2.9	4.6	4.0	4.5
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	4.4	4.4	4.0	5.8	3.8	4.0	2.1	4.1	1.3	7.0	4.0	6.9	3.4	4.8	4.6
Netherlands	2.4	2.3	2.7	2.6	3.3	3.2	3.6	2.8	1.7	2.1	1.4	2.0	2.8	2.5	2.7
Norway	2.3	2.5	3.1	3.2	3.8	3.5	4.0	5.0	3.1	3.5	2.6	2.8	3.0	3.1	3.0
Poland	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.0	2.4	3.1	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.3	2.4
Russian Federation	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.4	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.8
Slovakia	2.7	2.2	2.5	2.3	2.4	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.5
Slovenia	2.4	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.1	2.1	3.3	2.0	2.5	2.3	2.4
Spain	2.2	2.4	2.9	2.7	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.0	3.9	3.0	3.0	3.0
Sweden	2.6	2.3	3.0	3.0	6.3	5.6	4.9	4.6	4.6	4.4	2.8	2.3	3.5	3.4	3.5
Switzerland	2.4	2.7	2.7	3.2	4.2	3.9	4.4	5.6	3.5	3.7	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.8	3.6
Turkey	1.8	2.2	3.2	2.9	3.4	7.1	5.3	7.9	7.4	9.0	5.4	4.9	4.7	6.4	5.7
Other Countries	2.1	2.0	1.7	1.6	4.0	3.3	5.8	4.8	4.8	7.1	4.2	3.9	4.0	3.7	3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>

**Table 8. Average number of weeks spent in Malta per student classified by sex and seasonal pattern: 2007**

	Student population			Number of student weeks			Average number of weeks per student		
	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total
Winter	4,232	3,430	7,662	14,092	10,949	25,041	3.3	3.2	3.3
Shoulder	14,365	11,372	25,737	33,865	26,225	60,090	2.4	2.3	2.3
Summer	29,647	20,906	50,553	75,290	51,673	126,963	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>48,244</b>	<b>35,709</b>	<b>83,952</b>	<b>123,247</b>	<b>88,847</b>	<b>212,094</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>

**Table 9. Teaching staff engaged in English-language specialised schools: 2007**

Full-time			Part-time			Total			Total Institutes
Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	Females	Males	Total	
65	37	102	866	289	1,155	931	326	1,257	36



**Methodological Notes**

1. The data contained in this release were obtained from a census among schools teaching English to foreign students in Malta.

**2. Definitions:**

- **Student:** Refers to a person who attended an English-language course

- **Seasonal pattern:**

Winter	January February	November December
Shoulder	March till June	October
Summer	July till September	

3. The World Geographical Classification is based on the International Organisation for Standardisation country codes (ISO codes).

4. The data in this release are to be considered as final and are not normally subject to revision.