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## World Population Day 2008

*On July 11, 2008, people around the world will observe the 19th World Population Day in different ways. This event hopes to build an awareness of the importance of family planning with regard to many development issues, including gender equality, poverty, maternal health and human rights.*

### Theme: Population and Social Conditions

The total population in 2007 stood at 410,290 persons as on 31st December, of which 50.3 per cent were females. The largest proportion of persons - 7.5 per cent - were aged 25-29, while there were 7.3 per cent of persons falling into each of the 45-49 and 55-59 age brackets. According to projections based on 2007 population figures, the total population will increase to 424,028 persons in 2025, following which it will start decreasing again, reaching 400,763 in 2050.

There was a total of 3,871 live births in 2007, a slight decrease of 0.4 per cent over 2006, bringing the crude birth rate to 9.46. Just over half of these births were boys. The majority of mothers were aged 25-34, with 33.6 per cent falling into the age bracket 25-29 and 30.7 per cent into 30-34. For fathers, the majority were again aged 25-34, though in this case 32.2 per cent were aged 30-34 and 24.5 per cent 25-29. Fathers generally tend to be slightly older than mothers, with the third most common age group being 35-39 for males and 20-24 for females.

The number of deaths in 2007 stood at 3,111 - 1,610 males and 1,501 females. This is a decrease of 3.3 per cent over the 3,216 deaths in the previous year. As can be expected, the majority of deaths involved persons aged 75 and over, followed by the 65-74 and 55-64 age groups.

There were 2,479 marriages which took place in 2007, a decrease of 2.3 per cent over 2006. Of these, 153 were held in Gozo. When looking at the nationality of brides and grooms, the most common pairings for Maltese persons (aside from with another Maltese person) are Maltese brides with Libyan and British grooms, and Maltese grooms with brides from another European (not EU) country. There were also a large number of marriages where both persons were British.

In 2007, a total of 637 separations were registered in Malta, of which 569 (89 per cent) concerned two Maltese persons. Further to this, there were 167 registered annulments in this same year; 34 religious and 133 civil. The majority of these annulments were involving marriages of 10-19 years, followed by 5-9 years. There were also 35 divorces, obtained abroad and recognised by the Maltese authorities, registered in 2007 ■

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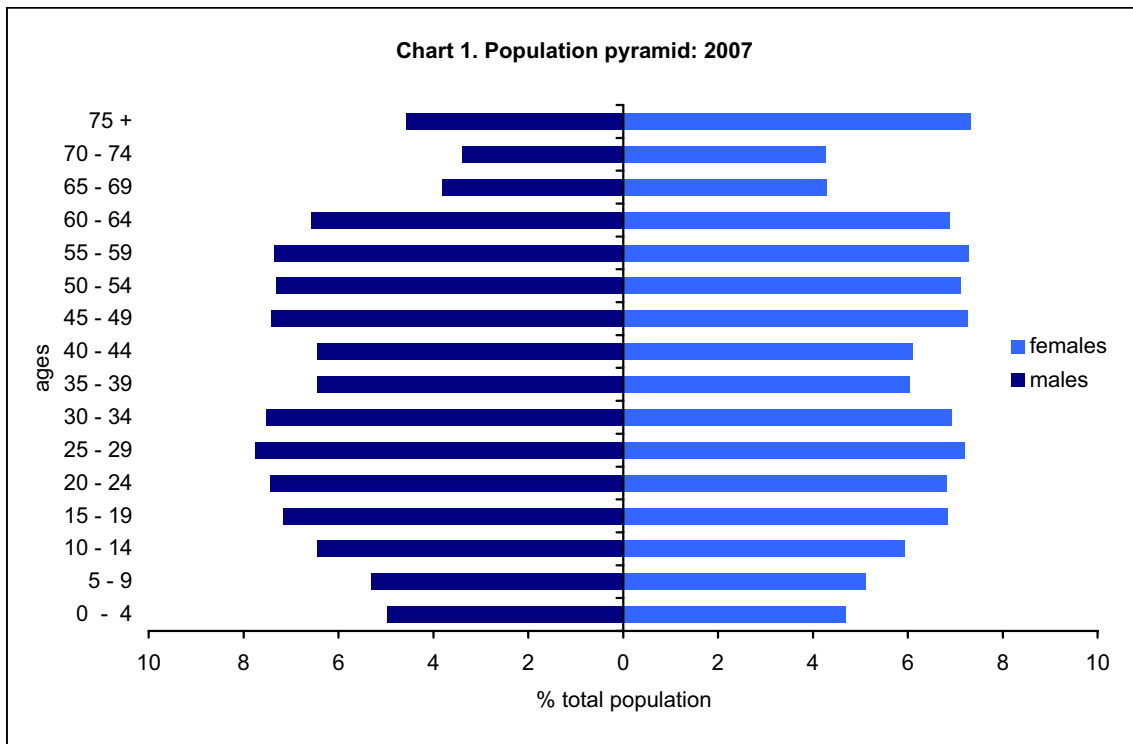
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Table 1. Total Population by sex and single years of age, 31st December 2007  
based on the November 2005 Census...

Ages	Males	Females	Total	Ages	Males	Females	Total
<b>All ages</b>	<b>204,106</b>	<b>206,184</b>	<b>410,290</b>				
<b>0 - 4</b>	10,155	9,655	19,810	<b>30 - 34</b>	15,352	14,269	29,621
0	2,029	1,838	3,867	30	3,250	2,878	6,128
1	2,030	1,859	3,889	31	3,135	2,985	6,120
2	2,138	2,095	4,233	32	3,193	2,894	6,087
3	1,981	1,871	3,852	33	2,982	2,738	5,720
4	1,977	1,992	3,969	34	2,792	2,774	5,566
<b>5 - 9</b>	10,850	10,524	21,374	<b>35 - 39</b>	13,172	12,437	25,609
5	2,040	1,877	3,917	35	2,778	2,593	5,371
6	2,085	2,000	4,085	36	2,707	2,565	5,272
7	2,125	2,203	4,328	37	2,659	2,461	5,120
8	2,214	2,160	4,374	38	2,548	2,334	4,882
9	2,386	2,284	4,670	39	2,480	2,484	4,964
<b>10 - 14</b>	13,156	12,248	25,404	<b>40 - 44</b>	13,173	12,579	25,752
10	2,531	2,277	4,808	40	2,443	2,382	4,825
11	2,567	2,374	4,941	41	2,516	2,401	4,917
12	2,635	2,456	5,091	42	2,627	2,538	5,165
13	2,621	2,519	5,140	43	2,747	2,598	5,345
14	2,802	2,622	5,424	44	2,840	2,660	5,500
<b>15 - 19</b>	14,640	14,088	28,728	<b>45 - 49</b>	15,145	14,964	30,109
15	2,818	2,718	5,536	45	2,930	2,853	5,783
16	2,872	2,766	5,638	46	3,110	2,900	6,010
17	2,916	2,779	5,695	47	3,073	3,053	6,126
18	3,004	2,954	5,958	48	3,031	3,093	6,124
19	3,030	2,871	5,901	49	3,001	3,065	6,066
<b>20 - 24</b>	15,181	14,044	29,225	<b>50 - 54</b>	14,946	14,672	29,618
20	2,880	2,765	5,645	50	3,129	3,043	6,172
21	3,038	2,654	5,692	51	3,119	2,955	6,074
22	3,011	2,840	5,851	52	3,045	2,944	5,989
23	3,085	2,858	5,943	53	2,911	2,892	5,803
24	3,167	2,927	6,094	54	2,742	2,838	5,580
<b>25 - 29</b>	15,820	14,812	30,632	<b>55 - 59</b>	15,032	14,991	30,023
25	3,180	3,096	6,276	55	2,865	2,860	5,725
26	3,062	2,958	6,020	56	2,859	2,883	5,742
27	3,231	2,864	6,095	57	3,083	3,067	6,150
28	3,234	2,991	6,225	58	3,095	3,007	6,102
29	3,113	2,903	6,016	59	3,130	3,174	6,304

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<b>60 - 64</b>	13,435	14,176	27,611	<b>75 - 79</b>	4,639	6,920	11,559
60	3,041	3,210	6,251	75	1,134	1,599	2,733
61	2,950	3,038	5,988	76	997	1,533	2,530
62	2,749	2,909	5,658	77	918	1,437	2,355
63	2,887	2,962	5,849	78	839	1,237	2,076
64	1,808	2,057	3,865	79	751	1,114	1,865
<b>65 - 69</b>	7,773	8,821	16,594	<b>80 - 84</b>	2,944	4,767	7,711
65	1,366	1,520	2,886	80	709	1,137	1,846
66	1,490	1,685	3,175	81	645	1,062	1,707
67	1,542	1,778	3,320	82	633	924	1,557
68	1,680	1,923	3,603	83	551	948	1,499
69	1,695	1,915	3,610	84	406	696	1,102
<b>70 - 74</b>	6,926	8,795	15,721	<b>85 - 89</b>	1,383	2,450	3,833
70	1,561	1,921	3,482	85	380	669	1,049
71	1,579	1,841	3,420	86	357	585	942
72	1,358	1,729	3,087	87	320	551	871
73	1,256	1,635	2,891	88	183	367	550
74	1,172	1,669	2,841	89	143	278	421
				<b>90+</b>	384	972	1,356



**Table 2. Projected total population, 2008-2050: analysis by sex and age**

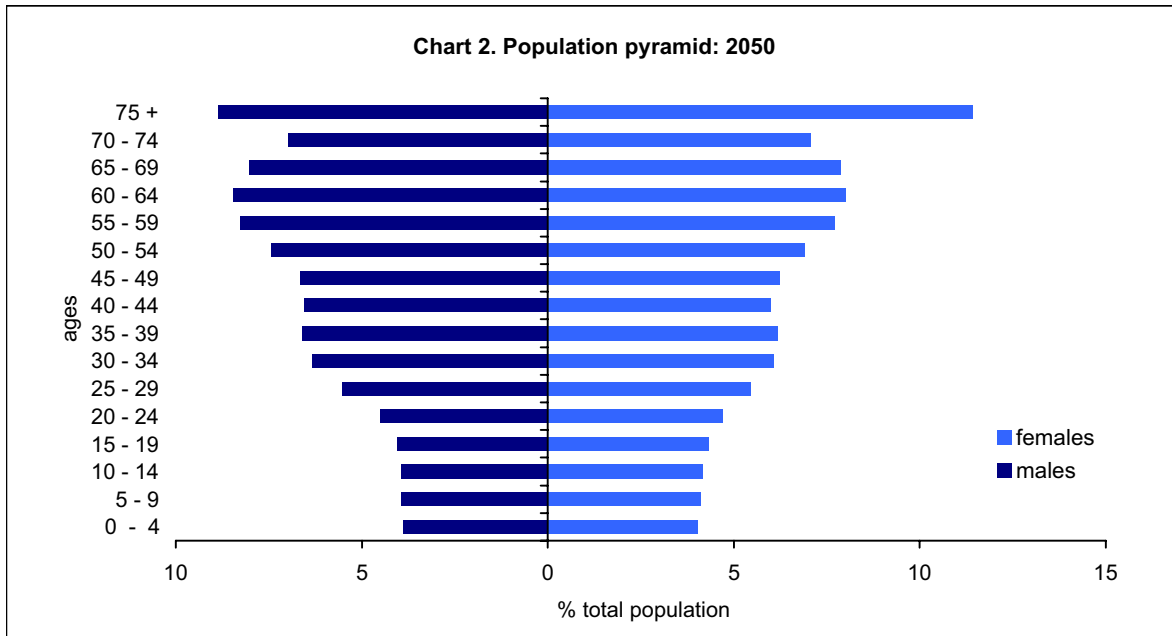
Estimates of the Total Population as at 31st December 2007		Age	* Projected population at 31st December (000s)											
			2008		2015		2025		2035		2045		2050	
Males	Females		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
204.1	206.2	All Ages	204.6	206.1	210.5	207.0	217.0	207.1	216.0	200.2	213.2	192.0	212.1	188.7
10.2	9.7	0 - 4	10.2	9.5	10.6	9.7	10.0	9.2	8.6	7.8	8.3	7.6	8.2	7.5
10.9	10.5	5 - 9	10.4	10.3	10.3	9.4	10.6	9.8	9.3	8.5	8.4	7.7	8.4	7.7
13.2	12.2	10 - 14	12.7	11.9	10.2	10.0	10.6	9.9	10.1	9.4	8.6	8.1	8.3	7.9
14.6	14.1	15 - 19	14.4	13.8	11.8	11.4	10.2	9.6	10.6	9.9	9.2	8.7	8.6	8.1
15.2	14.0	20 - 24	15.2	14.0	14.0	13.2	10.5	10.1	10.9	10.0	10.3	9.6	9.5	8.8
15.8	14.8	25 - 29	16.1	15.0	16.3	14.8	13.3	12.1	11.8	10.4	12.2	10.8	11.7	10.3
15.4	14.3	30 - 34	15.8	14.5	17.3	15.6	16.3	14.4	12.9	11.4	13.4	11.4	13.5	11.4
13.2	12.4	35 - 39	13.6	12.7	17.0	15.1	17.8	15.5	14.9	12.9	13.5	11.2	14.0	11.6
13.2	12.6	40 - 44	12.9	12.4	15.0	13.7	18.1	15.8	17.1	14.7	13.8	11.7	13.9	11.3
15.1	15.0	45 - 49	15.0	14.6	13.1	12.1	17.5	15.1	18.4	15.5	15.6	13.0	14.1	11.7
14.9	14.7	50 - 54	15.2	14.9	14.5	13.5	15.3	13.6	18.4	15.8	17.5	14.6	15.8	13.0
15.0	15.0	55 - 59	14.6	14.6	15.2	15.0	13.1	12.0	17.5	14.9	18.4	15.4	17.5	14.5
13.4	14.2	60 - 64	14.6	15.2	13.7	13.9	13.9	13.0	14.8	13.2	17.8	15.3	18.0	15.1
7.8	8.8	65 - 69	7.8	8.9	13.8	14.6	13.7	14.1	12.0	11.3	16.1	14.1	17.0	14.8
6.9	8.8	70 - 74	7.2	8.9	8.7	10.1	11.5	12.5	11.8	11.8	12.8	12.0	14.8	13.3
9.4	15.1	75 & Over	9.0	15.0	9.1	14.9	14.6	20.3	17.0	22.5	17.0	20.8	18.8	21.5

\* Basis: End 2007 Estimates of the Total Population (Maltese and Foreign)

Assumptions: Fertility: Linear increase to 1.5 by 2050

Expectation of life at birth: Linear increase to 85 years for both sexes by 2100

Net migration: Linear increase by sex to a total of 1,820 annually in 2050



**Table 3. Total live births by child's sex and region: 1998-2007**

Year	Number							Crude Birth Rate *		
	MALTA			Malta		Gozo		MALTA	Malta	Gozo
	Total	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
1998	4,670	2,405	2,265	2,210	2,070	195	195	12.12	12.03	13.16
1999	4,403	2,239	2,164	2,070	1,999	169	165	11.36	11.38	11.17
2000	4,392	2,174	2,218	2,015	2,011	159	207	11.26	11.19	12.12
2001	3,957	2,037	1,920	1,875	1,780	162	140	10.07	10.09	9.87
2002	3,918	2,048	1,870	1,886	1,737	162	133	9.89	9.93	9.50
2003	4,050	2,029	2,021	1,879	1,852	150	169	10.16	10.18	10.17
2004	3,887	1,998	1,889	1,867	1,762	131	127	9.69	9.82	8.12
2005	3,858	1,984	1,874	1,842	1,733	142	141	9.56	9.63	8.81
2006	3,885	2,039	1,846	1,884	1,715	155	131	9.56	9.58	9.18
2007	3,871	2,036	1,835	1,894	1,717	142	118	9.46	9.56	8.31

\* Number of live births per 1000 persons in total mid-year population

**Table 4. Total live births by age of mother/father and sex: 2007**

Age group	By age of mother		By age of father	
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls
All Ages	2,036	1,835	2,036	1,835
Under 20	184	143	35	22
20-24	299	262	128	100
25-29	693	606	502	445
30-34	598	591	638	610
35-39	223	189	344	321
40-44	37	41	136	120
45-49	1	2	43	42
50-54	-	-	11	6
55-59	-	-	3	5
60-64	-	-	2	1
65+	-	-	-	-
Age unknown	1	1	194	163

**Table 5. Deaths by sex and age in completed years at time of death: 1998-2007**  
Analysis by sex and age group

Year	Age in completed years at time of death												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>All Persons</b>													
1998	24	6	3	4	19	14	20	62	147	286	705	1,754	
1999	31	4	2	8	7	12	30	64	166	308	680	1,785	
2000	26	4	4	3	9	11	23	45	167	284	715	1,666	
2001	17	9	3	1	12	15	28	41	161	268	657	1,723	
2002	23	5	2	4	9	13	34	43	155	286	685	1,772	
2003	23	2	2	2	8	17	31	59	145	301	674	1,900	
2004	23	8	1	5	11	16	25	40	130	295	737	1,708	
2005	23	3	4	4	9	12	27	38	146	329	705	1,830	
2006	14	4	-	6	9	13	23	55	147	337	651	1,957	
2007	25	1	2	5	8	17	34	54	128	353	618	1,866	
<b>Males</b>													
1998	17	5	3	-	13	10	15	43	102	168	424	781	
1999	18	2	-	4	2	7	24	42	101	196	385	759	
2000	13	3	2	2	5	10	13	27	94	172	429	737	
2001	12	5	2	1	10	11	25	28	100	157	392	753	
2002	9	5	2	2	8	10	23	26	98	167	405	849	
2003	16	1	1	1	7	11	19	37	94	176	396	836	
2004	14	3	1	2	9	9	17	29	76	180	414	737	
2005	14	-	-	3	7	10	22	21	80	200	428	791	
2006	10	1	-	3	7	12	17	38	95	202	393	889	
2007	9	1	1	3	7	16	28	35	77	211	368	854	
<b>Females</b>													
1998	7	1	-	4	6	4	5	19	45	118	281	973	
1999	13	2	2	4	5	5	6	22	65	112	295	1,027	
2000	13	1	2	1	4	1	10	18	73	112	286	929	
2001	5	4	1	-	2	4	3	13	61	111	265	970	
2002	14	-	-	2	1	3	11	17	57	119	280	923	
2003	7	1	1	1	1	6	12	22	51	125	278	1,064	
2004	9	5	-	3	2	7	8	11	54	115	323	971	
2005	9	3	4	1	2	2	5	17	66	129	277	1,039	
2006	4	3	-	3	2	1	6	17	52	135	258	1,068	
2007	16	-	1	2	1	1	6	19	51	142	250	1,012	

**Table 6. Number and rate of marriages occurring in Malta and Gozo: 1998 - 2007**

Year	Marriage - number			Of which civil marriages	Crude marriage rate*
	MALTA	Malta	Gozo		MALTA
1998	2,376	2,205	171	409	6.17
1999	2,409	2,248	161	463	6.22
2000	2,545	2,375	170	509	6.52
2001	2,194	2,058	136	474	5.58
2002	2,240	2,068	172	575	5.66
2003	2,350	2,169	181	803	5.90
2004	2,402	2,210	192	756	5.99
2005	2,374	2,216	158	779	5.88
2006	2,536	2,352	184	859	6.25
2007	2,479	2,326	153	867	6.10

\*The crude Marriage Rate relates to the number of marriages per 1,000 total mid-year population



Table 7. Total marriages classified by nationality of the spouses: 2007

Nationality of bride	Nationality of groom												Total brides
	Maltese	European				Australian	American (USA)	Canadian	African		Other country	Unspecified	
		British	Italian	Other EU member	Other European country				Egyptian	Libyan			
Maltese	1,582	25	16	14	16	2	6	1	2	27	18	14	1,723
European													
British	11	402	-	4	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	421
Italian	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Other EU member	20	20	1	80	2	-	2	1	-	3	3	2	134
Other European country	68	3	1	-	14	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	89
Australian	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	9
American (USA)	3		-	-	-	-	13		-	-	-	2	18
Canadian	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	6
Other country	38	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	10	-	54
Unspecified	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	22
<b>Total grooms</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2,479</b>

**Table 8. Registered marital separations by nationality of persons: 2007**

Nationality of women	Nationality of men		Total women
	Maltese	Foreign	
Maltese	569	42	611
Foreign	23	3	26
<b>Total men</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>637</b>

**Table 9. Registered Annulments of marriages by duration and type of marriage: 2007**

Duration of marriage (years)	Registered annulments		
	Religious	Civil	Total
Less than 10	8	79	87
10-19	23	39	62
20+	3	15	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>167</b>

**Table 10. Divorces obtained abroad and recognised by Maltese Authorities, by duration of marriage: 2007**

Duration of marriage (years)	Foreign Divorces
Less than 5	3
5-9	10
10-19	12
20+	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>

## Methodological notes

1. **Total population:** all Maltese and foreign persons residing in Malta
2. **Total live births:** include all births registered in Malta from both Maltese and foreign parents. All still births are excluded. The crude birth rate is the number of total live births per thousand mid-year population.
3. **Total deaths:** include all registered Maltese and foreign deaths in Malta and Gozo. This count excludes tourists but includes Maltese who die abroad and who are then buried in Malta. Total deaths exclude still births. The crude death rate is the total number of deaths per thousand mid-year total population.
4. **Total marriages:** include all marriages registered in Malta and Gozo. This count includes marriages between non-resident foreign spouses as well. The crude marriage rate relates to the number of marriages per 1,000 total mid year population.
5. Data on **separations** has been extracted from records held at the Public Registry of separations involving both Maltese and/or foreign spouses, that have been concluded by a legal contract.
6. Information on **registered annulments** of Religious and Civil Marriages between Maltese and/or foreign spouses is as according to records held at the Public Registry.
7. **Divorces** obtained abroad involving both Maltese and foreign spouses. Information in this release includes only those divorces that were accepted by the laws of Malta in terms of section 33 of the Marriage act, 1975 and are registered at the Public Registry.
8. This release has been compiled by the National Statistics Office using demographic data based on records held by the Public Registry.