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Established by the United Nations in 1954, World Children's Day is celebrated annually on 20 November. The main aim of commemorating this day remains that of promoting and celebrating children's rights around the world.

## World Children's Day: 2019

As at the end of 2018, the total resident population stood at 493,559. Of these, 80,196 were aged 0-17 years, 12 per cent of whom were foreigners (Table 1). Data compiled by the NSO shows that this population segment decreased by 14,442 persons when compared to 2000 levels (Chart 1). The total number of resident live births stood at 4,444, an increase of 125 over the previous year. The crude birth rate remained unchanged over the past year, at nine births per 1,000 population (Table 2).

Statistics from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) show that last year, 74,678 or 80 per cent of the total number of parents with children aged 0-17 were employed. A gender breakdown reveals that 96 per cent of fathers and 65 per cent of mothers were in employment (Table 3).

Data from the European Statistics on Income and Living Conditions (EU-SILC) shows that 23 per cent of the 0-17 age group were at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion, four percentage points higher than the rate for the rest of the population (Table 4).

EU-SILC reveals that in 2018, 56,972 households had children aged 0-17. Apartments and flats were the most common type of dwellings for such households followed by semi-detached or terraced houses, while 2,029 households lived in detached houses (Chart 2). When analysing the data by tenure status, 83 per cent of households with children aged 0-17 emerged as homeowners, while 12 per cent were tenants (Table 5).

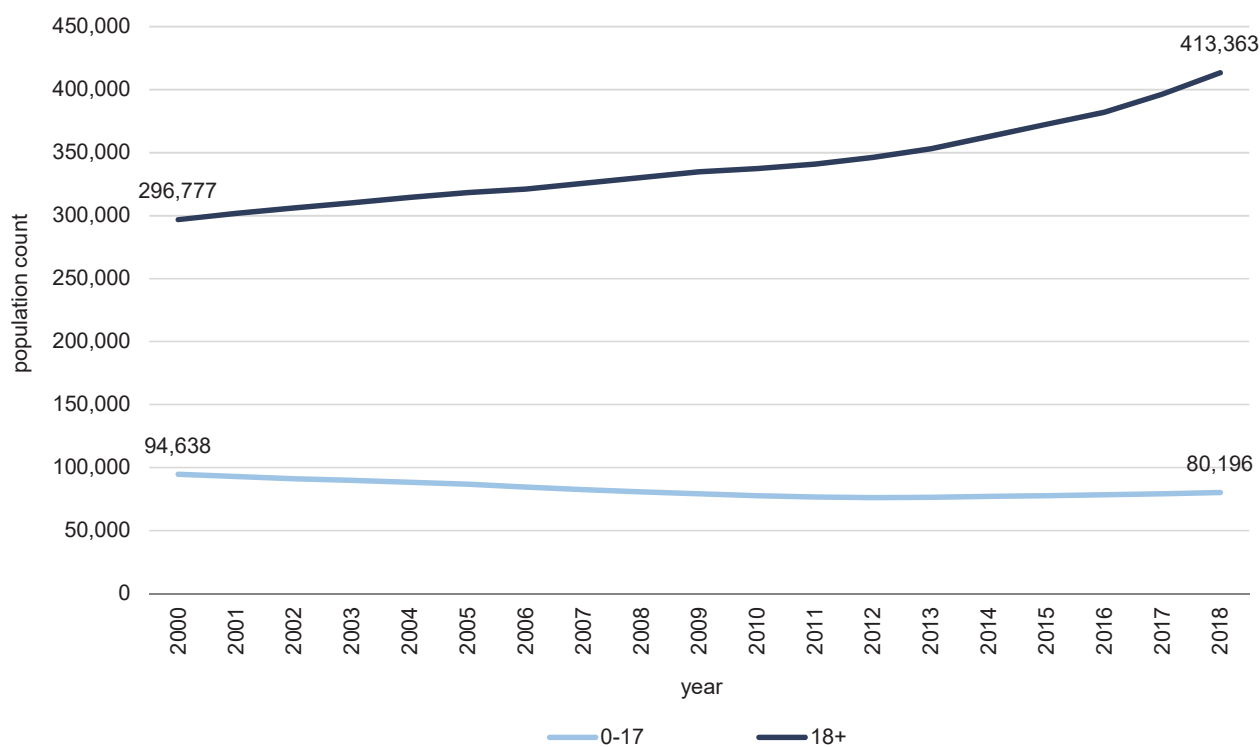
During academic year 2017/2018, the total number of students aged 0-17 enrolled in pre-primary, primary, secondary and post-secondary education was 63,182. Of these, 56,542 (89 per cent) were Maltese, while 6,604 (10 per cent) were of foreign nationality. Italians, Britons and Libyans composed the largest shares of foreign students with 964, 842 and 591 respectively (Table 7). The majority attended State schools (61 per cent), followed by Church and Independent schools (27 and 12 per cent respectively) (Table 6). The educational institutions hosting the largest number of students were in Birkirkara with 4,171, followed by Pembroke and Ħamrun with 3,574 and 2,791 respectively (Fig. 1). Meanwhile, Birkirkara, Mosta and Naxxar were the top three localities of residence for students up to 17 years of age (Fig. 2) ■

**Table 1. Total resident population aged 0-17 by citizenship and age: as at end December 2018**

Age	Maltese	Foreign	Total
0	3,679	841	4,520
1	3,618	1,067	4,685
2	3,847	1,045	4,892
3	3,844	973	4,817
4	3,822	771	4,593
5	3,822	722	4,544
6	4,044	652	4,696
7	4,152	514	4,666
8	3,980	406	4,386
9	4,095	413	4,508
10	4,080	406	4,486
11	3,886	307	4,193
12	3,841	329	4,170
13	3,865	335	4,200
14	3,851	297	4,148
15	4,004	290	4,294
16	3,921	241	4,162
17	3,953	283	4,236
<b>Total</b>	<b>70,304</b>	<b>9,892</b>	<b>80,196</b>

Source: Population, Migration and Crime Statistics, NSO

**Chart 1. Total resident population by age category: 2000-2018**



Source: Population, Migration and Crime Statistics, NSO

**Table 2. Total number of births and crude birth rate: 2006-2018**

Year	Resident live births	Crude birth rate <sup>1</sup>
2006	3,779	9.3
2007	3,765	9.3
2008	4,013	9.8
2009	4,029	9.8
2010	3,898	9.4
2011	4,165	10.0
2012	4,130	9.8
2013	4,032	9.5
2014	4,191	9.6
2015	4,325	9.7
2016	4,476	9.8
2017	4,319	9.2
2018	4,444	9.2

<sup>1</sup> Number of live births per 1,000 total mid-year population.  
Source: Population, Migration and Crime Statistics, NSO

**Table 3. Parents<sup>1</sup> by age and labour status: 2018**

Labour status	Fathers	Mothers	Total
<b>Employed</b>			
15-34	6,908	8,857	15,765
35-54	35,089	21,811	56,900
55+	1,810	:	2,013
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,807</b>	<b>30,871</b>	<b>74,678</b>
<b>Unemployed or inactive</b>			
15-34	:	5,928	6,245
35-54	1,023 <sup>u</sup>	10,265	11,288
55+	509 <sup>u</sup>	543 <sup>u</sup>	1,052
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>16,736</b>	<b>18,585</b>

<sup>1</sup> This data includes single parents

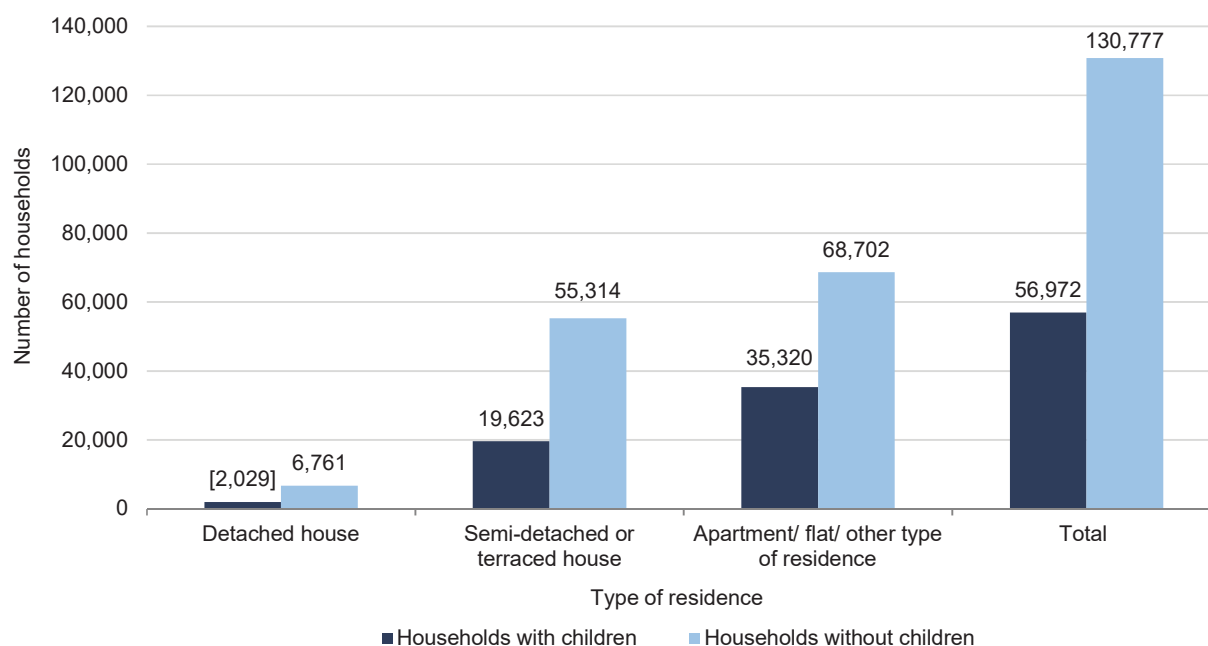
<sup>:</sup> Unreliable - less than 20 sample observations.

<sup>u</sup> Under represented - between 20 and 49 sample observations.

Note: Percentage totals may not add up due to rounding.

Source: Labour Force Survey, NSO

**Chart 2. Households with/without children aged 0-17 by type of dwelling: 2018**



[ ] Figures to be used with caution: figures representing 20 to 49 reporting households, or with non-response for the variable concerned that is in the range of 20%-50%.

Source: European Statistics on Income and Living Conditions, NSO

**Table 4. Share of persons 'at-risk-of-poverty' and 'at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion' by age group: 2018**

Age group	at-risk-of-poverty			at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<b>0-17</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>22.6</b>	<b>22.8</b>
0-9	19.7	19.0	19.4	20.2	20.2	20.2
10-17	24.7	23.1	23.9	26.8	25.6	26.2
<b>18+</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>18.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>19.0</b>

Source: European Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey, NSO

**Table 5. Share and total number of households by household type and tenure status: 2018**

Tenure status	Households with children aged 0-17		Households without children aged 0-17	
	Number of households	%	Number of households	%
<b>Owner</b>	<b>47,287</b>	<b>83.0</b>	<b>100,700</b>	<b>77.0</b>
<i>of which:</i>				
With mortgage	21,410	37.6	17,393	13.3
Without mortgage	25,877	45.4	83,307	63.7
<b>Tenant</b>	<b>6,770</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>23,920</b>	<b>18.3</b>
<b>Accommodation free of charge</b>	<b>[2,915]</b>	<b>[5.1]</b>	<b>6,156</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>56,972</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>130,777</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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Source: European Statistics on Income and Living Conditions Survey, NSO

**Table 6. Total students aged 0-17 enrolled in formal education by level: academic year 2017/2018**

Level of education <sup>1</sup>	State		Church		Independent		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Pre-primary	6,724	71.3	1,037	11.0	1,665	17.7	<b>9,426</b>	100
Primary	15,106	57.0	7,813	29.5	3,566	13.5	<b>26,485</b>	100
Secondary	10,899	52.9	7,446	36.2	2,250	10.9	<b>20,595</b>	100
Post-Secondary <sup>2</sup>	5,608	84.0	779	11.7	289	4.3	<b>6,676</b>	100
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,337</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>17,075</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>7,770</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>63,182</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Excluding special schools and reception classes

<sup>2</sup> For more information, please refer to methodological note 4.3.

Source: Tourism and Education Statistics, NSO

**Table 7. Total students aged 0-17 enrolled in formal education by nationality: academic year 2017/2018**

<b>Number of students<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>63,182</b>
Maltese	56,542
Foreign	6,604
... of which:	
Italian	964
British	842
Libyan	591
Bulgarian	379
Serbian	363
Unspecified	36

<sup>1</sup> excluding special schools and reception classes

Source: Tourism and Education Statistics, NSO

Figure 1. Total students aged 0-17 enrolled in formal education by locality of institution: academic year 2017/2018

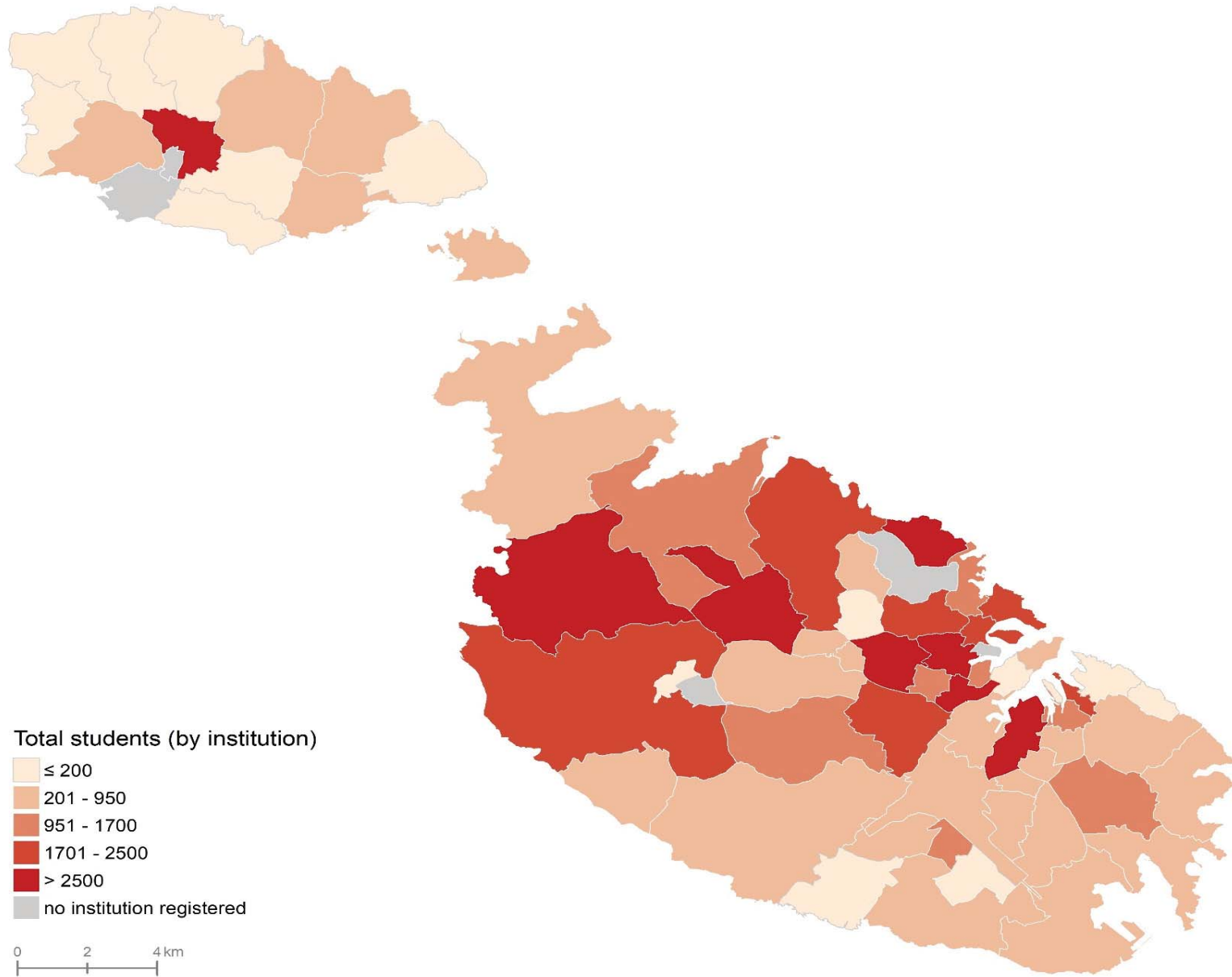
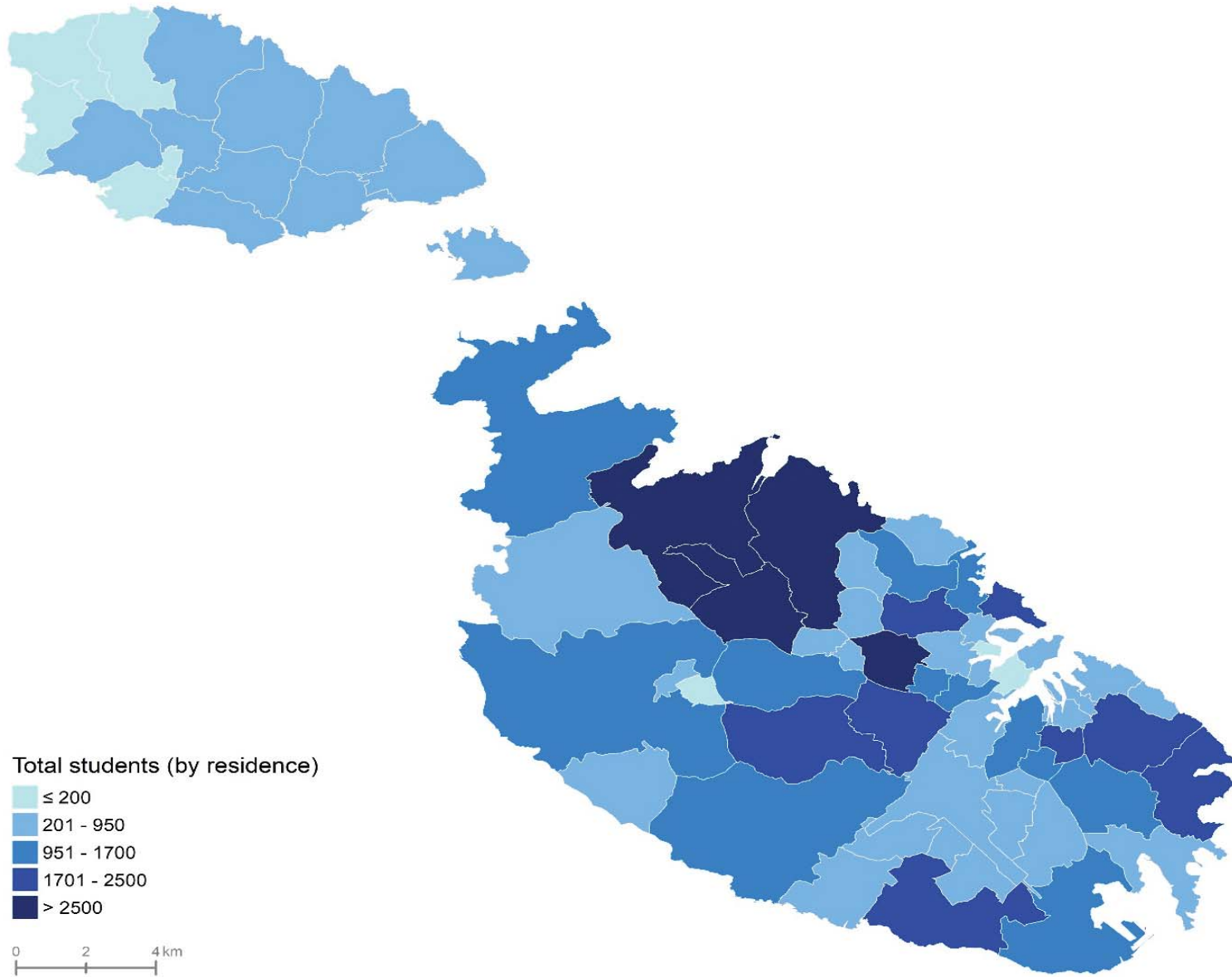


Figure 2. Total students aged 0-17 enrolled in formal education by locality of residence: academic year 2017/2018



## Methodological Notes

### 1. POPULATION:

1.1 Population estimates are calculated using components based on definitions provided for in the European Regulation (EU) No. 1260/2013 on European demographic statistics.

#### 1.2 Definitions

- **Crude birth rate:** <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=382>
- **Mid-year population:** <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=1276>
- **Total population:** <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=1967>

1.3 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.

1.4 More information relating to this news release may be accessed at:

- Metadata (Demography): <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=36>
- Metadata (Migration): <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=38>

### 2. LABOUR MARKET:

2.1 **Employment:** <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=821>

2.2 **Inactive persons:** <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=1023>

2.3 **Unemployment:** <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=2022>

### 3. SURVEY ON INCOME AND LIVING CONDITIONS:

#### 3.1 Definitions

- The **at-risk-of-poverty threshold** is also referred to as the at-risk-of-poverty line or, simply, the poverty line. This is equivalent to 60 per cent of the median national equivalised income of persons living in private households.
- The **at-risk-of-poverty rate** refers to the share of persons with an equivalised disposable income below the at-risk-of-poverty threshold.
- The **at-risk-of-poverty or social exclusion rate** corresponds to the proportion of persons who fall within at least one of the following three categories:
  - Persons whose equivalised income falls below the at-risk-of-poverty threshold;
  - Persons who live in severely materially deprived private households; and
  - Persons aged 0-59 who live in private households with very low work intensity (i.e. the adults aged 18-59 have worked less than 20 per cent of their total work potential during the past year).

#### 3.2 Sources and Methods

- [https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources\\_and\\_Methods/Unit\\_C1/Living\\_Conditions\\_and\\_Culture\\_Statistics/Pages/Statistics-on-Income-and-Living-Conditions.aspx](https://nso.gov.mt/en/nso/Sources_and_Methods/Unit_C1/Living_Conditions_and_Culture_Statistics/Pages/Statistics-on-Income-and-Living-Conditions.aspx)

3.3 Sample used for the EU-SILC survey was extracted from a database based on the Census of Population and Housing 2011.

3.4 Statistical concepts: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/concepts.aspx>

3.5 Metadata: <http://nso.gov.mt/metadata/reports.aspx?id=27>

### 4. EDUCATION:

4.1 Data collection is carried out during the second quarter of each academic year. The reference period for the information provided being the end of March.

4.2 Questionnaires sent to pre-primary, primary and secondary schools, are sent via email using the soft-copy version of the questionnaire. All incoming questionnaires are processed through a custom-made computer software.

4.3 For the purpose of this news release post-secondary level refers to students aged up to 17 years enrolled in Sixth Forms, MCAST, ITS, University of Malta, and public and private institutions offering courses at ISCED levels 2 to 4.

#### 4.4 Definitions:

- **Formal education:** <https://nso.gov.mt/metadata/ConceptDetails.aspx?id=787>
- **Locality of residence:** refers to the locality where the student is recorded to reside, according to the [LAU classification](#).
- **Locality of institution:** refers to the locality where the physical campus is registered, according to the [LAU classification](#).