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DEDICATION

To all children.
May they not grow
to wisdom,
the hard way.

Fi-\g]urija

O \mien]elu, kif g] addejtli,
\mien ta' meta kont bla]tija!
It-tifkira biss]allejtli
Biex il-g]ira n]oss g]alik:
Int ma tar[a' \jed g]alija,
U sal-mewt indum nibkik.

La ta]bit, la]sieb g]all-]ajja
Fi-\g]urija ma jg]abbina,
Ma tnikkita l-ebda [rajja,
l-ebda g]ali, l-ebda hemm;
kollox ward ikun g]alina,
xewk g]al qlubna ma jkunx hemm.

Kollu wie]ed jidlam, jisba],
X'inhu l-jum l-ebda ma nfittxu,
Nittennew l-g]ada jkun isba],
Bla ma na]sbu x'jista jsir;
G]al kull xejn tarana n\i[[u,
G]al kull]a[a qalbna ttir.

Sajf u xitwa fi-\g]urija,
Il-qalb dejjem hienja \ommha,
Tg]addi fuqna x-xemx qawwija,
Jew tal-kes]a jg]addi r-ri]...
Ma jiksirha bard la g]omma,
U kull \mien naraw sabi].

\da x']a[a! Fi-\g]urija
Ma ninteb]u xejn bil-hena
Li bih qalbna tkun mimlija,
Ma nag]àrfu deni u [id:
Wara l-erbatax-il sena
Dik il-]ajja kieku trid.

O \mien]elu, g]ax bis-serqa
Tg]addi u tmur bla]add ma jsibek?
B]ala le]]a minn ta' berqa
G]addejt fuqi u [ejt me]ud:
Li kont nista' nar[a' n[ibek
Kieku fik irrid immut.

{ an Anton Vassallo

To a Child Dancing in the Wind

Dance there upon the shore;
What need have you to care
For wind or water's roar?
And tumble out your hair
That the salt drops have wet;
Being young you have not known
The fool's triumph, nor yet
Love lost as soon as won,
Nor the best labourer dead
And all the sheaves to bind.
What need have you to dread
The monstrous crying of wind?

W.B. Yeats

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The Compilers

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

In line with the definition given in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, children have been taken to include persons from 0-17 years of age.

The regional and district classification is derived from the Malta Geographic Codes (MGC) developed by the National Statistics Office.

Where Census years are indicated in the tables and charts, Census data are referred to.

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FOREWORD

This compilation of statistics started out as a relatively modest project, perhaps little more than a booklet depicting salient aspects of childhood statistics in the Maltese Islands. As we set about ascertaining the kind of data to put in and identifying the relevant sources, we gradually came round to the idea of developing a good-sized volume in order to do justice to our children. To do justice to them not solely as the mainstays of tomorrow's society, but also as children in their own right, as integral and visible parts of our society.

Initially, we had thought it would be a simple matter to obtain childhood statistics, especially since the Maltese have a reputation for doting upon their children in every way. As we progressed, however, many were the frustrations and disappointments. For example, this publication and the data contained within it revolve around the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, which defines as children all persons below the age of eighteen years. In fact, we encountered difficulties in obtaining information on children aged 0-17 years and, in several cases, had to make do with age-groups. Then again, we found hardly any data about children's life conditions in modern society, for example, hours spent in study, work and play. Furthermore, we got to know about children as single entities but hardly anything about them in the context of their siblings, or no siblings at all, as the case may be. Gradually, we came to the conclusion that, although children are present in certain sectors of statistical data, they are not very visible. For a proper system of social accounting, every element within it, be it "man", "woman", "family" or "household", has to be equally visible; in fact, the element which the data concerns has to be made into the unit of observation. This is what we have sought to do in this compilation. We hope that it will serve as a platform for raising awareness and implementing actions towards the generation of child-specific statistics. On our part, we commit ourselves to play a key role in this project.

The publication is made up of eight main sections: Demographics; Children in Education; Children in Society; Children and Health; Children in Households; Children as Parents; Children at Risk; and Children and Crime. Each topic is presented in such a way as to focus attention upon the related childhood concern. The book concludes with an interesting "flashback" to the years when Maltese emigration was at its highest, with whole families seeking new beginnings in foreign countries. In the case of fertility, we have sought to gradually shift the focus from it as a traditionally adult sector to one which intimately concerns children and childhood. All in all, we trust we have given adequate coverage to a subject which must lie close to all our hearts, whatever our status in life.

"Children" is a further step in the widening of the scope of the National Statistics Office's social statistics programme which started out in 1997 with the engendering of all our data. We encourage the reader to not only utilise the tables and charts contained in this volume for their data content, but to regard them also as examples of how to stimulate research on childhood as a social phenomenon. And of how, not only to see, but to *look at* children in all their aspects. In the words of Carol Bellamy, Executive Director of UNICEF, "No one wants to fail our children."

Alfred Camilleri
May 2002

1. DEMOGRAPHICS

"The Child shall be registered immediately after birth and shall have the right from birth to a name, the right to acquire a nationality and as far as possible, the right to know and be cared for by his or her parents."

States Parties shall ensure the implementation of these rights in accordance with their national law and their obligations under the relevant international instruments in this field, in particular where the child would otherwise be stateless.

States Parties undertake to respect the right of the child to preserve his or her identity, including nationality, name and family relations as recognized by law without unlawful interference.

Where a child is illegally deprived of some or all of the elements of his or her identity, States Parties shall provide appropriate assistance and protection, with a view to re-establishing speedily his or her identity."

Convention on the Rights of the Child: Articles 7 and 8 .

1.1. Child Population

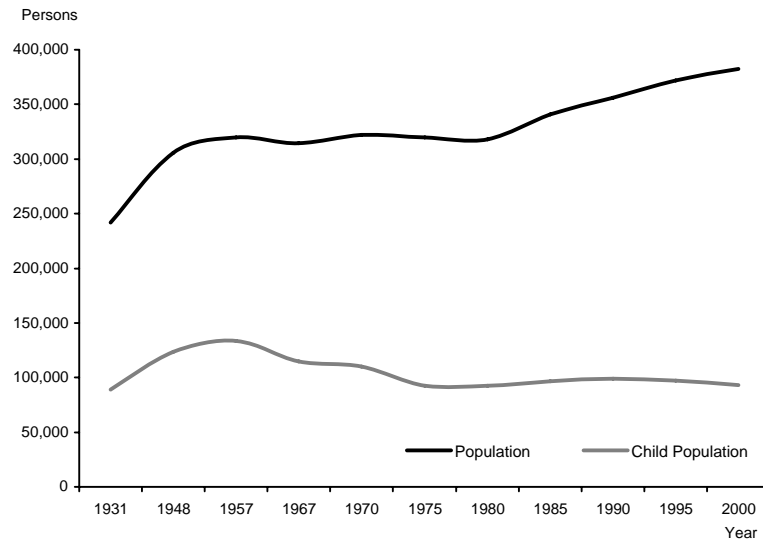
Year	Population			Child Population			Children as a Percentage of Population		
	Males	Females	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1931 ¹	117,457	124,164	241,621	45,051	44,201	89,252	38.4	35.6	36.9
1948 ¹	150,665	155,326	305,991	62,412	61,265	123,677	41.4	39.4	40.4
1957 ¹	153,108	166,512	319,620	67,766	65,611	133,377	44.3	39.4	41.7
1967 ¹	150,598	163,618	314,216	58,324	56,311	114,635	38.7	34.4	36.5
1970	153,920	168,267	322,187	56,281	53,849	110,130	36.6	32.0	34.2
1975	152,807	167,078	319,885	49,220	43,350	92,570	32.2	25.9	28.9
1980	154,759	163,269	318,028	48,246	44,517	92,763	31.2	27.3	29.2
1985	167,875	173,032	340,907	49,760	46,899	96,659	29.6	27.1	28.4
1990	175,782	180,128	355,910	51,002	48,256	99,258	29.0	26.8	27.9
1995	184,306	187,824	372,130	49,928	47,387	97,315	27.1	25.2	26.2
2000	189,720	192,805	382,525	48,023	45,270	93,293	25.3	23.5	24.4

¹Census Years

Note: Up to 1972 population figures include the families of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 population figures refer to the Maltese population only.

Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 1.1
Population vs Child Population

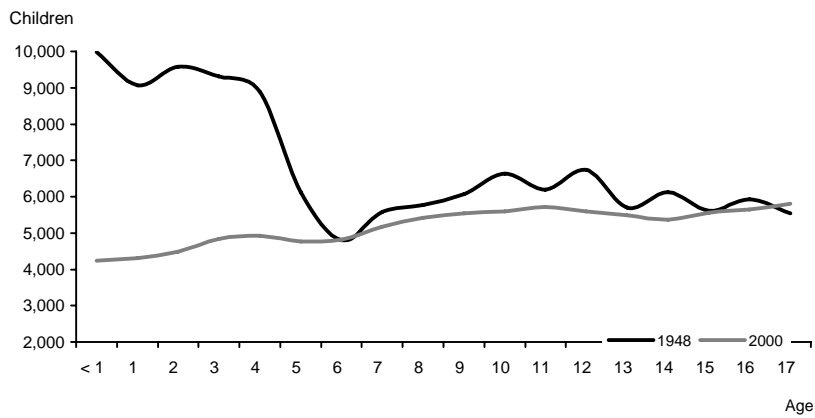


1.2. Child Population by Single Years of Age: 1948/2000

Age	1948 ¹			2000		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
< 1	5,042	4,949	9,991	2,118	2,120	4,238
1	4,601	4,461	9,062	2,174	2,126	4,300
2	4,877	4,693	9,570	2,304	2,186	4,490
3	4,813	4,507	9,320	2,541	2,294	4,835
4	4,549	4,345	8,894	2,543	2,384	4,927
5	3,080	3,048	6,128	2,482	2,289	4,771
6	2,380	2,425	4,805	2,483	2,344	4,827
7	2,832	2,743	5,575	2,677	2,492	5,169
8	2,911	2,864	5,775	2,772	2,638	5,410
9	3,027	3,044	6,071	2,851	2,690	5,541
10	3,282	3,350	6,632	2,866	2,725	5,591
11	3,149	3,051	6,200	2,891	2,820	5,711
12	3,520	3,228	6,748	2,846	2,743	5,589
13	2,915	2,793	5,708	2,808	2,688	5,496
14	3,086	3,037	6,123	2,866	2,503	5,369
15	2,759	2,849	5,608	2,871	2,696	5,567
16	2,894	3,027	5,921	2,929	2,727	5,656
17	2,695	2,851	5,546	3,001	2,805	5,806

¹ Census Year
Source: National Statistics Office

Chart 1.2
Child Population by Single Years of Age: 1948/2000



¹ Census Year

Chart 1.3
Number of Children per 100 Adults

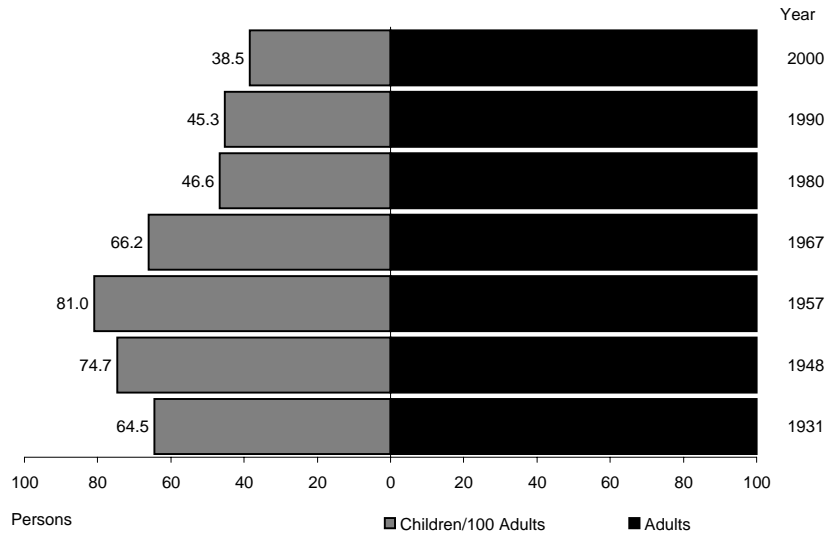
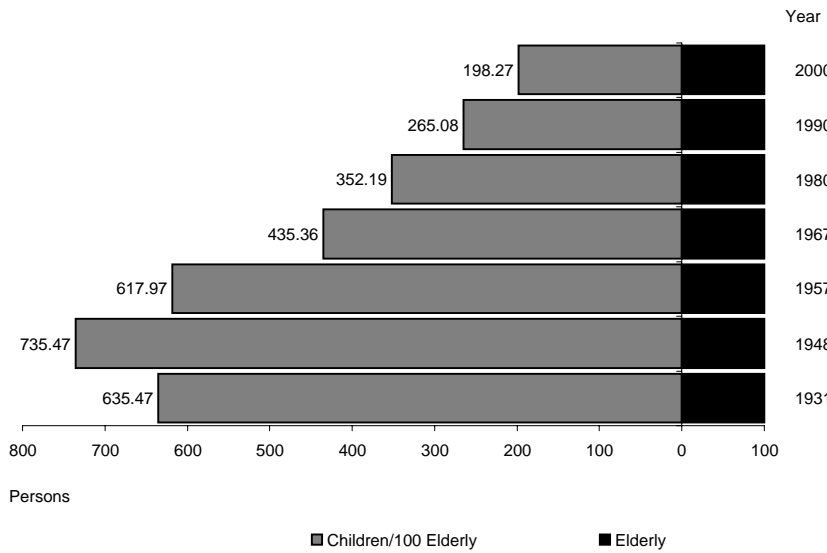


Chart 1.4
Number of Children per 100 Elderly Persons



Note: Children: 0 - 17 years; Adults: 18 - 64 years; Elderly: 65+ years

Table 1.3. Child Population in Malta and Gozo: 1948¹/1995¹

Age	Malta			Gozo		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1948¹						
< 1	4,619	4,492	9,111	423	457	880
1	4,192	4,108	8,300	409	353	762
2	4,436	4,284	8,720	441	409	850
3	4,453	4,159	8,612	360	348	708
4	4,158	3,987	8,145	391	358	749
5	2,802	2,781	5,583	278	267	545
6	2,179	2,201	4,380	201	224	425
7	2,571	2,499	5,070	261	244	505
8	2,622	2,600	5,222	289	264	553
9	2,774	2,802	5,576	253	242	495
10	2,965	3,074	6,039	317	276	593
11	2,879	2,822	5,701	270	229	499
12	3,231	2,957	6,188	289	271	560
13	2,673	2,548	5,221	242	245	487
14	2,807	2,781	5,588	279	256	535
15	2,535	2,627	5,162	224	222	446
16	2,624	2,760	5,384	270	267	537
17	2,451	2,596	5,047	244	255	499
Total	56,971	56,078	113,049	5,441	5,187	10,628
1995¹						
< 1	2,278	2,138	4,416	181	163	344
1	2,277	2,139	4,416	210	189	399
2	2,454	2,334	4,788	236	189	425
3	2,585	2,447	5,032	200	196	396
4	2,635	2,517	5,152	222	190	412
5	2,714	2,535	5,249	195	203	398
6	2,658	2,628	5,286	245	239	484
7	2,643	2,510	5,153	225	231	456
8	2,577	2,473	5,050	238	196	434
9	2,654	2,311	4,965	254	237	491
10	2,688	2,545	5,233	233	225	458
11	2,749	2,527	5,276	248	236	484
12	2,773	2,608	5,381	243	213	456
13	2,781	2,741	5,522	263	203	466
14	2,704	2,663	5,367	201	181	382
15	2,787	2,613	5,400	216	196	412
16	2,850	2,678	5,528	245	188	433
17	2,778	2,583	5,361	195	181	376
Total	47,585	44,990	92,575	4,050	3,656	7,706

¹ Census Years

Note: Data for single years of age by locality are compiled only in Population Censuses.

Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 1.5
Child Population by Single Years of Age, Malta: 1948/1995¹

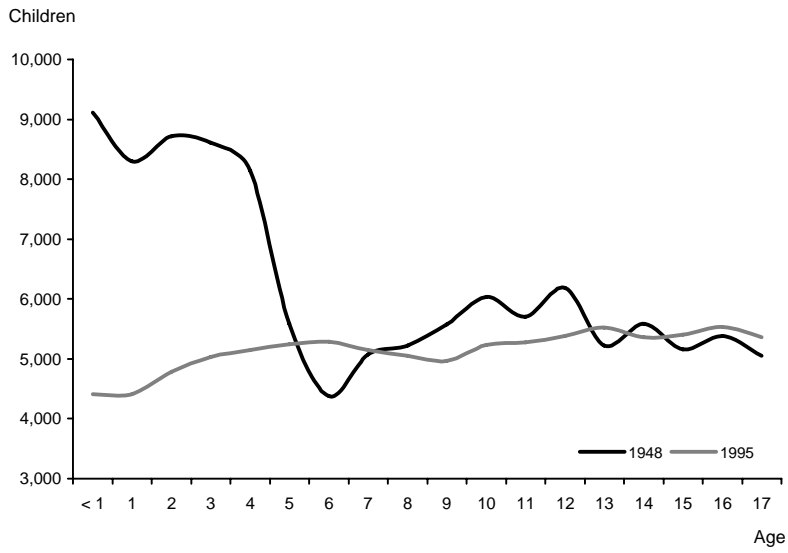
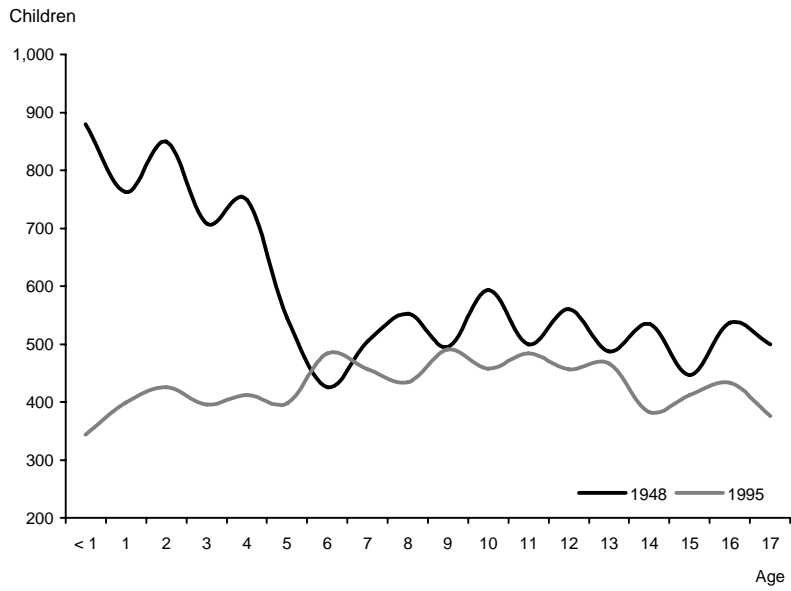


Chart 1.6
Child Population by Single Years of Age, Gozo: 1948/1995¹



¹ Census Years

BIRTHS

1.4. Birth Trends

Year	Population		
	Males	Females	Total
1931 ¹	117,457	124,164	241,621
1948 ¹	150,665	155,326	305,991
1957 ¹	153,108	166,512	319,620
1967 ¹	150,598	163,618	314,216
1970	153,920	168,267	322,187
1975	152,807	167,078	319,885
1980	154,759	163,269	318,028
1985	167,875	173,032	340,907
1990	175,782	180,128	355,910
1995	184,306	187,824	372,130
2000	189,720	192,805	382,525

Year	Births		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1931 ¹	1,407	1,307	2,714
1948 ¹	5,635	5,394	11,029
1957 ¹	4,553	4,241	8,794
1967 ¹	2,688	2,621	5,309
1970	2,782	2,532	5,314
1975	3,005	2,719	5,724
1980	2,932	2,670	5,602
1985	2,818	2,612	5,430
1990	2,786	2,582	5,368
1995	2,403	2,210	4,613
2000	2,126	2,129	4,255

Year	Crude Birth Rate ²		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1931 ¹	12.0	10.5	11.2
1948 ¹	37.4	34.7	36.0
1957 ¹	29.7	25.5	27.5
1967 ¹	17.8	16.0	16.9
1970	18.1	15.0	16.5
1975	19.7	16.3	17.9
1980	18.9	16.4	17.6
1985	16.8	15.1	15.9
1990	15.8	14.3	15.1
1995	13.0	11.8	12.4
2000	11.2	11.0	11.1

¹ Census Years

² Number of live births per 1000 persons

Note: Up to 1972 live births include the children of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 live births refer to persons of Maltese nationality only.

Source: National Statistics Office

1.5. Live Births ...

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1940	4,579	4,229	8,808
1941	3,806	3,546	7,352
1942	3,508	3,260	6,768
1943	4,377	4,075	8,452
1944	5,710	5,253	10,963
1945	5,749	5,249	10,998
1946	5,817	5,487	11,304
1947	5,984	5,628	11,612
1948	5,635	5,394	11,029
1949	5,538	5,052	10,590
1950	5,273	5,008	10,281
1951	4,811	4,700	9,511
1952	4,839	4,387	9,226
1953	4,661	4,316	8,977
1954	4,636	4,355	8,991
1955	4,460	4,100	8,560
1956	4,415	4,003	8,418
1957	4,553	4,241	8,794
1958	4,300	4,228	8,528
1959	4,296	4,203	8,499
1960	4,454	4,111	8,565
1961	3,933	3,741	7,674
1962	3,908	3,605	7,513
1963	3,481	3,191	6,672
1964	3,287	3,107	6,394
1965	2,922	2,706	5,628
1966	2,803	2,537	5,340
1967	2,688	2,621	5,309
1968	2,641	2,504	5,145
1969	2,680	2,416	5,096
1970	2,782	2,532	5,314
1971	2,893	2,669	5,562
1972	2,788	2,597	5,385
1973	2,681	2,591	5,272
1974	2,842	2,598	5,440
1975	3,005	2,719	5,724
1976	2,945	2,751	5,696
1977	3,057	2,736	5,793
1978	2,914	2,727	5,641

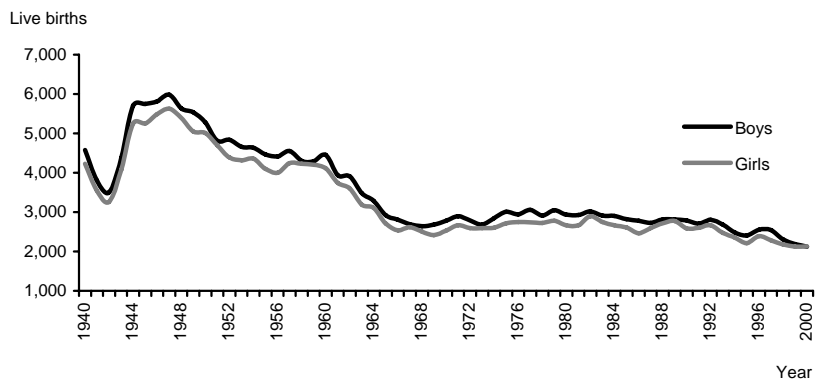
1.5. ... Live Births

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1979	3,045	2,778	5,823
1980	2,932	2,670	5,602
1981	2,924	2,668	5,592
1982	3,014	2,898	5,912
1983	2,907	2,744	5,651
1984	2,901	2,670	5,571
1985	2,818	2,612	5,430
1986	2,778	2,467	5,245
1987	2,720	2,594	5,314
1988	2,817	2,716	5,533
1989	2,813	2,771	5,584
1990	2,786	2,582	5,368
1991	2,704	2,598	5,302
1992	2,804	2,670	5,474
1993	2,679	2,468	5,147
1994	2,479	2,347	4,826
1995	2,403	2,210	4,613
1996	2,555	2,389	4,944
1997	2,547	2,288	4,835
1998	2,308	2,180	4,488
1999	2,183	2,125	4,308
2000	2,126	2,129	4,255

Note: Up to 1972 live births include the children of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 live births refer to persons of Maltese nationality only.

Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 1.7
Birth Trends



1.6. Live Births, Malta and Gozo ...

Year	Maltese Islands			Malta			Gozo		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1940	4,579	4,229	8,808	4,165	3,866	8,031	414	363	777
1941	3,806	3,546	7,352	3,425	3,193	6,618	381	353	734
1942	3,508	3,260	6,768	3,137	2,952	6,089	371	308	679
1943	4,377	4,075	8,452	3,973	3,694	7,667	404	381	785
1944	5,710	5,253	10,963	5,242	4,868	10,110	468	385	853
1945	5,749	5,249	10,998	5,244	4,794	10,038	505	455	960
1946	5,817	5,487	11,304	5,332	5,040	10,372	485	447	932
1947	5,984	5,628	11,612	5,484	5,131	10,615	500	497	997
1948	5,635	5,394	11,029	5,135	4,982	10,117	500	412	912
1949	5,538	5,052	10,590	5,029	4,665	9,694	509	387	896
1950	5,273	5,008	10,281	4,822	4,567	9,389	451	441	892
1951	4,811	4,700	9,511	4,400	4,317	8,717	411	383	794
1952	4,839	4,387	9,226	4,448	4,053	8,501	391	334	725
1953	4,661	4,316	8,977	4,312	3,986	8,298	349	330	679
1954	4,636	4,355	8,991	4,273	4,014	8,287	363	341	704
1955	4,460	4,100	8,560	4,118	3,781	7,899	342	319	661
1956	4,415	4,003	8,418	4,090	3,704	7,794	325	299	624
1957	4,553	4,241	8,794	4,238	3,879	8,117	315	362	677
1958	4,300	4,228	8,528	3,969	3,903	7,872	331	325	656
1959	4,296	4,203	8,499	3,964	3,861	7,825	332	342	674
1960	4,454	4,111	8,565	4,093	3,754	7,847	361	357	718
1961	3,933	3,741	7,674	3,639	3,484	7,123	294	257	551
1962	3,908	3,605	7,513	3,596	3,332	6,928	312	273	585
1963	3,481	3,191	6,672	3,237	2,948	6,185	244	243	487
1964	3,287	3,107	6,394	3,051	2,864	5,915	236	243	479
1965	2,922	2,706	5,628	2,722	2,526	5,248	200	180	380
1966	2,803	2,537	5,340	2,593	2,374	4,967	210	163	373
1967	2,688	2,621	5,309	2,512	2,468	4,980	176	153	329
1968	2,641	2,504	5,145	2,472	2,344	4,816	169	160	329
1969	2,680	2,416	5,096	2,526	2,276	4,802	154	140	294
1970	2,782	2,532	5,314	2,607	2,395	5,002	175	137	312
1971	2,893	2,669	5,562	2,709	2,518	5,227	184	151	335

1.6. ... Live Births, Malta and Gozo

Year	Maltese Islands			Malta			Gozo		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
1972	2,788	2,597	5,385	2,591	2,436	5,027	197	161	358
1973	2,681	2,591	5,272	2,517	2,436	4,953	164	155	319
1974	2,842	2,598	5,440	2,690	2,450	5,140	152	148	300
1975	3,005	2,719	5,724	2,836	2,555	5,391	169	164	333
1976	2,945	2,751	5,696	2,774	2,598	5,372	171	153	324
1977	3,057	2,736	5,793	2,878	2,597	5,475	179	139	318
1978	2,914	2,727	5,641	2,762	2,563	5,325	152	164	316
1979	3,045	2,778	5,823	2,834	2,619	5,453	211	159	370
1980	2,932	2,670	5,602	2,746	2,536	5,282	186	134	320
1981	2,924	2,668	5,592	2,714	2,501	5,215	210	167	377
1982	3,014	2,898	5,912	2,802	2,724	5,526	212	174	386
1983	2,907	2,744	5,651	2,710	2,570	5,280	197	174	371
1984	2,901	2,670	5,571	2,666	2,466	5,132	235	204	439
1985	2,818	2,612	5,430	2,610	2,425	5,035	208	187	395
1986	2,778	2,467	5,245	2,572	2,262	4,834	206	205	411
1987	2,720	2,594	5,314	2,524	2,430	4,954	196	164	360
1988	2,817	2,716	5,533	2,613	2,502	5,115	204	214	418
1989	2,813	2,771	5,584	2,609	2,566	5,175	204	205	409
1990	2,786	2,582	5,368	2,601	2,396	4,997	185	186	371
1991	2,704	2,598	5,302	2,512	2,434	4,946	192	164	356
1992	2,804	2,670	5,474	2,574	2,463	5,037	230	207	437
1993	2,679	2,468	5,147	2,447	2,270	4,717	232	198	430
1994	2,479	2,347	4,826	2,274	2,165	4,439	205	182	387
1995	2,403	2,210	4,613	2,220	2,034	4,254	183	176	359
1996	2,555	2,389	4,944	2,340	2,171	4,511	215	218	433
1997	2,547	2,288	4,835	2,328	2,097	4,425	219	191	410
1998	2,308	2,180	4,488	2,131	1,994	4,125	177	186	363
1999	2,183	2,125	4,308	2,015	1,961	3,976	168	164	332
2000	2,126	2,129	4,255	1,967	1,937	3,904	159	192	351

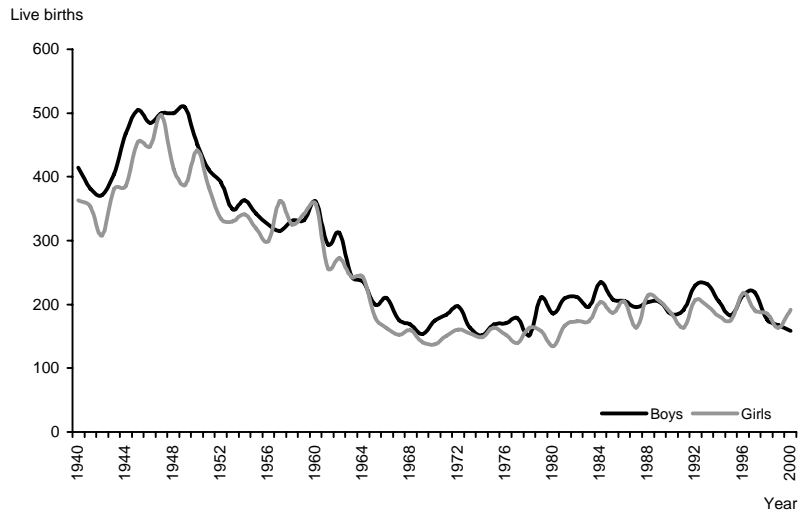
Note: Up to 1972 live births include the children of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 live births refer to persons of Maltese nationality only.

Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 1.8
Live Births in Malta



Chart 1.9
Live Births in Gozo



1.7. Female Population

Year	Age-group							Total
	< 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	
1960	14,750	12,950	12,650	11,150	10,350	8,450	7,950	78,250
1965	18,550	12,150	11,150	11,550	10,350	9,550	7,850	81,150
1970	16,989	17,326	12,276	11,128	10,609	9,754	9,330	87,412
1975	15,640	14,285	14,876	10,687	9,795	9,524	8,725	83,532
1980	13,294	15,233	14,231	15,017	10,837	9,861	9,555	88,028
1985	11,438	12,941	14,159	13,588	14,929	10,982	9,767	87,804
1990	12,858	11,450	12,880	14,262	13,676	14,978	10,969	91,073
1995	13,774	13,030	11,584	13,095	14,521	13,915	15,126	95,045
2000	13,976	14,095	12,784	11,039	12,846	14,550	13,770	93,060

Note: Up to 1972 population figures include the families of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 population figures refer to the Maltese population only.

Source: National Statistics Office.

1.8. Live Births by Age of Mother

Year	Age-group							Total
	< 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	
1960	330	2,551	2,538	1,670	1,084	350	42	8,565
1965	246	1,511	1,755	974	862	264	16	5,628
1970	227	1,766	1,614	984	548	162	13	5,314
1975	265	1,698	2,234	976	411	133	7	5,724
1980	155	1,461	1,950	1,436	481	115	4	5,602
1985	160	1,113	2,029	1,325	675	125	3	5,430
1990	144	960	2,103	1,412	549	192	8	5,368
1995	142	873	1,632	1,290	555	116	5	4,613
2000	239	873	1,545	1,056	428	110	4	4,255

Note: Up to 1972 live births include the children of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 live births refer to persons of Maltese nationality only.

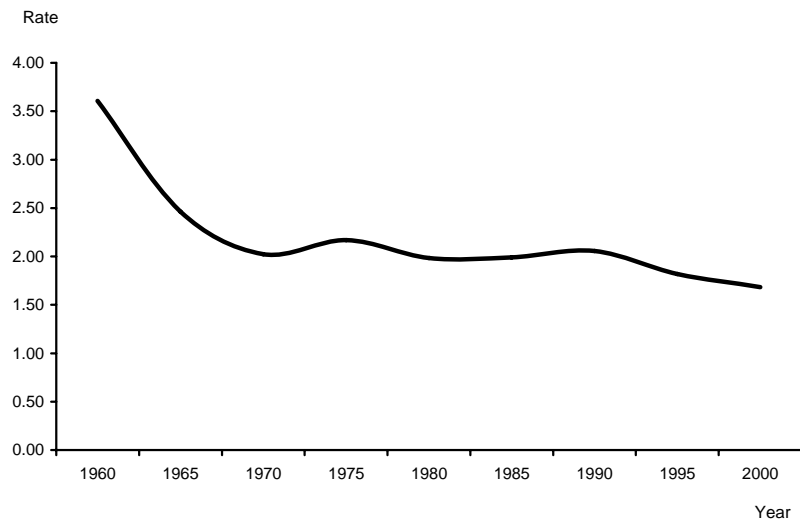
Source: National Statistics Office.

1.9. Age-specific and Total Fertility Rates

Year	Age-group							Total
	< 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	
1960	2.24	19.70	20.06	14.98	10.47	4.14	0.53	3.61
1965	1.33	12.44	15.74	8.43	8.33	2.76	0.20	2.46
1970	1.34	10.19	13.15	8.84	5.17	1.66	0.14	2.02
1975	1.69	11.89	15.02	9.13	4.20	1.40	0.08	2.17
1980	1.17	9.59	13.70	9.56	4.44	1.17	0.04	1.98
1985	1.40	8.60	14.33	9.75	4.52	1.14	0.03	1.99
1990	1.12	8.38	16.33	9.90	4.01	1.28	0.07	2.06
1995	1.03	6.70	14.09	9.85	3.82	0.83	0.03	1.82
2000	1.71	6.19	12.09	9.57	3.33	0.76	0.03	1.68

Note: Live births per 100 women.
Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 1.10
Total Fertility Rate



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1.10. Child Deaths

Year	Child Population		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1948 ¹	62,412	61,265	123,677
1957 ¹	67,766	65,611	133,377
1967 ¹	58,324	56,311	114,635
1970	56,281	53,849	110,130
1975	49,220	43,350	92,570
1980	48,246	44,517	92,763
1985	49,760	46,899	96,659
1990	51,002	48,256	99,258
1995	49,928	47,387	97,315
2000	48,023	45,270	93,293

Year	Child Deaths		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1948 ¹	797	733	1,530
1957 ¹	267	182	449
1967 ¹	123	81	204
1970	110	76	186
1975	66	65	131
1980	80	48	128
1985	66	39	105
1990	42	30	72
1995	42	19	61
2000	22	19	41

Year	Crude Death Rate ²		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1948 ¹	12.8	12.0	12.4
1957 ¹	3.9	2.8	3.4
1967 ¹	2.1	1.4	1.8
1970	2.0	1.4	1.7
1975	1.3	1.5	1.4
1980	1.7	1.1	1.4
1985	1.3	0.8	1.1
1990	0.8	0.6	0.7
1995	0.8	0.4	0.6
2000	0.5	0.4	0.4

¹ Census Years

² Number of deaths per 1000 persons.

Note 1: Up to 1972 deaths include the families of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 deaths refer to the total population residing in Malta.

Note 2: Although data for child deaths for 2001 are available, the NSO does not have the complete set of information to calculate the crude death rate.

Source: National Statistics Office.

1.11. Child Deaths vis-à-vis Total Deaths

Year	Total Deaths		
	Males	Females	Total
1948 ¹	1,957	1,780	3,737
1957 ¹	1,538	1,417	2,955
1967 ¹	1,531	1,454	2,985
1970	1,619	1,451	3,070
1975	1,502	1,398	2,900
1980	1,663	1,552	3,215
1985	1,453	1,384	2,837
1990	1,401	1,344	2,745
1995	1,367	1,341	2,708
2000	1,507	1,450	2,957

Year	Child Deaths		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1948 ¹	797	733	1,530
1957 ¹	267	182	449
1967 ¹	123	81	204
1970	110	76	186
1975	66	65	131
1980	80	48	128
1985	66	39	105
1990	42	30	72
1995	42	19	61
2000	22	19	41

Year	Child Deaths as a percentage of Total Deaths		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1948 ¹	40.7	41.2	40.9
1957 ¹	17.4	12.8	15.2
1967 ¹	8.0	5.6	6.8
1970	6.8	5.2	6.1
1975	4.4	4.6	4.5
1980	4.8	3.1	4.0
1985	4.5	2.8	3.7
1990	3.0	2.2	2.6
1995	3.1	1.4	2.3
2000	1.5	1.3	1.4

¹ Census Years

Note 1: Up to 1972 deaths include the families of British servicemen based in Malta. From 1973 deaths refer to the total population residing in Malta.

Note 2: From 1948-1957 child deaths refer to the 0-19 year age bracket. From 1967-2000 child deaths refer to the 0-17 year age bracket.

Note 3: Although data for child deaths for 2001 are available, the NSO does not have the complete set of information to calculate the percentage of child deaths.

Source: National Statistics Office.

1.12. Deaths of Children aged <1 year ...

Year	< 1 year only		Total
	Boys	Girls	
1948 ¹	645	601	1246
1949	489	398	887
1950	516	394	910
1951	495	454	949
1952	361	301	662
1953	333	249	582
1954	331	271	602
1955	211	174	385
1956	208	151	359
1957	209	149	358
1958	182	159	341
1959	178	119	297
1960	190	138	328
1961	127	117	244
1962	140	123	263
1963	135	93	228
1964	119	100	219
1965	116	80	196
1966	85	76	161
1967	92	53	145
1968	72	68	140
1969	76	48	124
1970	86	62	148
1971	72	61	133
1972	50	40	90
1973	75	49	124
1974	52	55	107
1975	50	55	105
1976	58	31	89
1977	48	32	80
1978	44	41	85
1979	58	33	91
1980	54	31	85
1981	39	19	58

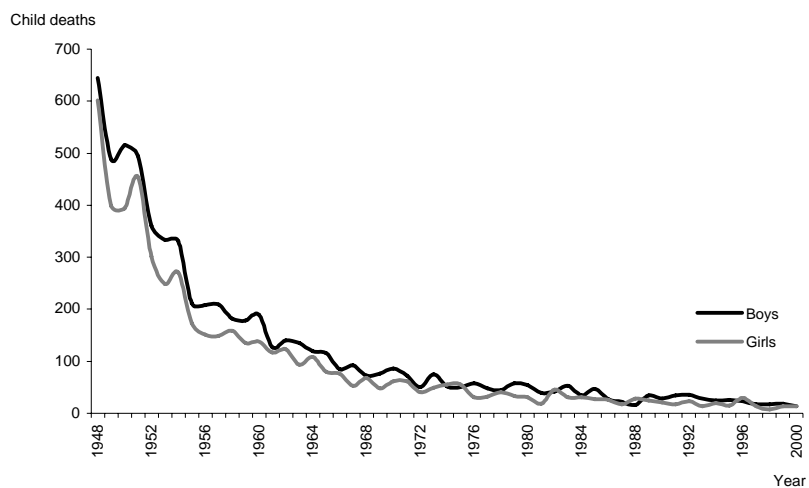
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1.12. ... Deaths of Children aged <1 year

Year	< 1 year only		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1982	42	46	88
1983	53	31	84
1984	34	31	65
1985	47	27	74
1986	27	26	53
1987	22	17	39
1988	16	28	44
1989	34	24	58
1990	28	21	49
1991	34	17	51
1992	36	23	59
1993	28	14	42
1994	24	20	44
1995	26	15	41
1996	23	30	53
1997	17	14	31
1998	17	7	24
1999	18	13	31
2000	13	13	26

Source: National Statistics Office

Chart 1.11
Deaths of Children aged < 1 Year

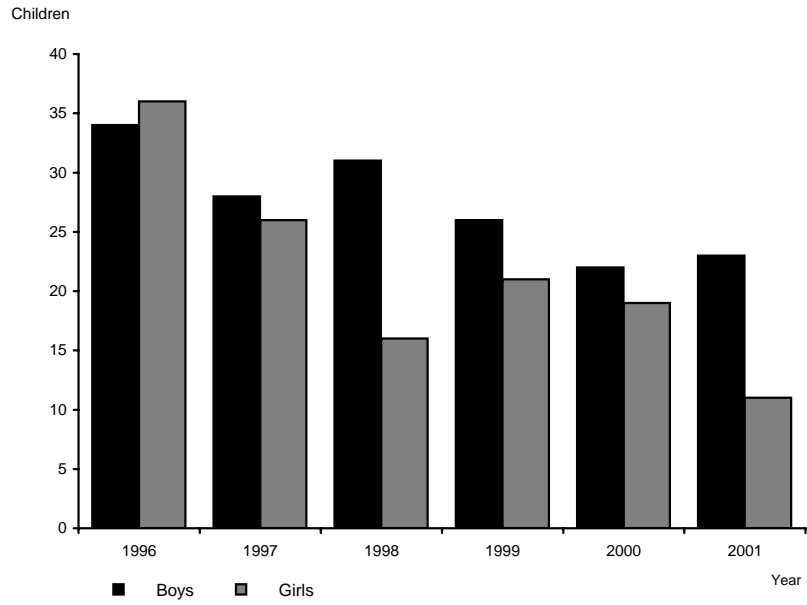


1.13. Child Deaths

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1996	34	36	70
1997	28	26	54
1998	31	16	47
1999	26	21	47
2000	22	19	41
2001	23	11	34

Source: Department of Health Information.

Chart 1.12
Child Deaths



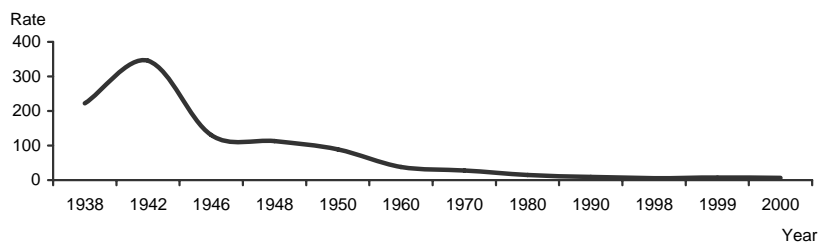
1.14. Infant Mortality Rate

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1948 ¹	114.5	111.4	113.0
1950	97.9	78.7	88.5
1960	42.7	33.6	38.3
1970	30.9	24.5	27.9
1980	18.4	11.6	15.2
1990	10.1	8.1	9.1
2000	6.1	6.1	6.1

¹ Census Year

Note: Infant mortality rate is calculated for children aged <1 year.
Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 1.13
Infant Mortality Rate



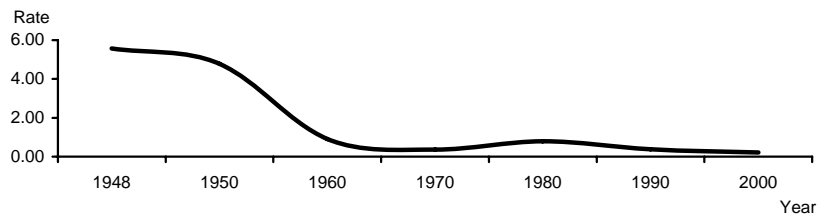
1.15. Child Mortality Rate

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1948 ¹	5.7	5.4	5.6
1950	4.4	5.2	4.8
1960	1.0	0.8	0.9
1970	0.4	0.3	0.4
1980	0.8	0.7	0.8
1990	0.5	0.3	0.4
2000	0.3	0.1	0.2

¹ Census Year

Note: Child mortality rate is calculated for children aged 1-4 years.
Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 1.14
Child Mortality Rate



1.16. Child Deaths by Age-group and Sex

Age-group	Boys	Girls	Total	
	Number	Number	Number	%
1996				
< 1	23	30	53	75.6
1 - 4	4	2	6	8.6
5 - 9	1	1	2	2.9
10 - 14	2	-	2	2.9
15 - 17	4	3	7	10.0
Total	34	36	70	100.0
1997				
< 1	17	14	31	57.3
1 - 4	4	5	9	16.7
5 - 9	-	2	2	3.7
10 - 14	4	1	5	9.3
15 - 17	3	4	7	13.0
Total	28	26	54	100.0
1998				
< 1	17	7	24	51.0
1 - 4	5	1	6	12.8
5 - 9	3	-	3	6.4
10 - 14	-	4	4	8.5
15 - 17	6	4	10	21.3
Total	31	16	47	100.0
1999				
< 1	18	13	31	65.9
1 - 4	2	2	4	8.5
5 - 9	1	1	2	4.3
10 - 14	4	4	8	17.0
15 - 17	1	1	2	4.3
Total	26	21	47	100.0
2000				
< 1	13	13	26	63.3
1 - 4	3	1	4	9.8
5 - 9	2	2	4	9.8
10 - 14	2	1	3	7.3
15 - 17	2	2	4	9.8
Total	22	19	41	100.0
2001				
< 1	12	5	17	50.0
1 - 4	5	4	9	26.5
5 - 9	2	1	3	8.8
10 - 14	1	-	1	2.9
15 - 17	3	1	4	11.8
Total	23	11	34	100.0

Note: Deaths refer to the total population residing in Malta.
Source: Department of Health Information.

2. CHILDREN IN EDUCATION

"States Parties recognize the right of the child to education and with a view to achieving this right progressively and on the basis of equal opportunity, they shall, in particular:

Make primary education compulsory and available free to all;

Encourage the development of different forms of secondary education, including general and vocational education, make them available and accessible to every child and take appropriate measures such as the introduction of free education and offering financial assistance in case of need;

Make higher education accessible to all on the basis of capacity by every appropriate means;

Make educational and vocational information and guidance available and accessible to all children;

Take measures to encourage regular attendance at schools and the reduction of drop-out rates.

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that school discipline is administered in a manner consistent with the child's human dignity and in conformity with the present Convention.

States Parties shall promote and encourage international cooperation in matters relating to education, in particular with a view to contributing to the elimination of ignorance and illiteracy throughout the world and facilitating access to scientific and technical knowledge and modern teaching methods. In this regard, particular account shall be taken of the needs of developing countries.

States Parties agree that the education of the child shall be directed to:

The development of the child's personality, talents and mental and physical abilities to their fullest potential;

The development of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, and for the principles enshrined in the Charter of the United Nations;

The development of respect for the child's parents, his or her own cultural identity, language and values, for the national values of the country in which the child is living, the country from which he or she may originate, and for civilizations different from his or her own;

The preparation of the child for responsible life in a free society, in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance, equality of sexes, and friendship among all peoples, ethnic, national and religious groups and persons of indigenous origin;

The development of respect for the natural environment.

No part of the present article or article 28 shall be construed so as to interfere with the liberty of individuals and bodies to establish and direct educational institutions, subject always to the observance of the principle set forth in paragraph 1 of the present article and to the requirements that the education given in such institutions shall conform to such minimum standards as may be laid down by the State."

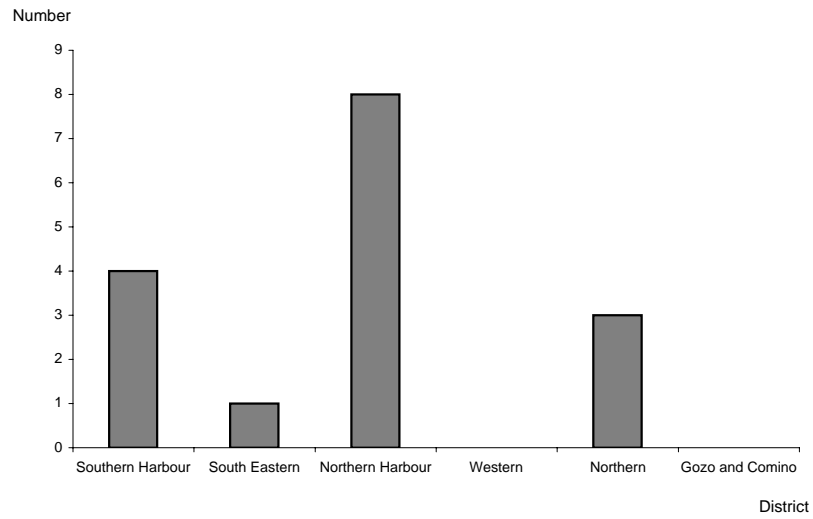
Convention on the Rights of the Child, Articles 28 and 29.

2.1. Day Care Centres/Nurseries in Malta by Region and District: 2001

Region/District	Number
Malta Xlokk	5
Southern Harbour District	4
South Eastern District	1
Malta Majjistral	11
Northern Harbour District	8
Western District	-
Northern District	3
Gozo and Comino	-
Total	16

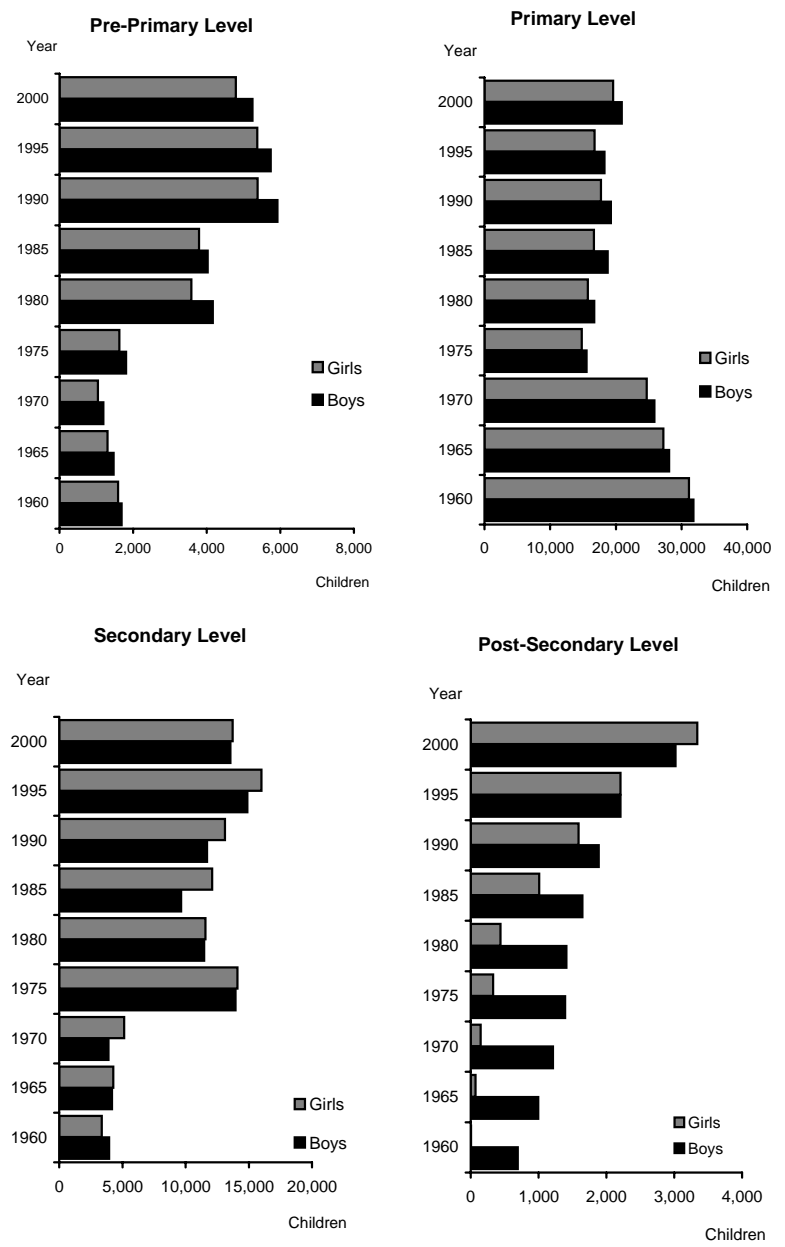
Source: Child Care Task Force (2001). *Il-Qasam tal-Kura u l-amma tat-Tfal f'Pajji\lva.*

Chart 2.1
Day Care Centres by District: 2001



EDUCATIONAL LEVELS

Chart 2.2
Enrolment at Different Levels of Education



2.2. Persons aged 15 years and over by Completed Level of Education as at December 2001

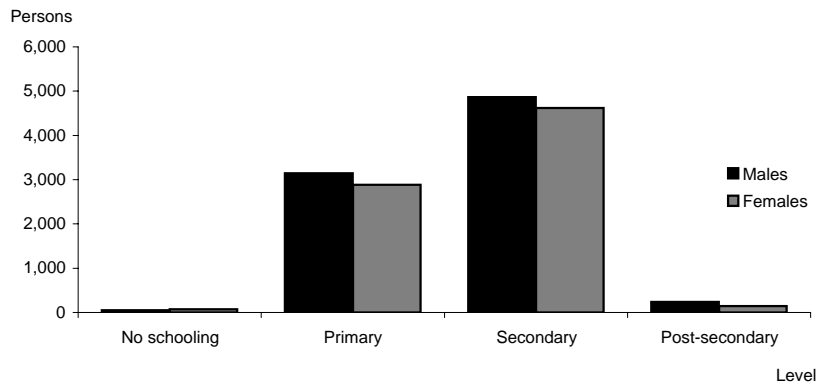
Educational Level	Males					
	Age-group				Total	
	15-17		18+			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Primary	3,142	37.9	43,073	29.4	46,215	29.8
Secondary	4,868	58.6	67,124	45.7	71,992	46.5
Post-secondary	240	2.9	18,621	12.7	18,861	12.2
Diploma issued by a University	-	-	2,824	1.9	2,824	1.8
First Degree	-	-	8,349	5.7	8,349	5.4
Masters	-	-	1,287	0.9	1,287	0.8
Ph.D	-	-	377	0.3	377	0.2
No Schooling	51	0.6	5,060	3.4	5,111	3.3
Total	8,301	100.0	146,715	100.0	155,016	100.0

Educational Level	Females					
	Age-group				Total	
	15-17		18+			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Primary	2,883	37.3	54,206	35.4	57,089	35.5
Secondary	4,621	59.9	66,105	43.2	70,726	44.1
Post-secondary	146	1.9	15,778	10.3	15,924	9.9
Diploma issued by a University	-	-	2,638	1.7	2,638	1.6
First Degree	-	-	6,106	4.0	6,106	3.8
Masters	-	-	387	0.3	387	0.2
Ph.D	-	-	140	0.1	140	0.1
No Schooling	73	0.9	7,696	5.0	7,769	4.8
Total	7,723	100.0	153,056	100.0	160,779	100.0

Educational Level	Total					
	Age-group				Total	
	15-17		18+			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Primary	6,025	37.6	97,279	32.5	103,304	32.7
Secondary	9,489	59.2	133,229	44.3	142,718	45.2
Post-secondary	386	2.4	34,399	11.5	34,785	11.0
Diploma issued by a University	-	-	5,462	1.8	5,462	1.7
First Degree	-	-	14,455	4.8	14,455	4.6
Masters	-	-	1,674	0.6	1,674	0.5
Ph.D	-	-	517	0.2	517	0.2
No Schooling	124	0.8	12,756	4.3	12,880	4.1
Total	16,024	100.0	299,771	100.0	315,795	100.0

Source: National Statistics Office: Labour Force Survey (LFS) December 2001

Chart 2.3
Persons aged 15-17 years by Completed Level of Education as at December 2001



2.3. Persons aged 15 years and over by Education/Training Received: LFS December 2001
¹

Education/Training	Males		
	Age-group		Total
	15-17	18+	
	Number		
Did not receive any Education or Training	2,435	137,359	139,794
Received Education or Training	5,866	9,356	15,222
Total	8,301	146,715	155,016

Education/Training	Females		
	Age-group		Total
	15-17	18+	
	Number		
Did not receive any Education or Training	2,382	143,127	145,509
Received Education or Training	5,341	9,929	15,270
Total	7,723	153,056	160,779

Education/Training	Total		
	Age-group		Total
	15-17	18+	
	Number		
Did not receive any Education or Training	4,817	280,486	285,303
Received Education or Training	11,207	19,285	30,492
Total	16,024	299,771	315,795

¹ Education or training received refers to 4 weeks prior to the reference week of the survey.

Source: National Statistics Office: Labour Force Survey (LFS) December 2001

SUCCESS RATES

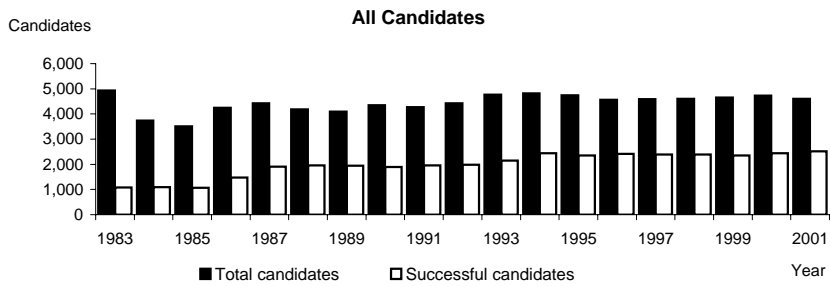
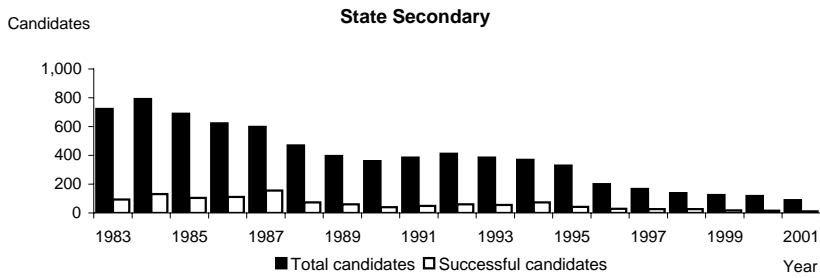
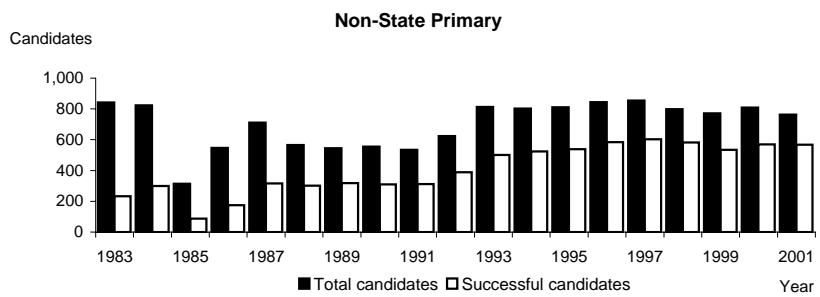
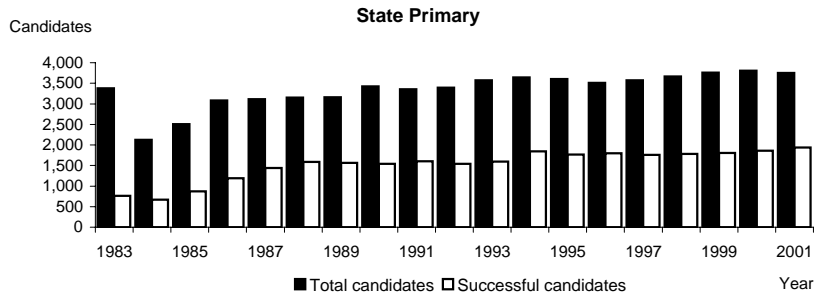
**2.4. Candidates sitting for the Entrance Examinations into the Junior Lyceum
by Type of School**

Year	State Primary			Non-State Primary		
	Total Candidates	Successful Candidates	% Successful	Total Candidates	Successful Candidates	% Successful
1983	3,374	759	22.5	842	233	27.7
1984	2,127	667	31.4	824	300	36.4
1985	2,508	872	34.8	314	88	28.0
1986	3,080	1,193	38.7	547	175	32.0
1987	3,115	1,439	46.2	711	317	44.6
1988	3,154	1,586	50.3	565	301	53.3
1989	3,156	1,566	49.6	545	319	58.5
1990	3,427	1,542	45.0	556	309	55.6
1991	3,354	1,601	47.7	534	311	58.2
1992	3,390	1,541	45.5	623	388	62.3
1993	3,571	1,596	44.7	813	502	61.7
1994	3,641	1,842	50.6	802	524	65.3
1995	3,604	1,765	49.0	811	539	66.5
1996	3,512	1,797	51.2	845	584	69.1
1997	3,571	1,762	49.3	854	602	70.5
1998	3,666	1,783	48.6	799	583	73.0
1999	3,759	1,802	47.9	772	534	69.2
2000	3,805	1,860	48.9	809	570	70.5
2001	3,749	1,936	51.6	763	567	74.3

Year	State Secondary			Total		
	Total Candidates	Successful Candidates	% Successful	All Candidates	Successful Candidates	% Successful
1983	722	93	12.9	4,938	1,085	22.0
1984	791	131	16.6	3,742	1,098	29.3
1985	690	104	15.1	3,512	1,064	30.3
1986	622	111	17.8	4,249	1,479	34.8
1987	598	155	25.9	4,424	1,911	43.2
1988	469	73	15.6	4,188	1,960	46.8
1989	395	59	14.9	4,096	1,944	47.5
1990	359	41	11.4	4,342	1,892	43.6
1991	385	50	13.0	4,273	1,962	45.9
1992	412	59	14.3	4,425	1,988	44.9
1993	385	55	14.3	4,769	2,153	45.1
1994	369	74	20.1	4,812	2,440	50.7
1995	328	42	12.8	4,743	2,346	49.5
1996	201	28	13.9	4,558	2,409	52.9
1997	167	29	17.4	4,592	2,393	52.1
1998	137	27	19.7	4,602	2,393	52.0
1999	125	17	13.6	4,656	2,353	50.5
2000	118	16	13.6	4,732	2,446	51.7
2001	88	12	13.6	4,600	2,515	54.7

Source: Educational Assessment Unit, Department of Curriculum Development, Implementation and Review, Education Division. Entrance Examinations into the Junior Lyceum 2001.

Chart 2.4
Candidates sitting for the Entrance Examinations into the Junior Lyceum by Type of School



2.5. Candidates sitting for the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) by Distribution of Grades Attained ...

Subject	May and September 1998 exam sessions									
	Grades attained									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	U ¹	ABS ²	Total
Accounting	63	122	113	168	114	143	149	274	162	1,308
Arabic	1	1	-	4	2	-	-	1	-	9
Art	11	54	86	234	23	44	23	40	28	543
Biology	37	84	137	276	62	85	15	126	1	823
Business Studies	43	78	173	262	158	93	71	82	19	979
Chemistry	44	113	144	124	78	68	26	69	7	673
Classical Culture and Civilisation	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	7
Commerce	1	2	3	12	22	4	4	4	7	59
Computer studies	15	32	85	253	89	101	60	177	54	866
Economics	6	24	61	79	35	60	37	61	29	392
English Language	48	155	384	1,000	834	1,112	1,876	2,117	97	7,623
English Literature	68	126	261	431	212	153	147	603	53	2,054
Environmental Studies	29	41	32	151	59	210	239	297	29	1,087
French	43	75	103	223	165	143	81	195	40	1,068
Geography	24	18	15	41	20	8	7	18	22	173
German	7	10	33	73	22	45	69	213	13	485
Graphical Communication	8	34	131	210	69	36	10	220	32	750
History	10	20	29	55	8	9	13	39	11	194
Home Economics	22	35	73	66	112	40	19	35	15	417
Italian	169	403	479	647	478	325	231	604	62	3,398
Latin	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2
Maltese	14	83	572	1,661	755	275	238	1,472	104	5,174
Mathematics	247	289	335	1,381	805	858	761	1,125	247	6,048
Physics	122	181	316	1,222	1,017	952	197	668	81	4,756
Religious Knowledge	89	479	554	769	1,022	349	243	415	137	4,057
Russian	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	2	-	8
Social Studies	29	54	116	796	361	300	185	449	114	2,404
Spanish	12	18	34	22	22	36	10	41	22	217
Technology A	-	-	-	27	26	23	12	29	5	122
Textiles and Design	1	2	6	14	20	5	5	11	1	65
Total	1,164	2,535	4,278	10,204	6,590	5,478	4,729	9,389	1,394	45,761
% Total	2.5	5.5	9.3	22.4	14.4	12.0	10.3	20.6	3.0	100.0

¹ U - Unclassified

² ABS - Absentees for exam

2.5. ... Candidates sitting for the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 1999 exam sessions									
	Grades attained									Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	U ¹	ABS ²	
Accounting	101	104	112	240	142	177	129	343	154	1,502
Arabic	-	-	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	13
Art	27	55	109	234	56	87	30	86	33	717
Biology	37	117	166	340	54	65	61	140	42	1,022
Business Studies	64	58	109	305	100	74	106	66	13	895
Chemistry	38	79	105	141	62	63	26	149	5	668
Classical Culture and Civilisation	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-	1	7
Commerce	2	5	5	10	30	5	1	1	6	65
Computer Studies	16	77	86	272	148	143	106	217	79	1,144
Economics	4	10	39	47	32	47	35	41	54	309
English Language	68	208	417	1,036	1,189	1,234	1,960	1,876	169	8,157
English Literature	49	73	176	225	143	189	76	234	102	1,267
Environmental Studies	22	106	193	280	498	219	147	148	26	1,639
French	123	153	196	681	331	236	119	199	30	2,068
Geography	16	22	30	32	23	10	11	35	13	192
German	17	21	28	129	44	58	75	186	-	558
Graphical Communication	8	24	38	70	119	232	68	165	46	770
History	12	22	24	50	8	31	32	78	19	276
Home Economics	30	36	58	78	107	55	11	35	12	422
Italian	189	382	416	739	601	426	218	350	63	3,384
Latin	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	2
Maltese	17	258	735	1,059	1,350	133	205	1,476	108	5,341
Mathematics	260	335	353	1,047	747	850	856	1,546	225	6,219
Physics	121	139	291	1,266	911	970	406	622	43	4,769
Religious Knowledge	99	592	559	712	1,082	514	134	311	167	4,170
Russian	4	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	8
Social Studies	34	87	127	1,118	469	332	223	395	94	2,879
Spanish	11	17	32	21	23	43	23	48	15	233
Technology A	-	1	-	3	6	24	20	10	9	73
Textiles and Design	1	3	7	9	18	7	-	7	3	55
Total	1,370	2,984	4,412	10,149	8,300	6,229	5,082	8,766	1,532	48,824
% Total	2.8	6.1	9.0	20.8	17.0	12.8	10.4	18.0	3.1	100.0

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2.5. ... Candidates sitting for the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 2000 exam sessions									
	Grades attained									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	U ¹	ABS ²	Total
Accounting	99	121	180	207	118	170	132	357	127	1,511
Arabic	-	-	1	3	1	1	-	1	2	9
Art	8	50	85	323	36	111	27	69	23	732
Biology	36	107	140	253	100	149	109	232	19	1,145
Business Studies	66	68	135	285	108	70	96	84	12	924
Chemistry	52	107	120	172	79	72	40	126	18	786
Classical Culture and Civilisation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Commerce	7	9	8	24	31	4	1	6	4	94
Computer studies	36	103	169	436	274	229	186	251	94	1,778
Economics	1	9	57	72	33	46	31	56	50	355
English Language	60	181	324	1,200	946	1,010	2,109	2,269	108	8,207
English Literature	57	104	237	430	257	226	224	634	33	2,202
Environmental Studies	26	123	235	290	428	320	235	159	26	1,842
French	121	166	213	604	360	309	138	251	36	2,198
Geography	11	20	44	22	6	12	22	95	17	249
German	20	22	37	136	43	52	74	154	14	552
Graphical Communication	11	21	23	53	195	222	84	156	32	797
History	6	12	24	61	16	35	61	116	20	351
Home Economics	24	43	66	105	118	48	14	25	15	458
Italian	108	343	478	732	463	368	274	488	55	3,309
Latin	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
Maltese	17	253	548	961	1,312	301	289	1,636	69	5,386
Mathematics	260	355	358	1,299	949	854	787	1,363	295	6,520
Physics	138	154	290	1,200	943	1,100	393	548	13	4,779
Religious Knowledge	124	552	632	533	1,193	558	178	346	107	4,223
Russian	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Social Studies	31	60	167	794	583	449	376	376	76	2,912
Spanish	9	23	26	25	21	42	33	87	26	292
Technology A	-	-	-	2	10	18	15	9	3	57
Textiles and Design	1	6	7	12	28	6	4	6	2	72
Total	1,334	3,014	4,604	10,235	8,652	6,782	5,932	9,900	1,296	51,749
% Total	2.6	5.8	8.9	19.8	16.7	13.1	11.5	19.1	2.5	100.0

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² ABS - Absentees for exam

2.5. ... Candidates sitting for the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 2001 exam sessions									
	Grades attained									Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	U ¹	ABS ²	
Accounting	84	124	171	148	82	116	123	385	94	1,327
Arabic	2	-	-	2	1	-	-	1	-	6
Art	10	46	91	127	189	144	35	74	24	740
Biology	33	105	135	251	115	176	125	318	9	1,267
Business Studies	43	73	89	229	117	86	74	65	12	788
Chemistry	61	111	125	185	87	63	51	63	6	752
Classical Culture and Civilisation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Commerce	4	5	4	6	12	6	4	3	5	49
Computer Studies	52	124	181	537	221	301	173	180	70	1,839
Economics	10	25	172	141	64	37	18	24	18	509
English Language	118	169	524	1,249	1,015	1,086	1,699	2,033	134	8,027
English Literature	50	124	281	448	301	263	235	524	20	2,246
Environmental Studies	32	147	252	293	537	253	219	177	23	1,933
French	63	238	337	860	388	180	45	42	19	2,172
Geography	11	26	30	47	8	9	34	45	18	228
German	16	33	38	82	24	26	29	68	11	327
Graphical Communication	8	13	35	55	180	223	118	177	19	828
History	12	29	40	70	34	34	16	47	17	299
Home Economics	18	56	70	97	151	51	15	32	12	502
Italian	110	323	390	713	433	393	259	328	66	3,015
Latin	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	4
Maltese	23	376	390	1,109	1,234	366	269	1,520	108	5,395
Mathematics	259	363	354	1,060	822	702	884	1,404	237	6,085
Physics	137	167	300	1,126	949	1,047	444	430	81	4,681
Religious Knowledge	73	589	564	537	1,225	614	127	350	96	4,175
Russian	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Social Studies	25	51	149	402	360	669	371	550	62	2,639
Spanish	11	24	21	26	28	35	28	85	7	265
Technology A	-	-	-	-	3	10	8	-	3	24
Textiles and Design	1	5	5	8	9	5	5	8	-	46
Total	1,267	3,348	4,750	9,809	8,589	6,895	5,408	8,934	1,172	50,172
% Total	2.5	6.7	9.5	19.6	17.1	13.7	10.8	17.8	2.3	100.0

¹ U - Unclassified

² ABS - Absentees for exam

Source: The MATSEC Support Unit.

Chart 2.5
Candidates sitting for the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) by Distribution of Grades Attained

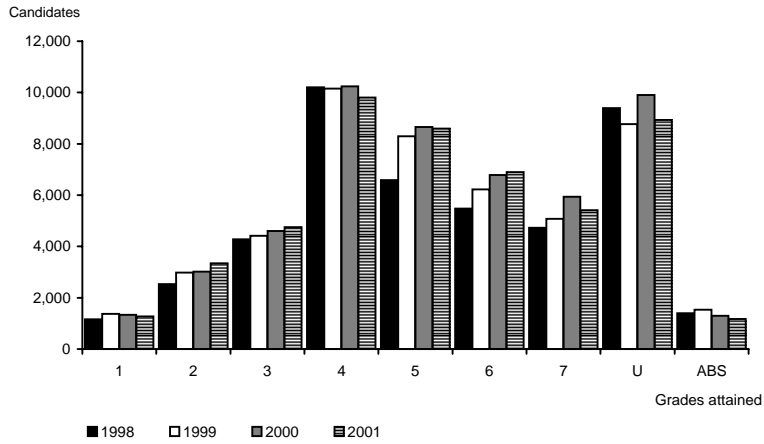
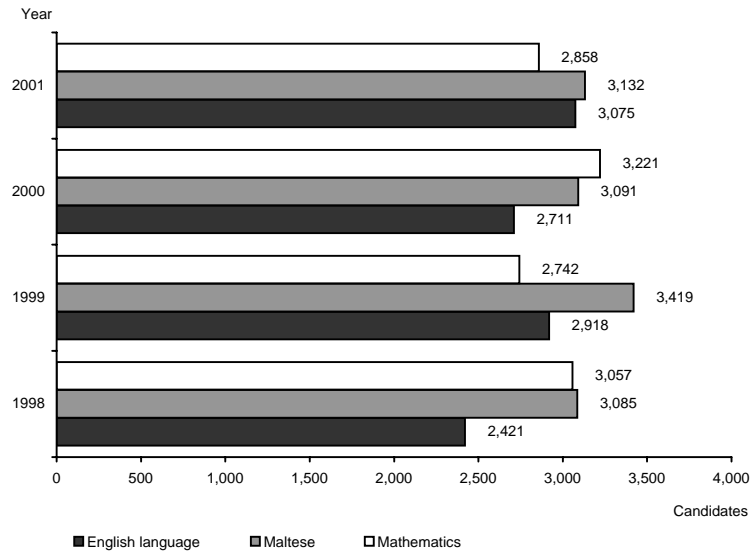


Chart 2.6
Candidates attaining Grades¹ 1 - 5 in the Secondary Education Certificate (SEC) by Selected Subjects



¹ Notes regarding grades:

Grade 1: Indicates an overall excellent grasp of the subject and the level of attainment is that expected of the ablest candidates.

Grade 2: Indicates a very high level of achievement overall.

Grade 3: Indicates a high level of achievement but falls below this level in certain sections of the examination.

Grade 4: Indicates a good overall level.

Grade 5: Indicates a good level, but not overall, and is the minimum level acceptable for further studies in the subject.

2.6. Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Intermediate Level by Distribution of Grades Attained ...

Subject	May and September 1998 exam sessions								
	Grades attained							ABS ¹	Total
	A	B	C	D	E	F			
Accounting	5	23	37	19	8	37	7	136	
Applied Mathematics	22	23	30	23	18	16	2	134	
Arabic	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Art	-	1	2	8	10	12	-	33	
Biology	4	6	14	11	6	9	-	50	
Chemistry	1	1	5	2	5	5	-	19	
Computing	10	44	54	50	34	19	-	211	
Economics	8	17	26	23	9	12	2	97	
Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication	2	5	7	15	5	12	2	48	
English	9	16	31	148	212	300	7	723	
Environmental Studies	39	78	215	103	63	87	18	603	
French	1	12	56	45	30	7	5	156	
Geography	1	12	19	9	6	-	1	48	
Graphical Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
History	7	12	13	5	7	32	2	78	
Information Technology	24	50	59	43	12	8	7	203	
Italian	12	28	89	72	140	120	2	463	
Maltese	3	13	117	164	39	32	7	375	
Marketing	35	35	23	19	8	10	6	136	
Music	-	1	3	-	-	1	-	5	
Philosophy	6	86	299	91	78	158	14	732	
Physics	12	44	96	63	43	48	6	312	
Pure Mathematics	44	56	94	73	80	50	17	414	
Religious Knowledge	27	49	78	78	26	19	6	283	
Sociology	16	26	57	77	31	125	9	341	
Systems of Knowledge	28	338	832	327	158	137	17	1,837	
Total	317	976	2,256	1,468	1,028	1,256	138	7,439	
% Total	4.3	13.1	30.3	19.7	13.8	16.9	1.9	100.0	

¹ ABS - Absentees for exam

**2.6. ... Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Intermediate Level by
Distribution of Grades Attained**

Subject	May and September 1999 exam sessions								
	Grades attained							ABS ¹	Total
	A	B	C	D	E	F			
Accounting	21	14	29	26	5	26	4	125	
Applied Mathematics	28	16	31	12	9	23	3	122	
Arabic	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Art	-	1	10	10	4	13	1	39	
Biology	7	12	16	13	8	13	1	70	
Chemistry	3	2	3	4	1	2	-	15	
Computing	11	48	54	46	13	18	-	190	
Economics	-	5	20	28	15	28	-	96	
Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication	-	2	8	6	4	14	1	35	
English	54	147	190	136	66	62	9	664	
Environmental Studies	17	61	146	101	206	115	21	667	
French	1	10	32	44	40	31	4	162	
Geography	4	7	26	4	-	1	-	42	
History	15	16	21	2	2	8	4	68	
Information Technology	23	41	59	52	20	21	-	216	
Italian	28	48	105	120	63	96	12	472	
Maltese	3	28	117	192	24	14	6	384	
Marketing	30	43	36	30	11	29	7	186	
Music	-	-	2	3	1	-	-	6	
Philosophy	54	96	177	51	49	214	26	667	
Physics	11	46	116	73	70	77	11	404	
Pure Mathematics	41	62	80	64	82	44	20	393	
Religious Knowledge	35	96	137	58	22	9	2	359	
Sociology	18	47	85	85	23	62	8	328	
Systems of Knowledge	81	504	929	20	-	353	28	1,915	
Total	486	1,352	2,429	1,180	738	1,273	168	7,626	
% Total	6.4	17.7	31.8	15.5	9.7	16.7	2.2	100.0	

¹ ABS - Absentees for exam

2.6. ... Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Intermediate Level by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 2000 exam sessions							Total
	Grades attained							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	ABS ¹	
Accounting	25	32	39	32	15	34	3	180
Applied Mathematics	14	20	33	14	14	29	1	125
Art	1	6	26	14	11	11	4	73
Biology	11	19	28	20	16	21	3	118
Chemistry	-	3	10	2	2	4	-	21
Computing	9	43	89	32	34	10	1	218
Economics	4	17	34	43	23	33	1	155
Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication	2	7	6	25	33	39	1	113
English	49	105	290	293	258	190	12	1,197
Environmental Studies	32	84	255	164	206	68	27	836
French	5	10	46	51	19	9	2	142
Geography	9	18	13	9	10	4	1	64
History	9	12	49	21	11	7	-	109
Information Technology	26	75	133	80	24	27	-	365
Italian	24	69	210	222	141	55	6	727
Maltese	21	74	291	129	113	38	12	678
Marketing	30	53	53	38	18	21	10	223
Music	-	1	2	3	1	1	-	8
Philosophy	48	114	225	79	54	128	25	673
Physics	18	81	164	93	74	73	8	511
Pure Mathematics	54	122	154	93	76	196	23	718
Religious Knowledge	29	115	145	157	54	42	4	546
Sociology	24	65	140	122	94	79	4	528
Systems of Knowledge	77	649	1,468	41	4	506	31	2,776
Total	521	1,794	3,903	1,777	1,305	1,625	179	11,104
% Total	4.7	16.2	35.1	16.0	11.8	14.6	1.6	100.0

¹ ABS - Absentees for exam

2.6. ... Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Intermediate Level by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 2001 exam sessions							Total
	Grades attained							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	ABS ¹	
Accounting	17	20	34	26	3	23	9	132
Applied Mathematics	12	15	21	17	8	25	2	100
Arabic	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Art	1	4	18	16	8	3	1	51
Biology	1	1	8	6	1	7	2	26
Chemistry	1	3	4	5	3	4	1	21
Computing	8	45	62	31	6	2	9	163
Economics	7	17	21	28	15	18	10	116
Engineering Drawing and Graphical Communication	7	19	12	21	16	31	4	110
English	90	238	327	114	31	33	25	858
Environmental Studies	30	59	171	94	107	64	19	544
French	12	29	39	36	37	36	5	194
Geography	2	10	23	19	14	5	1	74
Greek	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
History	4	15	17	5	3	3	1	48
Information Technology	49	81	106	53	13	26	-	328
Italian	16	61	238	59	54	70	19	517
Maltese	20	75	159	94	93	53	11	505
Marketing	11	25	42	25	23	27	11	164
Music	-	4	1	1	1	-	1	8
Philosophy	41	59	176	124	31	162	27	620
Physics	37	70	87	61	72	75	12	414
Pure Mathematics	30	96	140	78	49	256	36	685
Religious Knowledge	39	69	104	135	62	65	20	494
Sociology	17	53	67	89	78	68	18	390
Systems of Knowledge	96	548	1,092	89	-	256	41	2,122
Total	549	1,616	2,969	1,226	728	1,312	286	8,686
% Total	6.3	18.6	34.2	14.1	8.4	15.1	3.3	100.0

¹ ABS - Absentees for exam
Source: The MATSEC Support Unit.

2.7. Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Advanced Level by Distribution of Grades Attained ...

Subject	May and September 1998 exam sessions							Total
	Grades attained							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	ABS ¹	
Accounting	25	70	123	90	25	57	14	404
Applied Mathematics	2	2	1	1	-	3	1	10
Art	-	4	6	24	7	12	1	54
Biology	7	57	71	51	35	14	8	243
Chemistry	12	26	79	56	31	62	17	283
Computing	3	32	38	28	21	7	8	137
Economics	3	31	80	39	12	12	3	180
Engineering Drawing	-	-	1	1	-	3	-	5
English	8	64	216	148	63	56	10	565
French	1	10	22	37	11	1	-	82
Geography	2	4	9	3	-	-	1	19
German	2	2	3	5	6	14	-	32
Graphical Communication	-	3	1	5	3	14	1	27
Home Economics and Human Ecology	-	3	5	1	-	3	-	12
History	2	12	8	5	3	8	3	41
Information Technology	-	3	7	8	14	19	-	51
Italian	5	6	51	35	51	85	4	237
Maltese	9	45	194	125	64	58	10	505
Marketing	-	9	51	27	5	3	4	99
Music	-	2	3	-	1	-	-	6
Philosophy	-	2	13	8	3	19	4	49
Physics	27	37	55	69	45	53	9	295
Pure Mathematics	41	66	100	91	51	197	13	559
Religious Knowledge	3	25	23	16	5	1	2	75
Sociology	3	1	16	33	10	26	6	95
Spanish	1	3	2	1	2	-	-	9
Total	156	519	1,178	907	468	727	119	4,074
% Total	3.8	12.7	29.0	22.3	11.5	17.8	2.9	100.0

¹ ABS - Absentees for exam

2.7. ... Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Advanced Level by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 1999 exam sessions							Total
	Grades attained							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	ABS ¹	
Accounting	58	75	111	57	30	60	13	404
Applied Mathematics	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2
Art	-	2	11	20	2	16	-	51
Biology	35	50	89	47	34	30	8	293
Chemistry	16	17	80	56	47	106	17	339
Computing	2	29	39	30	19	15	2	136
Economics	2	21	42	59	42	39	8	213
Engineering Drawing	-	1	12	17	14	16	8	68
English	25	95	172	76	40	49	4	461
French	5	16	25	7	-	1	1	55
Geography	1	5	6	5	2	-	-	19
German	1	-	5	3	4	3	-	16
Graphical Communication	3	2	6	4	3	1	2	21
History	1	17	13	1	1	4	1	38
Home Economics and Human Ecology	2	3	13	5	-	3	-	26
Information Technology	1	3	7	8	9	1	-	29
Italian	2	7	51	40	62	109	1	272
Maltese	4	32	199	105	80	84	11	515
Marketing	7	17	63	27	9	4	3	130
Music	-	1	3	6	-	1	-	11
Philosophy	-	2	5	10	6	12	1	36
Physics	27	32	39	72	63	85	6	324
Pure Mathematics	29	54	90	101	56	159	11	500
Religious Knowledge	9	28	21	8	1	3	4	74
Sociology	8	27	25	24	6	6	2	98
Spanish	-	4	4	3	2	-	-	13
Total	238	540	1,131	791	533	808	103	4,144
% Total	5.7	13.0	27.3	19.1	12.9	19.5	2.5	100

¹ ABS - Absentees for exam

2.7. ... Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Advanced Level by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 2000 exam sessions								
	Grades attained							ABS ¹	Total
	A	B	C	D	E	F			
Accounting	82	109	150	66	57	59	9	532	
Applied Mathematics	-	-	3	3	-	5	-	11	
Art	-	2	32	11	19	8	-	72	
Biology	33	67	106	79	78	28	9	400	
Chemistry	28	45	96	68	51	66	9	363	
Computing	7	36	46	32	25	15	2	163	
Economics	3	31	120	106	27	32	2	321	
Engineering Drawing	2	-	-	1	4	3	-	10	
English	7	65	193	139	73	84	8	569	
French	3	16	32	23	9	8	-	91	
Geography	-	7	16	17	7	3	-	50	
German	2	3	12	2	7	3	-	29	
Graphical Communication	-	4	15	5	2	1	-	27	
History	1	13	31	6	8	7	-	66	
Home Economics	10	10	31	18	4	5	-	78	
Information Technology	-	-	8	9	7	11	-	35	
Italian	4	25	84	112	48	58	-	331	
Maltese	6	61	181	123	146	44	3	564	
Marketing	11	38	188	29	1	2	2	271	
Music	-	2	4	3	-	1	-	10	
Philosophy	-	3	13	3	6	20	1	46	
Physics	46	66	118	114	94	61	1	500	
Pure Mathematics	28	52	128	109	108	185	5	615	
Religious Knowledge	11	44	34	15	6	17	5	132	
Sociology	21	45	76	49	27	38	5	261	
Spanish	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	5	
Total	306	745	1,719	1,143	814	764	61	5,552	
% Total	5.5	13.4	31.0	20.6	14.7	13.8	1.1	100	

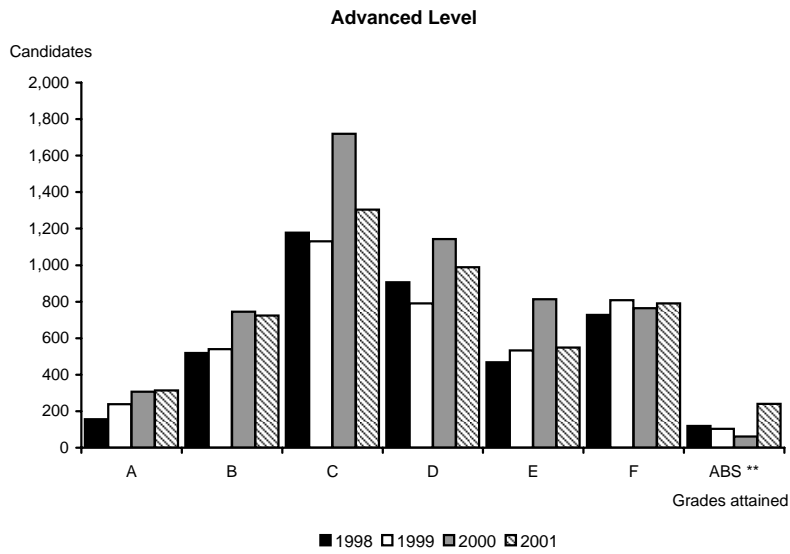
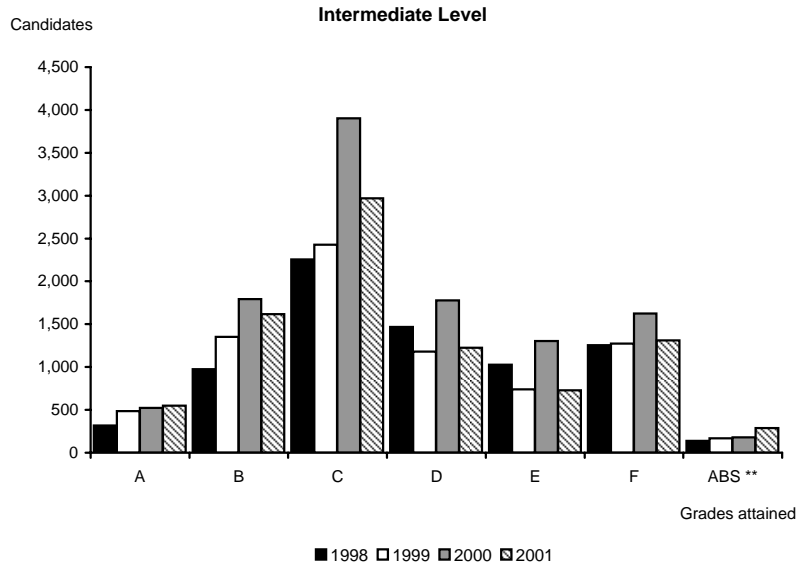
¹ ABS - Absentees for exam

2.7. ... Candidates sitting for the Matriculation Certificate - Advanced Level by Distribution of Grades Attained

Subject	May and September 2001 exam sessions								
	Grades attained							ABS ¹	Total
	A	B	C	D	E	F			
Accounting	84	110	113	68	33	56	14	478	
Applied Mathematics	1	2	-	4	-	7	2	16	
Art	-	3	29	11	6	8	-	57	
Biology	36	79	87	67	77	41	11	398	
Chemistry	13	36	92	33	60	106	27	367	
Computing	11	30	27	40	10	13	6	137	
Economics	8	43	91	89	18	32	14	295	
Engineering Drawing	-	-	1	3	1	1	-	6	
English	17	47	140	148	62	65	25	504	
French	5	15	33	24	5	1	11	94	
Geography	3	9	14	9	8	-	1	44	
German	4	3	4	5	-	3	1	20	
Graphical Communication	3	7	3	1	-	-	-	14	
History	2	14	27	3	2	6	2	56	
Home Economics	8	16	20	13	6	7	1	71	
Information Technology	4	9	15	15	6	2	-	51	
Italian	1	19	87	20	16	26	6	175	
Maltese	4	41	128	128	51	12	13	377	
Marketing	8	25	88	81	25	12	19	258	
Music	-	7	3	-	-	1	1	12	
Philosophy	-	3	15	20	4	13	4	59	
Physics	39	69	78	73	37	66	8	370	
Pure Mathematics	45	74	111	75	80	206	26	617	
Religious Knowledge	7	21	26	9	5	3	5	76	
Sociology	10	37	61	45	31	103	43	330	
Spanish	1	5	11	5	6	1	-	29	
Total	314	724	1,304	989	549	791	240	4,911	
% Total	6.4	14.7	26.6	20.1	11.2	16.1	4.9	100.0	

¹ ABS - Absentees for exam
Source: The MATSEC Support Unit.

Chart 2.7
Candidates sitting for Certificates at Different Levels by Grades Attained



* U - Unclassified

** ABS - Absentees for exams

SPECIAL NEEDS

2.8. Children Receiving Special Education classified by Type of Disability, Age-Group and Sex ...

Type of Disability	Age-group										Total		
	Under 5		5 - 9		10 - 14		15 - 19		20 & Over		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
1995													
Learning Difficulties													
Moderate	-	-	17	6	49	22	31	14	-	-	97	42	139
Severe	1	-	14	3	20	15	33	26	8	12	76	56	132
Mobility Problems	2	1	14	7	20	8	10	8	2	-	48	24	72
Hearing Impaired	-	-	8	2	3	1	-	2	-	-	11	5	16
Visually Impaired	-	-	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	6	6	12
Challenging Behaviour	1	-	5	7	20	1	13	3	2	1	41	12	53
Total	4	1	61	26	113	49	88	55	13	14	279	145	424
1996													
Learning Difficulties													
Moderate	-	-	12	5	47	18	39	17	-	-	98	40	138
Severe	-	-	10	3	34	13	25	21	17	11	86	48	134
Mobility Problems	1	1	14	6	17	7	10	6	1	1	43	21	64
Hearing Impaired	-	-	4	2	2	-	-	2	-	-	6	4	10
Visually Impaired	-	-	1	3	5	4	-	2	2	-	8	9	17
Challenging Behaviour	-	-	5	2	16	-	8	2	-	-	29	4	33
Total	1	1	46	21	121	42	82	50	20	12	270	126	396
1997													
Learning Difficulties													
Moderate	-	-	9	5	43	13	44	21	-	-	96	39	135
Severe	1	1	5	2	16	9	31	21	13	8	66	41	107
Mobility Problems	1	-	9	2	22	9	11	3	-	3	43	17	60
Hearing Impaired	-	-	2	-	7	-	-	1	-	-	9	1	10
Visually Impaired	-	-	-	4	6	4	-	2	2	-	8	10	18
Challenging Behaviour	-	-	3	-	16	-	4	-	-	-	23	-	23
Total	2	1	28	13	110	35	90	48	15	11	245	108	353

2.8. ... Children Receiving Special Education classified by Type of Disability, Age-Group and Sex

Type of Disability	Age-group										Total		
	Under 5		5 - 9		10 - 14		15 - 19		20 & Over		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Total
1998													
Learning Difficulties													
Moderate	-	-	5	4	60	12	71	41	16	11	152	68	220
Severe	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	2	3
Mobility Problems	-	-	5	1	22	10	16	4	3	3	46	18	64
Hearing Impaired	-	-	2	-	6	-	2	1	-	-	10	1	11
Visually Impaired	-	-	-	4	4	3	2	2	2	1	8	10	18
Challenging Behaviour	-	-	4	-	14	-	4	-	-	-	22	-	22
Total	-	-	16	9	106	27	96	48	21	15	239	99	338
1999													
Learning Difficulties													
Moderate	-	-	3	-	30	8	40	15	-	-	73	23	96
Severe	-	1	6	-	20	6	28	18	15	12	69	37	106
Mobility Problems	-	-	3	1	20	6	16	3	-	-	39	10	49
Hearing Impaired	-	-	-	-	8	1	1	1	-	-	9	2	11
Visually Impaired	-	-	-	2	4	5	3	2	2	2	9	11	20
Challenging Behaviour	-	-	1	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	17
Total	-	1	13	3	98	26	88	39	17	14	216	83	299
2000													
Learning Difficulties													
Moderate	-	-	5	1	26	3	39	11	3	3	73	18	91
Severe	-	-	4	1	15	7	19	15	20	15	58	38	96
Mobility Problems	-	1	2	2	17	5	22	7	1	-	42	15	57
Hearing Impaired	-	-	-	-	7	-	1	-	-	-	8	-	8
Visually Impaired	-	-	1	1	1	8	5	2	2	1	9	12	21
Challenging Behaviour	-	-	1	-	10	-	6	-	-	-	17	-	17
Maladjusted	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Total	-	1	13	6	76	23	92	35	26	19	207	84	291

Source: National Statistics Office

2.9. Children with Disabilities Enrolled in Mainstream Education

Type of School	Age-group										Total		
	Under 5		5 - 9		10 - 14		15 - 19		20 & Over		Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls			
1997													
All Schools	31	21	165	79	42	33	5	4	-	-	243	137	380
1998													
State Schools	42	16	177	73	50	48	14	6	2	-	285	143	428
Private Schools	5	3	52	26	28	39	2	6	-	-	87	74	161
Total	47	19	229	99	78	87	16	12	2	-	372	217	589
1999													
State Schools	37	19	194	82	95	57	8	9	-	-	334	167	501
Private Schools	4	5	56	30	53	46	11	9	1	-	125	90	215
Total	41	24	250	112	148	103	19	18	1	-	459	257	716
2000													
State Schools	38	32	196	103	98	61	7	12	-	-	339	208	547
Kindergarten & Primary	38	32	196	103	70	32	-	-	-	-	304	167	471
Secondary (Incl Trade Schools)	-	-	-	-	28	29	7	12	-	-	35	41	76
Private Schools	6	19	66	47	59	35	27	19	-	-	158	120	278
Kindergarten & Primary	6	19	66	47	5	14	-	-	-	-	77	80	157
Secondary	-	-	-	-	54	21	27	19	-	-	81	40	121
Total	44	51	262	150	157	96	34	31	-	-	497	328	825

Note: Data for 1995 & 1996 are not available. Data for 1997 are not available by type of school.

Source: National Statistics Office.

2.10. Children with Disabilities/Conditions in Mainstream State Schools: 2000

Type of Disability/Condition	Number
Aggressive Behaviour Problems	19
Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)	88
Cerebral Palsy	59
Communication Delay/Disorder	22
Developmental Delay	46
Down's Syndrome	59
Global Developmental Delay	38
Hydrocephalus (mental deficiency resulting from water on the brain)	12
Pervasive Development Disorder (PDD)	18
Severe Learning Difficulties	86
Others	100
Total	547

Source: The Education Division.

"States Parties recognize that a mentally or physically disabled child should enjoy a full and decent life, in conditions which ensure dignity, promote self-reliance and facilitate the child's active participation in the community.

States Parties recognize the right of the disabled child to special care and shall encourage and ensure the extension, subject to available resources, to the eligible child and those responsible for his or her care, of assistance for which application is made and which is appropriate to the child's condition and to the circumstances of the parents or others caring for the child. Recognizing the special needs of a disabled child, assistance extended in accordance with paragraph 2 of the present article shall be provided free of charge, whenever possible, taking into account the financial resources of the parents or others caring for the child and shall be designed to ensure that the disabled child has effective access to and receives education, training, health care services, rehabilitation services, preparation for employment and recreation opportunities in a manner conducive to the child's achieving the fullest possible social integration and individual development, including his or her cultural and spiritual development

States Parties shall promote, in the spirit of international cooperation, the exchange of appropriate information in the field of preventive health care and of medical, psychological and functional treatment of disabled children, including dissemination of and access to information concerning methods of rehabilitation, education and vocational services, with the aim of enabling States Parties to improve their capabilities and skills and to widen their experience in these areas. In this regard, particular account shall be taken of the needs of developing countries."

Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 23.

SCHOOL ABSENTEEISM

2.11. Absences in State Primary Schools by Year of Study: 1999/2000

Year of Study	Authorised			Unauthorised			Total		
	Days								
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Year 1	13,289	11,574	24,863	3,726	3,990	7,716	17,015	15,564	32,579
Year 2	12,199	10,480	22,679	3,862	3,700	7,562	16,061	14,180	30,241
Year 3	11,326	10,101	21,427	4,677	3,709	8,386	16,003	13,810	29,813
Year 4	10,188	8,767	18,955	5,701	5,011	10,712	15,889	13,778	29,667
Year 5	9,610	8,191	17,801	6,444	4,759	11,203	16,054	12,950	29,004
Year 6	10,920	9,638	20,558	8,188	6,511	14,699	19,108	16,149	35,257
Total	67,532	58,751	126,283	32,598	27,680	60,278	100,130	86,431	186,561

2.12. Absences in Private Primary Schools by Year of Study: 1999/2000

Year of Study	Authorised			Unauthorised			Total		
	Days								
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Year 1	5,492	6,300	11,792	278	637	915	5,770	6,937	12,707
Year 2	5,557	5,989	11,546	271	381	652	5,828	6,370	12,198
Year 3	5,206	5,870	11,076	473	630	1,103	5,679	6,500	12,179
Year 4	5,415	4,830	10,245	321	566	887	5,736	5,396	11,132
Year 5	4,602	4,789	9,391	356	321	677	4,958	5,110	10,068
Year 6	4,880	4,634	9,514	433	460	893	5,313	5,094	10,407
Total	31,152	32,412	63,564	2,132	2,995	5,127	33,284	35,407	68,691

Source: National Statistics Office.

2.13. Absences in State Secondary Schools by Year of Study: 1999/2000

Year of Study	Authorised			Unauthorised			Total		
	Days								
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Class 1	9,198	7,425	16,623	14,059	9,982	24,041	23,257	17,407	40,664
Class 2	10,427	7,939	18,366	17,062	14,886	31,948	27,489	22,825	50,314
Class 3	12,304	8,911	21,215	19,646	14,626	34,272	31,950	23,537	55,487
Class 4	10,909	11,913	22,822	15,938	19,744	35,682	26,847	31,657	58,504
Class 5	13,886	16,702	30,588	22,718	24,728	47,446	36,604	41,430	78,034
Total	56,724	52,890	109,614	89,423	83,966	173,389	146,147	136,856	283,003

2.14. Absences in Private Secondary Schools by Year of Study: 1999/2000

Year of Study	Authorised			Unauthorised			Total		
	Days								
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Class 1	4,469	3,118	7,587	324	270	594	4,793	3,388	8,181
Class 2	4,136	3,222	7,358	341	515	856	4,477	3,737	8,214
Class 3	4,109	3,048	7,157	421	433	854	4,530	3,481	8,011
Class 4	4,052	4,019	8,071	975	506	1,481	5,027	4,525	9,552
Class 5	5,302	5,103	10,405	1,322	1,246	2,568	6,624	6,349	12,973
Total	22,068	18,510	40,578	3,383	2,970	6,353	25,451	21,480	46,931

2.15. Absences in Trade Schools by Year of Study: 1999/2000

Year of Study	Authorised			Unauthorised			Total		
	Days								
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Class 1	7,876	180	8,056	7,125	122	7,247	15,001	302	15,303
Class 2	8,440	725	9,165	8,583	377	8,960	17,023	1,102	18,125
Class 3	1,281	2	1,283	945	-	945	2,226	2	2,228
Class 4	284	-	284	-	-	-	284	-	284
Class 5	2,067	19	2,086	1,210	64	1,274	3,277	83	3,360
Total	19,948	926	20,874	17,863	563	18,426	37,811	1,489	39,300

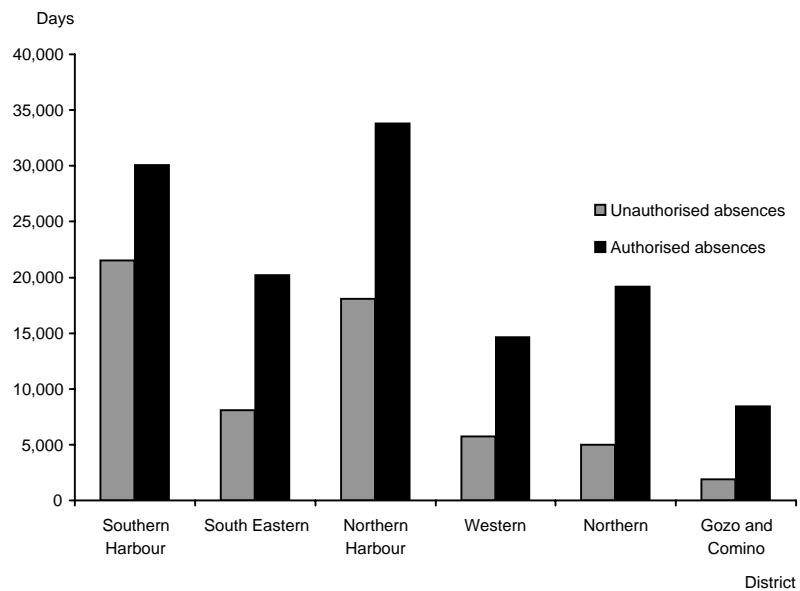
Source: National Statistics Office.

2.16. Absences in State Primary Schools by Locality of School: 1999/2000

Region/Locality	Total State Primary Pupils	Absences in Days			
		Unauthorised	Authorised	Total	Average
Maltese Islands	21,955	60,278	126,283	186,561	8.5
Malta Xlokk	8,936	29,592	50,274	79,866	8.9
Southern Harbour District	5,161	21,495	30,050	51,545	10.0
South Eastern District	3,775	8,097	20,224	28,321	7.5
Malta Majjistral	11,013	28,785	67,577	96,362	8.7
Northern Harbour District	5,189	18,103	33,789	51,892	10.0
Western District	3,016	5,716	14,629	20,345	6.7
Northern District	2,808	4,966	19,159	24,125	8.6
Gozo and Comino	2,006	1,901	8,432	10,333	5.2

Source: National Statistics Office

Chart 2.8
Absences in State Primary Schools by Locality of School: 1999/2000



3. CHILDREN IN SOCIETY

"A child temporarily or permanently deprived of his or her family environment, or in whose own best interests cannot be allowed to remain in that environment, shall be entitled to special protection and assistance provided by the State.

States Parties shall in accordance with their national laws ensure alternative care for such a child.

Such care could include, inter alia, foster placement, kafalah of Islamic law, adoption or if necessary placement in suitable institutions for the care of children. When considering solutions, due regard shall be paid to the desirability of continuity in a child's upbringing and to the child's ethnic, religious, cultural and linguistic background.

States Parties that recognize and/or permit the system of adoption shall ensure that the best interests of the child shall be the paramount consideration and they shall:

Ensure that the adoption of a child is authorized only by competent authorities who determine, in accordance with applicable law and procedures and on the basis of all pertinent and reliable information, that the adoption is permissible in view of the child's status concerning parents, relatives and legal guardians and that, if required, the persons concerned have given their informed consent to the adoption on the basis of such counselling as may be necessary;

Recognize that inter-country adoption may be considered as an alternative means of child's care, if the child cannot be placed in a foster or an adoptive family or cannot in any suitable manner be cared for in the child's country of origin;

Ensure that the child concerned by inter-country adoption enjoys safeguards and standards equivalent to those existing in the case of national adoption;

Take all appropriate measures to ensure that, in inter-country adoption, the placement does not result in improper financial gain for those involved in it;

Promote, where appropriate, the objectives of the present article by concluding bilateral or multilateral arrangements or agreements and endeavour, within this framework, to ensure that the placement of the child in another country is carried out by competent authorities or organs.

States Parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure that a child who is seeking refugee status or who is considered a refugee in accordance with applicable international or domestic law and procedures shall, whether unaccompanied or accompanied by his or her parents or by any other person, receive appropriate protection and humanitarian assistance in the enjoyment of applicable rights set forth in the present Convention and in other international human rights or humanitarian instruments to which the said States are Parties.

For this purpose, States Parties shall provide, as they consider appropriate, co-operation in any efforts by the United Nations and other competent intergovernmental organizations or non-governmental organizations co-operating with the United Nations to protect and assist such a child and to trace the parents or other members of the family of any refugee child in order to obtain information necessary for reunification with his or her family. In cases where no parents or other members of the family can be found, the child shall be accorded the same protection as any other child permanently or temporarily deprived of his or her family environment for any reason, as set forth in the present Convention.

States Parties shall recognize for every child the right to benefit from social security, including social insurance and shall take the necessary measures to achieve the full realization of this right in accordance with their national law.

The benefits should, where appropriate, be granted, taking into account the resources and the circumstances of the child and persons having responsibility for the maintenance of the child, as well as any other consideration relevant to an application for benefits made by or on behalf of the child."

Convention on the Rights of the Child, Articles 20, 21, 22, and 26.

NGOs FOR CHILDREN

3.1. Membership in NGOs Serving Children and Young Persons

Age-group	1997			1998		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
5 - 10	11,436	11,079	22,515	10,992	10,525	21,517
11 - 15	8,684	8,227	16,911	9,016	8,382	17,398
16 - 20	2,029	2,075	4,104	2,805	2,740	5,545
Sub-Total	22,149	21,381	43,530	22,813	21,647	44,460
21 - 29	2,294	982	3,276	2,707	1,227	3,934
Total	24,443	22,363	46,806	25,520	22,874	48,394

Age-group	1999			2000		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
5 - 10	11,481	10,762	22,243	11,200	10,590	21,790
11 - 15	9,666	9,093	18,759	10,761	10,060	20,821
16 - 20	2,770	3,079	5,849	4,238	4,078	8,316
Sub-Total	23,917	22,934	46,851	26,199	24,728	50,927
21 - 29	3,126	1,654	4,780	6,392	4,330	10,722
Total	27,043	24,588	51,631	32,591	29,058	61,649

3.2. Membership in NGOs Serving Children and Young Persons as a Percentage of the Population

Age-group	1997			1998		
	Population	Members	Members as % of Population	Population	Members	Members as % of Population
5 - 10	33,270	22,515	67.7	32,957	21,517	65.3
11 - 15	28,349	16,911	59.7	27,862	17,398	62.4
16 - 20	28,760	4,104	14.3	28,991	5,545	19.1
Sub-Total	90,379	43,530	48.2	89,810	44,460	49.5
21 - 29	45,730	3,276	7.2	47,099	3,934	8.4
Total	136,109	46,806	34.4	136,909	48,394	35.3

Age-group	1999			2000		
	Population	Members	Members as % of Population	Population	Members	Members as % of Population
5 - 10	32,210	22,243	69.1	31,309	21,790	69.6
11 - 15	27,649	18,759	67.8	27,732	20,821	75.1
16 - 20	29,102	5,849	20.1	28,906	8,316	28.8
Sub-Total	88,961	46,851	52.7	87,947	50,927	57.9
21 - 29	48,396	4,780	9.9	49,833	10,722	21.5
Total	137,357	51,631	37.6	137,780	61,649	44.7

Note: Refers to Maltese population only.
Source: National Statistics Office

RESIDENTIAL HOMES

3.3. Children in Residential Homes

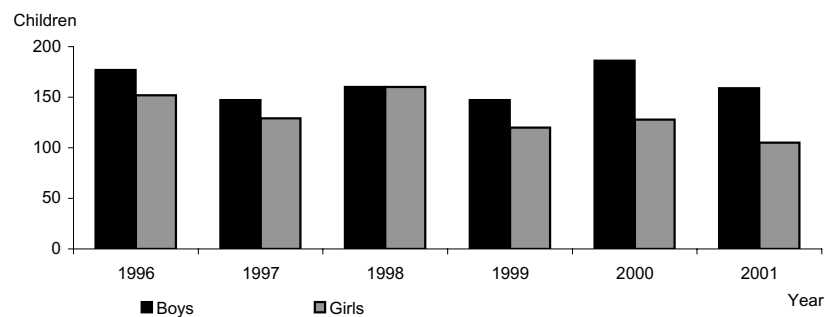
Year	Boys	%	Girls	%	Total	%
1996	177	53.8	152	46.2	329	100.0
1997	147	53.3	129	46.7	276	100.0
1998	160	50.0	160	50.0	320	100.0
1999	147	55.1	120	44.9	267	100.0
2000	186	59.2	128	40.8	314	100.0
2001	159	60.2	105	39.8	264	100.0

3.4. Children in Church Day Centres

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1996	19	26	45
1997	16	14	30
1998	13	18	31
1999	17	23	40
2000	12	16	28
2001	14	14	28

Source: Children's Homes Secretariat.

Chart 3.1
Children in Residential Homes



3.5. Children in Residential Homes by Age-group: October 2000

Age-Group	Boys	Girls	Total
< 1 year	10	13	23
1- 5 years	54	34	88
6-10 years	46	48	94
11-15 years	55	30	85
16+ years	8	25	33
Total	173	150	323

3.6. Siblings Living Apart in Connection with Residential Homes : October 2000

	Boy Siblings	Girl Siblings	Total
Other Institution	26	31	57
With Parents	80	103	183
Foster Home	7	16	23
With Relatives/Family friends	3	7	10
Independent	1	-	1
Total	117	157	274

3.7. Children availing themselves of Different Professional Services in Residential Homes: October 2000

Professional Service	Boys	Girls	Total
Social Worker	153	123	276
Psychologist	55	52	107
Counsellor	47	59	106
Psychiatrist	29	15	44
Health Specialist	8	8	16
Occupational Therapist	22	5	27
Physiotherapist	8	4	12
Speech Therapist	25	6	31
Lawyer	3	2	5
Total	350	274	624

Source: Cortis Micallef, C. (2000). Residential Homes for Children in Malta: An Overview. (Internal Report)

3.8. Reasons for coming into Residential Care: October 2000

	Care Order Boys	Care Order Girls	Court Order Boys	Court Order Girls	Voluntary Boys	Voluntary Girls	Total
Neglect	13	1	6	3	18	18	59
Sexual Abuse	-	3	-	-	-	3	6
Physical Abuse	7	10	1	2	9	2	31
Drug-related Problems	7	4	1	-	15	8	35
Alcohol-related Problems	1	1	-	-	6	4	12
Parents' Mental/ Physical Health Problems	6	2	1	-	27	25	61
Death of One or Both Parents	1	-	2	2	3	2	10
Discounting of Prison Sentence	-	2	-	-	6	2	10
More than one Reason	9	4	3	-	33	3	52
Other	1	4	-	4	26	29	64

Note: Care orders referred to in this table are cumulative and portray the situation as at October 2000.

3.9. Children in Residential Homes with Physical and Mental Health Problems: October 2000

Type of Disability	Boys	Girls	Total
Mental Disability/Illness	10	12	22
Physical Disability	2	1	3
Total	12	13	25

3.10. Staff in Children's Residential Homes by Age-group and Type: October 2000

Age-group	Male Care Staff	Female Care Staff	Male Domestic Staff	Female Domestic Staff
≤ 30	5	13	-	1
31-35	3	8	-	1
36-40	-	13	3	3
41-45	1	22	-	10
46-50	-	9	3	15
51-55	-	11	2	11
56-60	-	7	-	-
61-65	-	6	1	3
> 65	-	1	-	5
Total	9	90	9	49

Ratio of care workers to children - 1 is to 3.2

Source: Cortis Micallef, C. (2000). Residential Homes for Children in Malta: An Overview. (Internal Report

CARE ORDERS

3.11. Care Orders issued for Children

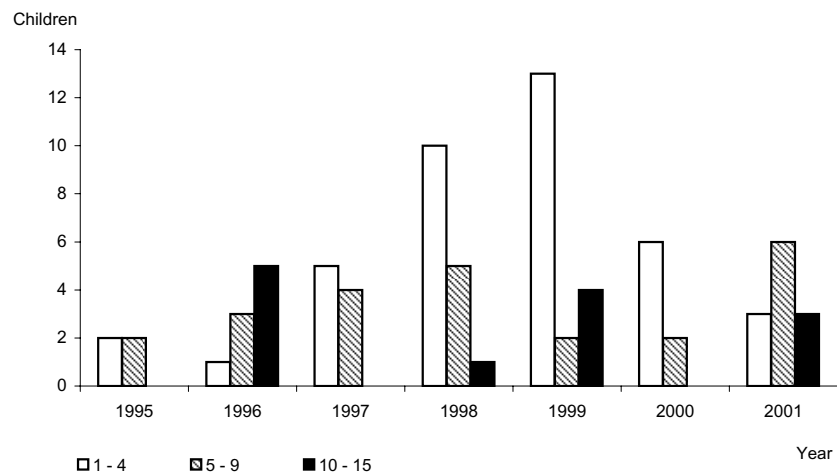
Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1995	3	1	4
1996	3	6	9
1997	5	4	9
1998	5	11	16
1999	8	11	19
2000	6	2	8
2001	5	7	12

3.12. Care Orders issued for Children by Age-group

Year	Age-group			Total
	1 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 15	
1995	2	2	-	4
1996	1	3	5	9
1997	5	4	-	9
1998	10	5	1	16
1999	13	2	4	19
2000	6	2	-	8
2001	3	6	3	12

Source: Department of Family Welfare.

Chart 3.2
Care Orders issued for Children by Age-group



FOSTERING AND ADOPTION

3.13. Foster Children

Year	Boys	Girls	Total	Foster Families	Children per Foster family
1998	22	10	32	31	1.0
1999	31	21	52	51	1.0
2000	36	21	57	61	0.9
2001	61	35	96	67	1.4

Source: Aġenzija Appoġġ.

3.14. Local and Inter-Country Adoptions of Children by Maltese Couples by Country of Origin

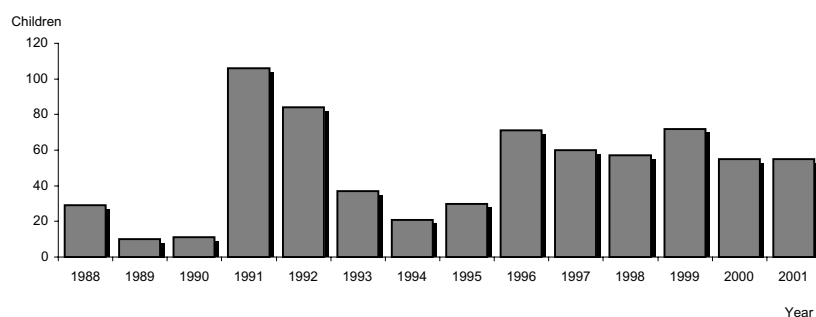
Country	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Malta	19	5	4	11	10	11	4
United Kingdom	4	2	2	6	5	5	5
Pakistan	-	1	-	2	-	-	2
Brazil	3	2	4	-	1	1	1
Rumania	-	-	-	84	64	14	6
Others	3	-	1	3	4	6	3
Total	29	10	11	106	84	37	21

Country	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Malta	15	21	12	14	17	15	16
United Kingdom	2	2	3	1	1	-	1
Pakistan	-	4	-	4	9	7	10
Brazil	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Rumania	13	39	42	31	38	32	23
Others	-	3	3	7	7	1	5
Total	30	71	60	57	72	55	55

Note: Adopted children as per Census of Population and Housing 1995 : 54.

Source: Department of Family Welfare

Chart 3.3
Local and Inter-Country Adoptions of Children by Maltese Couples



REFUGEES

3.15. Refugees in the Maltese Islands

Country of Origin	1994		1995		1996		1997	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Algeria	20	2.4	55	7.9	40	7.4	33	7.4
Sierra Leone	-	-	9	1.3	6	1.1	10	2.2
Somalia	31	3.8	25	3.6	2	0.4	2	0.4
Sudan	1	0.1	63	9.0	55	10.2	67	15.0
Other Africa	31	3.8	16	2.3	12	2.2	13	2.9
Iraq	548	66.7	350	50.1	279	51.8	177	39.5
Other Asia	5	0.6	11	1.6	9	1.7	1	0.2
Yugoslavia	151	18.4	106	15.2	79	14.7	96	21.4
Other Europe	3	0.3	3	0.4	3	0.6	3	0.7
Palestine	21	2.6	32	4.6	42	7.8	37	8.3
Syria	2	0.2	23	3.3	8	1.5	4	0.9
Other Middle East	9	1.1	5	0.7	3	0.6	5	1.1
Total	822	100.0	698	100.0	538	100.0	448	100.0
<i>Of whom:</i>								
Children	285	34.7	200	28.7	162	30.1	140	31.3

Country of Origin	1998		1999		2000		2001	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Algeria	38	8.6	42	11.1	34	12.2	11	4.1
Sierra Leone	59	13.4	16	4.2	10	3.6	3	1.1
Somalia	17	3.8	7	1.9	10	3.6	2	0.7
Sudan	33	7.5	19	5.0	14	5.0	10	3.7
Other Africa	21	4.7	29	7.7	15	5.4	45	16.6
Iraq	130	29.4	79	20.9	44	15.8	15	5.5
Other Asia	-	-	16	4.2	27	9.7	55	20.3
Yugoslavia	95	21.5	106	28.0	78	28.1	24	8.9
Other Europe	3	0.7	8	2.1	4	1.5	32	11.8
Palestine	38	8.6	39	10.3	37	13.3	56	20.7
Syria	3	0.7	10	2.7	3	1.1	-	-
Other Middle East	5	1.1	7	1.9	2	0.7	18	6.6
Total	442	100.0	378	100.0	278	100.0	271	100.0
<i>Of whom:</i>								
Children	117	26.5	64	16.9	48	17.3	51	18.8

Note: Persons considered as children up to the age of 16 years
Source: Emigrants' Commission.

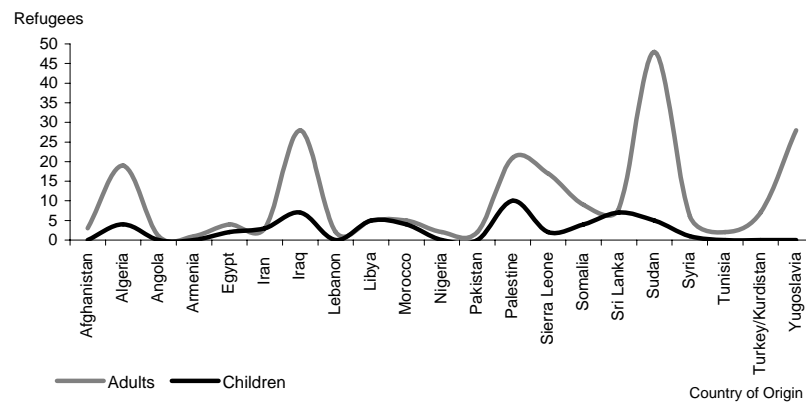
3.16. Refugees by Country of Origin: 2002 ¹

Country of Origin	Cases	Adults	Children	Total
Afghanistan	3	3	-	3
Algeria	18	19	4	23
Angola	1	1	-	1
Armenia	1	1	-	1
Egypt	3	4	2	6
Iran	2	3	3	6
Iraq	21	28	7	35
Lebanon	2	2	-	2
Libya	4	5	5	10
Morocco	4	5	4	9
Nigeria	2	2	-	2
Pakistan	2	2	-	2
Palestine	17	21	10	31
Sierra Leone	15	17	2	19
Somalia	7	9	4	13
Sri Lanka	6	8	7	15
Sudan	46	48	5	53
Syria	5	6	1	7
Tunisia	1	2	-	2
Turkey/Kurdistan	7	7	-	7
Yugoslavia	21	28	-	28
Total	188	221	54	275

¹ As on 1st January.

Source: Emigrants' Commission.

Chart 3.4
Adult and Child Refugees: 2001

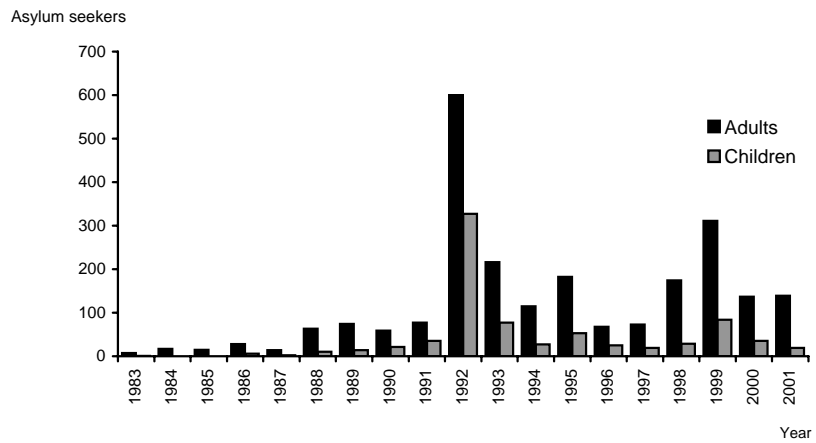


3.17. Asylum Seekers in Malta

Year	Arrivals		Total
	Adults	Children	
1983	7	1	8
1984	17	-	17
1985	15	-	15
1986	28	6	34
1987	14	2	16
1988	63	10	73
1989	74	14	88
1990	59	21	80
1991	77	35	112
1992	600	327	927
1993	216	77	293
1994	115	27	142
1995	182	53	235
1996	68	25	93
1997	73	19	92
1998	174	29	203
1999	311	84	395
2000	137	35	172
2001	139	19	158
Total	2,369	784	3,153

Source: Emigrants' Commission.

Chart 3.5
Asylum Seekers in Malta



CHILD BENEFITS

3.18. Number of Beneficiaries of Child Benefits

Type of Benefit	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Disabled Child Allowance	604	577	562	577	603	603	544
Orphan's Allowance	13	15	15	12	12	11	10
Maternity Benefit	4,458	4,079	4,013	3,652	3,424	3,305	2,958
Total	5,075	4,671	4,590	4,241	4,039	3,919	3,512

3.19. Government Expenditure on Child Benefits

Type of Benefit	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Children's Allowance (million)	15.5	18.3	20.4	20.1	19.0	18.4	15.9
Orphan's Allowance	12,100	11,952	13,340	12,158	14,006	10,740	9,856
Disabled Child Allowance	104,413	90,277	127,408	172,170	165,811	168,729	172,071
Maternity Benefit	488,416	542,662	535,495	615,428	601,382	561,387	589,865

3.20. Families receiving Children's Allowances by Number of Eligible Children

Eligible Children	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	Number of Families						
1	22,598	21,141	18,368	19,186	19,270	19,576	17,849
2	19,669	19,255	17,702	17,234	16,459	15,871	13,424
3	5,794	5,652	5,115	4,911	4,688	4,449	3,682
4+	1,979	1,432	1,292	1,250	1,153	1,095	859
Total	50,040	47,480	42,477	42,581	41,570	40,991	35,814

Source: Department of Social Security.

4. CHILDREN AND HEALTH

"States Parties recognize the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health and to facilities for the treatment of illness and rehabilitation of health. States Parties shall strive to ensure that no child is deprived of his or her right of access to such health care services.

States Parties shall pursue full implementation of this right and, in particular, shall take appropriate measures:

To diminish infant and child mortality;

To ensure the provision of necessary medical assistance and health care to all children with emphasis on the development of primary health care;

To combat disease and malnutrition, including within the framework of primary health care, through, inter alia, the application of readily available technology and through the provision of adequate nutritious foods and clean drinking-water, taking into consideration the dangers and risks of environmental pollution;

To ensure appropriate pre-natal and post-natal health care for mothers;

To ensure that all segments of society, in particular parents and children, are informed, have access to education and are supported in the use of basic knowledge of child health and nutrition, the advantages of breastfeeding, hygiene and environmental sanitation and the prevention of accidents;

To develop preventive health care, guidance for parents and family planning education and services.

States Parties shall take all effective and appropriate measures with a view to abolishing traditional practices prejudicial to the health of children.

States Parties undertake to promote and encourage international co-operation with a view to achieving progressively the full realization of the right recognized in the present article. In this regard, particular account shall be taken of the needs of developing countries.

States Parties recognize the right of a child who has been placed by the competent authorities for the purposes of care, protection or treatment of his or her physical or mental health, to a periodic review of the treatment provided to the child and all other circumstances relevant to his or her placement. "

Convention on the Rights of the Child: Articles 24 and 25.

4.1. Newborn Babies by Birthweight

Weight (g)	1999	2000	2001
< 500	2	4	-
500 - 1499	46	29	36
1500 - 2499	239	232	209
2500 - 4999	4,082	4,105	3,699
5000+	4	-	1
Unspecified	9	7	9
Total	4,382	4,377	3,954

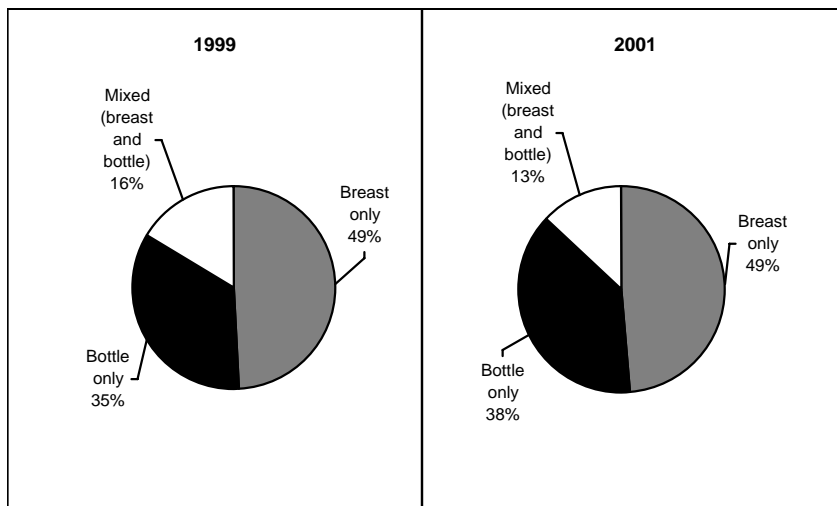
4.2. Feeding Methods at Time of Discharge from Birthing Facility

Feeding Method	1999	2000	2001
Breast only	2,076	2,305	1,880
Bottle only	1,463	1,503	1,469
Mixed (breast and bottle)	694	479	508
Other	32	25	29
Unspecified	117	65	68
Total	4,382	4,377	3,954

Note: Refers to births to Maltese and non-Maltese Mothers

Source: Department of Health Information.

Chart 4.1
Feeding Methods at Time of Discharge from Birthing Facility



4.3. Number of Deliveries by Mother's Age

Mother's Age	1999	2000	2001
<15			3
15 - 19	237	240	245
20 - 24			773
25 - 29			1,510
30 - 34	4,063	4,037	920
35 - 39			349
40 - 44			100
45+	4	4	4
Unspecified	7	30	13
Total	4,311	4,311	3,917

4.4. Smoking Habits of Mothers

Smoking Habit	1999	2000	2001
1 - 3/day	90	69	87
> 3/ day	285	314	230
None	3,918	3,905	3,591
Unspecified	18	23	9
Total	4,311	4,311	3,917

4.5. Alcohol Habits of Mothers

Alcohol Consumption	1999	2000	2001
Up to 1 unit/day	6	3	2
> 1 unit/day	2	2	3
None	4,290	4,295	3,907
Unspecified	13	11	5
Total	4,311	4,311	3,917

1 unit of alcohol = 9 grams of absolute alcohol = 1 tot of standard spirit, or 1 glass of wine,
or 1/2 pint of beer

4.6. Drug Habits of Mothers

Drug Use	1999	2000	2001
Yes	16	13	7
None	4,281	4,285	3,905
Unspecified	14	13	5
Total	4,311	4,311	3,917

Note: Refers to births to Maltese and non-Maltese mothers

Source: Department of Health Information.

VACCINATIONS**4.7. Vaccination Coverage Rates for Children**

Vaccine	2000 %	1999 %
Diphtheria/Tetanus	93.8	93.2
Polio	93.8	93.3
Pertussis (whooping cough)	92.0	90.7
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	85.5	89.5
Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B)	92.8	91.7

Vaccine	2001 %	2000 %
Diphtheria/Tetanus	96.6	95.5
Polio	96.6	95.4
Pertussis (whooping cough)	94.9	94.4
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	86.9	85.7
Hib (haemophilus influenzae Type B)	95.8	94.8

Footnote: For Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio and Pertussis, the vaccination coverage rates have been calculated for:

2000: children born in 1999
2001: children born in 2000

For MMR:

2000 - children born in 1998
2001 - children born in 1999

Source: Floriana Health Centre

Some Notes about Vaccinations for Children in the Maltese Islands

Diphtheria

Important outbreaks of this disease occurred in 1906 and in 1947. The latter had mostly affected children under the age of 5 years, hence, an anti-diphtheria inoculation campaign for children aged between 9 months and 5 years was started in February 1949. Following this, there was an irregular decline in the incidence of the disease. The last case in Malta was reported in 1969.

Pertussis (whooping cough)

Peak years in the incidence of whooping cough included 1900, 1913, 1917, 1923, 1947-48, 1952, 1957 and 1961. Because of the relatively low mortality ever since antibiotics have become available, this disease has never been accorded the degree of attention given to other communicable diseases. Efforts to control the disease through vaccination have been hampered by certain fears, mostly unfounded, that the pertussis vaccine instils in the public. As a result of this, pertussis remains a threat, although less common than it used to be.

Poliomyelitis (Polio)

This condition was first noted in Malta in the 1920s, when small numbers of cases and single deaths were attributed to it. In 1942-43, an epidemic of nearly 400 cases occurred, resulting in 17 deaths. From 1962 to 1964, mass immunisation campaigns against polio were undertaken. The last case of this disease in the Maltese Islands was reported in 1964.

Measles

During the 20th century, measles regularly caused epidemics in the Maltese Islands. The most series of these occurred in 1946, with a staggering amount of 21,168 reported cases and 240 deaths. Of the latter, 178 occurred in children under 3 years of age. Outbreaks of measles continued to occur periodically, roughly every four to five years. In 1989, the concerted vaccination campaign against this disease averted the periodic outbreak expected in 1990. Nevertheless, minor outbreaks continue to occur. This suggests that, unless there is sustained emphasis upon vaccination, there is a risk that this disease will take serious hold.

Source: Agius Muscat, H. (2000). Disease Patterns in Twentieth Century Malta. IN *The Maltese Islands on the Move: a mosaic of contributions marking Malta's entry into the 2nd century*. Central Office of Statistics, Malta.

4.8. Vaccines given at Health Centres in Malta ...

Type of Vaccine	Mosta	Rabat	Gzira	Qormi	Paola	Cospicua	Floriana	Total
	1999							
DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	1,878	468	912	834	2,300	-	1,265	7,657
DT (diphtheria, tetanus)	1,109	327	593	788	1,880	-	1,729	6,426
Polio	2,994	771	1,430	2,020	3,800	-	3,056	14,071
Hib (haemophilus influenzae type B)	1,951	462	942	853	2,385	-	1,304	7,897
Tetanus	918	479	407	1,029	358	223	991	4,405
Rubella	48	26	16	59	2	-	39	190
Diphtheria	3	-	9	-	18	-	87	117
Pertussis (whooping cough)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mumps	2	-	-	2	1	-	3	8
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	994	283	494	533	1,405	-	752	4,461
Influenza	2,423	1,298	2,034	2,324	2,396	-	4,420	14,895
Varicella	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	25
Tuberculin	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,800	1,800
BCG (tuberculosis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	482	482
Hep A (hepatitis A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	774	774
Hep B (hepatitis B)	579	132	326	338	495	-	1,822	3,692
Rabies	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	19
Cholera	-	-	-	-	-	-	934	934
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,006	3,006
Yellow fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	274	274
M.Meningitis A&C	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,254	1,254
Total	12,900	4,246	7,163	8,805	15,040	223	24,011	72,388

4.8. ... Vaccines given at Health Centres in Malta

Type of Vaccine	Mosta	Rabat	Gzira	Qormi	Paola	Cospicua	Floriana	Total
	2000							
DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	1,981	423	960	934	1,864	376	1,419	7,957
DT (diphtheria, tetanus)	1,384	276	772	1,648	1,773	307	2,262	8,422
Polio	3,119	700	1,719	1,715	3,194	646	3,554	14,647
Hib (haemophilus influenzae type B)	2,003	425	997	804	1,899	371	1,441	7,940
Tetanus	876	372	332	457	374	186	826	3,423
Rubella	48	12	30	-	2	-	102	194
Diphtheria	20	12	8	-	16	3	240	299
Pertussis (whooping cough)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mumps	9	5	6	6	-	2	19	47
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	890	403	482	527	1,038	239	994	4,573
Influenza	2,807	1,146	2,298	2,463	2,165	930	5,722	17,531
Varicella	-	11	-	14	-	-	-	25
Tuberculin	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,559	1,559
BCG (tuberculosis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	223	223
Hep A (hepatitis A)	-	-	-	2	-	-	1,060	1,062
Hep B (hepatitis B)	459	173	367	270	357	75	2,104	3,805
Rabies	-	-	-	-	-	-	84	84
Cholera	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,255	1,255
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,925	3,925
Yellow fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	490	490
M.Meningitis A&C	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,470	1,470
Total	13,596	3,958	7,971	8,840	12,682	3,135	28,749	78,931

4.8. ... Vaccines given at Health Centres in Malta

Type of Vaccine	Mosta	Rabat	Gzira	Qormi	Paola	Cospicua	Floriana	Total
	2001							
DTP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	1,797	447	822	905	1,856	374	1,149	7,350
DT (diphtheria, tetanus)	1,086	206	344	554	1,279	198	794	4,461
Polio	2,925	863	1,327	1,596	3,165	561	3,133	13,570
Hib (haemophilus influenzae type B)	2,203	464	828	909	1,952	349	1,221	7,926
Tetanus	664	168	485	356	1,024	353	1,291	4,341
Rubella	65	5	5	1	3	2	21	102
Diphtheria	16	1	19	-	-	-	56	92
Pertussis (whooping cough)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mumps	40	3	5	14	40	9	45	156
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	892	375	388	463	253	201	819	3,391
Influenza	1,610	725	1,940	1,432	1,857	700	2,719	10,983
Varicella	-	-	-	11	5	1	1	18
Tuberculin	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,706	3,706
BCG (tuberculosis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hep A (hepatitis A)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,105	1,105
Hep B (hepatitis B)	691	126	583	328	314	72	2,371	4,485
Rabies	-	-	-	-	-	-	142	142
Cholera	-	-	-	-	-	-	437	437
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200	2,200
Yellow fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	294	294
M.Meningitis A&C	-	1	-	-	-	-	457	458
Twinrix	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,079	2,079
Vivotif	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,166	1,166
di-Te adult	156	65	141	195	131	41	1,414	2,143
Total	12,145	3,449	6,887	6,764	11,879	2,861	26,620	70,605

Note: Some vaccines, including rabies, cholera, typhoid and yellow fever are given only at the Floriana Health Centre.

Source: Floriana Health Centre

ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGE DIAGNOSES

4.9. Hospital Admissions of Children

Age-group	Boys		Girls		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1996						
0 - 4	1,897	55.2	1,210	48.5	3,107	52.4
5 - 9	735	21.4	471	18.8	1,206	20.3
10 - 14	480	14.0	366	14.7	846	14.3
15 - 17	324	9.4	450	18.0	774	13.0
Total	3,436	100.0	2,497	100.0	5,933	100.0
1997						
0 - 4	1,588	51.0	982	45.2	2,570	48.6
5 - 9	711	22.9	399	18.3	1,110	21.0
10 - 14	517	16.6	331	15.2	848	16.0
15 - 17	295	9.5	463	21.3	758	14.4
Total	3,111	100.0	2,175	100.0	5,286	100.0
1998						
0 - 4	1,793	53.8	1,133	45.0	2,926	50.0
5 - 9	638	19.2	470	18.7	1,108	19.0
10 - 14	535	16.1	401	15.9	936	16.0
15 - 17	364	10.9	515	20.4	879	15.0
Total	3,330	100.0	2,519	100.0	5,849	100.0
1999						
0 - 4	1,599	50.3	1,078	45.2	2,677	48.1
5 - 9	674	21.2	484	20.3	1,158	20.8
10 - 14	510	16.1	365	15.3	875	15.7
15 - 17	394	12.4	459	19.2	853	15.4
Total	3,177	100.0	2,386	100.0	5,563	100.0
2000						
0 - 4	1,700	53.5	1,160	46.6	2,860	50.5
5 - 9	703	22.1	519	20.9	1,222	21.6
10 - 14	478	15.0	395	15.9	873	15.4
15 - 17	298	9.4	414	16.6	712	12.5
Total	3,179	100.0	2,488	100.0	5,667	100.0
2001						
0 - 4	1,622	53.8	1,057	45.8	2,679	50.4
5 - 9	694	23.0	474	20.6	1,168	22.0
10 - 14	423	14.1	350	15.2	773	14.5
15 - 17	274	9.1	424	18.4	698	13.1
Total	3,013	100.0	2,305	100.0	5,318	100.0

Source: Department of Health Information.

4.10. Average Length of Stay in State Hospitals of Children

Age-group	Average length of stay (days)		
	Boys	Girls	Total
1996			
0 - 4	3.3	3.9	3.5
5 - 9	2.4	2.3	2.4
10 - 14	3.0	3.4	3.2
15 - 17	3.8	3.2	3.5
Total	3.1	3.4	3.2
1997			
0 - 4	3.5	3.5	3.5
5 - 9	2.5	2.4	2.5
10 - 14	3.3	3.0	3.2
15 - 17	2.6	2.7	2.6
Total	3.2	3.1	3.1
1998			
0 - 4	3.6	4.1	3.8
5 - 9	2.4	2.8	2.6
10 - 14	3.8	4.0	3.9
15 - 17	3.1	3.5	3.3
Total	3.3	3.7	3.5
1999			
0 - 4	3.5	3.6	3.5
5 - 9	2.1	2.6	2.3
10 - 14	2.7	3.0	2.8
15 - 17	2.6	2.9	2.8
Total	3.0	3.2	3.1
2000			
0 - 4	3.2	3.4	3.3
5 - 9	2.6	2.1	2.4
10 - 14	2.5	2.5	2.5
15 - 17	2.9	2.9	2.9
Total	2.9	2.9	2.9
2001			
0 - 4	3.4	4.4	3.8
5 - 9	2.1	2.5	2.2
10 - 14	2.6	2.8	2.7
15 - 17	3.7	2.4	2.9
Total	3.0	3.4	3.2

Source: Department of Health Information

4.11. The Commonest Discharge Diagnoses in Hospitalised Children aged 0-4 years by Sex

Main Discharge Diagnosis ¹	1996			1997			1998		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal/Pelvic Symptoms other than Digestive/Urinary System	17	8	25	9	9	18	17	6	23
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	185	123	308	136	69	205	169	95	264
Acute Laryngitis and Tracheitis (croup)	184	87	271	149	49	198	111	46	157
Acute Upper Respiratory Infections of Multiple or Unspecified Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	41	21	62
Asthma	121	58	179	138	56	194	109	44	153
Chronic Disease of Tonsils/Adenoids	44	30	74	94	63	157	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies of Genital Organs	-	-	-	48	-	48	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of Teeth	19	16	35	18	14	32	13	17	30
Gastritis/Duodenitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	26	54
General Symptoms (e.g. faints, dizziness, fever of unknown origin)	89	50	139	74	56	130	72	50	122
Head injury and other/Unspecified Intracranial Injury	100	69	169	70	37	107	181	144	325
Inguinal Hernia	59	15	74	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	181	162	343	115	139	254	149	133	282
Total	999	618	1,617	851	492	1,343	890	582	1,472

Main Discharge Diagnosis ²	1999			2000			2001		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal Pain	17	9	26	12	10	22	13	8	21
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	161	92	253	145	74	219	179	101	280
Acute Obstructive Laryngitis (croup)	74	47	121	67	24	91	44	23	67
Asthma	61	23	84	54	39	93	72	49	121
Chronic Tonsillitis	32	21	53	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of Teeth	14	15	29	14	8	22	45	38	83
Disorders related to Short Gestation and Low Birth Weight, unspecified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Febrile Convulsions	51	37	88	47	44	91	39	34	73
Gastritis	33	32	65	34	32	66	26	36	62
Injury of Head	133	119	252	104	94	198	89	60	149
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	118	108	226	215	176	391	148	107	255
Specified Respiratory Disorders	-	-	-	36	41	77	46	21	67
Total	694	503	1,197	728	542	1,270	701	477	1,178

¹ Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1996-1998 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-9.

² Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1999-2001 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-10.

Source: Department of Health Information.

4.12. The Commonest Discharge Diagnoses in Hospitalised Children aged 5-9 years by Sex

Main Discharge Diagnosis ¹	1996			1997			1998		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal/Pelvic Symptoms other than Digestive/Urinary System	29	31	60	30	34	64	27	33	60
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	3	1	4	1	1	2	6	-	6
Acute Laryngitis and Tracheitis (croup)	33	14	47	41	9	50	26	7	33
Acute Upper Respiratory Infections of Multiple or Unspecified Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	8	14
Asthma	60	32	92	59	40	99	39	28	67
Chronic Disease of Tonsils/ Adenoids	27	35	62	53	45	98	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies of Genital Organs	-	-	-	27	-	27	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of Teeth	37	42	79	32	30	62	54	53	107
Gastritis/ Duodenitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	20	31
General Symptoms (e.g. faints, dizziness, fever of unknown origin)	13	7	20	12	10	22	10	6	16
Head injury and other/ Unspecified Intracranial Injury	50	23	73	52	24	76	65	28	93
Inguinal Hernia	21	6	27	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	32	26	58	31	22	53	37	51	88
Total	305	217	522	338	215	553	281	234	515

Main Discharge Diagnosis ²	1999			2000			2001		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal Pain	38	26	64	26	31	57	28	37	65
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	1	2	3	3	2	5	6	4	10
Acute Obstructive Laryngitis (croup)	17	8	25	15	9	24	18	8	26
Asthma	28	18	46	33	18	51	36	17	53
Chronic Tonsillitis	18	19	37	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of Teeth	39	40	79	28	26	54	-	-	-
Febrile Convulsions	2	2	4	3	2	5	1	2	3
Gastritis	14	14	28	21	16	37	26	27	53
Injury of Head	45	34	79	47	30	77	59	28	87
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	37	39	76	66	61	127	46	33	79
Specified Respiratory Disorders	-	-	-	6	8	14	12	12	24
Total	239	202	441	248	203	451	232	168	400

¹ Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1996-1998 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-9.

² Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1999-2001 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-10.

Source: Department of Health Information.

4.13. The Commonest Discharge Diagnoses in Hospitalised Children aged 10-14 years by Sex

Main Discharge Diagnosis ¹	1996			1997			1998		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal/Pelvic Symptoms other than Digestive/Urinary System	40	56	96	51	44	95	49	58	107
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	1
Acute Laryngitis and Tracheitis (croup)	2	2	4	4	2	6	1	1	2
Acute Upper Respiratory Infections of Multiple or Unspecified Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	5	12
Asthma	33	18	51	49	21	70	33	25	58
Chronic Disease of Tonsils/ Adenoids	6	8	14	10	21	31	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies of Genital Organs	-	-	-	9	3	12	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of Teeth	8	8	16	11	9	20	10	4	14
Gastritis/Duodenitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	17
General Symptoms (e.g. faints, dizziness, fever of unknown origin)	6	5	11	12	6	18	13	10	23
Head injury and other/ Unspecified Intracranial Injury	30	14	44	18	15	33	41	17	58
Inguinal Hernia	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	7	14	21	12	12	24	15	11	26
Total	136	127	263	176	133	309	177	141	318

Main Discharge Diagnosis ²	1999			2000			2001		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal Pain	29	29	58	27	42	69	38	28	66
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	2
Acute Obstructive laryngitis (croup)	3	-	3	2	-	2	5	1	6
Asthma	19	8	27	23	12	35	19	16	35
Chronic Tonsillitis	7	17	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of Teeth	12	12	24	10	7	17	-	-	-
Febrile convulsions	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastritis	10	9	19	6	8	14	5	12	17
Injury of Head	43	11	54	38	18	56	27	15	42
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	13	13	26	21	12	33	15	11	26
Specified Respiratory disorders	-	-	-	7	4	11	9	3	12
Total	137	100	237	135	103	238	118	88	206

¹ Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1996-1998 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-9.

² Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1999-2001 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-10.

Source: Department of Health Information.

4.14. The Commonest Discharge Diagnoses in Hospitalised Children aged 15-17 years by Sex

Main Discharge Diagnosis ¹	1996			1997			1998		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal/Pelvic Symptoms other than Digestive/Urinary System	13	76	89	13	53	66	18	58	76
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Acute Laryngitis and Tracheitis (croup)	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
Acute Upper Respiratory Infections of Multiple or Unspecified Site	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	3
Asthma	6	7	13	7	8	15	4	8	12
Chronic Disease of Tonsils/ Adenoids	4	7	11	9	19	28	-	-	-
Congenital Anomalies of Genital Organs	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of teeth	1	2	3	3	9	12	4	1	5
Gastritis/ Duodenitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
General Symptoms (e.g. faints, dizziness, fever of unknown origin)	4	3	7	5	7	12	16	8	24
Head injury and other/ Unspecified Intracranial Injury	24	12	36	21	7	28	29	11	40
Inguinal Hernia	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	3	3	6	3	1	4	4	6	10
Total	59	110	169	66	104	170	79	96	175

Main Discharge Diagnosis ²	1999			2000			2001		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Abdominal Pain	8	28	36	9	15	24	5	14	19
Acute Bronchitis and Bronchiolitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Obstructive Laryngitis (croup)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asthma	4	8	12	-	5	5	4	3	7
Chronic Tonsillitis	2	9	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Hard Tissues of Teeth	5	3	8	3	2	5	-	-	-
Febrile Convulsions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gastritis	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
Injury of Head	21	8	29	14	15	29	15	7	22
Noninfective Gastroenteritis and Colitis	3	3	6	1	3	4	4	-	4
Specified Respiratory Disorders	-	-	-	2	1	3	3	1	4
Total	44	59	103	29	42	71	31	25	56

¹ Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1996-1998 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-9.

² Discharge Diagnoses for the years 1999-2001 are classified according to International Classification of Diseases, ICD-10.

Source: Department of Health Information.

CHILDHOOD CANCERS

4.15. Registered Childhood Cancer Cases

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1993	9	4	13
1994	8	4	12
1995	10	10	20
1996	5	3	8
1997	7	5	12
1998	11	9	20
1999	3	5	8
2000	4	7	11
Total	57	47	104

4.16. Registered Childhood Cancer Cases by Main Diagnostic Group : 1993-2000

Main Diagnostic Group	Number of registered cases		
	Boys	Girls	Total
Leukaemias	20	13	33
Lymphomas ¹	8	4	12
Central Nervous System Tumours (brain and spine)	9	10	19
Sympathetic Nervous System (neuroblastoma and ganglioneuroblastoma)	6	4	10
Retinoblastoma ²	3	2	5
Renal (kidney) Tumours	3	4	7
Malignant Bone Tumours	2	3	5
Soft Tissue Tumours (tumours arising in muscle, connective tissues, fatty tissues, etc.)	5	3	8
Germ Cell Tumours (arising in the gonad: ovary or testis, or elsewhere)	-	1	1
Carcinomas ³ (includes adrenocortical, thyroid, nasopharyngeal and skin carcinomas and malignant melanoma)	1	3	4
Total	57	47	104

Note: Childhood cancers are classified as such when they occur in persons up to the age of 14 years

¹ a diverse group of malignant conditions of lymph nodes and lymphoid cells with a large variation in tumour biology and course of disease. Apart from in the lymph nodes, lymphoid cells are found in many organs including the stomach, colon, thyroid and brain. The lymphoid cells form an important part of the body immune system.

² the most common primary intra-ocular malignancy in children.

³ this term is used to denote the most common histological group of cancers (90% of all cancers). The carcinomas arise from tissues that outline organs; example: the outer layers of the skin, or the innermost layers of the bowel.

Source: Department of Health Information.

DEATHS
4.17. Child Deaths by Cause of Death ...

Cause of Death	Boys	Girls	Total	%
	1996			
Disorders related to Short Gestation and Low Birthweight, not elsewhere classified	11	15	26	37.1
Respiratory Distress of Newborn	2	1	3	4.2
Other Congenital Malformations of Heart	1	2	3	4.2
Spinal Muscular Atrophy and related Syndromes	-	2	2	2.9
Birth Asphyxia	2	-	2	2.9
Congenital Viral Diseases	1	1	2	2.9
Intracranial Nontraumatic Hemorrhage of Fetus and Newborn	-	2	2	2.9
Congenital Malformations of Cardiac Septa	1	1	2	2.9
Congenital Malformations of Musculoskeletal System, not elsewhere classified	1	1	2	2.9
Other Congenital Malformations, not elsewhere classified	1	1	2	2.9
Other Causes	14	10	24	34.2
Total	34	36	70	100.0
1997				
Disorders related to Short Gestation and Low Birthweight, not elsewhere classified	2	2	4	7.4
Respiratory Distress of Newborn	2	2	4	7.4
Edwards' Syndrome and Patau's Syndrome	3	1	4	7.4
Other Septicemia	1	1	2	3.7
Lymphoid Leukemia	2	-	2	3.7
Spinal Muscular Atrophy and related Syndromes	1	1	2	3.7
Other Respiratory Conditions originating in the Perinatal Period	1	1	2	3.7
Congenital Malformations of Musculoskeletal System, not elsewhere classified	2	-	2	3.7
Hemorrhage from Respiratory Passages	1	1	2	3.7
Other Causes	13	17	30	55.6
Total	28	26	54	100.0

4.17. ... Child Deaths by Cause of Death

Cause of Death	Boys	Girls	Total	%
	1998			
Disorders related to Short Gestation and Low Birthweight, not elsewhere classified	5	-	5	10.6
Malignant Neoplasm of Brain	1	2	3	6.3
Disorders of Sphingolipid Metabolism and other Lipid Storage Disorders	3	-	3	6.3
Other Congenital Malformations of Brain	1	2	3	6.3
Meningococcal Infection	1	1	2	4.3
Birth Asphyxia	2	-	2	4.3
Bacterial Sepsis of Newborn	2	-	2	4.3
Anencephaly and Similar Malformations	-	2	2	4.3
Congenital Hydrocephalus	-	2	2	4.3
Other Congenital Malformations, not elsewhere classified	1	1	2	4.3
Other Causes	15	6	21	44.7
Total	31	16	47	100.0
1999				
Disorders related to Short Gestation and Low Birthweight, not elsewhere classified	3	3	6	12.7
Respiratory Distress of Newborn	4	1	5	10.6
Necrotizing Enterocolitis of Newborn	-	3	3	6.4
Meningococcal Infection	2	-	2	4.3
Other Congenital Malformations of Brain	1	1	2	4.3
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome	1	1	2	4.3
Other Causes	15	12	27	57.4
Total	26	21	47	100.0

4.17. ... Deaths of Children by Cause of Death

Cause of Death	Boys	Girls	Total	%
	2000			
Disorders related to Short Gestation and Low Birthweight, not elsewhere classified	5	5	10	24.4
Meningococcal Infection	2	1	3	7.2
Disorders of Sphingolipid Metabolism and other Lipid Storage Disorders	1	1	2	4.9
Bacterial Sepsis of Newborn	2	-	2	4.9
Congenital Malformations of Cardiac Septae	1	1	2	4.9
Car occupant injured in a Collision with Fixed or Stationary Object	2	-	2	4.9
Other Causes	9	11	20	48.8
Total	22	19	41	100.0
2001				
Disorders related to Short Gestation and Low Birthweight, not elsewhere classified	4	2	6	17.6
Other Causes *	19	9	28	82.4
Total	23	11	34	100.0

* For 2001 the specific cause of death is only given when more than one death has occurred per ICD-10 category
Source: Department of Health Information.

5. CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLDS

"States Parties recognize the right of every child to a standard of living adequate for the child's physical, mental, spiritual, moral and social development.

The parent(s) or others responsible for the child have the primary responsibility to secure, within their abilities and financial capacities, the conditions of living necessary for the child's development.

States Parties, in accordance with national conditions and within their means, shall take appropriate measures to assist parents and others responsible for the child to implement this right and shall in case of need provide material assistance and support programmes, particularly with regard to nutrition, clothing and housing.

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures to secure the recovery of maintenance for the child from the parents or other persons having financial responsibility for the child, both within the State Party and from abroad. In particular, where the person having financial responsibility for the child lives in a State different from that of the child, States Parties shall promote the accession to international agreements or the conclusion of such agreements, as well as the making of other appropriate arrangements."

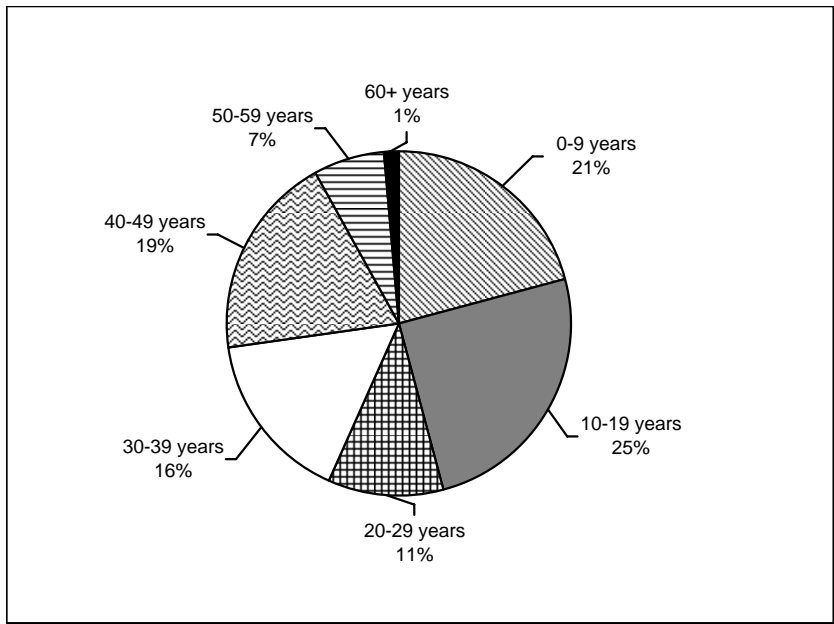
Convention on the Rights of the Child, Article 27.

5.1. Age Distribution of Persons in Households with Children: 2000

Age group	Number of persons	%
0 - 9	47,653	20.9
10-19	56,984	25.0
20-29	24,391	10.7
30-39	37,307	16.3
40-49	43,743	19.2
50-59	14,746	6.5
60+	3,383	1.4
Total	228,207	100.0

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

Chart 5.1
Age Distribution of Persons in Households with Children: 2000



5.2. Households with Children by Type of Dwelling Lived In: 2000

Type of Dwelling	Number of households	%
Terraced House	28,910	52.6
Semi-detached House	1,381	2.5
Converted Farmhouse	282	0.5
Fully-detached House	595	1.1
Ground floor Tenement (terran)	3,702	6.7
Maisonette	9,333	17.0
Apartment/Flat	10,444	19.0
Suite of Rooms forming part of a Housing Unit	135	0.2
Farmhouse	120	0.2
Other	118	0.2
Total	55,020	100.0

5.3. Households with Children by the Number of Rooms of Dwelling Lived In: 2000

Number of Rooms	Number of households	%
<3	567	1.0
4 - 8	44,228	80.4
9 +	10,225	18.6
Total	55,020	100.0

5.4. Households with Children by the Number of Cars owned by Household Members: 2000

Number of Cars Owned by Reference Person and other Household Members	Number of households	%
0	3,358	6.1
1	24,690	44.9
2	21,803	39.6
3	3,989	7.3
4 +	1,180	2.1
Total	55,020	100.0

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

5.5. Households with Children by Access to Household Items: Communication, Education and Entertainment: 2000

	Number of households	%
Households with a telephone service	54,480	99.0
Households without a telephone service	540	1.0
Total Households	55,020	100.0
Number of Television Sets	Number of households	%
0	509	0.9
1	23,515	42.8
2	24,396	44.4
3	5,253	9.5
4+	1,347	2.4
Total Households	55,020	100.0
Number of Video Cassette Players/Recorders	Number of households	%
0	4,833	8.8
1	44,223	80.4
2	5,245	9.5
3+	719	1.3
Total Households	55,020	100.0
Number of DVDs	Number of households	%
0	51,912	94.4
1+	3,108	5.6
Total Households	55,020	100.0
Number of Personal Computers	Number of households	%
0	26,783	48.7
1	26,459	48.1
2+	1,778	3.2
Total Households	55,020	100.0
Number of Internet Access Points	Number of households	%
0	46,540	84.6
1	8,390	15.2
2	90	0.2
Total Households	55,020	100.0

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

5.6. Households with Children by Ownership of Selected Home Appliances: 2000

Number of Cookers	Number of households	%
0	445	0.8
1	51,785	94.1
2+	2,790	5.1
Total	55,020	100.0
Number of Refrigerators	Number of households	%
0	43,251	78.6
1+	11,769	21.4
Total	55,020	100.0
Number of Fridge-freezers	Number of households	%
0	9,075	16.5
1	43,552	79.2
2+	2,393	4.3
Total	55,020	100.0
Number of Freezers	Number of households	%
0	36,387	66.1
1+	18,633	33.9
Total	55,020	100.0
Number of Washing Machines	Number of households	%
0	822	1.5
1	48,826	88.7
2+	5,372	9.8
Total	55,020	100.0
Number of Geysers	Number of households	%
0	2,507	4.6
1	33,829	61.5
2	15,592	28.3
3+	3,092	5.6
Total	55,020	100.0
Number of Air-Conditioners	Number of households	%
0	40,137	72.9
1	11,059	20.1
2+	3,824	7.0
Total	55,020	100.0

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

EDUCATIONAL EXPENDITURE

5.7. Household Schooling Expenditure by Educational Level and Type: 2000

Educational Level	Lm	%
	School Fees	
Pre-primary	811,800	15.0
Primary	2,739,500	50.6
Secondary	1,579,300	29.2
Post-secondary	278,600	5.2
Total	5,409,200	100.0
Books		
Pre-primary	54,500	2.7
Primary	520,200	25.7
Secondary	959,600	47.5
Post-secondary	487,000	24.1
Total	2,021,300	100.0
Uniforms		
Pre-primary	138,400	7.6
Primary	709,200	38.7
Secondary	984,800	53.7
Total	1,832,400	100.0
Transport		
Pre-primary	126,700	7.8
Primary	729,100	45.0
Secondary	580,600	35.8
Post-secondary	185,700	11.4
Total	1,622,100	100.0
Other		
Pre-primary	53,200	3.7
Primary	378,700	26.3
Secondary	581,300	40.3
Post-secondary	427,100	29.7
Total	1,440,300	100.0

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest 100.

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000.

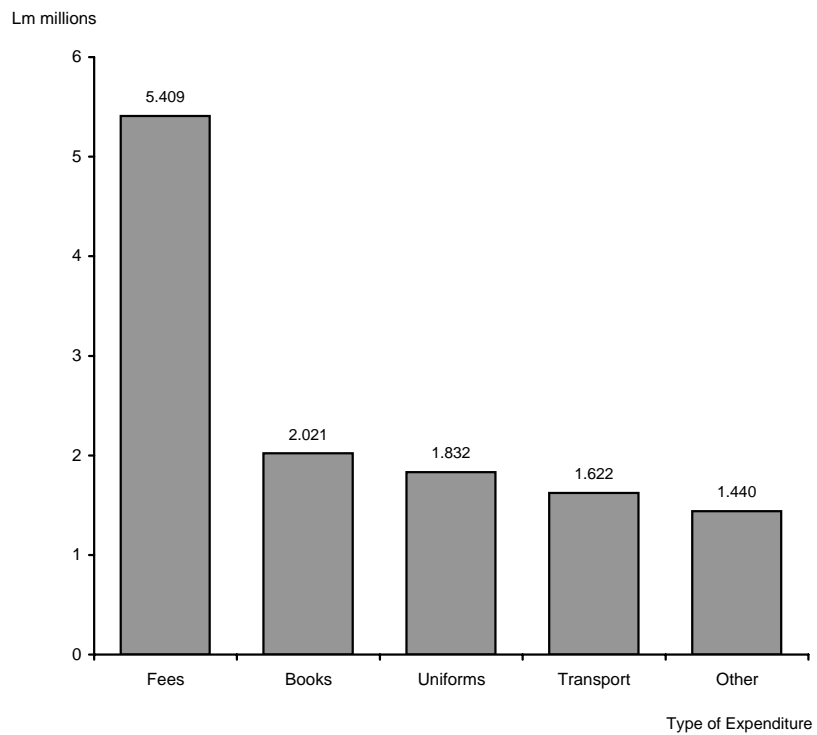
5.8. Household Schooling Expenditure by Type: 2000

	Total Lm	%
Fees	5,409,200	43.8
Books	2,021,300	16.4
Uniforms	1,832,400	14.9
Transport	1,622,100	13.2
Other	1,440,300	11.7
Total	12,325,300	100.0

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest 100.

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

Chart 5.2
Household Schooling Expenditure by Type: 2000



5.9. Household Expenditure on Academic Private Lessons by Educational Level and Type: 2000

Educational Level	Lm	%
	Fees	
Primary	1,147,500	43.1
Secondary	1,247,000	46.8
Post-secondary	268,600	10.1
Total	2,663,100	100.0
Books		
Primary	44,400	19.9
Secondary	56,000	25.1
Post-secondary	123,000	55.0
Total	223,400	100.0
Other		
Primary	89,200	100.0
Secondary	-	-
Post-secondary	-	-
Total	89,200	100.0

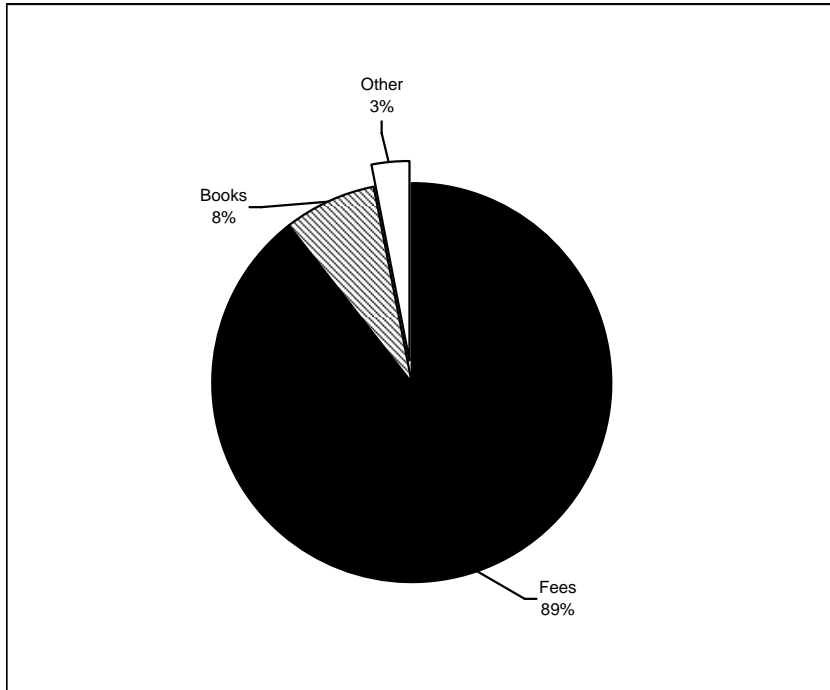
5.10. Household Expenditure on Academic Private Lessons by Type: 2000

Type of Expenditure	Total Lm	%
Fees	2,663,100	89.5
Books	223,400	7.5
Other	89,200	3.0
Total	2,975,700	100.0

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest 100

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

Chart 5.3
Household Expenditure on Academic Private Lessons by Type: 2000



5.11. Household Expenditure on Private Lessons in Sports and Cultural Activities by Type: 2000

Type	Lm	%
Fees	996,400	82.6
Books	49,500	4.1
Uniforms, Costumes, Kits	24,000	2.0
Other	136,900	11.3
Total	1,206,800	100.0

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest 100

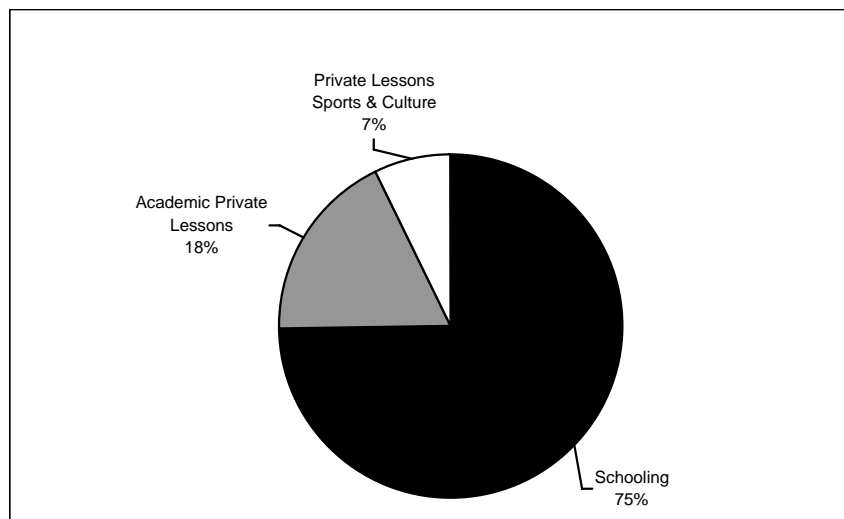
Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

5.12. Total Household Educational Expenditure by Type and Category: 2000

				Lm
Type	Schooling	Academic Private Lessons	Private Lessons Sports & Culture	Total
Fees	5,409,200	2,663,100	996,400	9,068,700
Books	2,021,300	223,400	49,500	2,294,200
Uniforms	1,832,400	-	24,000	1,856,400
Other	3,062,400	89,200	136,900	3,288,500
Total	12,325,300	2,975,700	1,206,800	16,507,800

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest 100

Chart 5.4
Total Household Educational Expenditure by Category: 2000



5.13. Percentage Distribution of Total Household Educational Expenditure by Type and Category: 2000

Type	% Schooling	% Academic Private Lessons	% Private Lessons Sports & Culture	% Total
Fees	43.9	89.5	82.6	55.0
Books	16.4	7.5	4.1	13.9
Uniforms	14.9	0.0	2.0	11.2
Other	24.8	3.0	11.3	19.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

5.14. Annual Household Income by Household Size and the Number of Children in Household: 2000

Household Size	Number of children in household				Total
	1	2	3	4 +	
2	2,267,500	-	-	-	2,267,500
3	87,912,600	2,315,700	-	-	90,228,300
4	56,618,400	124,341,800	913,500	-	181,873,700
5	31,709,600	24,963,900	37,712,200	-	94,385,700
6 +	14,048,500	18,456,800	8,875,400	13,013,600	54,394,300
Total	192,556,600	170,078,200	47,501,100	13,013,600	423,149,500

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest 100.

5.15. Households by Size and the Number of Children in Household: 2000

Household Size	Number of children in household				Total
	1	2	3	4 +	
2	647	-	-	-	647
3	13,549	508	-	-	14,057
4	5,779	17,958	277	-	24,014
5	2,944	2,980	5,402	-	11,326
6 +	955	1,477	851	1,693	4,976
Total	23,874	22,923	6,530	1,693	55,020

5.16. Annual Average Household Income by Household Size and the Number of Children in Household: 2000

Household Size	Number of children in household				Annual Average Household Income
	1	2	3	4 +	
2	3,505	-	-	-	3,505
3	6,488	4,558	-	-	6,419
4	9,797	6,924	3,298	-	7,574
5	10,771	8,377	6,981	-	8,334
6 +	14,710	12,496	10,429	7,687	10,931
Total	8,066	7,420	7,274	7,687	7,691

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

5.17. Annual Household Expenditure by Household Size and the Number of Children in Household: 2000

Household Size	Number of children in household				Total
	1	2	3	4 +	
2	3,602,100	-	-	-	3,602,100
3	111,865,000	3,755,300	-	-	115,620,300
4	57,745,700	152,919,100	1,666,000	-	212,330,800
5	37,584,800	29,138,200	45,706,800	-	112,429,800
6 +	8,819,600	21,314,700	9,164,800	15,625,100	54,924,200
Total	219,617,200	207,127,300	56,537,600	15,625,100	498,907,200

Note: Figures rounded to the nearest 100.

5.18. Households by Size and the Number of Children in Household: 2000

Household Size	Number of children in household				Total
	1	2	3	4 +	
2	647	-	-	-	647
3	13,549	508	-	-	14,057
4	5,779	17,958	277	-	24,014
5	2,944	2,980	5,402	-	11,326
6 +	955	1,477	851	1,693	4,976
Total	23,874	22,923	6,530	1,693	55,020

Note: Table reproduced from 5.15 in order to facilitate analysis

5.19. Annual Average Household Expenditure by Household Size and the Number of Children in Household: 2000

Household Size	Number of children in household				Annual Average Household Expenditure
	1	2	3	4 +	
2	5,567	-	-	-	5,567
3	8,256	7,392	-	-	8,225
4	9,992	8,515	6,014	-	8,842
5	12,767	9,778	8,461	-	9,927
6 +	9,235	14,431	10,769	9,229	11,038
Total	9,199	9,036	8,658	9,229	9,068

Source: National Statistics Office: Household Budgetary Survey (HBS) 2000

TOYS AND GAMES

5.20. Imports of Toys and Games ¹

	Lm					
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Dolls and Related Articles	227,267	235,975	187,891	155,512	267,474	208,937
Toy Models	1,210,705	1,015,259	897,034	864,219	695,358	714,536
Construction Sets	31,772	43,195	82,228	74,347	245,465	36,743
Soft Toys	204,631	219,454	182,813	265,384	25,325	252,872
Toy Musical Instruments and Apparatus	31,715	21,949	20,635	12,067	86,865	13,125
Puzzles	81,541	58,925	41,715	33,080	27,616	20,012
Toys in Sets	123,783	103,101	160,457	176,695	32,157	150,523
Toy Weapons	152,444	3,269	2,656	1,247	47,386	2,668
Other	527,536	374,099	302,626	625,621	692,642	460,883
Total	2,591,394	2,075,226	1,878,055	2,208,172	2,120,288	1,860,299

¹ Excludes Video Games
Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 5.5
Imports of Toys and Games

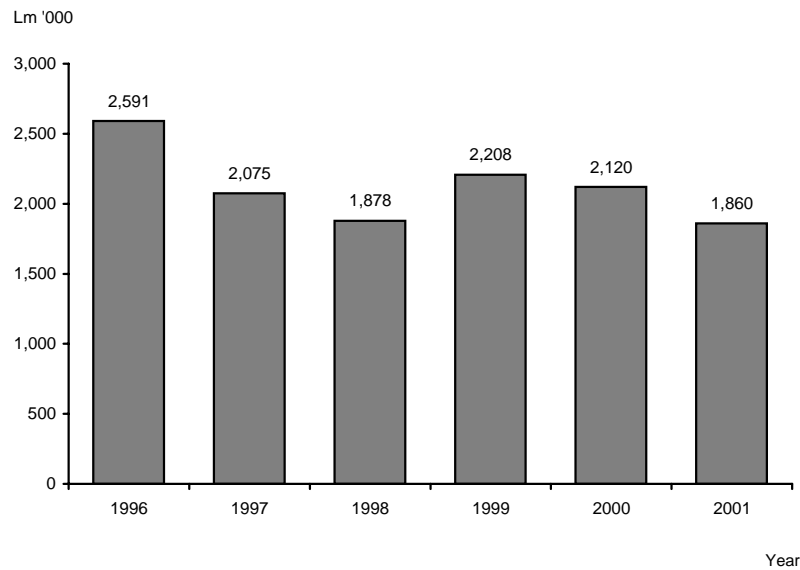
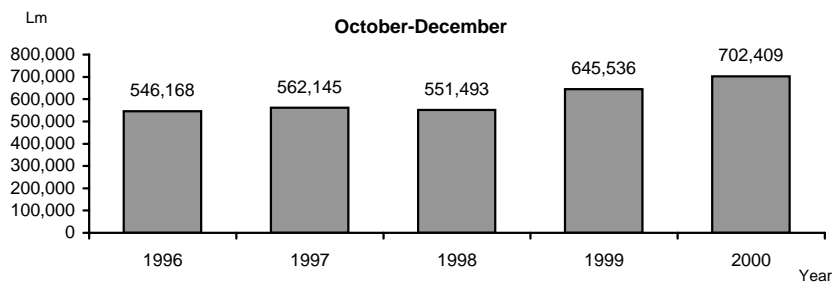
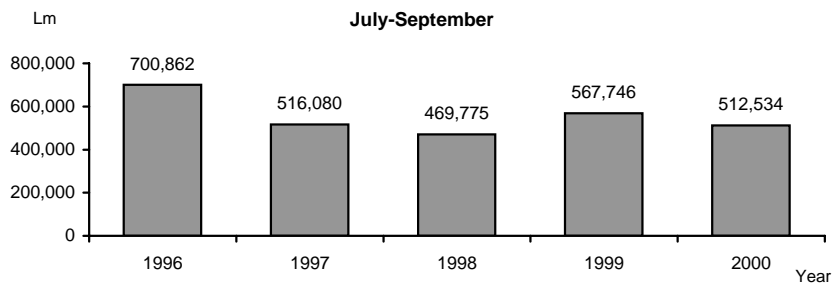
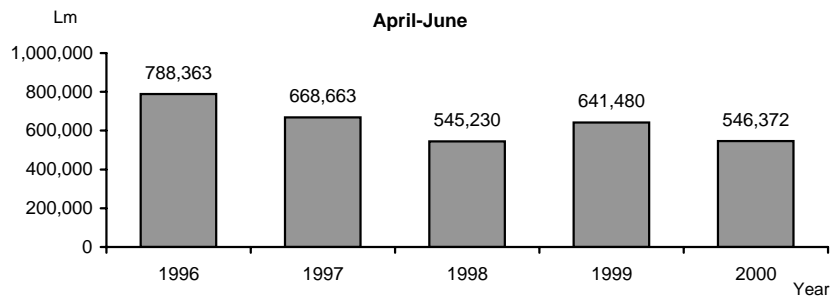
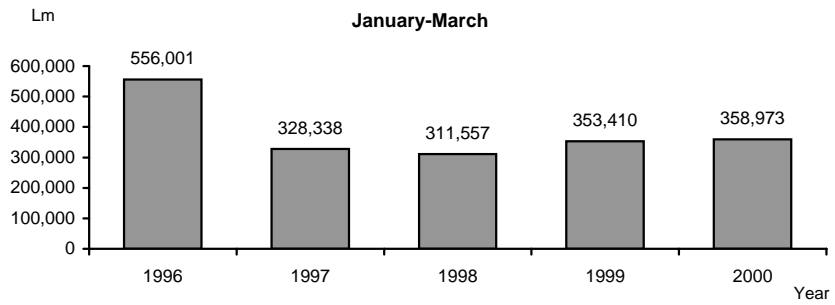


Chart 5.6
Quarterly Imports of Toys and Games



WORK ASPECTS

5.21. Reference Persons in Households with Children by Labour Status: December 2001

Labour Status	Sex					
	Males		Females		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Employed	47,732	90.2	1,003	20.6	48,735	84.3
Unemployed	1,733	3.3	139	2.8	1,872	3.2
Inactive	3,474	6.5	3,736	76.6	7,210	12.5
Total	52,939	100.0	4,878	100.0	57,817	100.0

5.22. Reference Persons in Households with Children by Occupational Category and Average Income: December 2001

Occupational Category	Number	%	Average Income
Armed Forces	818	1.7	5,164
Legislators, Senior Officials and Managers	5,579	11.4	8,228
Professionals	3,128	6.4	7,653
Technicians and Associate Professionals	6,177	12.7	6,323
Clerks	2,423	5.0	5,011
Service Workers and Shop and Sales Workers	5,182	10.6	5,197
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	1,159	2.4	4,514
Craft and Related Trades Workers	10,773	22.1	4,750
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	5,338	11.0	5,073
Elementary Occupations	8,158	16.7	4,518
Total	48,735	100.0	5,592

5.23. Reference Persons in Households with Children by Economic Activity and Average Income: December 2001

Economic Activity	Number	%	Average Income
Agriculture	1,536	3.2	4,474
Industry	18,141	37.2	5,201
Services	29,058	59.6	5,896
Total	48,735	100.0	5,592

Source: National Statistics Office: Labour Force Survey (LFS) December 2001

5.24. Reference Persons in Households with Children by Occupational Category, Number of Children in Household and Average Gross Annual Salary: December 2001

Occupational Category	Number of Children							
	1 Child		2 Children		3+ Children		Total	
	Number	Average Lm	Number	Average Lm	Number	Average Lm	Number	Average Lm
Armed Forces	477	5,504	341	4,688	-	-	818	5,164
Legislators, Senior Officials and Managers	2,629	7,367	2,160	8,365	790	10,723	5,579	8,228
Professionals	1,070	8,417	1,583	7,046	475	7,953	3,128	7,653
Technicians and Associate Professionals	2,505	5,811	3,289	6,688	383	6,539	6,177	6,323
Clerks	828	4,628	879	5,138	716	5,299	2,423	5,011
Service Workers and Shop and Sales Workers	2,386	5,205	1,903	5,336	893	4,877	5,182	5,197
Skilled Agricultural and Fishery Workers	514	3,754	394	4,158	251	6,629	1,159	4,514
Craft and Related Trades Workers	4,661	4,609	5,089	4,872	1,023	4,786	10,773	4,750
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	2,469	5,263	2,352	4,857	517	5,148	5,338	5,073
Elementary Occupations	3,415	4,738	3,655	4,448	1,088	4,062	8,158	4,518
Total	20,954	5,459	21,645	5,618	6,136	5,955	48,735	5,592

Source: National Statistics Office: Labour Force Survey (LFS) December 2001

5.25. Inactive Reference Persons in Households with Children by Reason for Inactivity: December 2001

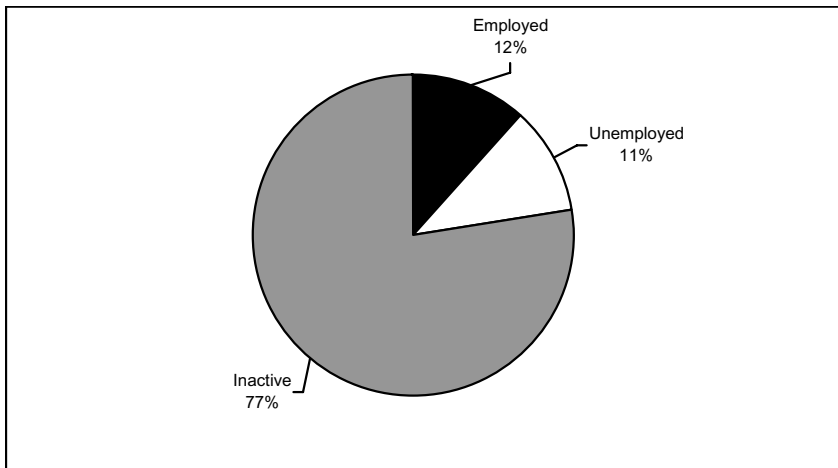
Reason for Inactivity	Number	%
Own illness or Disability	1,342	18.6
Personal or Family Responsibility	3,495	48.5
Education or Training	51	0.7
Retirement	1,796	24.9
Other Reasons	526	7.3
Total	7,210	100.0

5.26. Persons aged 15 years and over by Labour Status: December 2001

Labour Status	15-17		18+		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Employed	1,856	11.6	143,731	47.9	145,587	46.1
Unemployed	1,728	10.8	8,436	2.8	10,164	3.2
Inactive	12,440	77.6	147,604	49.3	160,044	50.7
Total	16,024	100.0	299,771	100.0	315,795	100.0

Source: National Statistics Office: Labour Force Survey (LFS) December 2001

Chart 5.7
Persons aged 15 - 17 years by Labour Status: December 2001



5.27. Inactive Persons by Reason for Inactivity: December 2001

Reason for Inactivity	Males					
	Age-group				Total	
	15-17		18+			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Own Illness or Disability	-	-	5,156	13.5	5,156	11.5
Personal or Family Responsibility	-	-	960	2.5	960	2.1
Education or Training	6,184	94.2	3,575	9.4	9,759	21.8
Retirement	-	-	26,596	69.6	26,596	59.4
Other Reasons	383	5.8	1,929	5.0	2,312	5.2
Total	6,567	100.0	38,216	100.0	44,783	100.0

Reason for Inactivity	Females					
	Age-group				Total	
	15-17		18+			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Own Illness or Disability	-	-	3,575	3.3	3,575	3.1
Personal or Family Responsibility	-	-	82,760	75.6	82,760	71.8
Education or Training	5,551	94.5	5,002	4.6	10,553	9.2
Retirement	-	-	13,830	12.6	13,830	12.0
Other Reasons	322	5.5	4,221	3.9	4,543	3.9
Total	5,873	100.0	109,388	100.0	115,261	100.0

Reason for Inactivity	Total					
	Age-group				Total	
	15-17		18+			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Own Illness or Disability	-	-	8,731	5.9	8,731	5.4
Personal or Family Responsibility	-	-	83,720	56.7	83,720	52.3
Education or Training	11,735	94.3	8,577	5.8	20,312	12.7
Retirement	-	-	40,426	27.4	40,426	25.3
Other Reasons	705	5.7	6,150	4.2	6,855	4.3
Total	12,440	100.0	147,604	100.0	160,044	99.9

Source: National Statistics Office: Labour Force Survey (LFS) December 2001

6. CHILDREN AS PARENTS

TEENAGE MOTHERS

6.1. Single Teenage Mothers

Age of Mother	1999	2000	2001
<15	4	4	2
15	8	13	14
16	22	19	27
17	40	31	32
Total	74	67	75
Total births	4,428	4,398	3,955
% of total births	1.7	1.5	1.9
Total live births	4,410	4,386	3,935
% of total live births	1.7	1.5	1.9

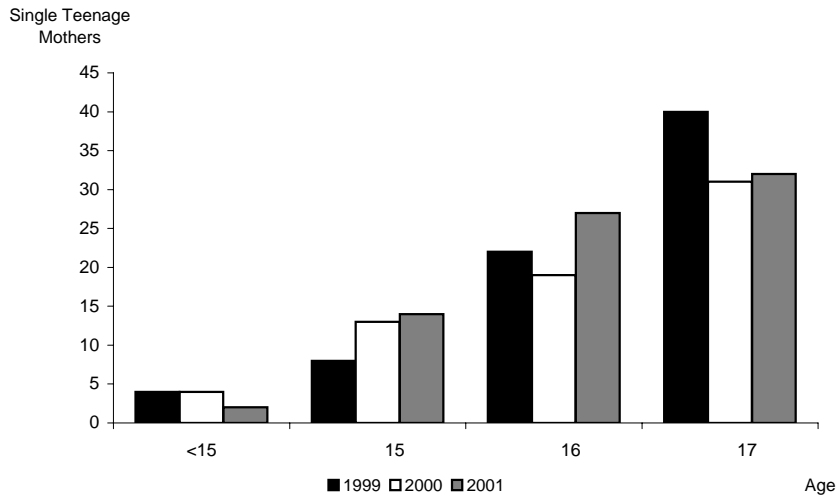
Note: Refers to Births to Maltese and Non-Maltese Mothers

6.2. Percentage of Single Teenage Mothers of Total Teenage Mothers

	1999	2000	2001
Single Teenage Mothers <18 years	74	67	75
Total Teenage Mothers <18 years	86	78	86
% of Single Teenage Mothers <18 years	86.0	85.9	87.2

Source: Department of Health Information.

Chart 6.1
Single Teenage Mothers by Age



6.3. Live Births to Mothers and Fathers aged ≤ 19 years

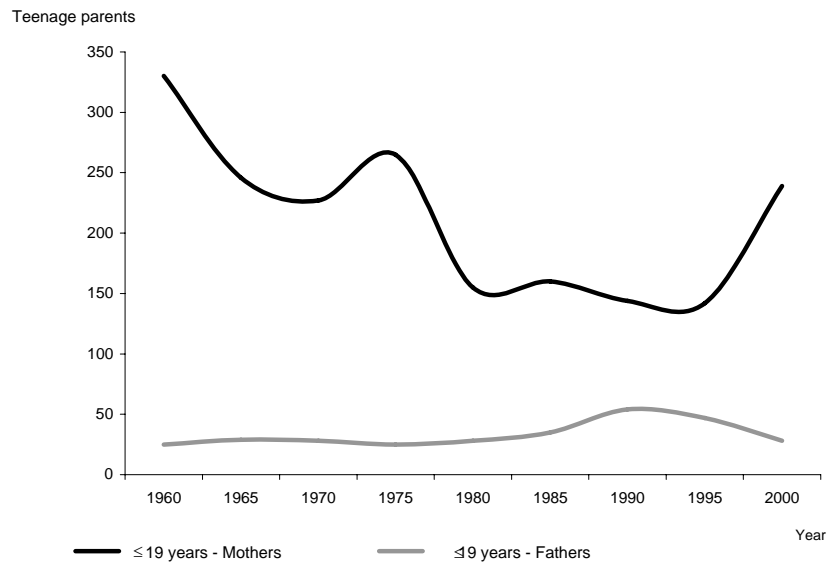
Year	Live Births to				Total Live Births
	≤ 19 years - Mothers	≤ 19 years - Fathers	≥ 20 years - Mothers	≥ 20 years - Fathers	
1960	330	25	8,235	8,540	8,565
1965	246	29	5,382	5,599	5,628
1970	227	28	5,087	5,286	5,314
1975	265	25	5,742	5,699	6,007
1980	155	28	5,661	5,574	5,816
1985	160	35	5,427	5,395	5,587
1990	144	54	5,424	5,314	5,568
1995	142	47	4,861	4,566	5,003
2000	239	28	4,147	4,227	4,386

Note: Refers to births to Maltese and non-Maltese parents

Source: National Statistics Office.

Chart 6.2

Live Births to Mothers and Fathers ≤ 19 years

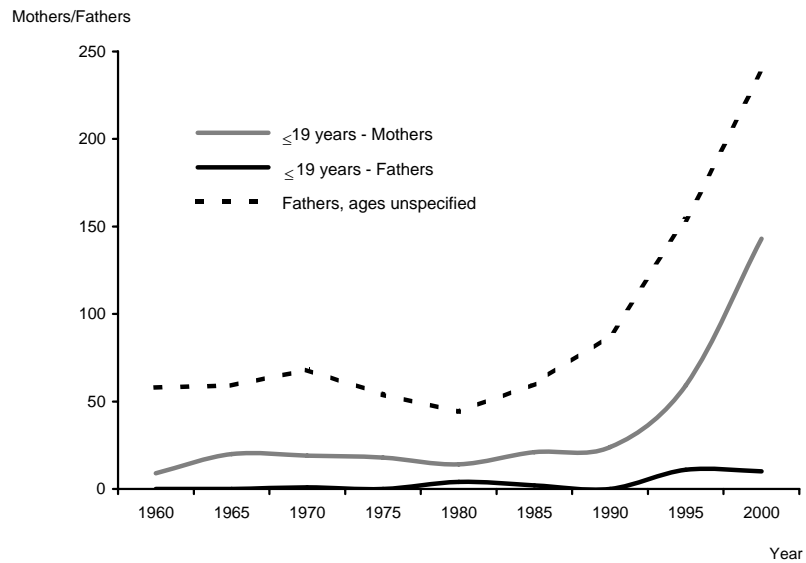


6.4. Live Births outside Wedlock by Age-group of Mother/Father

Year	Live births outside wedlock				Fathers - unspecified ages	Total Live Births outside Wedlock
	≤ 19 years - Mothers	≤ 19 years - Fathers	≥ 20 years - Mothers	≥ 20 years - Fathers		
1960	9	-	54	5	58	63
1965	20	-	39	-	59	59
1970	19	1	60	10	68	79
1975	18	-	53	17	54	71
1980	14	4	45	11	44	59
1985	21	2	45	4	60	66
1990	24	-	71	7	88	95
1995	59	11	154	48	154	213
2000	143	10	321	216	238	464

Source: National Statistics Office.

Graph 6.3
Live Births outside Wedlock by Age-group of Mother/Father



7. CHILDREN AT RISK

"States Parties shall take all appropriate legislative, administrative, social and educational measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse, while in the care of parent(s), legal guardian(s) or any other person who has the care of the child.

Such protective measures should, as appropriate, include effective procedures for the establishment of social programmes to provide necessary support for the child and for those who have the care of the child, as well as for other forms of prevention and for identification, reporting, referral, investigation, treatment and follow-up of instances of child maltreatment described heretofore, and, as appropriate, for judicial involvement.

States Parties shall take all appropriate measures, including legislative, administrative, social and educational measures, to protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances as defined in the relevant international treaties and to prevent the use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of such substances.

States Parties undertake to protect the child from all forms of sexual exploitation and sexual abuse. For these purposes, States Parties shall in particular take all appropriate national, bilateral and multilateral measures to prevent:

The inducement or coercion of a child to engage in any unlawful sexual activity;

The exploitative use of children in prostitution or other unlawful sexual practices;

The exploitative use of children in pornographic performances and materials.

States Parties shall take all appropriate national, bilateral and multilateral measures to prevent the abduction of, the sale of or traffic in children for any purpose or in any form.

States Parties shall protect the child against all other forms of exploitation prejudicial to any aspects of the child's welfare."

Convention on the Rights of the Child, Articles 19, 33, 34, 35 and 36.

CHILD ABUSE

7.1. Cases of Sexual Offences on Minors reported to the Police

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1997	1	9	10
1998	4	26	30
1999	3	27	30
2000	2	21	23
2001	4	9	13
Total	14	92	106

7.2. Cases of Sexual Offences on Minors by Age-group reported to the Police

Year	Age-group			Total
	0 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 17	
1997	2	2	6	10
1998	5	8	17	30
1999	5	7	18	30
2000	5	6	12	23
2001	4	4	5	13
Total	21	27	58	106

7.3. Cases of Prostitution Involving Minors reported to the Police

Year	Females 15 - 17 years
1997	-
1998	1
1999	1
2000	1
2001	-
Total	3

Source: Police Department.

7.4. Cases of Physical Abuse on Minors reported to the Police

Year	Boys	Girls	Total
1997	-	4	4
1998	5	4	9
1999	4	1	5
2000	8	5	13
2001	20	12	32
Total	37	26	63

7.5. Cases of Physical Abuse on Minors by Age-group reported to the Police

Year	Age-group			Total
	0 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 17	
1997	1	3	-	4
1998	3	3	3	9
1999	3	2	-	5
2000	3	7	3	13
2001	2	11	19	32
Total	12	26	25	63

Source: Police Department.

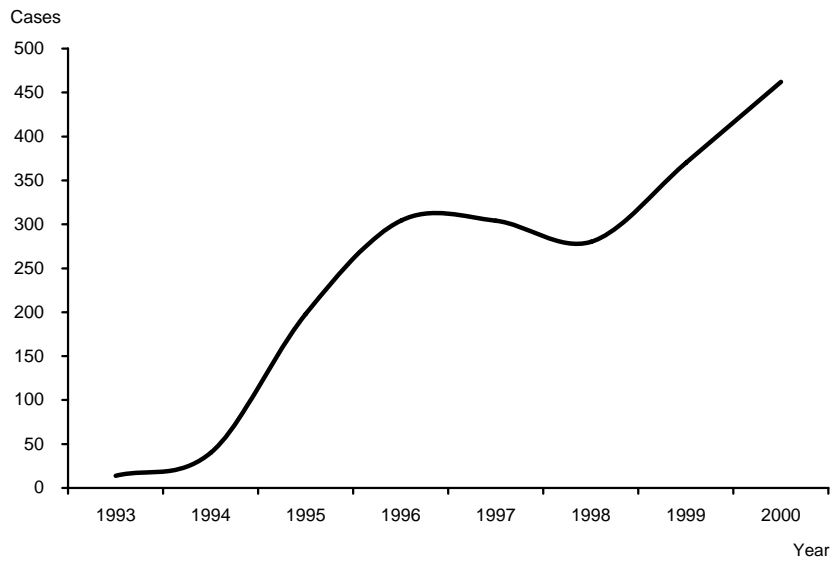
7.6. Cases of Child Abuse reported to A[enzija Appo[] by Region and District

Region/District	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Malta Xlokk	1	20	80	132	134	127	149	193	836
Southern Harbour District	1	14	62	95	100	109	107	146	634
South Eastern District	-	6	18	37	34	18	42	47	202
Malta Majjistral	13	19	111	154	147	140	204	241	1,029
Northern Harbour District	11	8	72	102	89	83	118	134	617
Western District	-	7	17	27	26	24	32	36	169
Northern District	2	4	22	25	32	33	54	71	243
Gozo and Comino	-	-	1	2	8	9	11	8	39
Unknown	-	1	6	16	15	4	6	20	68
Total	14	40	198	304	304	280	370	462	1,972

Note: Total is inclusive of pre-natal cases, instances involving children under 1 year of age, and cases about which no information is available. In this latter case, the only known information is that a report of abuse was lodged.

Source: A[enzija Appo[[].

Chart 7.1
Cases of Child Abuse reported to A[enzija Appo[[]



7.7. Cases of Child Abuse reported to A[enzija Appo[] by Type of Abuse ¹

Type of Abuse	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
At Risk	4	10	41	55	26	35	33	79	283
Emotional	-	3	14	9	23	14	18	37	118
Neglect	2	6	41	79	84	48	89	102	451
Physical	2	14	67	118	123	119	184	177	804
Sexual	6	7	34	40	46	61	42	63	299
Other *	-	-	1	3	-	3	3	1	11
Unknown	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	6
Total	14	40	198	304	304	280	370	462	1,972

¹ All cases of abuse may involve multiple types of abuse. * Includes pre-natal abuse.

Note: Total is inclusive of pre-natal cases, instances involving children under 1 year of age, and cases about which no information is available. In this latter case, the only known information is that a report of abuse was lodged.

7.8. Child Abusers reported to A[enzija Appo[] by Relation to Abused

Relation to Abused	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Mother	5	15	82	123	113	97	132	143	710
Father	2	10	43	66	63	66	97	139	486
Parents	3	8	41	66	78	54	68	79	397
Relative	4	3	15	17	20	22	23	30	134
Stranger	-	-	2	3	4	3	3	1	16
Partner of Parent	-	1	3	3	6	3	10	9	35
Acquaintance	-	3	9	13	12	19	19	20	95
Unknown	-	-	3	13	8	16	18	41	99
Total	14	40	198	304	304	280	370	462	1,972

Note: Total is inclusive of pre-natal cases, instances involving children under 1 year of age, and cases about which no information is available. In this latter case, the only known information is that a report of abuse was lodged.

Source: A[enzija Appo[[].

Chart 7.2
Total Cases of Child Abuse reported to A[enzija Appo[] by Type of Abuse: 1993-2000

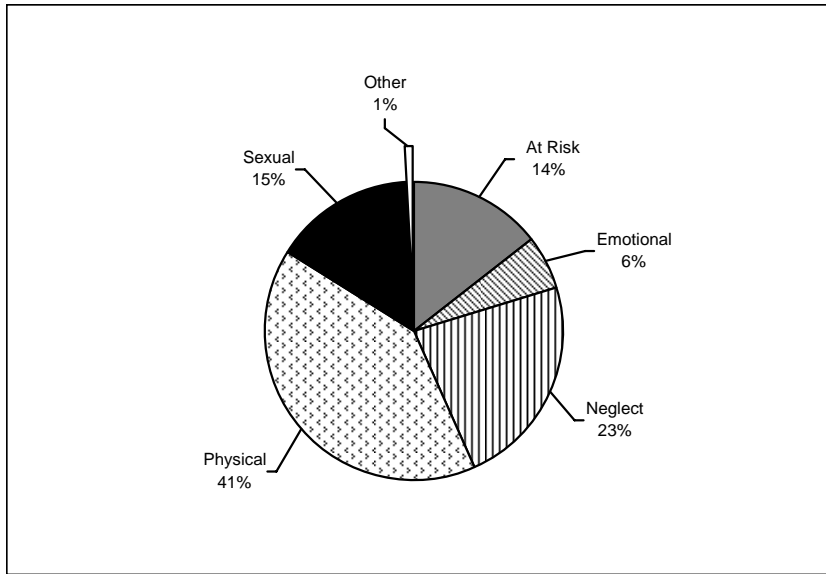
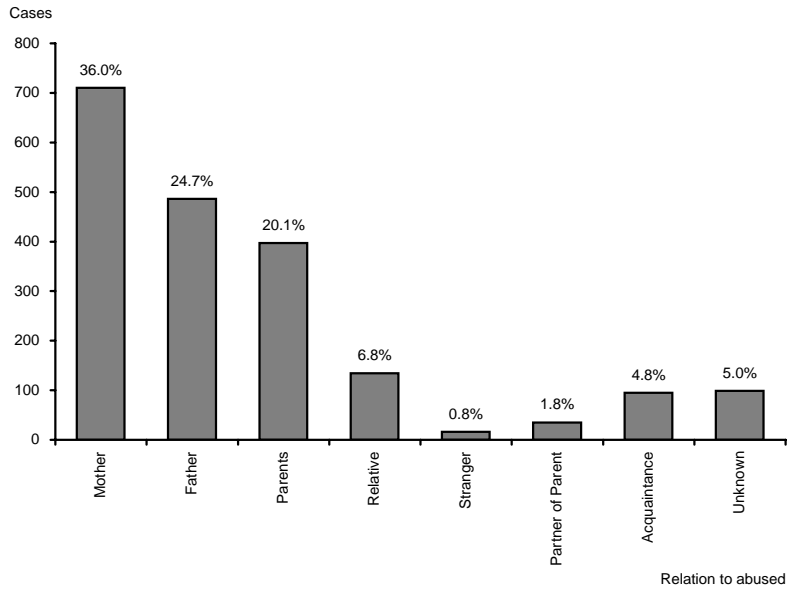


Chart 7.3
Total Child Abusers reported to A[enzija Appo[] by Relation to Abused: 1993-2000



7.9. Abused Children by Sex

Sex	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
Girls	5	21	99	162	156	153	196	242	1,034
Boys	9	18	96	133	135	125	167	204	887
Unknown	-	1	3	9	13	2	7	16	51
Total	14	40	198	304	304	280	370	462	1,972

7.10. Abused Children by Single Years of Age

Age	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
0	1	2	9	17	8	16	11	20	84
1	5	2	11	9	7	6	17	20	77
2	2	5	9	12	17	11	19	11	86
3	-	1	7	14	17	14	29	28	110
4	1	4	11	25	19	16	11	22	109
5	1	4	8	14	13	12	19	24	95
6	-	2	12	26	15	25	25	32	137
7	-	1	14	26	27	13	29	23	133
8	-	2	17	12	29	22	23	25	130
9	1	3	6	18	13	14	21	28	104
10	-	3	14	22	24	29	20	34	146
11	-	3	10	11	19	12	23	20	98
12	-	2	10	16	21	29	18	32	128
13	-	1	12	26	12	10	19	29	109
14	-	-	9	13	13	10	27	22	94
15	-	-	7	12	14	13	15	21	82
16	-	1	8	11	11	9	11	23	74
17	-	2	5	5	6	13	16	10	57
Total	11	38	179	289	285	274	353	424	1,853

Note: Total is exclusive of pre-natal cases, cases involving 18 year-olds and cases about which no information is available.

Source: A[enzija Appo][.

Chart 7.4
Total Abused Children by Age-group: 1993-2000

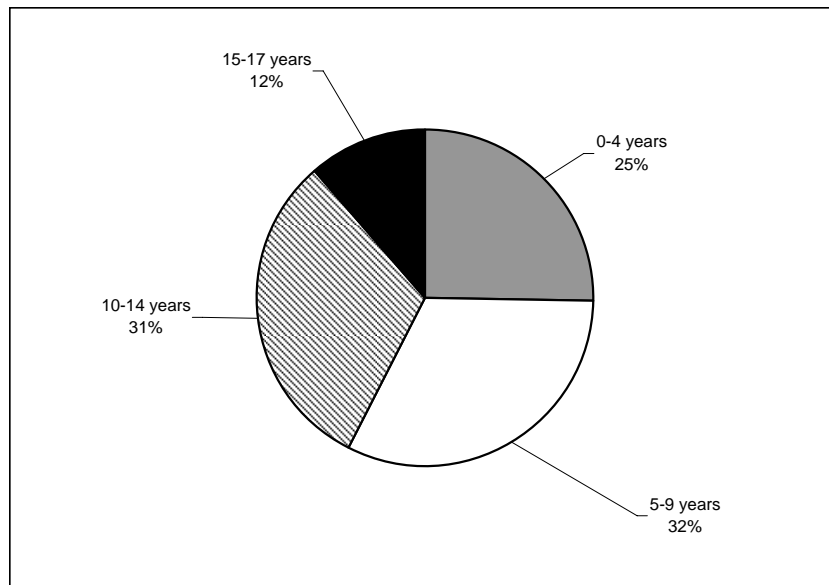
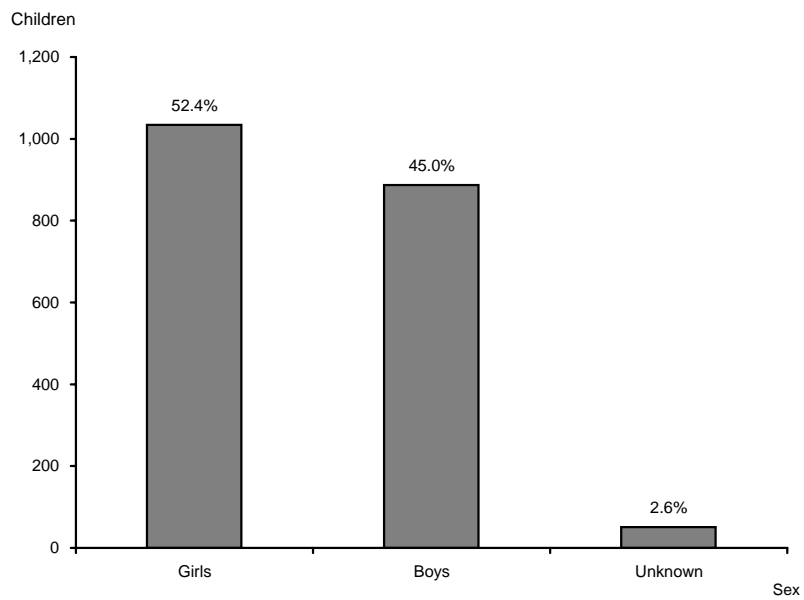


Chart 7.5
Total Abused Children by Sex: 1993-2000



SUBSTANCE MISUSE

7.11. Clients Attending Substance Misuse Unit (DETOX) Out-Patients

Year	Males	Females	Total
1996	550	85	635
1997	649	92	741
1998	660	93	753
1999	693	104	797
2000	773	127	900
Total	3,325	501	3,826

7.12. Clients Attending Substance Misuse Unit (DETOX) Out-Patients by Age-group and Sex

Age-group	Sex	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Total
14-18	Males	29	37	26	24	26	142
	Females	20	20	12	5	11	68
	Total	49	57	38	29	37	210
19+	Males	521	612	634	669	747	3,183
	Females	65	72	81	99	116	433
	Total	586	684	715	768	863	3,616
Total	Males	550	649	660	693	773	3,325
	Females	85	92	93	104	127	501
	Total	635	741	753	797	900	3,826

7.13. Clients Attending Substance Misuse Unit (DETOX) In-Patients

Year	Males	Females	Total
1998	122	26	148
1999	110	33	143
2000	118	32	150
Total	350	91	441

Source: Sedqa.

7.14. Clients Attending Substance Misuse Unit (DETOX) In-Patients by Age-group and Sex

Age-group	Sex	1998	1999	2000	Total
14-18	Males	7	8	7	22
	Females	2	2	3	7
	Total	9	10	10	29
19+	Males	115	102	111	328
	Females	24	31	29	84
	Total	139	133	140	412
Total	Males	122	110	118	350
	Females	26	33	32	91
	Total	148	143	150	441

7.15. Clients Attending Drug Community Services by Age-group and Sex

Age-group	1997			1998			1999			2000			Total
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
14-18	36	21	57	34	15	49	29	8	37	29	15	44	187
19+	218	37	255	241	50	291	261	62	323	308	79	387	1,256
Total	254	58	312	275	65	340	290	70	360	337	94	431	1,443

7.16. Residents at the Residential Drug Rehabilitation Programme by Age-group and Sex

Age-group	1999			2000			Total		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
14-18	3	1	4	1	-	1	4	1	5
19+	46	7	53	53	2	55	99	9	108
Total	49	8	57	54	2	56	103	10	113

Source: Sedqa.

7.17. ESPAD Study (European School Project on Alcohol and Drugs)*: Lifetime Use

Lifetime Use	Sample Size	
	1995	1999
	2,832	3,703
	%	%
Any Illicit Drug Use	2.4	8.5
Ever Smoked Cigarettes	55.3	56.6
Ever Smoked Marijuana	8.0	7.2
Ever Took Tranquillisers/Sedatives	8.9	5.2
Ever Took Amphetamines	0.9	1.4
Ever Took Heroin	1.0	1.0
Ever Took LSD	1.8	0.8
Ever Took Cocaine	1.9	1.3
Ever Took Ecstasy	2.1	2.3
Ever Inhaled Glues, Thinners, etc.	16.9	16.2
Any Alcoholic Beverages	91.9	94.0
Been Drunk	45.3	47.5

* The primary aim of the 1999 ESPAD study was to assess attitudes and habits to tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs and other behavioural patterns among students born in 1983. It was conducted by Sedqa in collaboration with the Education Division and the Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and Other Drugs. It followed upon a similar study undertaken in 1995.

Source: Sedqa.

7.18. Frequency of Substance Use in Lifetime for All Students: ESPAD 1995

Substance	Number of occasions used in lifetime							Persons
	0	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 39	40+	
Tobacco								
Cigarettes	1,258	348	191	152	185	151	532	
Alcohol								
Any Alcoholic Beverage	217	234	242	285	370	425	905	
Been drunk	1,515	649	284	124	99	44	55	
Other Drug Use								
Marijuana or Hashish	2,576	120	44	16	14	9	22	
Amphetamines	2,761	15	2	5	1	1	1	
LSD or Other Hallucinogens	2,740	29	10	4	1	3	2	
Crack	2,765	18	4	-	1	2	3	
Cocaine	2,740	30	6	5	3	4	5	
Ecstasy	2,731	31	13	6	2	4	2	
Heroin	2,763	15	4	2	-	5	2	
Tranquillisers or Sedatives	2,546	144	49	28	9	8	11	
Inhalants	2,309	248	86	53	33	20	31	
Alcohol together with Pills	2,435	221	70	34	23	8	6	
Medically supervised Use								
		Never	<3 weeks	≥ 3 weeks				
Tranquillisers or Sedatives		2,490	234	39				

Source: Sedqa.

7.19. Frequency of Substance Use in Lifetime for All Students: ESPAD 1999

Substance	Persons						
	Number of occasions used in lifetime						
	0	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 39	40+
Tobacco							
Cigarettes	1,598	417	242	209	257	214	747
Alcohol							
Any Alcoholic Beverage	215	268	337	382	557	554	1294
Been drunk	1,927	823	420	195	154	67	82
Other Drug Use							
Marijuana or Hashish	3,409	153	36	23	24	9	21
Amphetamines	3,618	39	5	5	-	-	1
LSD or Other Hallucinogens	3,638	19	4	-	3	-	2
Crack	3,641	18	4	2	-	-	1
Cocaine	3,626	26	8	5	2	3	2
Ecstasy	3,586	52	15	8	5	1	3
Heroin (by smoking)	3,625	20	6	4	3	-	5
Heroin (other than by smoking)	3,658	6	3	2	-	-	3
Tranquillisers or Sedatives	3,478	99	46	17	9	8	11
Inhalants	3,073	327	94	67	44	28	36
Anabolic Steroids	3,625	23	6	3	3	1	4
Alcohol together with Pills	3,232	286	98	33	14	5	5
Alcohol and Marijuana/Hashish at the same time	3,504	89	27	17	12	9	11
Medically supervised Use							
		Never	<3 weeks		≥ 3 weeks		
Tranquillisers or Sedatives		3,356	262		55		

Source: Sedqa.

7.20. Frequency of Substance Use in Lifetime for Boys: ESPAD 1995

Substance	Number of occasions used in lifetime							Persons
	0	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 39	40+	
Tobacco								
Cigarettes	567	159	80	55	86	58	255	
Alcohol								
Any Alcoholic Beverage	98	97	93	112	153	174	472	
Been drunk	607	302	143	69	55	25	31	
Other Drug Use								
Marijuana or Hashish	1,129	73	24	4	6	5	12	
Amphetamines	1,225	10	1	4	1	1	1	
LSD or Other Hallucinogens	1,213	17	7	-	1	3	1	
Crack	1,222	13	3	-	1	2	3	
Cocaine	1,214	15	3	3	3	4	3	
Ecstasy	1,206	18	6	6	1	4	1	
Heroin	1,223	10	3	2	-	4	2	
Tranquillisers or Sedatives	1,148	51	22	13	5	2	3	
Inhalants	1,027	125	30	24	12	10	14	
Alcohol together with Pills	1,117	75	26	13	5	4	3	
Medically supervised Use								
		Never		<3 weeks		≥ 3 weeks		
Tranquillisers or Sedatives		1,079		120		22		

Source: Sedqa.

7.21. Frequency of Substance Use in Lifetime for Boys: ESPAD 1999

Substance	Number of occasions used in lifetime							Persons
	0	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 39	40+	
Tobacco								
Cigarettes	774	194	106	94	109	96	342	
Alcohol								
Any Alcoholic Beverage	90	109	152	165	215	222	735	
Been drunk	815	387	214	107	87	41	58	
Other Drug Use								
Marijuana or Hashish	1,584	71	20	9	12	4	11	
Amphetamines	1,670	27	3	5	-	-	1	
LSD or Other Hallucinogens	1,690	9	4	-	1	-	1	
Crack	1,690	8	4	1	-	-	1	
Cocaine	1,686	14	3	1	1	2	2	
Ecstasy	1,656	31	10	4	4	-	3	
Heroin (by smoking)	1,685	9	2	1	1	-	5	
Heroin (other than by smoking)	1,700	2	2	1	-	-	3	
Tranquillisers or Sedatives	1,614	49	19	6	7	3	9	
Inhalants	1,450	147	34	36	21	10	13	
Anabolic Steroids	1,678	17	3	1	2	-	4	
Alcohol together with Pills	1,551	87	42	17	5	2	4	
Alcohol and Marijuana/Hashish at the same time	1,623	46	13	6	7	6	6	
Medically supervised Use								
		Never		<3 weeks		≥ 3 weeks		
Tranquillisers or Sedatives		1,559		128		21		

Source: Sedqa.

7.22. Frequency of Substance Use in Lifetime for Girls: ESPAD 1995

Substance	Number of occasions used in lifetime							Persons
	0	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 39	40+	
Tobacco								
Cigarettes	691	189	111	97	99	93	277	
Alcohol								
Any Alcoholic Beverage	119	137	149	173	217	251	433	
Been drunk	908	347	141	55	44	19	24	
Other Drug Use								
Marijuana or Hashish	1,447	47	20	12	8	4	10	
Amphetamines	1,536	5	1	1	-	-	-	
LSD or Other Hallucinogens	1,527	12	3	4	-	-	1	
Crack	1,543	5	1	-	-	-	-	
Cocaine	1,526	15	3	2	-	-	2	
Ecstasy	1,525	13	7	-	1	-	1	
Heroin	1,540	5	1	-	-	1	-	
Tranquillisers or Sedatives	1,398	93	27	15	4	6	8	
Inhalants	1,282	123	56	29	21	10	17	
Alcohol together with Pills	1,318	146	44	21	18	4	3	
Medically supervised Use								
		Never		<3 weeks		≥ 3 weeks		
Tranquillisers or Sedatives		141		114		17		

Source: Sedqa.

7.23. Frequency of Substance Use in Lifetime for Girls: ESPAD 1999

Substance	Number of occasions used in lifetime							Persons
	0	1 - 2	3 - 5	6 - 9	10 - 19	20 - 39	40+	
Tobacco								
Cigarettes	824	223	136	115	148	118	405	
Alcohol								
Any Alcoholic Beverage	125	159	185	217	342	332	559	
Been drunk	1112	436	206	88	67	26	24	
Other Drug Use								
Marijuana or Hashish	1,825	82	16	14	12	5	10	
Amphetamines	1,948	12	2	-	-	-	-	
LSD or Other Hallucinogens	1,948	10	-	-	2	-	1	
Crack	1,951	10	-	1	-	-	-	
Cocaine	1,940	12	5	4	1	1	-	
Ecstasy	1,930	21	5	4	1	1	-	
Heroin (by smoking)	1,940	11	4	3	2	-	-	
Heroin (other than by smoking)	1,958	4	1	1	-	-	-	
Tranquillisers or Sedatives	1,864	50	27	11	2	5	2	
Inhalants	1,623	180	60	31	23	18	23	
Anabolic Steroids	1,947	6	3	2	1	1	-	
Alcohol together with Pills	1,681	199	53	16	9	3	1	
Alcohol and Marijuana/Hashish at the same time	1,881	43	14	11	5	3	5	
Medically supervised Use								
		Never	<3 weeks	≥ 3 weeks				
Tranquillisers or Sedatives		1,797	134	34				

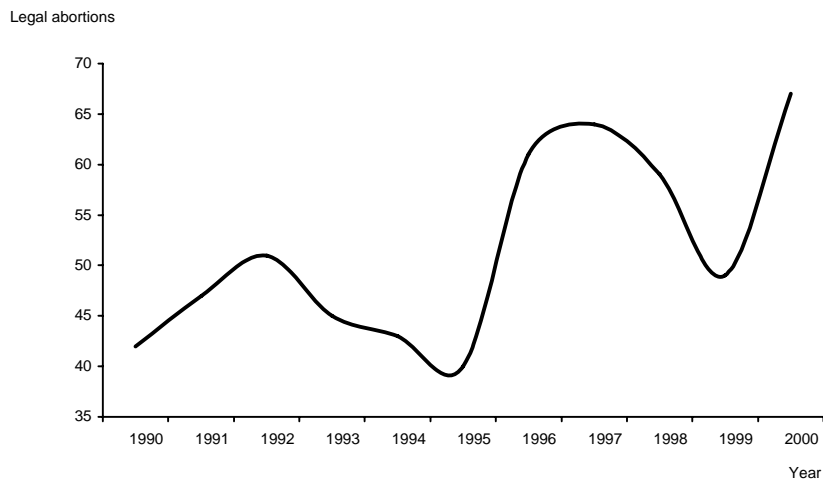
Source: Sedqa.

7.24. Legal Abortions in the UK by Country of Usual Residence, for Malta, by Age-group

Year	Age-group									Total
	< 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 +	
1990	-	-	6	6	10	10	5	4	1	42
1991	-	-	7	14	11	5	9	-	1	47
1992	1	-	2	21	14	5	5	3	-	51
1993	1	-	8	11	12	4	7	2	-	45
1994	-	1	10	5	13	9	4	1	-	43
1995	-	-	6	10	11	8	2	3	-	40
1996	-	-	9	19	10	6	15	2	-	61
1997	1	1	7	19	15	7	9	5	-	64
1998	-	-	11	25	7	7	6	2	1	59
1999	-	-	6	13	8	5	14	3	-	49
2000	1	-	7	14	16	13	13	3	-	67
Total	4	2	79	157	127	79	89	28	3	568

Note: Other-Country data for Legal Abortions by Country of Usual Residence are not available
 Source: Office for National Statistics (UK). Abortion Statistics 2000. London: The Stationery Office, 200

Chart 7.6
 Legal Abortions in the UK by Country of Usual Residence, for Malta, by Age-group



8. CHILDREN AND CRIME

"States Parties recognize the right of every child alleged as, accused of, or recognized as having infringed the penal law to be treated in a manner consistent with the promotion of the child's sense of dignity and worth, which reinforces the child's respect for the human rights and fundamental freedoms of others and which takes into account the child's age and the desirability of promoting the child's reintegration and the child's assuming a constructive role in society.

To this end and having regard to the relevant provisions of international instruments, States Parties shall, in particular, ensure that:

No child shall be alleged as, be accused of, or recognized as having infringed the penal law by reason of acts or omissions that were not prohibited by national or international law at the time they were committed;

Every child alleged as or accused of having infringed the penal law has at least the following guarantees:

To be presumed innocent until proven guilty according to law;

To be informed promptly and directly of the charges against him or her, and, if appropriate, through his or her parents or legal guardians and to have legal or other appropriate assistance in the preparation and presentation of his or her defence;

To have the matter determined without delay by a competent, independent and impartial authority or judicial body in a fair hearing according to law, in the presence of legal or other appropriate assistance and, unless it is considered not to be in the best interest of the child, in particular, taking into account his or her age or situation, his or her parents or legal guardians;

Not to be compelled to give testimony or to confess guilt; to examine or have examined adverse witnesses and to obtain the participation and examination of witnesses on his or her behalf under conditions of equality;

If considered to have infringed the penal law, to have this decision and any measures imposed in consequence thereof reviewed by a higher competent, independent and impartial authority or judicial body according to law;

To have the free assistance of an interpreter if the child cannot understand or speak the language used;

To have his or her privacy fully respected at all stages of the proceedings. 3. States Parties shall seek to promote the establishment of laws, procedures, authorities and institutions specifically applicable to children alleged as, accused of, or recognized as having infringed the penal law, and, in particular:

The establishment of a minimum age below which children shall be presumed not to have the capacity to infringe the penal law;

Whenever appropriate and desirable, measures for dealing with such children without resorting to judicial proceedings, providing that human rights and legal safeguards are fully respected.

A variety of dispositions, such as care, guidance and supervision orders; counselling; probation; foster care; education and vocational training programmes and other alternatives to institutional care shall be available to ensure that children are dealt with in a manner appropriate to their well being and proportionate both to their circumstances and the offence. "

JUVENILE OFFENDERS

8.1. New Cases held at the Juvenile Court by Age and Sex

Age	1995			1996			1997		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
9	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
10	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
11	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
12	-	1	1	4	-	4	2	-	2
13	11	1	12	11	2	13	1	-	1
14	10	4	14	13	5	18	7	2	9
15	22	2	24	27	8	35	10	5	15
16	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
16+	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	46	8	54	60	15	75	20	7	27

Age	1998			1999			2000*		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
9	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
10	1	-	1	1	-	1	4	1	5
11	4	1	5	2	-	2	4	3	7
12	7	-	7	4	1	5	5	2	7
13	13	4	17	10	7	17	9	4	13
14	27	4	31	40	7	47	21	10	31
15	39	11	50	42	5	47	45	6	51
16	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	-	1
16+	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	-	2
Total	91	20	111	101	21	122	92	26	118

Age	2001		
	Boys	Girls	Total
9	1	-	1
10	1	-	1
11	2	1	3
12	-	1	1
13	11	1	12
14	18	7	25
15	21	3	24
16	-	-	-
16+	1	-	1
Total	55	13	68

* Age-group 16+ was introduced as from the year 2000.
 .. Not available.

Source: Department of Family Welfare.

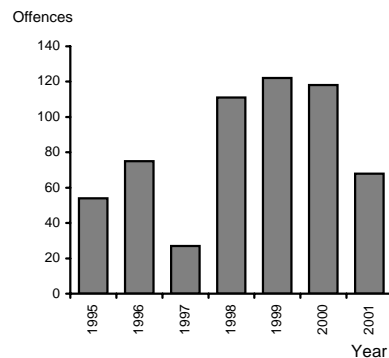
8.2. Juvenile Offences by Type

Type of Offence	1995		1996		1997	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Violence against the Person	13	24.1	12	16.0	3	11.1
Sexual Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-
Theft	10	18.5	19	25.3	9	33.3
Fraud and Forgery	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Damage	10	18.5	8	10.7	1	3.7
Drug Offences	-	-	3	4.0	2	7.4
Breach of Public Order	4	7.4	8	10.7	2	7.4
Traffic Offences	14	25.9	18	24.0	5	18.6
Cruelty to Animals	-	-	2	2.7	-	-
Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm	-	-	-	-	2	7.4
Other Offences	3	5.6	5	6.6	3	11.1
Total	54	100.0	75	100.0	27	100.0

Type of Offence	1998		1999		2000	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Violence against the Person	16	14.5	35	28.7	19	16.1
Sexual Offences	-	-	7	5.7	1	0.9
Theft	34	30.6	24	19.7	20	17.0
Fraud and Forgery	-	-	4	3.3	3	2.5
Criminal Damage	9	8.1	7	5.7	13	11.0
Drug Offences	2	1.8	1	0.8	2	1.7
Breach of Public Order	9	8.1	19	15.6	6	5.1
Traffic Offences	8	7.2	11	9.0	23	19.5
Cruelty to Animals	28	25.2	10	8.2	-	-
Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm	2	1.8	1	0.8	7	5.9
Other Offences	3	2.7	3	2.5	24	20.3
Total	111	100.0	122	100.0	118	100.0

Type of Offence	2001	
	Number	%
Violence against the Person	23	33.8
Sexual Offences	1	1.5
Theft	6	8.8
Fraud and Forgery	1	1.5
Criminal Damage	2	2.9
Drug Offences	3	4.4
Breach of Public Order	5	7.4
Traffic Offences	8	11.7
Cruelty to Animals	1	1.5
Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm	5	7.4
Other Offences	13	19.1
Total	68	100.0

Chart 8.1
Total Juvenile Offences



Source: Department of Family Welfare.

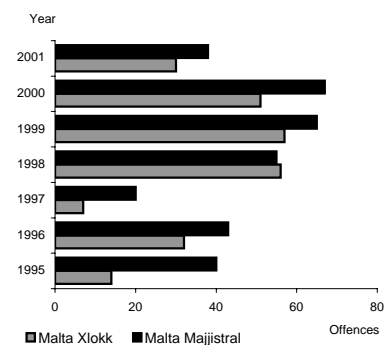
8.3. Juvenile Offences by Region and District of Offence

Region/District	1995		1996		1997	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Malta Xlokk	14	25.9	32	42.7	7	25.9
Southern Harbour	11		23		3	
South Eastern	3		9		4	
Malta Majjistral	40	74.1	43	57.3	20	74.1
Northern Harbour	22		20		10	
Western	17		12		4	
Northern	1		11		6	
Gozo and Comino	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	54	100.0	75	100.0	27	100.0

Region/District	1998		1999		2000	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Malta Xlokk	56	50.5	57	46.7	51	43.2
Southern Harbour	41		39		43	
South Eastern	15		18		8	
Malta Majjistral	55	49.5	65	53.3	67	56.8
Northern Harbour	25		49		43	
Western	18		4		10	
Northern	12		12		14	
Gozo and Comino	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total	111	100.0	122	100.0	118	100.0

Region/District	2001	
	Number	%
Malta Xlokk	30	44.1
Southern Harbour	21	
South Eastern	9	
Malta Majjistral	38	55.9
Northern Harbour	20	
Western	11	
Northern	7	
Gozo and Comino	..	..
Total	68	100.0

Chart 8.2
Juvenile Offences by Region of Offence



.. Data for Gozo are not available.
Source: Department of Family Welfare.

PROBATIONERS

8.4. Cases Referred by the Courts to the Probation Services by Type of Offence, Age and Sex of Offender: August 1996 - March 2002

Type of Offence	Age								
	13			14			15		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Violence against the Person	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sexual Offences	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	2
Theft	2	-	2	8	-	8	9	1	10
Fraud and Forgery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Criminal Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug Offences	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	-	1
Breach of Public Order	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Traffic Offences	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Cruelty to Animals	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2
Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Total	2	-	2	10	4	14	19	1	20

Type of Offence	Age						Total		
	16			17			Boys	Girls	Total
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total			
Violence against the Person	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	-	2
Sexual Offences	6	-	6	-	-	-	8	1	9
Theft	16	1	17	14	2	16	49	4	53
Fraud and Forgery	3	-	3	1	1	2	4	1	5
Criminal Damage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Drug Offences	6	1	7	13	5	18	20	9	29
Breach of Public Order	1	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	3
Traffic Offences	1	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	3
Cruelty to Animals	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	-	4
Possession of an Unlicensed Firearm	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	4
Total	33	2	35	33	8	41	97	15	112

Source: The Probation Services.

9. MALTESE-BORN BEYOND OUR SHORES

WILD MALTI: MALTESE-BORN BEYOND OUR SHORES

9.1. Number of Persons in Australia with Father born in Malta

State	Males	Females	Total	% Total
Victoria	26,508	24,858	51,366	45.4
New South Wales	23,707	21,880	45,587	40.3
Queensland	4,176	3,923	8,099	7.1
South Australia	2,244	2,096	4,340	3.8
West Australia	1,326	1,215	2,541	2.2
Tasmania	165	127	292	0.3
Northern Territory	120	89	209	0.2
ACT (Australian Capital Territory)	413	404	817	0.7
Total	58,659	54,592	113,251	100.0

9.2. Number of Persons in Australia with Mother born in Malta

State	Males	Females	Total	% Total
Victoria	24,671	23,303	47,974	46.1
New South Wales	21,841	20,209	42,050	40.4
Queensland	3,563	3,329	6,892	6.6
South Australia	2,020	1,860	3,880	3.7
West Australia	1,155	1,046	2,201	2.1
Tasmania	111	83	194	0.2
Northern Territory	99	77	176	0.2
ACT (Australian Capital Territory)	409	367	776	0.7
Total	53,869	50,274	104,143	100.0

(Ref.: Australian Bureau of Statistics 1996 Census of Population and Housing)

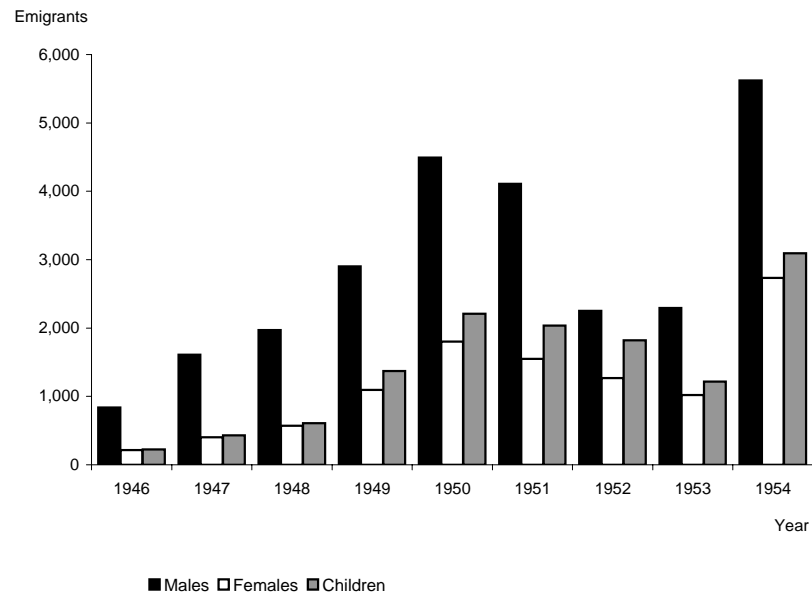
Source: Cauchi, Maurice N. (1999). The Maltese Migrant Experience. Reproduced at <http://www.maltamigration.com/settlement/mme/chapter9-3,4.shtml>.

9.3. Composition of Maltese Emigrants ¹

Year	Males	Females	Children	Total	% Children of Total
1946	838	215	225	1,278	17.6
1947	1,610	404	432	2,446	17.7
1948	1,971	569	610	3,150	19.4
1949	2,901	1,096	1,371	5,368	25.5
1950	4,493	1,802	2,208	8,503	26.0
1951	4,108	1,550	2,034	7,692	26.4
1952	2,251	1,269	1,822	5,342	34.1
1953	2,293	1,022	1,217	4,532	26.9
1954	5,620	2,732	3,095	11,447	27.0
Total	26,085	10,659	13,014	49,758	26.2

¹ The mid-1950s were the peak years of Maltese emigration
Source: Government of Malta: Report on Emigration for 1954

Chart 9.1
Composition of Maltese Emigrants



GLOSSARY

AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATE

The number of births occurring per year to women of a specified age-group, divided by the number of person-years lived during that year by women of the same age group.

BIRTH WEIGHT

The first weight of the fetus or newborn obtained after birth.

CHILD

For the purposes of the Convention, a child means every human being below the age of eighteen years unless under the law applicable to the child, majority is attained earlier.

Source: United Nations : The Convention on the Rights of the Child. Adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by General Assembly resolution 44/25 of 20th November 1989. Entry into force 2nd September 1990, in accordance with article 49.

CHILD MORTALITY RATE

The annual number of deaths of children between the ages of one and four years per 1,000 population of children in the same age-group.

CRUDE BIRTH RATE

The number of births in a population during a specified period divided by the number of persons during the same period. It is frequently expressed as births per 1,000 population. The crude birth rate for a single year is usually calculated as the number of births during the year divided by the mid-year population.

CRUDE DEATH RATE

The number of deaths in a population during a specified period divided by the number of persons during the same period. It is frequently expressed as deaths per 1,000 population. The crude death rate for a single year is usually calculated as the number of deaths during the year divided by the mid-year population.

EMPLOYED

This comprises all persons over 15 years of age who, during the reference week of the Labour Force Survey, were either paid employees, or employees who were away from work for a short period, or self-employed. A more detailed definition can be found in the Labour Force Survey reports.

HOUSEHOLD

Refers to one person living alone or to two or more persons living together and sharing food and the essentials for living.

ICD-9

International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems Ninth Revision.

ICD-10

International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems Tenth Revision.

INACTIVE

This comprises all persons who are not classified as employed or unemployed.

INFANT MORTALITY RATE

The annual number of deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births in the same year.

LIVE BIRTH

The complete expulsion or extraction from its mother of a product of conception, irrespective of the total duration of the pregnancy, which, after separation, breathes or shows any other evidence of life.

NGO

Non-Governmental Organisation. NGOs for children and young persons include, amongst others, youth centres, scouts associations and religious organisations.

REFERENCE PERSON

Refers to the person who contributes most to the household budget. S/he is traditionally referred to as the head of household.

REFERENCE WEEK

The week to which most of the questions asked during the labour force survey refer.

TOTAL FERTILITY RATE

The total number of children an average woman would bear during her lifetime if she were to bear children throughout her reproductive years at the rates specified by the schedule of age-specific fertility rates for the particular year or time interval.

UNEMPLOYED

This comprises all persons over 15 years of age who, during the reference week of the Labour Force Survey, were without work, actively seeking work during the 4 weeks prior to the survey and were currently available for work within a short period. A more detailed definition can be found in the Labour Force Survey reports.

MGC - Codes

MALTA XLOKK

SOUTHERN HARBOUR DISTRICT

Valletta, Birgu, Isla, Bormla, | abbar, Fgura, Floriana, Kalkara, Luqa, Marsa, Paola, Santa Lu`ija, Tarxien, Xg]ajra.

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT

|ejtun, Bir\ebbu[ia, Gudja, G]axaq, Kirkop, Marsaskala, Marsaxlokk, Mqabba, Qrendi, Safi, |urrieq.

MALTA MAJJISTRAL

NORTHERN HARBOUR DISTRICT

Qormi, Birkirkara, G`ira, } amrun, Msida, Pembroke, Pieta, San { iljan, San { wann, Santa Venera, Sliema, Swieqi, Ta' Xbiex.

WESTERN DISTRICT

Mdina, |ebbu[(Malta), Si[[iewi, Attard, Balzan, Dingli, Iklin, Lija, Rabat (Malta), Mtarfa.

NORTHERN DISTRICT

G]arg]ur, Mellie]a, M[arr, Mosta, Naxxar, San Pawl II-Ba]ar.

GOZO AND COMINO

Rabat (Gozo), Fontana, G]ajnsielem and Comino, G]arb, G]asri, Ker`em, Munxar, Nadur, Qala, San Lawrenz, Sannat, Xag]ra, Xewkija, |ebbu[(Gozo).