

## MALTA



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## Geography

**Area:** 316 km<sup>2</sup>**Coastline:** 197 km**Capital:** Valletta**Official languages:** Maltese, English

## Population

**Population:** 542,000 inhabitants (2023)**Natural change rate:** 0.8‰ (2023)**Population repartition:** 12.7% under 15 years old, 18.7% over 65 years old (2023 est.)**Foreign residents:** 8% EU nationals, 12% non-EU nationals (2021)**Migration rate:** 37.9‰ (2023)**First time asylum applicants:** 855 (2023)**Life expectancy:** men 81.8 years, women 85.3 years (2023 est.)**Religions:** Roman Catholic 93.89% (2023)

## Economy

**Currency:** Euro**GDP:** € 20,650.4 million (2023)**GDP per capita (PPS):** € 26,290 (2023)**GDP growth:** 7.5% of GDP (2023)**Unemployment:** 3.2% (Q2 2024)**Inflation:** 2.1% (September 2024)**Public debt:** 46.7% of GDP (Q2 2024)**Budget balance:** -4.90% of GDP (2023)**Stock of foreign direct investment from the entire world:** 1,300% of GDP (2023)

## Political System

**Republic, parliamentary democracy** (Constitution of 1964, revised in 1974 when the island became a Republic and once again in 1994); bipartisan political system, inspired by the British system.**Head of State:** Myriam Spireti Debono (Labour Party), elected in April 2024 by the Parliament for a period of five years**Head of Government:** Robert Abela (Labour Party) since 13th January 2020, after Prime Minister Joseph Muscat has left his office following the murder of an investigative journalist.**Unicameral parliamentary system:**

The House of Representatives (Il Kamra Tad Deputati) comprises 79 members, elected for five years through direct universal suffrage by proportional representation

Source : Eurostat, Wikiwand

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## Political Representation

**Parliament composition on 27th November 2024:**

-44 seats MLP (Malta Labour Party)

-35 seats PN (Nationalist Party)

**Female representation:**

-in government: 2/18

-in the Chamber of Representatives: 22/79

**Next elections:** presidential in 2029, general in 2027