Maldives Population and Housing Census 2022

Provisional Results Summary

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Maldives Population and Housing Census 2022 shows that a total of 515,122 people live in the country. This includes 382,751 Maldivians and 132,371 Foreigners. Approximately 26% of the population are foreigners. For every 3 Maldivian, there is one Foreigner living in the Maldives.
Out of the total resident population, the population enumerated in Maale was 212,138. About 236,747 people were enumerated from Admin islands. 52,396 people are living in resorts.
The distribution of the resident population by place of enumeration shows that about 41% of the resident population lives in Maale. Majority of the population still lives in Admin islands which is about 46%. About 10% of the resident population lives in resorts.
Distribution of resident population among Maale and other islands shows that the percentage of population residing in Maale increases significantly over time. Population living in Maale increased from 39% (in 2014) to 41% in 2022.
Census 2022 shows the population of Maale as 212,138. Out of this, 161,108 are Maldivians.

Within Maale, most of the people were enumerated from Hulhumale (31%) followed by 22% of the people enumerated in Maafannu.
The resident population in Hulhumale grew at 17% while the population in wards of Maale (Henveiru, Galolhu, Maafannu, Machchangilhi) increased at 1.09% and Vilimale decreased -2.10%.
Among the atolls, Addu City has the largest population, followed by HDh. Atoll.

Population by Atolls with Percentage Share

- 22,534 (4%) Haa Dhaal Atoll
- 17,565 (3%) Raa Atoll
- 10,655 (2%) Baa Atoll
- 7,997 (2%) Alif Alif Atoll
- 10,532 (2%) Alif Dhaalu Atoll
- 4,858 (1%) Faafu Atoll
- 6,628 (1%) Dhaalu Atoll
- 10,249 (2%) Thaa Atoll
- 12,775 (2%) Gaaf Dhaal Atoll
- 14,603 (3%) Haa Alif Atoll
- 13,686 (3%) Shaviyani Atoll
- 12,481 (2%) Noonu Atoll
- 8,969 (2%) Lhaviyani Atoll
- 17,565 (3%) Gaaf Alif Atoll
- 17,14 (3%) Kaafu Atoll
- 1,995 (0%) Vaavu Atoll
- 5,471 (1%) Meemu Atoll
- 14,642 (3%) Laamu Atoll
- 9,174 (2%) Gaaf Alif Atoll
- 9,166 (2%) Gnaviyani Atoll
- 25,053 (5%) Seenu Atoll
Resident population among admin islands with top ten most populated islands in atolls. These ten islands accounts for 13% of the total residential population.
Ten least populated administrative islands, census 2022

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Resident population (number)
About 40 islands have a population below 500 people. Majority of the islands have a population within the range of 500–999 people. Only 2 islands have a population within the range of 5,000 to 9,999 people. 3 islands (Hithadhoo, Kulhudhufushi city and Maale), have a population of more than 10,000 people.
Most of the atolls have islands with 500–900 population. All the wards in Addu city have a population of more than 1000 people. Within HA, V, M, and Th Atoll, most of the islands have a population less than 500 people.

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Among the population living in non-administrative islands, more foreigners (74%) work and live in these islands compared to Maldivians (26%).
The resident population by age group shows that the bulk of the resident Maldivian population is within the working age group. The number of children in the population is decreasing due to the low birth rates.

Foreign population is mainly men and within 20 to 44 years. Within the age band of 30 to 39, more foreign men are there compared to Maldivian men.
Since 2014, census enumerates Maldivians living in the country. From 2014, this population grew at 1.5%. Census 2022 shows that over the past 8 years, resident Maldivian population grew at an average growth rate of 1.5% per annum.
Children comprise 26% of the resident Maldivian population and show a 2% point decrease compared to Census 2014. Working age group population has increased (69%) compared to other age groups. Elderly population is 5% of the population.

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In 2022 there were 46 dependents (under 15 years and 65 years and above) to be supported by 100 people of working age (15–64 years). In simple terms, there is one dependent for 2 working age people.
Comparison of population between Maale and atoll show that children are mainly found in the Atolls. Most of the working age people are enumerated in Male’ and youth between 25-29 years is more in Maale compared to atolls.

Women of working age are mostly found in atolls.
The sex ratio of the resident Maldivian population is 104, meaning for every 100 women there are 104 men in the population.

The presence of men is less in Maale and Admin islands and is mainly due to the male population residing in resorts and industrial islands.
Most of the foreigners in the country live in Maale. More foreigners live in resorts compared to those living in administrative islands.
Average household size:

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On average 4.7 people live in a household. Household size is 4.5 in Male’ and 4.8 in other administrative islands.

In 2014, the average household size for the Republic was 5.2.