

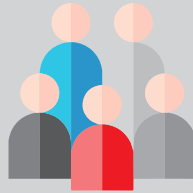


2022

Maldives Population and Housing Census

**Provisional
Results**
Summary

Population



515,122

Total Population



382,751

Maldivians



132,371

Foreigners

26%

of the population are foreigners

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Maldivian foreigners

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.

Resident Population

		 Maldivians	 Foreign
	Population		
Republic	515,122	382,751	132,371
Maale	212,138	161,108	51,030
Admin islands (excluding Maale)	236,747	204,277	32,470
Resort islands	52,396	15,689	36,707
Industrial and other islands	13,841	1,677	12,164

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.

Resident Population

**41%**

of the resident population lives in

Maale**46%**

of the resident population lives in

Admin Islands**10%**

of the resident population lives in

Resorts**3%**

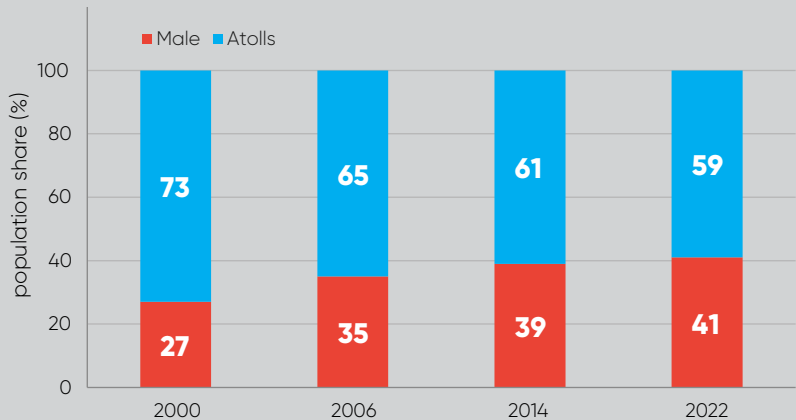
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Industrial Islands

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.

Resident Population in Maale

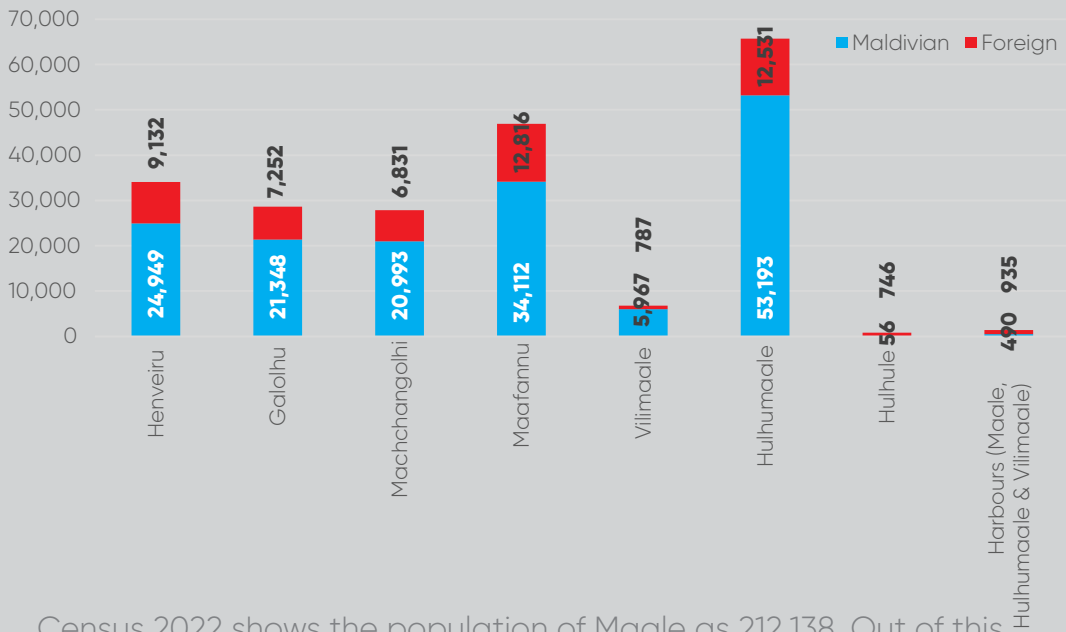
Population share between Maale and Atolls



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.

Resident Population in Maale

Population in Maale wards

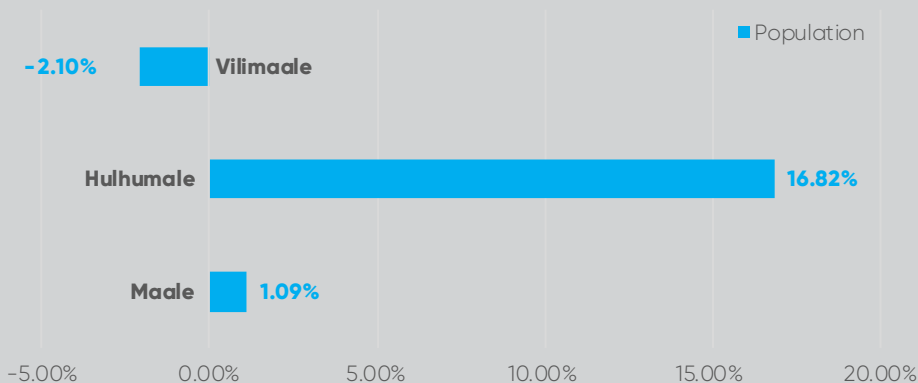


Census 2022 shows the population of Maale as 212,138. Out of this, 161108 are Maldivians.

Within Maale, most of the people were enumerated from Hulhumale (31%) followed by 22% of the people enumerated in Maafannu.

Population growth (Maale area)

Inter-censal population growth rate in Male' area,
2014-2022



The resident population in Hulhumale grew at 17% while the population in wards of Maale (Henneiru, Galolhu, Maafannu, Machchangilhi) increased at 1.09% and Vilimale decreased -2.10%.

Population by Atolls with Percentage Share

Resident population in Atolls

Among the atolls, Addu City has the largest population, followed by HDh. Atoll.

14,603 (3%)
Haa Alif Atoll

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

25,053 (5%)
Seenu Atoll

13,686 (3%)
Shaviyani Atoll

12,481 (2%)
Noonu Atoll

8,969 (2%)
Lhaviyani Atoll

17,714 (3%)
Kaafu Atoll

1,995 (0%)
Vaavu Atoll

5,471 (1%)
Meemu Atoll

14,642 (3%)
Laamu Atoll

9,174 (2%)
Gaaf Alif Atoll

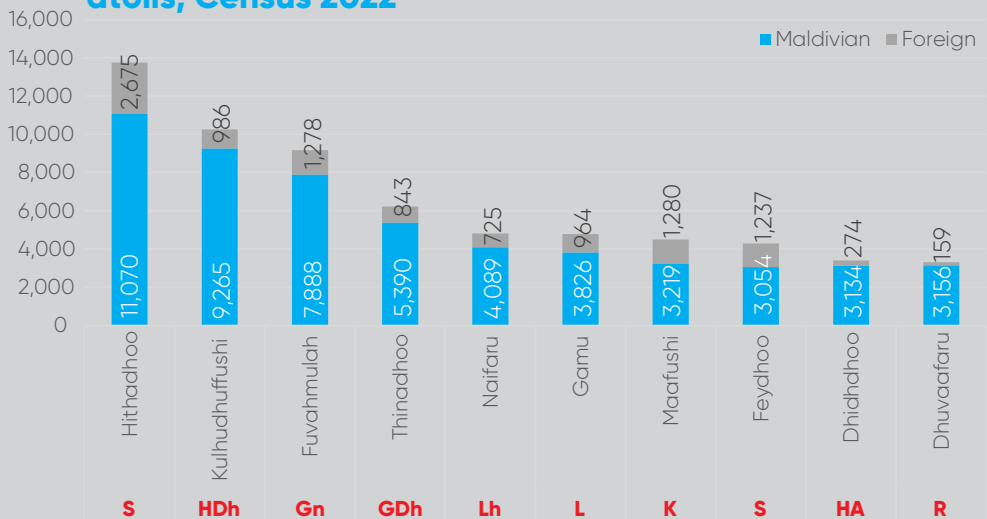
9,166 (2%)
Gnaviyani Atoll

Resident Population

population distribution



Top most populated administrative islands in the atolls, Census 2022

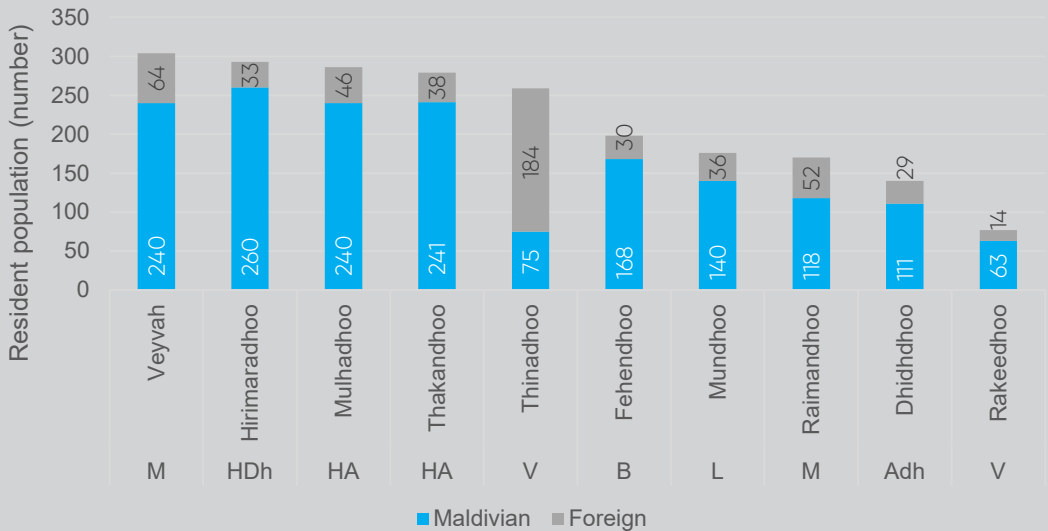


Resident population among admin islands with top ten most populated islands in atolls. These ten islands accounts for 13% of the total residential population

Resident Population





population distribution

Ten least populated administrative islands, census 2022



Resident Population:

Island by Population Size

Size class (based on Resident Population)	Number of administrative islands enumerated	Total	  Maldivians	  Foreign
<500	40	14,406	12,242	2,164
500- 999	72	51,323	45,240	6,083
1,000- 4,999	70	131,623	113,182	18,441
5,000 - 9,999	2	15,399	13,278	2,121
10,000+	3	236,134	181,443	54,691

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.

Resident Population:

Island by Population Size

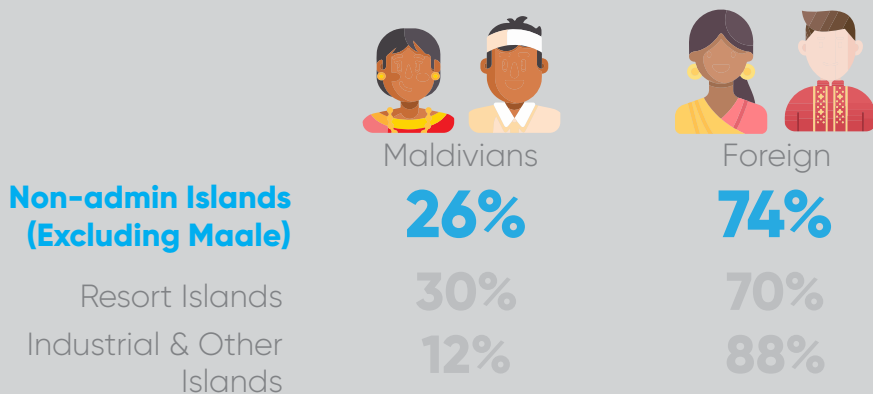
Atoll	Total islands	<500	500-999	1,000-1,999	2,000-4,999	5,000+
HA	14	5	4	3	2	0
HDh	13	4	3	4	1	1
Sh	14	2	8	2	2	0
N	13	2	7	4	0	0
R	15	3	5	6	1	0
Baa	13	4	5	3	1	0
Lh	4	0	1	1	2	0
K	9	0	1	5	3	0
AA	8	0	5	3	0	0
Adh	10	3	5	0	2	0
V	5	3	2	0	0	0
M	8	4	2	2	0	0
F	5	1	3	1	0	0
Dh	6	1	3	1	1	0
Th	13	5	3	5	0	0
L	11	1	6	2	2	0
GA	9	1	4	3	1	0
GDh	9	1	5	2	0	1
Gn	1	0	0	0	0	1
Addu City	6	0	0	3	2	1

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.

Resident
Population:

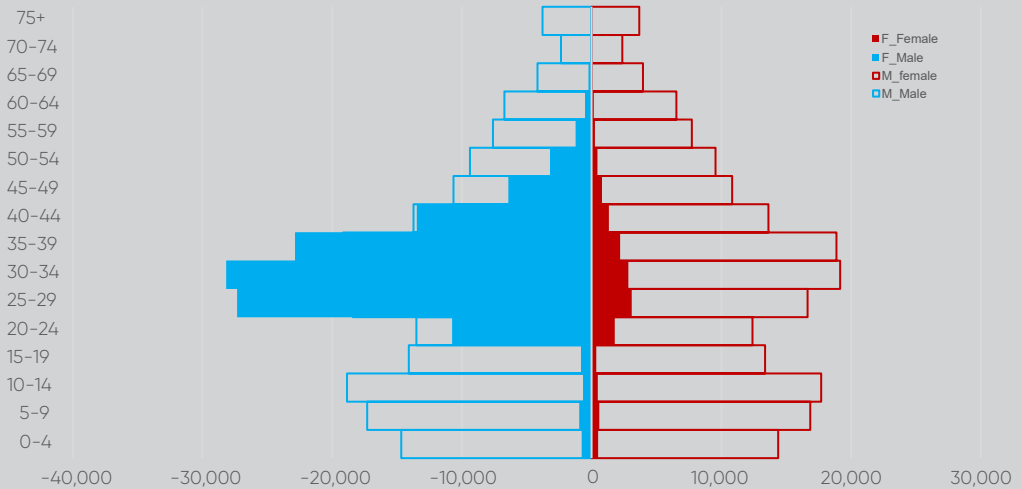
Resorts and industrial islands



Among the population living in non-administrative islands, more foreigners (74%) work and live in these islands compared to Maldivians(26%).

Resident Population

Population Pyramid- Resident Maldivian & Foreigner



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.

Resident Maldivian Growth Rate

1.5%
Republic



2.7%
Maale



0.7%
Atolls

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.

Resident Maldivian

Broad Age Group

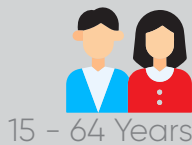
2014

2022



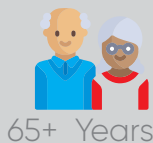
28%

26%



68%

69%

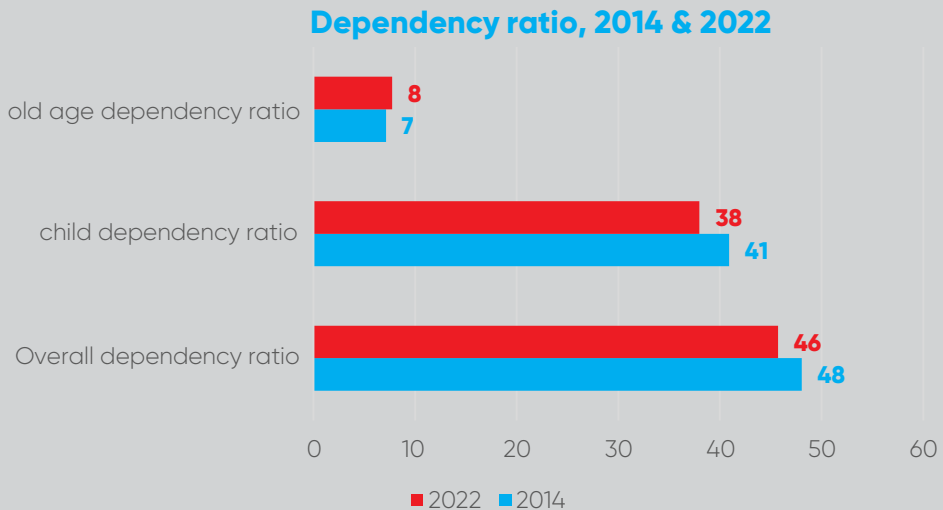


5%

5%

Children comprise 26% of the resident Maldivian population and show 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.

Resident Maldivian Dependency ratio

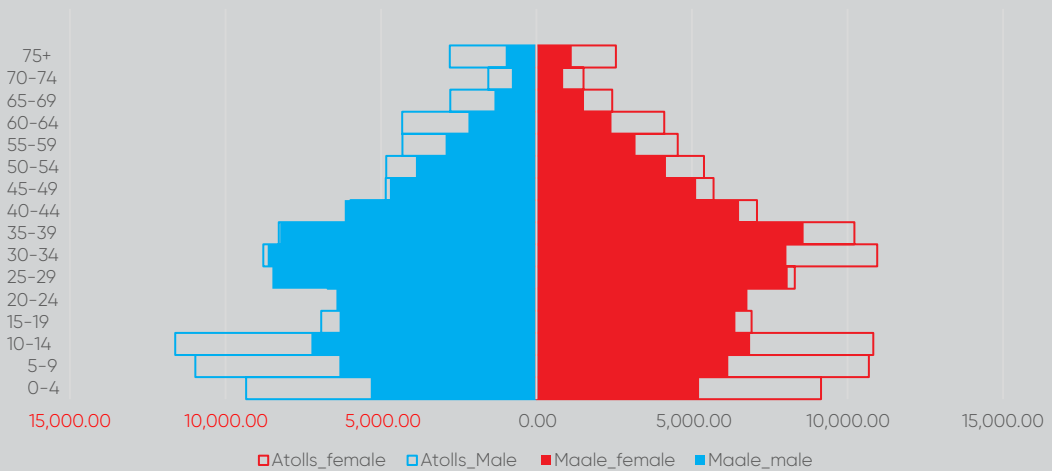


In 2022 there were 46 dependents (under 15 years and 65 years and above) to be supported by 100 people of working age (15–64 years). In simple terms, there is one dependent for 2 working age people.

Resident Maldivian:

Maale VS Atolls

Resident Maldivian Population, Maale vs Admin islands



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 Maale' and youth between 25-29 years is more in Maale compared to atolls.

Women of working age are mostly found in atolls.

Resident Maldivian: Sex Ratio

104

Republic



99

Maale



93

Admin
Islands

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.

Resident
Maldivian:

Resident Foreigners



39%
Maale



25%
Admin
Islands





28%
Resorts



9%
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:

Locality	Average household size in house/flat/apartments	
	2014	2022
Republic	5.24	4.7
Maale 	5.40	4.5
Administrative Islands 	5.14	4.8

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.

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