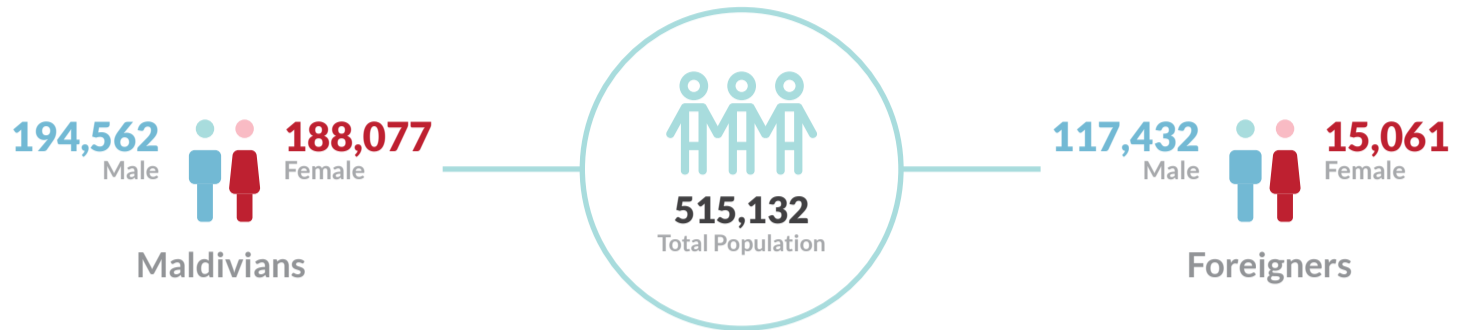


# POPULATION DYNAMICS IN THE MALDIVES

## Population growth of the Maldives



The census shows that a total of 515,132 people live in Maldives. This includes 382,639 resident Maldivians and 132,493 resident foreigners



**211,908 (41%)**  
of the resident population lives in  
**Maale**



**52,482 (10%)**  
of the resident population lives in  
**Resorts**



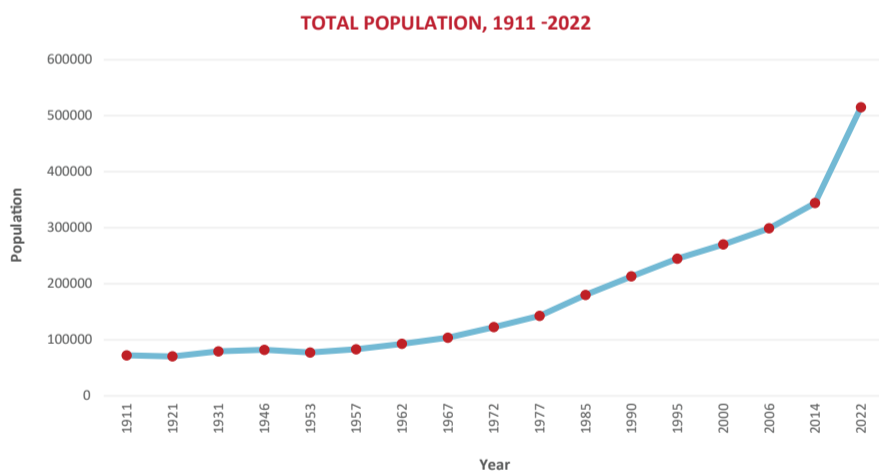
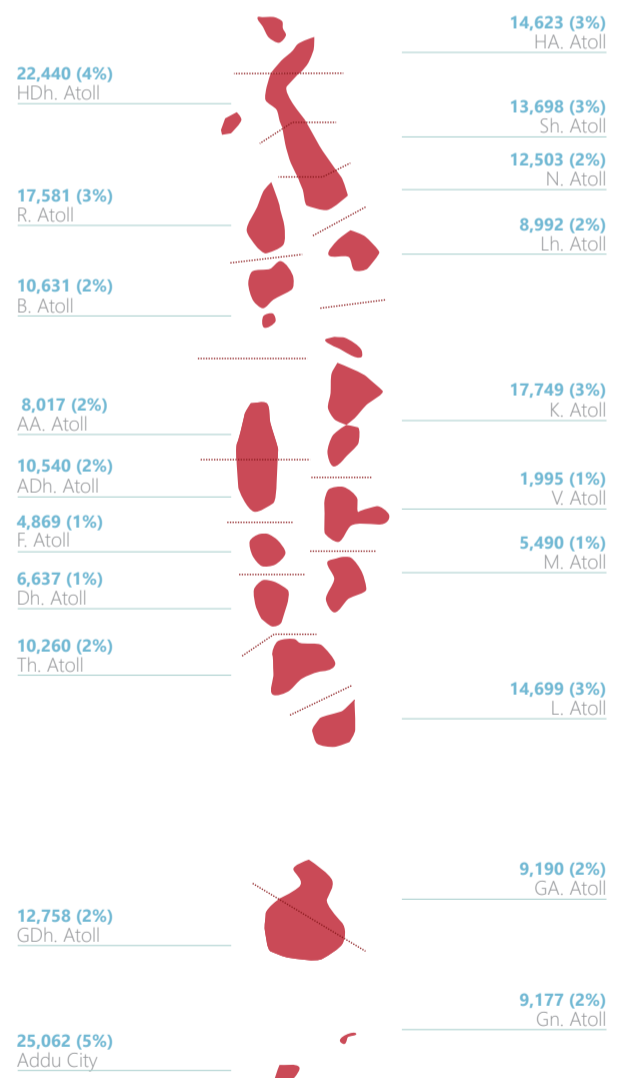
**236,911 (46%)**  
of the resident population lives in  
**Admin Islands**



**13,831 (3%)**  
of the resident population lives in  
**Industrial Islands**

## Population Distribution

MAP OF MALDIVES



From the 1990s, the growth rate began to decline, and it stands at 1.56 percent annually at this point. A notable drop in fertility during the 1990s and 2000s was the primary factor contributing to the dip in the population growth rate during that time. The total fertility rate (TFR) was 1.7 in the 2022 census, compared to approximately 6.4 in the 1990s.

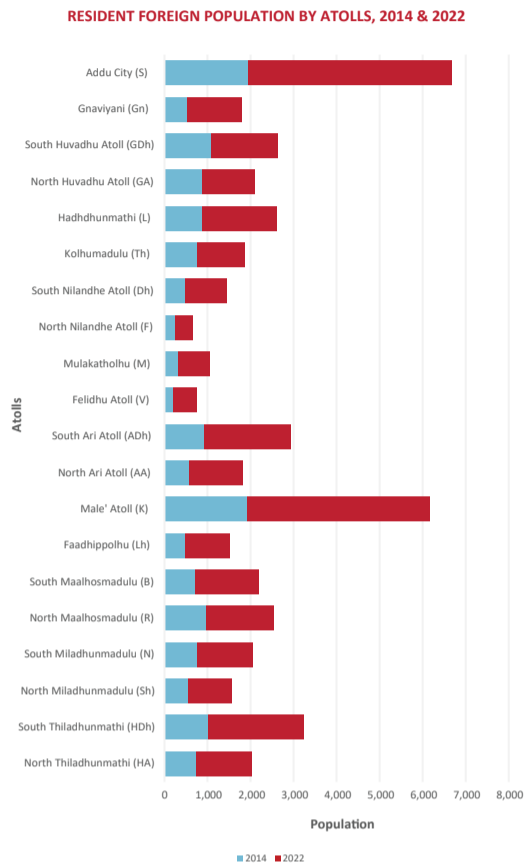
## Resident Maldivian Population in Administrative Islands

In 2022, the atoll population ranged from a low of 1601 in Vaavu Atoll to 19319 in Addu Atoll. Most of the atolls were characterized by an increase in population size. The percentage increase in atoll populations ranged from 1 to 15 percent. Among the 20 atolls, 4 atolls experienced a decline in the population between 2014 and 2022

One distinguishing characteristic of the Maldives is its geographical dispersion, making it one of the most spread-out countries in the world. Consequently, the population is spread over both administrative and non-administrative islands. The Population and Housing Census 2022 enumerated population from 187 inhabited islands, 168 resorts, and 106 industrial islands

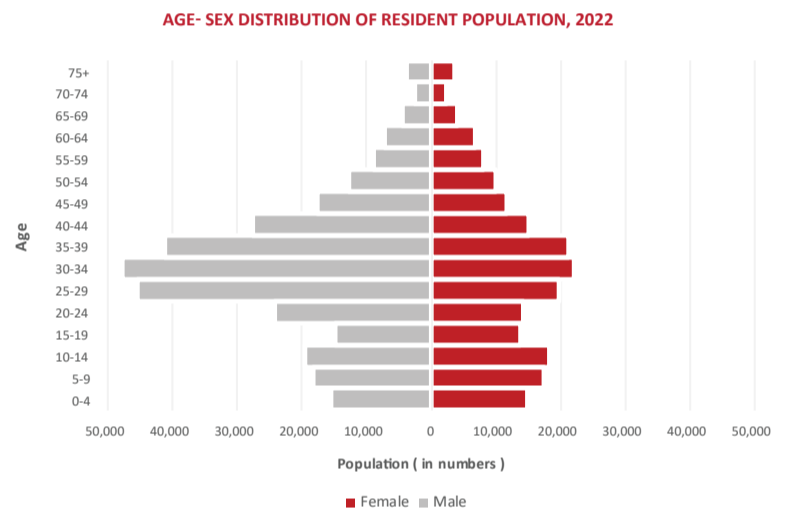
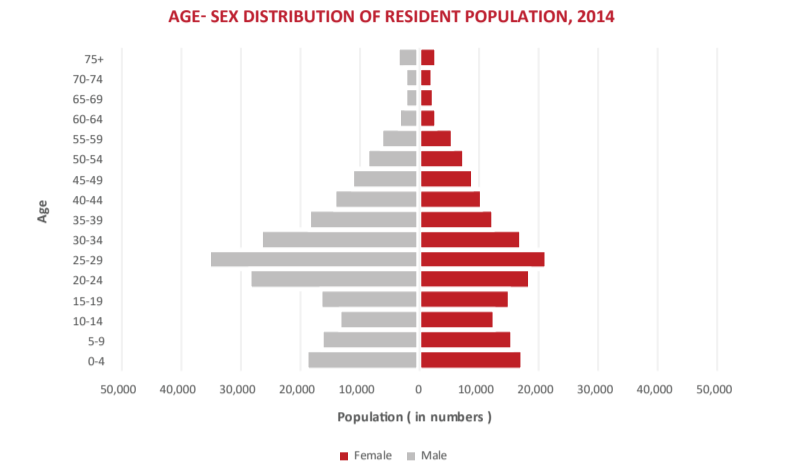
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## Resident Foreign Population



For the Republic, the percentage of the foreign population stands at approximately 26% which means that almost 1 in 4 people are foreigners. In Atolls, the percentage of foreigners is the highest in the central atolls which are Male Atoll ('K) and Felidhu Atoll (V).

## Population Pyramid



## Age Distribution

### Population under 15 years

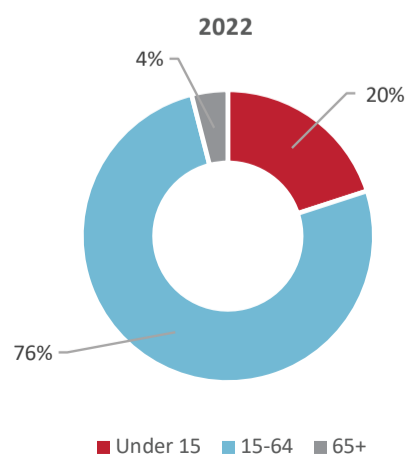
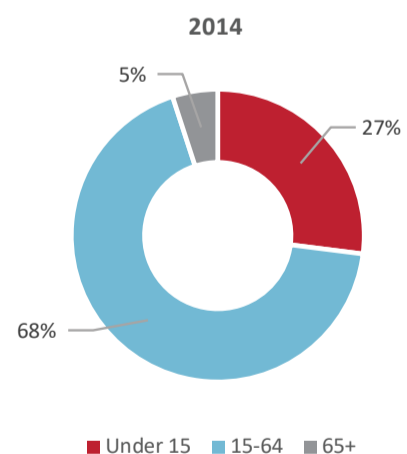
There were 103,913 children in this age group, with 50,554 females and 53,359 males

### Population from 15 to 64 years

The population aged between 15-64 years was 390,369, representing 76 percent of the total population. This figure marks an increase of 8 percent since the 2014 census when the working-age population was 228,619 and constituted 68 percent of the total population.

### Population above 65 years

Individuals aged 65 years or older amounted to 20850, with males comprising 10,753 and females 10,097.



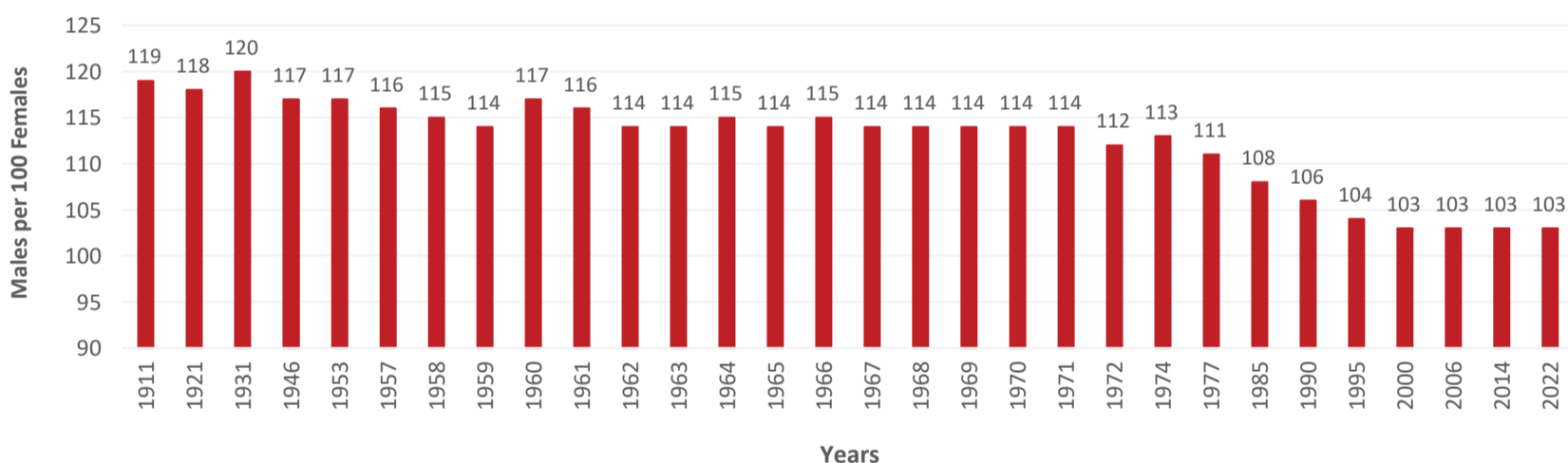
# POPULATION DYNAMICS IN THE MALDIVES

## Sex Ratio

The sex ratio is the ratio of males to females in a population and the most ideal ratio for a population is between 103 and 105. If the sex ratio is below 100 it indicates that the population has more females than males and if it is above 100 then there are more males than females. According to the 2022 census, Maldives had a sex ratio of 103 males per 100 females, indicating a surplus of males in the population. The sex ratio has remained the same since 2000.

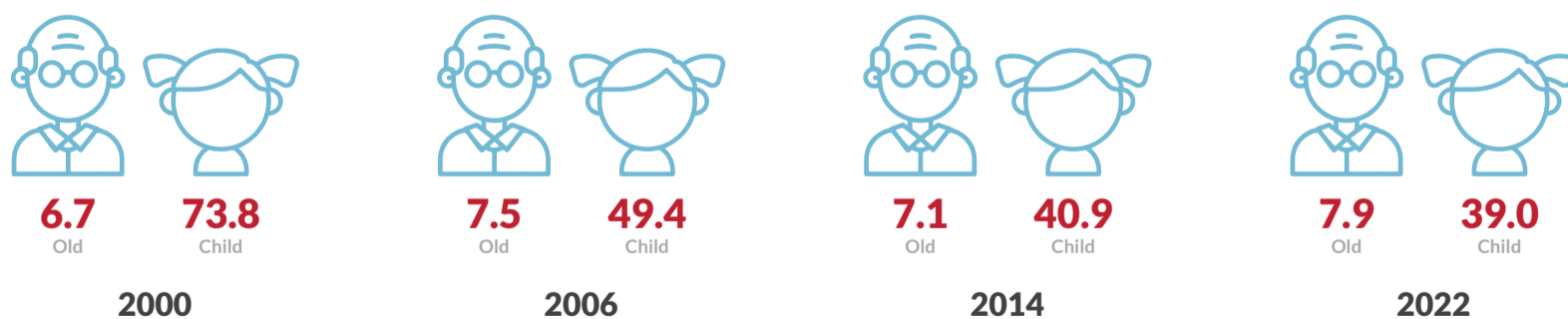


### SEX RATIO BY YEARS 1911 - 2022



## Age Dependency Ratio

(Dependency Ratios (per 100 persons ages 15-64))



According to demographic statistics from 2022, the total dependency ratio was 46.8. While the child dependency ratio decreased to 39 per hundred people aged 15-64 years, the old age dependency continued to rise to 7.9 per hundred persons in the same age group. Overall dependency ratios in atolls show that the ratio is highest in South Thiladhumathi Atoll (Hdh) and it is the lowest in Male Atoll in 2022.



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