



Nuptiality & Fertility in the Maldives

An analysis from Census 2022

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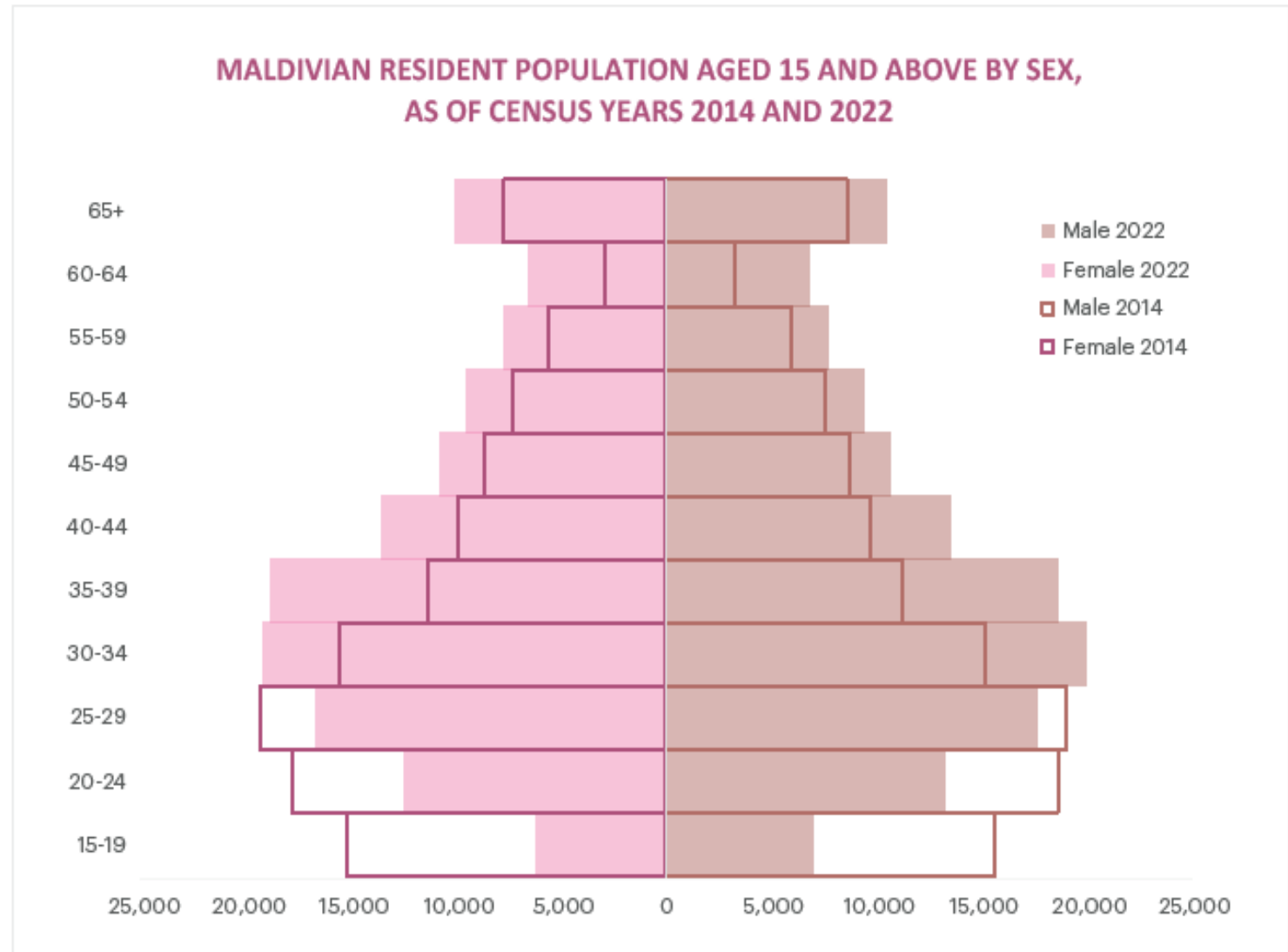
Overview

❖ In 2022 census, enumerated resident Maldivian population aged 15 and above was

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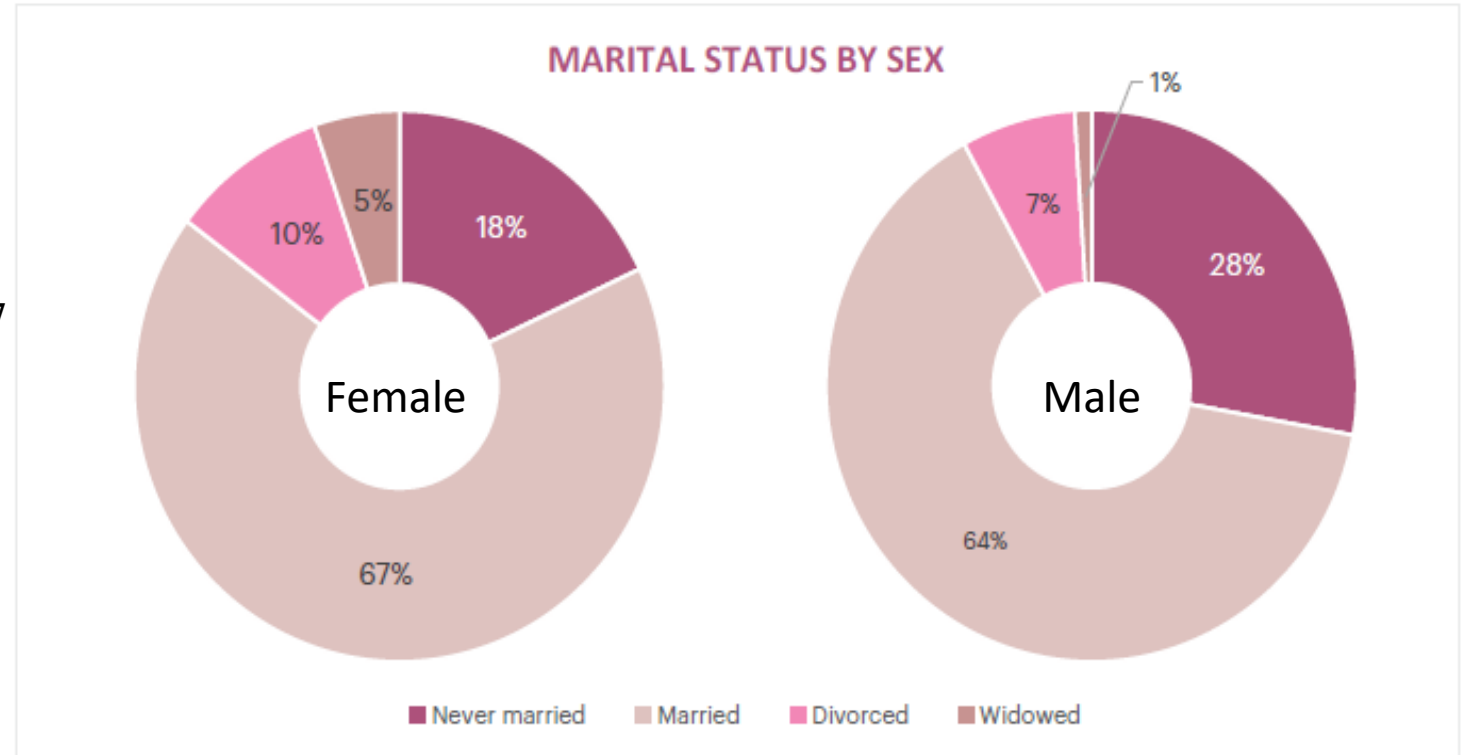
- Total 266,532 individuals
- 142,547 males
- 138,584 females

❖ In the Reproductive Age group (Age 15-49) there is 97,479 female.



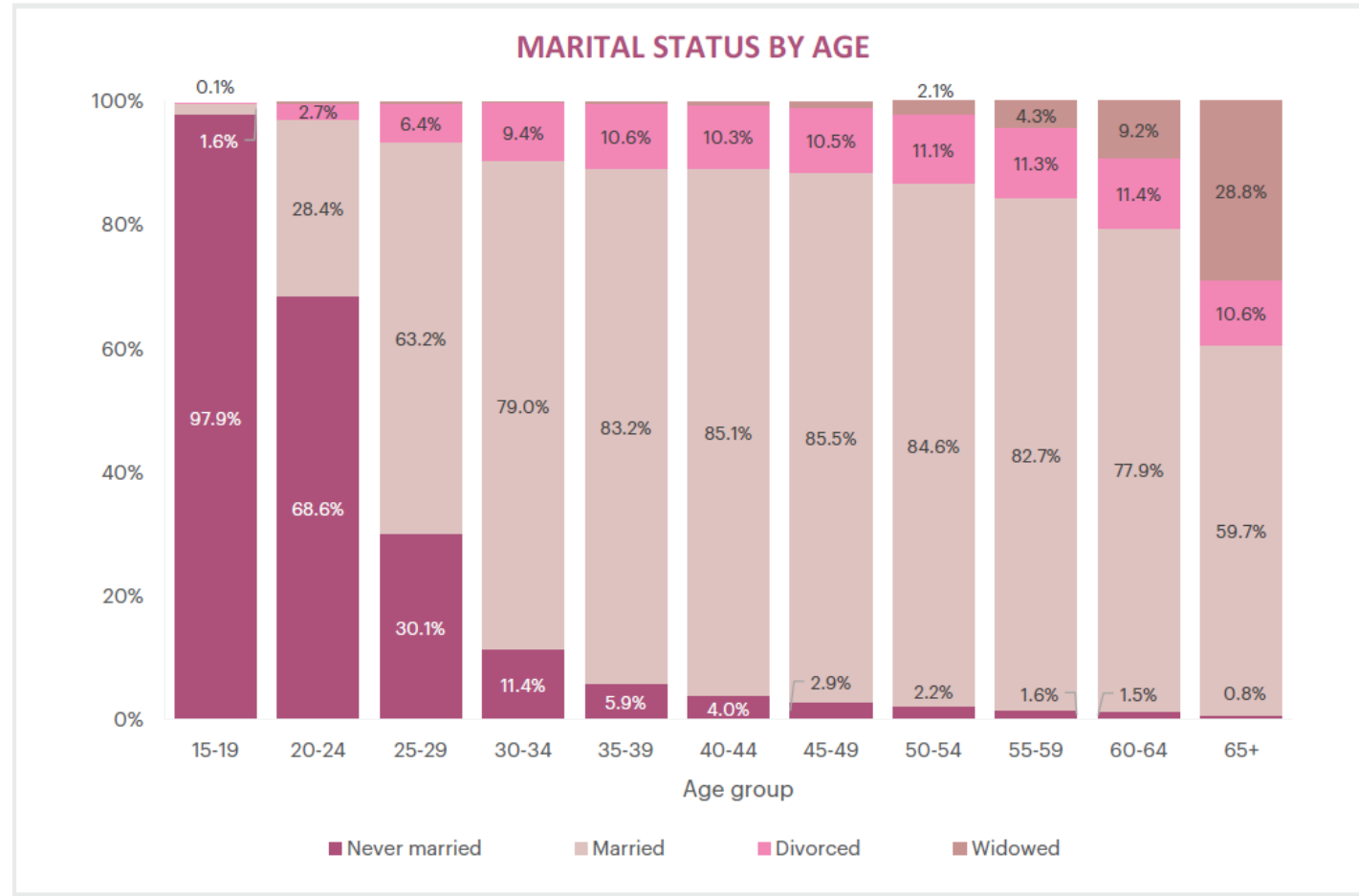
Marital Status by Sex

- ❖ Population aged 15 and above is 266,532 (142,547 male & 138,584 female).
- ❖ Total Never married population = 49,937
- ❖ Total Married population = 184,263
- ❖ Total Divorced population = 23,137
- ❖ Total Widowed population = 8,661



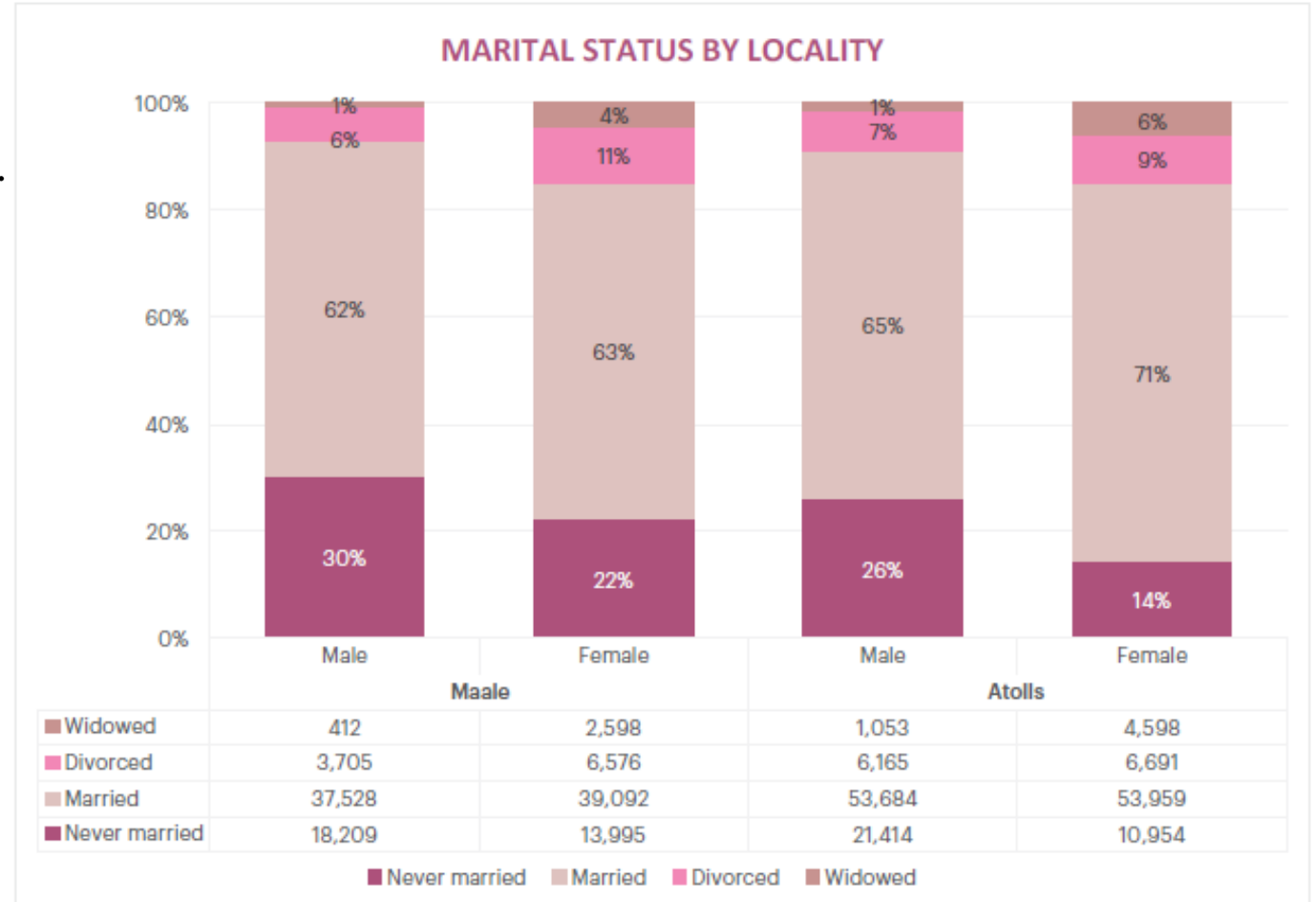
Marital Status by Age

- ❖ In the age group of 15-19, 97.9% are never married, 1.6% married while 0.1% are divorced.
- ❖ In the age group of 20-24, 68.6% are never married, 28.4% married while 2.7% are divorced and 0.02 % are widowed.
- ❖ Above age 25 proportion of never married population decline while proportion of married and divorced population increases.
- ❖ Above age 65 widowed population more than divorced population.



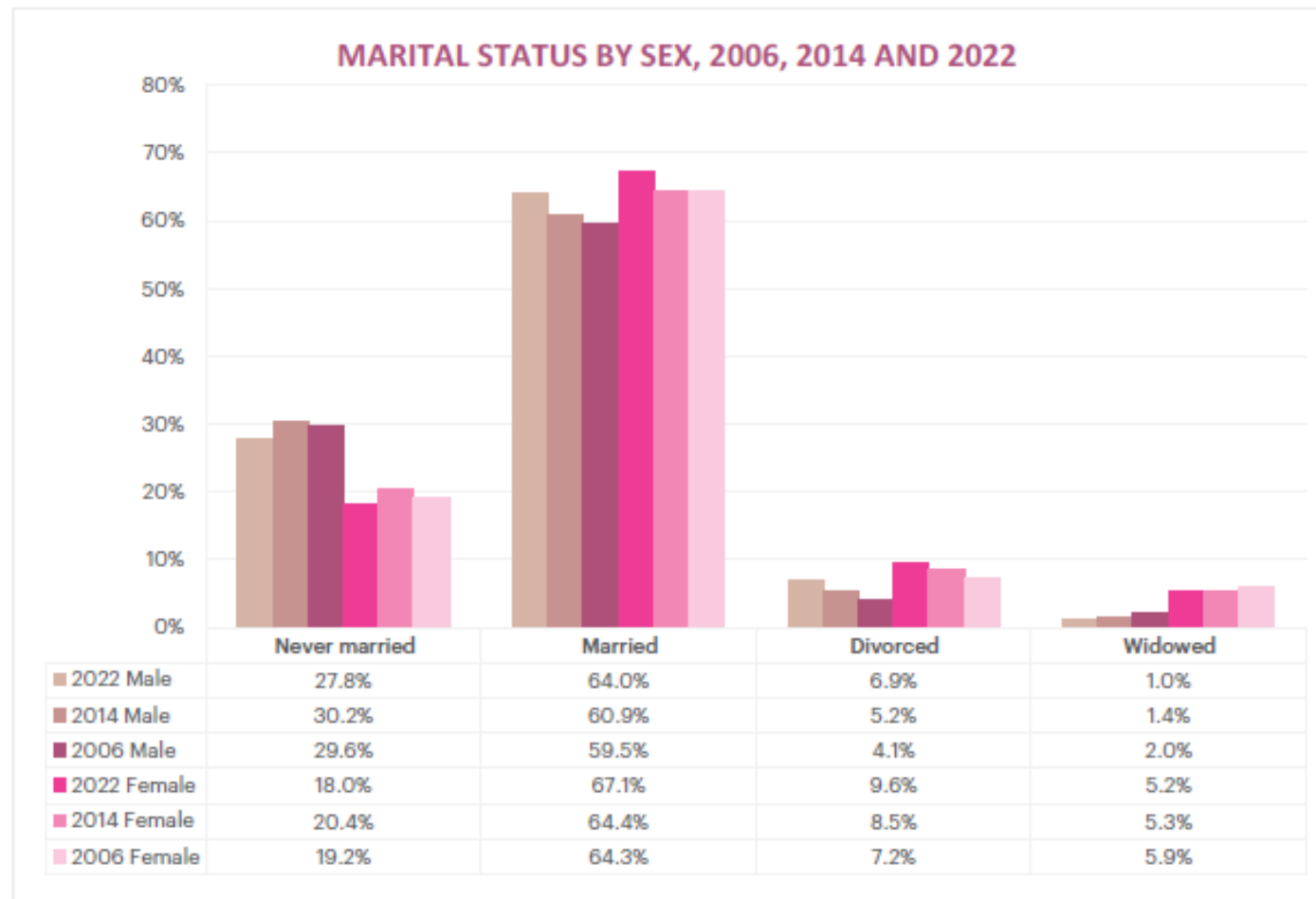
Marital Status by Locality

- ❖ Never married population are more in Maale.
- ❖ While married, divorced and widowed population are more Atolls.
- ❖ In Maale 62% male and 63% females are married, In Atolls married female are more than that of male.
- ❖ Divorce and widowed population are high among female in both Maale and Atolls.



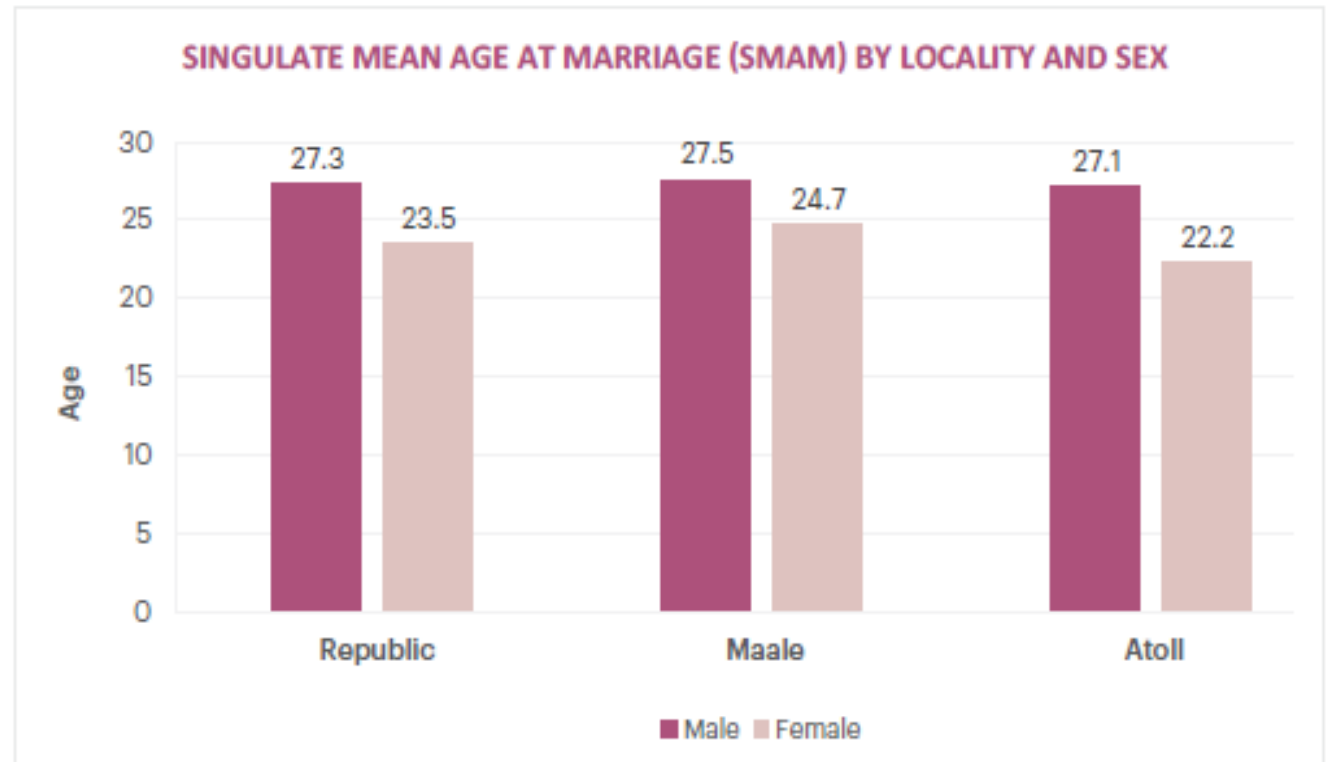
Changes in Marital status from 2006 to 2022

- ❖ Proportion of Never married declined in census 2022 for both male and female.
- ❖ Opposite trend are seeing in both Married, divorced population.



Singulate Mean Age at Marriage (SMAM) by Locality and Sex

- ❖ Singulate Mean Age at Marriage for the Republic is 25.3
- ❖ Mean Age at Marriage reveals a consistent pattern, with males, on average, marrying at a later age (27.3 years) compared to females (23.5 years).
- ❖ In Maale on Average male marry 2.9 years later than their female partner .
- ❖ Male residing in the Atolls marry even later, with a significant 5 year age gap compared to female.



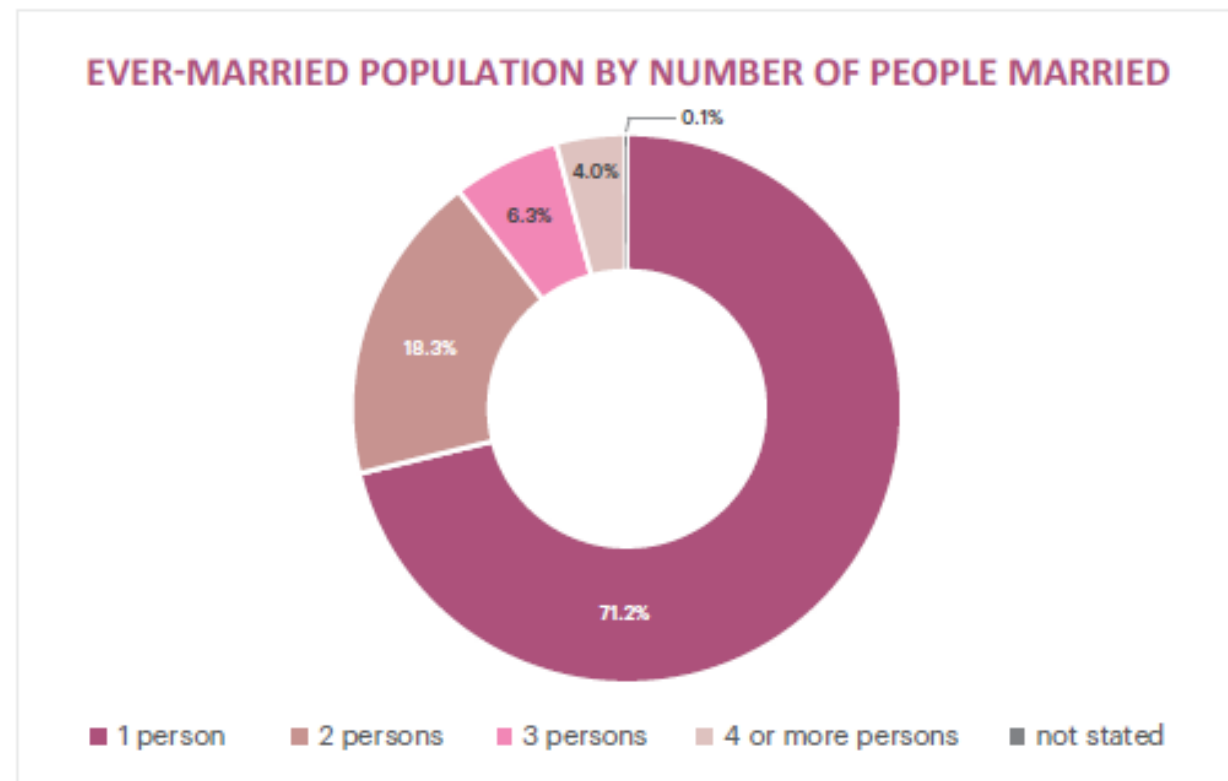
Mean Age at First Marriage

- ❖ In census 2022, among population of aged 15 above in the republic the mean age at their first marriage was 22 years, in both Census years.
- ❖ In Maale, median age at the birth is 23 years
- ❖ Atolls, median age at the birth is 21 years
- ❖ Both in Maale and Atolls, Female marries at an early age compare to Male.

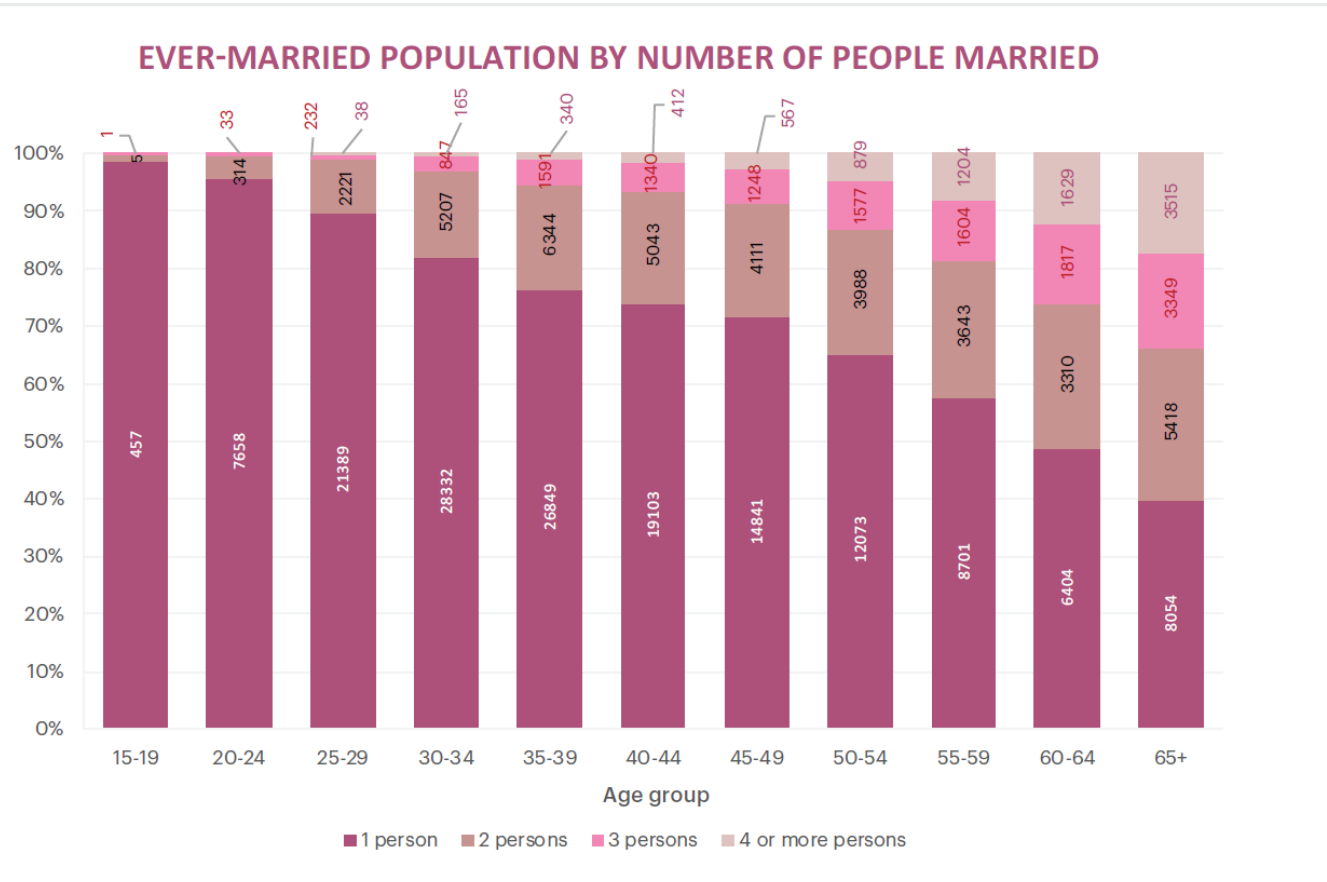
AGE AT 1ST MARRIAGE	BOTH SEX	FEMALE	MALE
REPUBLIC	21.90	20.23	23.75
MAALE	22.65	21.05	24.50
ATOLL	21.37	19.63	23.24

Ever Married Population by number of people married

- ❖ Within the ever-married population, a predominant majority (71.2%) have engaged in marriage with a single partner.
- ❖ Additionally, 18.3% of the population have been married to two individuals.
- ❖ Approximately 6.3% of the population have experienced three or more marriages, involving three individuals.
- ❖ 4.0% have engaged in marriage with four or more partners.



Ever Married Population by Age group and number of people married

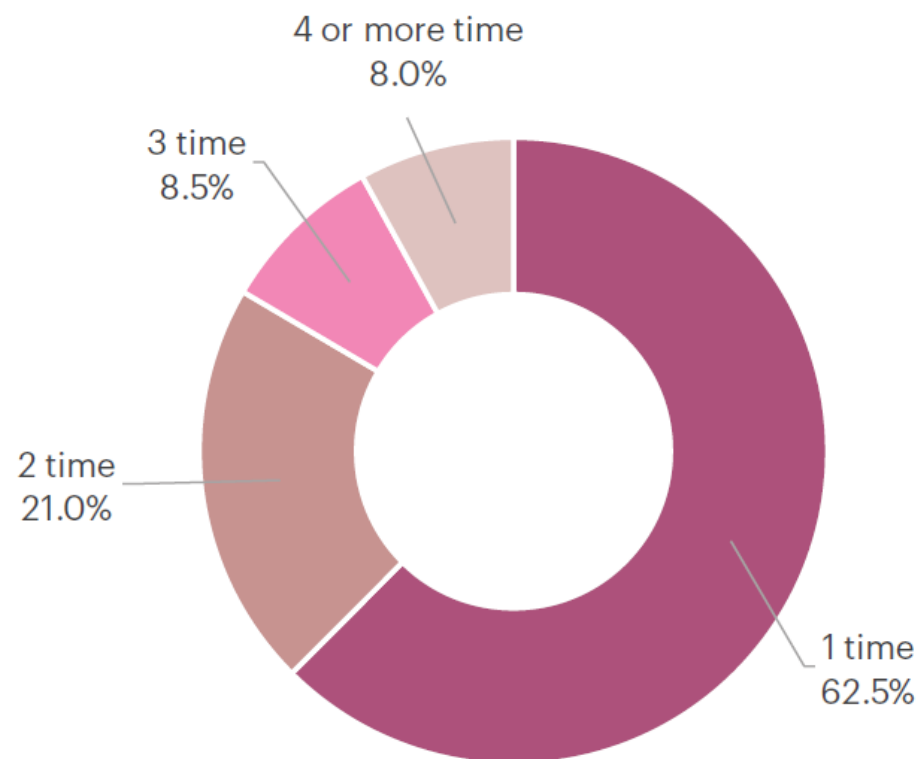


- ❖ In the age group of 15-19, 95.5% have entered into marriage with a single person, 1.1% have experienced two marriages, while 0.2% have engaged in three marriage.
- ❖ In the age group of 20-24, 95.5% have entered into marriage with a single person, 3.9% have experienced two marriages, while 0.4% have engaged in three marriage
- ❖ Among those aged 65 years and above, 17.3% have engaged in marriages with four or more individuals, while 16.4% have married three partners

Ever married population by number of marriages

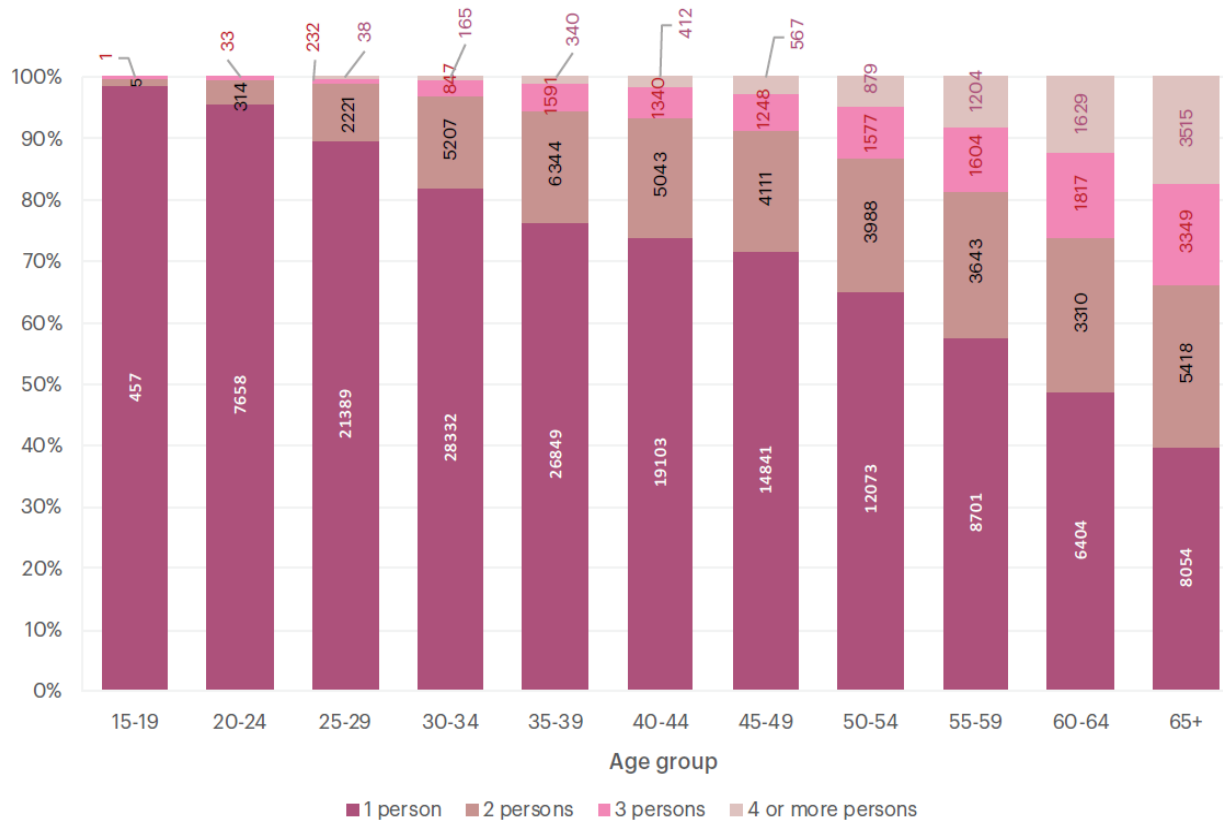
- ❖ Within the ever-married population, a major majority (62.4%) have engaged in a marriage only once.
- ❖ Additionally, 21.0% of the population have married twice.
- ❖ Approximately 8.5% of the population have experienced three marriages.
- ❖ 8.0% of the population have married four or more times.

EVER-MARRIED POPULATION BY NUMBER OF MARRIAGES



Ever-married population by age group and number of marriages

EVER-MARRIED POPULATION BY NUMBER OF PEOPLE MARRIED

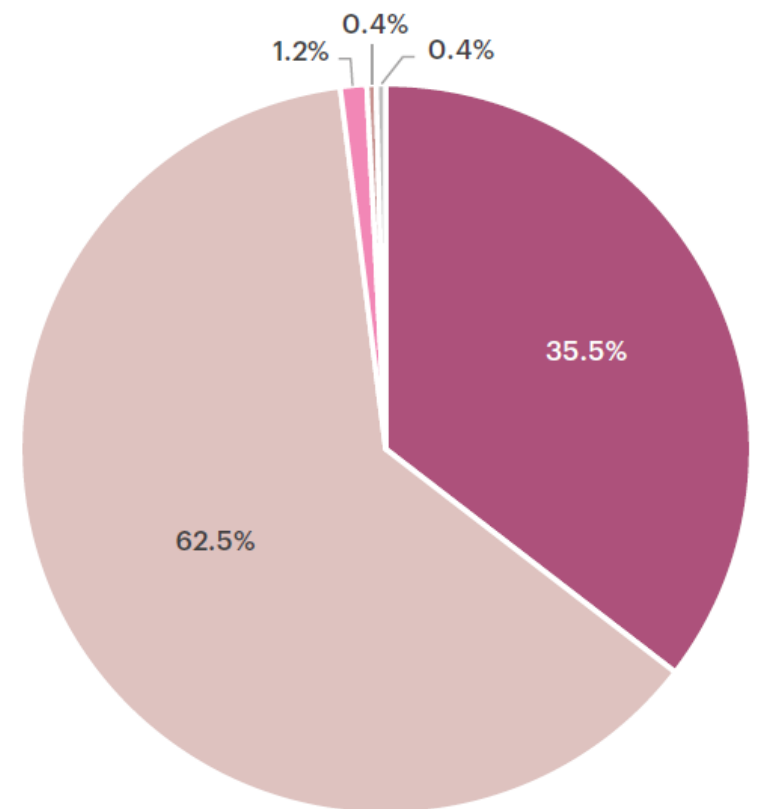


- ❖ Age 15-35, over 75% have married only once
- ❖ Age 55-65, over 25% have married twice
- ❖ Age Above 50, over 10% have married 3 times and also 10% have married four or more times
- ❖ Age 65 above, only 27.8% have married only once

Marital Status of Resident Foreign Population

RESIDENT FOREIGN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE BY MARITAL STATUS

- ❖ Never married - 35.5%.
- ❖ Married - 62.5%
- ❖ Divorced - 1.2%
- ❖ Widowed - 0.4%

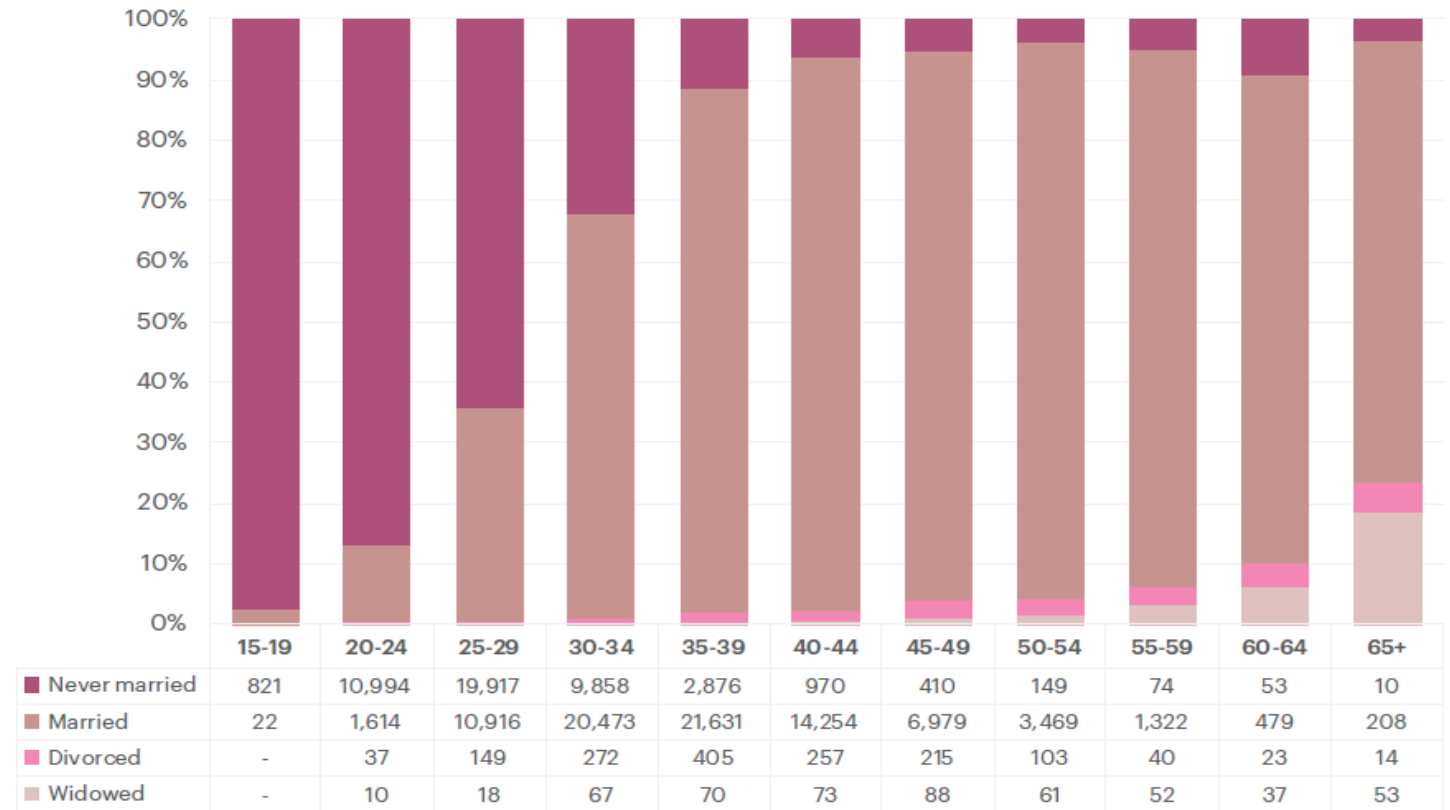


■ Never married ■ Married ■ Divorced ■ Widowed ■ Not stated

Resident foreign population 15 years of age and above by age group and marital status

- ❖ The highest concentration of individuals who have never been married is observed within the 25-29 age range.
- ❖ The age range of 30-34 & 35-39 exhibits the highest number of married individuals.
- ❖ The 35-39 age group also stands out with the highest number of divorced individuals.

RESIDENT FOREIGN POPULATION 15 YEARS OF AGE AND ABOVE BY AGE GROUP AND MARITAL STATUS

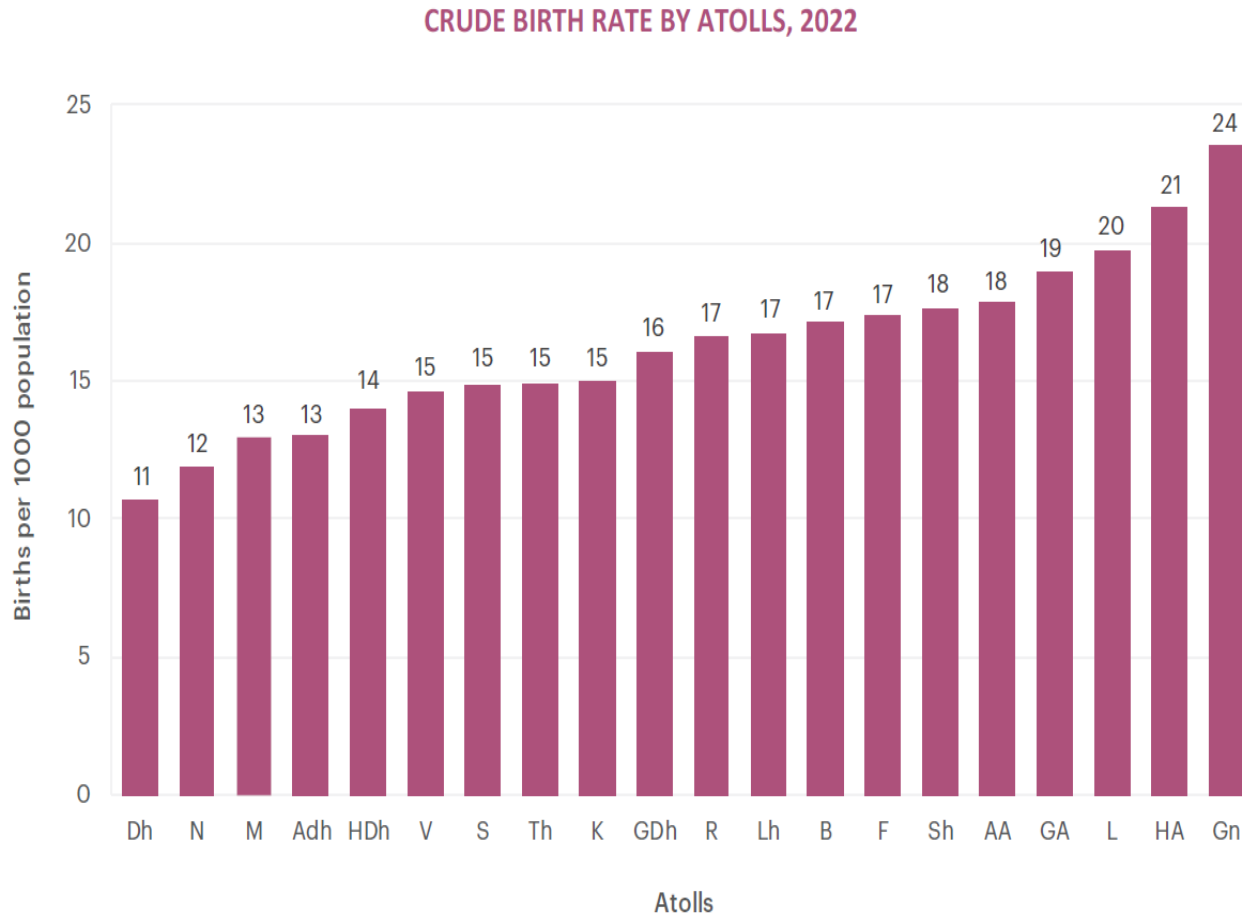


Age group

Widowed Divorced Married Never married



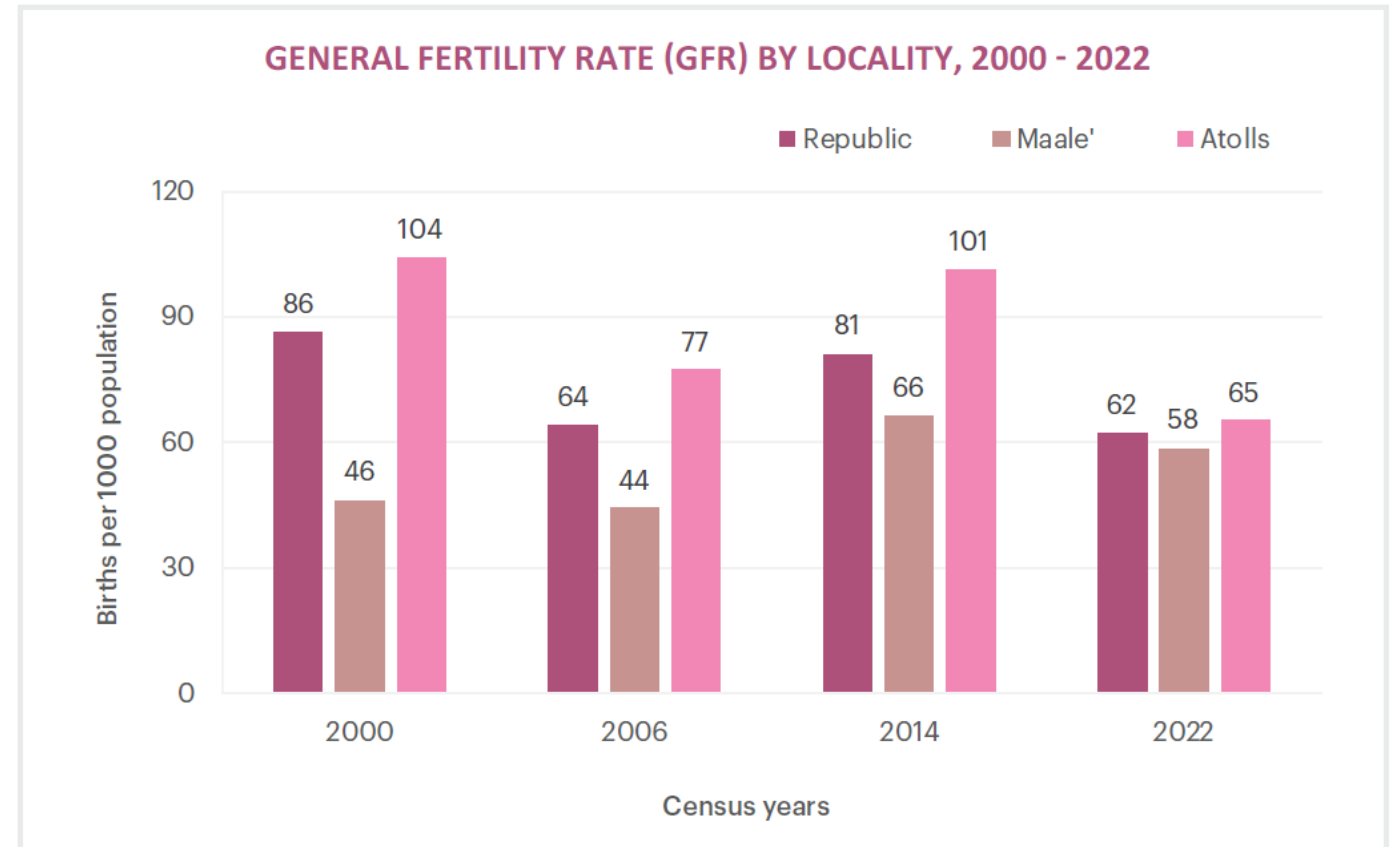
Crude Birth Rate (CBR)



- ❖ Republic -17 births per 1,000 population.
- ❖ Maale -18 births per 1,000 population.
- ❖ Atolls -16 births per 1,000 population.
- ❖ highest Crude Birth Rate (CBR) recorded in Gnaviyani (Gn) Atoll, recording 24 births per 1,000 population,
- ❖ Atoll with the lowest CBR was South Nilandhe (Dh) Atoll, documenting 11 births per 1,000 population

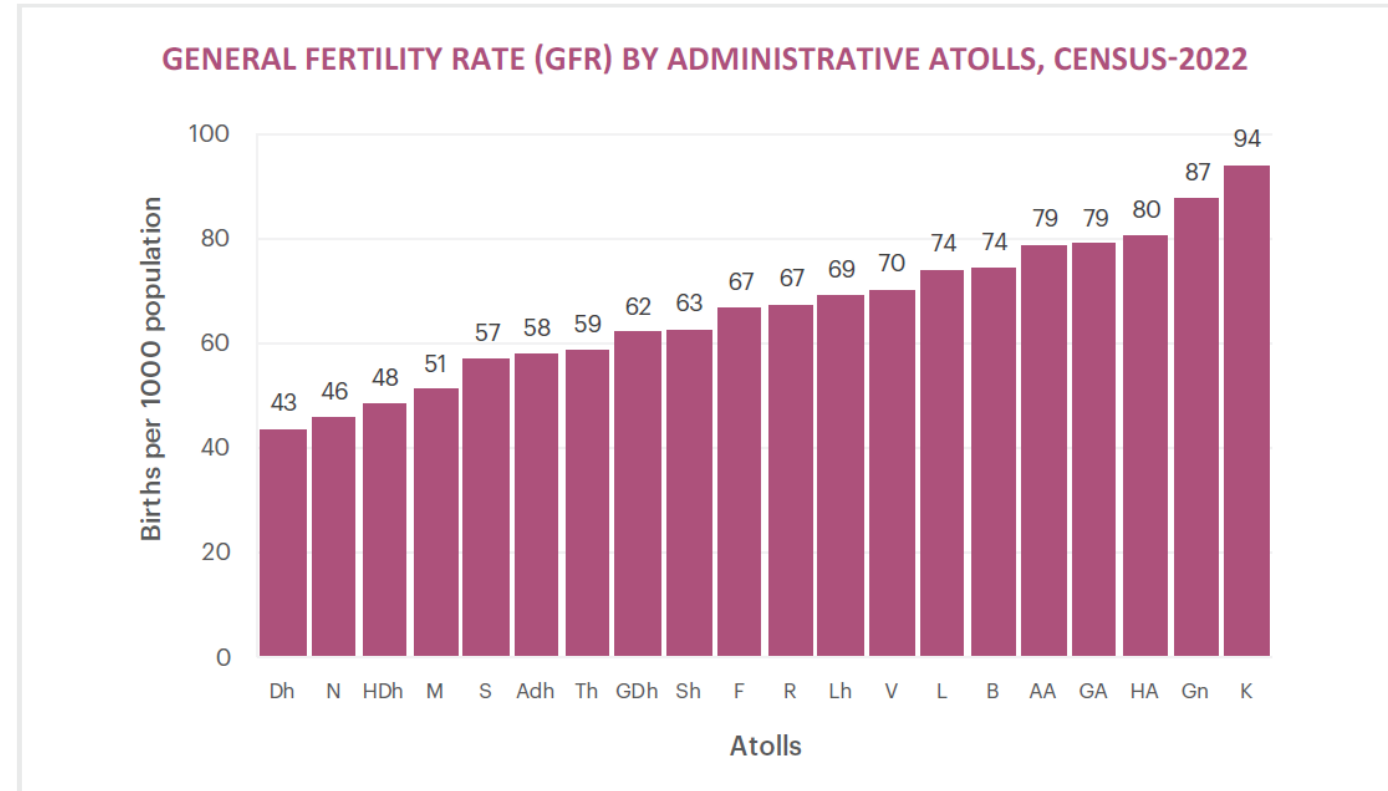
General Fertility Rate (GFR)

- ❖ General Fertility Rate (GFR) stood at 62 births per 1,000 women of reproductive age. Which is lower than 2014, 2006 and 2000 census by 19, 2 and 22 births per 1,000 women respectively.
- ❖ In Maale lowest General Fertility Rate (GFR) recoded in 2006 census.
- ❖ In Atolls lowest General Fertility Rate (GFR) recoded in 2022 census.

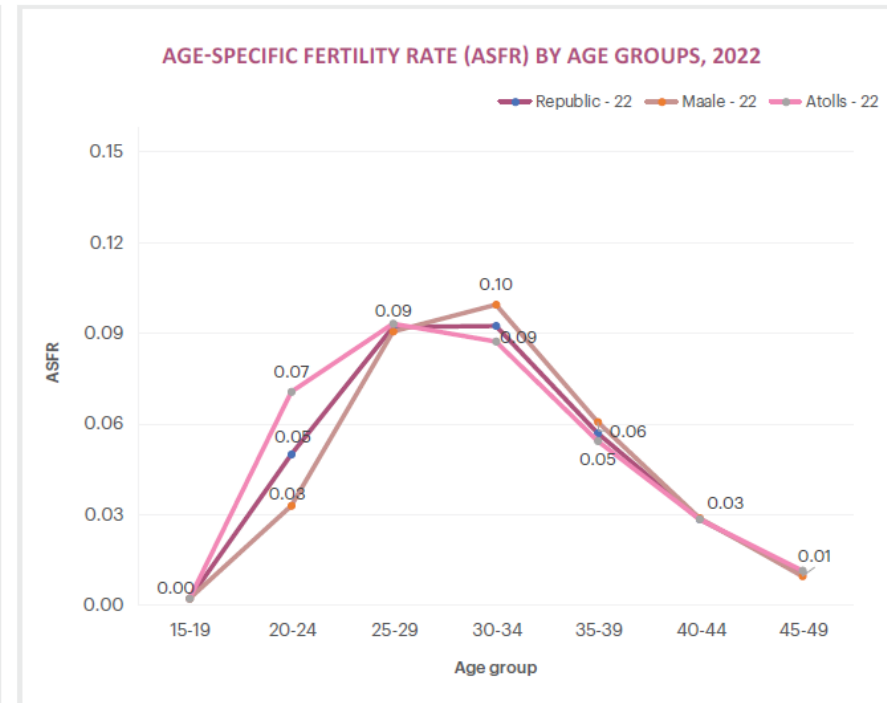
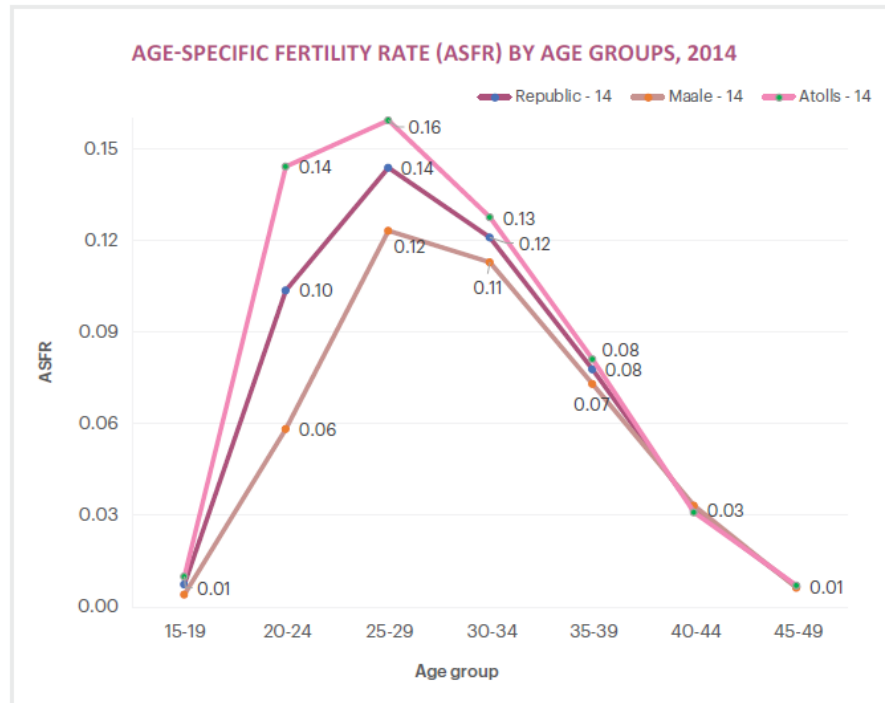


General Fertility Rate (GFR) by Administrative Atolls

- ❖ Kaafu Atoll (K) exhibited the highest GFR at 94 births per 1,000 women aged 15-49.
- ❖ Following closely was Gnaviyani (Gn) Atoll with 87 births per 1,000 women in the same age group.
- ❖ South Nilandhe Atoll (Dh) recorded the lowest GFR at 43 births per 1,000 women aged 15-49



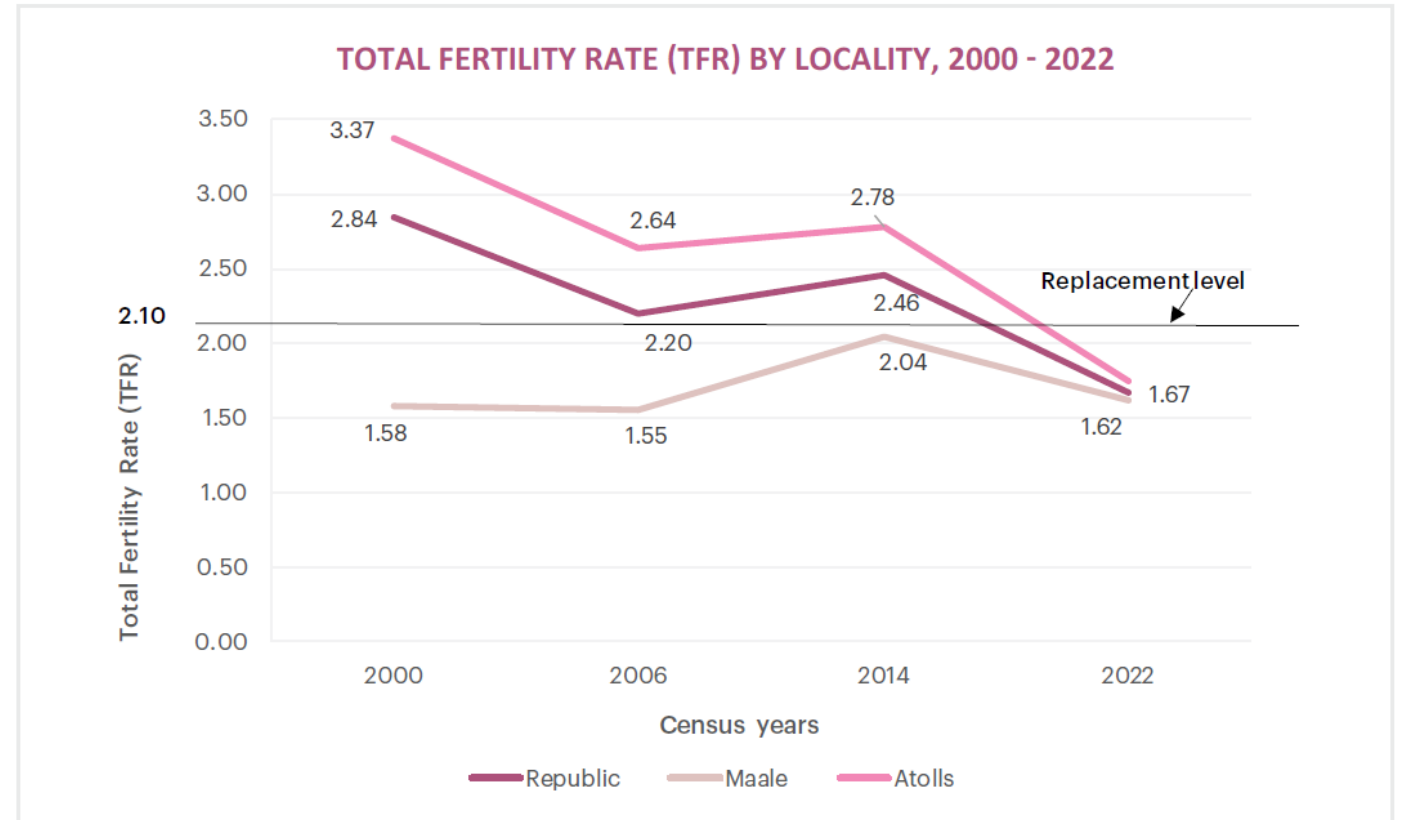
Age Specific Fertility Rate (ASFR)



- ❖ Highest Fertility Rate in the 2022 census is noted for the age group 30-34, whereas in the 2014 census, it was the age group 25-29 that had the highest Fertility Rate.
- ❖ In both Maale and Atolls also, the Fertility Rate peaked for the age group 30-34 in 2022, whereas in 2014, it was highest for women aged 25-29.

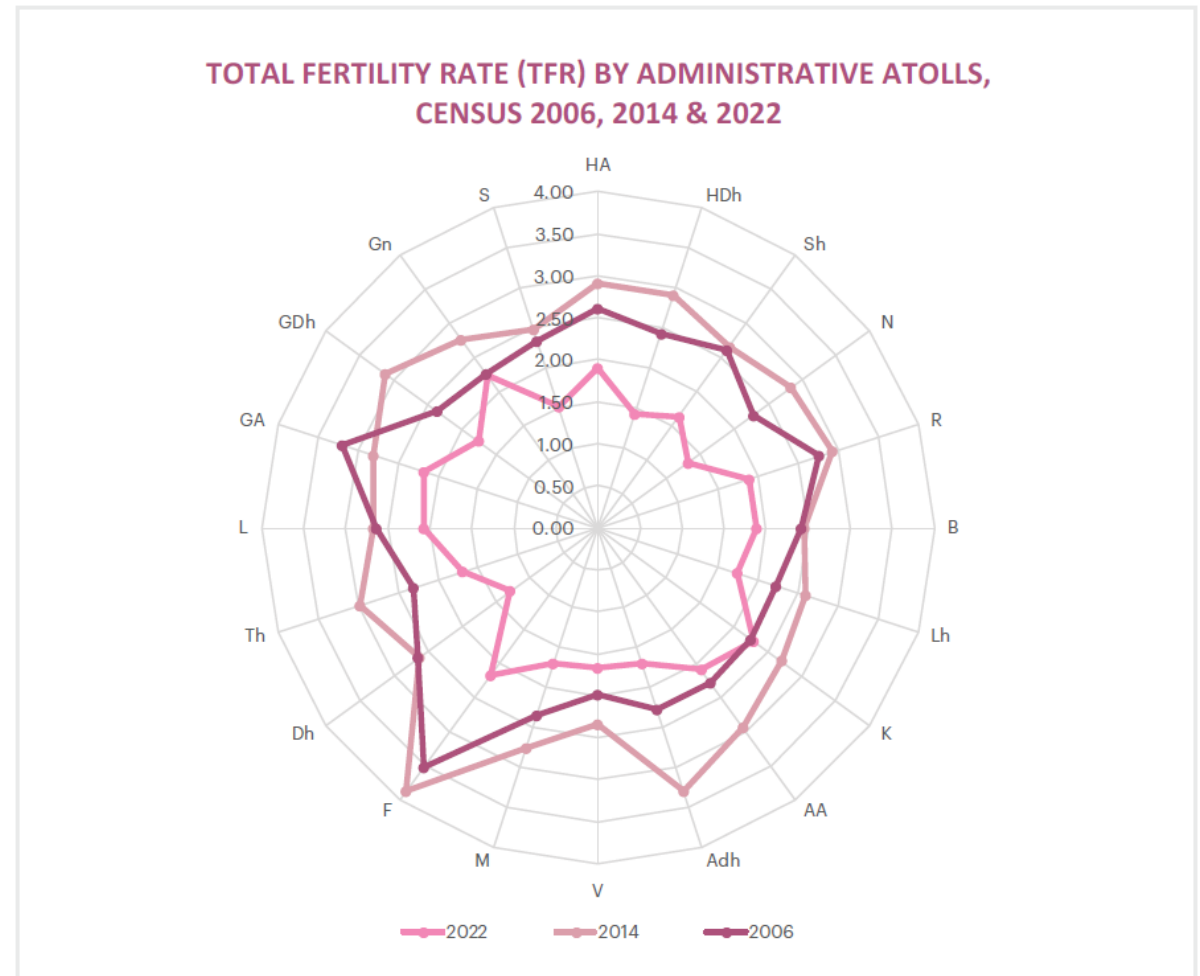
Total Fertility Rate (TFR)

- ❖ Total Fertility Rate (TFR) for the country, stands at 1.7 births per woman.
- ❖ As of 2022 census TFR has fallen below the replacement level of 2.1 children per woman.
- ❖ In contrast, Maale TFR experienced a slight decrease over the same period compared to the Atolls.



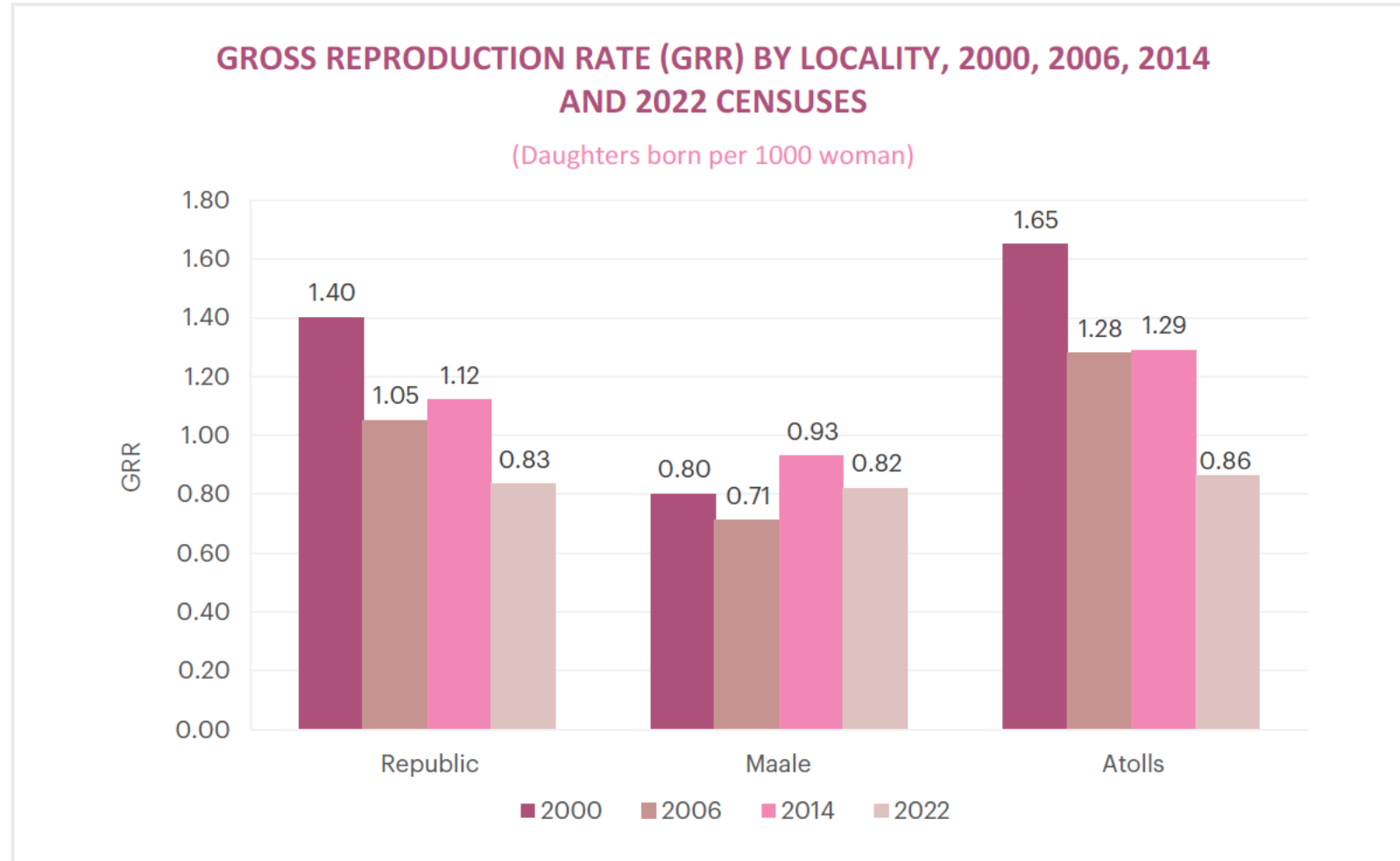
Fertility differentials by Administrative Atolls

- ❖ In 2022, Male' Atoll (K) holds the highest fertility rate at 2.29, closely followed by Gnaviyani (Gn) at 2.24. Conversely, South Nilandhe Atoll (Dh) exhibits the lowest fertility rate at 1.29, with South Miladhunmadulu (N) following closely with a rate of 1.33.
- ❖ TFR trends between 2014 and 2022 unveils a consistent decrease across all administrative atolls.



Gross Reproduction Rate (GRR)

- ❖ Gross Reproduction Rate (GRR) for the Republic locality is 0.83.
- ❖ In Maale, the GRR stands at 0.82
- ❖ Atolls, the GRR is at 0.86



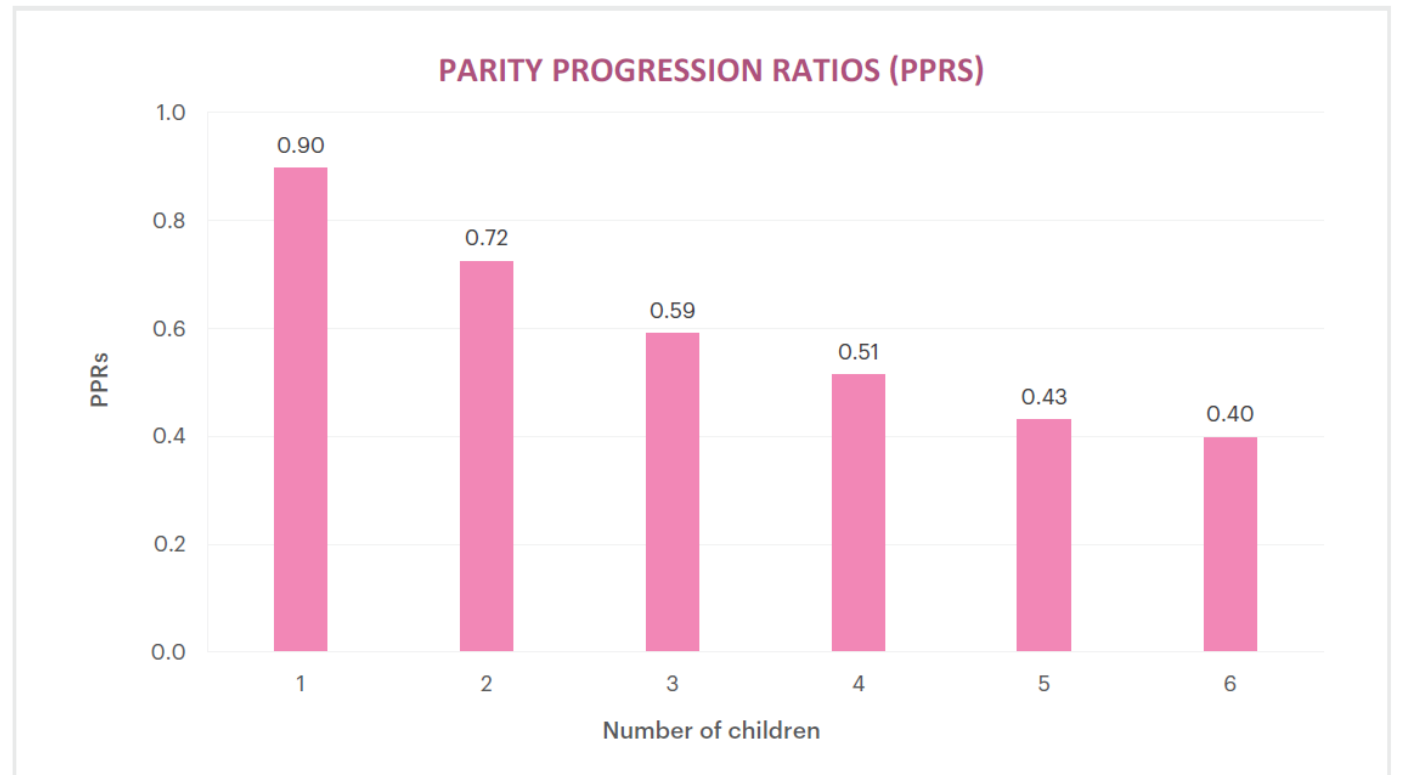
Median Age at the birth of first child by locality

- ❖ Among women aged 15-49 in the republic the median age at the birth of their first child was 21 years, in both Census years.
- ❖ In Maale, median age at the birth is 23 years
- ❖ Atolls, median age at the birth is 21 years

LOCALITY	2022	2014
REPUBLIC	21.00	21.00
MAALE	23.00	22.00
ATOLLS	21.00	20.00

Parity Progression Ratios (PPRs)

- ❖ Decreasing values of PPRs suggest that as women have more children, the likelihood of them having additional children decreases.



Thank you!

