

In 2009, 68,918 foreign students attended courses at local English-language specialised schools. This resulted in a 17.3 per cent drop over 2008.

Teaching English to Foreigners: 2009

In 2009 a total of 36 schools were operating in the business of English-language teaching; however, only 32 provided information on students following English-language courses. Both male and female participation decreased over 2008, yet females continued to maintain the majority and comprised 57.2 per cent of the student population.

As in previous years, the 16-17 age group had the highest number of students with 14,554, or 21.1 per cent. The 26-30 age group accounted for the lowest number, with 10.4 per cent of the total.

The majority of students came from Italy, Germany, Spain, France and Russia and collectively accounted for 72.4 per cent of the total. Spain was the only country which showed an increase (+378). From the perspective of age, drops were registered across all the groups shown in the tables, when compared to 2008. The largest reductions, of 4,029 and 2,949 students, were seen in the 16-17 and 21-25 age groups respectively.

Table 2 indicates that the European market continues to dominate with regard to the number of students coming to Malta to follow English-language courses. In fact European nationals accounted for 95 per cent of total English Foreign Language (EFL) students. Those coming from EU countries registered the largest drop (-9,903). In contrast, students coming from the American continent registered a slight increase.

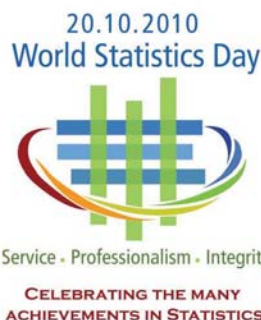
EFL students' Share of the Tourism Industry

Foreign students accounted for 5.8 per cent of total tourists visiting Malta in 2009. Female students made up 6.9 per cent of total female tourists, most of them from Russia and the Czech Republic.

The average length of stay for 2009 was 2.5 weeks. Winter stays were, on average, nearly 1.5 weeks longer than summer and shoulder-month stays, with 3.7 weeks compared to 2.4 and 2.3 weeks respectively. Longer stays were prevalent among students between 21 and 25 years, followed by students in the 26-30 age group.

EFL Employment

In 2009, teachers working in English-language specialised schools numbered 1,252. Of these, 86.9 per cent were working on a part-time basis. Female teaching personnel comprised 72.1 per cent of total teachers in these schools ■



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Table 1. Foreign students following courses in specialised schools for English language, by country, age group and sex: 2009

Country	15 and under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 and over		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
Italy	1,909	2,108	1,578	1,952	1,615	1,914	539	617	546	554	864	1,058	7,051	8,203	15,254
Germany	1,140	1,489	893	1,375	589	605	655	836	637	714	2,066	2,099	5,980	7,118	13,098
Spain	177	232	309	477	902	1,402	1,354	1,888	849	863	358	456	3,949	5,318	9,267
France	653	987	1,030	1,408	340	518	316	283	174	254	248	259	2,761	3,709	6,470
Russia	612	718	424	661	259	609	311	642	277	463	326	523	2,209	3,616	5,825
Austria	594	601	527	823	481	424	53	88	38	58	206	322	1,899	2,316	4,215
Switzerland	107	153	163	257	195	313	109	204	96	83	289	464	959	1,474	2,433
Czech Republic	122	157	101	215	91	178	48	141	56	129	171	217	589	1,037	1,626
Poland	102	148	95	187	77	98	45	78	49	80	125	143	493	734	1,227
Japan	25	22	28	46	23	81	45	157	78	155	48	186	247	647	894
Turkey	50	39	37	25	87	72	115	100	78	53	106	72	473	361	834
Sweden	27	55	116	425	16	33	11	30	17	16	22	56	209	615	824
Netherlands	26	60	59	144	59	155	30	79	18	27	32	75	224	540	764
Slovakia	41	48	45	69	32	58	26	66	23	55	63	185	230	481	711
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	2	-	-	2	11	54	75	148	85	82	23	47	196	333	529
Belgium	34	66	53	129	40	62	21	37	20	8	14	19	182	321	503
Hungary	22	26	35	40	26	44	15	41	34	36	46	76	178	263	441
Ukraine	39	67	20	24	22	59	18	40	13	35	18	38	130	263	393
Finland	2	2	27	89	3	13	7	11	2	10	43	81	84	206	290
Libya	34	24	19	3	42	5	50	2	28	3	39	9	212	46	258
Other countries	152	211	232	412	203	301	252	364	152	223	220	340	1,211	1,851	3,062
Total	5,870	7,213	5,791	8,763	5,113	6,998	4,095	5,852	3,270	3,901	5,327	6,725	29,466	39,452	68,918

Table 2. Student population classified by continent and age group: 2009

Continent	15 and under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 and over		Total			%
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total	
Europe	5,751	7,083	5,650	8,636	4,898	6,650	3,721	5,266	2,971	3,513	5,082	6,282	28,073	37,430	65,503	95.0
of which:																
<i>EU27</i>	4,910	6,078	4,968	7,536	4,318	5,571	3,158	4,251	2,494	2,863	4,310	5,139	24,158	31,438	55,596	80.7
<i>Other European Countries</i>	841	1,005	682	1,100	580	1,079	563	1,015	477	650	772	1,143	3,915	5,992	9,907	14.4
Asia	49	65	50	71	80	212	196	419	190	301	106	299	671	1,367	2,038	2.9
America	3	8	15	20	31	58	53	60	49	57	53	78	204	281	485	0.7
Africa	40	26	63	14	88	52	86	38	44	7	55	28	376	165	541	0.8
Others	27	31	13	22	16	26	39	69	16	23	31	38	142	209	351	0.5
TOTAL	5,870	7,213	5,791	8,763	5,113	6,998	4,095	5,852	3,270	3,901	5,327	6,725	29,466	39,452	68,918	100.0

Table 3. Foreign students following courses in specialised schools for English language, by country, age group and sex: 2008

Country	15 and under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		30 and over		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
Germany	1,309	1,696	1,253	1,632	788	1,023	866	1,118	795	979	2,586	2,537	7,597	8,985	16,582
Italy	1,807	2,066	2,078	2,746	1,316	1,643	659	675	590	471	861	1,199	7,311	8,800	16,111
France	925	1,214	1,736	2,057	722	843	616	590	295	378	376	448	4,670	5,530	10,200
Spain	126	202	372	454	848	1,301	1,537	2,194	562	595	301	397	3,746	5,143	8,889
Russia	1,100	1,273	628	944	409	959	311	1,009	196	541	380	687	3,024	5,413	8,437
Austria	719	739	555	841	597	513	109	152	109	131	242	337	2,331	2,713	5,044
Switzerland	116	142	184	245	269	390	213	256	122	179	393	550	1,297	1,762	3,059
Czech Republic	131	195	165	263	129	194	74	151	72	124	235	309	806	1,236	2,042
Poland	108	176	115	233	59	106	48	80	40	96	137	209	507	900	1,407
Japan	19	21	29	39	24	84	89	219	53	197	69	237	283	797	1,080
Turkey	39	37	53	38	87	66	157	109	90	87	86	78	512	415	927
Slovakia	62	94	65	84	51	81	35	73	40	69	114	158	367	559	926
Netherlands	26	48	44	151	104	192	39	70	12	19	39	71	264	551	815
Hungary	45	66	52	70	34	54	28	50	16	62	91	138	266	440	706
Ukraine	69	95	32	45	27	70	40	71	34	79	34	52	236	412	648
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	2	5	15	11	8	44	166	213	51	86	14	31	256	390	646
Sweden	14	34	66	223	15	43	10	27	17	19	54	91	176	437	613
World not allocated geographically	67	49	48	52	16	31	42	64	32	82	46	69	251	347	598
Belgium	33	54	65	130	45	71	29	53	5	16	12	23	189	347	536
Portugal	52	84	22	49	12	32	16	23	8	34	16	23	126	245	371
Other countries	186	263	261	438	299	341	306	309	196	290	309	453	1,557	2,094	3,651
Total	6,955	8,553	7,838	10,745	5,859	8,081	5,390	7,506	3,335	4,534	6,395	8,097	35,772	47,516	83,288

Table 4. Student population, by continent and age group: 2008

Continent	15 and under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 and over		Total			%
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total	
Europe	8,381	6,750	10,551	7,632	7,714	5,583	6,798	4,826	4,038	3,089	7,601	6,129	45,083	34,009	79,092	95.0
of which:																
<i>EU27</i>	6,797	5,409	9,187	6,690	6,191	4,765	5,312	4,088	3,066	2,606	6,185	5,203	36,738	28,761	65,499	78.6
<i>Other European Countries</i>	1,584	1,341	1,364	942	1,523	818	1,486	738	972	483	1,416	926	8,345	5,248	13,593	16.3
Asia	98	83	90	89	190	86	539	358	348	139	334	119	1,599	874	2,473	3.0
America	3	3	28	9	36	24	54	57	53	28	74	49	248	170	418	0.5
Africa	22	52	24	60	110	150	51	107	13	47	18	52	238	468	706	0.9
Others	49	67	52	48	31	16	64	42	82	32	70	46	348	251	599	0.7
TOTAL	8,553	6,955	10,745	7,838	8,081	5,859	7,506	5,390	4,534	3,335	8,097	6,395	47,516	35,772	83,288	100.0

Table 5. Foreign students as a percentage of all incoming tourists, by country and sex: 2009

Country of Origin	2009								
	Students			Tourists			% students of total tourists		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Italy	7,051	8,203	15,254	95,297	63,740	159,037	7.4	12.9	9.6
Germany	5,980	7,118	13,098	62,743	60,052	122,795	9.5	11.9	10.7
France	2,761	3,709	6,470	33,374	39,256	72,630	8.3	9.4	8.9
Spain	3,949	5,318	9,267	22,893	21,658	44,551	17.2	24.6	20.8
Netherlands	224	540	764	17,256	16,388	33,644	1.3	3.3	2.3
Sweden	209	615	824	16,286	14,219	30,505	1.3	4.3	2.7
Belgium	182	321	503	11,122	11,902	23,024	1.6	2.7	2.2
Switzerland	959	1,474	2,433	11,186	10,871	22,057	8.6	13.6	11.0
Denmark	47	133	180	11,839	9,812	21,651	0.4	1.4	0.8
Austria	1,899	2,316	4,215	9,788	10,193	19,981	19.4	22.7	21.1
Russia	2,209	3,616	5,825	6,961	10,270	17,231	31.7	35.2	33.8
Libya	212	46	258	8,536	3,185	11,721	2.5	1.4	2.2
Finland	84	206	290	4,267	4,848	9,115	2.0	4.2	3.2
Hungary	178	263	441	3,780	3,460	7,240	4.7	7.6	6.1
Poland	493	734	1,227	3,257	3,546	6,803	15.1	20.7	18.0
Czech Republic	589	1,037	1,626	2,845	3,542	6,387	20.7	29.3	25.5
Japan	247	647	894	2,535	3,796	6,331	9.7	17.0	14.1
Norway	35	147	182	3,492	2,762	6,254	1.0	5.3	2.9
Romania	12	21	33	3,117	2,156	5,273	0.4	1.0	0.6
Portugal	44	45	89	2,074	2,016	4,090	2.1	2.2	2.2
Other countries	2,102	2,943	5,045	282,134	270,560	552,694	0.7	1.1	0.9
Total	29,466	39,452	68,918	614,782	568,232	1,183,014	4.8	6.9	5.8

Table 6. Student population, by seasonal pattern, sex and percentage of all incoming tourists: 2009

	Winter	Shoulder	Summer	Total
Females	3,620	12,644	23,188	39,452
Males	2,985	9,818	16,663	29,466
Total Students	6,605	22,462	39,851	68,918
Females	100,511	256,947	210,774	568,232
Males	124,713	262,368	227,701	614,782
Total Tourists	225,224	519,315	438,475	1,183,014
Females	3.6	4.9	11.0	6.9
Males	2.4	3.7	7.3	4.8
% students of total tourists	2.9	4.3	9.1	5.8

Table 7. Student population, by seasonal pattern and age group: 2009

Age	Winter		Shoulder		Summer		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
17 and under	466	619	4,055	5,127	7,140	10,230	11,661	15,976	27,637
18-25	808	1,241	2,465	3,182	5,935	8,427	9,208	12,850	22,058
26 and over	1,711	1,760	3,298	4,335	3,588	4,531	8,597	10,626	19,223
Total	2,985	3,620	9,818	12,644	16,663	23,188	29,466	39,452	68,918

Table 8. Total number of weeks for students who followed an English-language course in specialised schools, by country, age group and sex: 2009

Country	Age														
	15 and under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 and over		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
Italy	2,496	2,791	2,347	2,873	3,043	3,533	1,286	1,461	1,092	1,133	1,488	1,711	11,752	13,502	25,254
Germany	2,137	2,865	1,835	2,821	1,394	2,098	1,373	2,076	1,341	1,516	3,583	3,866	11,663	15,242	26,905
Spain	445	557	841	1,300	2,678	4,139	4,120	6,205	2,026	2,317	1,022	1,149	11,132	15,667	26,799
France	1,182	1,815	1,961	2,662	827	1,430	1,055	1,465	376	619	482	465	5,883	8,456	14,339
Russia	1,737	1,814	1,090	1,630	749	1,833	986	2,317	917	1,401	1,182	1,717	6,661	10,712	17,373
Austria	655	669	702	1,124	664	661	381	189	111	131	343	512	2,856	3,286	6,142
Switzerland	246	362	446	765	605	1,181	439	901	285	273	778	1,132	2,799	4,614	7,413
Czech Republic	284	363	242	534	233	465	135	345	192	325	419	502	1,505	2,534	4,039
Poland	242	319	264	396	177	246	118	161	84	169	248	303	1,133	1,594	2,727
Japan	64	52	98	104	144	332	292	859	214	610	242	849	1,054	2,806	3,860
Turkey	171	122	154	86	477	466	1,190	942	788	658	893	660	3,673	2,934	6,607
Sweden	38	89	360	1,279	85	239	50	154	56	50	67	112	656	1,923	2,579
Netherlands	70	144	216	424	315	443	127	291	30	54	65	156	823	1,512	2,335
Slovakia	114	110	110	184	89	164	79	184	66	154	181	291	639	1,087	1,726
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	23	0	0	6	98	336	862	1,097	443	556	82	305	1,508	2,300	3,808
Belgium	66	130	111	273	117	268	69	191	42	12	16	35	421	909	1,330
Hungary	51	65	125	143	124	194	92	269	85	97	218	275	695	1,043	1,738
Ukraine	126	166	62	55	54	176	64	159	61	100	56	134	423	790	1,213
Finland	5	5	78	264	18	46	15	30	5	22	75	170	196	537	733
Libya	181	106	147	28	278	80	304	49	216	8	827	77	1,953	348	2,301
Others	320	467	536	1,032	1,094	1,471	1,843	2,715	703	1,087	741	1,015	5,237	7,787	13,024
Total	10,653	13,011	11,725	17,983	13,263	19,801	14,880	22,060	9,133	11,292	13,008	15,436	72,662	99,583	172,245

Table 9. Average number of weeks per student, by sex, age and nationality: 2009

Country	15 and under		16-17		18-20		21-25		26-30		31 and over		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total
Italy	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Germany	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.5	2.1	2.5	2.1	2.1	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.1
France	1.8	1.8	1.9	1.9	2.4	2.8	3.3	5.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.2
Spain	2.5	2.4	2.7	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.3	2.4	2.7	2.9	2.5	2.8	3.0	2.9
Netherlands	2.7	2.4	3.7	2.9	5.3	2.9	4.2	3.7	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.1	3.7	2.8	3.1
Sweden	1.4	1.6	3.1	3.0	5.3	7.2	4.6	5.1	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.0	3.1	3.1	3.1
Belgium	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.9	4.3	3.3	5.2	2.1	1.5	1.1	1.8	2.3	2.8	2.6
Switzerland	2.3	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	3.8	4.0	4.4	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.9	3.1	3.1
Denmark	1.6	1.3	2.2	2.2	4.2	2.9	3.0	3.4	-	-	1.8	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.3
Austria	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	7.2	2.2	2.9	2.3	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.5
Russia	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.6	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0
Libya	5.3	4.4	7.7	9.3	6.6	16.0	6.1	24.5	7.7	2.7	21.2	8.6	9.2	7.6	8.9
Finland	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.0	6.0	3.5	2.1	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.7	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.5
Hungary	2.3	2.5	3.6	3.6	4.8	4.4	6.1	6.6	2.5	2.7	4.7	3.6	3.9	4.0	3.9
Poland	2.4	2.2	2.8	2.1	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.1	1.7	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.2
Czech Republic	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	2.5	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.5
Japan	2.6	2.4	3.5	2.3	6.3	4.1	6.5	5.5	2.7	3.9	5.0	4.6	4.3	4.3	4.3
Norway	1.0	2.2	1.9	2.0	4.0	3.2	0.0	2.5	13.0	-	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.0	2.0
Romania	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	-	3.0	2.7	2.5	-	7.0	1.3	1.3	1.9	2.1	2.0
Portugal	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.5	2.5	0.8	1.8	1.0	1.0	3.5	2.3	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other countries	2.9	2.5	2.7	2.6	5.8	5.3	7.6	8.7	5.2	5.0	6.6	3.3	5.3	4.5	4.9
Total	1.8	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.6	2.8	3.6	3.8	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.5	2.5

Table 10. Average number of weeks per student, by sex and seasonal pattern: 2009

	Student Population			Number of Student Week			Average number of weeks per student		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Winter	2,985	3,620	6,605	11,326	12,899	24,225	3.8	3.6	3.7
Shoulder	9,818	12,644	22,462	22,215	30,251	52,466	2.3	2.4	2.3
Summer	16,663	23,188	39,851	39,121	56,433	95,554	2.3	2.4	2.4
Total	29,466	39,452	68,918	72,662	99,583	172,245	2.5	2.5	2.5

Table 11. Staff engaged in the teaching of English to foreign students, by sex: 2009

Full-time			Part-time			Total			Total Responding Institutes
Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
61	103	164	288	800	1,088	349	903	1,252	32

Methodological Notes

1. The data included in this release were obtained from schools teaching English to foreign students in Malta.
2. Four schools failed to provide information in time for inclusion in this release. The schools which failed to provide information for 2009, accounted for 2 per cent of the total student population for 2008. As a consequence the comparative analysis contained in this release may be slightly over estimated, given that the number of students for those missing schools could not be taken into account for this year.
3. The World Geographical Classification is based on the International Organisation for Standardisation country codes (ISO codes).
4. The data in this release are to be considered as final.

5. Definitions:

STUDENT: Refers to a person who attended an English-language course.

SEASONAL PATTERN:

Winter	January	November
	February	December
Shoulder	March	October
	to June	
Summer	July to September	