



## Deaths in Residents of the Maltese Islands during 2014

This fact sheet presents preliminary statistics on deaths in residents of the Maltese Islands during 2014 according to the National Mortality Registry of the Directorate of Health Information and Research. Statistics include counts of deaths by age, sex and selected causes of death.

### Key Findings

During the year 2014 there were 3270 deaths in residents of the Maltese Islands, an increase of 34 deaths from 2013.

### Deaths by sex and age

There were 1655 deaths in males and 1615 deaths in females giving a sex ratio of 1.02.

Less than 1% of all deaths occurred in children under the age of 15 years. On the other hand, 63.5% of deaths occurred in persons 75 years and over.

### Deaths by place of occurrence

70% of all deaths occurred in a hospital, of which 54% occurred at Mater Dei Hospital.

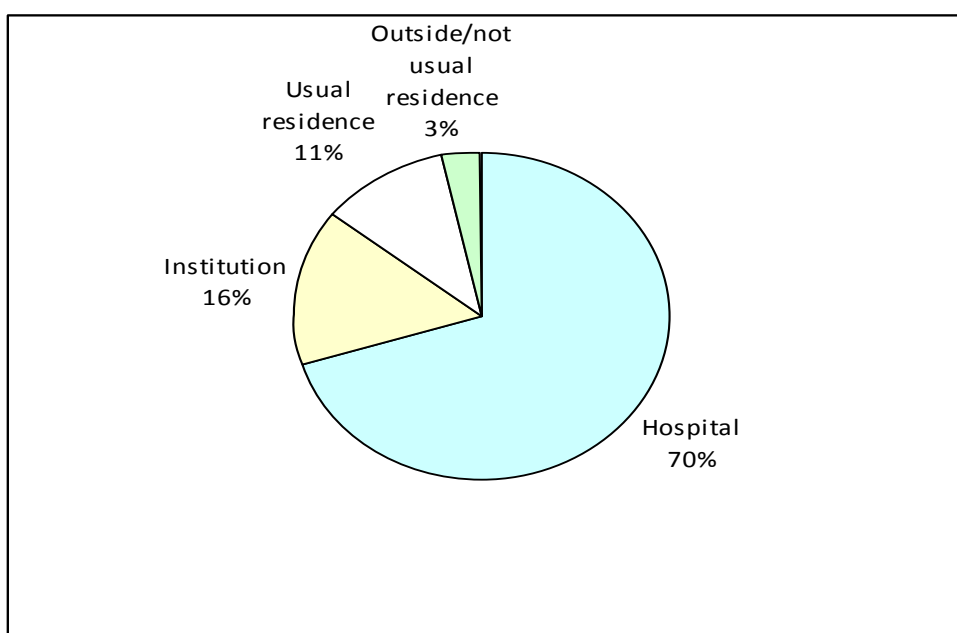


Figure 1: Deaths by place of occurrence

## Causes of death

Circulatory diseases accounted for 37.6% of deaths and are the leading cause of death. They mainly include ischaemic heart disease, heart failure and strokes. There were 1231 deaths due to circulatory diseases, a decrease of 67 deaths from 2013.

Neoplasms accounted for 28.5% of all deaths or 933 deaths with an increase of 63 deaths from 2013.

There were 311 deaths due to respiratory conditions mainly chronic obstructive airways disease and chest infections.

Diabetes as underlying cause of death accounted for 4.8% of all deaths or 157 deaths.

As the population survives to older age, deaths due to dementia increase. Dementia accounted for 4.4% of all deaths or 144 deaths.

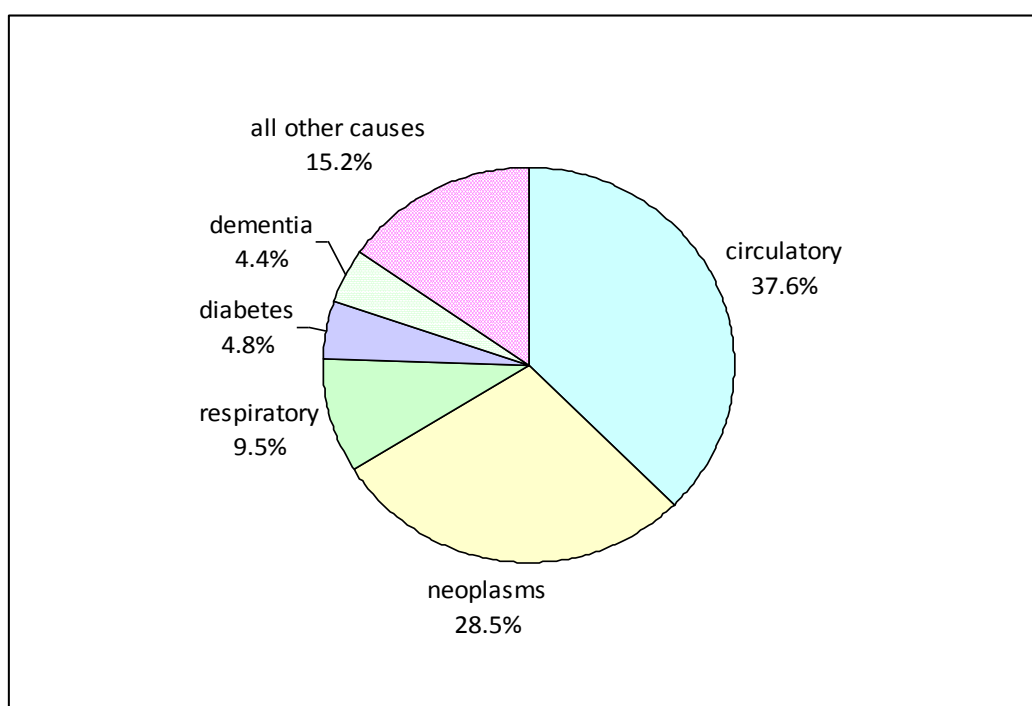


Figure 2: Main causes of deaths during 2014