

The changing structure of the Maltese population – the numbers behind the issue

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Defining issues

Fertility – the ability to conceive and give birth to children

Fertility rate – Is computed by adding the age-specific fertility rates for women in a given year. It can be interpreted as the mean number of children that would be born alive to a woman during her lifetime if she were to pass through her childbearing years conforming to the fertility rates by age of a given year, and surviving.

Replacement level - the level of fertility at which a population exactly replaces itself from one generation to the next. In developed countries, replacement-level fertility can be taken as requiring an average of 2.1 children per woman.

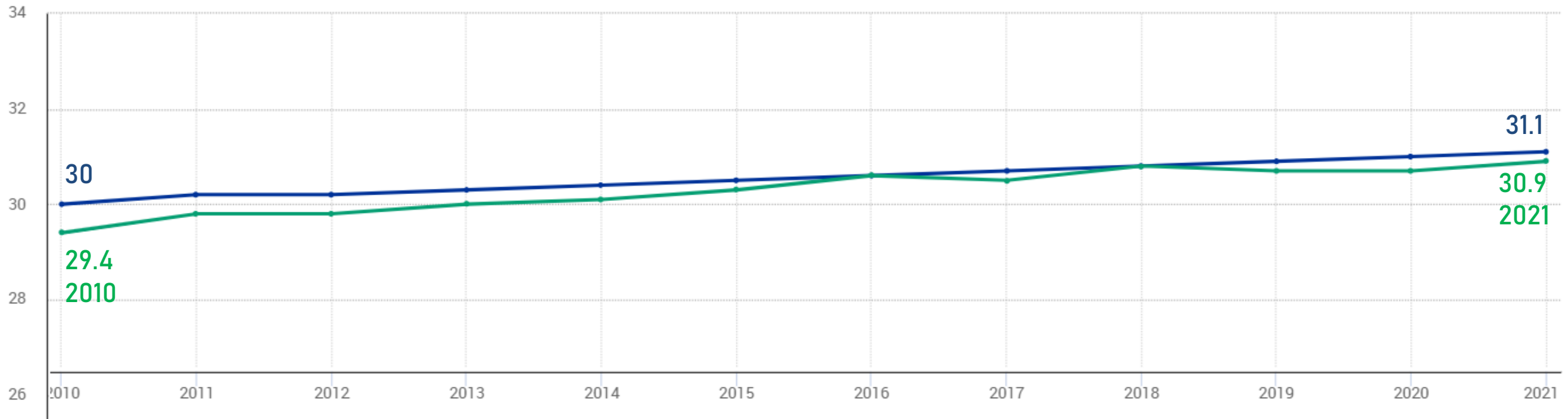
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Fertility rates



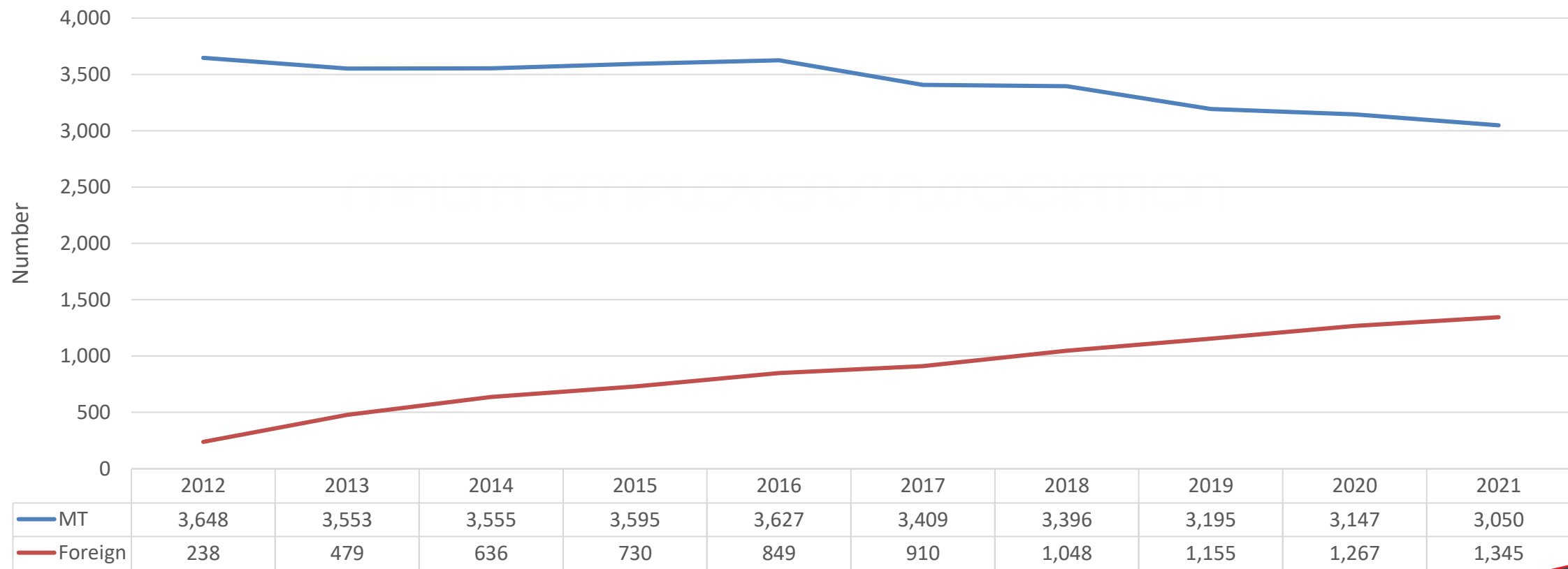
Mean age of women at childbirth



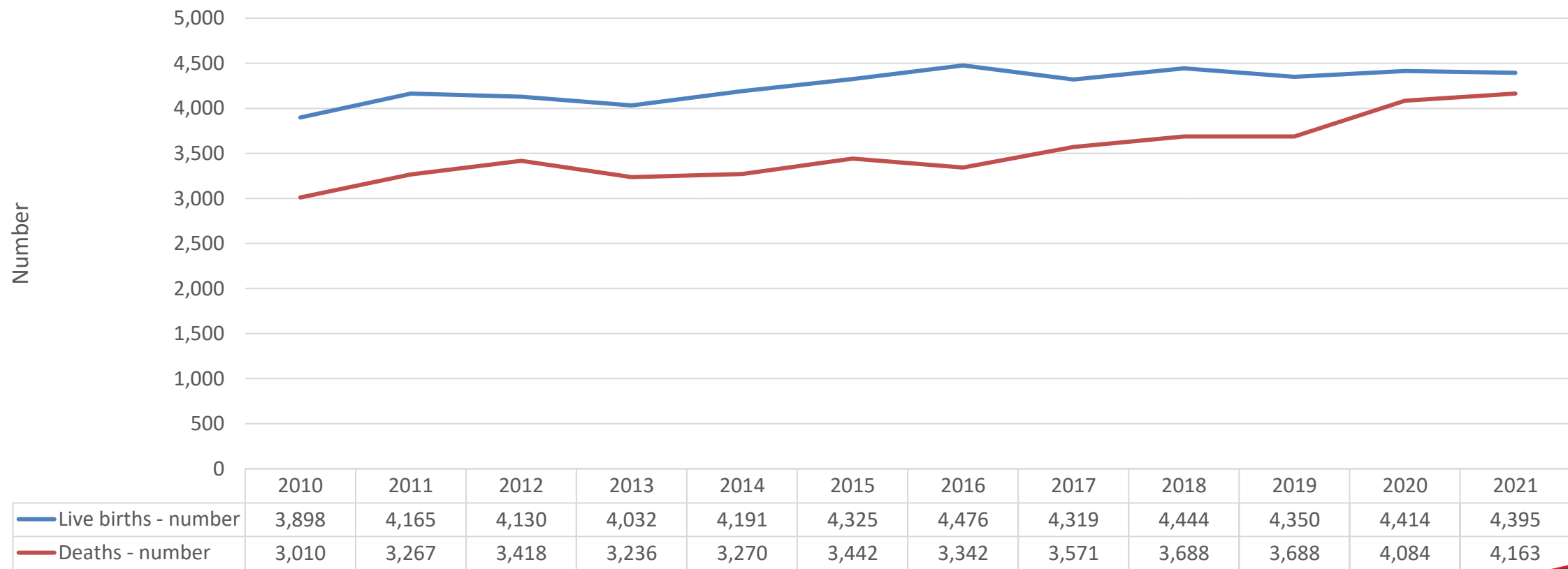
European Union - 27 countries (from 2020) Malta

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MT vs foreign births (citizenship)

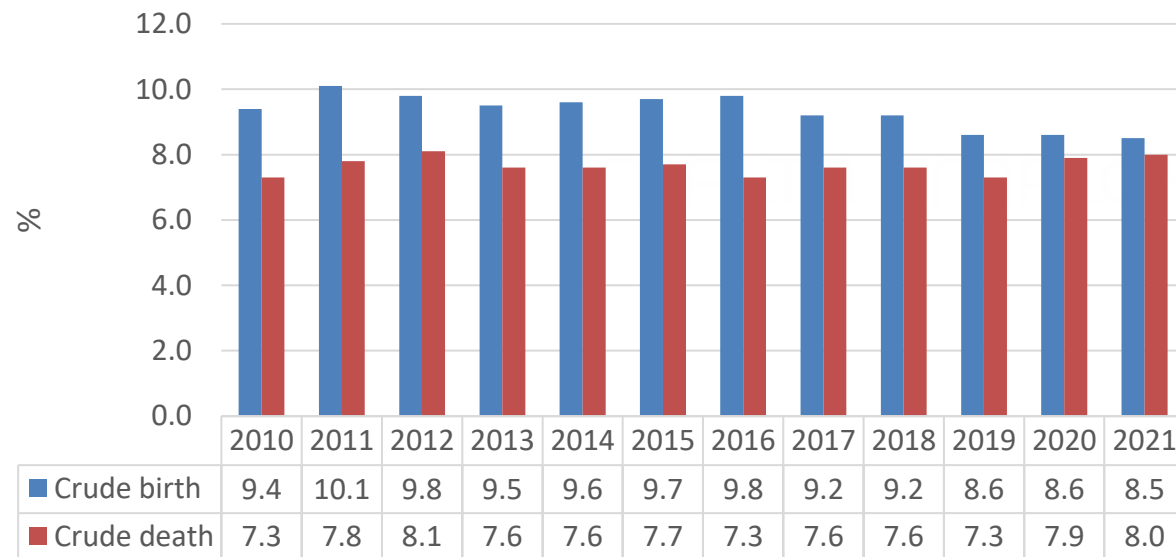


Live births and deaths



Crude births and deaths

Malta



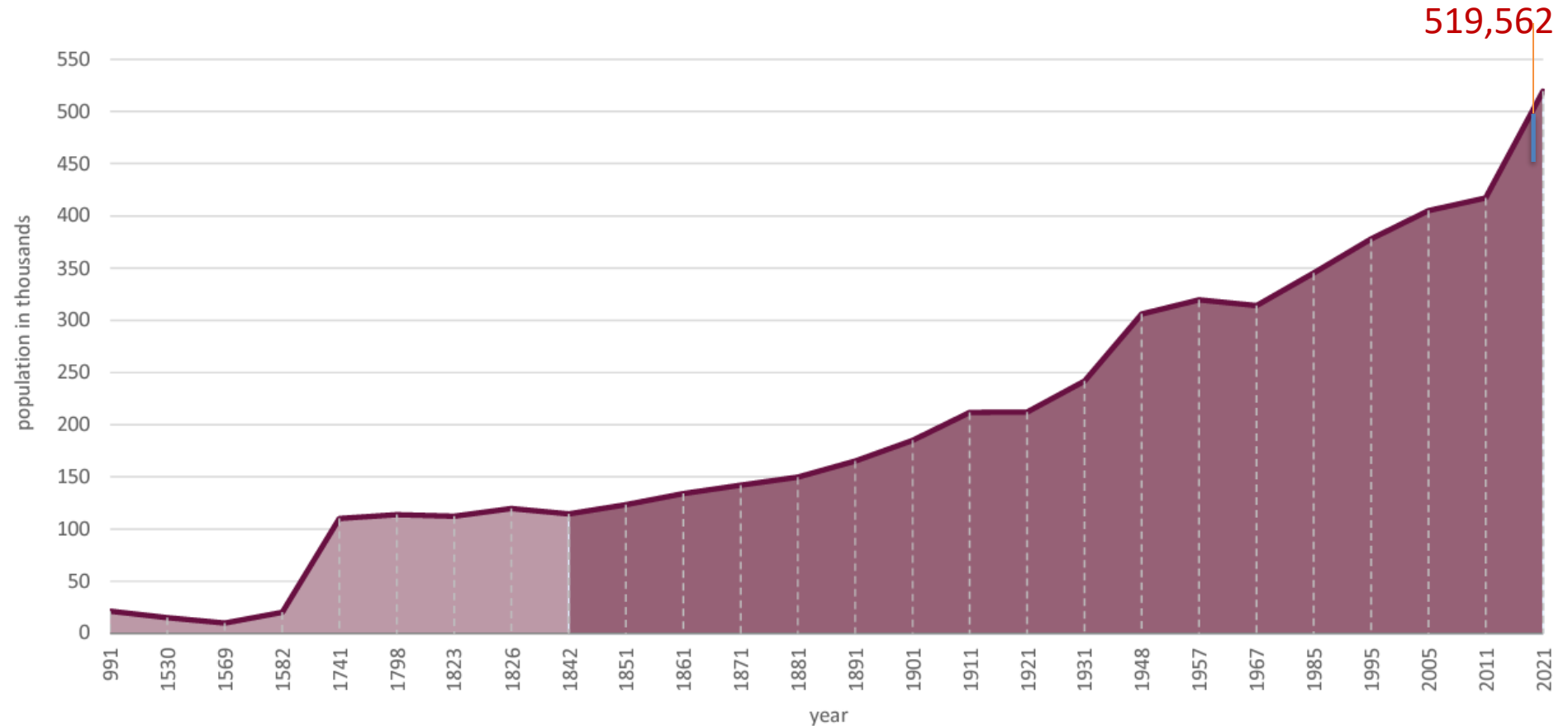
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Population increases

Population has increased by 25% since last census.

Malta remains the most densely populated country in the Eu with 1,649 residents per km² vs 109 per km² at EU.



Distribution by Age

Average age increased from 40.5 to 41.7 yrs.

52% were men (1st time ever that a Census recorded more males than females) vs 48.9% at EU.

Ratio of 924 females to 1000 males for Malta, down from 1011 : 1000



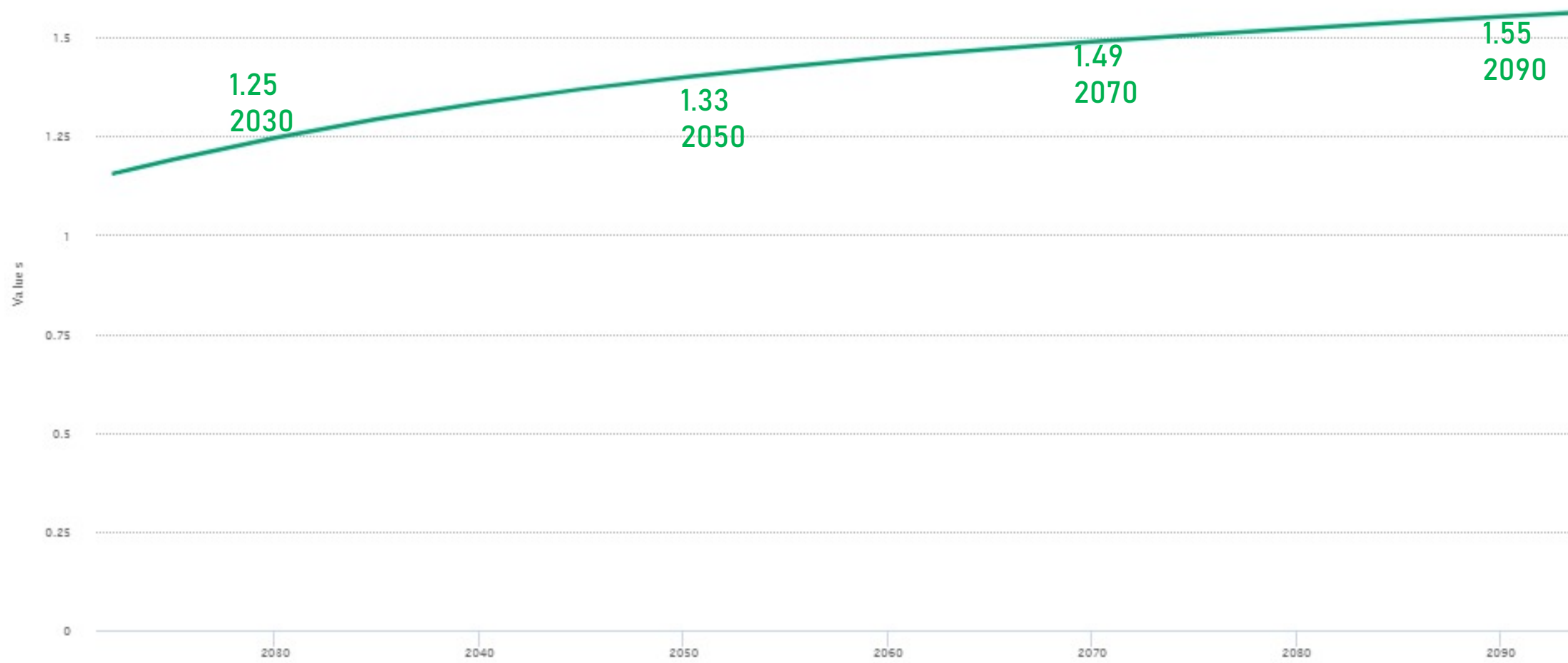
Dependency ratios

- **Dependency ratio** - ratio of the total number of dependents (aged 0 to 14 or over 64 years), to the working-age population aged 15 to 64. The dependency ratio increased from 45.2 in 2011 to **46.7 in 2021**. At the EU level this is a 56%
- **Old-age dependency ratio** – ratio of older dependents (over 64 years) to the working-age population aged 15 to 64. Old-age dependency ratio increased from 23.7 in 2011 to **27.6 in 2021**. At the EU level this is at 32.5%.

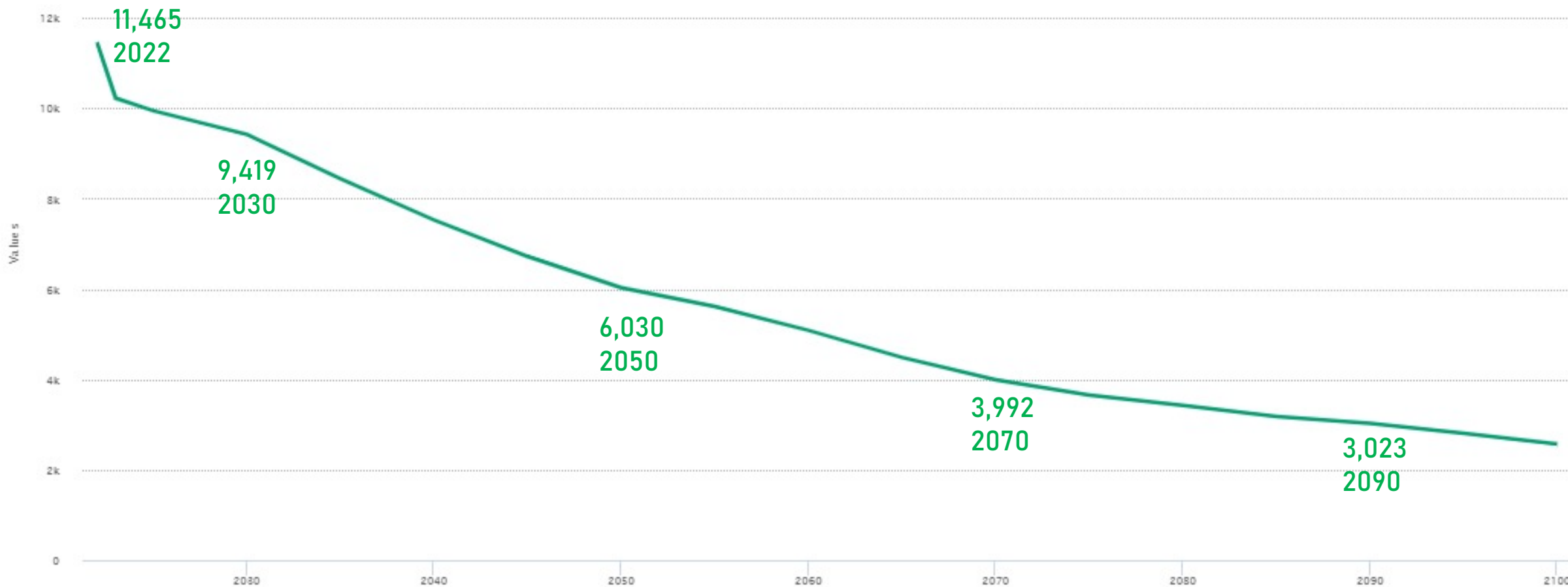
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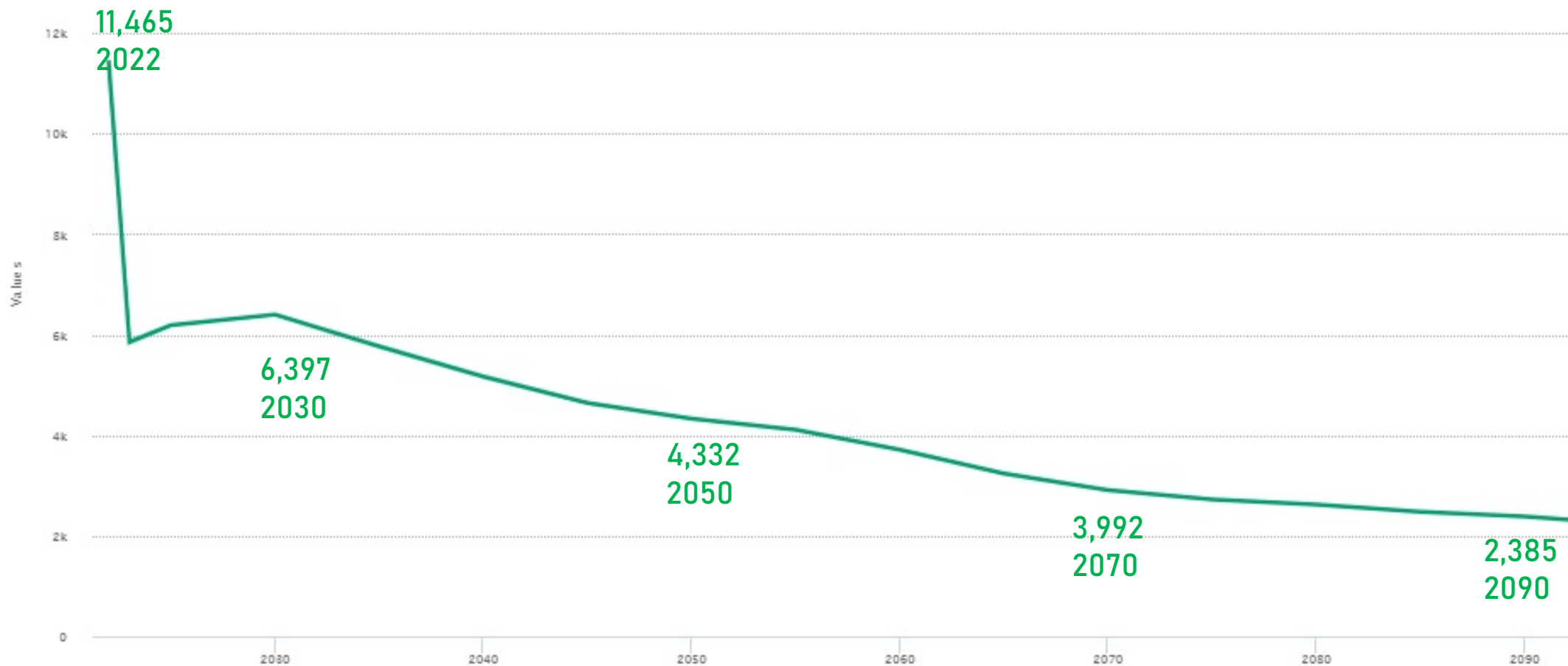
Fertility rates- baseline



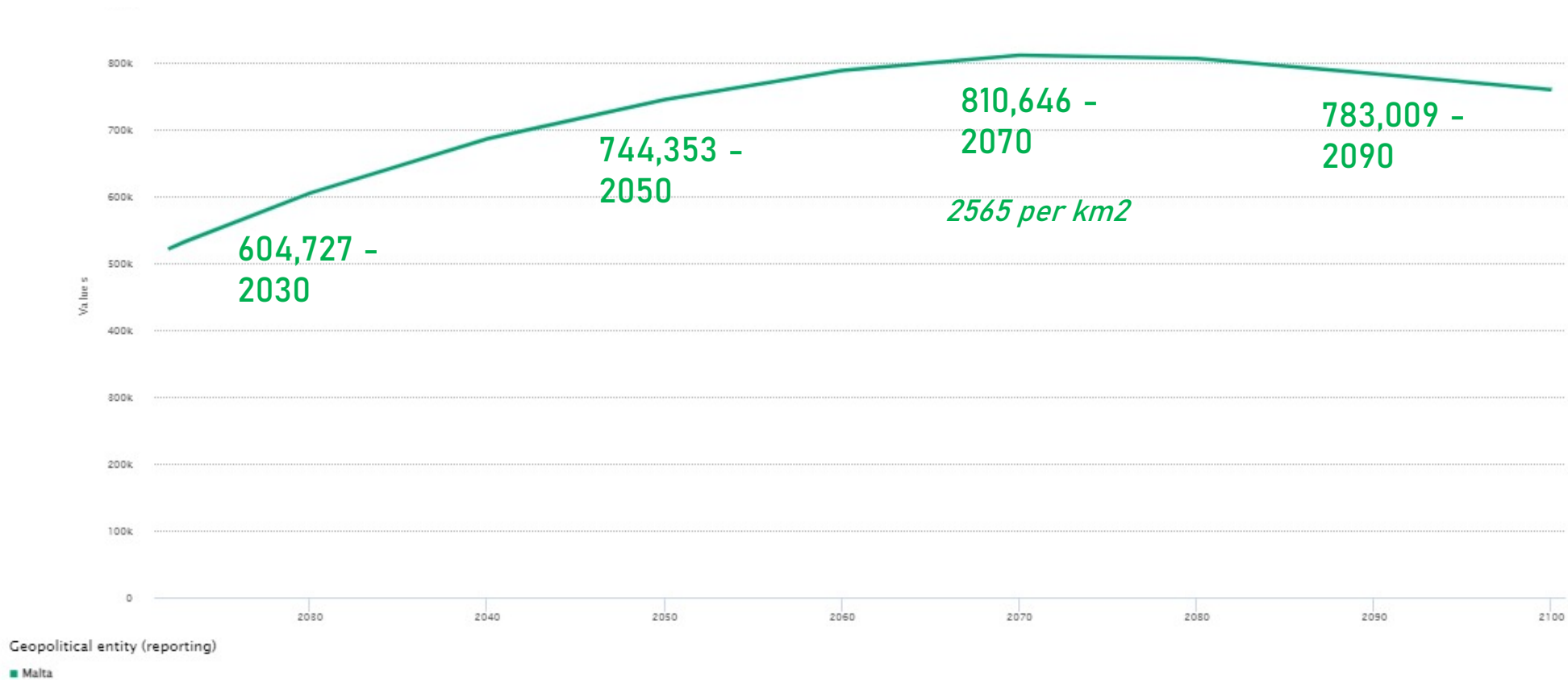
Net migration - baseline



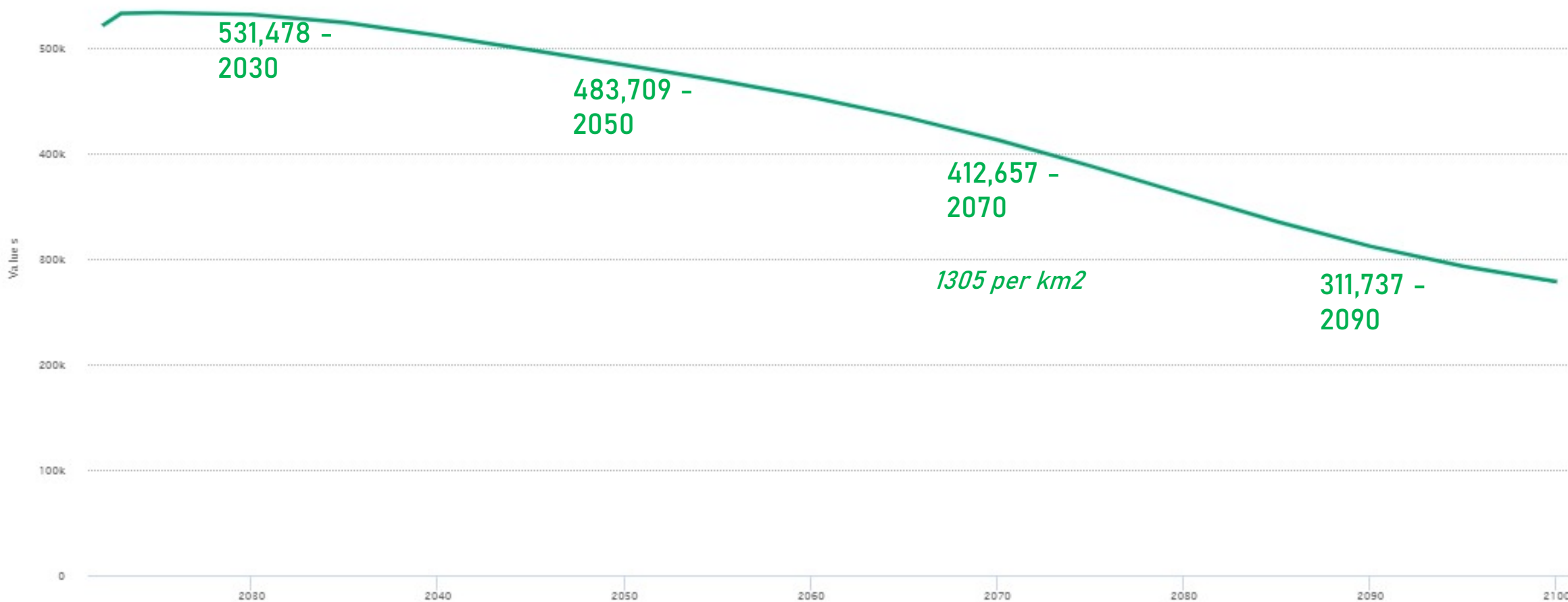
Net migration – lower migration



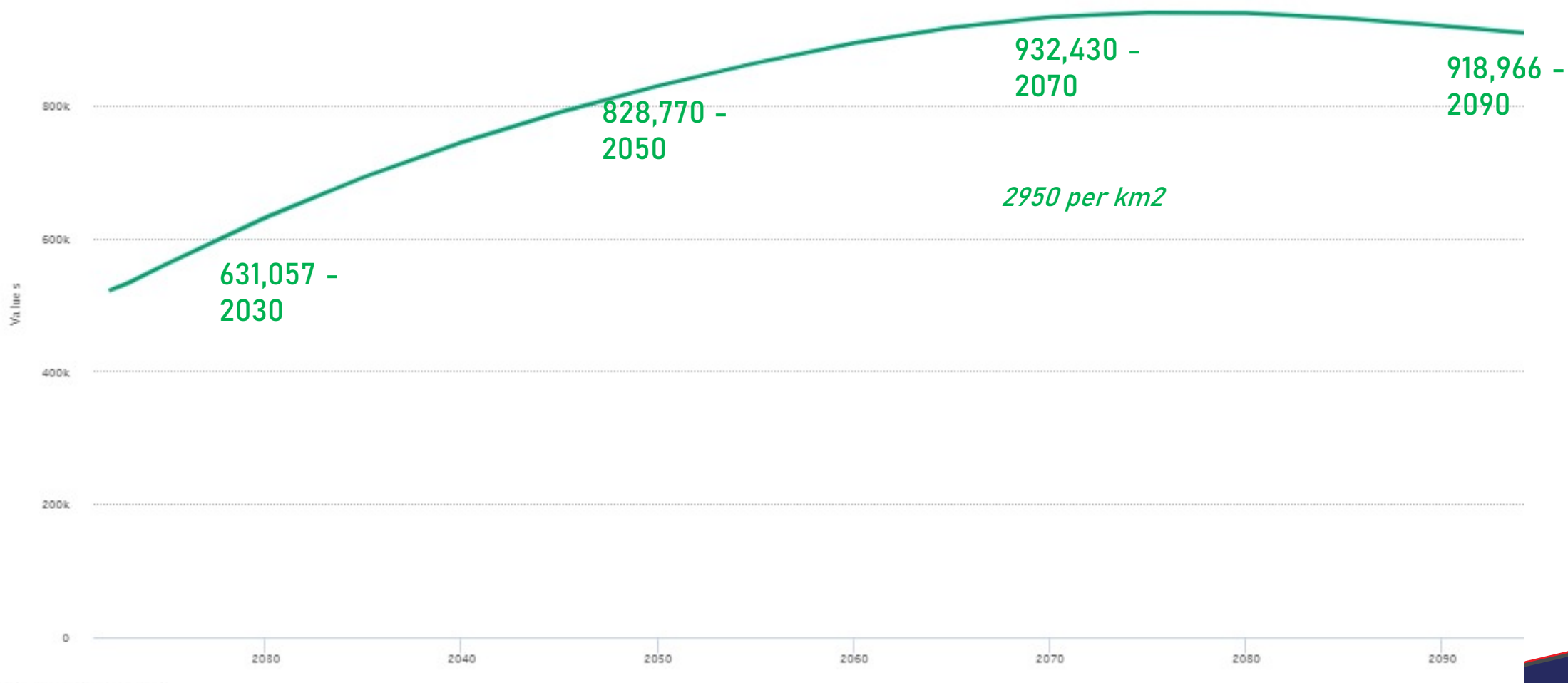
Population projections - baseline



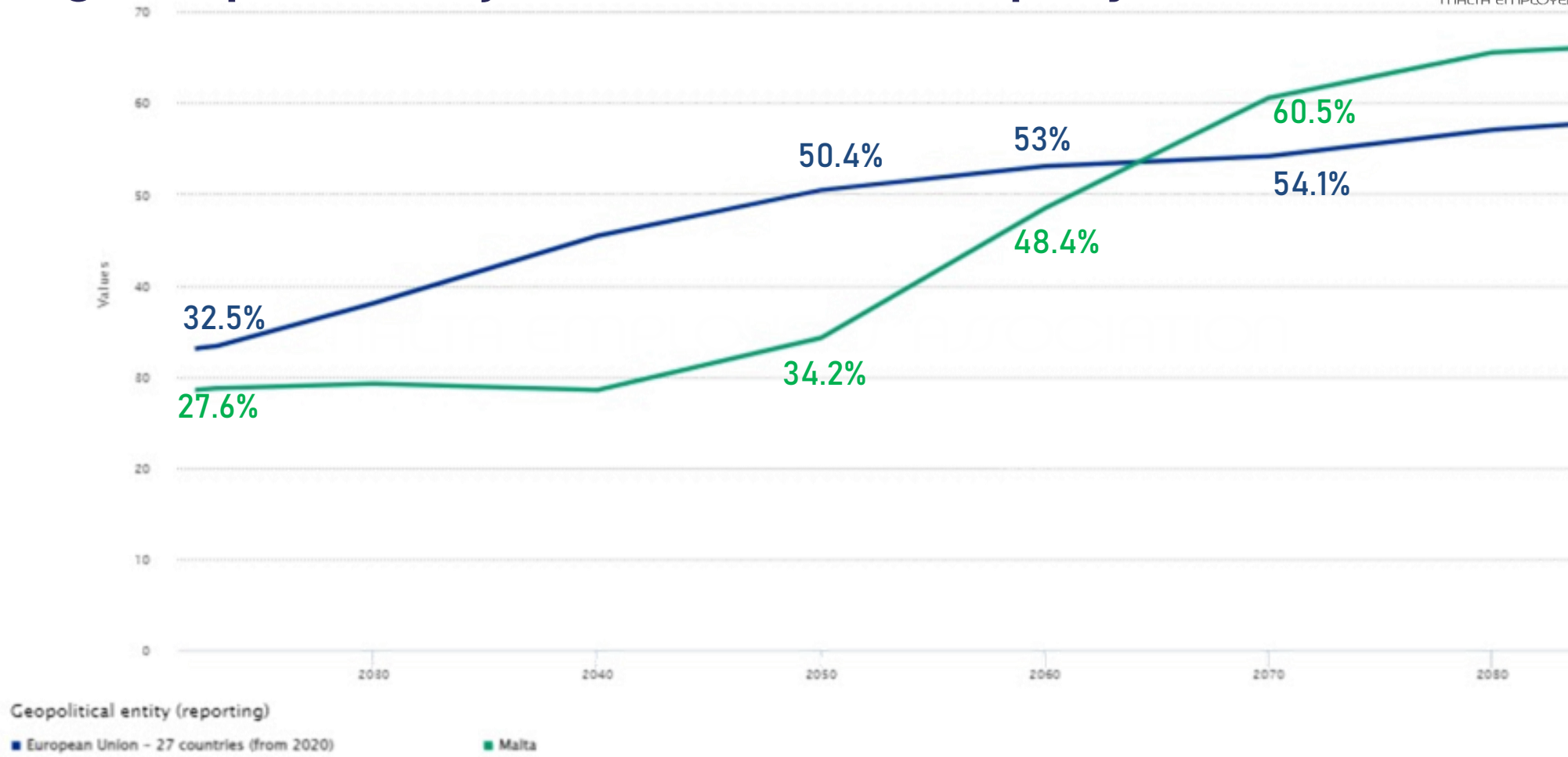
Population projections – no migration



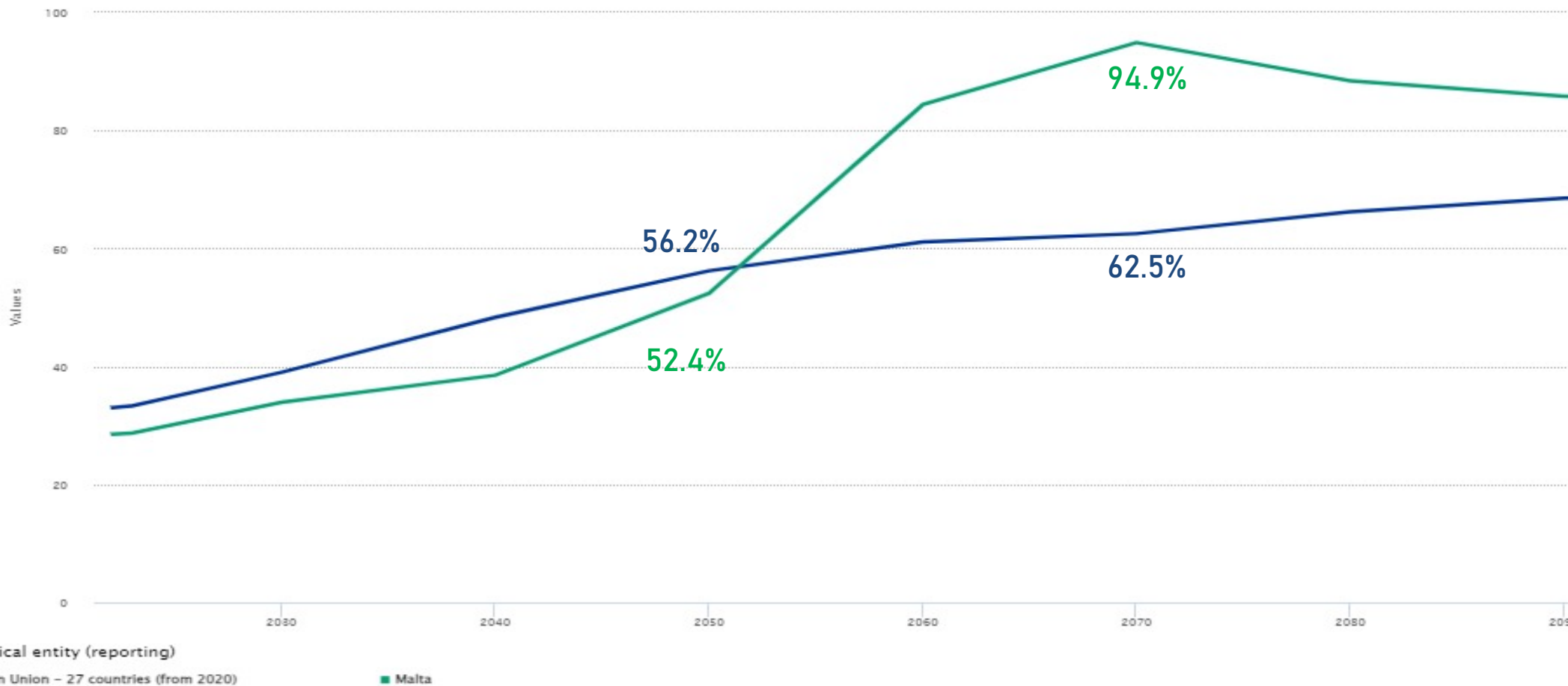
Population projections – higher migration



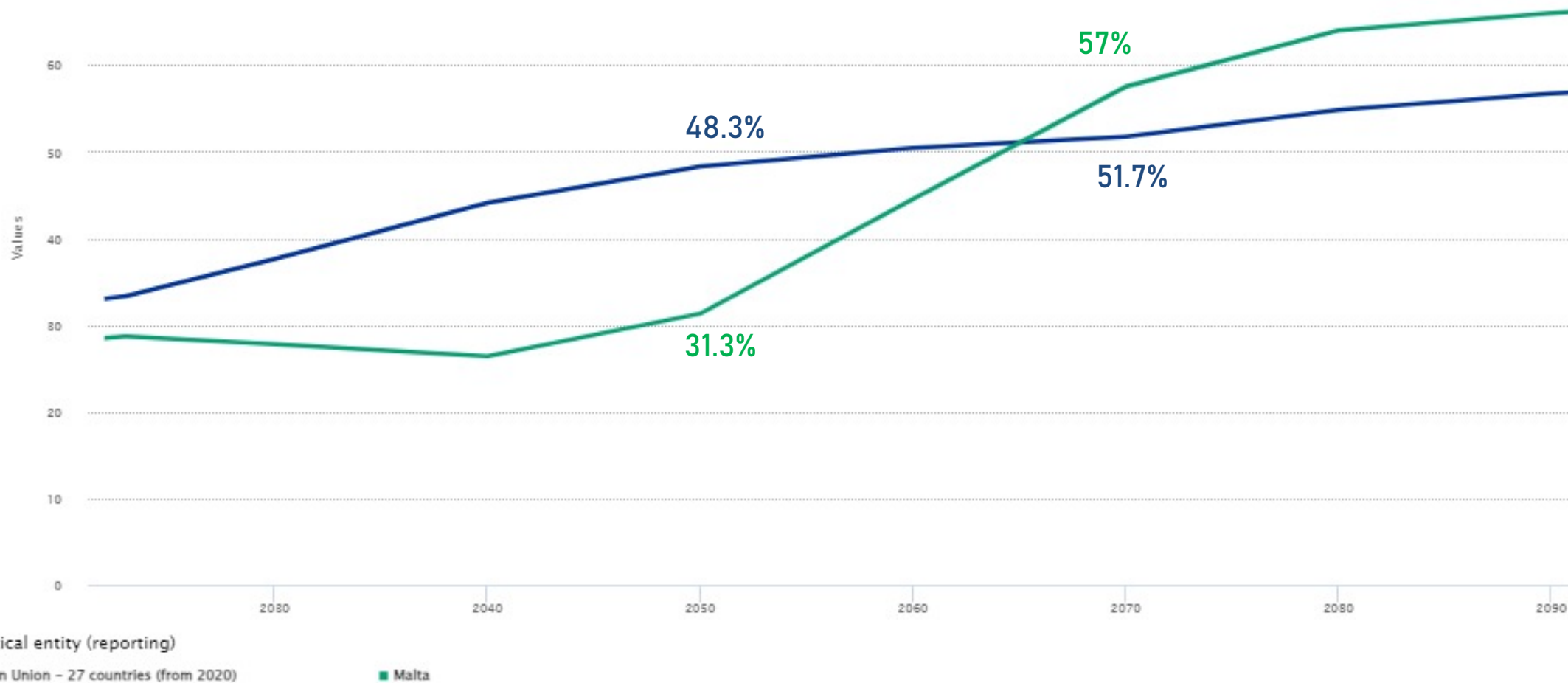
Old-age dependency ratio – baseline projections



Old-age dependency ratio – no migration



Old-age dependency ratio – higher migration



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