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Rebased Population Estimates and Vital Statistics for January 1, 2024

The Department of Statistics (STAT) released the "rebased" population estimates, derived from vital statistics (i.e. number of births, deaths, registered immigration, and emigration) provided by the Civil Registry Department. These estimates offer a comprehensive and accurate reflection of the current demographic landscape in our nation.

In line with international statistical standards and to ensure accuracy in our estimation, the population estimates have been rebased following the comprehensive Population Census held in 2022. This rebasing process allows us to align our estimates with the latest demographic realities and refine our understanding of population trends.

As of the 1st of January 2024, the estimated population of St. Maarten stands at 41,349, showcasing a 0.9% increase from the previous year. This growth in the St. Maarten population from January 1, 2023, to January 1, 2024, came 65% from net migration¹, with 35% coming from the natural increase². This underscores the dynamic nature of our community.

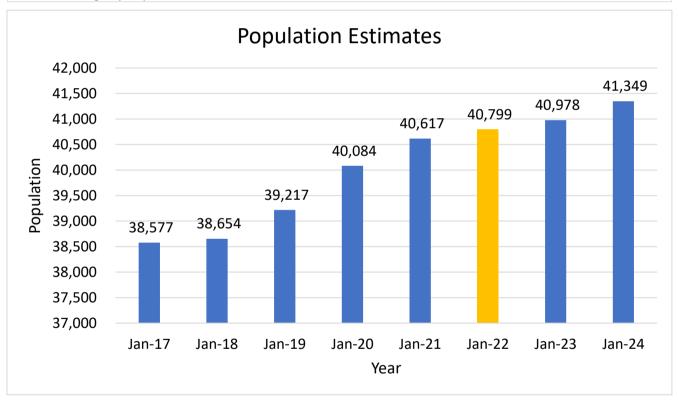
¹ Net migration is the number of immigrants minus the number of emigrants.

² Natural increase is the difference between births and deaths.

STAT remains committed to providing reliable and timely demographic insights to support evidence-based decision-making. These population estimates serve as a foundation for understanding demographic trends, facilitating sustainable development, and fostering a prosperous future for St. Maarten.

Vital Statistics	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19	Jan-20	Jan-21	Jan-22	Jan-23	Jan-24
Population (estimates)	38,577	38,654	39,217	40,084	40,617	40,799	40,978	41,349
Births	363	412	398	423	370	348	360	
Deaths	172	165	194	233	241	258	231	
Natural Increases	191	247	204	190	129	90	129	
Immigrants	964	1,273	1,379	868	827	958	1,200	
Emigrants	1,078	957	716	525	774	869	958	
Rebasing						-1,960		
Net migration	-114	316	663	343	53	89	242	
Total Growth	79	563	863	533	182	179	371	
Development	-2.1%	0.2%	1.5%	2.2%	1.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.9%

Source: Civil Registry Department and STAT estimates



Note to readers

The rebasing process is part of the normal procedures after each census to ensure the highest possible accuracy of the demographic estimates. It is expected that demographic estimates released today slightly differ from those published in previous releases and based on the 2011 Census.