

Births and fertility among the resident population

Year 2013

In 2013, 514,308 births were registered in the Resident Population Register. There were 20,000 fewer births than in 2012. The figures confirm the downward trend that began in 2009: the number of births decreased substantially in five years (-62,000 births).

The recent decline in births mainly resulted from the decrease in the number of children born to Italian parents (approximately 70,000 fewer births in five years).

Marriage remains the most common family setting for births in Italy. The observed decline in the number of marriages had a negative impact on births. In 2013, the number of births to married partners had dropped under 400,000 for the first time. Births within marriage were 380,863, approximately 83 thousand fewer in five years.

In 2013 births outside marriage increased slightly and reached 133,000 births. As a result the relative weight of births to unmarried couples increased: more than one baby out of four was born to an unmarried couple. In particular, in the Centre-North area 30% of babies were born to unmarried couples.

In 2013, 104,100 babies were born to couples with at least one foreign parent (20.2% of all births); for the first time their number decreased (a fall of 3,239 compared to 2012).

A major decrease was observed in the number of babies born to foreign parents (2,189 fewer births than in 2012) which totalled 77,705 in 2013 (15.0% of all births).

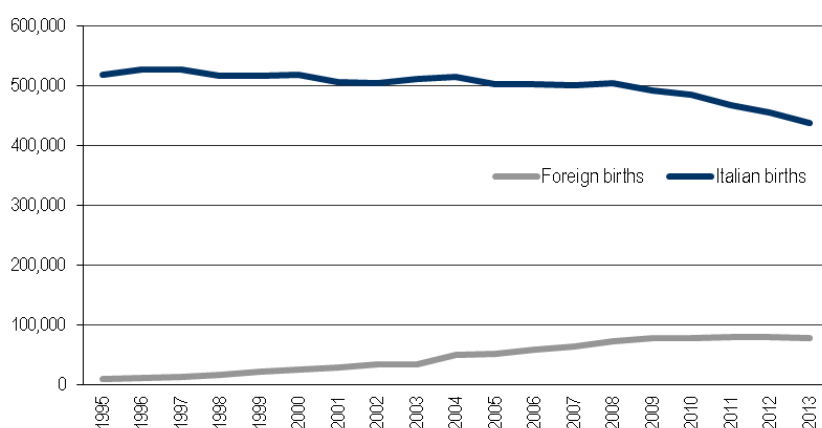
Considering foreign mothers, women from Romania, Morocco, Albania and China had the highest number of babies in Italy last year. In particular, Romanian mothers gave birth to 19,492 babies, Moroccan to 12,778, Albanian to 9,966 and Chinese to 4,969. Births to these four citizenships accounted for almost 45% of births to foreign mothers.

The average number of children per woman has slightly declined and fell to 1.39, compared with 1.46 in 2010. Total fertility rate was 1.29 children for Italian women and 2.10 for foreign women.

SUMMARY TABLE 1. BIRTHS AND FERTILITY IN ITALY: MAIN CHARACTERISTICS AND INDICATORS. 2008-2013

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total births	576,659	568,857	561,944	546,585	534,186	514,308
Births (absolute changes on the previous year)	12,726	-7,802	-6,863	-15,359	-12,399	-19,878
Births with at least one foreign parent	96,442	102,140	106,710	105,788	107,339	104,100
Births to Italian couples	480,217	466,717	455,284	440,797	426,847	410,208
Births outside marriage	112,849	116,273	134,398	133,869	132,334	133,445
Births outside marriage (percentage values)	19.6	20.4	23.6	24.5	24.8	25.9
Total fertility rate	1.45	1.45	1.46	1.44	1.42	1.39
Mean age at childbearing for total women	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.4	31.4	31.5
Total Fertility rate for Italian women	1.34	1.33	1.34	1.32	1.29	1.29
Mean age at childbearing for Italian women	31.7	31.8	31.9	32.0	32.0	32.1
Total Fertility rate for foreign women	2.65	2.55	2.43	2.36	2.37	2.10
Mean age at childbearing for foreign women	27.5	27.8	28.1	28.4	28.4	28.5

FIGURE 1. ITALIAN AND FOREIGN BIRTHS AMONG THE RESIDENT POPULATION IN ITALY. 1995-2013, absolute values



SUMMARY TABLE 2. BIRTHS TO AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN PARENT, BY REGION 1999 and 2013, percentage of resident births

REGIONS	1999		2013	
	To at least one foreign parent	of which: both parents foreign	To at least one foreign parent	of which: both parents foreign
Piemonte	8.3	5.5	26.4	19.7
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	8.1	4.9	21.6	13.6
Lombardia	9.8	6.9	28.9	22.6
<i>Bolzano-Bozen</i>	6.7	2.9	24.1	14.1
<i>Trento</i>	8.2	5.4	25.2	17.9
Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol	7.5	4.1	24.7	16.0
Veneto	8.3	6.0	27.7	21.9
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	6.8	3.5	23.7	17.4
Liguria	6.9	3.5	26.2	19.6
Emilia-Romagna	10.1	7.0	31.8	24.6
Toscana	9.1	5.8	25.6	19.9
Umbria	9.4	6.2	26.7	19.6
Marche	8.5	5.6	23.2	17.4
Lazio	7.2	5.1	21.4	15.7
Abruzzo	4.9	2.4	15.6	11.0
Molise	2.2	0.6	9.4	5.4
Campania	1.6	0.7	6.7	4.2
Puglia	1.6	0.9	6.9	4.3
Basilicata	1.4	0.7	8.0	4.5
Calabria	2.0	0.8	10.7	6.9
Sicilia	2.4	1.7	7.1	4.7
Sardegna	2.2	0.8	7.0	3.6
North-West	9.1	6.2	28.0	21.6
North-East	8.7	5.9	28.6	21.9
Centre	8.0	5.5	23.2	17.4
South	1.9	0.9	8.2	5.2
Islands	2.3	1.5	7.1	4.5
ITALY	6.0	4.0	20.2	15.1

SUMMARY TABLE 3. BIRTHS BY MOTHER'S AGE CLASS AND REGION. 2013. Absolute values and percentages

REGIONS	Mother's age class								Total	Total mothers		Italian mothers	
	< 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 e +		< 25	>=40	< 25	>=40
	absolute values									percentage values			
Piemonte	70	340	3,036	7,939	11,931	9,585	2,553	200	35,654	9.7	7.7	6.3	9.0
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	3	9	100	261	344	241	93	8	1,059	10.6	9.5	8.1	10.4
Lombardia	209	831	7,278	18,916	29,836	24,060	6,759	521	88,410	9.4	8.2	5.4	9.7
Bolzano/Bozen	14	55	461	1,257	1,913	1,214	347	20	5,281	10.0	6.9	8.1	7.9
Trento	8	39	473	1,179	1,749	1,276	370	19	5,113	10.2	7.6	6.1	9.1
Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol	22	94	934	2,436	3,662	2,490	717	39	10,394	10.1	7.3	7.1	8.5
Veneto	77	289	3,498	8,907	14,369	11,459	3,143	231	41,973	9.2	8.0	5.0	9.8
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	15	73	805	2,043	3,063	2,602	770	37	9,408	9.5	8.6	6.3	10.2
Liguria	37	170	957	2,217	3,438	3,121	972	80	10,992	10.6	9.6	5.8	11.5
Emilia-Romagna	84	317	3,382	8,535	12,395	10,153	2,973	218	38,057	9.9	8.4	5.5	10.6
Toscana	59	280	2,508	6,089	9,670	8,198	2,479	196	29,479	9.7	9.1	5.1	10.8
Umbria	14	85	710	1,617	2,449	1,900	557	43	7,375	11.0	8.1	6.4	9.9
Marche	19	117	1,099	2,705	4,229	3,491	903	70	12,633	9.8	7.7	5.8	9.1
Lazio	152	480	4,049	10,367	17,210	14,870	4,601	458	52,187	9.0	9.7	6.4	11.0
Abruzzo	23	112	898	2,246	3,741	2,936	759	76	10,791	9.6	7.7	6.9	8.6
Molise	4	22	155	485	794	640	152	17	2,269	8.0	7.4	6.4	7.7
Campania	363	988	6,121	13,855	17,542	10,968	2,692	256	52,785	14.2	5.6	13.8	5.7
Puglia	215	534	3,451	7,713	11,479	8,239	1,905	143	33,679	12.5	6.1	11.6	6.3
Basilicata	13	28	321	844	1,500	1,098	262	35	4,101	8.8	7.2	7.5	7.5
Calabria	66	221	1,795	4,409	5,495	3,623	1,003	84	16,696	12.5	6.5	11.0	6.8
Sicilia	444	1,049	5,676	11,159	14,270	9,361	2,367	168	44,494	16.1	5.7	15.5	5.8
Sardegna	33	124	896	2,212	3,734	3,578	1,192	103	11,872	8.9	10.9	8.3	11.4
North-West	319	1,350	11,371	29,333	45,549	37,007	10,377	809	136,115	9.6	8.2	5.7	9.7
North-East	198	773	8,619	21,921	33,489	26,704	7,603	525	99,832	9.6	8.1	5.5	9.9
Centre	244	962	8,366	20,778	33,558	28,459	8,540	767	101,674	9.4	9.2	6.0	10.6
South	684	1,905	12,741	29,552	40,551	27,504	6,773	611	120,321	12.7	6.1	11.8	6.4
Islands	477	1,173	6,572	13,371	18,004	12,939	3,559	271	56,366	14.6	6.8	14.0	7.0
ITALY	1,922	6,163	47,669	114,955	171,151	132,613	36,852	2,983	514,308	10.8	7.7	8.4	8.7

SUMMARY TABLE 4. BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED PARENTS BY REGION. 1995 and 2013, by 100 births

REGIONS	1995	2013	
	All residents	All residents	of which: to Italian parents
Piemonte	10.1	31.2	34.6
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	13.6	33.9	38.9
Lombardia	8.8	26.8	30.2
Bolzano/Bozen	18.5	44.3	49.7
Trento	7.2	28.6	33.1
Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol	13.2	36.6	41.3
Veneto	6.8	27.1	30.9
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	11.3	28.1	33.2
Liguria	11.9	33.3	35.6
Emilia-Romagna	12.7	33.3	38.1
Toscana	9.8	31.9	34.6
Umbria	6.3	25.1	27.6
Marche	5.3	28.1	29.7
Lazio	10.0	30.4	32.3
Abruzzo	4.1	23.4	22.8
Molise	2.9	16.1	14.2
Campania	5.0	16.1	15.0
Puglia	6.9	20.2	19.5
Basilicata	2.7	13.3	12.1
Calabria	3.9	15.2	12.8
Sicilia	8.7	19.0	17.9
Sardegna	8.9	30.9	30.3
North-West	9.5	28.6	32.0
North-East	10.0	30.5	34.9
Centre	9.1	30.2	32.2
South	5.2	17.7	16.4
Islands	8.7	21.5	20.6
ITALY	8.1	25.9	26.9

Sources: 1995, individual survey of births from population register; 2013, survey of live births registered in the population register

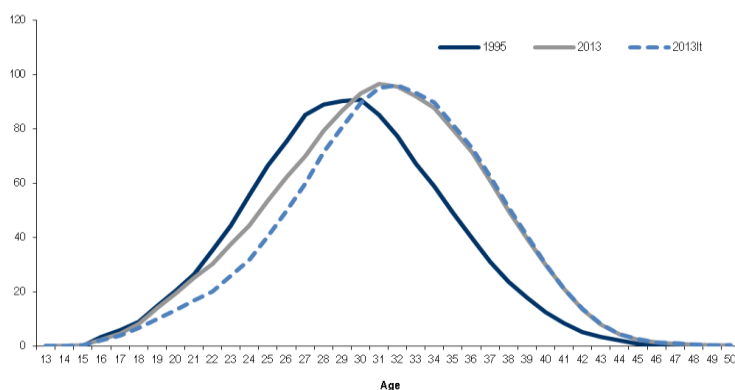
SUMMARY TABLE 5. BIRTHS TO MARRIED AND UNMARRIED PARENTS BY TYPE OF COUPLE. 2013. Percentages

TYPES OF COUPLE	Born to married parents	Born to unmarried parents	Total
Father and mother both Italian	73.1	26.9	100.0
Foreign father and Italian mother	62.3	37.7	100.0
Italian father and foreign mother	66.4	33.6	100.0
Father and mother both foreign	83.6	16.4	100.0
Total	74.1	25.9	100.0

SUMMARY TABLE 6. TOTAL FERTILITY RATE (TFR) AND MEAN AGE OF PARENTS AT CHILDBIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP OF MOTHER AND REGION. 1995 and 2013

REGIONS	Total fertility rate				Mean age of mother at childbirth				Mean age of fathers
	2013			1995	2013			1995	2013
	Italian	Foreign	Total	Total	Italian	Foreign	Total	Total	Total
Piemonte	1.28	2.02	1.41	1.04	32.3	28.8	31.5	30.2	35.0
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	1.36	1.97	1.44	1.10	31.8	28.4	31.3	30.0	35.0
Lombardia	1.29	2.31	1.48	1.07	32.6	28.9	31.6	30.8	35.3
Bolzano/Bozen	1.54	2.48	1.65	1.39	32.1	28.9	31.6	30.0	35.2
Trento	1.47	2.30	1.60	1.27	32.4	28.6	31.6	30.4	35.4
Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol	1.50	2.38	1.62	1.34	32.2	28.8	31.6	30.2	35.3
Veneto	1.26	2.14	1.42	1.07	32.8	28.7	31.7	30.6	35.4
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	1.25	1.99	1.37	0.95	32.4	28.7	31.6	30.6	35.3
Liguria	1.19	2.10	1.34	0.94	32.7	28.2	31.6	30.8	35.3
Emilia-Romagna	1.24	2.20	1.45	0.97	32.5	28.7	31.3	30.3	35.2
Toscana	1.21	1.97	1.35	0.99	32.8	28.2	31.7	30.4	35.3
Umbria	1.24	1.91	1.37	1.08	32.6	28.1	31.5	30.1	35.4
Marche	1.23	1.92	1.34	1.11	32.6	28.2	31.7	30.3	35.5
Lazio	1.35	1.95	1.42	1.11	32.7	28.5	32.0	30.4	35.5
Abruzzo	1.23	1.91	1.30	1.19	32.6	28.1	31.9	30.0	35.5
Molise	1.14	1.80	1.17	1.22	32.6	28.5	32.3	29.4	35.8
Campania	1.34	1.85	1.35	1.52	31.1	28.2	30.9	28.9	34.3
Puglia	1.25	2.01	1.28	1.38	31.5	27.8	31.3	29.1	34.8
Basilicata	1.10	1.70	1.12	1.31	32.6	28.3	32.3	29.6	36.1
Calabria	1.24	2.00	1.28	1.40	31.7	27.9	31.3	28.9	35.3
Sicilia	1.34	2.03	1.36	1.49	30.9	28.0	30.7	28.6	34.4
Sardegna	1.08	1.85	1.11	1.06	32.6	28.7	32.4	30.5	36.1
North-West	1.28	2.21	1.45	1.05	32.5	28.8	31.6	30.7	35.2
North-East	1.28	2.17	1.45	1.05	32.6	28.7	31.5	30.5	35.3
Centre	1.28	1.95	1.39	1.07	32.7	28.3	31.8	30.4	35.4
South	1.28	1.92	1.31	1.42	31.5	28.0	31.3	29	34.8
Islands	1.28	1.99	1.31	1.40	31.2	28.2	31.0	29.1	34.7
ITALY	1.29	2.10	1.39	1.19	32.1	28.5	31.5	29.8	35.1

FIGURE 2. AGE-SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES
1995 and 2013, values per 1,000 women



SUMMARY TABLE 7. TOP THIRTY NAMES FOR BABY BOYS AND GIRLS
2013, absolute values, percentage and cumulative percentage

	Boys' baby names	absolute values	%	cumulative %	Girls' baby names	absolute values	%	cumulative %
1	FRANCESCO	10,553	4.12	4.12	SOFIA	7,987	3.30	3.30
2	ALESSANDRO	7,235	2.83	6.95	GIULIA	7,313	3.02	6.32
3	ANDREA	6,777	2.65	9.60	AURORA	4,772	1.97	8.29
4	LORENZO	6,747	2.64	12.23	EMMA	4,538	1.87	10.16
5	MATTIA	6,289	2.46	14.69	GIORGIA	4,536	1.87	12.03
6	MATTEO	5,945	2.32	17.01	MARTINA	4,472	1.85	13.88
7	GABRIELE	5,799	2.27	19.28	CHIARA	3,908	1.61	15.49
8	LEONARDO	5,496	2.15	21.43	SARA	3,890	1.61	17.10
9	RICCARDO	4,721	1.84	23.27	ALICE	3,661	1.51	18.61
10	TOMMASO	4,188	1.64	24.91	GAIA	3,619	1.49	20.10
11	DAVIDE	4,075	1.59	26.50	GRETA	3,365	1.39	21.49
12	GIUSEPPE	3,683	1.44	27.94	FRANCESCA	3,243	1.34	22.83
13	ANTONIO	3,387	1.32	29.26	ANNA	3,119	1.29	24.12
14	FEDERICO	3,350	1.31	30.57	GINEVRA	2,941	1.21	25.33
15	MARCO	3,310	1.29	31.87	ALESSIA	2,925	1.21	26.54
16	SAMUELE	3,197	1.25	33.11	VIOLA	2,854	1.18	27.72
17	LUCA	3,191	1.25	34.36	NOEMI	2,776	1.15	28.86
18	GIOVANNI	3,155	1.23	35.59	MATILDE	2,711	1.12	29.98
19	PIETRO	2,960	1.16	36.75	VITTORIA	2,528	1.04	31.03
20	DIEGO	2,923	1.14	37.89	BEATRICE	2,389	0.99	32.01
21	SIMONE	2,888	1.13	39.02	ELISA	2,158	0.89	32.90
22	EDOARDO	2,873	1.12	40.14	GIADA	2,135	0.88	33.79
23	CHRISTIAN	2,862	1.12	41.26	NICOLE	2,118	0.87	34.66
24	NICOLO'	2,629	1.03	42.29	ELENA	2,111	0.87	35.53
25	FILIPPO	2,619	1.02	43.31	ARIANNA	2,103	0.87	36.40
26	ALESSIO	2,414	0.94	44.26	REBECCA	2,092	0.86	37.26
27	EMANUELE	2,182	0.85	45.11	MARTA	1,898	0.78	38.05
28	MICHELE	2,150	0.84	45.95	MELISSA	1,745	0.72	38.77
29	GABRIEL	2,031	0.79	46.74	MARIA	1,702	0.70	39.47
30	DANIELE	1,990	0.78	47.52	LUDOVICA	1,666	0.69	40.16

SUMMARY TABLE 8. MOST POPULAR BABY NAME BY SEX AND REGION

2013, absolute values and percentage of resident births

REGIONS	Most common boys' baby name	absolute values	%	Most common girls' baby name	absolute values	%
Piemonte	Lorenzo	606	3.37	Sofia	589	3.47
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	Andrea	12	2.47	Giulia	11	2.12
Lombardia	Alessandro	1,425	3.20	Sofia	1,406	3.37
<i>Bozano/Bozen</i>	Lukas	63	2.28	Emma	64	2.54
<i>Trento</i>	Francesco	82	3.12	Sofia	84	3.38
Veneto	Francesco	708	3.32	Sofia	721	3.55
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	Francesco	150	3.15	Giulia	136	3.07
Liguria	Francesco	221	3.99	Sofia	189	3.68
Emilia-Romagna	Alessandro	644	3.35	Sofia	637	3.45
Toscana	Lorenzo	573	3.85	Giulia	435	3.11
Umbria	Francesco	205	5.40	Sofia	122	3.42
Marche	Francesco	246	3.85	Sofia	199	3.41
Lazio	Francesco	1,320	5.16	Giulia	919	3.79
Abruzzo	Francesco	272	5.56	Sofia	172	3.76
Molise	Francesco	61	5.58	Sofia	37	3.76
Campania	Francesco	1,461	5.51	Francesca	706	2.77
Puglia	Francesco	974	6.02	Sofia	510	3.28
Basilicata	Francesco	115	5.48	Francesca	61	3.11
Calabria	Francesco	568	6.73	Sofia	276	3.41
Sicilia	Giuseppe	941	4.49	Sofia	708	3.54
Sardegna	Francesco	266	4.55	Sofia	186	3.38
ITALY	Francesco	10,553	4.12	Sofia	7,987	3.30

SUMMARY TABLE 9. TOP THIRTY NAMES FOR FOREIGN BABY BOYS AND GIRLS
 2013, absolute values, percentage of resident births and cumulative percentage

	Boys' baby names	absolute values	%	cumulative %	Girls' baby names	absolute values	%	cumulative %
1	ADAM	651	1.68	1.68	SARA	554	1.51	1.51
2	RAYAN	418	1.08	2.76	SOFIA	450	1.23	2.74
3	OMAR	271	0.70	3.46	MALAK	246	0.67	3.41
4	MOHAMED	270	0.70	4.16	MELISSA	229	0.63	4.04
5	YOUSSEF	267	0.69	4.85	AURORA	218	0.60	4.64
6	MATTEO	262	0.68	5.52	AYA	218	0.60	5.23
7	DAVID	252	0.65	6.17	GIULIA	208	0.57	5.80
8	KEVIN	245	0.63	6.81	EMMA	200	0.55	6.35
9	GABRIEL	239	0.62	7.42	ALESSIA	196	0.54	6.88
10	AMIR	207	0.53	7.96	MARWA	188	0.51	7.40
11	ALESSANDRO	203	0.52	8.48	YASMINE	182	0.50	7.89
12	DAVIDE	199	0.51	8.99	MARTINA	154	0.42	8.31
13	LEONARDO	191	0.49	9.49	NOEMI	151	0.41	8.73
14	DANIEL	178	0.46	9.95	FATIMA	148	0.40	9.13
15	ALESSIO	173	0.45	10.39	ELENA	147	0.40	9.53
16	CRISTIAN	161	0.42	10.81	EMILY	133	0.36	9.90
17	FRANCESCO	159	0.41	11.22	MARIA	130	0.36	10.25
18	ANDREA	154	0.40	11.62	AMIRA	124	0.34	10.59
19	MATTIA	139	0.36	11.98	KHADIJA	124	0.34	10.93
20	LUCA	136	0.35	12.33	ELISA	121	0.33	11.26
21	AHMED	128	0.33	12.66	LINA	115	0.31	11.57
22	ANAS	126	0.33	12.98	MARIAM	112	0.31	11.88
23	ZAKARIA	120	0.31	13.29	HIBA	106	0.29	12.17
24	DENIS	118	0.30	13.60	AMINA	103	0.28	12.45
25	YAHYA	118	0.30	13.90	YASMIN	101	0.28	12.73
26	SAMUEL	117	0.30	14.20	SABRINA	96	0.26	12.99
27	ALI	115	0.30	14.50	JANNAT	95	0.26	13.25
28	GABRIELE	114	0.29	14.80	ALESSIA MARIA	94	0.26	13.50
29	ANDREI	112	0.29	15.08	SERENA	94	0.26	13.76
30	BILAL	109	0.28	15.37	VANESSA	92	0.25	14.01

SUMMARY TABLE 10. TOP SIX NAMES FOR FOREIGN BABY BOYS AND GIRLS BY CITIZENSHIP
2013, absolute values and percentage

CITIZENSHIP	Boys' baby names	absolute values	%	CITIZENSHIP	Girls' baby names	absolute values	%
ROMANIAN	David	148	1.9	ROMANIAN	Sofia	100	1.3
	Gabriel	94	1.2		Alessia Maria	94	1.3
	Andrei	90	1.1		Giulia	87	1.2
	Luca	89	1.1		Giulia Maria	69	0.9
	Matteo	81	1.0		Maria	67	0.9
	Alexandru	80	1.0		Alessia	63	0.8
MOROCCAN	Adam	517	8.8	MOROCCAN	Sara	247	4.6
	Rayan	358	6.1		Malak	216	4.0
	Youssef	180	3.1		Aya	187	3.4
	Amir	148	2.5		Marwa	175	3.2
	Mohamed	133	2.3		Yasmine	149	2.7
	Omar	129	2.2		Khadija	103	1.9
ALBANIAN	Kevin	127	2.7	ALBANIAN	Aurora	132	3.1
	Andrea	84	1.8		Noemi	117	2.7
	Matteo	79	1.7		Melissa	104	2.4
	Enea	74	1.6		Emma	100	2.3
	Alessio	72	1.6		Martina	84	2.0
	Mattia	71	1.5		Sara	76	1.8
CHINESE	Kevin	38	1.5	CHINESE	Sofia	35	1.5
	Matteo	36	1.4		Emily	25	1.0
	Alessio	23	0.9		Angela	24	1.0
	Marco	20	0.8		Elisa	24	1.0
	Oscar	20	0.8		Elena	23	1.0
	Andrea	20	0.8		Lisa	19	0.8
TOTAL		2,711				2,320	

Glossary

Population register: the continuous system for recording resident population. It is continuously updated by recording births to parents who are resident in the municipality, deregistrations due to death of residents and registrations/ deregistrations due to change of residence to/from another municipality or to/from a foreign country.

Citizenship: the status of being a citizen of a State, required and documented in order to enjoy rights and be subject to specific duties.

Resident foreign citizen: a person with foreign citizenship or stateless person recorded in the population register.

Mean age at birth: the age at the time of birth, expressed in years and tenths of years.

Births outside marriage: an estimate obtained by considering the total number of births for which the marital status of both parents is known and subtracting from this amount the total number of births to parents who are both married.

Births to mixed couples: entries in the population register for births of Italian citizenship with one Italian parent and the other of foreign citizenship.

Foreign births: entries in the population register for births with both parents with foreign citizenship.

Births to at least one foreign parent: total of foreign births plus births to mixed couples.

Average number of children per woman (or total fertility rate – TFR): is the average number of live children that a cohort of women would bear if they experienced the age-specific fertility rates of the calendar year in question throughout their childbearing lifespan.

Resident population: people with usual place of resident in a municipality, even if on the date in question they are absent because they are temporarily in another municipality or abroad.

Marital status: the civil status of each individual in relation to the marriage laws of the country. Single: a male or female citizen who has never entered into marriage. Married: a citizen who has not obtained the dissolution or termination of the civil effects of the marriage. Divorced: a married citizen who has obtained the dissolution or termination of the civil effects of the marriage. Widow/Widower: a citizen whose marriage has ended due to the death of her/his partner.

Absolute change: the difference between the values in a specified time reference period to values at the beginning of the period.

Percentage change: ratio between absolute change and initial amount. It is then multiplied by 100.

Average annual percentage change (or average annual rate of change): when changes over a period of more than one calendar year are studied, the average annual rate of change may be computed by dividing the percentage change by the number of years in the interval.

Methodological note

The individual survey of entries in the population register for births (Istat P.4 form) was implemented by Istat from 1 January 1999 and makes it possible to obtain information at the local municipal level (and by census area) on live births among the resident population, classifying them according to the following variables: sex of the newborn, date of birth (of the child), place of birth, citizenship (of the child), mother's (individual years of) age and cohort, father's (individual years of age) and cohort, mother's marital status, father's marital status, mother's citizenship and father's citizenship. These data thus allow birth-rate and fertility trends to be monitored and analysed in relation to the main demographic characteristics of parents.

The level of coverage of the individual survey, which is evaluated in relation to the information recorded by Istat through the annual municipal summary forms indicating the movement and calculation of the overall resident population and the foreign population (respectively Istat P.2 and Istat P.3), is approximately 97% in both cases.

More detailed data are available online by consulting the I.Stat datawarehouse at <http://dati.istat.it/> and, Demo, the topic-based system, at <http://demo.istat.it/altridati/IscrittiNascita/index.html>

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