

## Birth and fertility rates among the resident population

2011

■ According to advance data on the demographic balance for the resident population, 546,607 births were registered in 2011<sup>1</sup>, around 15,000 fewer than in 2010. The figure confirms the downward trend which began in 2009. In three years the number of births has fallen by 30,000.

■ The recent decline in births can mainly be attributed to the decrease in the number of children born to parents who are both Italian: almost 40,000 fewer births than in 2008. The number of babies born to at least one foreign parent continued to rise at the rate of approximately 5,000 per year until 2010. However, in 2011 this number, which had been the driver behind recovering birth rates in the 2000s, also fell, as a result of the decrease in the number of babies born to mixed couples of around 2,000.

■ In contrast, the number of babies born to parents both of foreign origin increased – albeit less than in previous years – to 79,000 in 2011 (14.5% of all births). Adding this number to the number of babies born to mixed-nationality couples we find that a total 106,000 babies born in 2011 had at least one foreign parent (19.4% of all births).

■ Considering the composition of the population of foreign mothers by citizenship, in first place we find Romanians (18,484 births in 2011), in second place Moroccans (13,340), in third place Albanians (9,916) and in fourth place Chinese mothers with 5,282 births.

■ Nearly 7% of babies were born to mothers aged at least 40, while the percentage born to mothers aged under 25 continued to decline (to 10.9% of the total in 2011). This postponement of motherhood is even more marked among Italian mothers: the percentages of children born to mothers aged under 25 and those aged over 40 have now reached parity (8% for both groups).

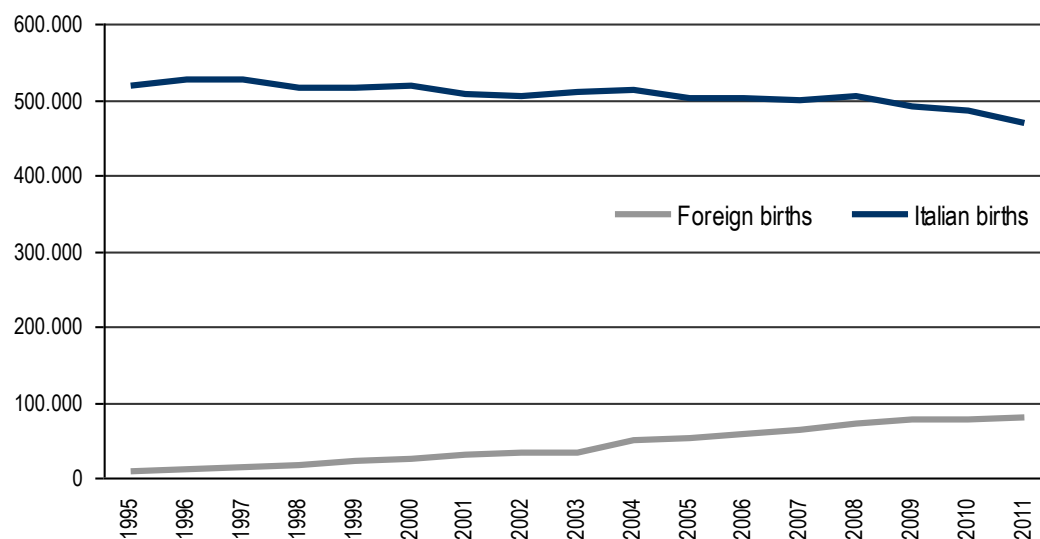
■ Around 134,000 children were born to unmarried couples in 2011, in line with the previous year. However, as a result of the sharp fall in the number of babies born to married couples, their relative weight increased from 23.6% in 2010 to 24.5% in 2011, as a national average. In the Centre-North, in particular, the number of births to unmarried couples was 30% of the total and this percentage was exceeded in many areas (47% in the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, 37% in Emilia Romagna and the Aosta Valley, 35% in Liguria, 34% in Tuscany and 32% in Piedmont).

■ The average number of children per woman is also declining, and fell to 1.39 in 2011 (1.3 children for Italian women and 2.04 for foreign women).

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<sup>1</sup> The total number of births registered corresponds to the “births” item in the demographic balance for the resident population. These balances are subject to subsequent inter-census “reconstruction” in order to realign census results and should therefore be considered “advance data” until the reconstruction process has been completed.

FIGURE 1. ITALIAN AND FOREIGN BIRTHS AMONG THE RESIDENT POPULATION IN ITALY. 1995-2011, absolute values



SUMMARY TABLE 1. BIRTHS AND FERTILITY IN ITALY: MAIN CHARACTERISTICS AND INDICATORS  
2008-2011, absolute values

	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total births	576,659	568,857	561,944	546,607
Births (absolute changes on the previous year)	12,726	-7,802	-6,863	-15,337
Births with at least one foreign parent	96,442	102,140	106,710	105,975
Births to Italian couples	480,217	466,717	455,284	440,632
Births outside marriage	112,849	116,273	134,398	133,875
Births outside marriage (percentage values)	19.6	20.4	23.6	24.5
Total fertility rates	1.42	1.41	1.40	1.39
Mean age at childbearing for total women	31.1	31.2	31.3	31.40
Total Fertility rates for Italian women	1.32	1.31	1.32	1.30
Mean age at childbearing for Italian women	31.7	31.8	31.9	32.0
Total Fertility rates for foreign women	2.31	2.23	2.11	2.04
Mean age at childbearing for foreign women	27.9	28.0	28.2	28.3

**SUMMARY TABLE 2. BIRTHS TO AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN PARENT, BY REGION**  
1999 and 2011, percentage of resident births

REGIONS	1999		2011	
	To at least one foreign parent	of which: both parents foreign	To at least one foreign parent	of which: both parents foreign
Piedmont	8.3	5.5	25,9	19,3
Aosta Valley	8.1	4.9	18,8	12,9
Lombardy	9.8	6.9	27,8	22,1
Bolzano-Bozen	6.7	2.9	22,0	13,7
Trento	8.2	5.4	24,1	16,9
Trentino-Alto Adige	7.5	4.1	23,0	15,3
Veneto	8.3	6.0	27,5	21,6
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	6.8	3.5	22,8	16,8
Liguria	6.9	3.5	23,2	16,5
Emilia-Romagna	10.1	7.0	30,5	23,9
Tuscany	9.1	5.8	24,6	18,6
Umbria	9.4	6.2	26,0	19,7
Marche	8.5	5.6	25,3	18,9
Lazio	7.2	5.1	20,0	14,5
Abruzzo	4.9	2.4	15,8	11,0
Molise	2.2	0.6	9,2	5,2
Campania	1.6	0.7	5,9	3,7
Puglia	1.6	0.9	5,9	3,7
Basilicata	1.4	0.7	6,7	3,8
Calabria	2.0	0.8	9,3	5,6
Sicily	2.4	1.7	6,9	4,6
Sardinia	2.2	0.8	6,5	3,3
<b>North-West</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>26,9</b>	<b>20,8</b>
<b>North-East</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>27,8</b>	<b>21,4</b>
<b>Centre</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>22,5</b>	<b>16,6</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>7,3</b>	<b>4,6</b>
<b>Islands</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>6,8</b>	<b>4,3</b>
<b>ITALY</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>19,4</b>	<b>14,5</b>

**SUMMARY TABLE 3. BIRTHS WITH AT LEAST ONE FOREIGN PARENT BY TOP 20 COUNTRIES OF CITIZENSHIP.**  
2011, absolute values and percentage of foreign births

Countries of citizenship	Italian father foreign mother		Countries of citizenship	Italian father foreign mother		Countries of citizenship (a)	Both parents foreign	
	Absolute values	% foreign births		Absolute values	% foreign births		Absolute values	% foreign births
Romania	4,076	19.2	Morocco	677	12.4	Romania	14,408	19.1
Poland	1,667	7.9	Albania	647	11.8	Morocco	12,103	16.1
Morocco	1,237	5.8	Romania	380	6.9	Albania	8,817	11.7
Brazil	1,191	5.6	Tunisia	372	6.8	China, Pop. Rep.	5,079	6.7
Ukraine	1,128	5.3	France	197	3.6	India	2,536	3.4
Albania	1,099	5.2	Senegal	191	3.5	Bangladesh	2,241	3.0
Moldova	723	3.4	Brazil	188	3.4	Tunisia	2,116	2.8
Russia	658	3.1	Egypt	159	2.9	Pakistan	2,029	2.7
Peru	461	2.2	Germany	155	2.8	Moldova	2,023	2.7
Cuba	447	2.1	United Kingdom	149	2.7	Egypt	1,889	2.5
Spain	442	2.1	Cuba	118	2.2	Nigeria	1,840	2.4
Germany	423	2.0	Spain	116	2.1	Fyrom (b)	1,699	2.3
France	419	2.0	USA	114	2.1	Philippines	1,657	2.2
Ecuador	381	1.8	Dominican Rep.	113	2.1	Senegal	1,617	2.1
Dominican Rep.	280	1.3	Ecuador	95	1.7	Sri Lanka	1,461	1.9
Nigeria	278	1.3	Peru	75	1.5	Ecuador	1,389	1.8
Slovakia	278	1.3	India	70	1.4	Peru	1,365	1.8
United Kingdom	255	1.2	Argentina	64	1.3	Ukraine	1,151	1.5
Colombia	242	1.1	Nigeria	55	1.2	Ghana	1,094	1.5
Tunisia	241	1.1	Fyrom (b)	54	1.0	Kosovo	1,025	1.4

(a) The citizenship indicated is that of the mother.

(b) Formerly the Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia.

SUMMARY TABLE 4. BIRTHS BY AGE CLASS OF MOTHER, REGION AND GEOGRAPHICAL MACRO-AREA. 2011

REGIONS	Age classes of mother									Total mothers		Italian mothers	
	< 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and +	Tot.	< 25	> 40	< 25	> 40
	absolute values									percentage values			
Piedmont	75	353	3,386	8,136	12,981	10,160	2,518	148	37,757	10.1	4.5	5.8	5.2
Aosta Valley	3	6	128	293	396	321	70	4	1,221	11.2	3.6	8.1	4.1
Lombardy	212	858	7,853	19,990	31,985	26,413	6,340	428	94,079	9.5	4.5	4.9	5.3
<i>Bolzano/Bozen</i>	22	67	474	1,298	1,779	1,254	355	21	5,270	10.7	4.2	9.0	4.7
<i>Trento</i>	16	55	475	1,136	1,832	1,399	357	25	5,295	10.3	4.6	6.3	5.3
Trentino-Alto Adige	38	122	949	2,434	3,611	2,653	712	46	10,565	10.5	4.4	7.6	5.0
Veneto	84	346	3,804	9,712	15,720	12,526	3,030	171	45,393	9.3	4.5	4.6	5.5
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	14	99	839	2,096	3,354	2,816	684	39	9,941	9.6	4.4	5.5	5.0
Liguria	46	135	975	2,213	3,711	3,346	974	78	11,478	10.1	5.8	5.2	6.7
Emilia-Romagna	84	377	3,674	8,821	13,518	10,986	2,788	200	40,448	10.2	4.7	5.2	5.8
Tuscany	56	294	2,724	6,345	10,648	9,022	2,306	179	31,574	9.7	4.9	5.0	5.8
Umbria	20	76	700	1,771	2,655	1,989	494	35	7,740	10.3	4.4	5.5	5.0
Marche	27	143	1,223	2,936	4,886	3,682	888	71	13,856	10.1	4.5	5.8	5.2
Lazio	130	511	4,124	10,549	18,194	16,061	4,399	459	54,427	8.8	5.8	6.3	6.5
Abruzzo	39	122	1001	2,467	3,981	2,967	728	43	11,348	10.2	4.2	7.3	4.5
Molise	8	24	178	524	877	588	161	15	2,375	8.8	5.2	7.3	5.6
Campania	421	1,141	6,481	15,147	18,863	11,600	2,666	201	56,520	14.2	3.2	13.8	3.2
Puglia	261	661	3,484	8,291	12,766	8,553	1,861	130	36,007	12.2	3.4	11.3	3.4
Basilicata	12	45	324	1,014	1,659	1,114	291	24	4,483	8.5	4.2	7.2	4.3
Calabria	62	212	1,956	4,487	5,831	3,733	876	71	17,228	12.9	3.5	11.7	3.6
Sicily	519	1,181	5,988	12,049	15,285	9,697	2,276	141	47,136	16.3	3.2	15.7	3.3
Sardinia	49	135	1,031	2,383	4,155	3,996	1,205	77	13,031	9.3	6.2	8.7	6.4
<b>North-West</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1,352</b>	<b>12,342</b>	<b>30,632</b>	<b>49,073</b>	<b>40,240</b>	<b>9,902</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>144,535</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.4</b>
<b>North-East</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>9,266</b>	<b>23,063</b>	<b>36,203</b>	<b>28,981</b>	<b>7,214</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>106,347</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>
<b>Centre</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>8,771</b>	<b>21,601</b>	<b>36,383</b>	<b>30,754</b>	<b>8,087</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>107,597</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>6.0</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>2,205</b>	<b>13,424</b>	<b>31,930</b>	<b>43,977</b>	<b>28,555</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>127,961</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>Islands</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>7,019</b>	<b>14,432</b>	<b>19,440</b>	<b>13,693</b>	<b>3,481</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>60,167</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>ITALY</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>6,841</b>	<b>50,822</b>	<b>121,658</b>	<b>185,076</b>	<b>142,223</b>	<b>35,267</b>	<b>2,560</b>	<b>546,607</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>

**SUMMARY TABLE 5. BIRTHS TO UNMARRIED PARENTS BY REGION. 1995, 2009 and 2011, by 100 births**

REGIONS	1995 <sup>2</sup>	2009		2011	
	All residents	All residents	of which: to Italian parents	All residents	of which: to Italian parents
Piedmont	10.1	26.5	28.4	30.1	32.2
Aosta Valley	13.6	32.7	32.7	36	33.7
Lombardy	8.8	21.6	21.6	23.4	25.2
Bolzano/Bozen	18.5	39.4	39.4	43	41.8
Trento	7.2	23.1	23.1	25.7	25.5
Trentino-Alto Adige	13.2	30.8	30.8	33.9	33.3
Veneto	6.8	22	23.4	26.3	28.7
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	11.3	23.1	23.1	26.3	25.6
Liguria	11.9	27	27.4	34.5	34.6
Emilia-Romagna	12.7	28.4	28.4	32	33.1
Tuscany	9.8	27.5	28.7	32.3	33.5
Umbria	6.3	17.9	18.8	23.2	24.7
Marche	5.3	21.6	21.9	26.2	27.1
Lazio	10.0	24.6	24.5	28.6	29.1
Abruzzo	4.1	16.6	15.2	21.5	20
Molise	2.9	9.6	8.2	15.7	13.3
Campania	5.0	10.8	9.8	13.9	12.6
Puglia	6.9	14.4	13.8	17.6	16.8
Basilicata	2.7	8.2	7.1	10.3	8.4
Calabria	3.9	10.4	8.5	12.8	10.7
Sicily	8.7	13.9	13.1	18	17
Sardinia	8.9	23.5	22.8	28.5	27.8
<b>North-West</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>29.4</b>
<b>North-East</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>25.4</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>29.5</b>	<b>32.7</b>
<b>Centre</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29.8</b>
<b>South</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>Islands</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>19.3</b>
<b>ITALY</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>24.6</b>

Sources: 1995, individual survey of births from population register; 2009 and 2011, survey of live births registered in the population register

**SUMMARY TABLE 6. BIRTHS TO MARRIED AND UNMARRIED PARENTS BY TYPE OF COUPLE. 2011**

TYPE OF COUPLE	Born to married parents	Born to unmarried parents	Total
<b>ABSOLUTE VALUES</b>			
Father and mother both Italian	332,164	108,468	440,632
Foreign father and Italian mother	3,387	2,114	5,501
Italian father and foreign mother	13,417	7,796	21,213
Father and mother both foreign	64,281	14,980	79,261
<b>Total couples</b>	<b>412,732</b>	<b>133,875</b>	<b>546,607</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE VALUES</b>			
Father and mother both Italian	75.4	24.6	100
Foreign father and Italian mother	61.6	38.4	100
Italian father and foreign mother	63.2	36.8	100
Father and mother both foreign	81.1	18.9	100
<b>Total couples</b>	<b>75.5</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>100</b>

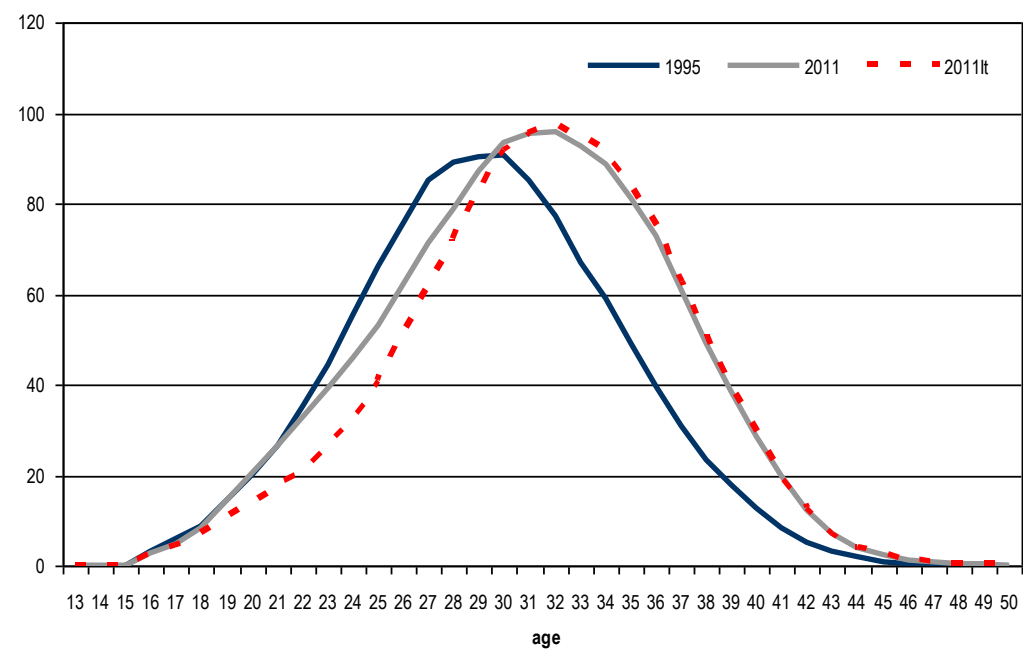
<sup>2</sup> Despite the different reference population (births among the actual/present-in-area population in 1995 and births among the resident population since 2009) and a slight difference in classification of births (by parentage in 1995 and by marital status of parents since 2009), a comparison of the two measures provides useful information regarding recent trends in the phenomenon of births outside marriage.

**SUMMARY TABLE 7. AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN PER WOMAN (TFT) AND AVERAGE AGE (A) OF PARENTS AT TIME OF BIRTH BY CITIZENSHIP OF MOTHER AND REGION. 1995 and 2011**

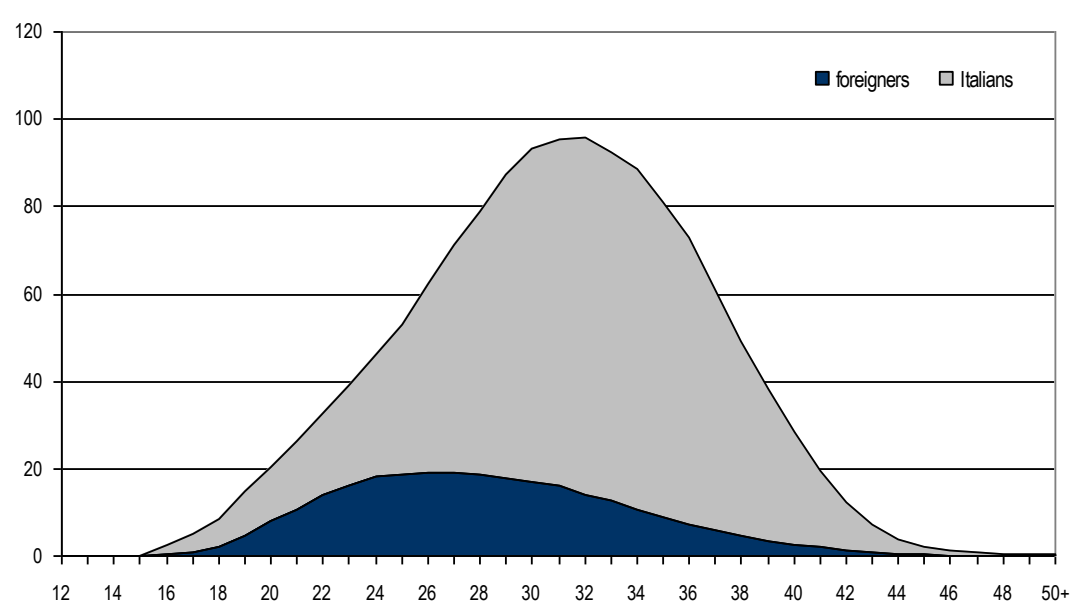
REGIONS	Average number of children per woman				Average age of women				Average age of men 2011
	2011			1995	2011			1995	
	Italian	Foreign	Resident total	Resident total	Italian	Foreign	Resident total	Resident total	Resident total
Piedmont	1.26	2.06	1.40	1.04	32.3	28.3	31.4	30.2	35.0
Aosta Valley	1.50	2.03	1.57	1.1	31.7	28.4	31.1	30	35.0
Lombardy	1.30	2.27	1.48	1.07	32.6	28.5	31.5	30.8	35.3
Bolzano/Bozen	1.51	2.31	1.60	1.39	31.8	28.8	31.3	30	35.1
Trento	1.47	2.21	1.59	1.27	32.4	28.3	31.5	30.4	35.3
Trentino-Alto Adige	1.49	2.26	1.59	1.34	32.1	28.5	31.4	30.2	35.2
Veneto	1.27	2.16	1.44	1.07	32.7	28.4	31.6	30.6	35.3
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	1.26	1.98	1.38	0.95	32.3	28.4	31.5	30.6	35.2
Liguria	1.17	1.92	1.29	0.94	32.7	27.9	31.6	30.8	35.3
Emilia-Romagna	1.25	2.17	1.46	0.97	32.4	28.4	31.2	30.3	35.2
Tuscany	1.23	1.90	1.36	0.99	32.7	27.9	31.6	30.4	35.2
Umbria	1.23	1.77	1.34	1.08	32.4	28.1	31.4	30.1	35.2
Marche	1.25	2.07	1.39	1.11	32.5	28.5	31.5	30.3	35.3
Lazio	1.37	1.76	1.41	1.11	32.8	28.5	32.0	30.4	35.6
Abruzzo	1.23	1.87	1.30	1.19	32.3	27.7	31.6	30	35.2
Molise	1.12	1.80	1.16	1.22	32.3	27.5	32.0	29.4	35.6
Campania	1.39	1.70	1.39	1.52	30.9	28.1	30.8	28.9	34.3
Puglia	1.28	1.87	1.30	1.38	31.4	27.3	31.2	29.1	34.7
Basilicata	1.15	1.59	1.17	1.31	32.2	27.9	32.0	29.6	35.9
Calabria	1.23	1.72	1.25	1.4	31.4	27.8	31.2	28.9	35.2
Sicily	1.37	1.89	1.39	1.49	30.7	27.9	30.6	28.6	34.3
Sardinia	1.11	1.75	1.14	1.06	32.5	28.6	32.3	30.5	36.0
North-West	1.28	2.19	1.44	1.05	32.5	28.4	31.5	30.7	35.2
North-East	1.28	2.16	1.45	1.05	32.5	28.4	31.4	30.5	35.2
Centre	1.30	1.85	1.39	1.07	32.7	28.3	31.8	30.4	35.4
South	1.31	1.77	1.32	1.42	31.3	27.7	31.1	29	34.7
Islands	1.31	1.87	1.33	1.4	31.1	28.1	30.9	29.1	34.6
ITALY	1.30	2.04	1.39	1.19	32.0	28.3	31.4	29.8	35.0

(a) The average age expresses the average number of years of age of the women and men who have had a child in a given year.

**FIGURE 2. SPECIFIC FERTILITY RATES BY AGE FOR WOMEN WHO ARE RESIDENT IN ITALY**  
1995 and 2011, values per 1,000 women



**FIGURE 3. FERTILITY RATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS BY CITIZENSHIP AND BY AGE OF MOTHER, ITALY**  
2011, values per 1,000 women





**SUMMARY TABLE 8. RESIDENT BIRTHS IN ITALY BY SEX AND BY 30 MOST COMMON NAMES.**

2011, absolute values, percentage of resident births and cumulative percentage of resident births

	Boys' names	absolute values	%	cumulative %	Girls' names	absolute values	%	cumulative %
1	FRANCESCO	8,505	3.1	3.1	SOFIA	8,531	3.3	3.3
2	ALESSANDRO	8,084	3.0	6.1	GIULIA	8,327	3.2	6.5
3	ANDREA	8,058	3.0	9.0	MARTINA	5,692	2.2	8.7
4	LORENZO	7,752	2.8	11.9	GIORGIA	5,230	2.0	10.8
5	MATTEO	7,290	2.7	14.5	SARA	4,964	1.9	12.7
6	GABRIELE	6,451	2.4	16.9	EMMA	4,759	1.8	14.6
7	MATTIA	6,382	2.3	19.2	AURORA	4,713	1.8	16.4
8	LEONARDO	5,702	2.1	21.3	CHIARA	4,257	1.7	18.0
9	DAVIDE	5,014	1.8	23.2	ALICE	4,202	1.6	19.7
10	RICCARDO	4,957	1.8	25.0	ALESSIA	3,804	1.5	21.1
11	FEDERICO	3,958	1.4	26.4	GAIA	3,477	1.3	22.5
12	LUCA	3,957	1.4	27.9	ANNA	3,425	1.3	23.8
13	GIUSEPPE	3,833	1.4	29.3	FRANCESCA	3,349	1.3	25.1
14	MARCO	3,798	1.4	30.7	NOEMI	2,989	1.2	26.3
15	TOMMASO	3,786	1.4	32.1	VIOLA	2,866	1.1	27.4
16	ANTONIO	3,656	1.3	33.4	GRETA	2,861	1.1	28.5
17	SIMONE	3,506	1.3	34.7	ELISA	2,809	1.1	29.6
18	SAMUELE	3,442	1.3	35.9	MATILDE	2,801	1.1	30.7
19	GIOVANNI	3,322	1.2	37.2	GIADA	2,610	1.0	31.7
20	PIETRO	3,269	1.2	38.4	ELENA	2,547	1.0	32.7
21	CHRISTIAN	3,116	1.1	39.5	GINEVRA	2,463	1.0	33.6
22	NICOLO'	2,956	1.1	40.6	BEATRICE	2,446	0.9	34.6
23	ALESSIO	2,948	1.1	41.7	VITTORIA	2,203	0.9	35.4
24	EDOARDO	2,871	1.1	42.7	NICOLE	2,153	0.8	36.3
25	DIEGO	2,845	1.0	43.8	ARIANNA	2,139	0.8	37.1
26	FILIPPO	2,827	1.0	44.8	REBECCA	2,126	0.8	37.9
27	EMANUELE	2,523	0.9	45.7	MARTA	2,045	0.8	38.7
28	DANIELE	2,404	0.9	46.6	ANGELICA	1,966	0.8	39.5
29	MICHELE	2,327	0.9	47.4	ASIA	1,911	0.7	40.2
30	CRISTIAN	2,223	0.8	48.3	LUDOVICA	1,797	0.7	40.9

**SUMMARY TABLE 9. RESIDENT BIRTHS IN ITALY BY SEX, REGION AND MOST COMMON NAME**  
2011, absolute values and percentage of resident births

REGION	Most common boy's name	absolute values	%	Most common girl's name	absolute values	%
Piemonte	Lorenzo	690	3.5	Sofia	638	3.5
Valle d'Aosta/Vallée d'Aoste	Leonardo	18	2.9	Martina	15	2.6
Lombardia	Andrea	1,671	3.6	Sofia	1,558	3.6
<i>Bolzano/Bozen</i>	<i>Simon</i>	66	2.4	<i>Anna</i>	61	2.4
<i>Trento</i>	<i>Mattia</i>	84	3.2	<i>Giulia</i>	95	3.6
Veneto	Leonardo	670	2.9	Sofia	728	3.3
Friuli-Venezia Giulia	Leonardo	146	2.9	Giulia / Emma	142	3.1
Liguria	Lorenzo	201	3.5	Sofia	189	3.5
Emilia-Romagna	Alessandro	663	3.3	Sofia	733	3.8
Toscana	Lorenzo	702	4.4	Giulia	564	3.7
Umbria	Lorenzo	171	4.4	Sofia	127	3.3
Marche	Leonardo	258	3.8	Sofia	243	3.6
Lazio	Lorenzo	1,079	4.0	Giulia	1,035	4.1
Abruzzo	Lorenzo	224	4.2	Sofia	199	4.1
Molise	Francesco	45	4.1	Giulia	37	3.3
Campania	Antonio	1,486	5.2	Martina	718	2.7
Puglia	Francesco	867	5.0	Giorgia	524	3.2
Basilicata	Antonio	125	5.6	Martina	70	3.4
Calabria	Francesco	526	6.0	Sofia	269	3.2
Sicilia	Giuseppe	1,034	4.5	Giulia	763	3.5
Sardegna	Alessandro	261	4.0	Sofia	261	4.3
<b>ITALIA</b>	<b>Francesco</b>	<b>8,505</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>Sofia</b>	<b>8,531</b>	<b>3.3</b>

**SUMMARY TABLE 10. FOREIGN RESIDENT BIRTHS IN ITALY BY SEX AND BY 30 MOST COMMON NAMES.**

2011, absolute values, percentage of resident births and cumulative percentage of resident births

	Boys' names	absolute values	%	cumulative %	Girls' names	absolute values	%	cumulative %
1	ADAM	658	1.66	1.66	SARA	709	1.91	1.91
2	RAYAN	448	1.13	2.79	SOFIA	409	1.10	3.00
3	MOHAMED	370	0.93	3.72	MALAK	310	0.83	3.84
4	MATTEO	329	0.83	4.55	ALESSIA	271	0.73	4.57
5	YOUSSEF	315	0.79	5.35	AYA	255	0.69	5.25
6	OMAR	268	0.68	6.02	MARWA	231	0.62	5.87
7	ALESSANDRO	262	0.66	6.68	GIULIA	221	0.59	6.46
8	KEVIN	259	0.65	7.33	MELISSA	186	0.50	6.96
9	DAVIDE	235	0.59	7.93	ELISA	175	0.47	7.43
10	DAVID	234	0.59	8.52	AURORA	172	0.46	7.90
11	GABRIEL	227	0.57	9.09	NOEMI	169	0.45	8.35
12	ANDREA	211	0.53	9.62	EMMA	166	0.45	8.80
13	ALESSIO	193	0.49	10.11	YASMINE	160	0.43	9.23
14	LEONARDO	191	0.48	10.59	HIBA	156	0.42	9.65
15	CRISTIAN	183	0.46	11.05	NADA	147	0.39	10.04
16	DENIS	181	0.46	11.51	FATIMA	143	0.38	10.43
17	GABRIELE	170	0.43	11.94	HAJAR	142	0.38	10.81
18	AHMED	166	0.42	12.35	MARIAM	142	0.38	11.19
19	DANIEL	157	0.40	12.75	MARTINA	140	0.38	11.56
20	LUCA	151	0.38	13.13	ELENA	131	0.35	11.92
21	ANAS	146	0.37	13.50	SABRINA	130	0.35	12.27
22	HAMZA	140	0.35	13.85	AMIRA	120	0.32	12.59
23	BILAL	135	0.34	14.19	LINA	119	0.32	12.91
24	YAHYA	135	0.34	14.53	MARIA	118	0.32	13.23
25	AMIR	132	0.33	14.86	JESSICA	114	0.31	13.53
26	SAMUEL	129	0.33	15.19	KHADIJA	105	0.28	13.81
27	MARCO	126	0.32	15.51	YASMIN	104	0.28	14.09
28	ALI	120	0.30	15.81	VALENTINA	104	0.28	14.37
29	FRANCESCO	115	0.29	16.10	VANESSA	101	0.27	14.64
30	YASSIN	115	0.29	16.39	SERENA	97	0.26	14.90

**SUMMARY TABLE 11. FOREIGN RESIDENT BIRTHS IN ITALY BY SEX, CITIZENSHIP AND MOST COMMON NAME**  
2011, absolute values and percentage of resident births

CITIZENSHIP	Most common boy's name	absolute values	%		Most common girl's name	absolute values	%
Romanian	DAVID	129	1,66	Romanian	ALESSIA	112	1,57
	MATTEO	102	1,32		ALESSIA MARIA	91	1,28
	ALEXANDRU	94	1,21		GIULIA	78	1,09
	ALESSANDRO	91	1,17		SARA	71	1,00
	GABRIEL	89	1,15		SOFIA	64	0,90
	DAVIDE	84	1,08		STEFANIA	47	0,66
Moroccan	ADAM	531	8,62	Moroccan	SARA	319	5,38
	RAYAN	400	6,50		MALAK	277	4,67
	YOUSSEF	204	3,31		AYA	224	3,78
	MOHAMED	153	2,48		MARWA	217	3,66
	BILAL	124	2,01		HIBA	142	2,40
	YAHYA	120	1,95		HAJAR	139	2,34
Albanian	KEVIN	139	2,98	Albanian	NOEMI	135	3,12
	ANDREA	129	2,76		AURORA	108	2,50
	MATTEO	84	1,80		SARA	101	2,34
	ALESSIO	80	1,71		MELISSA	94	2,17
	GABRIEL	71	1,52		ALESSIA	79	1,83
	SAMUEL	71	1,52		MARTINA	78	1,80
Chinese	MATTEO	41	0,02	Chinese	SOFIA	50	2,02
	KEVIN	39	0,01		ELISA	35	1,41
	ANDREA	33	0,01		ELENA	30	1,21
	ALESSANDRO	32	0,01		ANNA	25	1,01
	ALEX	26	0,01		ANGELA	24	0,97
	MARCO	26	0,01		ALESSIA	24	0,97
Indian	HARMAN	14	0,97	Indian	GURLEEN	20	1,73
	YUVRAJ	12	0,83		JESSICA	18	1,56
	HARJOT	11	0,76		JASLEEN	17	1,47
	GURNOOR	11	0,76		JASMEEN	16	1,39
	ABHIJOT	10	0,69		HARLEEN	14	1,21
	RAJVEER	10	0,69		SIMRAN	10	0,87
TOTALE		2.960	13,02			2.659	12,66

## 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 bond of membership 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 – TFT): the sum of specific fertility quotients calculated by the ratio, for each fertile age (15-50), of the number of live births to the average annual female population total.

**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 condition of each citizen in relation to the State concerning marriage. 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 total of a phenomenon at the end of the period under consideration and the total at the beginning.

**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):** obtained by dividing the percentage change, referring to a multi-year time interval, 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 birthrate and fertility trends to be monitored and developments in the phenomenon in relation to the main demographic characteristics of parents to be analysed.

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 alone (respectively Istat P.2 and Istat P.3), is respectively 99% for total resident births and 98% for births of foreign citizenship alone.

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/>