**Early Childhood Development**

### Malta

#### Demographics

- **Population**: 441,539
- **Annual births**: 4,341
- **Children under 5**: 21,674 (5%)
- **Under-five mortality**: 7/1,000

#### Threats to Early Childhood Development

- **Maternal mortality**: 6/100,000
- **Low birthweight**: 6%
- **Child poverty**: no data
- **Violent discipline**: no data
- **Young mothers (births by 18y)**: no data
- **Preterm births**: 6%
- **Under-five stunting**: no data
- **Inadequate supervision**: no data

#### Young children at risk of poor development

- 2005: no data
- 2010: no data
- 2015: no data

#### Risk by sex and residence

- **Girls**: no data
- **Boys**: no data
- **Rural**: no data
- **Urban**: no data

#### Lifetime cost of growth deficit in early childhood

- Estimate in terms of % loss of annual adult wage: no data

#### Support and services for early childhood development: Nurturing care

Parents and caregivers need a facilitating environment of laws, policies, services and community support to assist them in providing their young children with nurturing care.

#### Facilitating environments

- **Early learning**
  - Early stimulation at home: no data
  - Playthings at home: no data
  - Attendance in early childhood education: no data

- **Health**
  - Treatment for HIV+ pregnant women: no data
  - Careseeking for child pneumonia: no data
  - Antenatal care (4 or more visits): no data
  - Postnatal visits: no data

- **Nutrition**
  - Early initiation of breastfeeding: no data
  - Exclusively breastfeeding: no data
  - Minimum acceptable diet: no data

- **Responsive caregiving**
  - Public information about ECD: no data
  - Parental mental health: no data
  - Parent support (groups, home visits): no data
  - Quality child day care: no data

- **Security and safety**
  - Birth registration: no data
  - Positive discipline: no data
  - Basic drinking water: no data
  - Basic sanitation: no data

#### International conventions

- Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Hague Convention on Protection of Children and Cooperation in Respect of Intercountry Adoption

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**Note**: DETAILED COUNTRY DATA SOURCES AND FOOTNOTES CAN BE FOUND IN THE MASTER DATABASE AT NURTURING-CARE.ORG