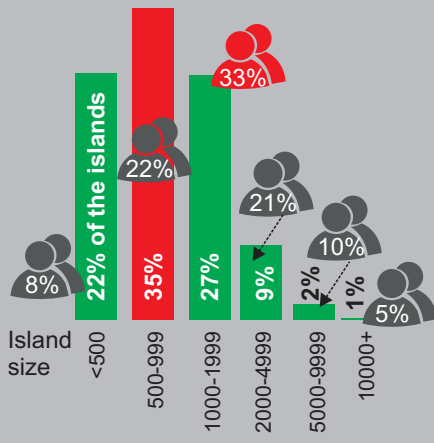## Distribution of total resident population

Resident population in administrative islands by size of population (excluding Male')

Island size	<500	500-999	1000-1999	2000-4999	5000-9999	10000+
% of islands	22%	35%	27%	9%	2%	1%
% of population	8%	22%	21%	33%	10%	5%

22% of the islands

Population size of the 187 inhabited islands vary substantially.
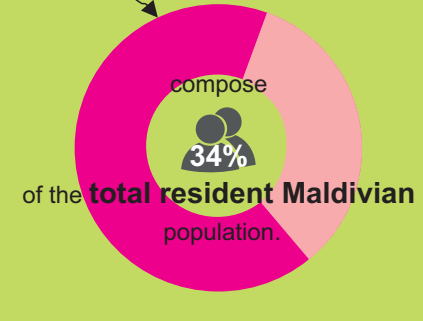
106 residents V.Rakeedhoo

11,129 residents S.Hithadhoo.

Apart from the **capital Male'** with a population of **153,904**, only **4 administrative islands** have a population size **greater than 5,000**. There are **GDh.Thinadhoo, HDh. Kulhudhuffushi, Gn.Fuvahmulah & S.Hithadhoo.**

Distribution of resident Maldivian population

Almost **2/3**rd of the islands have a population **less than 1,000** people compose

34%

of the **total resident Maldivian population.**

Excluding foreign resident population, there are **2 islands** with a population **less than 100.**
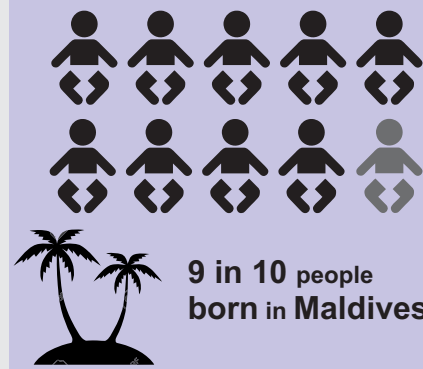
V.Thinadhoo

B.Fehendhoo

When the resident foreign population is included, there is no island with a population below one hundred inhabitants.

The **maximum** number of people live in islands with a **population ranging between 1,000 to 1,999**

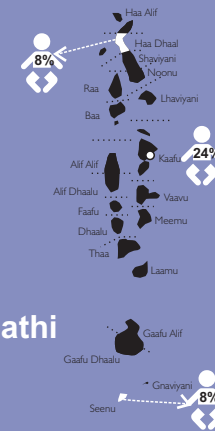## Resident Maldivian population by place of birth

9 in 10 people born in Maldives

1% of population born Abroad

Out of the total Maldivian population, **79,641** persons (**24%** of population) were **born in Male'.**

8% of the population was born in both **Addu (S)** and **South Thilandhumathi (HDh).**

8%

24%

8%

Resident Maldivian population by place of registration

17% **81%**

Out of the total Maldivian population, **57,338** persons (**17%**) is **registered** in the **Male'**

81% are **registered** in the **rest of the islands**

Highest proportion of the registered population in the Atolls are also found in

Addu (S) - 9% & **South Thilandhumathi (Hdh)- 7%**

Hdh 7%

S 9%

Out of the 79,641 Maldivians born in Male', **43%** are **registered in islands** other than Male', while **56%** of them are **registered in Male'.**
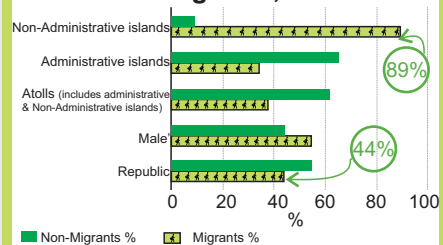
Out of the 57,338 Maldivians registered in Male', **78%** were **born in Male'.** The **highest** proportion of **registered** population of the atoll is also **born** in that **Atoll.** A **substantial** proportion of **registered** population of each Atoll is **born in Male'**, ranging from **7% to 26%** across the Atolls.

Usual Resident Maldivian Population with a change in residence

Population with a different island for usual and previous residence are considered as migrants.
Population without a change in their usual residence are considered as non-migrants.

Percentage share of migrants and non-migrants, 2014

Category	
Non-Administrative islands	
Administrative islands	**89%**
Atolls (includes administrative & Non-Administrative islands)	
Male	**44%**
Republic	

(x-axis: 0 20 40 60 80 100 %)

■ Non-Migrants %   ▨ Migrants %

Out of the 338,434 resident Maldivians **44%** of the population (147,927) had **shifted their residence**

Administrative islands in all of the **20 atolls** have a **higher share of non-migrant** population.

Migration in the country as well as in the Atolls is **dominated** by **males**.

54% of Male

46% of the women had a change in residency

However in **Male', female** migrants are **more** than male migrants.

Reason for last migration

In case of Republic, four main reasons for which the resident Maldivian population has migrated are:

25% return migrants to live in this island

22% Education

16% Employment & job opportunity

12% due to family migrating & to live with them.

In Male', main reasons are:

40% Education

14% return migrants to live in this island

In Atolls (including Administrative and Non- administrative), main reasons are:

35% return migrants to live in this island

18% Employment & job opportunity

Male
27% Employment & job opportunity

Female
26% return migrants to live in this island

Lifetime migration

A person whose usual island of residence differs from his island of birth is a lifetime migrant.

Census 2014 shows a population of **147,883** to be **lifetime migrants**.

54% of Male   **46%** of the women

Among the lifetime migrants **45%** were usual residents of **Male'** & **55%** were usual residents from **Atolls** (both administrative & non-administrative islands combined)

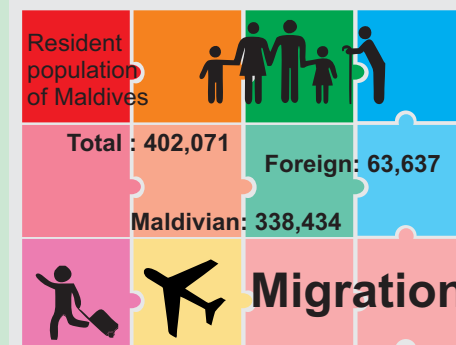### Distribution of resident foreign population

The foreign population is distributed across the country, **majority** of them **live in Male' (40%)** & in **non-administrative islands (36%).**

The foreign population consists of many different nationalities with

Bangladeshis **58%**

Indians **21%**

Most of the foreign population has lived in the country for **1 to 2 years**.

Migration

Resident population of Maldives

Total : 402,071

Foreign: 63,637

Maldivian: 338,434

During the census, persons were enumerated in the household where they were located during census night.

Usual residence however, is the island where the person usually resides. Usual residence is determined based on the duration of one year or more. If the person has lived in that island for less than one year, but intends to live for one year, that island is considered as usual residence of the person.

A person who has ever changed his/her island of usual residence is a migrant.

A person whose usual residence differs from his birth place is a lifetime migrant.

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