



# The hidden challenge facing the Maldives in 2062

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## 2022-2062





Currently Maldives is experiencing low fertility (TFR at **1.7**). In future Maldivians will have less children and TFR is expected to reach **1.5** by 2062

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Maldivians will live longer, with women living up to **85.3** years and men living up to **82.8** years.

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Internal migration of the Maldivian in the country will follow the same trend as now.

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The foreign population will increase for another 10 years and follow a growth trajectory similar to labour receiving countries in the middle east.

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This population is further adjusted to account for current foreign population count and increased based on a fixed growth rate.

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For details on the methodology and report, please refer to MBS website.

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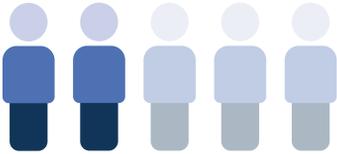
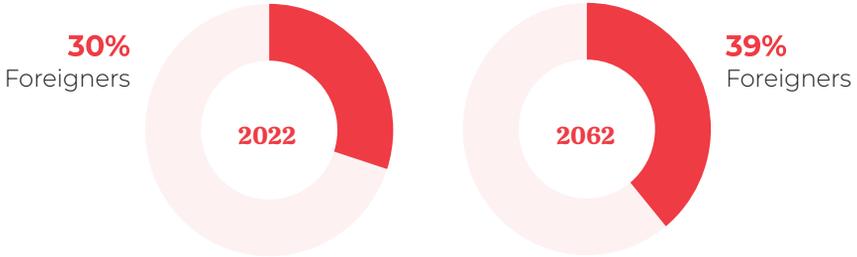


# **Resident Population (Maldivians and Foreigners)**



# Two in every five people will be foreigners

In 2022, foreigners made up 30% of the Maldives' population. With the steady increase in the foreign population and decline in Maldivian population growth rate, this is expected to reach 39% by 2062- meaning two in every five people in the country will be foreigners.



**By 2062, 2 in every 5 people living in Maldives will be a foreigner**

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# More than half of the resident population lives in Male' by 2062

In 2022, 42% of the resident population lived in Malé, while 45% in admin islands and 13% in non-admin islands.

By 2062, more than half of the Resident population will live in Malé. Admin islands lose most of its population while the population in non-admin islands increases to 15%.



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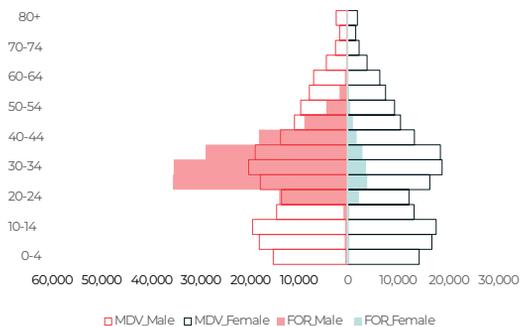




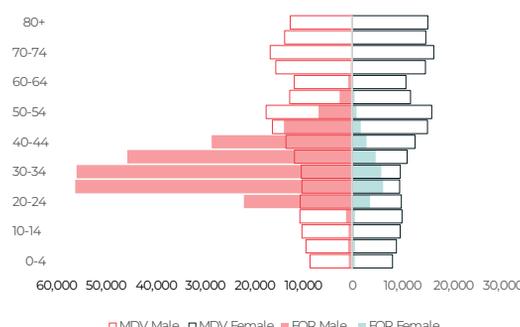
# Foreign men surpass Maldivian men in the working age now, and continue to do so in the future

In 2022, foreign men outnumbered Maldivian men in the age group of 25-39 years, with 17,000 more foreigners in the age band of 25-29 years. By 2062, this difference is expected to grow, with 40,000 more foreigners in each of these age groups.

Resident Population by age group- 2022



Resident Population by age group- 2062



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**What will happen to  
resident Maldivian  
population?**







## In future, there will be less children and more older persons

In 2022 children accounted to 27% and by 2062 child population will decline to half of its share in 2022. The elderly see the major increase from 5% in 2022 to 29% in 2062. The working age population also declines by 10%.

**2022**

**2062**

**27%**  
Children



**13%**  
Children

**68%**  
Working-age



**58%**  
Working-age

**5%**  
Elderly



**29%**  
Elderly

**دستوردهای جمعیتی و اقتصادی و اجتماعی در سال ۱۴۰۳**

در سال ۱۴۰۳، سهم کودکان در جمعیت ۲۷٪ و سهم افراد مسن ۵٪ و سهم افراد در سن کار ۶۸٪ بود. در سال ۱۴۰۳، سهم کودکان در جمعیت ۱۳٪ و سهم افراد مسن ۲۹٪ و سهم افراد در سن کار ۵۸٪ بود. این تغییرات نشان‌دهنده روند پیری جمعیت و کاهش جمعیت کودکان است.





## Less children

By 2062, the number of children eligible for pre-school will fall to just 13,648, with similar declines observed across other school-age groups.

	2022	2062
 <b>Pre-school</b> (2-5 years)	<b>25,334</b>	<b>13,648</b>
 <b>Primary age</b> (6-12 years)	<b>50,739</b>	<b>26,430</b>
 <b>Secondary age</b> (13-16 years)	<b>26,434</b>	<b>16,264</b>
 <b>Higher Secondary age</b> (17-19 years)	<b>15,604</b>	<b>12,372</b>

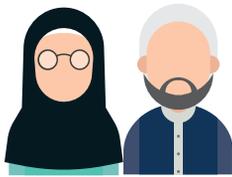
## سەھىيە ئىشلىرى بۆلۈمى تەرىپىدىن تەكشۈرۈلگەن

2062 - يىلى 13648 كىشى پىرىمىرىيە ئىشلىرى بۆلۈمى تەرىپىدىن تەكشۈرۈلگەن بولۇپ، 2022 - يىلى 25334 كىشى تەكشۈرۈلگەن بولۇپ، بۇنىڭدىن باشقا، 2062 - يىلى 16264 كىشى ئىككىنچى دەرىجىلىك ئىشلىرى بۆلۈمى تەرىپىدىن تەكشۈرۈلگەن بولۇپ، 2022 - يىلى 26434 كىشى تەكشۈرۈلگەن بولۇپ، 2062 - يىلى 12372 كىشى ئۈچىنچى دەرىجىلىك ئىشلىرى بۆلۈمى تەرىپىدىن تەكشۈرۈلگەن بولۇپ، 2022 - يىلى 15604 كىشى تەكشۈرۈلگەن بولۇپ.



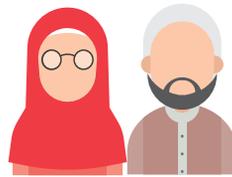
## By 2062, the elderly population will be aging within the group

In 2022, the elderly population consisted of around 20,000 people. By 2062, this figure is projected to increase sixfold, reaching 120,000 elders. Within this group, the share of the oldest elderly (80+) is expected to grow at the fastest pace, especially after 2040. This pattern signals aging within the elderly group itself.



**20,490**

65+ population in  
**2022**



**119,246**

65+ population in  
**2062**

## 2062 ۆسەر ارزىمىزدا ئىككىنچى قېتىملىق قوشۇمچە قىسقىرىشىمۇ كۆرۈنۈپ چىقىشى مۇمكىن

2022 ۆسەر ارزىمىزدا ئىككىنچى قېتىملىق قوشۇمچە قىسقىرىشىمۇ كۆرۈنۈپ چىقىشى مۇمكىن. 2022 ۆسەر ارزىمىزدا 20,000 كىشى بار ئىكەن، 2062 ۆسەر ارزىمىزدا بۇ سان 6 ھەسەلگە يەتتى، يەنى 120,000 كىشى بولىدۇ. بۇنىڭدىن باشقا، 80 ياشتىن يېشىلىرى كۆپىنچە ۆسەر ارزىمىزدا قوشۇمچە قىسقىرىشىمۇ كۆرۈنۈپ چىقىشى مۇمكىن، بۇ ئۆزگىرىش 2040 يىلىدىن باشلاپ ئېغىرلىشىدۇ.

## By 2062, one in three Maldivian women will be within reproductive age

In 2022, more than half of the female population was within reproductive age. As fertility declines and fewer children are born, the number of women entering childbearing age also decreases over time. By 2062, one in every three women will be within childbearing age.

**187,483**

Female population  
in **2022**

**104,439**

Reproductive age women  
in **2022**

Share of women in  
reproductive age is **56%**

**205,648**

Female population  
in **2062**

**78,538**

Reproductive age women  
in **2062**

Share of women in  
reproductive age is **38%**



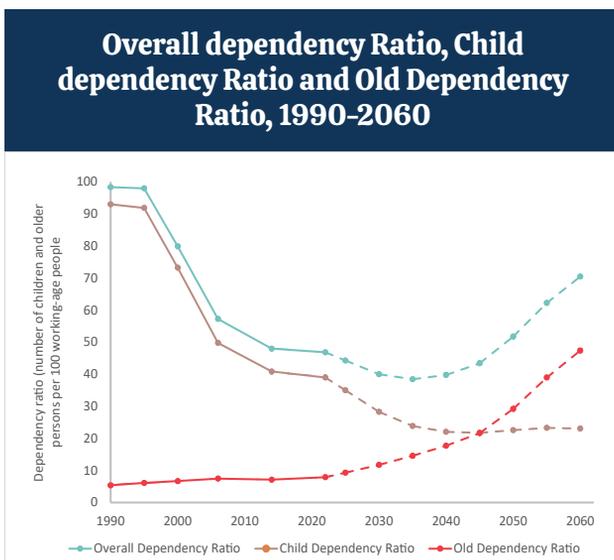
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# From 2045 onwards, the overall dependency ratio is driven by elders

In 2022, there is one dependent for every 2 people of working age. By 2045, older people will outnumber children as dependents. By 2062, the dependency ratio is projected to reach 70 — meaning for every three working-age individuals, there will be two dependents



**2045 ווען ארבער זענען דאס אלטער אדער צוויי קינדער**

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## Preparing for a super-aged future

**Super-aged society.** Long-term planning must focus on the adequacy and sustainability of healthcare, pension arrangements, and eldercare systems.

**Human capital investment.** Investing in youth and women, will be critical to offset the impact of a shrinking labor force as the country ages.

**Urban concentration.** Migration to Malé will continue to intensify, requiring major investments in housing, infrastructure, and service provision while also pursuing balanced development in the atolls to reduce disparities.

**Migration uncertainty.** Future labor force size depend on the inflow of foreign workers. Policies must prioritize the development of the domestic workforce.





# Technical Notes:

The population presented is the mid-year population (as of 1 July) for each year.

- **Resident population:** Population who has been living in Maldives for more than one year or intends to live in Maldives for 1 year or more. This includes Resident Maldivian Population and Resident Foreign Population.

- **Resident Maldivian population:** Maldivians who has been living in Maldives for more than one year or intends to live in Maldives for 1 year or more. Maldivians who are permanently living abroad is excluded from here.

- **Resident Foreigners:** Foreigners who have living in Maldives for more than one year or intends to live in Maldives for 1 year or more. Foreigners such as tourists, short term stay is excluded from this count.

- **Malé:** the capital city of Maldives. Includes the 4 wards of Male (Henveiru, Galolhu, Machchangoalhi, Maafannu, Hulhumaale, Villimaale) as administrative division and Thilafushi and Gulheefalhu is taken as non-administrative division.

- **Atolls:** include admin and non-admin islands within the 20 atolls combined.

- **Administrative islands:** include only the administrative islands in an atoll. Administrative islands are those with island councils and where local community lives.

- **Non-administrative islands:** these islands include resorts, industrial islands, resorts under renovation, islands given out for commercial purpose, or any island where a person resides and which is not being used for administrative purpose.

# Technical Notes:

- **Maale Atoll (K. Atolls):** Maale Atoll includes only the administrative islands and non-administrative islands within the atoll and excludes Malé.

- **The median age** is the age that divides a population into two numerically equal groups; that is, half the people are younger than this age and half are older. It is a single index that summarizes the age distribution of a population.

- **Population by local age groups:** includes Children (0-17 years), Youth (18-35 years), Adult (36-64 years), Elderly (65+).

- **Population by broad age groups:** includes Children (0-14 years), Working age group (15-64 years), Elderly (65+).

- **Ageing:** when the share of elderly population (65+) is between 7-14 per cent.

- **Aged:** when the share of elderly population (65+) is between 15-20 percent.

- **Super-aged:** when the share of elderly population (65+) is  $\geq 21$  per cent.

- **Dependency ratio:** the dependency ratio measures the proportion of dependent individuals such as children and elderly people to the working age population. A high dependency ratio suggests that a country has a greater number of children and elderly people to the working age population. In contrast, a low age dependency ratio indicates that a country has a smaller proportion of dependents and a larger proportion of people who are capable of working.



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