### **STATES OF JERSEY**



# BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILLBIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS REGISTERED IN THE TWELVE PARISHES OF THE ISLAND OF JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 2024

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# Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships registered in the twelve parishes of the Island of Jersey

# for the year

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The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs presents the following statistics for the year 2024:

#### 1. Births

#### 1.1 Actual births

The number of actual births in Jersey in 2024 was 716.

This represents the number of live births of babies born in Jersey between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024.

This was comprised of 330 females (46%) and 386 males (54%) – the sixth year in a row that more males were born than females.

There were 79 fewer births in Jersey in 2024 than in 2023 i.e. a 10% decrease.

This is 28% fewer births compared to the number of births that occurred in 2014.

This is the lowest number of births recorded since 1945.

98% of all births in Jersey occurred at the General Hospital, i.e. 702.

The remaining 2% of births in Jersey occurred at a location other than the General Hospital, i.e. 14.

Table showing the number of <u>actual</u> births in Jersey in 2024 by month and sex

Month of Birth	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Sex													
Female	26	17	28	26	28	34	25	30	26	37	27	26	330
Male	38	34	30	29	25	34	34	31	27	30	35	39	386
Total	64	51	58	55	53	68	59	61	53	67	62	65	716

Table showing the number of <u>actual</u> births in Jersey in 2024 by parish

Parish	Births
GROUVILLE	1
ST. BRELADE	0
ST. CLEMENT	3
ST. HELIER	708
ST. JOHN	0
ST. LAWRENCE	2
ST. MARTIN	0
ST. MARY	0
ST. OUEN	1
ST. PETER	0
ST. SAVIOUR	1
TRINITY	0
TOTALS	716

#### 1.2 Registered births

The number of registered births (including re-registrations of birth) in Jersey in 2024 was 727.

This represents the number of live births which were registered by the Superintendent Registrar between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024 i.e. the operational productivity of the service in relation to births.

There were therefore 73 fewer registrations of birth than in 2023, i.e. a decrease of 9%.

The proportion of births registered to married parents was 53%.

#### 1.3 Baby names

The following table shows the 10 most popular baby names for girls and boys registered in Jersey by the Superintendent Registrar between 2016 and 2024 (most popular first):

				Girls				
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Olivia	Olivia	Sienna	Olivia	Isabella	Sienna	Willow	Olivia	Isla
Emily	Mia	Ava	Ava	Willow	Isla	Mia	Isla	Olivia
Ava	Рорру	Amelia	Amelia	Emily	Olivia	Aria	Mia	Isabella
Mia	Emily	Mia	Ella	Eva	Willow	Sienna	Emilia	Grace
Sophie	Grace	Sophia	Emilia	Isla	Ellie	Lily	Emily	Elodie
Matilda	Evie	Luna	Isla	Sophie	Maria	Daisy	Isabella	Bella
Abigail	Isabella	Lilly	Lily	Alice	Sophia	Olivia	Luna	Ruby
Maya	Millie	Charlotte	Mia	Sophia	Valentina	Emily	Florence	Clara
Daisy	Amelia	Freya	Isabella	Ava	Amelia	Florence	Phoebe	Mia
lvy	Ruby	Emily	Charlotte	Hallie	Charlotte	Valentina	Amelia	Pearl
				Boys				
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Harry	Charlie	Leo	Oliver	Lucas	Arthur	Arthur	Oliver	Theodore
Oliver	Henry	Oliver	Jack	George	Oliver	Noah	Oscar	Luca
Noah	Lucas	Jacob	Lucas	William	Noah	Luca	Jack	James
Jack	Oliver	William	Mason	Henry	Freddie	Leo	Leo	Alfie
Leo	Noah	Noah	Oscar	Alfie	Alexander	Lucas	Alfie	Leo
Ethan	Edward	Joshua	Archie	Oscar	Lucas	Oliver	Archie	Finley
Dylan	Sebastian	Charlie	George	Archie	Toby	Theodore	George	Henry
Theo	Jacob	Henry	Alfie	Oliver	William	Frederick	Gabriel	William
Joshua	Isaac	Logan	Arthur	Noah	Henry	Finn	Lucas	Arlo
James	Archie	Jack	Benjamin	Liam	Sebastian	Albert	Luca	Alexander

#### 2. Deaths

#### 2.1 Actual deaths

There were 863 deaths which occurred in Jersey between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

51% of those who died in 2024 were male and 49% were female.

The highest number of deaths which occurred in Jersey in 2024 occurred in the months of January and October

The lowest number of deaths which occurred in Jersey in 2024 occurred in the months of April and July.

Table showing the number of <u>actual</u> deaths which occurred in Jersey in 2024 by month and sex

Month of Actual Death	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Gender	Juli				,			8					
F	39	38	32	24	40	38	28	31	34	42	38	43	427
М	41	38	35	32	35	33	30	42	39	43	37	31	436
Total	80	76	67	56	75	71	58	73	73	85	75	74	863

Table showing the number of <u>actual</u> deaths which occurred in Jersey in 2024 by age range

Age Range of Deaths	0-17 years	18-64 years	65-89 years	90+ years
Sex				
Female	0	49	244	134
Male	1	77	287	71
Total	1	126	531	205

#### 2.2 Registered Deaths

There were 877 deaths *registered* in Jersey in 2024. This represents the operational productivity of the service in relation to deaths.

There were 42 more deaths registered in 2024 than in 2023, a 5% increase.

This is the highest number of deaths registered in Jersey since 1995.

36% of registered deaths occurred in the General Hospital i.e. 314 deaths

46% of registered deaths occurred in a care facility i.e. 400 deaths

18% of registered deaths occurred in the community i.e. 163 deaths

Table showing the number of registered deaths in Jersey in 2024 by parish

Parish	Deaths
GROUVILLE	16
ST. BRELADE	55
ST. CLEMENT	14
ST. HELIER	579
ST. JOHN	22
ST. LAWRENCE	36
ST. MARTIN	9
ST. MARY	4
ST. OUEN	6
ST. PETER	100
ST. SAVIOUR	30
TRINITY	6
TOTALS	877

#### 2.3 Explanation of Cause of Death in Registration of Death

A doctor qualified in law to certify a death, is required by law to certify the condition or conditions which caused a person's death. This certification is carried out immediately following a death and then forwarded to the Superintendent Registrar. In other cases, the Viscount provides confirmation to the Superintendent Registrar of the medical conditions which caused the death following further investigation and/or inquest.

Once established, these conditions are then registered as 'Cause of Death' on a death registration by the Superintendent Registrar.

'Cause of Death' within a death registration sets out four separate, but related, sections for the recording of these conditions as follows:

- 1a. The disease or condition that lead to the death
- 1b. Due to or as a consequence of [...]
- 1c. Due to or as a consequence of [...]
- 2. Other significant conditions contributing to the death

A Cause of Death must include a condition in 1a. and may include conditions(s) in any of the other sections (or be blank in some sections if not relevant).

'Cause of Death' on a death registration therefore represents a comprehensive narrative of all the conditions that caused the death of the person.

Only those conditions which caused the death are certified as a cause of death and registered as a 'Cause of Death' on the death registration. I.e. not all conditions which a person suffers with at the time of death will or should be certified/registered — only those that caused the death.

Due to the legal process involved with the registration of death, death registrations will be carried out several days following the actual date of death once all information is received and verified by the Superintendent Registrar. In the case of deaths subject to an inquest, registration will only take place after an inquest has taken place.

#### 2.4 Burial and cremation

Table showing the percentage of deaths registered in Jersey which resulted in cremations and burials in Jersey

Note: some deaths which occur in Jersey result in the repatriation of bodies to other jurisdictions for burial or cremation and do not form part of these statistics. Similarly, some deaths which occur outside Jersey result in the repatriation of bodies from other jurisdictions for burial or cremation in Jersey and these do not form part of the below statistics.

Year	Bu	rial	Crema	ation	Total	
. cui	Total	%	Total	%	1000	
2018	206	25%	612	75%	818	
2019	207	27%	561	73%	768	
2020	155	21%	586	79%	741	
2021	169	22%	612	78%	781	
2022	181	21%	684	79%	865	
2023	173	21%	653	79%	826	
2024	162	19%	700	81%	862	

#### 3. Stillbirths

There were 2 stillbirths in the Island in 2024 – the same number as occurred in 2023.

This represents the number of births of babies born at 24 weeks or more gestation who were born without signs of life.

The births of these babies are registered separately to live births under specific legal provisions.

#### 4. Marriage

#### 4.1 Marriage in Jersey

#### **Total number of marriages**

A total of 381 marriages took place in Jersey in 2024.

This is 7 more than 2023 i.e. 2% more marriages than in 2023.

This number includes every marriage solemnised in Jersey ie all civil marriage (including conversion to marriage from civil partnership), marriage in the Church of England, and all other religious denomination marriage.

## Marriages authorised by the Superintendent Registrar (Civil and Non-Anglican religious marriage)

The Superintendent Registrar authorises all civil and non-Anglican religious marriages in Jersey.

In total the Superintendent Registrar authorised 330 marriages in 2024. This is 31 more than in 2023, i.e. a 10% increase.

Civil marriage increased by 10% in 2024 i.e. 316 of the 330 marriages authorised by the Superintendent Registrar in 2024 were civil marriages.

Religious marriage decreased by 12.5% in 2024, i.e. 14 of 330 marriages authorised by the Superintendent Registrar in 2024 were religious denomination marriages.

#### Civil / religious marriage statistics

The following statistics include marriages authorised by the Dean of Jersey as the authority for marriage for the Church of England in Jersey.

The number of authorisations for marriage by the Superintendent Registrar and the Dean of Jersey are combined to give a total number of marriages which took place in Jersey in 2024.

In total 83% of all marriages which took place in Jersey were civil (non-religious) marriage ceremonies and 17% of all marriages which took place in Jersey were religious marriage ceremonies.

There was a 12% increase in the number of civil marriages in Jersey in 2024 and a 30% decrease in the number of religious marriage ceremonies compared to 2023.

There were 316 civil (i.e. non-religious) marriage ceremonies in Jersey in 2024 – 33 more than in 2023.

There was a 22% increase in the number of civil marriage ceremonies taking place at the Office of the Superintendent Registrar (the Register Office).

In total, 135 out of 316 civil marriage ceremonies in Jersey in 2024 took place in the Register Office – 24 more than in 2023.

In total, there were 64 religious marriage ceremonies – 27 less than in 2023.

Of these ceremonies -

- 50 marriages were conducted in Church of England churches 25 fewer than in 2023 (a 33% decrease)
- 10 marriages were conducted in Catholic churches the same number as in 2023
- The remaining 4 religious marriages occurred in other denomination ceremonies 2
   fewer than in 2023

The most popular months for marriage in Jersey were August and September.

#### 4.2 Conversion to marriage / Conversion to Civil Partnership

Following amendments to the Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001 (which came into force on 1st July 2018), couples in valid civil partnerships are able to convert their civil partnership to marriage.

1 conversion to marriage (from civil partnership) ceremonies was solemnised in Jersey in 2024, 2 fewer than in 2023.

0 conversion to civil partnership (from marriage) ceremonies were solemnised in Jersey following a change in the law in March 2023 to allow such conversions.

#### 4.3 Marriage of Jersey residents in other jurisdictions

The number of Jersey resident couples who applied to the Superintendent Registrar to marry in jurisdictions outside the Island in 2024 was 11 i.e. 2 fewer than in 2023. The most popular destination for marriage by Jersey residents was Greece.

#### 4.4 Marriage of non-Jersey residents in Jersey

The number of non-Jersey resident couples who travelled to Jersey in 2024 for the purpose of marriage by authorisation of the Superintendent Registrar was 67.

This was 12 more couples than in 2023 and made up 22% of all civil and non-Anglican marriages that were authorised by the Superintendent Registrar in 2024.

The largest proportion of non-residents who travelled to Jersey to marry came from England.

The most popular months for non-residents to marry in Jersey were July and August.

#### 5. Civil Partnership

Following amendments to the Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001 (which came into force in March 2023), opposite sex couples are able to apply to form a civil partnership.

In 2024, there were 8 civil partnership ceremonies in Jersey – 3 more than in the previous year.

#### 6. Table of registrations – 1990 to 2024

	Births							
Year	A	В	Stillbirths	Deaths	Marriages	Civil Partnerships	Conversions to marriage	Conversion to civil partnership
1990	1,171	1,112	6	863	662			
1991	1,135	1,057	3	886	647			
1992	1,202	1,137	5	825	641			
1993	1,127	1,057	5	947	536			
1994	1,210	1,147	7	841	539			
1995	1,214	1,121	6	889	553			
1996	1,167	1,109	3	842	544			
1997	1,195	1,100	4	800	805			
1998	1,200	1,127	2	781	824			
1999	1,175	1,065	4	801	841			
2000	1,093	976	5	784	796			
2001	1,061	973	2	784	664	]		
2002	1,023	930	2	841	641			
2003	1,088	1,005	2	760	632			
2004	1,056	971	0	748	616			
2005	1,053	969	4	752	635			
2006	1,043	950	3	759	607			
2007	1,104	1,030	2	707	586			
2008	1,134	1,048	8	743	592			
2009	1,169	1,010	0	758	541			
2010	1,194	1,066	1	797	546			
2011	1,176	1,102	3	716	515			
2012	1,214	1,123	5	762	540	17		
2013	1,091	1,017	7	719	484	27		
2014	1,031	989	3	682	522	13		
2015	1,052	997	0	778	492	13		
2016	1,046	1,008	2	795	474	14		
2017	973	949	2	816	447	15		
2018	962	933	4	831	438	7	9	
2019	924	880	5	795	359	1	8	
2020	845	863	1	718	184	3	3	
2021	897	890	4	827	437	2	5	
2022	857	835	3	874	439	1	0	
2023	800	795	2	835	374	5	3	0
2024	727	716	2	877	381	8	1	0

#### Notes

- The figures for births shown above are, in column A, the number of births registered in each year, which includes the reregistration of births under the Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001; and in column B, the number of children actually born in each year.
- 2. The table includes civil partnerships from April 2012 onwards, and conversions to marriage from 1st July 2018 onwards.
- 3. The figures for deaths shown above represent the number of registered deaths in Jersey.
- 4. The figures for marriage shown above represent the total number of marriages solemnised in Jersey.

