

## Population increase in nineteen Member States

During 2017, the population increased in nineteen EU Member States and decreased in nine. The largest relative increase was observed in **Malta** (+32.9 per 1 000 residents), ahead of **Luxembourg** (+19.0‰), **Sweden** (+12.4‰), **Ireland** (+11.2‰) and **Cyprus** (+11.0‰). In contrast, the largest decrease was recorded in **Lithuania** (-13.8‰), followed by **Croatia** (-11.8‰), **Latvia** (-8.1‰), **Bulgaria** (-7.3‰) and **Romania** (-6.2‰). In total, the population of the **EU** increased by 1.1 million people (+2.1 per 1000 residents) during the year 2017.

### Total population

	Population 1.1.2017 (in 1 000)	Population 1.1.2018 (in 1 000)	Change 2018/2017 (per 1 000)*	Share in EU population, 2018
<b>EU</b>	<b>511 521.7</b>	<b>512 596.4</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Belgium</b>	11 351.7	11 413.1	5.4	2.2%
<b>Bulgaria</b>	7 101.9	7 050.0	-7.3	1.4%
<b>Czech Republic</b>	10 578.8	10 610.1	2.9	2.1%
<b>Denmark</b>	5 748.8	5 781.2	5.6	1.1%
<b>Germany**</b>	82 521.7	82 850.0	4.0	16.2%
<b>Estonia</b>	1 315.6	1 319.1	2.7	0.3%
<b>Ireland</b>	4 784.4	4 838.3	11.2	0.9%
<b>Greece**</b>	10 768.2	10 738.9	-2.7	2.1%
<b>Spain</b>	46 527.0	46 659.3	2.8	9.1%
<b>France</b>	66 989.1	67 221.9	3.5	13.1%
<b>Croatia</b>	4 154.2	4 105.5	-11.8	0.8%
<b>Italy</b>	60 589.4	60 484.0	-1.7	11.8%
<b>Cyprus</b>	854.8	864.2	11.0	0.2%
<b>Latvia</b>	1 950.1	1 934.4	-8.1	0.4%
<b>Lithuania</b>	2 847.9	2 808.9	-13.8	0.5%
<b>Luxembourg</b>	590.7	602.0	19.0	0.1%
<b>Hungary</b>	9 797.6	9 778.4	-2.0	1.9%
<b>Malta**</b>	460.3	475.7	32.9	0.1%
<b>Netherlands</b>	17 081.5	17 118.1	2.1	3.3%
<b>Austria</b>	8 772.9	8 822.3	5.6	1.7%
<b>Poland</b>	37 973.0	37 976.7	0.1	7.4%
<b>Portugal</b>	10 309.6	10 291.0	-1.8	2.0%
<b>Romania</b>	19 644.4	19 523.6	-6.2	3.8%
<b>Slovenia</b>	2 065.9	2 066.9	0.5	0.4%
<b>Slovakia</b>	5 435.3	5 443.1	1.4	1.1%
<b>Finland</b>	5 503.3	5 513.1	1.8	1.1%
<b>Sweden</b>	9 995.2	10 120.2	12.4	2.0%
<b>United Kingdom</b>	65 808.6	66 186.4	5.7	12.9%
<b>Iceland</b>	338.3	348.5	29.4	-
<b>Liechtenstein</b>	37.8	38.1	8.0	-
<b>Norway</b>	5 258.3	5 295.6	7.1	-
<b>Switzerland</b>	8 419.6	8 482.2	7.4	-
<b>Montenegro</b>	622.4	622.4	0.0	-
<b>The former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia</b>	2 073.7	2 075.3	0.8	-
<b>Albania</b>	2 876.6	2 870.3	-2.2	-
<b>Serbia</b>	7 040.3	7 001.4	-5.5	-
<b>Turkey</b>	79 814.9	80 810.5	12.4	-

All data are provisional

- Not applicable

\* Crude rate of population change represents the ratio, expressed per 1 000 residents, of the increase of population during 2017 (difference between the population on 1 January 2018 and the population on 1 January 2017) to the average population in 2017.

\*\* Data are estimated

The source dataset can be found [here](#).

## Natural change of population in 2017

	Absolute number in 1 000			Crude rate*		
	Live births	Deaths	Natural change	Live births	Deaths	Natural change
<b>EU</b>	<b>5 058.6</b>	<b>5 262.7</b>	<b>-204.2</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
Belgium	119.7	109.7	10.0	10.5	9.6	0.9
Bulgaria	64.0	109.8	-45.8	9.0	15.5	- 6.5
Czech Republic	114.4	111.4	3.0	10.8	10.5	0.3
Denmark	61.4	53.3	8.1	10.6	9.2	1.4
Germany**	785.0	933.0	-148.0	9.5	11.3	- 1.8
Estonia	13.8	15.5	-1.8	10.5	11.8	- 1.3
Ireland	62.1	30.3	31.8	12.9	6.3	6.6
Greece	88.5	124.5	-36.0	8.2	11.6	- 3.3
Spain	390.0	421.3	-31.2	8.4	9.0	- 0.7
France	767.7	603.1	164.6	11.4	9.0	2.5
Croatia	36.6	53.5	-16.9	8.9	12.9	- 4.1
Italy	458.2	649.1	-190.9	7.6	10.7	-3.2
Cyprus	9.2	6.0	3.2	10.7	7.0	3.8
Latvia	20.8	28.8	-7.9	10.7	14.8	- 4.1
Lithuania	28.7	40.1	-11.4	10.1	14.2	- 4.0
Luxembourg	6.2	4.3	1.9	10.4	7.1	3.2
Hungary	94.6	131.9	-37.2	9.7	13.5	- 3.8
Malta**	4.3	3.6	0.7	9.2	7.6	1.6
Netherlands	169.2	150.0	19.2	9.9	8.8	1.1
Austria	87.6	83.3	4.4	10.0	9.5	0.5
Poland	402.0	402.9	-0.9	10.6	10.6	0.0
Portugal	86.2	109.6	-23.4	8.4	10.6	- 2.3
Romania	189.5	260.6	-71.1	9.7	13.3	-3.6
Slovenia	20.2	20.5	-0.3	9.8	9.9	- 0.1
Slovakia	58.0	53.9	4.1	10.7	9.9	0.7
Finland	50.3	53.7	-3.4	9.1	9.8	- 0.6
Sweden	115.4	92.0	23.4	11.5	9.1	2.3
United Kingdom	755.0	607.2	147.9	11.4	9.2	2.2
Iceland	4.1	2.2	1.8	11.9	6.5	5.3
Liechtenstein	0.3	0.2	0.1	8.9	6.6	2.3
Norway	56.6	40.8	15.9	10.7	7.7	3.0
Switzerland	87.4	67.0	20.4	10.3	7.9	2.4
Montenegro	7.4	6.5	0.9	11.9	10.5	1.5
The former Yug. Rep. of Macedonia	21.8	20.3	1.4	10.5	9.8	0.7
Albania	30.9	22.2	8.6	10.7	7.7	3.0
Serbia	64.9	103.7	-38.8	9.2	14.8	- 5.5
Turkey	1 291.1	425.8	865.3	16.1	5.3	10.8

All data are provisional

\* The crude rate is calculated as the ratio of the number of events to the average population in a given year. For easier presentation, it is multiplied by 1 000; the result is therefore expressed per 1 000 residents.

\*\* Data are estimated

The source dataset can be found [here](#).