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# STATES OF JERSEY



## REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS: ANNUAL STATEMENT 2017

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## REPORT

### Annual Statement as to the number of births, stillbirths, deaths, marriages and civil partnerships registered in Jersey during 2017

The Minister for Home Affairs presents the following statistics for the year 2017 –

#### 1. Births

##### Actual births:

The number of *actual* births in Jersey in 2017 was 949.

This represents the number of babies born in Jersey between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2017.

There were therefore 59 less births in Jersey in 2017 than in 2016. This is the lowest number of births since 2002.

##### Registered births:

The number of *registered* births in Jersey in 2017 (including re-registrations of birth) was 974. Of these, 49 births were registered as re-registrations of birth. There were therefore 925 original registrations of births in 2017.

This represents the number of births which were registered between 1st January 2017 and 31st December 2017.

There were 72 less registrations than in 2016.

There were 947 births (i.e. 97.2% of all Island births) registered in St. Helier.

There were 27 births registered in parishes other than St. Helier. Therefore, 2.8% of births occurred in parishes outside St. Helier.

#### 1.1 *Table showing the number of registered births (excluding re-registrations) in Jersey in 2017*

PARISH	BIRTHS	PARISH	BIRTHS
GROUVILLE	0	ST. MARTIN	0
ST. BRELADE	3	ST. MARY	1
ST. CLEMENT	3	ST. OUEN	2
ST. HELIER	898	ST. PETER	1
ST. JOHN	6	ST. SAVIOUR	9
ST. LAWRENCE	1	TRINITY	1
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>925</b>

## 2. Deaths

There were 816 deaths registered in Jersey in 2017.

This is an increase of 51 from 2016 and the highest number since 2002.

### 2.2 *Table showing the number of registered deaths in Jersey in 2017*

<b>PARISH</b>	<b>DEATHS</b>
GROUVILLE	14
ST. BRELADE	97
ST. CLEMENT	18
ST. HELIER	517
ST. JOHN	6
ST. LAWRENCE	13
ST. MARTIN	14
ST. MARY	1
ST. OUEN	12
ST. PETER	83
ST. SAVIOUR	43
TRINITY	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>829</b>

## 3. Stillbirths

There were 2 stillbirths in the Island in 2017 – the same number as in 2016.

#### 4. Marriage

There were 447 marriages in Jersey in 2017 – 27 less than in 2016.

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

The most popular venue for marriage ceremonies in Jersey in 2017 was the Register Office, where 157 ceremonies took place.

The number of couples who travelled to Jersey for the purposes of marriage by licence of the Superintendent Registrar was 88, i.e. 25% of all civil and non-Anglican marriages.

There were 275 civil marriage ceremonies in Jersey in 2017, i.e. 70% of all marriages in Jersey.

There were 134 church marriage ceremonies, i.e. 30% of all marriages in Jersey.

Of these ceremonies, 96 marriages were conducted in the Church of England (21.5% of the total Island marriages), 31 marriages were conducted in Catholic churches (6.9% of the total marriages) and the remaining 7 marriages occurred in other denomination churches such as Methodist, Freedom and Kingdom Hall churches.

The number of Jersey resident couples who applied to marry in jurisdictions outside the Island was 33.

##### 4.1 Table showing the number of marriages in Jersey in 2017

PARISH	MARRIAGES
GROUVILLE	10
ST. BRELADE	92
ST. CLEMENT	14
ST. HELIER	209
ST. JOHN	2
ST. LAWRENCE	11
ST. MARTIN	17
ST. MARY	25
ST. OUEN	10
ST. PETER	25
ST. SAVIOUR	10
TRINITY	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>447</b>

## 5. Civil Partnerships

In 2017, there were 15 civil partnership ceremonies in Jersey, one more than in the previous year.

The most popular venue for civil partnership ceremonies was the Register Office – where 7 ceremonies took place. The remaining 8 civil partnership ceremonies took place in other authorised civil venues around the Island.

Three couples travelled to the Island for their ceremony.

### 5.1 Table showing the number of civil partnerships in Jersey in 2017

PARISH	CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS
GROUVILLE	0
ST. BRELADE	1
ST. CLEMENT	0
ST. HELIER	10
ST. JOHN	0
ST. LAWRENCE	1
ST. MARTIN	1
ST. MARY	0
ST. OUEN	1
ST. PETER	1
ST. SAVIOUR	0
TRINITY	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>

## 6. Table of registrations – 1995 to 2017

YEAR	BIRTHS <sup>1</sup>		DEATHS	MARRIAGES	CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS <sup>2</sup>
	A	B			
1995	1,214	1,121	889	553	
1996	1,167	1,109	842	544	
1997	1,195	1,100	800	805	
1998	1,200	1,127	781	824	
1999	1,175	1,065	801	841	
2000	1,093	976	784	796	
2001	1,061	973	784	664	
2002	1,023	930	841	641	
2003	1,088	1,005	760	632	
2004	1,056	971	748	616	
2005	1,053	969	752	635	
2006	1,043	950	759	607	
2007	1,104	1,030	707	586	
2008	1,134	1,048	743	592	
2009	1,169	1,010	758	541	
2010	1,194	1,066	797	546	
2011	1,176	1,102	716	515	
2012	1,214	1,123	762	540	17
2013	1,091	1,017	719	484	27
2014	1,031	989	682	522	13
2015	1,052	997	778	492	13
2016	1,046	1,008	795	474	14
2017	974	949	816	447	15

**Claire Follain, Superintendent Registrar, 16th February 2018**

<sup>1</sup> The figures for births shown above are, in column A, the number of births registered in each year, which includes the re-registration of births under the various Articles of the Law which provide for it and, in column B, the number of children actually born in each year.

<sup>2</sup> The table includes Civil Partnerships from April 2012 onwards.