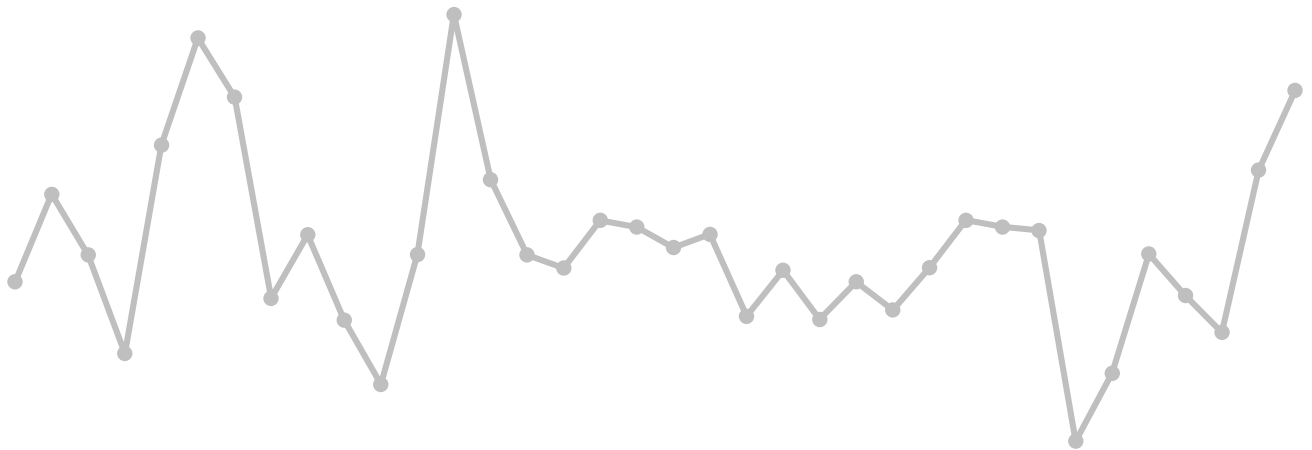


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Abbreviations/Acronyms

BBA	Birth before arrival
CRD	Chronic Respiratory Diseases
COVID-19	Coronavirus Disease 2019
CVA	Cerebrovascular accidents
DSRU	Disease Surveillance and Response Unit
F	Female(s)
ICD-11	International Classification of Diseases 11th revision
LE	Life Expectancy
M	Male(s)
MCCOD	Medical certification of cause of death
MI	Myocardial infarction
MOH	Ministry of Health
NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
NCD	Non-Communicable Diseases
PE	Pulmonary embolism
WHO	World Health Organization
WSP	World Standard Population

Glossary

Life expectancy at birth: The average number of years that a new-born could expect to live if he or she were to pass through life exposed to the sex- and age-specific death rates prevailing at the time of his or her birth, for a specific year, in a given country, territory or geographical area.

Maternal mortality ratio: The annual number of female deaths from any cause related to or aggravated by pregnancy or its management (excluding accidental or incidental causes) during pregnancy and childbirth or within 42 days of termination of pregnancy, irrespective of the duration and site of the pregnancy, expressed per 100,000 live births, for a specified time period.

Perinatal mortality rate: Combined number of deaths of babies aged less than 7 days and the number of stillbirths in a year per 1,000 total births during the year.

Neonatal mortality rate: Probability that a child born in a specific year or period will die during the first 28 completed days of life if subject to age-specific mortality rates of that period, expressed per 1,000 live births.

Infant mortality rate: The probability that a child born in a specific year or period will die before reaching the age of 1 year, if subject to age-specific mortality rates of that period, expressed as a rate per 1,000 live births.

Under- five mortality rate: The probability of a child born in a specific year or period dying before reaching the age of 5 years, if subject to age-specific mortality rates of that period, expressed per 1,000 live births.

Stillbirth: The complete expulsion or extraction of a foetus from a female after at least 26 weeks' pregnancy or after attaining a weight of 800 grams or more, where after such expulsion or extraction there is no breathing, beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or unmistakable movement of voluntary muscle.

Summary of Vital Statistics in 2024

Vital Events	Year 2024
Seychelles All-resident Population	121,354 (54% M, 46% F)
Registered Live births	1,333 (51% M, 49% F)
Crude birth rate per 1,000 population	11.0
Total Fertility Rate per 1,000 females of child-bearing age	1.7
Adolescent Fertility Rate per 1,000 girls aged 15-19 years	45
Registered Deaths	850 (61% M, 39% F)
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	7.0
Maternal mortality ratio per 100,000 live births	150.0
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	9.0
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	12.8
Under-five mortality rate per 1,000 live births	15.0
Life expectancy at birth (Years) (For All-resident Population)	Males - 72.1 Females - 80.7 Both Sexes - 76.0

Deaths by Cause	Absolute numbers	% of total deaths
Mortality from diseases of the circulatory system ⁽¹⁾	238	28%
Mortality from neoplasms	158	19%
Mortality from diseases of the respiratory system (includes infections)	128	15%
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases	66	8%
External causes of mortality	54	6%
Diseases of the digestive system	40	5%
Diseases of the genitourinary system	38	4%
Mortality from infectious and parasitic diseases	32	4%
Other causes of mortality	96	11%

(1) Cerebrovascular accidents are now classified under neurological diseases in accordance with ICD-11 coding conventions.

1.0 Introduction

Vital statistics refer to key demographic events within a population, including births, deaths, marriages, and divorces, typically presented in numerical form. This report provides an overview of birth and death records documented by the Ministry of Health (MOH) for the year 2024. The classification of causes of death follows the 11th revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11).

In Seychelles, the National Civil Registration Office (Department of Civil Status) is the primary source and legal authority for vital statistics data. To enhance accuracy, records were cross-verified with data from Seychelles Hospital—including its wards, maternity unit, and mortuary—as well as hospitals in Praslin and La Digue and various Primary Healthcare Centres. Additionally, this report references publications from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

A validation meeting was held in February 2025 with key stakeholders from both within and outside the Ministry of Health. During this meeting, the report's data and findings were presented, reviewed, and collectively endorsed.

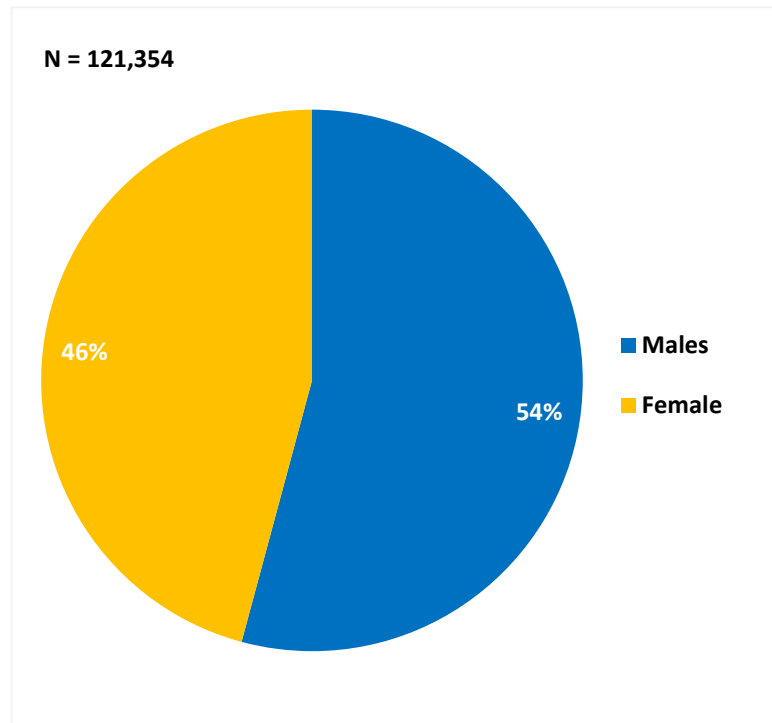
Key Points in the Report

- There were 1,333 registered live births (51% M, 49% F) and 850 registered deaths (61% M, 39% F) in 2024.
- The crude birth rate declined from 13.0 per 1,000 in 2023 to 11.0 in 2024, while the crude death rate decreased from 7.3 to 7.0 per 1,000 population over the same period.
- The total fertility rate declined to 1.7 in 2024 from 2.0 in both 2023 and 2022.
- There were less excess deaths in 2024 compared to 2021 to 2023.
- In 2024, two maternal deaths were reported (aged 23 and 32 years).
- Neonatal, Infant and Under-five deaths decreased in 2024 from 2023. Extreme prematurity was the top cause of infant mortality in 2024.
- Based on vital statistics data, the number of deaths due to cancer increased a little in 2024, compared to 2023. For more information on cancer incidence and mortality rates, please refer to the Seychelles National Cancer Registry.
- Deaths from External causes increased in 2024, as compared to 2023.

2.0 Seychelles Population

The mid-year all-resident population of Seychelles in 2024 was estimated at 121,354; indicating a growth rate of 1.3% over population estimates in 2023. The Seychellois-only population in 2024 was estimated at 100,844 (83% of the all-resident population).¹

Figure 1 **Seychelles All-resident Population Distribution by Sex, 2024**



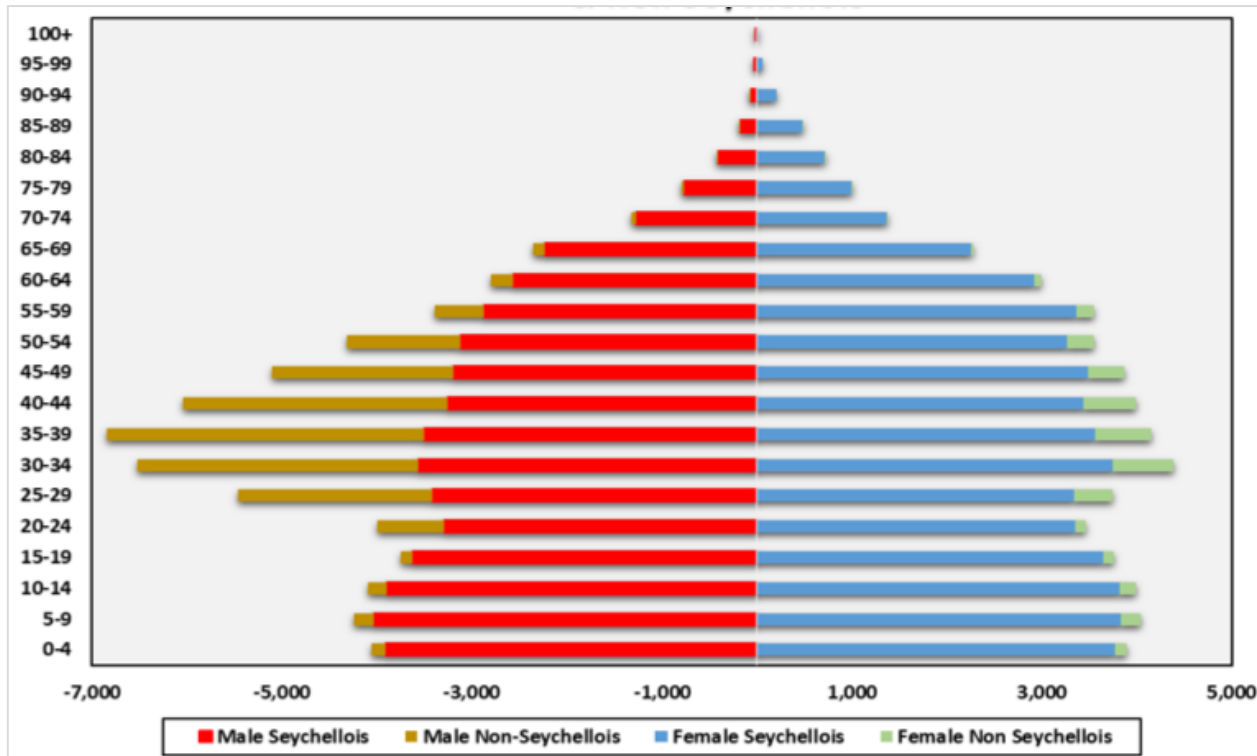
In 2024, the Seychelles all-resident population comprised 65,758 males and 55,596 females, resulting in a ratio of approximately 1,183 males per 1,000 females.

Data Source: NBS

Furthermore, the all-resident population comprised 20% under 15 years of age, 71% between 15 and 64, and 9% aged 65 and over.

¹National Bureau of Statistics. (2025). Statistical Bulletin: Mid-Year 2024 Estimated Resident Population (ERP). Catalogue Number: Population 2024/2. Seychelles. Retrieved from: <https://www.nbs.gov.sc/downloads/1620-mid-2024-estimated-resident-population/download>

Figure 2 Mid-2024 Estimated All-resident Population Pyramid



Source: NBS

Table 1 All-resident Population Growth, 2015-2024

All-resident Population		
Year	Population	Growth Rate
2015 ⁽¹⁾	93,419	2.3
2016	94,677	1.3
2017	95,843	1.2
2018	96,762	-
2019	97,625	-
2020	98,462	-
2021	99,258	-
2022 ⁽²⁾	119,878	-
2023	119,773	-0.1
2024	121,354	1.3

Data Source: NBS

Note:

(1) From 2015-2021 the population estimates have been rebased on the 2010 National Population Census results.

(2) Rebased using the 2022 National Population Census results which has been adjusted for undercounts.

3.0 Births and Fertility

3.1 Registered Live Births

1,333 registered live births in 2024

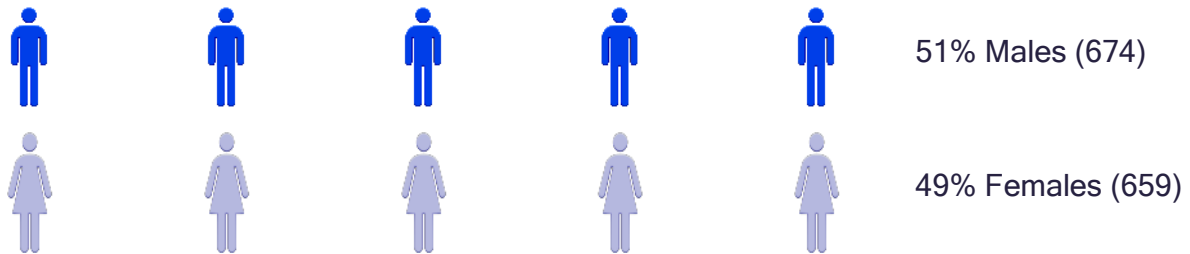
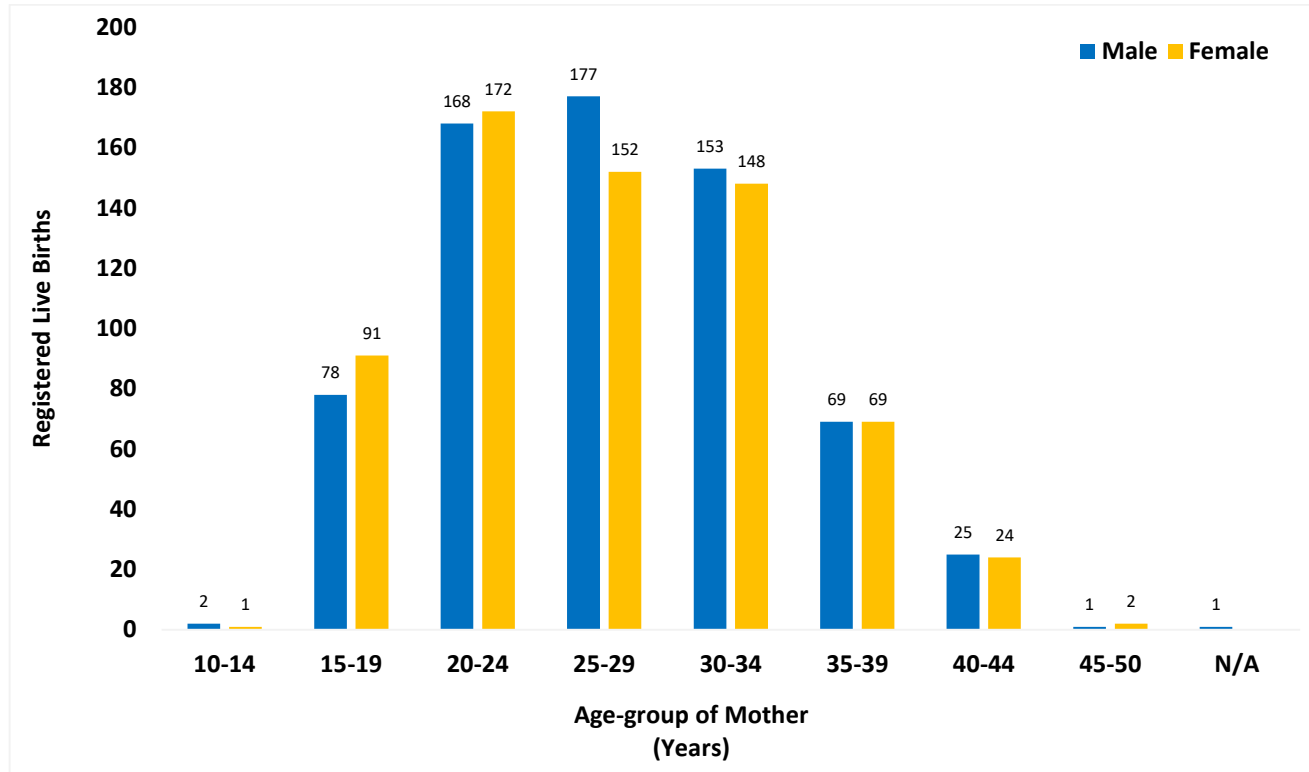


Table 2 Registered Live Births by Sex, January-December, 2024

Months in 2024	Male	Female	Total
January	49	50	99
February	56	52	108
March	52	51	103
April	75	66	141
May	65	66	131
June	51	49	100
July	58	69	127
August	68	37	105
September	44	51	95
October	54	49	103
November	45	55	100
December	57	64	121
Total	674	659	1,333

Data Source: Department of Civil Status

Figure 3 Registered Live Births by Age-group of Mother and Sex of Child, 2024

Data Source: Department of Civil Status

Note: 'NA' indicates the non-availability of information. In April 2024, a baby boy was abandoned in Roche Caiman District, and no information about the mother was available.

Table 3 Registered Live Births by Sex and Crude Birth Rates (CBR), 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Males	814	857	859	832	813	765	855	811	816	674	810
Females	778	788	792	818	792	789	810	758	737	659	772
Total	1,592	1,645	1,651	1,650	1,605	1,554	1,665	1,569	1,553	1,333	1,582
CBR per 1,000 population	17.0	17.4	17.2	17.1	16.4	15.8	16.8	13.1	13.0	11.0	15.3

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ NBS

Note:

The CBR in 2022 and 2023 changed abruptly due to a significant change in the estimated all-resident population of Seychelles, following the results of the 2022 National Population Census.

Table 4 Registered Live Births by Districts and Age-group of Mother, 2024

District	Age-group of Mother (Years)									Total
	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-50	N/A	
Anse Aux Pins	1	9	21	15	13	6	2	0	0	67
Anse Boileau	0	3	18	20	18	2	1	0	0	62
Au Cap	0	10	17	15	20	4	5	0	0	71
Anse Etoile	0	5	17	19	27	6	3	0	0	77
Anse Royale	0	6	18	16	13	8	3	0	0	64
Bel Air	0	1	4	6	7	2	0	0	0	20
Baie Lazare	0	5	8	9	14	9	2	0	0	47
Belombre	0	2	4	12	6	6	7	0	0	37
Baie Sainte Anne	0	7	20	16	13	9	1	0	0	66
Beau Vallon	0	8	15	11	17	8	2	0	0	61
Cascade	0	4	11	15	8	3	2	0	0	43
English River	0	6	14	17	13	4	4	1	0	59
Glacis	0	4	13	13	14	6	2	0	0	52
Grand Anse Mahe	0	8	16	9	14	2	0	0	0	49
Grand Anse Praslin	0	8	12	13	11	6	1	0	0	51
Ile Perseverance	1	19	24	14	11	11	3	1	0	84
La Digue	0	3	11	9	2	3	4	0	0	32
Les Mamelles	0	5	8	12	7	2	0	0	0	34
Mont Buxton	0	7	11	14	7	6	0	0	0	45
Mont Fleuri	1	12	6	7	7	7	0	1	0	41
Plaisance	0	6	13	16	15	4	3	0	0	57
Port Glaud	0	5	13	8	5	1	1	0	0	33
Pointe Larue	0	11	13	10	11	6	0	0	0	51
Roche Caiman	0	6	9	11	6	5	2	0	1	40
Saint Louis	0	5	10	14	13	6	1	0	0	49
Takamaka	0	4	14	8	9	6	0	0	0	41
Total	3	169	340	329	301	138	49	3	1	1,333

Data Source: Department of Civil Status

Note: 'NA' represents the non-availability of information. A baby was abandoned in Roche Caiman District in April 2024, and no information on the mother is available.

3.2 Births in Hospital

Table 5 Hospital Maternity Statistics (Mahé, Praslin & La Digue), 2018-2024

Vital Events	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2018-2024)
Total births (live and still births)	1,658	1,594	1,578	1,686	1,531	1,551	1,341	1,563
Total live births	1,646	1,586	1,570	1,672	1,522	1,542	1,328	1,552
<i>Live births > 37 weeks</i>	<i>1,538</i>	<i>1,481</i>	<i>1,504</i>	<i>1,554</i>	<i>1,423</i>	<i>1,436</i>	<i>1,224</i>	<i>1,451</i>
<i>Live births < 37 weeks</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>104</i>	<i>101</i>
Total stillbirths	12	8	8	14	9	9	13	10
<i>Stillbirths > 37 weeks</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Stillbirths < 37 weeks</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>7</i>
Birth before arrival (BBA)	15	14	9	18	13	5	12	12
Low birth weight (< 2.5kg)	164	140	119	160	137	151	155	147

Data Source: Maternity Ward Statistics, 2018-2024.

Notes:

1. The discrepancy between the total live births in Table 5 and the number of registered live births in Table 3 is due to the fact that, legally, parents have 30 days to register births after delivery.
2. Thirteen (13) stillbirths were reported by hospital, however only ten (10) were registered by Civil Status.
3. For official definition of Stillbirth in Seychelles see Glossary (page 8) or use the link below:
<https://www.gazette.sc/sites/default/files/2022-05/Extraordinary%20Gazette%20No%2027%20-%205th%20May%202022.pdf>
4. BBA significantly increased in 2024 to 12, from the 5 recorded in 2023
5. Low birth weight incidence rate in 2024 was 11.6%.

3.3 Fertility



Total Fertility Rate decreased to 1.7 in 2024 from 2.0 in both 2023 and 2022.

The Adolescent Fertility Rate (SDG 3.7.2) for girls aged 15-19 years decreased to 45 per 1,000 in 2024, from 49 in 2023 and 46 in 2022, respectively.

Table 6 Age-specific Fertility Rates (per 1,000 Females in Age-group), 2015-2024

Age-group (Years)	Year									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
10-14	1.5	0.9	0.9	1.5	3.0	1.2	1.5	1.0	3.7	0.8
15-19	56.7	63.0	61.9	64.8	69.0	56.5	63.0	46.0	48.7	44.9
20-24	116.9	117.0	127.5	118.1	113.0	114.5	122.5	111.0	112.8	98.2
25-29	122.0	123.0	129.5	119.2	109.0	109.5	130.8	98.0	100.8	87.8
30-34	95.7	95.3	93.3	94.2	98.0	100.2	92.7	82.0	75.8	68.6
35-39	52.7	58.9	52.5	58.4	59.0	57.3	63.3	49.0	46.3	33.2
40-44	15.8	20.2	14.8	24.9	20.0	18.0	17.9	16.0	14.7	12.3
45-49	1.1	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.0	1.1	0.6	2.0	1.0	1.0
TFR	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.7

Source: NBS

Note: Total fertility rate (TFR) is calculated as five times the sum of age-specific fertility rates in five-year age groups. An age-group-specific fertility rate is calculated as the ratio of annual births to women at a given age-group to the population of women at the same age-group, in the same year, for a given country, territory or geographical area.²

² World Health Organization. (2018). 2018 Global reference list of 100 core health indicators (plus health-related SDGs). World Health Organization. <https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/259951>. License: CC BY-NC-SA 3.0 IGO

Table 7 **Reported Abortions at Seychelles Hospital by Type and Age-group of Mother, 2024**

Type	Age-group of Mother (Years)								Total
	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	
Anembryonic pregnancy gestation	1	1	6	4	3	8	1	0	24
Complete abortion	1	3	4	5	3	3	1	1	21
Ectopic pregnancy	0	0	7	5	12	3	2	0	29
Incomplete abortion	3	19	32	44	39	25	15	5	182
Inevitable abortion	0	1	2	4	3	5	3	0	18
Intra uterine foetal death	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Missed abortion	0	7	7	17	15	11	9	1	67
Molar pregnancy	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Septic abortion	1	2	5	1	4	2	0	0	15
Medical termination of Pregnancy	2	9	7	6	8	5	4	2	43
Total	8	43	70	86	87	63	36	9	402

Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 8 **Reported Abortions at Seychelles Hospital by Age-group of Mother, 2015-2024**

Age- group of Mother (Years)	Year									
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
10-14	7	4	10	6	6	6	5	5	5	8
15-19	63	74	83	73	64	71	49	61	53	43
20-24	89	110	121	77	87	101	72	78	86	70
25-29	105	115	106	100	92	114	92	92	73	86
30-34	103	86	90	107	82	91	69	94	88	87
35-39	66	79	67	70	67	67	70	52	70	63
40-44	42	34	43	34	27	44	43	38	29	36
45-49	3	7	1	6	6	10	6	2	1	9
Total	478	509	521	473	431	504	406	422	405	402

Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 9 **Reported Abortions at Seychelles Hospital by Single Age of Mother, 2019-2024**

Age of Mother (Years)	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2019-2024)
11	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
13	1	2	0	0	0	2	1
14	5	3	5	4	5	6	5
15	6	4	5	6	12	5	6
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41	6	13	7	7	9	5	8
42	3	11	14	15	4	8	9
43	2	6	6	7	7	8	6
44	6	5	5	2	4	3	4
45	3	3	4	2	0	3	3
46	2	3	2	0	0	2	2
47	1	2	0	0	1	2	1
48	0	2	0	0	0	2	1
All ages (10-49)	431	504	406	422	405	402	428

Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 10 Adolescent Pregnancy Trend (Females aged 10-19 years), 2015-2024

Year	Registered Teenage Births (live births & stillbirths)	Reported Teenage Abortions	Reported Teenage pregnancies	Reported pregnancies at all ages	Teenage pregnancies as % of reported pregnancies at all ages	Teenage girls population (10-19 years)	Teenage pregnancy rate per 1000 females aged 10-19 years*
2015	194	70	264	2,084	13%	5,774	45.7
2016	211	78	289	2,170	13%	5,219	55.4
2017	204	93	297	2,190	14%	4,621	64.3
2018	217	79	296	2,137	14%	4,919	60.2
2019	237	70	307	2,044	15%	5,249	58.5
2020	193	77	270	2,066	13%	5,252	51.4
2021	212	54	279	2,085	13%	5,469	51.0
2022	167	66	233	2,000	12%	7,565	30.8
2023	194	58	252	1,967	13%	7,678	32.8
2024	178	51	229	1,748	13%	7,754	29.5

Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Note: Calculation is *not* per SDG adolescent fertility rate (AFR) methodology (SDG 3.7). Per SDG 3.7 methods, AFR in 2024 was 44.9 live births per 1,000 girls aged 15-19 years in the population.

4.0 Deaths

4.1 Registered Deaths

850 registered deaths in 2024



61% Males (521)

39% Females (329)

Table 11 Registered Deaths by Sex, January-December, 2024

Months in 2024	Male	Female	Total
January	48	37	85
February	35	22	57
March	45	37	82
April	48	25	73
May	58	27	85
June	39	24	63
July	50	37	87
August	46	25	71
September	31	20	51
October	30	30	60
November	37	21	58
December	54	24	78
Total	521	329	850

Data Source: Department of Civil Status

Table 12 Registered Deaths by Sex and Crude Death Rates (CDR), 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Males	401	454	426	470	438	397	480	538	511	521	464
Females	302	293	322	348	357	271	445	391	368	329	343
Total	703	747	748	818	795	668	925	929	879	850	806
CDR per 1,000 population	7.5	7.9	7.8	8.5	8.1	6.8	9.3	7.7	7.3	7.0	7.8

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ NBS / Statistics Unit, MOH.

Note: Crude death rates (CDR) in 2022 and 2023 changed abruptly, as a consequence of the significant changes in figures for the estimated all-resident population of Seychelles (following results from the last national census).

Table 13 Registered Male Deaths and Age-specific Mortality Rates, 2024

Age-group (Years)	Male Deaths	% of total deaths	Population of Males in Age-group	Age-specific death rate per 1,000 population
<1	11	2.1	752	14.6
1-4	0	0	3,307	0
5-14	1	0.2	8,344	0.1
15-24	9	1.7	7,738	1.2
25-34	25	4.8	11,990	2.1
35-44	53	10.2	12,892	4.1
45-54	61	11.7	9,422	6.5
55-64	90	17.3	6,194	14.5
65-74	123	23.6	3,665	33.6
75-84	97	18.6	1,200	80.8
85&+	51	9.8	254	200.8
All age-groups	521	100	65,758	7.9

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ NBS / Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 14 **Registered Female Deaths and Age-specific Mortality Rates, 2024**

Age-group (Years)	Female Deaths	% of total deaths	Population of Females in Age-group	Age-specific death rate per 1,000 population
<1	6	1.8	693	8.7
1-4	3	0.9	3,203	0.9
5-14	3	0.9	8,035	0.4
15-24	3	0.9	7,225	0.4
25-34	9	2.7	8,136	1.1
35-44	14	4.3	8,156	1.7
45-54	29	8.8	7,429	3.9
55-64	46	14.0	6,554	7.0
65-74	48	14.6	3,666	13.1
75-84	67	20.4	1,729	38.8
85&+	101	30.7	770	131.2
All age-groups	329	100	55,596	5.9

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ NBS / Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 15 Registered Deaths (Both Sexes) and Age-standardized Deaths, 2024

Age-group (Years)	Deaths	% of total deaths	Mid-Year Population 2024	Age-specific mortality rate per 1,000 population	WSP ⁽¹⁾	Estimated Deaths in age-group per WSP
0-4	20	2.4	7,955	2.5	8,860	22
5-9	1	0.1	8,289	0.1	8,690	1
10-14	3	0.4	8,090	0.4	8,600	3
15-19	0	0	7,505	0.0	8,470	0
20-24	12	1.4	7,458	1.6	8,220	13
25-29	11	1.3	9,217	1.2	7,930	9
30-34	23	2.7	10,909	2.1	7,610	16
35-39	28	3.3	11,002	2.5	7,150	18
40-44	39	4.6	10,046	3.9	6,590	26
45-49	35	4.0	8,976	3.9	6,040	24
50-54	55	6.5	7,875	7.0	5,370	38
55-59	63	7.4	6,947	9.1	4,550	41
60-64	73	8.6	5,801	12.6	3,720	47
65-69	82	9.6	4,636	17.7	2,960	52
70-74	89	10.5	2,695	33.0	2,210	73
75-79	78	9.2	1,798	43.4	1,520	66
80-84	86	10.1	1,131	76.0	910	69
85&+	152	17.9	1,024	148.4	635	94
All age-groups	850	100	121,354	7.0	100,000⁽²⁾	613

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ NBS / Statistics Unit, MOH.

Note:

1. WSP: WHO World Standard Population Distribution (%), based on world average population from 2000-2025 (https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/gho-documents/global-health-estimates/gpe_discussion_paper_series_paper31_2001_age_standardization_rates.pdf)
2. Also, 100,000 is actually 100,035 rounded off.

Table 16 Registered Deaths by Location (Place) of Death, January-December, 2024

	Total Deaths	% of deaths in Seychelles Hospital	% of deaths in Clinics & the Community
Jan-Dec 2024	850	51%	49%
January	85	41%	59%
February	57	47%	53%
March	82	60%	40%
April	73	58%	42%
May	85	48%	52%
June	63	50%	50%
July	87	54%	46%
August	71	41%	59%
September	51	53%	47%
October	60	55%	45%
November	58	57%	43%
December	78	46%	54%

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/MOH Seychelles Hospital Statistics.

Table 17 Registered Deaths by Nationality and Sex, 2024

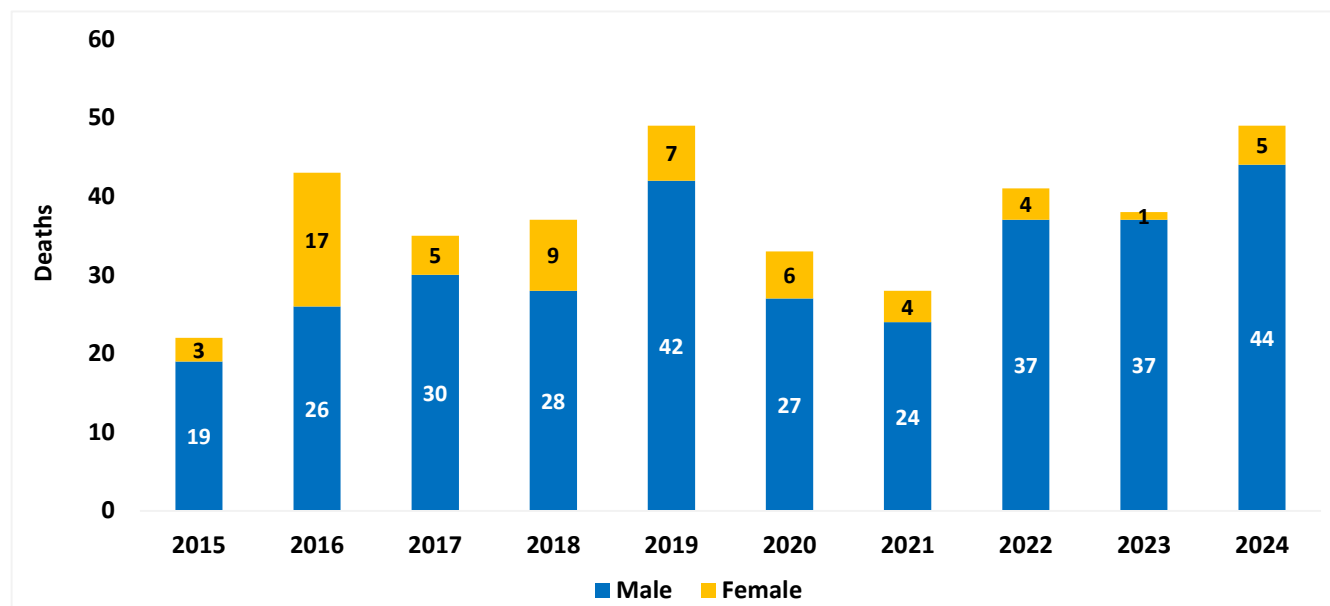
	Male	Female	Total
Seychellois	477	324	801
Non-Seychellois	44	5	49
Total	521	329	850

Department of Civil Status/ NBS / Statistics Unit, MOH.

Note:

Non-Seychellois deaths refer to all foreign nationals or non-permanent residence permit holders who passed away in Seychelles during the specified year. This category includes visitors, tourists, and GOP holders.

Figure 4 Registered Non-Seychellois Deaths by Sex, 2015-2024



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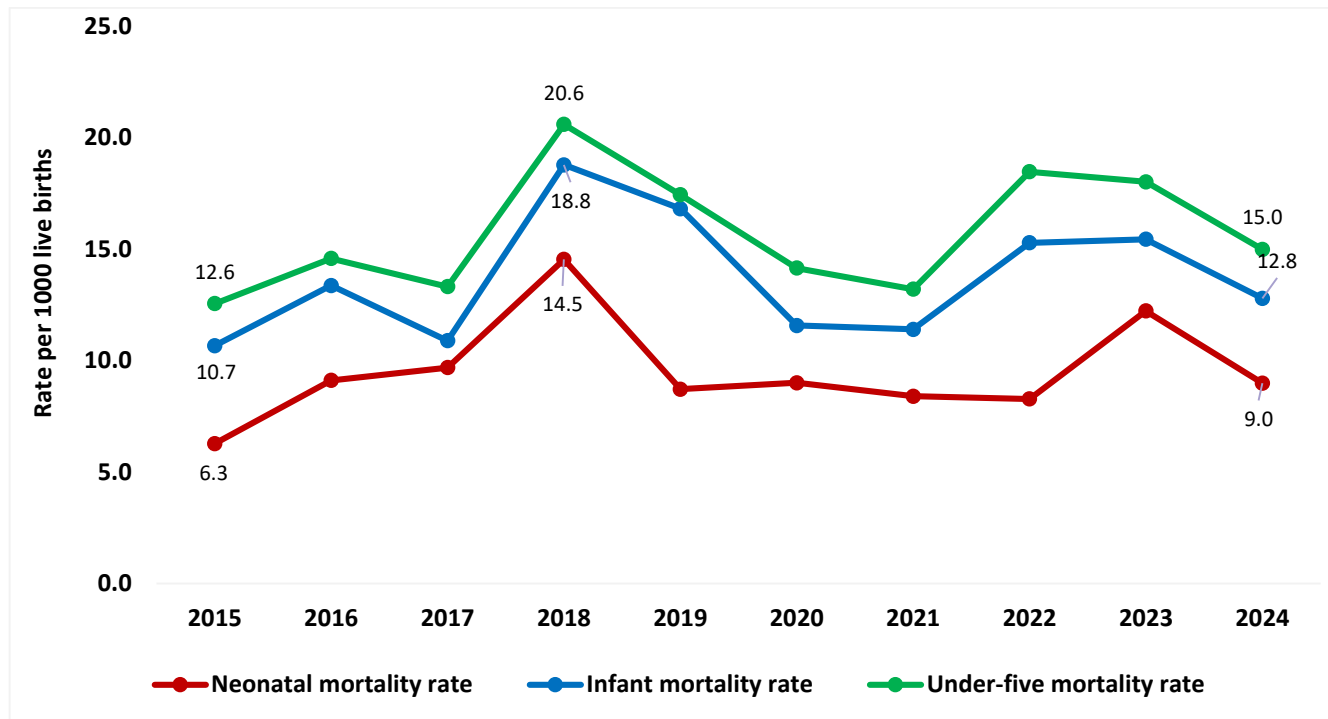
4.2 Maternal, Infant and Child Deaths

Table 18 Maternal and Infant Deaths, 2015-2024

SDG	Indicator	2022 rates [No. of deaths]	2023 rates [No. of deaths]	2024 rates [No. of deaths]	Average 2015- 2024 Ten-year rates [No. of deaths]	NHSP Target
3.1.1	Maternal mortality ratio per 100,000 live births	0.0 [0]	64.4 [1]	150.0 [2]	83.1 [1]	<50
3.2.2	Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	8.3 [13]	12.2 [19]	9.0 [12]	9.5 [15]	<5
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	15.3 [24]	15.5 [24]	12.8 [17]	13.7 [22]	
3.2.1	Under-five mortality rate per 1,000 live births	18.5 [29]	18.0 [28]	15.0 [20]	15.7 [25]	<12
	Perinatal mortality rate per 1,000 total births	7.6 [12]	10.2 [16]	13.4 [18]	12.3 [20]	
	Still birth rate per 1,000 total births	5.7 [9]	5.8 [9]	9.7 [13]	7.7 [12]	<5

Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Figure 5 Neonatal, Infant and Under-five mortality Rates, 2015-2024



Source: NBS/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

In Seychelles, all maternal deaths undergo formal reviews led by the Chief Medical Officer.

In 2024, two maternal deaths were reported. The first involved a 32-year-old who passed away in March due to terminal-stage breast cancer and was classified as an indirect maternal death. The second case involved a 23-year-old who died following an emergency cesarean section, with thrombophilia, pulmonary embolism, and lung abscess listed as causes of death.

Twelve neonatal deaths were recorded in 2024—five early and seven late—marking a decline from 19 in 2023 and 13 in 2022.

There were 17 infant deaths in 2024 (including neonatal deaths). Extreme prematurity was reported as the underlying cause for seven of these deaths.

Under-five mortality includes all deaths of infants and children under five years of age. In 2024, there were 20 under-five deaths, with an under-five mortality rate of 15.0 per 1,000 live births.

4.3 Excess Deaths

The WHO defines excess mortality as the difference between the total number of deaths estimated for a specific place and time period and the number of deaths expected in the absence of a crisis. This approach provides a broad measure of the crisis's impact on mortality, as it includes all deaths regardless of cause.³

Table 19 Registered Deaths from January - December, 2015-2024

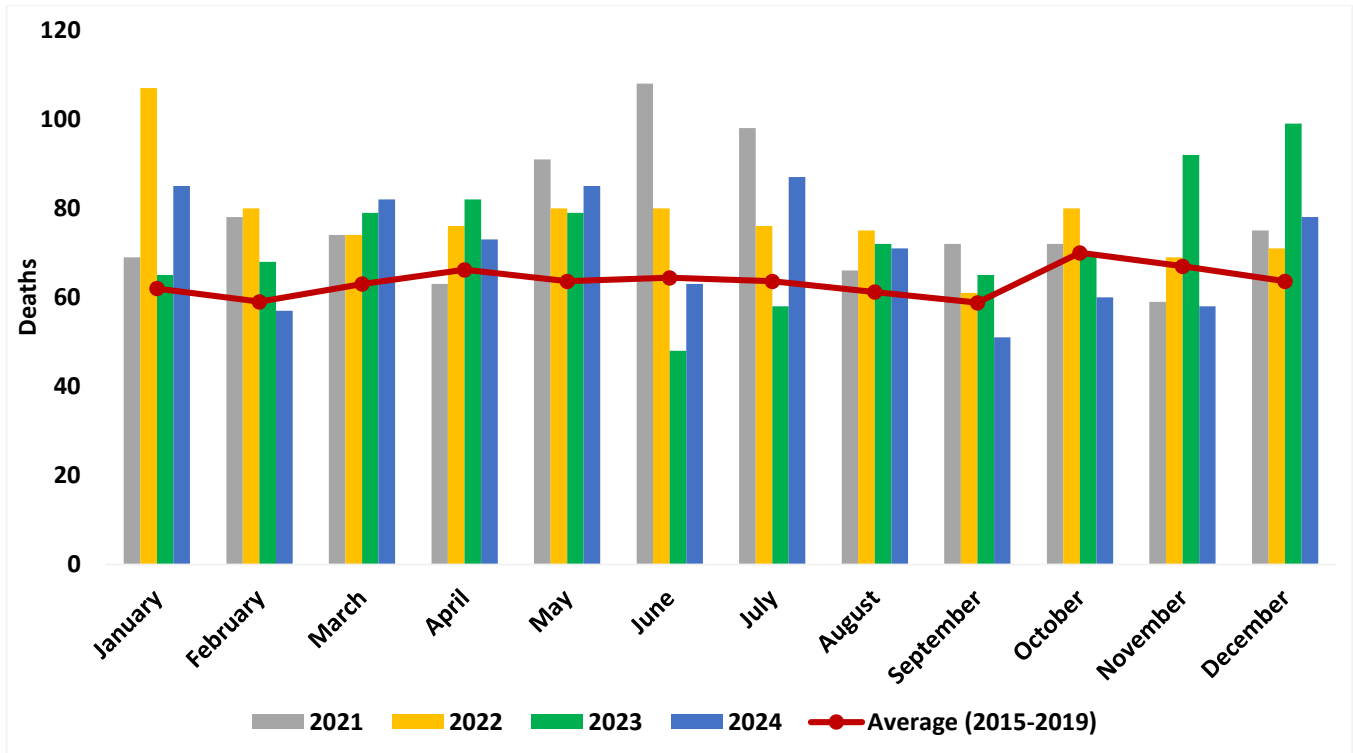
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Average (2015-2019)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2020-2024)
Total	703	747	748	818	795	762	668	925	929	879	850	850
January	52	52	61	64	80	62	64	69	107	65	85	78
February	50	56	65	58	67	59	60	78	80	68	57	69
March	69	68	53	57	67	63	59	74	74	81	82	74
April	63	72	52	77	67	66	59	63	76	82	73	71
May	46	54	81	70	67	64	41	91	80	79	85	75
June	78	53	61	72	58	64	52	108	80	48	63	70
July	59	68	63	65	63	64	56	98	76	58	87	75
August	60	60	78	61	47	61	50	66	75	72	71	67
September	51	64	49	59	71	59	54	72	61	65	51	61
October	55	71	71	90	63	70	43	72	80	70	60	65
November	61	68	61	76	69	67	66	59	69	92	58	69
December	59	61	53	69	76	64	64	75	71	99	78	77

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Note: 2015-2019 represents five year pre-COVID-19 pandemic years.

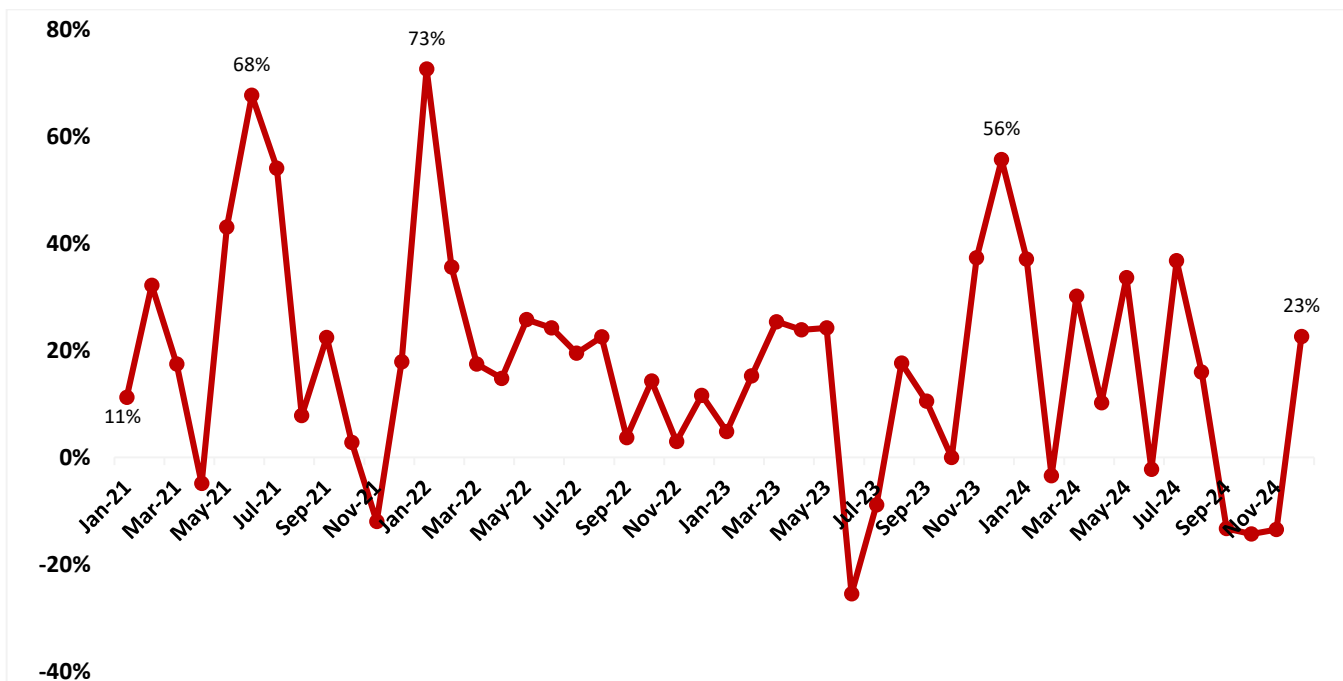
³ World Health Organization : <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/global-excess-deaths-associated-with-the-COVID-19-pandemic>

Figure 6 Registered Deaths, by Months in 2021-2024 and Historical Average (2015-2019)

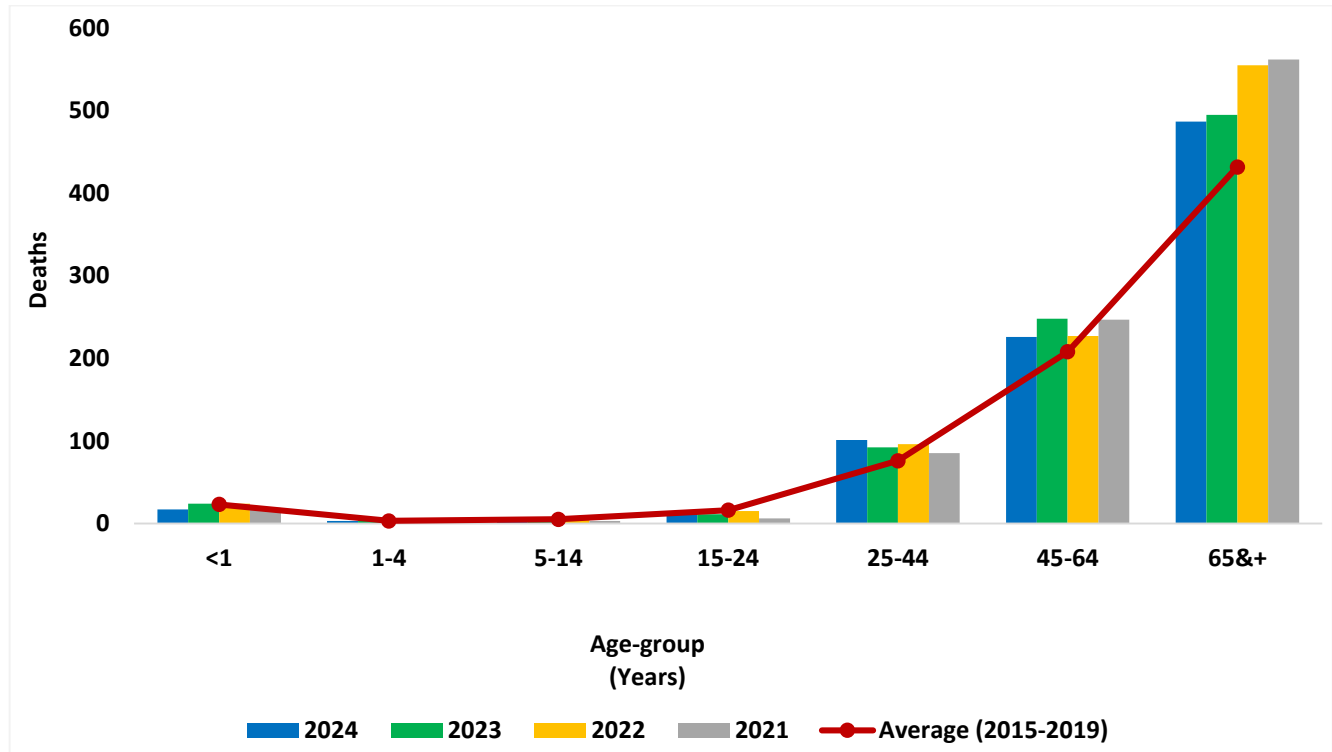


Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Figure 7 Percentage difference in 2021-2024 monthly deaths, compared to average of 2015-2019



Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Figure 8 Registered Deaths by Age-group in 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and Historical Average

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Note: The charts depict excess mortality using absolute death counts. However, efforts are underway to calculate excess mortality using the Age-Standardized Deaths method, with findings to be published soon.

4.4 Life Expectancy

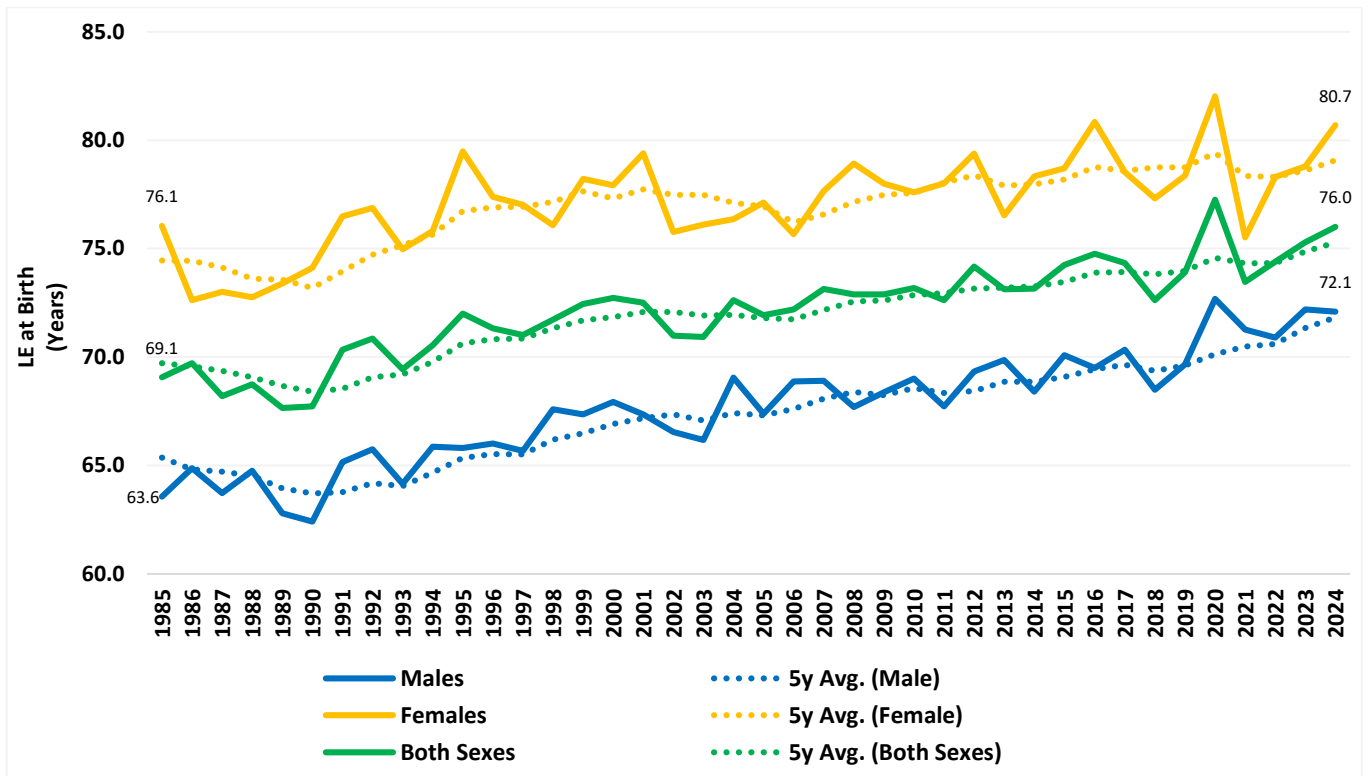
Life Expectancy (LE) at Birth

Table 20 LE at Birth (All-resident Population), 2015-2024

Sex	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Male	70.1	69.5	70.3	68.5	69.7	72.7	71.3	70.9	72.2	72.1
Female	78.7	80.8	78.5	77.3	78.4	82.0	75.5	78.3	78.8	80.7
Both sexes	74.2	74.8	74.3	72.6	73.9	77.3	73.5	74.4	75.3	76.0

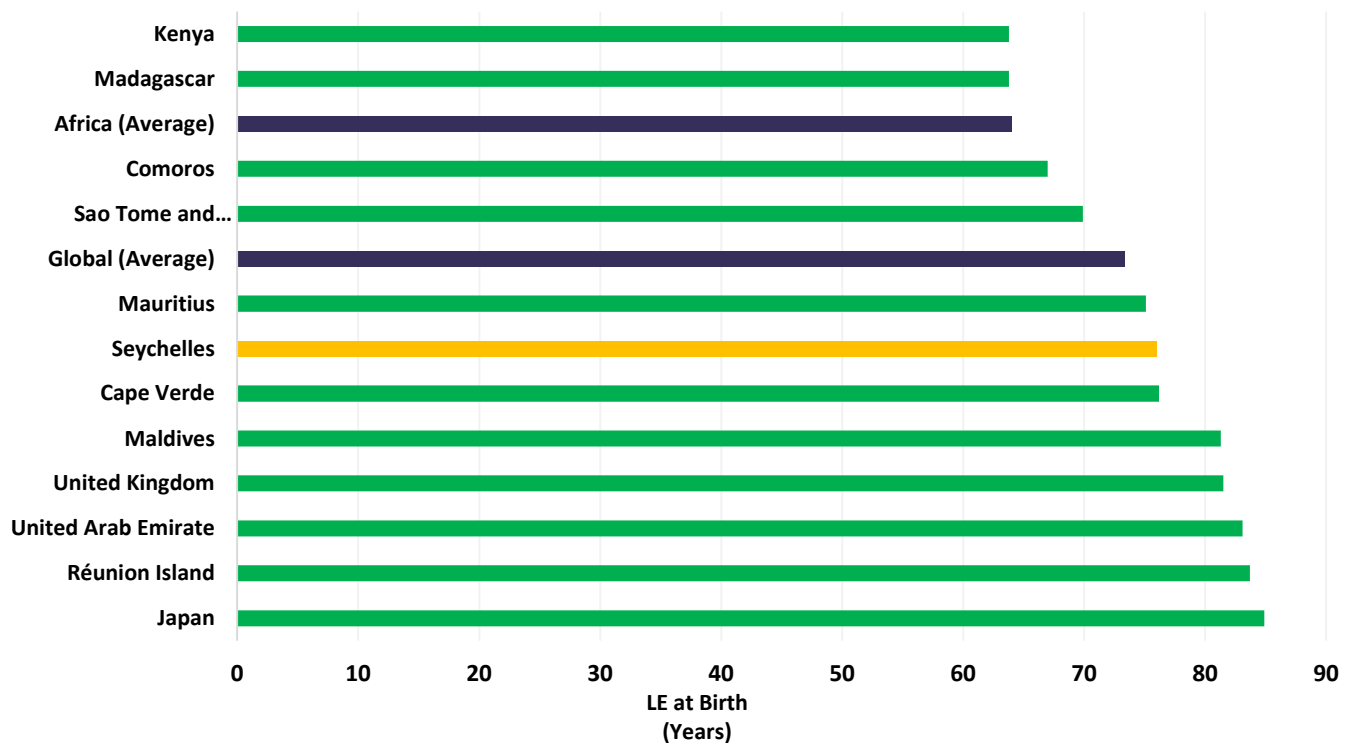
Data Source: NBS/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Figure 9 LE at Birth (All-resident population), 1985-2024



Data Source: NBS/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Figure 10 Comparison of LE at Birth for selected Countries, 2024



Data Source: United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division / Statistics Unit, MOH.

According to UN data, the Global and African averages for LE at birth in 2024 were 73.3 and 64.0 years respectively ⁴, both lower than LE at birth for Seychelles (76.0 years) in 2024.

Table 21 **LE at Birth (Seychellois only Population), 2023-2024**

Sex	2023	2024
Male	70.1	70.2
Female	78.6	80.4
Both sexes	74.2	75.0

Data Source: NBS

Healthy life expectancy (HALE) at birth

Healthy life expectancy (HALE) at birth is a measure of the population's health which takes into account mortality and morbidity. It is defined as the average number of years a person can expect to live in "full health" by taking into account years lived in less than full health due to disease and/or injury.⁵

Based on latest figures from WHO, HALE at birth for Seychelles was 64.7years; slightly above the global HALE at birth average of 61.9 years.

⁴ United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division (2025). Retrieved from: <https://population.un.org/dataportal/data/indicators/61/locations/690/start/1990/end/2025/table/pivotbylocation?df=1f08a9ed-0680-4477-9b62-3dc5916d9b6d>

⁵ World Health Organization. The Global Health Observatory (GHO). Retrieved from: <https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/indicators/indicator-details/GHO/gho-ghe-hale-healthy-life-expectancy-at-birth>

5.0 Causes of Death

Table 22 Comparison of Causes of Death, 2015-2024

Leading Causes of Death	Year										Average (2015-2024)
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	
Total Deaths	703	747	748	818	795	668	925	929	879	850	806
Diseases of the circulatory system¹	216	250	289	264	254	245	268	280	262	238	257
Neoplasms	150	135	130	152	151	128	126	159	152	158	144
Diseases of the respiratory system	81	84	96	137	134	98	95	117	142	128	111
Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases²	15	15	9	8	16	20	42	35	30	66	26
External causes of mortality	52	53	50	48	53	33	35	71	40	54	49
Diseases of the digestive system	42	38	44	50	45	32	31	37	34	40	39
Diseases of the genitourinary system	37	46	29	29	23	30	43	38	37	38	35
Infectious and parasitic diseases	45	53	46	48	39	26	22	27	50	32	39
COVID-19 related deaths³	-	-	-	-	-	-	175	97	10	3	29
Others causes of death	65	73	55	82	80	56	88	68	122	93	78

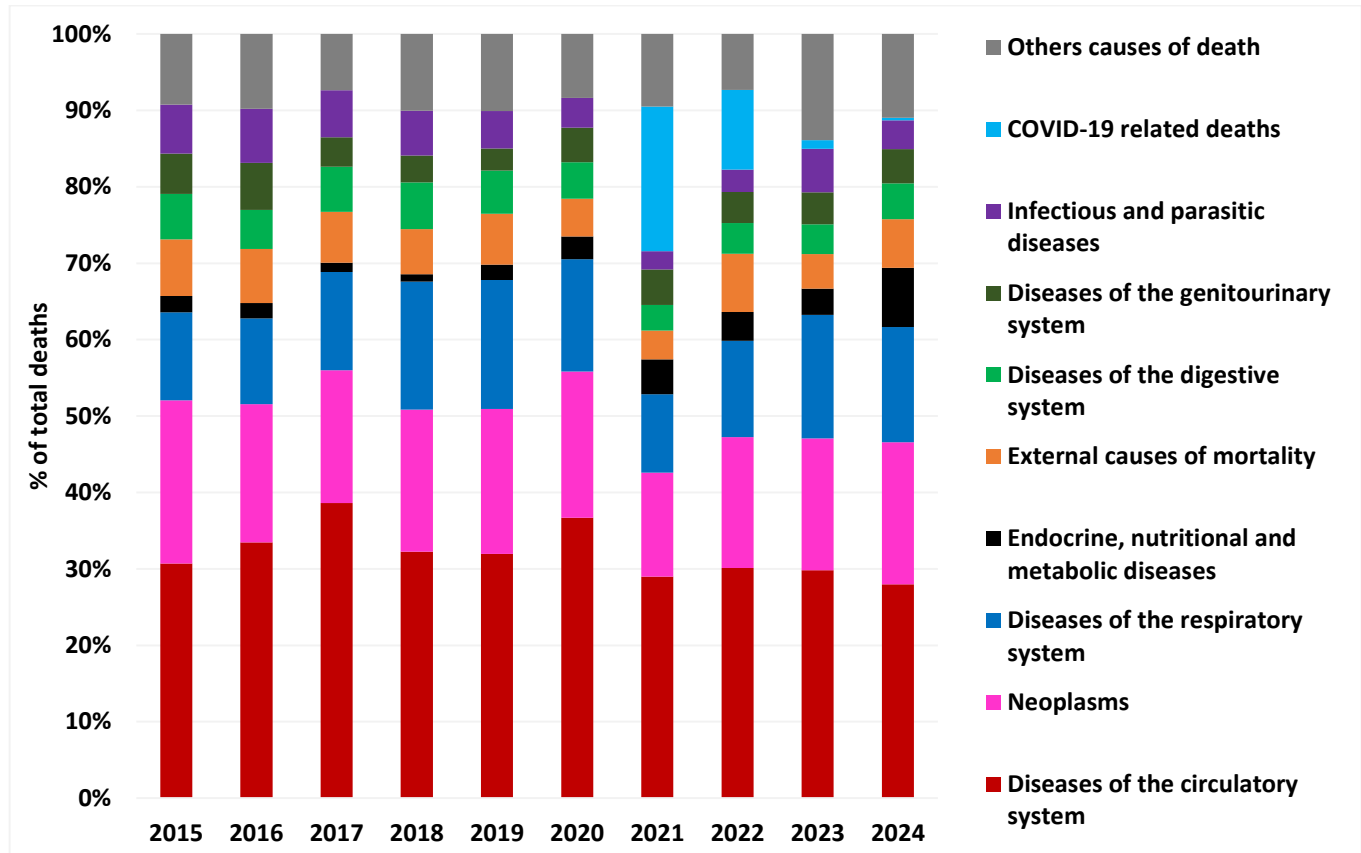
Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Notes:

1. Cerebrovascular accidents are now classified under neurological diseases in accordance with ICD-11 coding conventions.
2. Deaths due to endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases are often underreported and not always recorded as the underlying cause of death.
3. COVID-19 related deaths include deaths that had COVID-19 as part of the series of events leading to their occurrence. Rapid drop in COVID-19 deaths recorded in 2024 compared to previous years. Also, significant reductions in COVID-19 testing nationwide were reported in 2024.

Important: The full implementation of ICD-11 and improvements in 'cause of death' coding skills are some factors responsible for variations in trends when comparing 2024 with previous years.

Figure 11 Causes of Death in Seychelles (%), 2015-2024



Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 23 Causes of Infant Deaths (<1 year), 2024

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Extreme prematurity	5	2	7
Intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR)	0	2	2
Neonatal sepsis	1	1	2
Multiple congenital malformations	2	0	2
Congenital hypoplasia of lung	0	1	1
Congenital ventricular septal defect (VSD)	1	0	1
Aspiration pneumonia	1	0	1
Accidental suffocation in bed	1	0	1
Total	11	6	17

Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 24 Causes of All Deaths in the Age-group 1-4 years, 2024

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Congenital dilated cardiomyopathy	0	1	1
Tumour of the brain	0	1	1
Unintentional drowning in swimming pool	0	1	1
Total	0	3	3

Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 25 Causes of All Deaths in the Age-group 5-14 years, 2024

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)	1	0	1
Sepsis with shock	0	1	1
Sudden cardiac death	0	1	1
Road traffic accident	0	1	1
Total	1	3	4

Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 26 Causes of All Deaths in the Age-group 15-24 years, 2024

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Road traffic accident	1	2	3
Accidental drowning in sea water	2	0	2
HIV/AIDS	1	0	1
Thrombophilia	0	1	1
Acute intoxication due to excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages	1	0	1
Infective endocarditis	1	0	1
Accidental fall from a height of approximately 10m	1	0	1
Homicide due to stabs in the abdomen	1	0	1
Declared dead by order of court Judge	1	0	1
Total	9	3	12

Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 27 Top 5 Causes of Deaths in the Age-group 25-44 years, 2024

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
HIV/AIDS	8	1	9
Infective endocarditis	5	1	6
Hypertension	4	2	6
Acute intoxication due to excessive consumption of alcoholic beverages	3	2	5
Unintentional drowning in sea water	5	0	5

Note: Only top causes are shown in table above (not all deaths). Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Table 28 Top 5 Causes of Deaths in the Age-group 45-64 years, 2024

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Coronary atherosclerosis	22	3	25
Hypertensive diseases	13	9	22
Pneumonia	16	3	19
Liver cirrhosis	9	5	14
Breast cancer	0	9	9

Note: Only top causes are shown in table above (not all deaths). Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

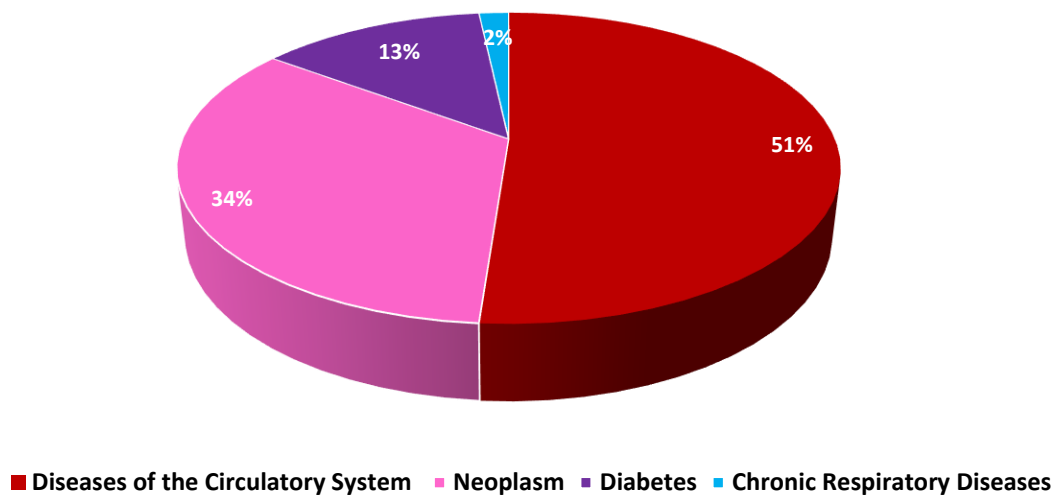
Table 29 Top 5 Causes of Deaths in the Age-group 65 years and above, 2024

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
Pneumonia	32	25	57
Diabetes mellitus	27	22	49
Ischaemic heart diseases	31	17	48
Hypertensive diseases	16	30	46
Prostate cancer	25	0	25

Note: Only top causes are shown in table above (not all deaths). Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

5.1 Mortality from Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)

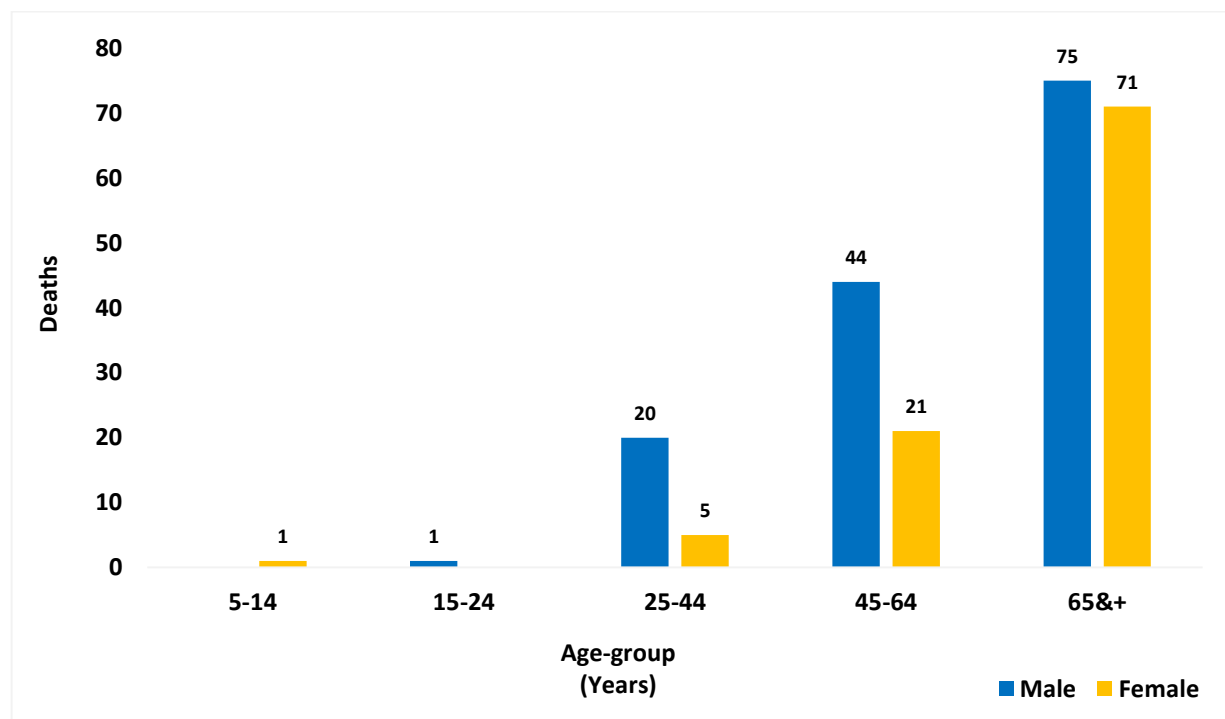
Figure 12 NCD Mortality, 2024 (N = 465)



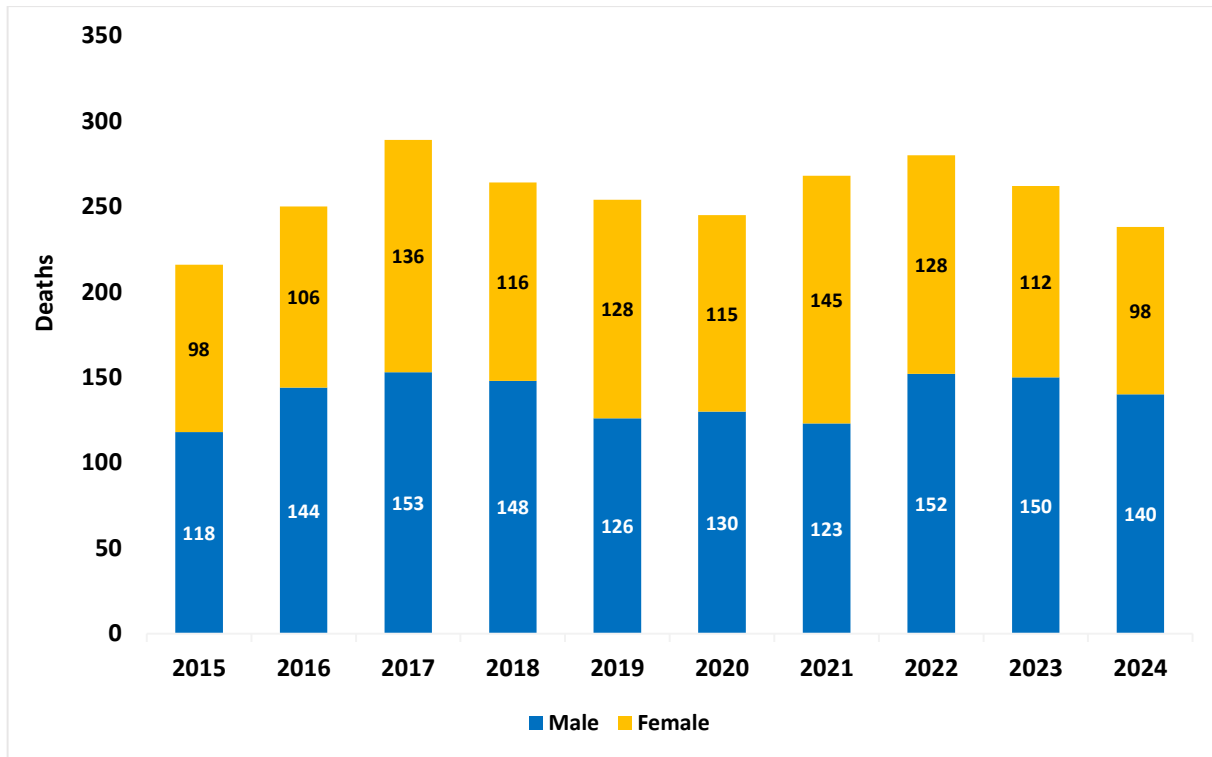
Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Mortality from Diseases of the Circulatory System

Figure 13 Diseases of the Circulatory System Deaths by Age-group and Sex, 2024



Data Source: Statistics Unit, MOH.

Figure 14 Mortality from Diseases of the Circulatory System by Sex, 2015-2024

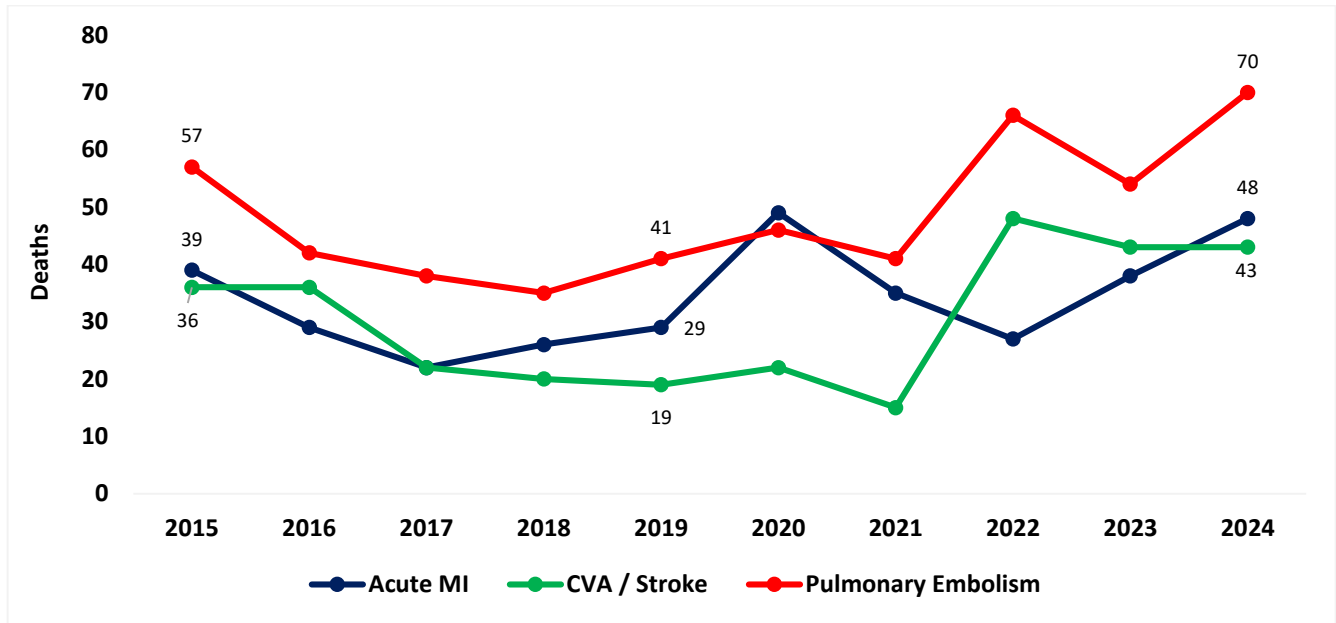
Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ Statistics Unit MOH.

Table 30 Major Circulatory System Deaths by Sex, 2024

Type of Death	Male	Female	Total
Ischaemic heart diseases	57	22	79
Hypertensive diseases	33	41	74
Atherosclerosis	7	5	12
Cerebrovascular diseases	8	2	10
Other heart diseases	35	28	63
Total	140	98	238

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Figure 15 Reported Deaths due to or associated with Acute MI, CVA (Strokes) and PE, 2015-2024

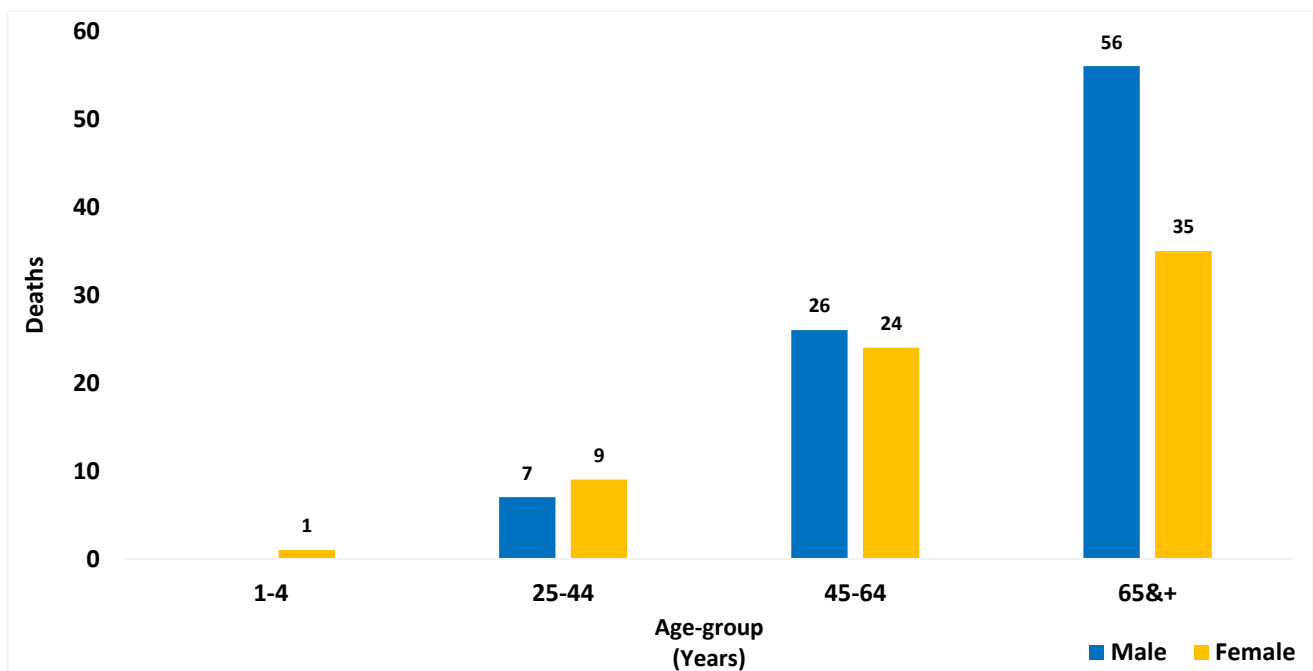


Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH.

Note: Refer to Page 3 for abbreviations and their meanings.

Mortality from Neoplasms

Figure 16 Cancer Deaths by Age-group and Sex, 2024



Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH.

Table 31 Major Cancer Deaths in Males, 2019-2024

Cancer Deaths in Males	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	24	13	12	33	20	26
Malignant neoplasm of lip, oral cavity and pharynx	8	12	6	13	5	11
Malignant neoplasm of trachea, bronchus and lung	8	11	6	9	8	6
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum and anus	8	8	8	6	9	5
Others	33	37	29	41	41	41
Total	81	81	61	102	83	89

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH.

Table 32 Major Cancer Deaths in Females, 2019-2024

Cancer Deaths in Females	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Malignant neoplasm of breast	16	4	22	9	14	18
Malignant neoplasm of colon, rectum and anus	12	6	6	10	8	11
Malignant neoplasm of ovary	5	1	4	4	4	2
Malignant neoplasm of cervix uteri	11	9	9	7	3	1
Others	26	27	24	27	40	37
Total	70	47	65	57	69	69

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH.

Mortality from Diabetes

Table 33 **Reported Deaths from Diabetes, 2020-2024**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2020-2024)
Males	7	13	10	11	33	15
Females	7	21	22	14	28	18
Total	14	34	32	25	61	33

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH.

Note: Deaths due to diabetes are often underreported and not always recorded as the underlying cause of death.

Mortality from Chronic Respiratory Diseases (CRDs)

Table 34 **Reported Deaths from Chronic Respiratory Diseases (CRDs), 2020-2024**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2020-2024)
Males	12	15	9	10	6	10
Females	1	5	3	11	2	4
Total	13	20	12	21	8	15

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH.

Note:

1. Deaths due to CRDs are often underreported and not always recorded as the underlying cause of death.
2. It is difficult to report on longer-term CRDs mortality trends because, in previous years, pneumonia deaths were included as part of deaths from CRDs.

5.2 Mortality from Key Infectious and Communicable Diseases

COVID-19 Deaths

Table 35 Registered COVID-19-related Deaths, 2024

Age-group	Sex		Total
	Male	Female	
65& +	2	1	3
Total	2	1	3

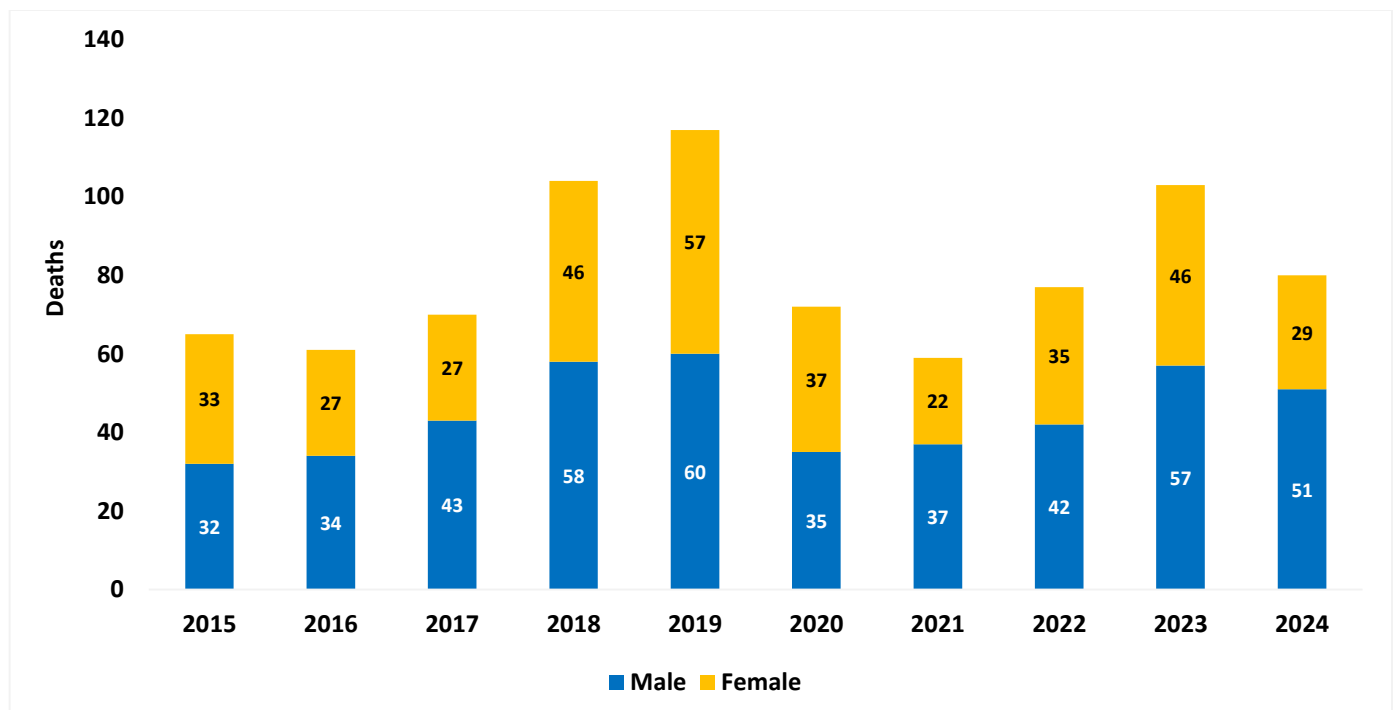
Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH

Notes:

1. COVID-19 deaths in males, in some cases, were likely classified as pneumonia deaths.
2. There was a significant decrease in COVID-19 deaths in 2024 compared to previous years. Additionally, a rapid drop in COVID-19 testing was recorded nationwide.

Pneumonia

Figure 17 Pneumonia Deaths, 2015-2024



Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH

Table 36 **Pneumonia as Underlying Cause of Death by Age-group and Sex, 2024**

Age-group (Years)	Male	Female	Total
1-4	0	1	1
25-44	3	1	4
45-64	16	3	19
65&+	32	24	56
Total	51	29	80

Data Source: Department of Civil Status/ Statistics Unit, MOH.

Leptospirosis

Table 37 **Leptospirosis Deaths, 2015-2024**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Male	3	5	3	6	7	3	3	3	1	1	4
Female	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	4	5	3	6	7	3	3	3	1	1	4

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH/Department of Civil Status

Dengue Fever

Table 38 **Dengue Fever Deaths, 2015-2024**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Male	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	1	1
Female	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
Total	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	3	8	1	2

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH/Department of Civil Status

5.3 External Causes of Mortality

Accidental Falls

Table 39 Deaths from Accidental Falls, 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Male	3	3	3	3	11	4	7	6	8	9	6
Female	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	3	2	0	1
Total	3	3	3	3	15	5	9	9	10	9	7
Death per 100,000 population	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.1	15.4	5.1	9.1	7.5	8.3	7.4	6.5

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH

Accidental Drowning

Table 40 Deaths from Accidental Drowning, 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Male	19	12	12	15	9	5	4	13	11	11	11
Female	0	6	4	1	2	1	2	3	2	2	2
Total	19	18	16	16	11	6	6	16	13	13	13
Death per 100,000 population	20.3	19.0	16.7	16.5	11.3	6.1	6.0	13.3	10.9	10.7	13.1

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH

Deaths from Intentional Self-harm (Suicide)

Table 41 Deaths from Intentional Self-harm (Suicide), 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Male	6	5	5	7	7	5	3	7	4	7	6
Female	1	0	2	3	3	1	0	1	1	2	1
Total	7	5	7	10	10	6	3	8	5	9	7
Death per 100,000 population	7.5	5.3	7.3	10.3	10.2	6.1	3.0	6.7	4.2	7.4	6.8

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH

Note: Suicide rate per 100,000 population [SDG 3.4.2] for 2024 is 7.4.

Homicide

Table 42 Homicides by Sex, 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Male	1	3	4	1	2	1	2	4	2	2	2
Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	1
Total	1	3	4	1	2	1	4	6	3	3	3
Death per 100,000 population	1.1	3.2	4.2	1.0	2.0	1.0	4.0	5.0	2.5	2.5	2.7

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH

Note: Homicide rate per 100,000 population [SDG 16.1] for 2024 is 2.5.

Road Traffic Accidents

Table 43 Deaths from Road Traffic Accidents (RTA), 2015-2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Average (2015-2024)
Male	13	15	10	8	2	2	1	5	6	8	7
Female	0	4	1	1	9	9	5	14	1	3	5
Total	13	19	11	9	11	11	6	19	7	11	12
<i>Death per 100,000 population</i>	13.9	20.1	11.5	9.3	11.3	11.2	6.0	15.8	5.8	9.1	11.4

Data Source: Statistics Unit MOH

Note: RTA mortality rate per 100,000 population [SDG 3.6.1] for 2024 is 9.1.

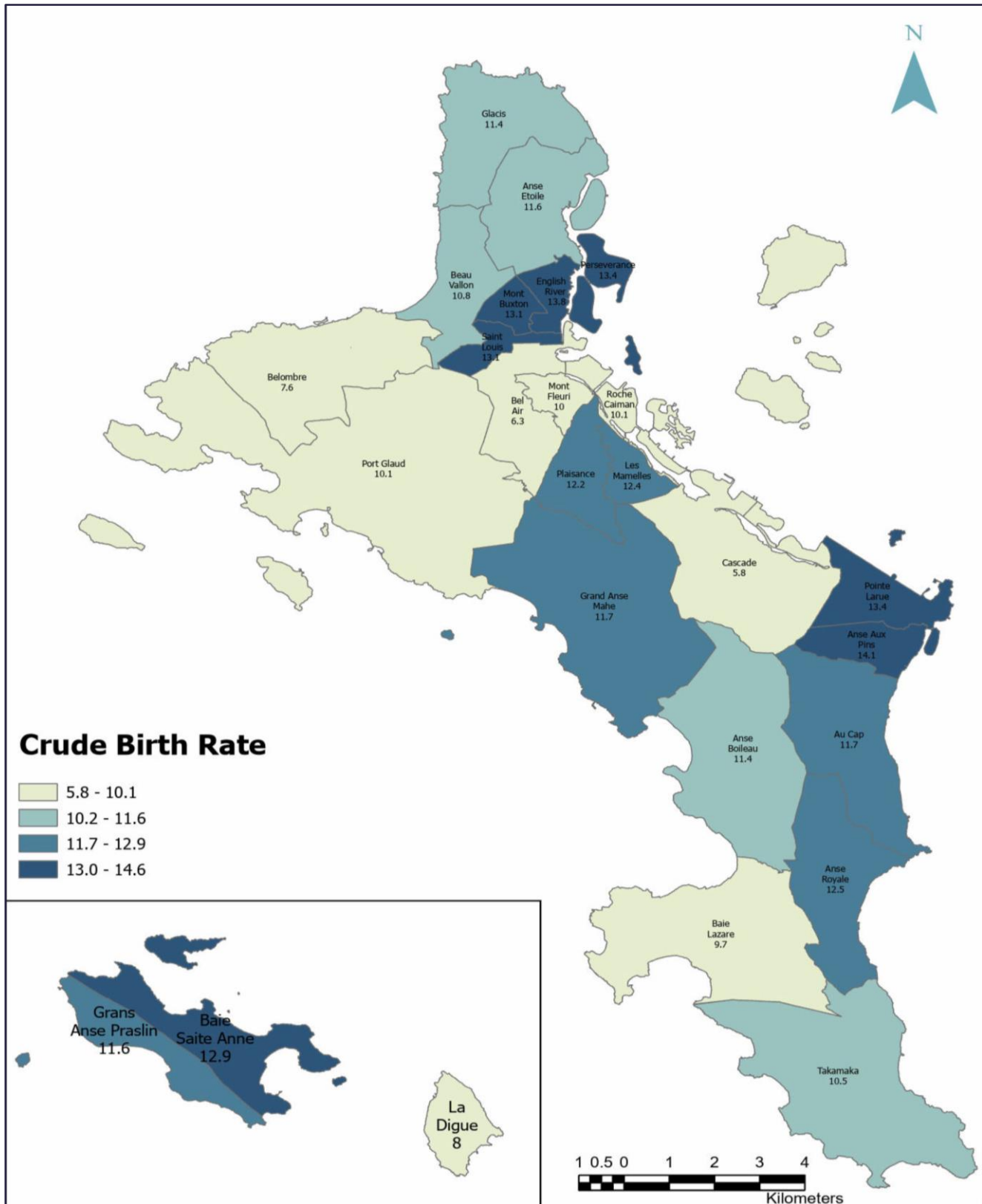
Annex

Annex 1: Mid-Year Estimated Resident Population, 2023-2024

Sex / Age-group	MID-2023		MID-2024	
	All-resident	Seychellois	All-resident	Seychellois
<u>Males</u>	64,730	48,963	65,758	49,204
0-14	12,429	11,873	12,403	11,846
15-24	7,784	6,783	7,738	6,915
25-54	33,590	20,120	34,304	20,072
55-64	6,110	5,515	6,194	5,438
65+	4,817	4,672	5,119	4,933
<u>Females</u>	55,043	51,304	55,596	51,640
0-14	12,073	11,569	11,931	11,418
15-24	6,979	6,746	7,225	6,996
25-54	23,751	21,014	23,721	20,842
55-64	6,378	6,164	6,554	6,287
65+	5,862	5,811	6,165	6,097
<u>Both Sexes</u>	119,773	100,267	121,354	100,844
0-14	24,502	23,442	24,334	23,264
15-24	14,763	13,529	14,963	13,911
25-54	57,341	41,134	58,025	40,914
55-64	12,488	11,679	12,748	11,725
65+	10,679	10,483	11,284	11,030
<u>Both Sexes(Percentage)</u>	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
0-14	20.5	23.4	20.1	23.1
15-24	12.3	13.5	12.3	13.8
25-54	47.9	41.0	47.8	40.6
55-64	10.4	11.6	10.5	11.6
65+	8.9	10.5	9.3	10.9

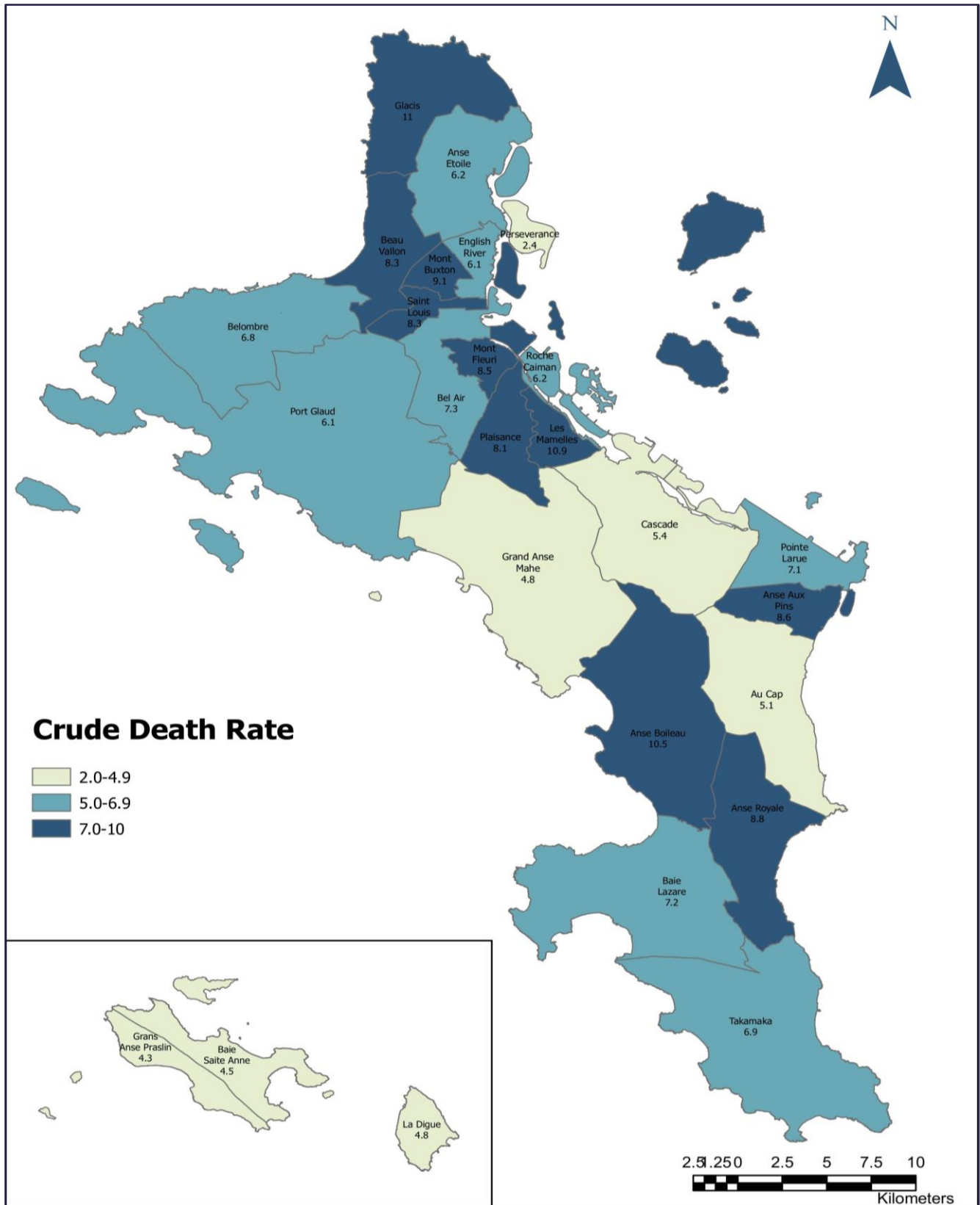
Source: NBS

Annex 2: Crude Birth Rates by District, 2024



Source: NBS

Annex 3: Crude Death Rates by District, 2024



Source: NBS

Annex 4: Life Expectancy at Birth Summary (All-resident), 1985-2024

Year	Age in Years		
	Males	Females	Both Sexes
1985	63.6	76.1	69.1
1986	64.9	72.6	69.7
1987	63.7	73.0	68.2
1988	64.8	72.8	68.8
1989	62.8	73.4	67.7
1990	62.4	74.1	67.7
1991	65.2	76.5	70.3
1992	65.8	76.9	70.9
1993	64.2	75.0	69.4
1994	65.9	75.8	70.5
1995	65.8	79.5	72.0
1996	66.0	77.4	71.3
1997	65.7	77.0	71.0
1998	67.6	76.1	71.7
1999	67.4	78.2	72.4
2000	67.9	77.9	72.7
2001	67.4	79.4	72.5
2002	66.6	75.8	71.0
2003	66.2	76.1	70.9
2004	69.1	76.4	72.6
2005	67.4	77.1	71.9
2006	68.9	75.7	72.2
2007	68.9	77.6	73.1
2008	67.7	78.9	72.9
2009	68.4	78.0	72.9
2010	69.1	77.5	73.2
2011	67.7	78.0	72.6
2012	69.3	79.5	74.2
2013	69.9	76.5	73.1
2014	68.4	78.3	73.2
2015	70.1	78.7	74.2
2016	68.7	80.2	74.0
2017	70.3	78.5	74.3
2018	68.5	77.4	72.7
2019	69.9	78.4	74.0
2020	72.7	82.0	77.3
2021	71.3	75.6	73.5
2022 ⁽¹⁾	69.8	77.8	74.2
2023	71.3	78.8	74.7
2024	72.1	80.7	76.0

Source: NBS

Notes: From 2022, LE calculated using revised estimates based on Census 2022 results, which has been adjusted for undercounts.

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