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POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, 2025

According to the mid-2025 population estimate, the Republic of Croatia had **3 874 993** inhabitants, out of which there were **1 893 472** men and **1 981 521** women.

As compared to the previous year estimate, the population **increased** by **8 760** persons or **0.2%**.

An increase in the total population was recorded in the County of Istria, where, as compared to the previous year estimate, a relative increase of 1.60% was recorded, in the County of Zadar (1.49%), the County of Zagreb (1.18%), the County of Dubrovnik-Neretva (0.82%), the County of Lika-Senj (0.80%), the County of Split-Dalmatia (0.65%), the County of Šibenik-Knin (0.59%), the County of Primorje-Gorski Kotar (0.50%), and the City of Zagreb (0.45%). A decrease in the total population was recorded in all remaining counties, and the highest relative decrease in the population was recorded in the County of Sisak-Moslavina (1.14%) and in the County of Požega-Slavonia (1.13%).

The share of women in the total population of the Republic of Croatia was 51.1% and the share of men was 48.9%. The lowest share of female population was recorded in the County of Lika-Senj (50.0%), while the largest share was recorded in the City of Zagreb (52.3%).

In 2025, the continuous ageing of the population persisted. **The average age** of the total population of the Republic of Croatia was **44.7** years (men 42.9, women 46.4), which places it among the oldest nations in Europe.

The share of youth (0 – 19 years of age) in the total population of the Republic of Croatia amounted to **18.7%**. At the county level, the lowest share of youth was recorded in the County of Primorje-Gorski Kotar (16.2%) and the highest one in the County of Međimurje (21.1%).

The share of the fertile contingent in the total female population amounted to **39.8%** in 2025.

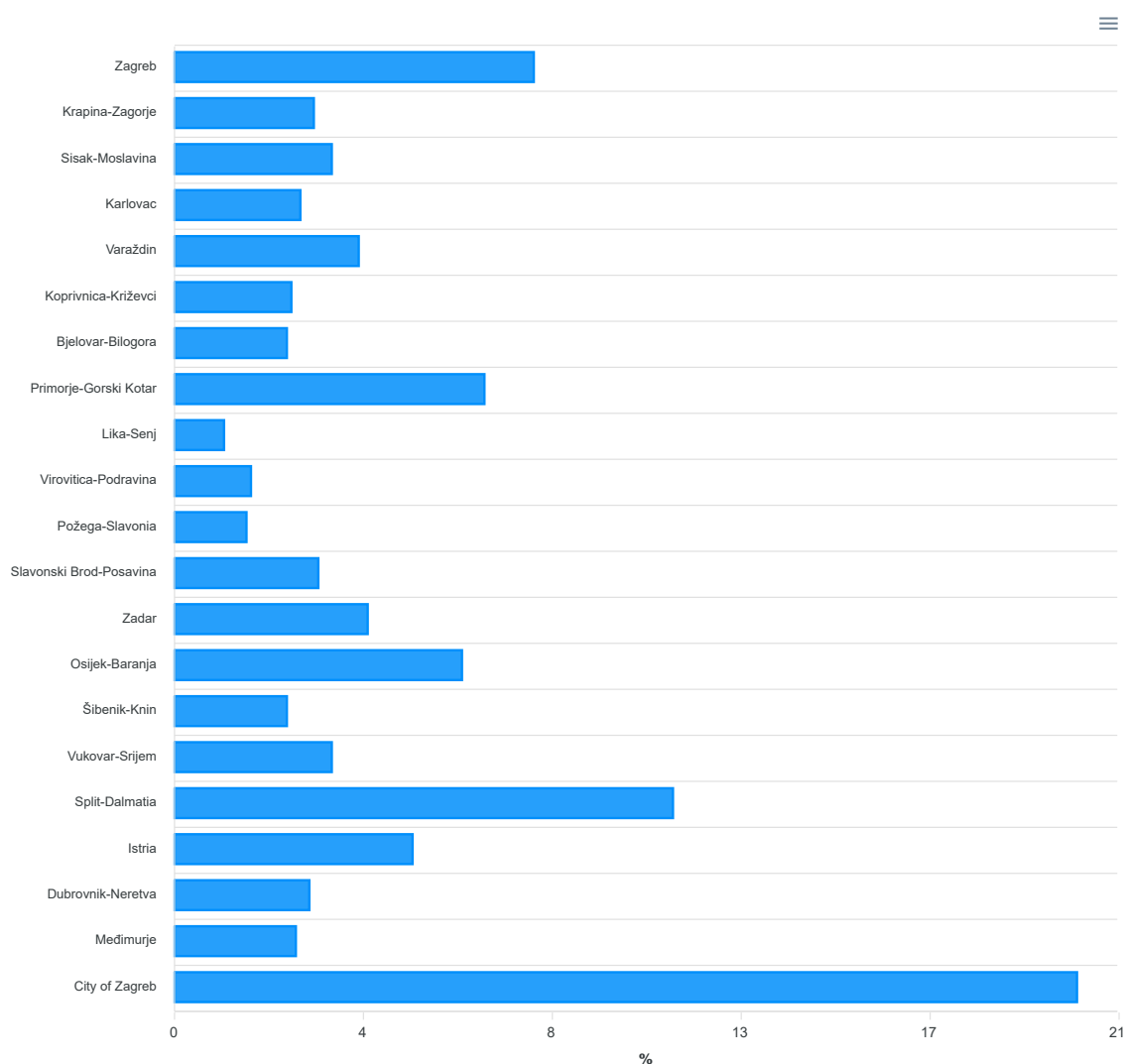
As compared to the total population, the largest number of persons aged 65 and over was recorded in the County of Šibenik-Knin (28.8%), while the smallest number was recorded in the City of Zagreb (20.9%).

In the Republic of Croatia, 52.5% of the population lived in only five counties, most of them in the City of Zagreb (777 744 or 20.1%) and in the County of Split-Dalmatia (431 463 or 11.1%), whereas the least populated counties were the County of Lika-Senj (43 402 or 1.1%) and the County of Požega-Slavonia (60 289 or 1.6%).

1 MID-YEAR TOTAL POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY COUNTIES, 2021 – 2025

County of	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Republic of Croatia	3 878 981	3 855 641	3 859 686	3 866 233	3 874 993
Zagreb	299 983	301 387	304 354	307 815	311 461
Krapina-Zagorje	120 670	119 862	119 409	119 204	118 986
Sisak-Moslavina	140 131	137 603	136 041	134 663	133 132
Karlovac	112 357	110 938	110 418	109 823	109 031
Varaždin	159 747	158 594	158 554	158 818	158 381
Koprivnica-Križevci	101 358	100 366	99 740	99 229	98 813
Bjelovar-Bilogora	102 205	100 397	99 352	98 596	97 800
Primorje-Gorski Kotar	266 183	264 267	264 572	265 223	266 547
Lika-Senj	42 931	42 578	42 731	43 058	43 402
Virovitica-Podravina	70 648	69 290	68 423	67 554	66 877
Požega-Slavonia	64 384	63 037	61 910	60 976	60 289
Slavonski Brod-Posavina	130 844	128 288	127 262	126 444	125 268
Zadar	160 085	160 239	162 255	164 323	166 765
Osijek-Baranja	258 719	255 175	252 885	250 767	248 847
Šibenik-Knin	96 722	95 719	95 711	95 622	96 184
Vukovar-Srijem	143 678	141 025	139 105	137 509	136 120
Split-Dalmatia	423 849	423 400	426 054	428 680	431 463
Istria	195 326	195 970	199 541	202 844	206 098
Dubrovnik-Neretva	115 714	115 049	115 370	115 912	116 860
Međimurje	105 393	105 012	104 937	104 948	104 925
City of Zagreb	768 054	767 445	771 062	774 225	777 744

G-1 SHARE OF POPULATION IN COUNTIES IN TOTAL POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, MID-2025 ESTIMATE



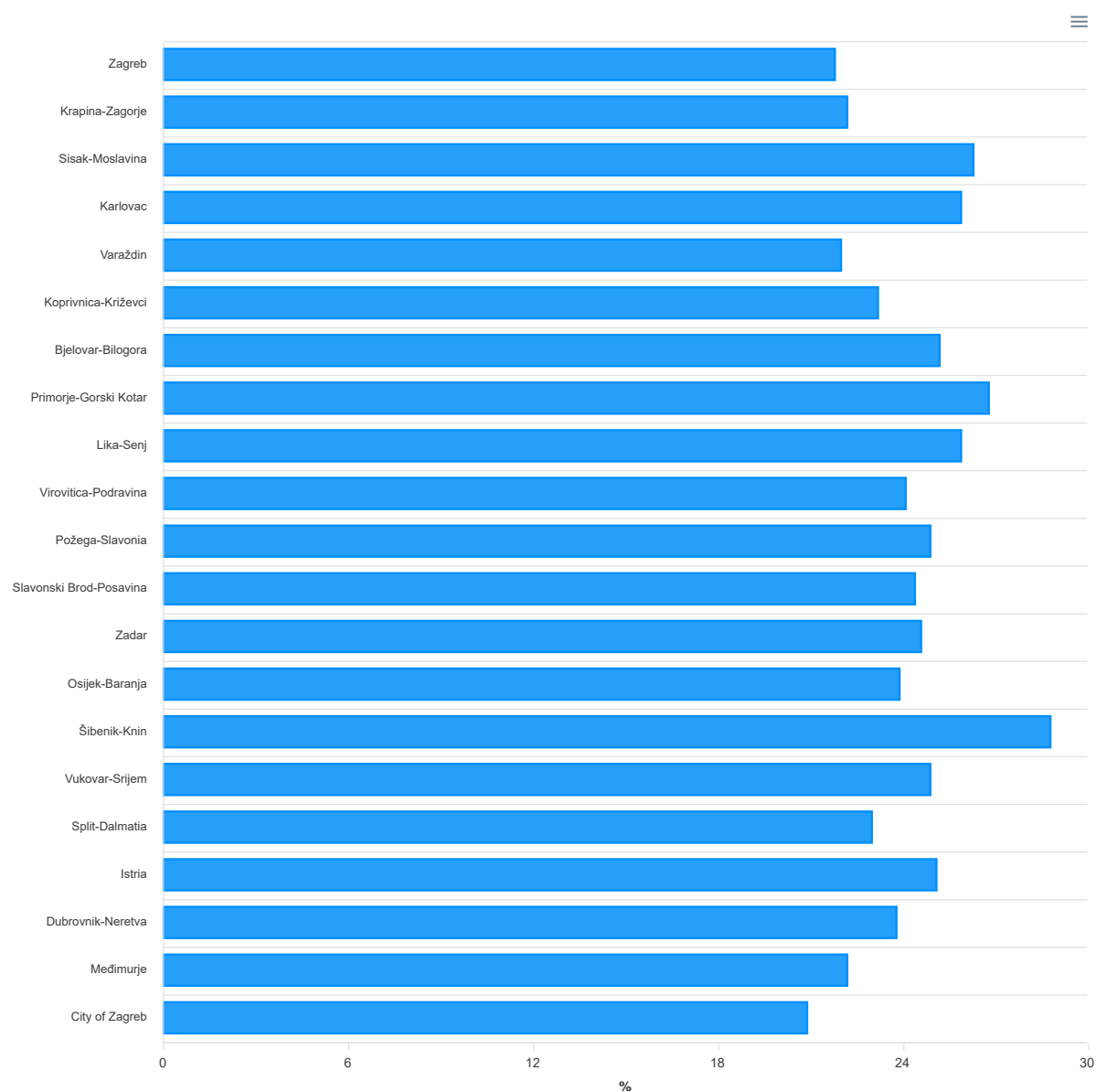
2 AVERAGE AGE, AGEING INDEX AND FERTILE CONTINGENT OF POPULATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

	Average age			Ageing index, %			Fertile contingent, 15 – 49, %
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Women
1971 ¹⁾	34,0	32,4	35,5	47,2	38,5	56,2	51,4
1981 ¹⁾	35,4	33,8	37,1	52,6	40,4	65,3	48,5
1991 ¹⁾	37,1	35,4	38,7	66,7	50,8	83,3	46,6
2001 ¹⁾	39,3	37,5	41,0	90,7	71,6	110,8	46,9
2011 ¹⁾	41,7	39,9	43,4	115,0	92,3	139,0	43,9
2021 ¹⁾	44,3	42,6	46,0	156,2	130,7	183,2	39,9
2022 ²⁾	44,3	42,6	46,0	156,1	130,6	183,1	39,8
2023 ²⁾	44,4	42,6	46,1	157,6	132,0	184,6	39,8
2024 ²⁾	44,5	42,8	46,2	160,0	134,3	187,2	39,8
2025 ²⁾	44,7	42,9	46,4	163,0	137,0	190,4	39,8

1) Data were calculated according to censuses.

2) Data were calculated according to population estimates.

G-2 SHARE OF POPULATION AGED 65 AND OVER IN TOTAL POPULATION, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025 ESTIMATE

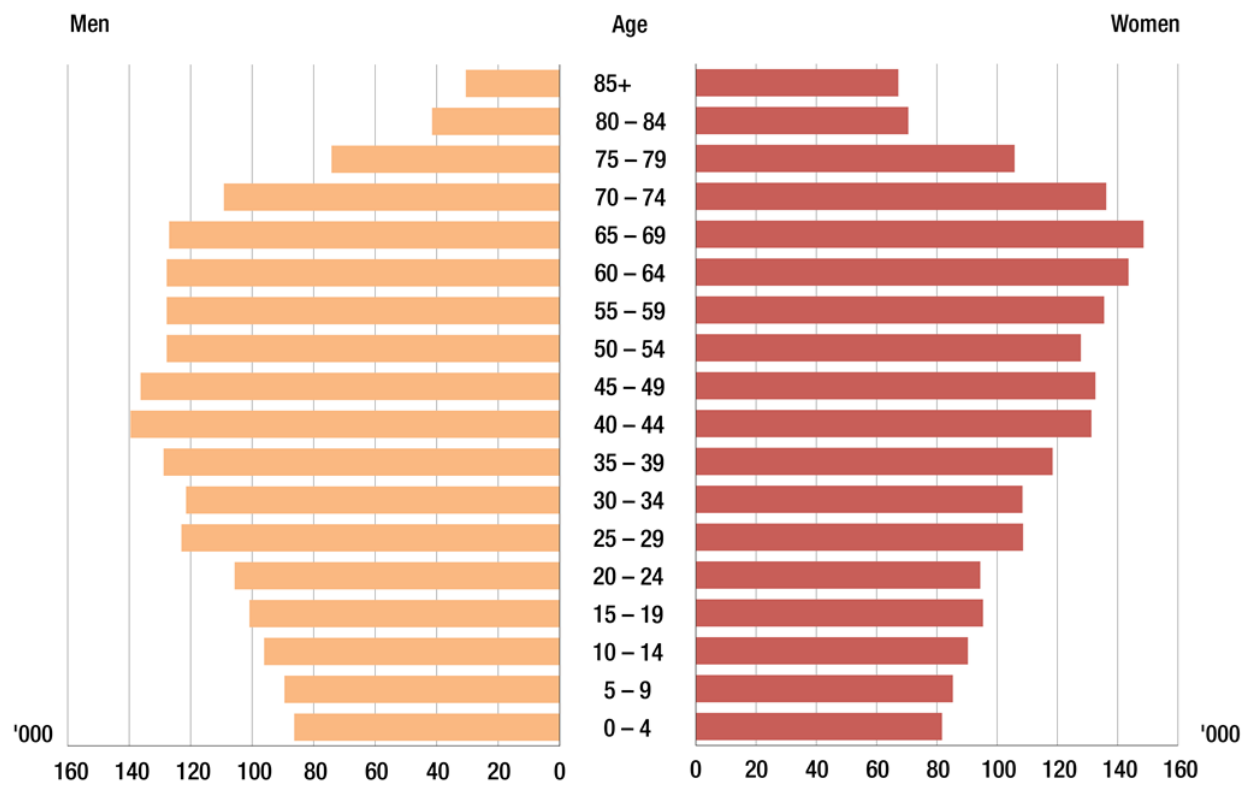


3 POPULATION ESTIMATE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY SEX AND SINGLE AGE, MID-2025

(continued)

Age	Total	Men	Women		Age	Total	Men	Women
Total	3 874 993	1 893 472	1 981 521					
0	31 945	16 477	15 468		43	54 145	27 844	26 301
1	32 129	16 494	15 635		44	54 760	28 009	26 751
2	33 105	16 771	16 334		45	54 914	28 053	26 861
3	35 675	18 249	17 426		46	54 899	27 956	26 943
4	35 247	18 320	16 927		47	53 743	27 132	26 611
5	34 975	17 917	17 058		48	52 782	26 700	26 082
6	35 173	17 861	17 312		49	52 528	26 394	26 134
7	34 994	18 168	16 826		50	51 913	26 136	25 777
8	35 198	17 996	17 202		51	51 420	25 738	25 682
9	34 439	17 546	16 893		52	51 246	25 732	25 514
10	35 936	18 443	17 493		53	51 987	25 866	26 121
11	36 642	18 848	17 794		54	49 066	24 331	24 735
12	37 316	19 441	17 875		55	49 808	24 504	25 304
13	38 113	19 484	18 629		56	51 112	24 916	26 196
14	38 356	19 821	18 535		57	52 556	25 637	26 919
15	40 761	20 880	19 881		58	54 496	26 194	28 302
16	39 611	20 215	19 396		59	55 347	26 509	28 838
17	39 511	20 225	19 286		60	54 012	25 693	28 319
18	37 579	19 456	18 123		61	52 460	25 073	27 387
19	38 695	20 067	18 628		62	54 324	25 495	28 829
20	40 412	21 224	19 188		63	55 299	25 786	29 513
21	38 584	20 251	18 333		64	55 308	25 731	29 577
22	38 992	20 607	18 385		65	56 246	26 293	29 953
23	40 243	21 307	18 936		66	55 554	25 848	29 706
24	41 832	22 268	19 564		67	53 875	24 639	29 236
25	43 750	23 231	20 519		68	55 047	25 213	29 834
26	44 632	23 799	20 833		69	54 830	24 993	29 837
27	46 932	24 819	22 113		70	55 099	25 044	30 055
28	48 857	25 889	22 968		71	50 307	22 702	27 605
29	47 437	25 282	22 155		72	50 619	22 490	28 129
30	45 695	24 138	21 557		73	45 260	19 900	25 360
31	45 179	23 723	21 456		74	44 133	19 119	25 014
32	45 959	24 382	21 577		75	43 938	18 821	25 117
33	45 554	24 274	21 280		76	40 345	16 794	23 551
34	47 546	25 001	22 545		77	35 875	14 702	21 173
35	47 124	24 717	22 407		78	36 063	14 563	21 500
36	48 657	25 401	23 256		79	23 781	9 355	14 426
37	50 379	26 415	23 964		80	22 639	8 776	13 863
38	50 030	26 023	24 007		81	23 587	8 835	14 752
39	50 959	26 212	24 747		82	23 295	8 544	14 751
40	53 542	27 634	25 908		83	22 219	8 128	14 091
41	54 686	28 419	26 267		84	20 268	7 223	13 045
42	53 811	27 733	26 078		85 +	97 696	30 633	67 063

G-3. POPULATION OF REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, BY SEX AND AGE, MID-2025 ESTIMATE



4 POPULATION ESTIMATE, BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025

Age groups	Republic of Croatia			County of Zagreb			County of Krapina-Zagorje			County of Sisak-Moslavina		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	3 874 993	1 893 472	1 981 521	311 461	154 652	156 809	118 986	58 793	60 193	133 132	65 866	67 266
0 – 4	168 101	86 311	81 790	14 048	7 219	6 829	4 972	2 578	2 394	5 302	2 738	2 564
5 – 9	174 779	89 488	85 291	14 539	7 318	7 221	5 194	2 663	2 531	5 581	2 883	2 698
10 – 14	186 363	96 037	90 326	15 571	8 028	7 543	5 586	2 854	2 732	6 040	3 061	2 979
15 – 19	196 157	100 843	95 314	16 583	8 553	8 030	5 934	3 078	2 856	6 595	3 333	3 262
20 – 24	200 063	105 657	94 406	16 633	8 962	7 671	6 288	3 339	2 949	6 776	3 559	3 217
25 – 29	231 608	123 020	108 588	19 307	10 538	8 769	7 294	3 879	3 415	7 588	4 244	3 344
30 – 34	229 933	121 518	108 415	19 289	10 545	8 744	7 045	3 758	3 287	6 628	3 664	2 964
35 – 39	247 149	128 768	118 381	20 414	10 938	9 476	7 672	4 125	3 547	7 182	3 895	3 287
40 – 44	270 944	139 639	131 305	22 629	12 022	10 607	8 146	4 270	3 876	8 510	4 493	4 017
45 – 49	268 866	136 235	132 631	22 750	11 807	10 943	8 084	4 222	3 862	8 824	4 635	4 189
50 – 54	255 632	127 803	127 829	20 994	10 658	10 336	8 164	4 117	4 047	8 970	4 630	4 340
55 – 59	263 319	127 760	135 559	20 392	10 031	10 361	9 073	4 537	4 536	9 764	4 929	4 835
60 – 64	271 403	127 778	143 625	20 272	9 606	10 666	9 107	4 435	4 672	10 361	4 966	5 395
65 – 69	275 552	126 986	148 566	20 643	9 343	11 300	8 549	4 086	4 463	10 729	5 061	5 668
70 – 74	245 418	109 255	136 163	18 737	8 253	10 484	7 018	3 132	3 886	9 762	4 362	5 400
75 – 79	180 002	74 235	105 767	13 498	5 560	7 938	4 923	1 975	2 948	6 867	2 843	4 024
80 – 84	112 008	41 506	70 502	8 337	3 215	5 122	3 260	1 129	2 131	4 230	1 526	2 704
85 +	97 696	30 633	67 063	6 825	2 056	4 769	2 677	616	2 061	3 423	1 044	2 379

4 POPULATION ESTIMATE, BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025

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Age groups	County of Karlovac			County of Varaždin			County of Koprivnica-Križevci		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	109 031	53 516	55 515	158 381	78 663	79 718	98 813	48 788	50 025
0 – 4	4 187	2 144	2 043	6 258	3 216	3 042	4 457	2 309	2 148
5 – 9	4 571	2 310	2 261	6 813	3 453	3 360	4 591	2 331	2 260
10 – 14	4 832	2 430	2 402	7 468	3 792	3 676	4 924	2 528	2 396
15 – 19	5 339	2 718	2 621	8 378	4 354	4 024	5 318	2 840	2 478
20 – 24	5 297	2 829	2 468	8 678	4 567	4 111	5 278	2 801	2 477
25 – 29	5 677	3 057	2 620	9 684	5 297	4 387	5 758	3 118	2 640
30 – 34	5 562	2 980	2 582	9 268	5 145	4 123	5 291	2 906	2 385
35 – 39	6 451	3 427	3 024	10 336	5 609	4 727	5 802	3 063	2 739
40 – 44	7 516	3 993	3 523	11 573	6 150	5 423	6 670	3 502	3 168
45 – 49	7 542	3 868	3 674	11 301	5 902	5 399	6 505	3 366	3 139
50 – 54	7 252	3 745	3 507	10 839	5 595	5 244	6 584	3 308	3 276
55 – 59	7 845	3 876	3 969	11 337	5 578	5 759	7 186	3 484	3 702
60 – 64	8 672	4 126	4 546	11 529	5 530	5 999	7 486	3 615	3 871
65 – 69	8 927	4 254	4 673	11 133	5 211	5 922	7 350	3 466	3 884
70 – 74	7 483	3 441	4 042	9 242	4 088	5 154	6 349	2 856	3 493
75 – 79	5 251	2 174	3 077	6 686	2 745	3 941	4 420	1 793	2 627
80 – 84	3 391	1 199	2 192	4 397	1 543	2 854	2 811	959	1 852
85 +	3 236	945	2 291	3 461	888	2 573	2 033	543	1 490

4 POPULATION ESTIMATE, BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025

(continued)

Age groups	County of Bjelovar-Bilogora			County of Primorje-Gorski Kotar			County of Lika-Senj		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	97 800	48 056	49 744	266 547	129 051	137 496	43 402	21 698	21 704
0 – 4	4 560	2 333	2 227	9 464	4 800	4 664	1 788	945	843
5 – 9	4 456	2 272	2 184	10 467	5 408	5 059	1 868	950	918
10 – 14	4 718	2 520	2 198	11 503	5 886	5 617	1 932	995	937
15 – 19	5 184	2 694	2 490	11 777	6 056	5 721	2 032	1 062	970
20 – 24	5 044	2 619	2 425	12 172	6 419	5 753	2 139	1 146	993
25 – 29	5 533	2 986	2 547	13 880	7 345	6 535	2 486	1 341	1 145
30 – 34	5 112	2 790	2 322	14 672	7 679	6 993	2 323	1 183	1 140
35 – 39	5 494	2 893	2 601	16 938	8 692	8 246	2 645	1 396	1 249
40 – 44	6 098	3 186	2 912	19 349	9 896	9 453	2 692	1 391	1 301
45 – 49	6 327	3 292	3 035	20 042	10 291	9 751	2 780	1 388	1 392
50 – 54	6 343	3 205	3 138	18 103	8 969	9 134	2 836	1 506	1 330
55 – 59	6 850	3 379	3 471	17 764	8 414	9 350	3 182	1 640	1 542
60 – 64	7 440	3 507	3 933	19 008	8 798	10 210	3 441	1 736	1 705
65 – 69	7 881	3 694	4 187	20 517	9 320	11 197	3 416	1 695	1 721
70 – 74	6 812	3 098	3 714	19 924	8 878	11 046	2 891	1 429	1 462
75 – 79	4 707	1 918	2 789	14 758	6 275	8 483	2 081	849	1 232
80 – 84	2 809	991	1 818	8 294	3 222	5 072	1 451	563	888
85 +	2 432	679	1 753	7 915	2 703	5 212	1 419	483	936

4 POPULATION ESTIMATE, BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025

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Age groups	County of Virovitica-Podravina			County of Požega-Slavonia			County of Slavonski Brod-Posavina		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	66 877	32 659	34 218	60 289	29 428	30 861	125 268	62 301	62 967
0 – 4	2 823	1 460	1 363	2 689	1 366	1 323	5 506	2 792	2 714
5 – 9	2 980	1 536	1 444	2 715	1 394	1 321	5 503	2 853	2 650
10 – 14	3 302	1 689	1 613	2 986	1 559	1 427	6 078	3 126	2 952
15 – 19	3 582	1 856	1 726	3 448	1 779	1 669	6 951	3 620	3 331
20 – 24	3 615	1 921	1 694	3 281	1 703	1 578	7 166	3 910	3 256
25 – 29	3 753	2 053	1 700	3 614	1 945	1 669	7 497	4 206	3 291
30 – 34	3 465	1 807	1 658	2 948	1 544	1 404	6 528	3 584	2 944
35 – 39	3 719	1 976	1 743	3 189	1 653	1 536	7 084	3 817	3 267
40 – 44	4 354	2 250	2 104	3 674	1 850	1 824	7 570	4 090	3 480
45 – 49	4 327	2 187	2 140	3 697	1 829	1 868	7 697	3 934	3 763
50 – 54	4 209	2 047	2 162	3 945	1 998	1 947	8 006	4 108	3 898
55 – 59	5 049	2 465	2 584	4 406	2 175	2 231	9 066	4 476	4 590
60 – 64	5 565	2 665	2 900	4 704	2 306	2 398	10 002	4 824	5 178
65 – 69	5 457	2 535	2 922	4 777	2 281	2 496	9 768	4 622	5 146
70 – 74	4 396	1 981	2 415	4 102	1 868	2 234	8 310	3 776	4 534
75 – 79	2 979	1 211	1 768	2 771	1 116	1 655	5 626	2 322	3 304
80 – 84	1 872	618	1 254	1 868	620	1 248	3 823	1 354	2 469
85 +	1 430	402	1 028	1 475	442	1 033	3 087	887	2 200

4 POPULATION ESTIMATE, BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025

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Age groups	County of Zadar			County of Osijek-Baranja			County of Šibenik-Knin		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	166 765	82 582	84 183	248 847	120 737	128 110	96 184	47 813	48 371
0 – 4	7 619	3 859	3 760	10 665	5 513	5 152	3 859	1 939	1 920
5 – 9	7 591	3 963	3 628	10 817	5 561	5 256	3 865	2 001	1 864
10 – 14	8 150	4 236	3 914	11 896	6 074	5 822	4 261	2 190	2 071
15 – 19	8 526	4 375	4 151	12 683	6 412	6 271	4 433	2 240	2 193
20 – 24	8 805	4 578	4 227	12 994	6 738	6 256	4 607	2 454	2 153
25 – 29	10 258	5 435	4 823	14 807	7 752	7 055	5 316	2 874	2 442
30 – 34	9 734	5 082	4 652	13 896	7 462	6 434	4 952	2 616	2 336
35 – 39	10 189	5 316	4 873	15 053	7 813	7 240	5 362	2 779	2 583
40 – 44	11 061	5 637	5 424	16 462	8 477	7 985	5 930	3 105	2 825
45 – 49	11 150	5 499	5 651	16 243	8 132	8 111	6 082	3 153	2 929
50 – 54	10 637	5 264	5 373	15 844	7 785	8 059	6 001	3 097	2 904
55 – 59	11 081	5 427	5 654	18 207	8 825	9 382	6 529	3 168	3 361
60 – 64	10 958	5 229	5 729	19 878	9 328	10 550	7 250	3 564	3 686
65 – 69	11 770	5 723	6 047	19 483	9 084	10 399	7 776	3 777	3 999
70 – 74	10 966	5 230	5 736	16 355	7 305	9 050	7 416	3 587	3 829
75 – 79	8 863	4 065	4 798	11 091	4 409	6 682	5 824	2 703	3 121
80 – 84	5 114	2 135	2 979	7 118	2 530	4 588	3 214	1 349	1 865
85 +	4 293	1 529	2 764	5 355	1 537	3 818	3 507	1 217	2 290

4 POPULATION ESTIMATE, BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025

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Age groups	County of Vukovar-Srijem			County of Split-Dalmatia			County of Istria		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	136 120	66 485	69 635	431 463	210 667	220 796	206 098	101 296	104 802
0 – 4	5 926	3 149	2 777	19 440	10 022	9 418	7 696	3 940	3 756
5 – 9	5 968	3 039	2 929	20 077	10 319	9 758	8 410	4 305	4 105
10 – 14	6 628	3 462	3 166	21 365	11 037	10 328	9 110	4 724	4 386
15 – 19	7 609	3 889	3 720	22 870	11 656	11 214	9 453	4 927	4 526
20 – 24	7 782	4 090	3 692	23 946	12 408	11 538	9 605	5 235	4 370
25 – 29	7 736	4 097	3 639	26 826	13 738	13 088	11 002	5 825	5 177
30 – 34	6 664	3 592	3 072	26 561	13 801	12 760	11 687	6 126	5 561
35 – 39	7 659	4 059	3 600	27 649	13 991	13 658	13 887	7 341	6 546
40 – 44	8 281	4 200	4 081	29 184	14 786	14 398	15 341	7 884	7 457
45 – 49	8 358	4 252	4 106	28 804	14 510	14 294	15 328	7 826	7 502
50 – 54	8 882	4 541	4 341	28 345	14 171	14 174	13 544	6 854	6 690
55 – 59	9 934	4 938	4 996	28 363	13 779	14 584	13 967	6 598	7 369
60 – 64	10 809	5 161	5 648	28 887	13 709	15 178	15 440	7 293	8 147
65 – 69	10 826	5 040	5 786	29 764	13 916	15 848	15 687	7 338	8 349
70 – 74	9 186	4 018	5 168	26 207	11 833	14 374	14 056	6 416	7 640
75 – 79	6 640	2 614	4 026	20 769	8 775	11 994	9 860	4 360	5 500
80 – 84	3 956	1 388	2 568	11 229	4 422	6 807	6 042	2 381	3 661
85 +	3 276	956	2 320	11 177	3 794	7 383	5 983	1 923	4 060

4 POPULATION ESTIMATE, BY SEX AND AGE GROUPS, BY COUNTIES, MID-2025

(continued)

Age groups	County of Dubrovnik-Neretva			County of Međimurje			City of Zagreb		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total	116 860	57 722	59 138	104 925	52 072	52 853	777 744	370 627	407 117
0 – 4	5 388	2 771	2 617	5 123	2 655	2 468	36 331	18 563	17 768
5 – 9	5 708	2 859	2 849	5 593	2 867	2 726	37 472	19 203	18 269
10 – 14	5 928	3 036	2 892	5 637	2 964	2 673	38 448	19 846	18 602
15 – 19	5 976	3 062	2 914	5 751	2 965	2 786	37 735	19 374	18 361
20 – 24	5 888	3 119	2 769	5 828	3 127	2 701	38 241	20 133	18 108
25 – 29	7 034	3 775	3 259	6 141	3 310	2 831	50 417	26 205	24 212
30 – 34	7 008	3 710	3 298	5 884	3 214	2 670	55 416	28 330	27 086
35 – 39	7 538	3 918	3 620	6 627	3 500	3 127	56 259	28 567	27 692
40 – 44	7 926	4 088	3 838	7 347	3 857	3 490	60 631	30 512	30 119
45 – 49	7 972	4 165	3 807	7 025	3 594	3 431	58 028	28 383	29 645
50 – 54	7 378	3 738	3 640	6 550	3 283	3 267	52 206	25 184	27 022
55 – 59	7 664	3 737	3 927	6 874	3 326	3 548	48 786	22 978	25 808
60 – 64	7 688	3 570	4 118	7 296	3 469	3 827	45 610	20 341	25 269
65 – 69	7 971	3 783	4 188	7 373	3 489	3 884	45 755	19 268	26 487
70 – 74	7 363	3 363	4 000	6 398	3 021	3 377	42 445	17 320	25 125
75 – 79	5 621	2 452	3 169	4 207	1 772	2 435	32 560	12 304	20 256
80 – 84	3 304	1 365	1 939	2 983	1 096	1 887	22 505	7 901	14 604
85 +	3 505	1 211	2 294	2 288	563	1 725	18 899	6 215	12 684

NOTES ON METHODOLOGY

Data sources

The following surveys are the data sources for the population estimate of the Republic of Croatia:

- 2021 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings
- birth statistics
- death statistics
- statistics of the internal migration of population
- statistics of the international migration of population.

The data on births are collected through the Statistical Report on Births (DEM-1) for every entry in the State birth register.

The data on deaths are collected through the Statistical Report on Deaths (DEM-2) for every entry in the State death register.

The surveys on the internal and international migration of population are based on data collected by the Ministry of the Interior.

Coverage

The mid-2021 population estimate data encompasses all persons included in the total population of the Republic of Croatia in the 2021 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings, all persons who were born and entered into the State birth register in the period from 1 July 2021 to 31 August 2021, all persons who died and were

entered into the State death register in the period from 1 July 2021 to 31 August 2021 and all persons who immigrated from abroad or emigrated abroad, as well as persons who migrated inside the territory of the Republic of Croatia in the period from 1 July 2021 to 31 August 2021.

The mid-2022, mid-2023, mid-2024 and mid-2025 population estimates data encompass all persons included in the total population of the Republic of Croatia in the 2021 Census of Population, Households and Dwellings, all persons who were born and entered into the State birth register in the period from 1 September 2021 to the estimate date, all persons who died and were entered into the State death register in the period from 1 September 2021 to the estimate date and all persons who immigrated from abroad or emigrated abroad, as well as persons who migrated inside the territory of the Republic of Croatia in the period from 1 September 2021 to the estimate date.

Definitions and explanations

Population estimate is calculated on the basis of the 2021 Census, natural change and net migration data.

In **the 2021 Census**, according to the international statistical standards, the concept of the place of usual residence is used in defining the total population. The place of usual residence is considered a place where a person spends most of his/her daily period of rest, irrespective of a short-term absence from it (e.g. due to going on a vacation, trip, medical treatment, visit etc.). In line with the definition of the place of usual residence, the total population includes the following persons:

- those who have lived in their place of usual residence for a continuous period of at least 12 months before the Census reference time
- those who arrived in their place of usual residence during the 12 months before the Census reference time with the intention of staying there for at least one year.

A live born child (live birth) is every child who at birth exhibits signs of life, such as breathing, beating of the heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord or definite movements of voluntary muscles.

A deceased person (death) is every live born person in whom there is a permanent disappearance of all evidence of life.

Natural increase is the difference between the number of live births and the number of deaths.

Data by age are expressed by completed years of age on the referent date. The data by age groups include persons who reached the age within the limits of an interval.

Average age indicates the mean age of the total population, and it is calculated as the arithmetic mean of the age of the total population.

Ageing index represents the ratio of the population, that is, the share (%) of inhabitants aged 60 and over in the number of inhabitants aged from 0 to 19 inclusive.

Fertile female population includes women between 15 and 49 years of age.

Place of permanent residence, according to Article 2 of the Permanent Residence Act (NN, Nos 144/12, 158/13 and 114/22) is "a place and address in the Republic of Croatia where a person settled with an intention of staying permanently in order to exercise their rights and commitments related to life interests such as family, professional, economic, social, cultural and other interests".

Immigrated or emigrated population is the population that changed their place of usual residence on the territory of the Republic of Croatia or that changed their country of usual residence for a period that is, or is expected to be, of at least one year.

Net migration of population (migration balance) is the difference between the number of immigrants and the number of emigrants of a particular area or country in a given period of time.

Territorial constitution

The data are presented by territorial constitution according to the Act on Territories of Counties, Towns and Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia (NN, Nos 86/06, 125/06, 16/07, 95/08, 46/10, 145/10, 37/13, 44/13, 45/13 and 110/15), with the situation as on 31 December 2025.

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