

Is growth outpacing infrastructure?

A public claim, tested against Eurostat and the World Bank

THE CLAIM

“Infrastructure demands require urgent investment.”

PwC Malta, posted by the Malta Chamber, 22 July 2026

Headline: population growth “creates urgent need”.

The wording is PwC's; the Chamber carried it as sponsored content.

VERDICT

LARGELY SUPPORTED

Premises hold; one percentage is wrong.

SUPPORTED

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NOT
SUBSTANTIATED

MISLEADING

CONTRADICTED

MAIN RESULTS

+2.44%

Fastest growth in the EU

Population grew 2.44% in 2025 (588,254 on 1 Jan 2026); EU-27 +0.16%.

391

Hospital beds per 100,000

2024: 18th of 27, against 507 for the EU-27. PwC says 397 and 17th.

+34%

Imports, not 25%

PwC's own figures (970 to 1,304 GWh) give +34%, not “circa 25%”.

636,000

2030 base case is plausible

Between Eurostat's baseline (621,470) and higher-migration (650,230).

FAIR TO SAY

Malta's median age is 40.0 against 44.9 for the EU, and beds per head is a crude measure. PwC's report was not readable, so its model is unchecked.

WHAT WOULD SETTLE IT

☐ PwC's report, with its assumptions.

☐ Planned beds and generation to 2030.

☐ A benchmark covering more than two indicators.