



**Births, Deaths, Stillbirths, Marriages and Civil Partnerships registered in the twelve parishes of the Island of Jersey for the year 2020**

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The Minister for Home Affairs presents the following statistics for the year 2020:

## 1. Births

### 1.1 Actual births

The number of *actual* births in Jersey in 2020 was 863 – comprising 419 females and 444 males.

This represents the number of babies born in Jersey between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020.

There were therefore 17 less births in Jersey in 2020 than in 2019.

This is the lowest number of *actual* births in Jersey since 1976.

98.6% of births in Jersey occurred in St. Helier, i.e. 851.

*Table showing the number of actual births in Jersey in 2020 by month and gender*

Month of Birth	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Gender													
F	34	27	42	29	30	39	40	40	35	37	31	35	419
M	32	30	36	39	38	35	46	40	40	40	30	38	444
Total	66	57	78	68	68	74	86	80	75	77	61	73	863

*Table showing the number of actual births in Jersey in 2020 by parish*

Parish	Births
GROUVILLE	2
ST. BRELADE	3
ST. CLEMENT	2
ST. HELIER	851
ST. JOHN	0
ST. LAWRENCE	1
ST. MARTIN	1
ST. MARY	0
ST. OUEN	0
ST. PETER	1
ST. SAVIOUR	2
TRINITY	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>863</b>

## 1.2 Registered births

The number of registered births (including re-registrations of birth) in Jersey in 2020 was 845.

This represents the number of births which were registered between 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020.

There were therefore 79 less registrations of birth than in 2019.

This is the lowest number of registered births in Jersey since 1976.

### COVID-19

Registration of birth continued throughout 2020 albeit with applied public health measures.

## 1.3 Baby names

The following table shows the 10 most popular baby names for girls and boys registered in Jersey between 2016 and 2020 (most popular first):

Girls				
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Olivia	Olivia	Sienna	Olivia	Isabella
Emily	Mia	Ava	Ava	Willow
Ava	Poppy	Amelia	Amelia	Emily
Mia	Emily	Mia	Ella	Eva
Sophie	Grace	Sophia	Emilia	Isla
Matilda	Evie	Luna	Isla	Sophie
Abigail	Isabella	Lilly	Lily	Alice
Maya	Millie	Charlotte	Mia	Sophia
Daisy	Amelia	Freya	Isabella	Ava
Ivy	Ruby	Emily	Charlotte	Hallie

Boys				
2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Harry	Charlie	Leo	Oliver	Lucas
Oliver	Henry	Oliver	Jack	George
Noah	Lucas	Jacob	Lucas	William
Jack	Oliver	William	Mason	Henry
Leo	Noah	Noah	Oscar	Alfie
Ethan	Edward	Joshua	Archie	Oscar
Dylan	Sebastian	Charlie	George	Archie
Theo	Jacob	Henry	Alfie	Oliver
Joshua	Isaac	Logan	Arthur	Noah
James	Archie	Jack	Benjamin	Liam

## 2. Deaths

### 2.1 Registered Deaths

There were 718 deaths *registered* in Jersey in 2020.

There were 77 less deaths registered in 2020 than in 2019.

This is the lowest number of deaths registered since 2014.

57% of deaths were registered in St. Helier.

*Table showing the number of registered deaths in Jersey in 2020 by parish*

Parish	Deaths
GROUVILLE	10
ST. BRELADE	97
ST. CLEMENT	16
ST. HELIER	408
ST. JOHN	16
ST. LAWRENCE	28
ST. MARTIN	7
ST. MARY	2
ST. OUEN	9
ST. PETER	72
ST. SAVIOUR	50
TRINITY	3
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>718</b>

### 2.2 Actual deaths

The highest number of deaths which occurred on the island occurred in the months of April and December.

*Table showing the number of actual deaths which occurred in Jersey in 2020*

Month of Actual Death	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Ju	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Gender													
F	23	29	33	32	29	33	36	26	21	34	24	44	364
M	30	27	34	48	25	27	28	28	33	32	31	46	389
Total	53	56	67	80	54	60	64	54	54	66	55	90	753
% of Total	7%	7%	9%	11%	7%	8%	9%	7%	7%	9%	7%	12%	

## 2.3 Explanation of Cause of Death in Registration of Death

A doctor qualified in law to certify a death, is required by law to certify the condition or conditions which caused a person's death. This certification is carried out immediately following a death and then forwarded to the Superintendent Registrar. In other cases, the Viscount provides confirmation to the Superintendent Registrar of the conditions which caused the death following further investigation and/or inquest.

Once established, these conditions are then registered as 'Cause of Death' on a death registration by the Superintendent Registrar.

'Cause of Death' within a death registration sets out four separate, but related, sections for the recording of these conditions as follows:

- 1a. *The disease or condition that lead to the death*
- 1b. *Due to or as a consequence of [...]*
- 1c. *Due to or as a consequence of [...]*
2. *Other significant conditions contributing to the death*

A Cause of Death must include a condition in 1a. and may include condition(s) in any of the other sections (or be blank in some sections if not relevant).

An example is as follows:

- 1a. *Stroke*
- 1b. *Cerebral Haemorrhage*
- 1c. *Hypertensive Heart Disease*
2. *Rheumatoid Arthritis*

'Cause of Death' on a death registration therefore represents a comprehensive narrative of all the conditions that caused the death of the person.

Only those conditions which caused the death are certified as a cause of death and registered as a 'Cause of Death' on the death registration. I.e. not all conditions which a person suffers with at the time of death will or should be certified/registered – only those that caused the death.

Due to the legal process involved with the registration of death, death registrations will be carried out several days following the actual date of death once all information is received and verified.

## 2.4 COVID-19 related deaths

During the pandemic period, the Superintendent Registrar has been publicly reporting the number of registrations of deaths on a daily and weekly basis. This includes COVID-19 related deaths.

Where COVID-19 is recorded in any section of the 'Cause of Death' on a death registration, the Superintendent Registrar publicly reports the death as a 'COVID-19 related' death statistic. This is in line with international reporting of COVID-19 deaths.

Where a person was diagnosed with (or suspected to have had) COVID-19 at the time of their death but it did not cause their death, it is not certified as a cause of death and

COVID-19 does not form part of the Cause of Death on the death registration. It therefore would not be reported by the Superintendent Registrar as a COVID-19 related death statistic.

**COVID-19 related registered deaths in 2020**

Of the 718 deaths *registered* in Jersey in 2020, 44 deaths were registered with COVID-19 recorded on the death registration.

**COVID-19 related deaths where the date of death occurred in 2020**

There were 57 deaths registered as COVID-19 related deaths, whose date of death occurred in 2020 i.e. where the person’s actual date of death was in 2020 and COVID-19 was recorded on the death registration either in 2020 or to date in 2021.

The first death which was registered as a COVID-19 related death in Jersey occurred on 25 March 2020. The last COVID-19 related death of 2020 in Jersey occurred on 30 December 2020.

Of the 57 deaths registered as COVID-19 related deaths, whose date of death occurred in 2020, 34 were of men and 23 were of women.

56 COVID-19 related deaths which occurred in 2020 were registered with other conditions. 1 COVID-19 related death which occurred in 2020 was registered with no other conditions.

34 COVID-19 related deaths occurred in a Health & Community Services venue (i.e. 30 at the General Hospital, 3 at St Saviour’s Hospital and 1 at Sandybrook Nursing Home). 21 COVID-19 related deaths occurred in Care Homes and 2 COVID-19 related deaths occurred in domestic residences.

The age range of those registered as a COVID-19 related death, whose date of death occurred in 2020 was: 50-101 years of age. The average age was 82 years of age.

*Table showing the number of COVID-related deaths which occurred in 2020 in Jersey by age demographic and gender*

COVID-19 related deaths age range (years)	0-9 yrs	10-19 yrs	20-29 yrs	30-39 yrs	40-49 yrs	50-59 yrs	60-69 yrs	70-79 yrs	80-89 yrs	90-99 yrs	100-109 yrs	Total
Gender												
F	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	10	6	1	23
M	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	9	17	4	1	34
Total	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	13	27	10	2	57
% of Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3.5%	5%	23%	47%	18%	3.5%	

*Table showing the number of COVID-related deaths and non COVID-19 related deaths which occurred in 2020 in Jersey*

Month of Actual Death	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
COVID-19/Non COVID-19 related death													
COVID-19 related death	0	0	3	23	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	57
Non COVID-19 related death	53	56	64	57	49	60	64	53	54	66	55	65	696
Total	53	56	67	80	54	60	64	54	54	66	55	90	753
% of total deaths in 2020 which were COVID-19 related	0%	0%	4%	29%	9%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	28%	7.6%

## 2.5 Burial and cremation

79% of deaths registered in Jersey in 2020 resulted in cremation (73% in 2019).

21% of deaths resulted in burial (27% in 2019).

## 3. Stillbirths

There was 1 stillbirth in the Island in 2020 – 4 less than in 2019 and the lowest number of stillbirths registered since 2015.

## **4. Marriage**

### **4.1 Marriage in Jersey**

#### **Total number of marriages**

There were a total of 184 marriages in Jersey in 2020 – 175 less than 2019.

This number includes civil marriage, marriage in the Church of England, and all other religious denomination marriage.

This is the lowest number of marriages registered in Jersey since 1944.

#### **Marriages authorised by the Superintendent Registrar (Civil and Non-Anglican marriage)**

The Superintendent Registrar authorised 146 marriages in 2020 – i.e. civil and non-Anglican religious marriages. This is 135 less than in 2019.

#### **Civil / religious marriage statistics**

There were 135 civil (i.e. non-religious) marriage ceremonies in Jersey in 2020 – 123 less than in 2019 i.e. 73% of all weddings which took place in Jersey were civil (non-religious) weddings.

53 out of 135 civil marriage ceremonies in Jersey in 2020 took place in the Register Office and Temporary Register Office.

There were 49 religious marriage ceremonies – 52 less than in 2019, i.e. 27% of all marriages in Jersey.

Of these ceremonies –

- 38 marriages were conducted in Church of England churches i.e. 21% of the total Island marriages and 40 less than in 2019
- 7 marriages were conducted in Catholic churches i.e. 4% of the total marriages and 7 less than in 2019
- The remaining 4 religious marriages occurred in other denomination churches i.e. 5 less than in 2019

The most popular months for marriage in Jersey were February and September.

## **COVID-19**

Due to the pandemic, no marriages, except those authorised under emergency provisions, took place in April, May and June.

Of the 184 weddings that took place in Jersey in 2020, 149 weddings occurred between 1<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> December under COVID-19 public health restrictions.

### **4.2 Conversion to marriage**

Following [amendments](#) to the [Marriage and Civil Status \(Jersey\) Law 2001](#) (which came into force on 1st July 2018), couples in valid civil partnerships are able to convert their civil partnership to marriage.

3 conversion to marriage ceremonies were solemnised in Jersey in 2020, 5 less than in 2019.

The total number of marriages solemnised in Jersey in 2020, including conversion to marriage ceremonies, was therefore 187.

### **4.3 Marriage of Jersey residents in other jurisdictions**

The number of Jersey resident couples who applied to the Superintendent Registrar for to marry in jurisdictions outside the Island in 2020 was 3 i.e. 35 less than in 2019.

### **4.4 Marriage of non-Jersey residents in Jersey**

The number of non-Jersey resident couples who travelled to Jersey in 2020 for the purpose of marriage by authorisation of the Superintendent Registrar was 10.

This was 37 less than in 2019 and 7% of all civil and non-Anglican marriages – a fall of 73% from 2019.

The largest proportion of non-residents who travelled to Jersey to marry came from England.

The most popular months for non-residents to marry in Jersey were February and September.

## **5. Civil Partnership**

In 2020, there was 3 civil partnerships ceremony in Jersey – 2 more than in the previous year.

## 6. Table of registrations – 1990 to 2020

Year	Births		Stillbirths	Deaths	Marriages	Civil Partnerships	Conversions to marriage
	A	B					
1990	1,171	1,112	6	863	662		
1991	1,135	1,057	3	886	647		
1992	1,202	1,137	5	825	641		
1993	1,127	1,057	5	947	536		
1994	1,210	1,147	7	841	539		
1995	1,214	1,121	6	889	553		
1997	1,195	1,100	4	800	805		
1998	1,200	1,127	2	781	824		
1999	1,175	1,065	4	801	841		
2000	1,093	976	5	784	796		
2001	1,061	973	2	784	664		
2002	1,023	930	2	841	641		
2003	1,088	1,005	2	760	632		
2004	1,056	971	0	748	616		
2005	1,053	969	4	752	635		
2006	1,043	950	3	759	607		
2007	1,104	1,030	2	707	586		
2008	1,134	1,048	8	743	592		
2009	1,169	1,010	0	758	541		
2010	1,194	1,066	1	797	546		
2011	1,176	1,102	3	716	515		
2012	1,214	1,123	5	762	540	17	
2013	1,091	1,017	7	719	484	27	
2014	1,031	989	3	682	522	13	
2015	1,052	997	0	778	492	13	
2016	1,046	1,008	2	795	474	14	
2017	973	949	2	816	447	15	
2018	962	933	4	831	438	7	9
2019	924	880	5	795	359	1	8
2020	845	863	1	718	184	3	3

### Notes:

1. 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 Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001; and in column B, the number of children **actually born** in each year.
2. The table includes civil partnerships from April 2012 onwards, and conversions to marriage from 1st July 2018 onwards.