



# **AN ANALYSIS OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PRICES IN MALTA, 2022 - 2024**

**CALVIN VELLA**

**SOLIDARJETÀ**

## **PUBLISHED BY**

Solidarjetà

67, Strait Street, Valletta  
VLT1436, Malta

[union@solidarjeta.org](mailto:union@solidarjeta.org)

[www.solidarjeta.org](http://www.solidarjeta.org)

Publication Year: 2025

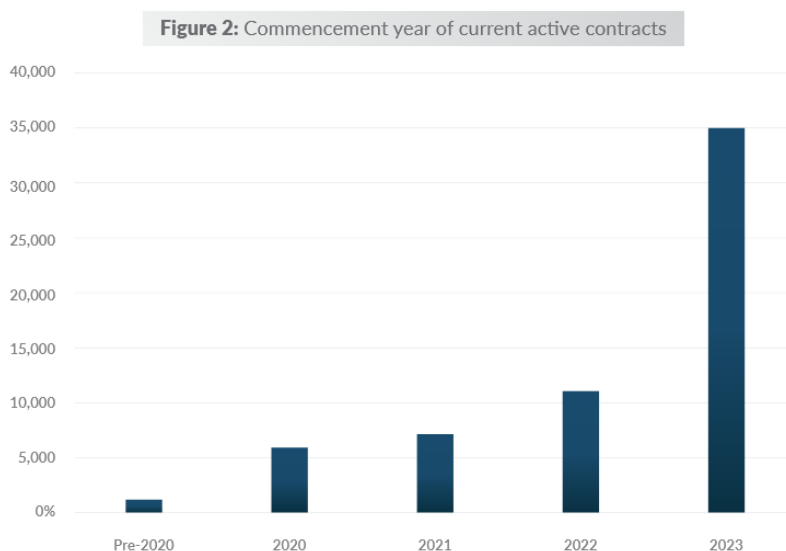
# **CONTENTS**

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Introduction.....   | 1  |
| Methodology .....   | 2  |
| Results .....   | 3  |
| Regional Level Analysis.....  | 3  |
| Scenario analysis – The introduction of a 5% rent stabilisation in 2022.....                | 7  |
| Average Rent in Malta (without rent stabilisation).....                                     | 11 |
| Average Rent in Malta with Regulatory Intervention.....                                     | 12 |
| Comparison with Salaries.....   | 12 |
| Discussion and Recommendations.....   | 14 |
| Recommendation 1: Ensure Housing Cost Burden Does Not Exceed 25% of Income.....             | 15 |
| Recommendation 2: Introduce Regulatory Intervention to Tackle Escalating Housing Costs..... | 15 |
| Recommendation 3: Incentivise Long-Term Contracts.....                                      | 15 |
| Recommendation 4: End No-Fault Evictions.....   | 16 |
| Recommendation 5: Compensate Tenants that are Illegally or Constructively Evicted .....     | 16 |
| Recommendation 6: Substantially Expand the Supply of Social and Affordable Housing.....     | 16 |
| Conclusion.....   | 18 |
| References .....  | 19 |
| Appendix – Detailed Results by Region and Locality .....                                    | 20 |
| Two Bedroom Apartments.....   | 20 |
| Three Bedroom Apartments.....   | 22 |
| Rent Control - Two Bedroom.....   | 24 |
| Rent Control - Three Bedroom.....   | 26 |

# INTRODUCTION

The Private Residential Leases Acts, which came into effect on the 1st of January 2020, established the possibility of price controls when it comes to private renting. However, the act only covers the automatic renewals of contracts where the price remains fixed for an additional year, and contracts that are longer than one year. With regards to the latter, according to the Private Leases Act of 2020, the “yearly increases may not exceed the annual variations recorded in the Property Price Index published by the National Statistics Office... [which] may never exceed the previous rent by more than five per cent (5%)” (Private Residential Leases Act, 2020). The amendments of 2024 also introduced express renewals of contracts which also limits the annual increase in rent to 5%.

However, crucially this excludes controls on new contracts as well as whenever a contract is terminated. This creates an incentive for landlords to terminate contracts after one year and reregister contracts at a higher price, bypassing the 5% capping. A report published by the Housing Authority in 2024 showed that 58% of contracts which were registered by the end of 2023 were registered in the same year (Housing Authority, 2024), which means these contracts were not covered by the act.



This study aims to compare rental price changes between 2022 and 2024 for two- and three-bedroom apartments both by region and by locality in Malta, subject to data availability. The historical data is then compared to a scenario whereby the current maximum rent increase defined in Article 14(3) of Cap. 604 of the Laws of Malta was extended to include increases in between tenancies.

# **METHODOLOGY**

This study employs a quantitative, comparative research design to analyse the change in rental prices for two- and three-bedroom apartments in Malta between the years 2022 and 2024.

All calculations and analyses presented in this study are based exclusively on official data published by Malta's Housing Authority. Specifically:

- The data for the baseline year of 2022 was retrieved from the Housing Authority publication (Housing Authority, 2023)
- The data for the year 2024 was sourced from the Housing Authority's Rental Calculator<sup>1</sup>, a publicly accessible online tool that provides information on registered rental prices.
- Data pertaining to the regional distribution of rental contracts was obtained from a study published by the Housing Authority (Micallef, 2022)

The data of 2022 and 2024 were compared to calculate the absolute and percentage changes in the median rental prices for two and three bedroom apartments in Malta between 2022 and 2024. This was applied to all regions in Malta as well as localities with the greatest number of registered contracts as per Housing Authority data.

The above was compared to the impact of a regulatory intervention whereby the current maximum rent increase defined in Article 14(3) of Cap. 604 of the Laws of Malta was extended to include increases in between tenancies. This would result in a 10.25% rental increase over the observed period, 5% compounded per year.

Data from the Housing Authority calculator was used to obtain the spatial distribution of rental contracts in Malta. Based on the regional rents and the spatial distribution, the weighted average rent for 2022 and 2024 for two- and three-bedroom apartments in Malta was calculated for both scenarios.

---

<sup>1</sup> <https://housingauthority.shinyapps.io/MaltaRentCalculator/>

# RESULTS

## Regional Level Analysis

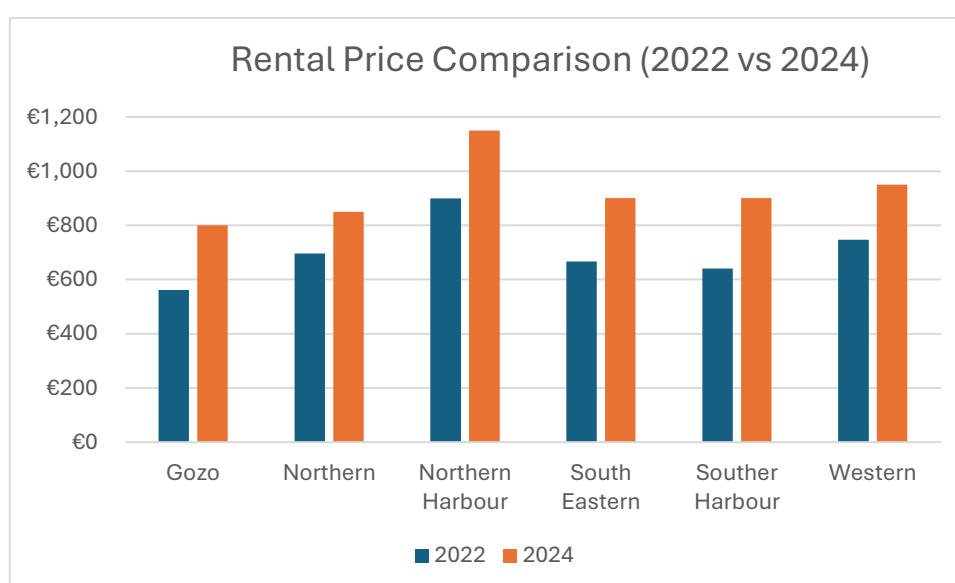
### Two-Bedroom apartments by region

The table below presents the median rent for two-bedroom apartments by region in Malta in 2022, and 2024, together with the absolute and percentage change over the two-year period.

The Gozo region recorded a dramatic increase of 42.35% (from €562 to €800), followed closely by the Southern Harbour region which registered an increase of 40.63% (from €640 to €900). The Northern Region witnessed the lowest price increases, with median rental prices still increasing at a resounding 22.13% (from €696 to €850).

In absolute terms, in all regions, rent increased by at least €150 a month in just two years, with the Southern Harbour area experiencing an increase of €260 a month.

|                  | 2022 | 2024   | Change | % Change |
|------------------|------|--------|--------|----------|
| Gozo             | €562 | €800   | €238   | 42.35%   |
| Northern         | €696 | €850   | €154   | 22.13%   |
| Northern Harbour | €899 | €1,150 | €251   | 27.92%   |
| South Eastern    | €666 | €900   | €234   | 35.14%   |
| Southern Harbour | €640 | €900   | €260   | 40.63%   |
| Western          | €747 | €950   | €203   | 27.18%   |

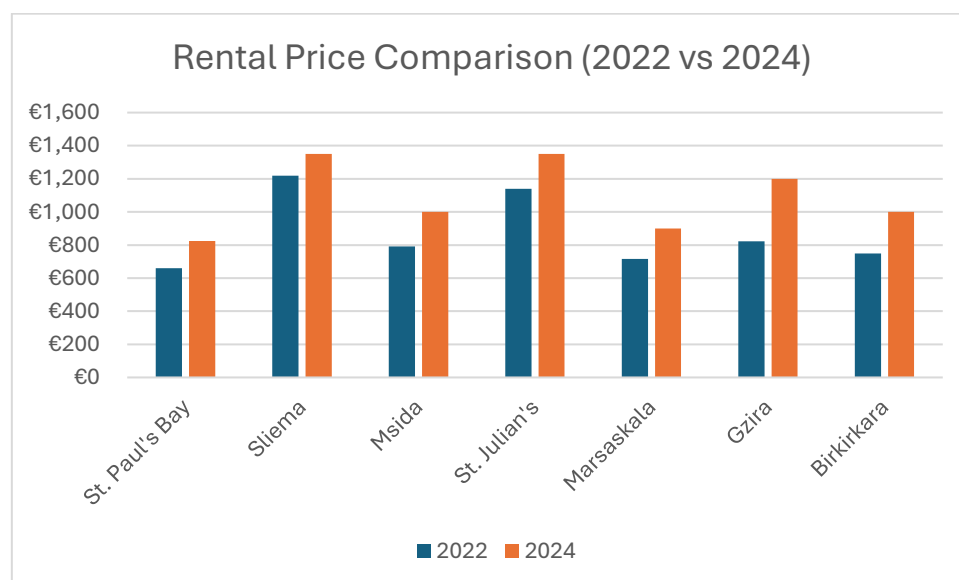




### Two-Bedroom apartments by locality – most popular localities<sup>2</sup>

The table below presents the median rent for two-bedroom apartments for a selection of localities in Malta in 2022, and 2024, together with the absolute and percentage change over the two-year period.

|                | 2022   | 2024   | Change | % Change |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| St. Paul's Bay | €659   | €825   | €166   | 25.19%   |
| Sliema         | €1,218 | €1,350 | €132   | 10.84%   |
| Msida          | €792   | €1,000 | €208   | 26.26%   |
| St. Julian's   | €1,140 | €1,350 | €209   | 18.32%   |
| Marsaskala     | €716   | €900   | €184   | 25.70%   |
| Gzira          | €823   | €1,200 | €377   | 45.81%   |
| Birkirkara     | €749   | €1,000 | €251   | 33.51%   |



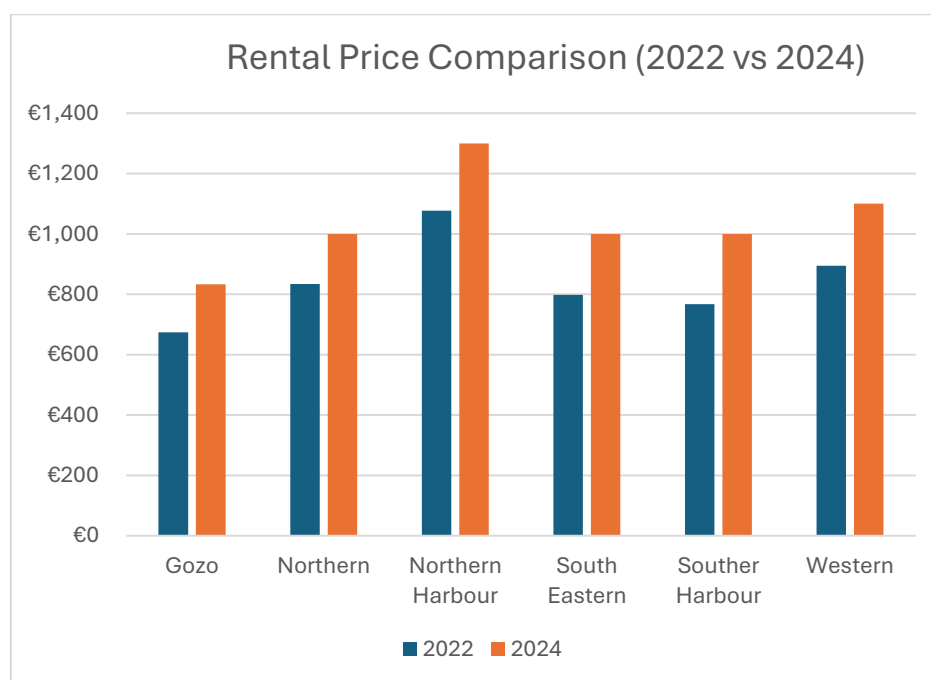
At the locality level, disparities were even more pronounced. Gzira experienced the most dramatic rental price increase for two-bedroom units, with median rent increasing by 45.81%. This means that average median rents increased in this locality by €377 a month. Birkirkara also saw very high price increases for two-bedroom apartments, with median rent increasing by 33.51%.

<sup>2</sup> A full breakdown for all localities can be found in the appendix.

### Three-bedroom apartments by region

The table below presents the median rent for three-bedroom apartments by region in Malta in 2022, and 2024, together with the absolute and percentage change over the two-year period.

|                  | 2022   | 2024   | Change | % Change |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| Gozo             | €674   | €833   | €159   | 23.59%   |
| Northern         | €834   | €1,000 | €166   | 19.90%   |
| Northern Harbour | €1,077 | €1,300 | €223   | 20.71%   |
| South Eastern    | €798   | €1,000 | €202   | 25.31%   |
| Souther Harbour  | €767   | €1,000 | €233   | 30.38%   |
| Western          | €895   | €1,100 | €205   | 22.91%   |



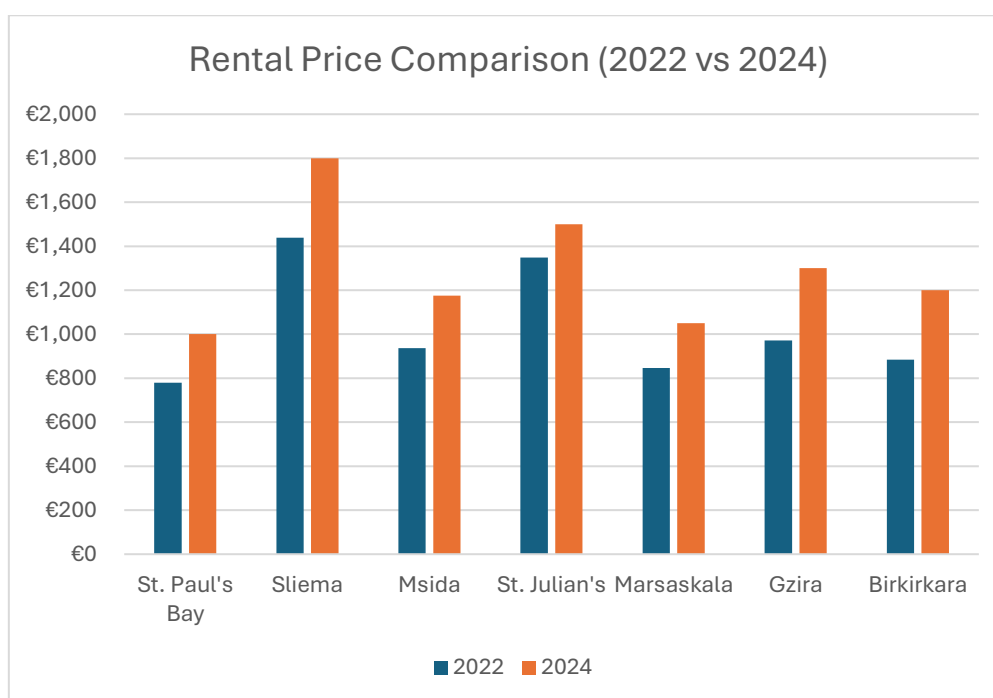
A similar pattern can be seen for three-bedroom apartments, with the Southern Harbour region registering the highest rental price increases at 30.38% (from €767 to €1,000). The Northern Region registered the lowest increase at 19.90% (from €834 to €1,000).

### Three-bedroom apartments by locality – most popular localities

The table below presents the median rent for three-bedroom apartments for a selection of localities in Malta in 2022, and 2024, together with the absolute and percentage change over the two-year period.



|                | 2022   | 2024   | Change | % Change |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| St. Paul's Bay | €779   | €1,000 | €221   | 28.37%   |
| Sliema         | €1,439 | €1,800 | €361   | 25.09%   |
| Msida          | €936   | €1,175 | €239   | 25.53%   |
| St. Julian's   | €1,348 | €1,500 | €150   | 11.28%   |
| Marsaskala     | €846   | €1,050 | €204   | 24.11%   |
| Gzira          | €972   | €1,300 | €328   | 33.74%   |
| Birkirkara     | €884   | €1,200 | €316   | 35.75%   |



Significant increases can also be observed by locality, with all localities except St. Julian's registering price increases of at least 24% in just two years. In real terms this has seen rental prices increase by €221 in St. Paul's Bay, €316 in Birkirkara, and €360 in Sliema.

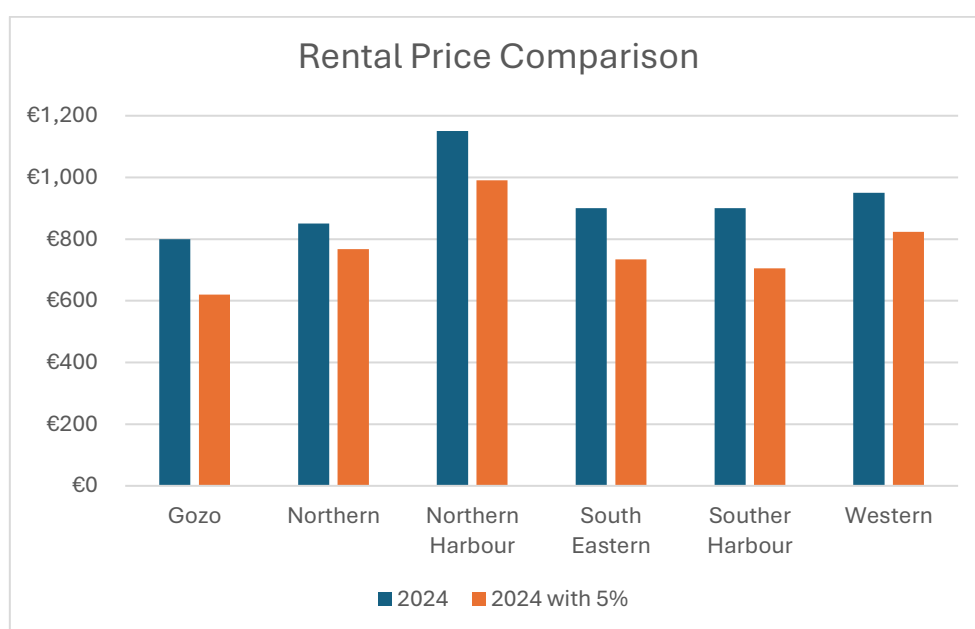
## Scenario analysis – The introduction of a 5% rent stabilisation in 2022

The following section of this study presents the results of a scenario analysis, which involves a rental capping of 5% being established in 2022. Estimates of rental prices by region and locality in 2024 were prepared assuming the introduction of a rental capping and then compared to actual data.

### Two-Bedroom apartments by region

The following table presents the actual median rent, the estimated rent under the scenario mentioned above, and the difference in absolute and percentage terms for two-bedroom apartments by region around Malta.

|                  | 2024   | 2024 with 5% | Difference | % Difference |
|------------------|--------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Gozo             | €800   | €620         | €180       | 29.11%       |
| Northern         | €850   | €767         | €83        | 10.77%       |
| Northern Harbour | €1,150 | €991         | €159       | 16.03%       |
| South Eastern    | €900   | €734         | €166       | 22.57%       |
| Souther Harbour  | €900   | €706         | €194       | 27.55%       |
| Western          | €950   | €824         | €126       | 15.35%       |

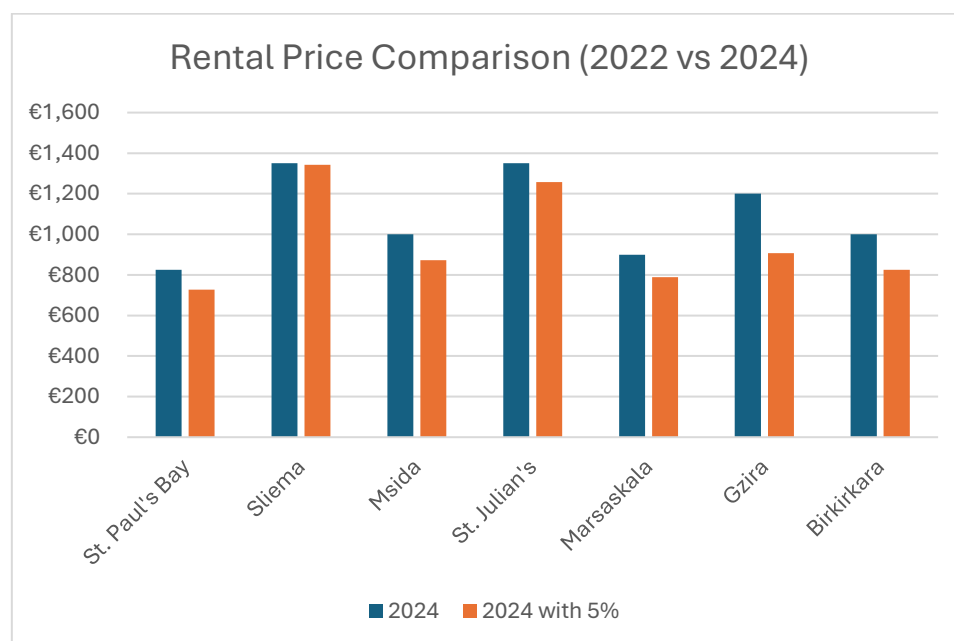


For two-bedroom apartments, the difference between the actual 2024 rent and the estimated capped prices ranges from €82.66 in the Northern region to €194.40 in the Southern Harbour region.

### Two-Bedroom apartments by locality – most popular localities

The following table presents the actual median rent, the estimated rent under the scenario mentioned above, and the difference in absolute and percentage terms for two-bedroom apartments in select localities around Malta.

|                | 2022   | 2024   | Change | % Change |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| St. Paul's Bay | €825   | €727   | €98    | 13.55%   |
| Sliema         | €1,350 | €1,343 | €7     | 0.53%    |
| Msida          | €1,000 | €873   | €127   | 14.52%   |
| St. Julian's   | €1,350 | €1,258 | €98    | 13.55%   |
| Marsaskala     | €900   | €789   | €111   | 14.52%   |
| Gzira          | €1,200 | €907   | €293   | 32.25%   |
| Birkirkara     | €1,000 | €826   | €174   | 21.10%   |

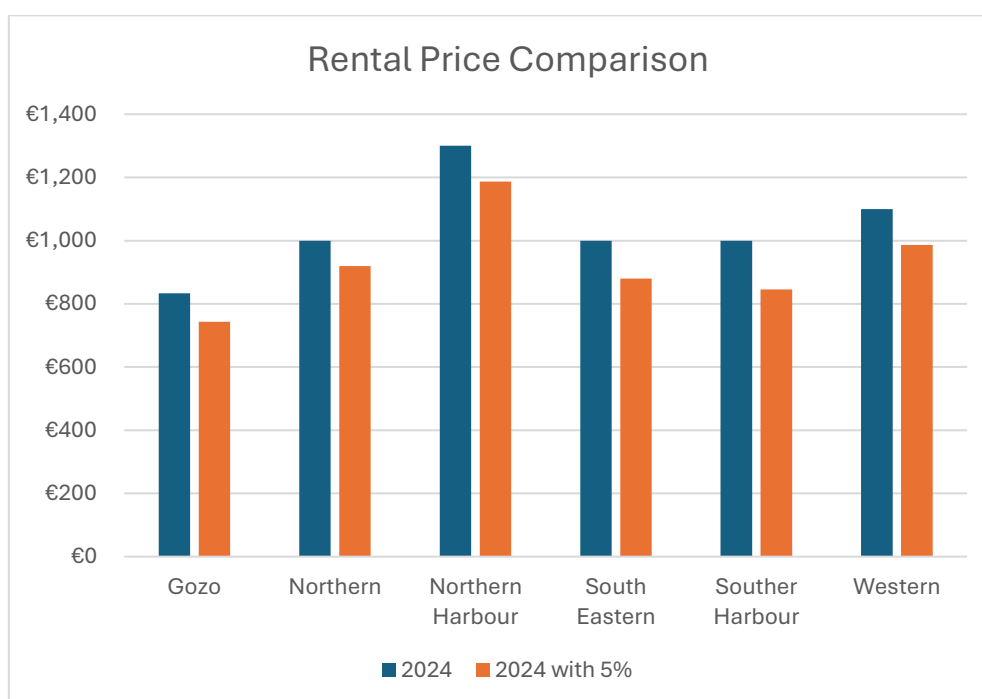


Had rent stabilisation been implemented at the beginning of 2022, tenants renting a two-bedroom apartment would have saved between €7 - €292 a month depending on the locality they live in. For example, tenants in Gzira are paying €292 more per month for a two-bedroom apartment than the regulatory intervention would have allowed.

### Three-bedroom apartments by region

The following table presents the actual median rent, the estimated rent under the scenario mentioned above, and the difference in absolute and percentage terms for three-bedroom apartments by region around Malta.

|                  | 2024   | 2024 with 5% | Difference | % Difference |
|------------------|--------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Gozo             | €833   | €743         | €90        | 12.10%       |
| Northern         | €1,000 | €919         | €81        | 8.76%        |
| Northern Harbour | €1,300 | €1,187       | €113       | 9.48%        |
| South Eastern    | €1,000 | €880         | €120       | 13.66%       |
| Souther Harbour  | €1,000 | €846         | €154       | 18.26%       |
| Western          | €1,100 | €987         | €113       | 11.48%       |

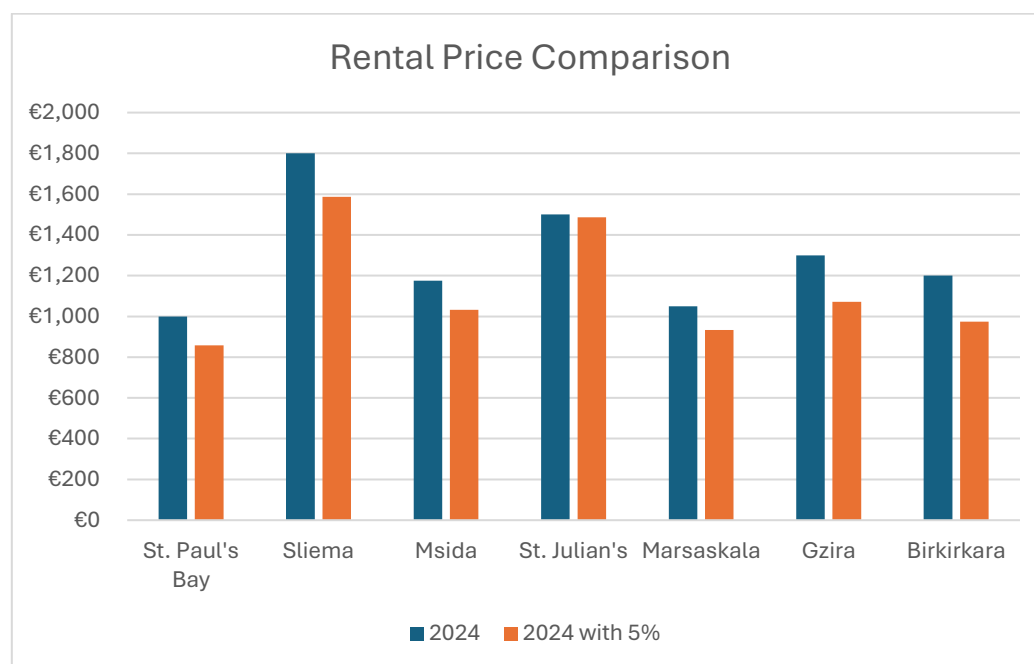


For three-bedroom apartments, the difference between actual prices and the regulatory intervention ranges from €80.51 in the Northern region to €154.38 in the Southern Harbour region.

### Three-bedroom apartments by locality – most popular localities

The following table presents the actual median rent, the estimated rent under the scenario mentioned above, and the difference in absolute and percentage terms for three-bedroom apartments in select localities around Malta.

|                | 2022   | 2024   | Change | % Change |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| St. Paul's Bay | €1,000 | €858   | €141   | 16.44%   |
| Sliema         | €1,800 | €1,587 | €214   | 13.46%   |
| Msida          | €1,175 | €1,032 | €143   | 13.86%   |
| St. Julian's   | €1,500 | €1,486 | €141   | 16.44%   |
| Marsaskala     | €1,050 | €933   | €117   | 12.57%   |
| Gzira          | €1,300 | €1,072 | €228   | 21.31%   |
| Birkirkara     | €1,200 | €975   | €225   | 23.13%   |



Had rent stabilisation been implemented at around 2022, tenants renting a three-bedroom apartment would be paying significantly lower rent across all localities. Particularly, tenants in Birkirkara are paying an excess of €225.39 per month for a three-bedroom apartment.

## Calculating the Average Rent

According to the Rent Calculator published by the Housing Authority, the regional distribution of rents is as follows:

|                  | 2022   | 2024   |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Gozo             | 44.1%  | 42.36% |
| Northern         | 24.43% | 23.52% |
| Northern Harbour | 10.36% | 10.92% |
| South Eastern    | 8.62%  | 9.66%  |
| Souther Harbour  | 7.1%   | 7.8%   |
| Western          | 5.4%   | 5.74%  |

This allows us to calculate the weighted average rent for 2022 and 2024 for two- and three-bedroom apartments in Malta.

## Average Rent in Malta (without rent stabilisation)



The weighted average rent in Malta in 2024 for a two-bedroom apartment stood at €989.21 a month, compared to €770.90 a month in 2022. This signifies an increase of 28.32% in just two years, or an increase of €218.31 a month over the same period.

Similarly, the average rent in Malta in 2024 for a three-bedroom apartment stood at €1,119.79 a month compared to €923.68 a month in 2022. This signifies an increase of 21.23% in just two years, or an increase of €196.11 a month over the same period.

|               | 2022 | 2024 | Increase | % Increase |
|---------------|------|------|----------|------------|
| Two Bedroom   | €771 | €989 | €218     | 28.31%     |
| Three Bedroom | €924 | 1120 | 196      | 21.23%     |

## Average Rent in Malta with Regulatory Intervention

The following section of this study analyses the weighted average rent in Malta for two- and three-bedroom apartments under the scenario of a rental cap of 5% being introduced in 2022. The weighted average rent estimated in the previous section of this study is compared to the scenario analysis.

|               | 2022 | 2024  | 2024 with 5% | Excess |
|---------------|------|-------|--------------|--------|
| Two Bedroom   | €771 | €989  | €844         | €145   |
| Three Bedroom | €924 | €1120 | €1011        | €109   |

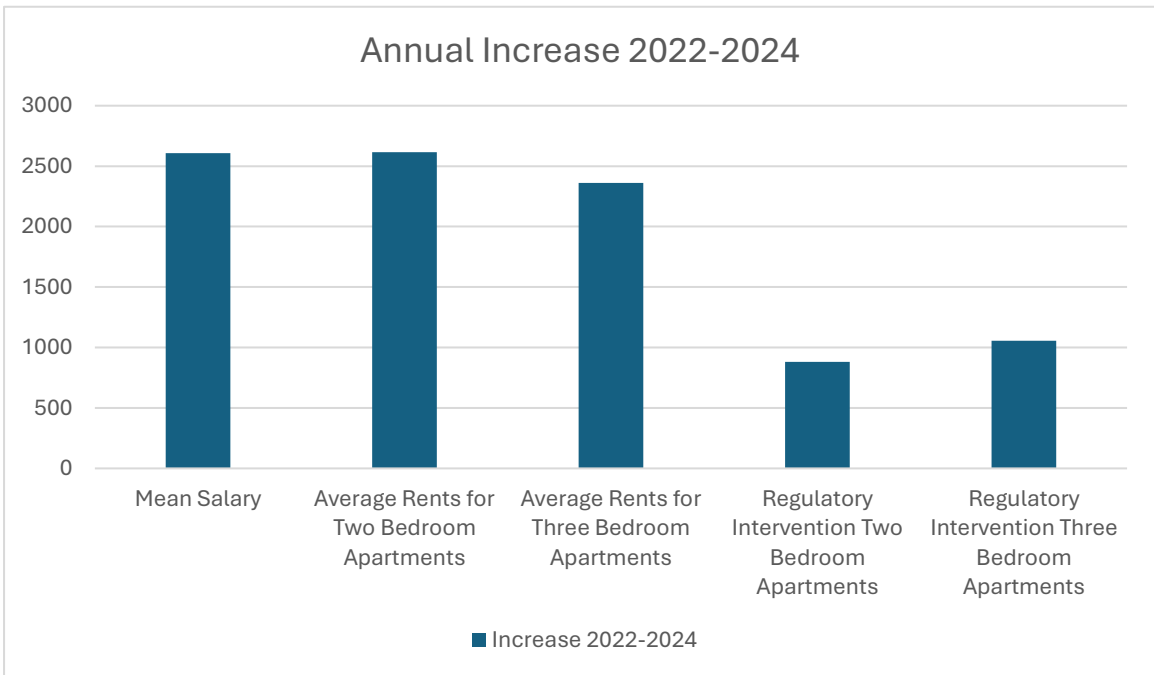
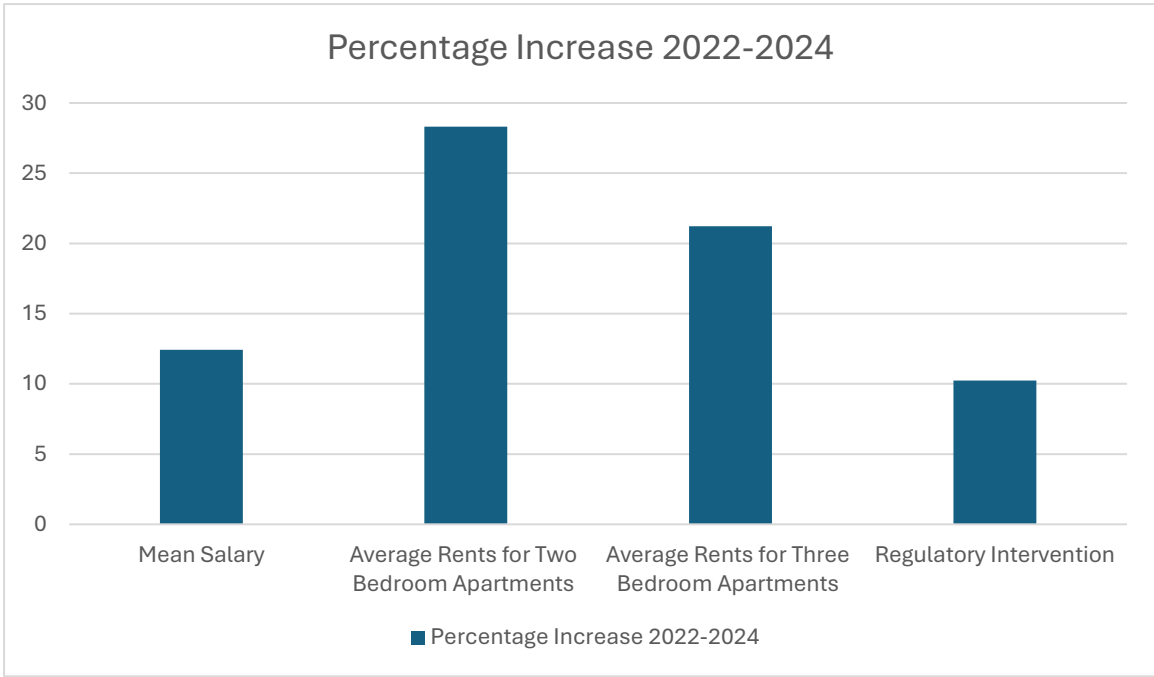
The differential between the actual and capped weighted average rent estimates is €145 per month for a typical two-bedroom apartment and €109 per month for a three-bedroom apartment. This represents the average monthly excess rent paid per contract under the current laissez faire conditions compared to the regulated scenario.



## Comparison with Salaries

Data retrieved from the NSO showed that the mean annual basic salary for employees in 2022 stood at €20,989 while in 2024 it stood at €23,596, an increase of €2,607 or 12.42%. As calculated above, a two-bedroom apartment increased by €218 per month on average or €2,616 annually. This indicates that for a renter earning the mean wage and living in a median rent level, all salary increases went to their landlord, signalling a transfer of wealth from the working people towards the landowning class.





## **DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The most prominent finding of our research is the significant scale of rent increases, which far outstrip wage growth and inflation. The national weighted average increase of 28.31% for two-bedroom apartments over two years places immense strain on tenants, effectively functioning as a significant reduction in disposable income and compromising living standards.

This has also led to tenants being pushed into sharing properties and living in inadequate accommodation despite recent controls on overcrowding.

The heterogeneity of growth, with previously moderate-cost regions like Southern Harbour and Gozo experiencing the highest surges, suggests a market spillover effect. As prime central locations became saturated and unaffordable, demand intensified in peripheral regions, rapidly eroding the stock of affordable housing across the entire island.

Furthermore, the modelled 5% rent cap scenario, based upon the universally approved general inflation target, provides a critical lens through which to evaluate the regulation of the sector. The substantial difference in rent represents a direct financial transfer from tenants to landlords that exceeds a stable and predictable rate of increase. This increase contributes directly to wealth inequality and tenant precarity.

The calculation of a weighted national average rent, which accounts for the concentration of contracts in high-rent regions like the Northern Harbour (45.4% of contracts), provides a more accurate picture of the typical tenant's experience than a simple median of medians. The resulting monthly excess per household shows the aggregate financial burden placed on the renting population.

This increase in rental expenditure is likely to increase pressure on wage inflation, potentially harming local productivity.

The calculated €145.30 monthly excess for an average two-bedroom apartment is not a market anomaly but a direct consequence of a regulatory framework that prioritizes landlord profits over tenant security and housing affordability.

In addition, while the mean salary in Malta saw a respectable increase of 12.42% over the two-year period, this was completely eclipsed by the surge in rental costs. Rents for a two-bedroom apartment increased by 28.31%, more than double salary increases. Similarly rents of a three-bedroom apartment increased by 21.23%, also significantly outpacing salaries. Had the maximum rent increase as defined in Article 14(3) of Cap. 604 of the Laws of Malta been extended to include increases in between tenancies rent increases would have stood at 10.25%, in line with salary increases.

This is further alarming when talking about the absolute increase in rents and salaries. While the average salary increased by €2,607 between 2022 and 2024, the annual cost of renting a two-bedroom apartment increased by €2,616, and a three-bedroom apartment by €2,360. This means that the annual increase in rent completely negates the entire annual increase in the mean salary. For the average earner, every single euro gained through wage growth over two years is entirely consumed by the increased cost of a typical two-bedroom home, with nothing left to show for their raise.

Based on the results and discussion above, the study recommends:

### **Recommendation 1: Ensure Housing Cost Burden Does Not Exceed 25% of Income**

The Maltese Housing Benefit Scheme (HBS) aims to limit the housing cost burden of tenants to a maximum of 25% of their income, in line with the European Union Housing Partnership's recommendations<sup>3</sup>. However, in practice, this objective is frequently unmet, leaving many tenants excluded from support and facing unaffordable rent levels.

Excessive housing costs exacerbate poverty and social exclusion, undermining financial stability and constraining household expenditure on other essential needs, including food, healthcare, education, and transportation. Aligning housing costs more closely with the 25% affordability benchmark is therefore critical. Policy interventions such as stronger rent regulation and enhanced tenant protections can reduce housing cost burdens, safeguard low-income groups, and foster greater economic and social inclusion.

### **Recommendation 2: Introduce Regulatory Intervention to Tackle Escalating Housing Costs**

Despite the enactment of the Private Residential Leases Act, rents in Malta have continued to increase at a pace that significantly outstrips wage growth and cost-of-living adjustments..

The introduction of rent stabilisation measures, including limitations on the frequency of rent increases, and caps on maximum allowable rent hikes, would prevent further erosion of affordability. Such measures would enable tenants' disposable incomes to catch up, thereby enhancing housing stability and reducing financial vulnerability.

### **Recommendation 3: Incentivise Long-Term Contracts**

Although current legislation places a cap of 5% on annual rent increases for multi-year long-term leases (linked to the Property Price Index), the uptake of such contracts remains minimal. The most

---

3

[https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/final\\_action\\_plan\\_euua\\_housing\\_partnership\\_december\\_2018\\_1.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/system/files/ged/final_action_plan_euua_housing_partnership_december_2018_1.pdf)

recent data show that only 4,464 of 64,856 contracts<sup>4</sup> (less than 7%) were multi-year contracts. In fact, from the almost 25,000 contracts registered in H12024, only 60 contracts were multi-year contracts. While renewals have increased in the meantime, the statistics above show that current incentives for multi-year contracts are not achieving the desired results.

Mandating longer-term contracts would provide tenants with greater security of tenure and predictability of costs. Longer rental agreements also foster trust and cooperation between landlords and tenants, increasing the likelihood of contract renewal and stabilising the rental sector overall.

### **Recommendation 4: End No-Fault Evictions**

At present, landlords retain broad powers to terminate tenancies at the end of contractual periods, even in cases where tenants have complied fully with their obligations. This imbalance of power undermines rental security and perpetuates instability within the housing market.

Ending no-fault evictions would offer tenants greater stability and predictability, thereby strengthening affordability. When coupled with rent regulation, this measure would represent a decisive step towards ensuring secure, fair, and affordable rental housing in Malta.

### **Recommendation 5: Compensate Tenants that are Illegally or Constructively Evicted**

Illegal evictions, false declarations, and practices that render tenancies untenable (constructive evictions) continue to undermine housing security despite minimal existing legal protections. Tenants affected by such practices face significant financial and emotional hardship, further intensifying affordability challenges.

Expanding the remit of the adjudicating panel to include compensation for tenants in cases of unjust eviction or constructive termination, similar to compensation frameworks in employment law for unfair dismissal, would provide stronger enforcement of tenants' rights. This would deter exploitative practices while ensuring tenants can rely on secure housing.

### **Recommendation 6: Substantially Expand the Supply of Social and Affordable Housing**

Adequate housing is a fundamental right and a cornerstone of social stability and equality. However, the current reliance on market-driven housing development in Malta has failed to ensure affordability. Private sector priorities often centre on profit maximisation, leading to soaring rental costs, a shortage of affordable housing, and heightened risks of overcrowding, precarious

---

<sup>4</sup> <https://housingauthority.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Registered-rental-contracts-in-Malta-2024H1.pdf>

tenancies, and homelessness. These conditions increasingly affect not only low-income households but also middle-income groups.

A significant expansion of government-provided social, public, and affordable housing is therefore imperative. Establishing a minimum quota of 30% for social and affordable housing within all new housing developments by 2030 would increase the supply of stable and affordable rental units, protect vulnerable communities from displacement, and create sustainable pathways to long-term affordability.

# **CONCLUSION**

The study found that a lack of rent control in the private residential leases acts has resulted in significant increases in rent prices throughout Malta and Gozo. Between 2022 and 2024, the median two-bedroom apartment increased by more than 20% in every single region in Malta and Gozo.

This significant increase has placed an unsustainable financial burden on tenants and fundamentally undermines housing affordability.

The regional and locality-level analysis further illustrates a crisis of availability and affordability. Soaring prices in regions like the Southern Harbour and Gozo demonstrate a troubling spillover effect, where the pressure from high-demand central areas rapidly eliminates affordable options across the entire island.

The study found that the average rent in Malta in 2024 for a two-bedroom apartment stood at €989.21 a month compared to €770.90. This signifies an increase of 28.31% in just two years or €218.31 a month. Similarly, the average rent in Malta in 2024 for a three-bedroom apartment stood at €1,119.79 a month, compared to €923.68 a month in 2022. This signifies an increase of 21.23% in just two years, or an increase of €196.11 a month over the same period.

An alternative scenario was prepared, whereby the current maximum rent increase defined in Article 14(3) of Cap. 604 of the Laws of Malta was extended to include increases in between tenancies. Under this scenario, in 2024 tenants were estimated to be paying almost €145 a month less for a two-bedroom apartment and almost €108 a month less for a three-bedroom apartment.

Therefore, this study concludes that the Maltese rental market, in its current state, is structurally unbalanced and operates to the severe detriment of tenants. The prevailing regulatory framework is inadequate to protect tenants from exploitative practices and to ensure housing remains a secure and affordable right. The evidence presented is clear that the market must be regulated.

The recommendations put forward, centred on rent control, enhanced security of tenure, and significant provision of social and affordable housing are not merely suggested improvements, but necessary interventions.

The findings of this study serve as an urgent call to action for policymakers to implement robust evidence-based measures that prioritize people over profit and ensure that every resident in Malta has access to secure and affordable housing.

# **REFERENCES**

- Housing Authority. (2023). *The Private Rental Market in Malta: A holistic assessment based on registered contracts*. Floriana: Housing Authority. Retrieved from <https://housingauthority.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Housing-Authority-Rent-Report-2023.pdf>
- Housing Authority. (2024). *2023 H2 Update: Registered Rental Contracts in Malta*. Floriana: Housing Authority . Retrieved from <https://housingauthority.gov.mt/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Rent-Report-2023-H2-Update-Housing-Authority.pdf>
- Micallef, B. (2022). Hedonic indices for registered rents in Malta. In H. Authority, *The Annual Malta Residential Rental Study - Second Edition* (pp. 29-44). Floriana: Housing Authority.
- Private Residential Leases Act. (2020). Retrieved from <https://legislation.mt/eli/cap/604/eng>



# **APPENDIX – DETAILED RESULTS BY REGION AND LOCALITY**

## Two Bedroom Apartments

### Regional Analysis

|                  | 2022 | 2024 | Change in Prices |
|------------------|------|------|------------------|
| Gozo             | 562  | 800  | 42.35%           |
| Northern         | 696  | 850  | 22.13%           |
| Northern Harbour | 899  | 1150 | 27.92%           |
| South Eastern    | 666  | 900  | 35.14%           |
| Southern Harbour | 640  | 900  | 40.63%           |
| Western          | 747  | 950  | 27.18%           |

### Locality Analysis

|               | 2022 | 2024 | Change in Prices |
|---------------|------|------|------------------|
| Birkirkara    | 749  | 1000 | 33.51%           |
| Birżebbuġa    | 597  | 750  | 25.63%           |
| Cospicua      | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Floriana      | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Għajnsielem   | N/A  | 800  | N/A              |
| Attard        | 795  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Dingli        | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Balzan        | N/A  | 1000 | N/A              |
| Għargħur      | N/A  | 1050 | N/A              |
| Għaxaq        | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Kirkop        | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Lija          | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Luqa          | N/A  | 950  | N/A              |
| Qormi         | N/A  | 800  | N/A              |
| Safi, Malta   | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Tarxien       | N/A  | 775  | N/A              |
| Żabbar        | 646  | 900  | 39.32%           |
| Żebbuġ        | 702  | 900  | 28.21%           |
| Valletta      | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Birgu         | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Fgura         | 554  | 900  | 62.45%           |
| Fontana, Gozo | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |

|                        |      |      |        |
|------------------------|------|------|--------|
| Gudja                  | N/A  | 950  | N/A    |
| Gżira                  | 823  | 1200 | 45.81% |
| Hamrun                 | N/A  | 1000 | N/A    |
| Kalkara                | N/A  | 1100 | N/A    |
| Marsa, Malta           | N/A  | 600  | N/A    |
| Mellieħa               | 729  | 900  | 23.46% |
| Mosta                  | 755  | 1000 | 32.45% |
| Munxar                 | 495  | 750  | 51.52% |
| Qala, Malta            | N/A  | 725  | N/A    |
| Qrendi                 | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Nadur                  | N/A  | 775  | N/A    |
| Naxxar                 | 904  | 1100 | 21.68% |
| Rabat, Malta           | 668  | 888  | 32.93% |
| Victoria, Malta        | 579  | 800  | 38.17% |
| Siġġiewi               | N/A  | 835  | N/A    |
| Swieqi                 | 1097 | 1300 | 18.51% |
| Xagħra                 | N/A  | 833  | N/A    |
| Xewkija                | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Xgħajra                | N/A  | 900  | N/A    |
| Żebbuġ, Gozo           | 537  | 800  | 48.98% |
| Żejtun                 | N/A  | 925  | N/A    |
| Żurrieq                | 666  | 900  | 35.14% |
| Għarb                  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Għasri                 | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Iklin                  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Mdina                  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Mġarr                  | N/A  | 800  | N/A    |
| Mqabba                 | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Msida                  | 792  | 1000 | 26.26% |
| Mtarfa                 | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Senglea                | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Marsaskala             | 716  | 900  | 25.70% |
| Marsaxlokk             | N/A  | 1050 | N/A    |
| Paola, Malta           | 581  | 800  | 37.69% |
| Pembroke,<br>Malta     | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| St. Julian's,<br>Malta | 1141 | 1350 | 18.32% |
| San Ġwann              | 803  | 1175 | 46.33% |
| San Lawrenz            | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| St. Paul's Bay         | 659  | 825  | 25.19% |
| Santa Luċija           | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Santa Venera           | N/A  | 950  | N/A    |

|              |      |      |        |
|--------------|------|------|--------|
| Kerċem       | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Sannat       | N/A  | 750  | N/A    |
| Ta' Xbiex    | N/A  | 1100 | N/A    |
| Pietà, Malta | N/A  | 1000 | N/A    |
| Sliema       | 1218 | 1350 | 10.84% |

## Three Bedroom Apartments

### Regional Analysis

|                  | 2022 | 2024 | Change in Prices |
|------------------|------|------|------------------|
| Gozo             | 674  | 833  | 23.59%           |
| Northern         | 834  | 1000 | 19.90%           |
| Northern Harbour | 1077 | 1300 | 20.71%           |
| South Eastern    | 798  | 1000 | 25.31%           |
| Southern Harbour | 767  | 1000 | 30.38%           |
| Western          | 895  | 1100 | 22.91%           |

### Locality Analysis

|             | 2022 | 2024 | Change in Prices |
|-------------|------|------|------------------|
| Birkirkara  | 884  | 1200 | 35.75%           |
| Birżebbuġa  | 706  | 866  | 22.66%           |
| Cospicua    | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Floriana    | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Għajnsielem | N/A  | 834  | N/A              |
| Attard      | 939  | 1200 | 27.80%           |
| Dingli      | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Balzan      | N/A  | 1400 | N/A              |
| Għargħur    | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Għaxaq      | N/A  | 1000 | N/A              |
| Kirkop      | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Lija        | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Luqa        | N/A  | 950  | N/A              |
| Qormi       | N/A  | 1000 | N/A              |
| Safi, Malta | N/A  | 1000 | N/A              |
| Tarxien     | N/A  | 1000 | N/A              |
| Żabbar      | 763  | 900  | 17.96%           |
| Żebbuġ      | 830  | 1150 | 38.55%           |
| Valletta    | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Birgu       | N/A  | N/A  | N/A              |
| Fgura       | 654  | 1000 | 52.91%           |

|                        |      |      |        |
|------------------------|------|------|--------|
| Fontana, Gozo          | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Gudja                  | N/A  | 1050 | N/A    |
| Gżira                  | 972  | 1300 | 33.74% |
| Hamrun                 | N/A  | 1075 | N/A    |
| Kalkara                | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Marsa, Malta           | N/A  | 1000 | N/A    |
| Mellieħa               | 862  | 1000 | 16.01% |
| Mosta                  | 892  | 1100 | 23.32% |
| Munxar                 | 585  | 650  | 11.11% |
| Qala, Malta            | N/A  | 835  | N/A    |
| Qrendi                 | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Nadur                  | N/A  | 750  | N/A    |
| Naxxar                 | 1068 | 1225 | 14.70% |
| Rabat, Malta           | 789  | 1000 | 26.74% |
| Victoria, Malta        | 684  | 900  | 31.58% |
| Siġġiewi               | N/A  | 1050 | N/A    |
| Swieqi                 | 1296 | 1600 | 23.46% |
| Xagħra                 | N/A  | 833  | N/A    |
| Xewkija                | N/A  | 725  | N/A    |
| Xgħajra                | N/A  | 1050 | N/A    |
| Żebbuġ, Gozo           | 634  | 812  | 28.08% |
| Żejtun                 | N/A  | 950  | N/A    |
| Żurrieq                | 787  | 1000 | 27.06% |
| Għarb                  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Għasri                 | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Iklin                  | N/A  | 1100 | N/A    |
| Mdina                  | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Mġarr                  | N/A  | 1100 | N/A    |
| Mqabba                 | N/A  | 1000 | N/A    |
| Msida                  | 936  | 1175 | 25.53% |
| Mtarfa                 | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Senglea                | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Marsaskala             | 846  | 1050 | 24.11% |
| Marsaxlokk             | N/A  | 925  | N/A    |
| Paola, Malta           | 686  | 950  | 38.48% |
| Pembroke,<br>Malta     | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| St. Julian's,<br>Malta | 1348 | 1500 | 11.28% |
| San Ġwann              | 948  | 1300 | 37.13% |
| San Lawrenz            | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| St. Paul's Bay         | 779  | 1000 | 28.37% |
| Santa Luċija           | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |

|              |      |      |        |
|--------------|------|------|--------|
| Santa Venera | N/A  | 1000 | N/A    |
| Kerċem       | N/A  | N/A  | N/A    |
| Sannat       | N/A  | 850  | N/A    |
| Ta' Xbiex    | N/A  | 1400 | N/A    |
| Pietà, Malta | N/A  | 1300 | N/A    |
| Sliema       | 1439 | 1800 | 25.09% |

## Rent Control - Two Bedroom

### Regional Analysis

|                  | 2024 Prices | Regulatory Intervention | Difference between prices |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gozo             | 800         | 619.61                  | 180.40                    |
| Northern         | 850         | 767.34                  | 82.66                     |
| Northern Harbour | 1150        | 991.15                  | 158.8525                  |
| South Eastern    | 900         | 734.27                  | 165.735                   |
| Southern Harbour | 900         | 705.60                  | 194.4                     |
| Western          | 950         | 823.57                  | 126.4325                  |

### Locality Analysis

|             | 2024 Prices | Regulatory Intervention | Difference between prices |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Birkirkara  | 1000        | 825.7725                | 174.2275                  |
| Birżebbuġa  | 750         | 658.1925                | 91.8075                   |
| Cospicua    | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Floriana    | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Għajnsielem | 800         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Attard      | N/A         | 876.4875                | N/A                       |
| Dingli      | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Balzan      | 1000        | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Għargħur    | 1050        | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Għaxaq      | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Kirkop      | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Lija        | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Luqa        | 950         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Qormi       | 800         | N/A                     | N/A                       |

|                 |      |           |          |
|-----------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Safi, Malta     | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Tarxien         | 775  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Żabbar          | 900  | 712.215   | 187.785  |
| Żebbuġ          | 900  | 773.955   | 126.045  |
| Valletta        | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Birgu           | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Fgura           | 900  | 610.785   | 289.215  |
| Fontana, Gozo   | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Gudja           | 950  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Gżira           | 1200 | 907.3575  | 292.6425 |
| Hamrun          | 1000 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Kalkara         | 1100 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Marsa, Malta    | 600  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Mellieħa        | 900  | 803.7225  | 96.2775  |
| Mosta           | 1000 | 832.3875  | 167.6125 |
| Munxar          | 750  | 545.7375  | 204.2625 |
| Qala, Malta     | 725  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Qrendi          | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Nadur           | 775  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Naxxar          | 1100 | 996.66    | 103.34   |
| Rabat, Malta    | 888  | 736.47    | 151.53   |
| Victoria, Malta | 800  | 638.3475  | 161.6525 |
| Siġġiewi        | 835  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Swieqi          | 1300 | 1209.4425 | 90.5575  |
| Xagħra          | 833  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Xewkija         | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Xgħajra         | 900  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Żebbuġ, Gozo    | 800  | 592.0425  | 207.9575 |
| Żejtun          | 925  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Żurrieq         | 900  | 734.265   | 165.735  |
| Għarb           | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Għasri          | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Iklin           | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Mdina           | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Mġarr           | 800  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Mqabba          | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Msida           | 1000 | 873.18    | 126.82   |
| Mtarfa          | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Senglea         | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Marsaskala      | 900  | 789.39    | 110.61   |
| Marsaxlokk      | 1050 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Paola, Malta    | 800  | 640.5525  | 159.4475 |

|                     |      |           |          |
|---------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Pembroke, Malta     | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| St. Julian's, Malta | 1350 | 1257.9525 | 92.0475  |
| San Ġwann           | 1175 | 885.3075  | 289.6925 |
| San Lawrenz         | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| St. Paul's Bay      | 825  | 726.5475  | 98.4525  |
| Santa Luċija        | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Santa Venera        | 950  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Kerċem              | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Sannat              | 750  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Ta' Xbiex           | 1100 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Pietà, Malta        | 1000 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Sliema              | 1350 | 1342.845  | 7.155    |

## Rent Control - Three Bedroom

### Regional Analysis

|                  | 2024 Prices | Regulatory Intervention | Difference between prices |
|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Gozo             | 833         | 743.09                  | 89.92                     |
| Northern         | 1000        | 919.49                  | 80.51                     |
| Northern Harbour | 1300        | 1187.39                 | 112.61                    |
| South Eastern    | 1000        | 879.80                  | 120.21                    |
| Southern Harbour | 1000        | 845.62                  | 154.38                    |
| Western          | 1100        | 986.74                  | 113.26                    |

### Locality Analysis

|             | 2024 Prices | Regulatory Intervention | Difference between prices |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Birkirkara  | 1200        | 974.61                  | 225.39                    |
| Birżebbuġa  | 866         | 778.365                 | 87.635                    |
| Cospicua    | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Floriana    | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Għajnsielem | 834         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Attard      | 1200        | 1035.2475               | 164.7525                  |
| Dingli      | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Balzan      | 1400        | N/A                     | N/A                       |
| Għargħur    | N/A         | N/A                     | N/A                       |



|                 |      |          |          |
|-----------------|------|----------|----------|
| Għaxaq          | 1000 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Kirkop          | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Lija            | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Luqa            | 950  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Qormi           | 1000 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Safi, Malta     | 1000 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Tarxien         | 1000 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Żabbar          | 900  | 841.2075 | 58.7925  |
| Żebbuġ          | 1150 | 915.075  | 234.925  |
| Valletta        | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Birgu           | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Fgura           | 1000 | 721.035  | 278.965  |
| Fontana, Gozo   | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Gudja           | 1050 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Gżira           | 1300 | 1071.63  | 228.37   |
| Hamrun          | 1075 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Kalkara         | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Marsa, Malta    | 1000 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Mellieħa        | 1000 | 950.355  | 49.645   |
| Mosta           | 1100 | 983.43   | 116.57   |
| Munxar          | 650  | 644.9625 | 5.0375   |
| Qala, Malta     | 835  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Qrendi          | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Nadur           | 750  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Naxxar          | 1225 | 1177.47  | 47.53    |
| Rabat, Malta    | 1000 | 869.8725 | 130.1275 |
| Victoria, Malta | 900  | 754.11   | 145.89   |
| Siġġiewi        | 1050 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Swieqi          | 1600 | 1428.84  | 171.16   |
| Xagħra          | 833  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Xewkija         | 725  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Xgħajra         | 1050 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Żebbuġ, Gozo    | 812  | 698.985  | 113.015  |
| Żejtun          | 950  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Żurrieq         | 1000 | 867.6675 | 132.3325 |
| Għarb           | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Għasri          | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Iklin           | 1100 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Mdina           | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |
| Mġarr           | 1100 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Mqabba          | 1000 | N/A      | N/A      |
| Msida           | 1175 | 1031.94  | 143.06   |
| Mtarfa          | N/A  | N/A      | N/A      |

|                        |      |           |          |
|------------------------|------|-----------|----------|
| Senglea                | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Marsaskala             | 1050 | 932.715   | 117.285  |
| Marsaxlokk             | 925  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Paola, Malta           | 950  | 756.315   | 193.685  |
| Pembroke,<br>Malta     | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| St. Julian's,<br>Malta | 1500 | 1486.17   | 13.83    |
| San Ġwann              | 1300 | 1045.17   | 254.83   |
| San Lawrenz            | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| St. Paul's Bay         | 1000 | 858.8475  | 141.1525 |
| Santa Luċija           | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Santa Venera           | 1000 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Kerċem                 | N/A  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Sannat                 | 850  | N/A       | N/A      |
| Ta' Xbiex              | 1400 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Pietà, Malta           | 1300 | N/A       | N/A      |
| Sliema                 | 1800 | 1586.4975 | 213.5025 |

