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### **Abstract**

This paper presents the results of a large-scale scientifically-representative survey conducted in 2012 on English language use amongst the Maltese bilingual population. It attempts to show how the three different types of schools – state, church and independent – shape their students' perceptions towards the usefulness and use of English in a number of domains.

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