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A survey conducted among 64 museums and historical sites across Malta and Gozo revealed that these sites registered a total of 2.2 million admissions last year, up by 9.9 per cent over 2012.

Museums and Historical Sites: 2012-2013

In 2013, the number of active museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo stood at 64, two more than the previous year. Four of these were partially active throughout 2012 and 2013 (Table 2).

More than half the sites were owned by the state, while the remainder were either owned by the Church or by private organisations (Table 1). In 2013, 40.6 per cent of the museums and historical sites were managed by the state, while 31.3 per cent were managed by voluntary or non-profit organisations. The rest were either run by the Church or by a private enterprise for profit (Table 3).

In 2013, nearly a quarter of all museums and historical sites consisted of Monuments and Sites. These were followed by Ethnology and Anthropology museums and Archaeology and History museums (Table 4).

Total admissions amounted to 2.2 million in 2013. Nearly half of these were adult visitors. Paid admissions accounted for 92.0 per cent of total admissions during the same year (Table 5). Art museums and Monuments and Sites both had the highest proportion of admissions, with 31.0 per cent of total admissions each. Archaeology and History museums followed with 24.7 per cent (Table 6).

Income from admissions generated by museums and historical sites in 2013 reached €9.4 million - an average of €146,483 per site. This resulted in an increase of 9.5 per cent in income from admissions compared to the 2012 levels (Table 7) ■

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Table 1. Ownership of museums and historical sites: 2012-2013

	2012	2013
	Number	
Total	62	64
Public (state-owned)	33	34
Private and Church	29	30
	%	
Total	100.0	100.0
Public (state-owned)	53.2	53.1
Private and Church	46.8	46.9

Note: Results in this table are not comparable with previous news releases due to changes in classification.

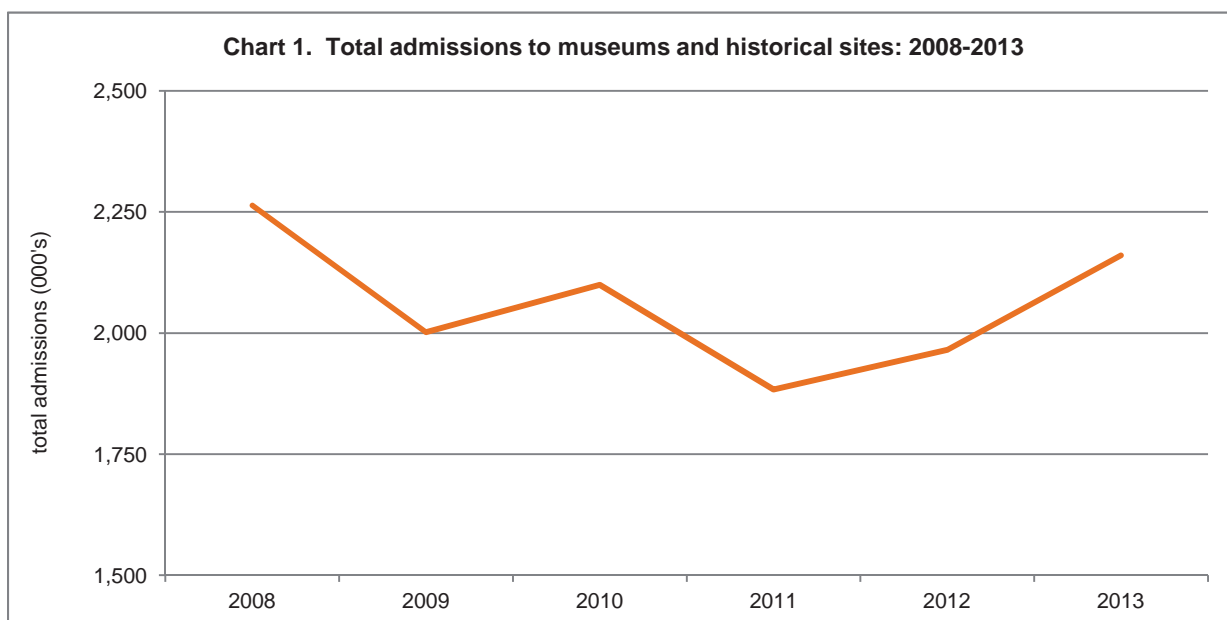


Table 2. Total number of museums and historical sites by activity: 2012-2013

Type of activity	2012	2013
	Number	
Total	62	64
Active	58	60
Partially active*	4	4

* Museums that were not active all year round but were open for the general public for at least one whole month

Table 3. Management of museums and historical sites: 2008-2013

Type of management	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	68	100.0	69	100.0	68	100.0	68	100.0	62	100.0	64	100.0
Public entity	22	32.4	23	33.3	25	36.8	25	36.8	25	40.3	26	40.6
Church or Church-run organisation	15	22.1	15	21.7	12	17.6	12	17.6	8	12.9	9	14.1
Private (for profit) enterprise	9	13.2	7	10.1	7	10.3	7	10.3	9	14.5	9	14.1
Private (voluntary/non-profit) organisation	22	32.4	24	34.8	24	35.3	24	35.3	20	32.3	20	31.3

Notes: (1) Totals may not add up due to rounding.

(2) Data pertaining to 2008-2011 have been revised.

Table 4. Museums and historical sites by main category: 2008-2013

Main category	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Total	68	100.0	69	100.0	68	100.0	68	100.0	62	100.0	64	100.0
Art	8	11.8	8	11.6	7	10.3	7	10.3	7	11.3	8	12.5
Archaeology and History	11	16.2	11	15.9	11	16.2	11	16.2	11	17.7	12	18.8
Natural History and Natural Science	2	2.9	2	2.9	2	2.9	2	2.9	2	3.2	2	3.1
Ethnology and Anthropology	21	30.9	21	30.4	19	27.9	19	27.9	14	22.6	14	21.9
Monuments and Sites	13	19.1	14	20.3	15	22.1	15	22.1	15	24.2	15	23.4
Military Sites	7	10.3	7	10.1	8	11.8	8	11.8	8	12.9	8	12.5
Maritime	3	4.4	3	4.3	3	4.4	3	4.4	2	3.2	2	3.1
Other	3	4.4	3	4.3	3	4.4	3	4.4	3	4.8	3	4.7

Note: Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Table 5. Admissions to museums and historical sites by type: 2012-2013

Type of admissions	2012			2013		
	Paid	Free	Total	Paid	Free	Total
Total	1,814,242	151,387	1,965,629	1,987,539	172,957	2,160,496
Adults	888,104	74,649	962,753	987,273	70,532	1,057,805
Students	111,280	27,932	139,212	122,646	42,146	164,792
Children	64,949	19,944	84,893	65,212	19,529	84,741
Youth groups	3,672	545	4,217	221	192	413
Senior citizens	217,628	4,947	222,575	241,554	5,931	247,485
Group entries	525,226	10,659	535,885	568,321	20,044	588,365
Other admissions	3,383	12,711	16,094	2,312	14,583	16,895
	%					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Adults	49.0	49.3	49.0	49.7	40.8	49.0
Students	6.1	18.5	7.1	6.2	24.4	7.6
Children	3.6	13.2	4.3	3.3	11.3	3.9
Youth groups	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Senior citizens	12.0	3.3	11.3	12.2	3.4	11.5
Group entries	29.0	7.0	27.3	28.6	11.6	27.2
Other admissions	0.2	8.4	0.8	0.1	8.4	0.8

Notes: (1) Totals may not add up due to rounding.
 (2) Other admissions include historical site passes (eg. Maltapass holders, etc).

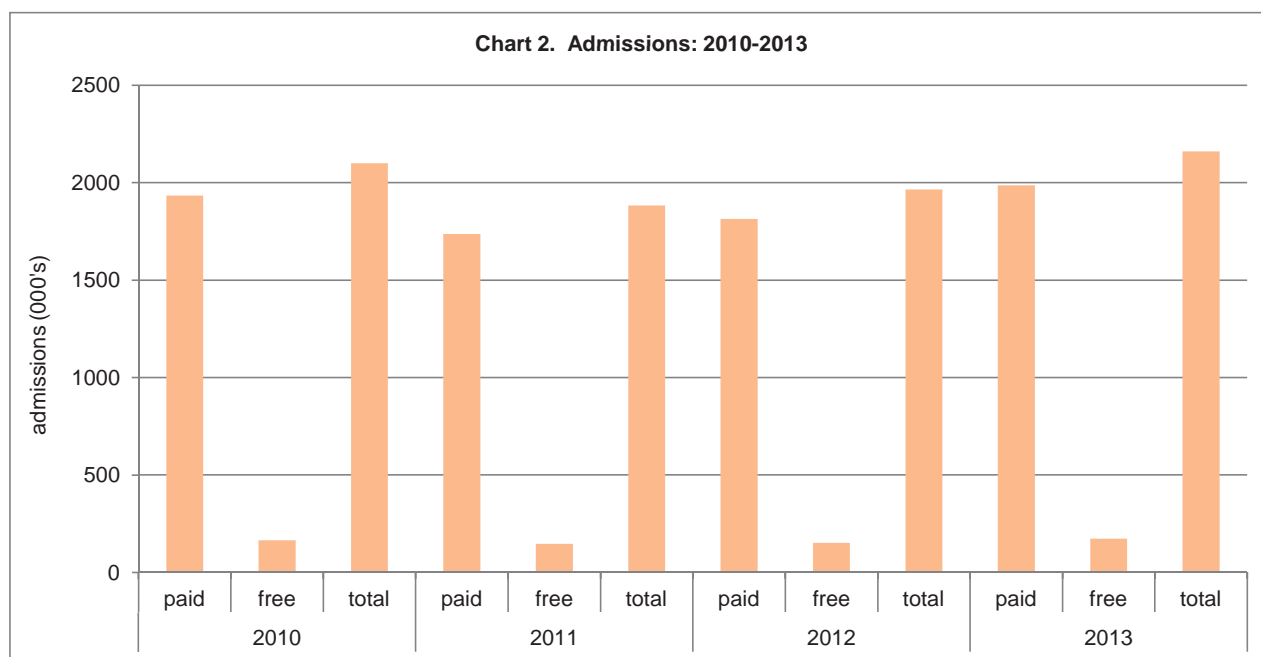
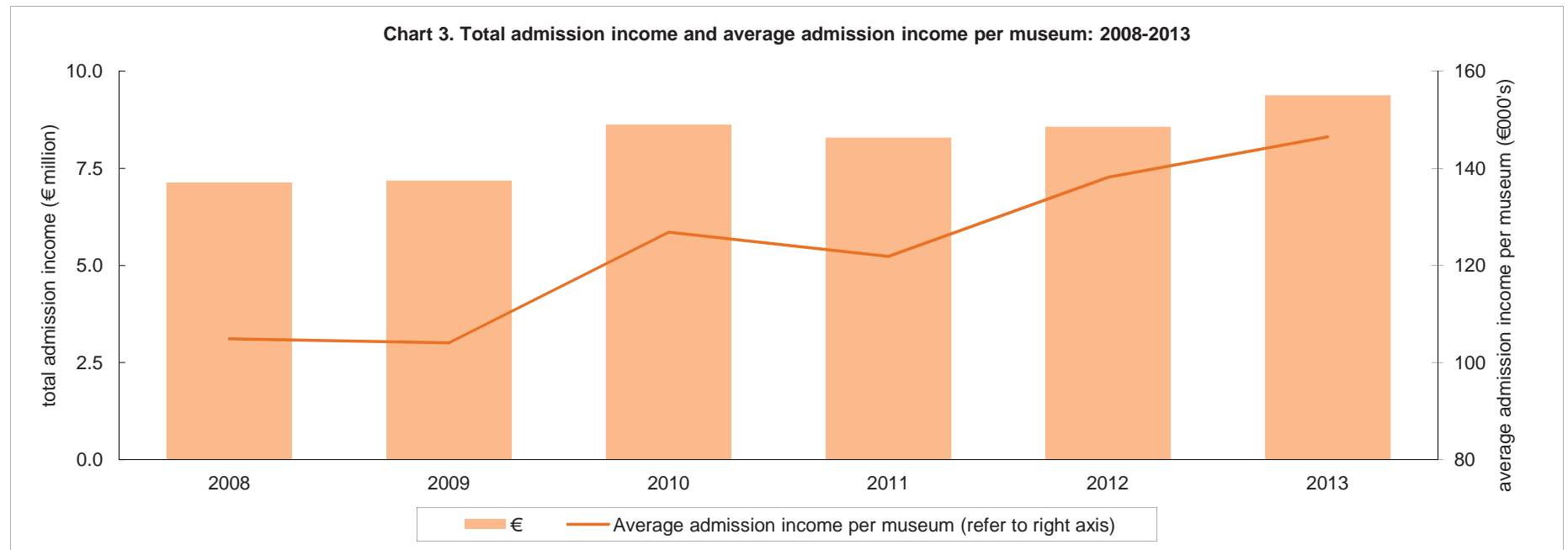


Table 6. Admissions to museums and historical sites by main category: 2008-2013

Main category	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	Total					
Total	2,263,354	2,001,974	2,099,381	1,883,283	1,965,629	2,160,496
Art	846,961	646,370	701,177	652,836	667,738	670,373
Archaeology and History Museums	560,194	521,666	536,456	465,959	499,167	534,446
Natural History and Science Museums	23,533	18,814	23,904	23,835	22,939	27,533
Ethnology and Anthropology Museums	109,942	110,854	126,103	127,594	138,658	151,630
Monuments and Sites	648,926	639,183	629,247	527,715	544,862	669,549
Military	39,824	33,646	42,660	47,342	46,867	60,237
Maritime	20,077	18,695	24,171	23,631	24,223	29,718
Other Museums	13,897	12,746	15,663	14,371	21,175	17,010
	%					
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Art	37.4	32.3	33.4	34.7	34.0	31.0
Archaeology and History Museums	24.8	26.1	25.6	24.7	25.4	24.7
Natural History and Science Museums	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.2	1.3
Ethnology and Anthropology Museums	4.9	5.5	6.0	6.8	7.1	7.0
Monuments and Sites	28.7	31.9	30.0	28.0	27.7	31.0
Military	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.5	2.4	2.8
Maritime	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4
Other Museums	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	1.1	0.8

Table 7. Museums and historical sites - income from admission fees: 2008-2013

Admissions	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	€					
Total admission income	7,131,726	7,179,045	8,626,564	8,288,262	8,565,343	9,374,890
Average admission income per museum	104,878	104,044	126,861	121,886	138,151	146,483



Methodological Notes

1. A museum and/or historical site is a permanent institution in the service of society and of its development, open to the public, which acquires, collects, conserves, researches, documents, communicates and exhibits for the purpose of study, education and enjoyment of cultural heritage and associated information of humankind and its environment.
2. Information in this news release was obtained from a survey aimed at collecting information from all active and partially active museums in Malta and Gozo. Museums that were open on demand are not included in this release.
3. The global response rate for this survey stood at 95 per cent for both 2012 and 2013.
4. Missing data was imputed by re-contacting the respondents. In cases where the respondent was not reachable, the data were imputed by using appropriate mathematical algorithms.
5. The survey is dependant on the information provided to the NSO by respondents. While every effort has been made to minimise the extent of under-reporting, the NSO is not responsible for inaccuracies that may emerge as a result of this.
6. The data in this release may be subject to minor revisions further to provision of other data from non-respondents and corrections to past data.