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Results from a survey carried out in 2015 (reference year 2014) among 91 active band clubs in Malta and Gozo showed a participation of 4,255 resident or trainee band players and 1,087 committee members in band clubs.

Band Clubs: 2014

During 2014, total band clubs' participation in the 91 different band clubs in Malta and Gozo amounted to 37,175, a rise of 23.4 per cent compared to 2010 when the number of band clubs stood at 90. Male affiliates amounted to 74.4 per cent of the total, despite a rise of 3,001 in female participation (Table 1).

Resident and trainee band players in 2014 amounted to 4,255 - an increase of 3.2 per cent when compared to 2010. Of these, 2,023 were trainee band players - 716 paying and 1,307 non-paying trainees (Table 1). When computed over the Maltese population aged 5-84, the participation rate in band clubs stood at slightly more than 9 per cent. The largest number of resident band players was recorded in the South Eastern district (21.9 per cent), and was followed by Gozo and Comino and the Northern Harbour district (Table 7).

A total of 1,177 performances were recorded in 2014, of which 62.4 per cent were carried out in the band clubs' own locality. There was an decrease of 80 performances when compared to 2010 levels (Table 4). The total number of publications produced by the surveyed band clubs stood at 262, 69 less than 2010, with the largest proportion published within the Southern Harbour district (26.0 per cent). Almost half these publications consisted of magazines and leaflets, with the remainder being CDs, DVDs and books (Table 5).

Total recurrent expenditure during 2014 amounted to nearly €4 million, of total expenditure. The Southern Harbour district incurred the largest proportion (33.8 per cent), followed by South Eastern district (Table 12). 31.1 per cent of total recurrent expenditure was utilised for the remuneration of band players (Table 11).

Total recurrent income registered by these clubs during 2014 almost reached €3.7 million. Band clubs in the South Eastern district registered the highest income, with a share of 26.9 per cent of the total. The lowest share of income fell within the Northern District at 9.3 per cent (Table 14). Apart from other income (which is including EU funds), donations were the next main income source, making up 20.7 per cent of recurrent income (Table 13) ■

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Table 1. Band club membership

	2010			2014		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Resident band players	1,947	630	2,577	1,652	580	2,232
Trainee band players	1,055	491	1,546	1,339	684	2,023
<i>Paying</i>	240	47	287	535	181	716
<i>Non Paying</i>	815	444	1,259	804	503	1,307
Committee members	1,317	109	1,426	1,019	68	1,087
Other Members	19,312	5,273	24,585	23,661	8,172	31,833
Total	23,631	6,503	30,134	27,671	9,504	37,175

%

Resident band players	75.6	24.4	100.0	74.0	26.0	100.0
Trainee band players	68.2	31.8	100.0	66.2	33.8	100.0
Committee members	92.4	7.6	100.0	93.7	6.3	100.0
Other Members	78.6	21.4	100.0	74.3	25.7	100.0

Chart 1. Resident and trainee band players: 2010 and 2014

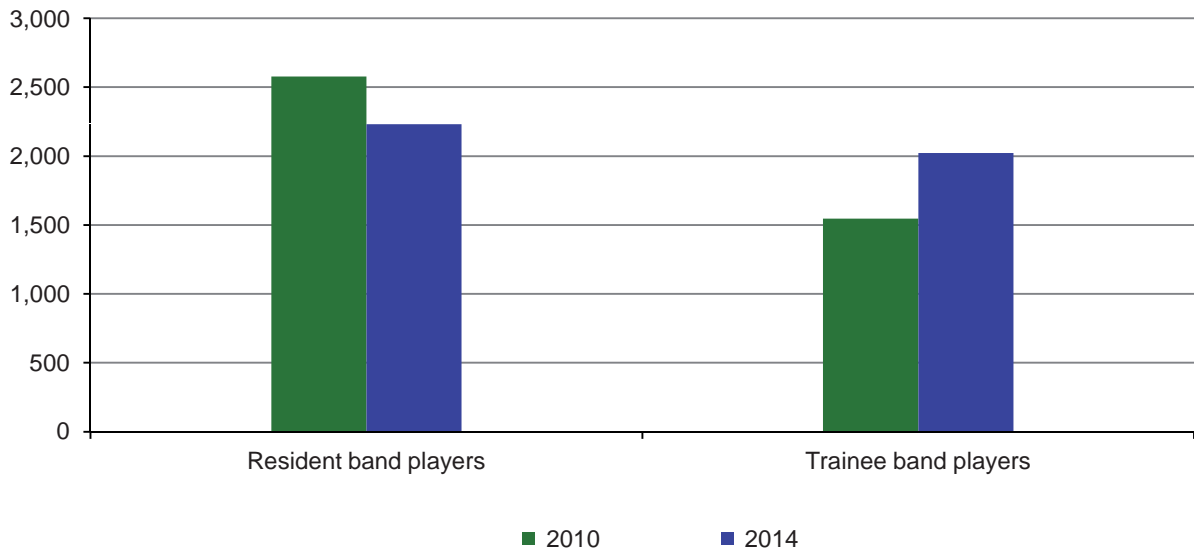


Table 2. Band club membership as a percentage of total band club membership

per cent

	2010			2014		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Resident band players	8.2	9.7	8.6	6.0	6.1	6.0
Trainee band players	4.5	7.6	5.1	4.8	7.2	5.4
Committee members	5.6	1.7	4.7	3.7	0.7	2.9
Other Members	81.7	81.1	81.6	85.5	86.0	85.6
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 3. Band club membership as a percentage of total population 5-84 years

per cent

	2010			2014		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Resident band players	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.6
Trainee band players	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	0.5
Committee members	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.0	0.3
Other Members	9.9	2.7	6.3	11.9	4.1	8.0

Table 4. Band programmes

	2010	2014
In own locality	777	734
In other localities	480	443
Total	1,257	1,177

Table 5. Band club publications by type and district

District	2010				2014			
	Feast books	Magazines/ leaflets	Videos/DVDs	Total	Feast books	Magazines/ leaflets	Videos/DVDs	Total
Southern Harbour	18	44	28	90	20	37	11	68
Northern Harbour	19	27	18	64	19	13	5	37
South Eastern	18	31	17	66	22	22	9	53
Western	15	24	10	49	12	32	4	48
Northern	8	4	2	14	7	5	3	15
Gozo and Comino	9	26	13	48	12	27	2	41
Total	87	156	88	331	92	136	34	262

Table 6. Copies of Band club publications sold or distributed by type and district: 2014

District	Feast books		Magazines/ leaflets		Cassettes/CDS		Videos/DVDs	
	free	sold	free	sold	free	sold	free	sold
Southern Harbour	25,311	185	19,603	-	107	1,023	22	520
Northern Harbour	12,478	-	17,038	47	49	354	7	2
South Eastern	20,300	50	32,310	-	-	382	120	398
Western	12,100	3,000	14,430	-	-	270	5	185
Northern	8,600	1,000	1,580	-	13	49	4	8
Gozo and Comino	8,993	-	13,475	-	274	316	88	12
Total	87,782	4,235	98,436	47	443	2,394	246	1,125

Table 7. Resident band players by band clubs' district and percentage distribution

District	2010			2014		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	1,947	630	2,577	1,652	580	2,232
Malta	1,522	521	2,043	1,275	479	1,753
Southern Harbour	392	89	481	263	93	356
Northern Harbour	373	130	503	303	94	398
South Eastern	396	144	540	356	134	490
Western	183	72	255	205	80	285
Northern	178	86	264	148	77	225
Gozo and Comino	425	109	534	377	102	479
% total						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	78.2	82.7	79.3	77.2	82.5	78.5
Southern Harbour	20.1	14.1	18.7	15.9	16.1	15.9
Northern Harbour	19.2	20.6	19.5	18.4	16.3	17.8
South Eastern	20.3	22.9	21.0	21.5	23.1	21.9
Western	9.4	11.4	9.9	12.4	13.8	12.8
Northern	9.1	13.7	10.2	9.0	13.3	10.1
Gozo and Comino	21.8	17.3	20.7	22.8	17.5	21.5

Table 8. Trainee band players by band clubs' district and percentage distribution

District	2010			2014		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	1,055	491	1,546	1,339	684	2,023
Malta	939	412	1,351	1,159	592	1,751
Southern Harbour	164	89	253	272	91	363
Northern Harbour	251	96	347	257	152	409
South Eastern	199	114	313	321	201	522
Western	168	52	220	134	61	195
Northern	157	61	218	175	87	262
Gozo and Comino	116	79	195	180	92	272
% total						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	89.0	83.9	87.4	86.5	86.6	86.6
Southern Harbour	15.5	18.1	16.4	20.3	13.3	17.9
Northern Harbour	23.8	19.6	22.4	19.2	22.3	20.2
South Eastern	18.9	23.2	20.2	24.0	29.4	25.8
Western	15.9	10.6	14.2	10.0	8.9	9.6
Northern	14.9	12.4	14.1	13.1	12.7	13.0
Gozo and Comino	11.0	16.1	12.6	13.5	13.4	13.4

Table 9. Band club committee members district and percentage distribution

District	2010			2014		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	1,317	109	1,426	1,019	68	1,087
Malta	1,199	96	1,295	892	59	952
Southern Harbour	273	18	291	238	16	254
Northern Harbour	460	38	498	219	11	231
South Eastern	235	22	257	211	13	224
Western	143	13	156	154	10	164
Northern	88	5	93	70	9	79
Gozo and Comino	118	13	131	127	8	135
% total						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	91.0	88.1	90.8	87.6	87.7	87.6
Southern Harbour	20.7	16.5	20.4	23.4	23.5	23.4
Northern Harbour	34.9	34.9	34.9	21.5	16.8	21.2
South Eastern	17.8	20.2	18.0	20.7	19.3	20.6
Western	10.9	11.9	10.9	15.1	14.8	15.1
Northern	6.7	4.6	6.5	6.9	13.3	7.3
Gozo and Comino	9.0	11.9	9.2	12.4	12.3	12.4

Table 10. Band club other members district and percentage distribution

District	2010			2014		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	19,312	5,273	24,585	23,661	8,172	31,833
Malta	17,530	4,690	22,220	21,913	7,551	29,465
Southern Harbour	4,129	566	4,695	4,062	685	4,747
Northern Harbour	3,233	372	3,605	3,146	462	3,608
South Eastern	5,106	2,516	7,622	10,921	5,227	16,148
Western	2,946	854	3,800	2,370	806	3,176
Northern	2,116	382	2,498	1,415	371	1,786
Gozo and Comino	1,782	583	2,365	1,748	621	2,368
% total						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	90.8	88.9	90.4	92.6	92.4	92.6
Southern Harbour	21.4	10.7	19.1	17.2	8.4	14.9
Northern Harbour	16.7	7.1	14.7	13.3	5.7	11.3
South Eastern	26.4	47.7	31.0	46.2	64.0	50.7
Western	15.3	16.2	15.5	10.0	9.9	10.0
Northern	11.0	7.2	10.2	6.0	4.5	5.6
Gozo and Comino	9.2	11.1	9.6	7.4	7.6	7.4

Table 11. Band club recurrent expenditure

Type of expenditure	2010		2014	
	€	%	€	%
Remuneration of <i>bandisti</i>	1,295,098	39.6	1,233,075	31.1
Musical programme	205,630	6.3	180,022	4.5
Training programme	86,145	2.6	113,030	2.9
Administrative expenses	495,743	15.2	504,119	12.7
Interest payable	31,553	1.0	36,106	0.9
Advertising	31,308	1.0	333,347*	8.4
Other expenditure	1,123,293	34.4	1,559,262	39.4
Total	3,268,770	100.0	3,958,961	100.0

* Expenditure on advertising for 2014 is also including certain publications where band clubs advertised.
 Note: Taxation and depreciation have been excluded as the data was not deemed reliable for analysis.

Table 12. Band club recurrent expenditure by district

District	2010		2014	
	€	% total	€	% total
MALTA	3,268,770	100.0	3,958,961	100.0
Malta	2,892,101	88.5	3,627,232	91.6
Southern Harbour	702,958	21.5	1,338,797	33.8
Northern Harbour	635,013	19.4	709,684	17.9
South Eastern	793,893	24.3	829,584	21.0
Western	363,586	11.1	380,349	9.6
Northern	396,651	12.1	368,818	9.3
Gozo and Comino	376,669	11.5	331,729	8.4

Table 13. Band club recurrent income

Type of Income	2010		2014	
	€	%	€	%
Donations	909,586	31.4	764,383	20.7
Fund raising activities	530,783	18.3	732,934	19.8
Advertisements	263,237	9.1	269,449	7.3
Income from interest	65,806	2.3	67,601	1.8
Other services	461,619	15.9	598,286	16.2
Other income*	669,828	23.1	1,261,750	34.2
Total	2,900,859	100.0	3,694,403	100.0

* Other income for 2014 is also including EU Funding

Table 14. Band clubs recurrent income by region and district

District	2010		2014	
	€	%	€	%
MALTA	2,900,859	100.0	3,694,403	100.0
Malta	2,581,027	89.0	3,216,621	87.1
Southern Harbour	589,573	20.3	638,380	17.3
Northern Harbour	516,510	17.8	813,584	22.0
South Eastern	791,698	27.3	994,578	26.9
Western	352,432	12.1	426,713	11.6
Northern	330,814	11.4	343,367	9.3
Gozo and Comino	319,832	11.0	477,782	12.9

Methodological Notes

1. This survey on band clubs was conducted exhaustively in 2015, i.e. aimed at 100 per cent coverage. All band clubs in Malta and Gozo were surveyed (91 in 2014).
2. The global response rate for this survey stood at 75, 82.4 per cent of the total in 2014.
3. Missing data were imputed by re-contacting all the respondents. In the cases where the respondent was no longer reachable, the data were imputed by the application of valid mathematical algorithms.
4. The data in this release should be considered as final, although it may be subject to minor updates in the future.
5. The survey relies on figures reported by the band clubs which can result in a degree of under-reporting. While all efforts have 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. Totals may vary due to rounding.