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Sports Organisations: 2000 - 2002

This news release, within the Culture Statistics programme launched by the National Statistics Office, investigates Sports Organisations in the Maltese Islands. This study focuses on participation, gender and finance for the years 2000 – 2002.

In the years under review, a total of 405 sports organisations were in operation in the Maltese Islands. The type of sport with the most organisations was football, with 17.5 per cent of all organisations. Martial arts made up 10.4 per cent of the total. Bodybuilding clubs & gyms and bocci clubs also proved popular, constituting 8.9 per cent and 8.6 per cent of all sports organisations respectively.

Membership of sports organisations has increased as a total over the three years under review, growing from 58,785 in 2000 to 65,106 in 2002, an increase of 10.8 per cent. The age group 10-14 contains the largest number of members; with 17.7 per cent of all members in 2002. The age groups 15-19, 20-24 and 25-29 followed this, with very similar amounts of members. The age group with the least number of members was that with members aged 60 years and over.

Persons employed with sports organisations varied only slightly between 2000 and 2002. Full-time employees increased from 287 to 313 – an increase of nine per cent, whilst part-time employees increased from 1,850 to 2,073 – an increase of 12 per cent. Sports organisations are structured on more of a voluntary basis rather than employment, in fact, 38 per cent of full time and 75 per cent of part time employees – 70 per cent of total employees – work on a voluntary basis.

In the years under review, the total expenditure by sports organisations increased by 36.4 per cent between 2000 and 2001, but decreased by 3.6 per cent in 2002. The largest chunk of expenditure in 2002 – 30.8 per cent – went on staff wages and salaries. This was followed by 'other' expenditure with 23.2 per cent and maintenance & operations with 20 per cent of total expenditure. The least amount of money was spent on competition fees, with these making up just 0.1 per cent of total expenditure.

The total income increased from Lm3.0 million in 2000 to Lm3.6 million in 2002 – an increase of almost 20 per cent. The greatest source of income for sports organisations is by far income from membership fees, which made up 48.5 per cent of the total. 'Other' income also accounted for 25.9 per cent of the total. The losses to sports organisations recorded in 2002 were slightly greater than Lm0.5 million.

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Table 1. Number of organisations by type of sport

Type of sport	Number of organisations
Athletics	10
Basketball	21
Billiards & snooker	6
Bocci clubs	35
Bodybuilding & gyms	36
Darts	5
Diving	29
Football	71
Gymnastics	4
Handball	6
Hockey	5
Martial arts	42
Netball	5
Regatta	5
Sailing	10
Shooting	6
Sports centres	21
Table tennis	5
Tennis	11
Volleyball	6
Waterpolo	15
Other *	51
Total	405

* Other organisations are: archery, badminton, baseball, bridge, canoeing, chess, cricket, cycling, draughts, fencing, fishing, golf, horse riding, karting, motoring, pigeon racing, polo, rugby, squash, swimming, triathlon, ten pin bowling, watersports and wrestling.

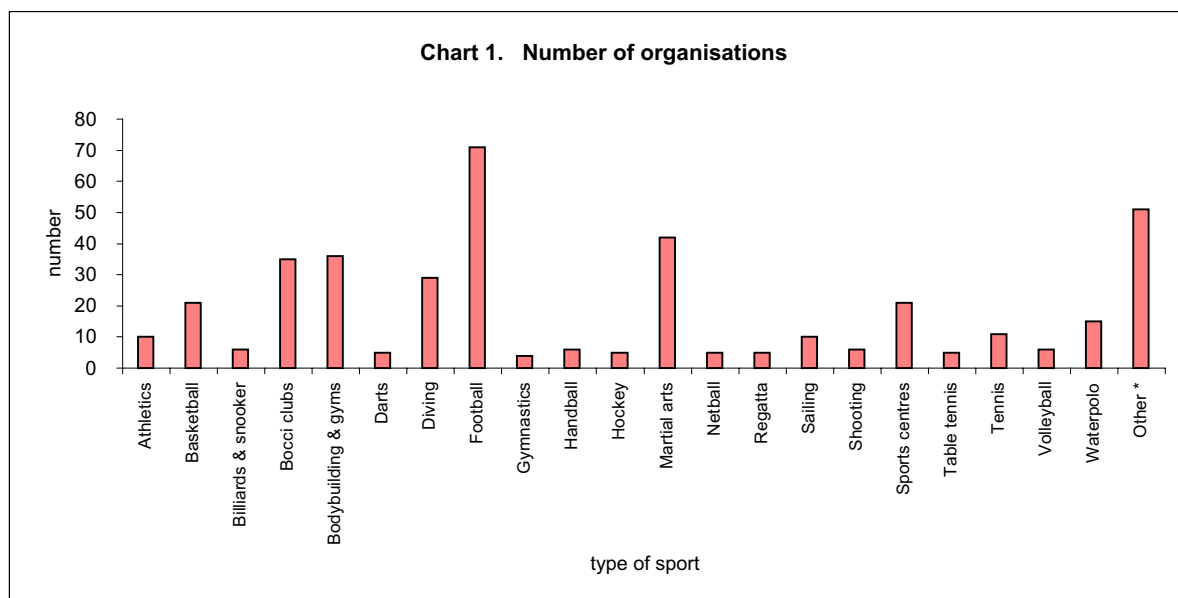


Table 2. Number of members

Age group	2000			2001			2002		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	5 - 9	5,582	1,459	7,041	5,955	1,552	7,507	6,224	1,646
10 - 14	9,238	1,636	10,874	9,358	1,708	11,066	9,726	1,786	11,512
15 - 19	5,272	2,225	7,497	5,843	2,339	8,182	6,097	2,651	8,748
20 - 24	6,052	1,928	7,980	6,594	2,130	8,724	6,933	2,001	8,934
25 - 29	6,181	2,326	8,507	6,426	2,507	8,933	7,049	2,563	9,612
30 - 39	5,141	1,504	6,645	5,740	1,696	7,436	6,310	1,550	7,860
40 - 49	3,796	1,109	4,905	3,970	1,279	5,249	4,036	1,213	5,249
50 - 59	2,581	859	3,440	2,569	884	3,453	2,605	827	3,432
60+	1,441	455	1,896	1,416	457	1,873	1,404	485	1,889
Total	45,284	13,501	58,785	47,871	14,552	62,423	50,384	14,722	65,106

Chart 2. Distribution of members by age group

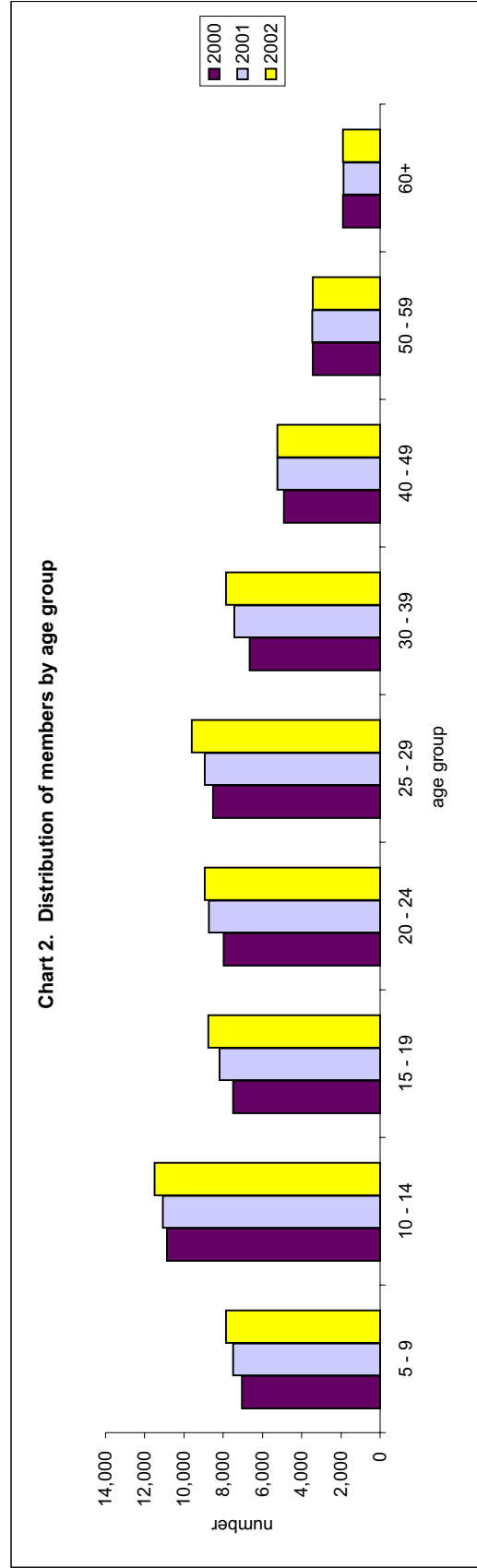


Table 3. Full-time personnel employed by sports organisations

Type of staff	2000			2001			2002		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Administrative	24	29	53	25	29	54	30	34	64
Training	39	23	62	41	22	63	47	17	64
Other	57	3	60	63	3	66	63	3	66
Total - paid staff	120	55	175	129	54	183	140	54	194
Voluntary staff (unpaid)	84	28	112	88	23	111	92	27	119
Total	204	83	287	217	77	294	232	81	313

Table 4. Part-time personnel employed by sports organisations

Type of staff	2000			2001			2002		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Administrative	19	8	27	19	10	29	22	20	42
Training	331	25	356	364	34	398	394	39	433
Other	41	9	50	39	10	49	38	9	47
Total - paid staff	391	42	433	422	54	476	454	68	522
Voluntary staff (unpaid)	1,254	163	1,417	1,299	181	1,480	1,370	181	1,551
Total	1,645	205	1,850	1,721	235	1,956	1,824	249	2,073

Table 5. Total Expenditure

Type of expenditure	2000	2001	2002
	Lm		
Staff wages (incl. social security contributions)	1,031,168	1,149,685	1,269,854
Maintenance & operations	632,690	832,634	821,634
Income tax	9,834	11,097	9,127
Rent of land	10,523	12,591	14,202
Rent of premises	158,945	135,401	120,133
Interests	29,559	33,113	32,501
Acquisition of buildings & machinery	61,593	592,316	278,559
Acquisition of sporting equipment	99,298	174,491	113,302
Travel expenditure on courses abroad	30,013	39,700	39,420
Sponsorships given to sportspersons	177,317	183,562	204,883
Depreciation	151,872	183,979	225,641
Competition fees	62,345	123,408	4,401
Transfer fees	34,108	33,347	28,536
Other *	642,233	766,539	954,664
Total	3,131,497	4,271,862	4,116,856

* Other expenditure includes: donations, fines, international federation fees, licences & permits, physiotherapy & medicine, telephone calls, trophies, and water & electricity.

Table 6. Total Income

Type of income	2000	2001	2002
	Lm		
Membership fees	1,406,847	1,660,419	1,745,465
Advertising	139,896	148,026	151,814
Government subsidies	189,184	227,533	204,605
Private donations	244,579	235,762	286,655
Interest received	11,476	10,041	10,675
Rent received	83,126	88,630	94,740
Fund raising activities	123,311	125,670	144,303
Transfer fees	27,490	26,750	32,200
Other *	795,420	833,063	931,148
Total	3,021,329	3,355,895	3,601,603

* Other income includes: amusement machines, club activities, competitions & raffles and fines.