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Local Councils 2003

This news release is the follow up to last year's news release on local councils, published by the Culture Statistics programme of the National Statistics Office. It presents a clear set-up of cultural participation and employment within the local councils of Malta and Gozo, focussing on a number of issues, such as activities and exhibitions organised, employment, and gender participation. This news release covers data on local councils for the year 2003.

The total number of activities organised by local councils increased from 957 in 2002 to 1,208 in 2003, an increase of 26.2 per cent. In the year under review, social activities made up the lion's share, constituting 27 per cent of all activities staged. Educational activities were a close second with 25.6 per cent, and cultural activities were third with 18.5 per cent of the total. No activities were organised in 2003 that could be classified as 'therapeutic', and only one political activity was held.

Participation in local council activities increased by 22.9 per cent between 2002 and 2003, from 62,345 to 76,653. Social and cultural activities were the activities with the highest turnout rates, clocking up 34.2 and 36.7 per cent of the total turnout respectively. Although educational activities made up 25.6 per cent of the total activities organised, these registered a rather poor turnout, with only 8.1 per cent of the total participation being attributed to these activities. Political activities were the least popular, with a 0.1 per cent turnout. Apart from the activities mentioned, 'other' activities included various activities for the elderly, and a visit from the President of Malta.

Of the 68 local councils operative in the Maltese islands, around 70 per cent mounted various exhibitions in 2003, to the tune of 101 exhibitions. This represents an increase of 32.9 per cent over the previous year. The most popular exhibitions were painting exhibitions, constituting 47.5 per cent of all exhibitions held. Craftwork exhibitions were also popular, constituting 26.7 per cent of total exhibitions. Ceramic exhibitions were the least popular – these made up only 4 per cent of total exhibitions. 'Other' exhibitions also took up 4 per cent; these included exhibitions on Christmas, transport, horticulture, old computers and toys.

In the year 2003, full-time staff employed with local councils – including voluntary staff – increased from 506 in the year 2002 to 611, an increase of around twenty per cent. Part-time employment decreased, by 14.9 per cent. Female staff, both full-time and part-time, accounted for around 40 per cent of the total staff employed with local councils in 2003. The largest number of staff employed – excluding voluntary workers – was administrative staff; these accounted for 31.3 per cent of full-time and 14.3 per cent of part-time personnel, or 27.8 per cent of the total personnel employed.

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Table 1. Number of local council activities by type

Type of activity	2001	2002	2003
Social	296	294	326
Religious	40	48	53
Political	10	5	1
Educational	205	166	309
Sports	104	79	159
Environment	62	54	48
Cultural	230	221	224
Philanthropic	23	23	36
International	26	19	23
Therapeutic	9	8	-
Other	33	40	29
Total	1,038	957	1,208

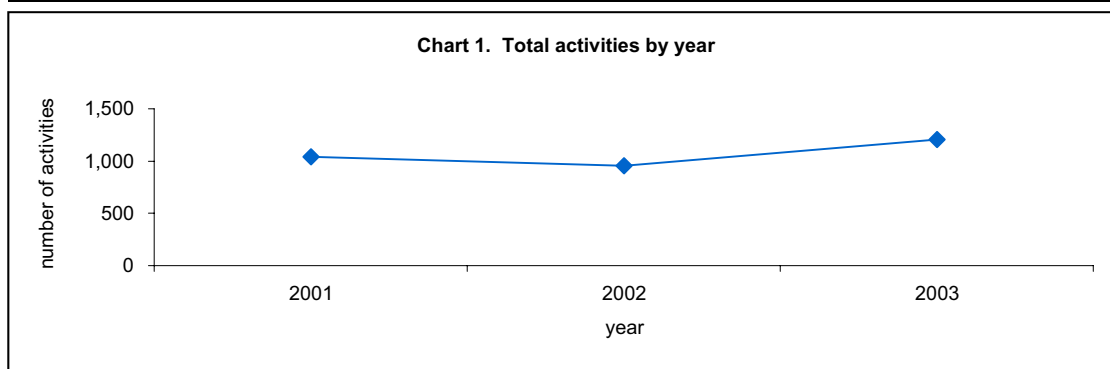


Table 2. Percentage distribution of local council activities by type

Type of activity	2001	2002	2003
		%	
Social	28.5	30.7	27.0
Religious	3.8	5.0	4.4
Political	1.0	0.5	0.1
Educational	19.7	17.3	25.6
Sports	10.0	8.3	13.1
Environment	6.0	5.7	4.0
Cultural	22.2	23.1	18.5
Philanthropic	2.2	2.4	3.0
International	2.5	2.0	1.9
Therapeutic	0.9	0.8	-
Other	3.2	4.2	2.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

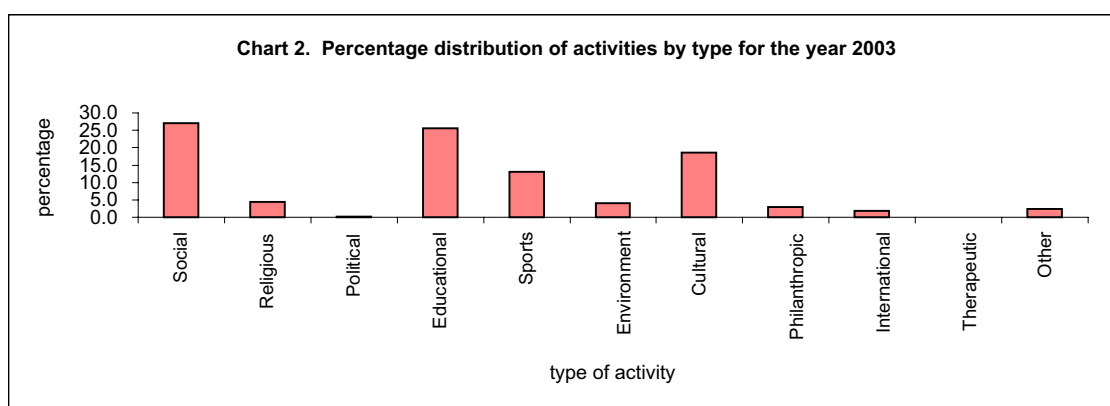


Table 3. Participation in local council activities by type

Type of activity	2001	2002	2003
Social	20,903	23,075	26,236
Religious	1,362	2,151	3,730
Political	65	103	100
Educational	7,506	6,961	6,239
Sports	7,634	4,766	5,646
Environment	2,890	2,698	1,544
Cultural	20,119	18,990	28,085
Philanthropic	558	610	1,783
International	573	913	1,170
Therapeutic	78	78	-
Other	1,409	2,000	2,120
Total	63,097	62,345	76,653

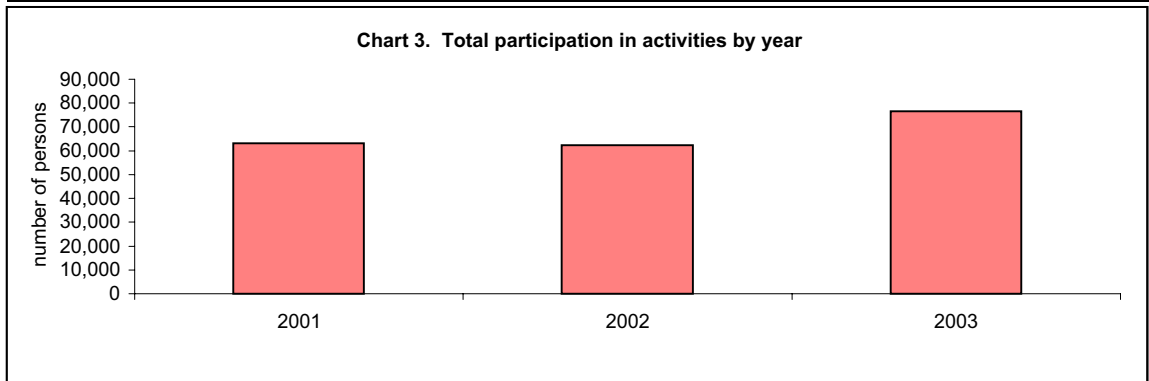


Table 4. Percentage distribution of participation in local council activities by type

Type of activity	2001	2002	2003
	%		
Social	33.1	37.0	34.2
Religious	2.2	3.4	4.9
Political	0.1	0.2	0.1
Educational	11.9	11.2	8.1
Sports	12.1	7.6	7.4
Environment	4.6	4.3	2.0
Cultural	31.9	30.5	36.7
Philanthropic	0.9	1.0	2.3
International	0.9	1.5	1.5
Therapeutic	0.1	0.1	-
Other	2.2	3.2	2.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

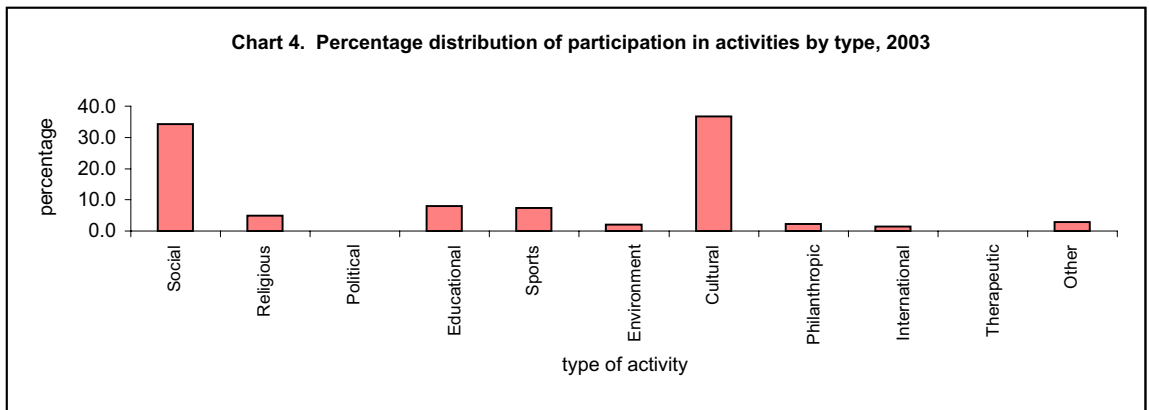


Table 5. Number of exhibitions by type

Type of exhibition	2001	2002	2003
Painting	25	20	48
Sculpture	4	16	9
Ceramic	3	7	4
Photography	13	5	9
Craftwork	15	22	27
Other	12	6	4
Total	72	76	101

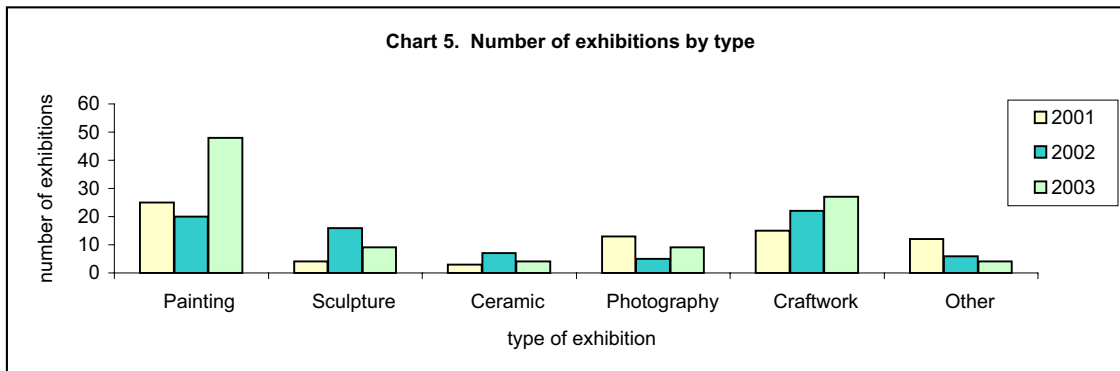


Table 6. Percentage distribution of exhibitions by type

Type of exhibition	2001	2002	2003
	%		
Painting	34.7	26.3	47.5
Sculpture	5.6	21.1	8.9
Ceramic	4.2	9.2	4.0
Photography	18.0	6.6	8.9
Craftwork	20.8	28.9	26.7
Other	16.7	7.9	4.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

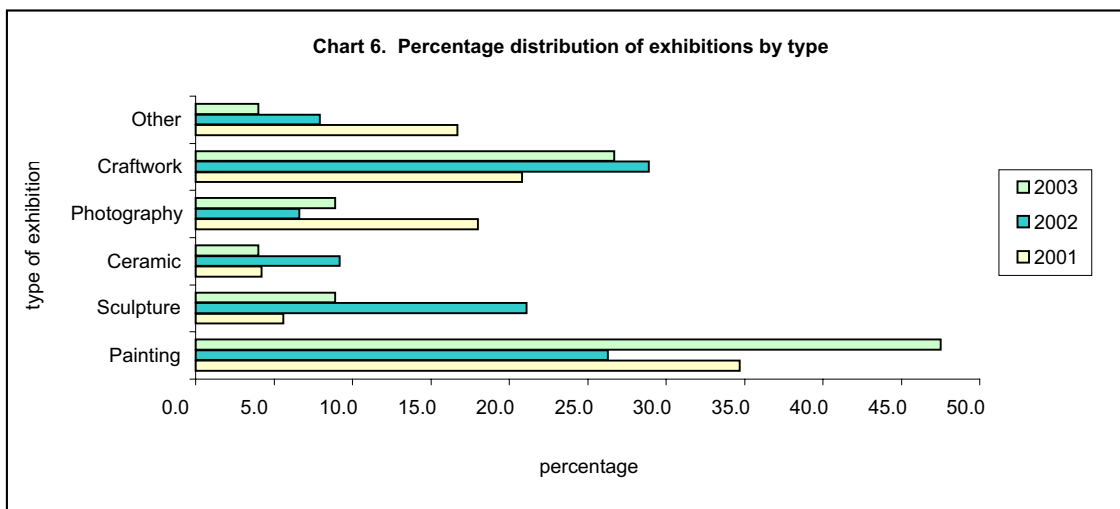


Table 7. Full-time personnel employed with local councils

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Administrative staff	76	94	170	64	114	178	72	119	191
Technical staff	4	-	4	2	1	3	2	-	2
Other staff	34	13	47	39	12	51	49	9	58
Voluntary staff	294	86	380	215	59	274	235	125	360
Total	408	193	601	320	186	506	358	253	611

Table 8. Percentage distribution of full-time personnel employed with local councils by type

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%								
Administrative staff	18.6	48.7	28.3	20.0	61.3	35.2	20.1	47.0	31.3
Technical staff	1.0	-	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	-	0.3
Other staff	8.3	6.7	7.8	12.2	6.5	10.1	13.7	3.6	9.5
Voluntary staff	72.1	44.6	63.2	67.2	31.7	54.1	65.6	49.4	58.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 9. Percentage distribution of full-time personnel employed with local councils by gender

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%								
Administrative staff	44.7	55.3	100.0	36.0	64.0	100.0	37.7	62.3	100.0
Technical staff	100.0	-	100.0	66.7	33.3	100.0	100.0	-	100.0
Other staff	72.3	27.7	100.0	76.5	23.5	100.0	84.5	15.5	100.0
Voluntary staff	77.4	22.6	100.0	78.5	21.5	100.0	65.3	34.7	100.0
Total	67.9	32.1	100.0	63.2	36.8	100.0	58.6	41.4	100.0

Table 10. Part-time personnel employed with local councils

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	Administrative staff	11	17	28	4	16	20	5	17
Technical staff	18	3	21	9	2	11	-	-	-
Other staff	35	41	76	9	24	33	7	12	19
Voluntary staff	131	49	180	73	44	117	85	28	113
Total	195	110	305	95	86	181	97	57	154

Table 11. Percentage distribution of part-time personnel employed with local councils by type

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%								
Administrative staff	5.6	15.5	9.2	4.2	18.6	11.0	5.2	29.8	14.3
Technical staff	9.3	2.7	6.9	9.5	2.3	6.1	-	-	-
Other staff	17.9	37.3	24.9	9.5	27.9	18.3	7.2	21.1	12.3
Voluntary staff	67.2	44.5	59.0	76.8	51.2	64.6	87.6	49.1	73.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 12. Percentage distribution of part-time personnel employed with local councils by gender

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%								
Administrative staff	39.3	60.7	100.0	20.0	80.0	100.0	22.7	77.3	100.0
Technical staff	85.7	14.3	100.0	81.8	18.2	100.0	-	-	-
Other staff	46.1	53.9	100.0	27.3	72.7	100.0	36.8	63.2	100.0
Voluntary staff	72.8	27.2	100.0	62.4	37.6	100.0	75.2	24.8	100.0
Total	63.9	36.1	100.0	52.5	47.5	100.0	63.0	37.0	100.0

Chart 7. Full-time personnel employed with local councils

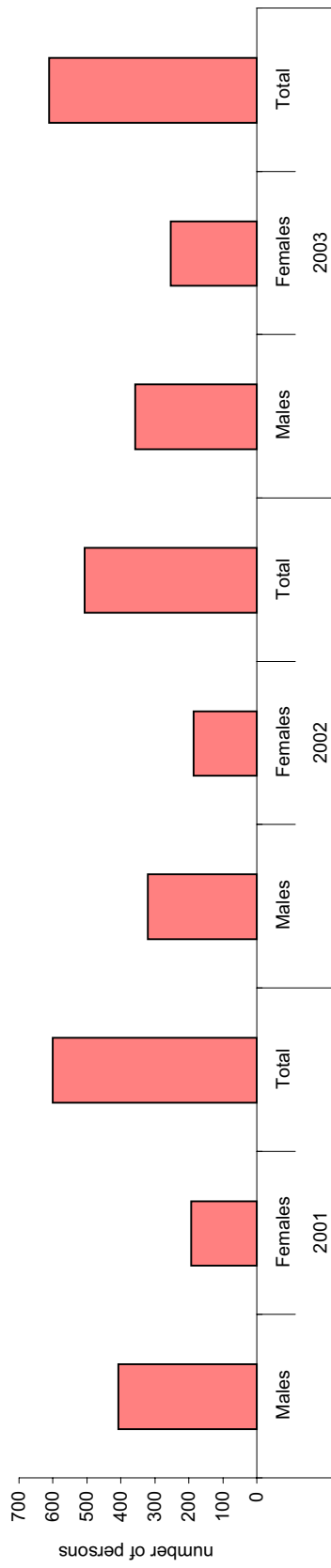


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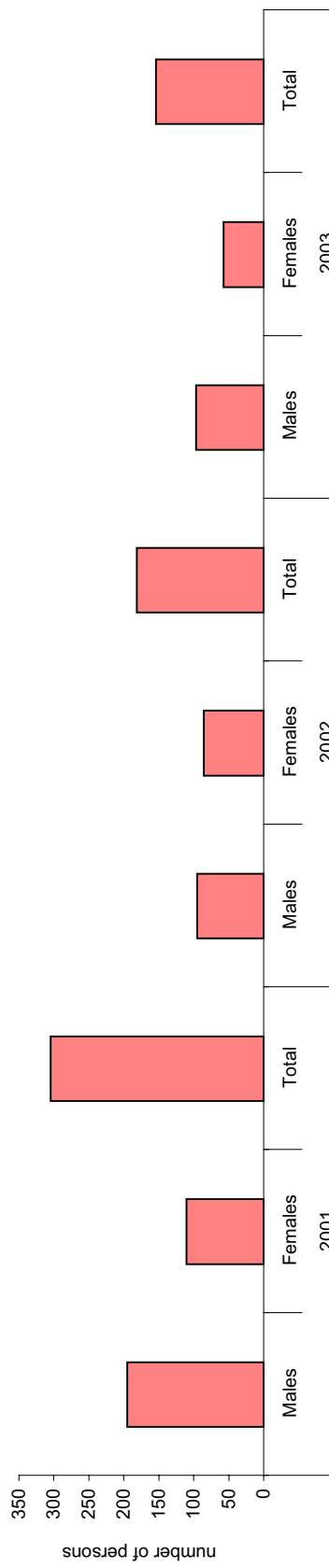


Table 13. Total personnel employed with local councils

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Administrative staff	87	111	198	68	130	198	77	136	213
Technical staff	22	3	25	11	3	14	2	-	2
Other staff	69	54	123	48	36	84	56	21	77
Voluntary staff	425	135	560	288	103	391	320	153	473
Total	603	303	906	415	272	687	455	310	765

Table 14. Percentage distribution of total personnel employed with local councils by type

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%								
Administrative staff	14.4	36.6	21.9	16.4	47.8	28.8	16.9	43.9	27.8
Technical staff	3.7	1.0	2.7	2.6	1.1	2.1	0.5	-	0.3
Other staff	11.4	17.8	13.6	11.6	13.2	12.2	12.3	6.7	10.1
Voluntary staff	70.5	44.6	61.8	69.4	37.9	56.9	70.3	49.4	61.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 15. Percentage distribution of total personnel employed with local councils by gender

Employment structure	2001			2002			2003		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
	%								
Administrative staff	43.9	56.1	100.0	34.3	65.7	100.0	36.2	63.8	100.0
Technical staff	88.0	12.0	100.0	78.6	21.4	100.0	100.0	-	100.0
Other staff	56.1	43.9	100.0	57.1	42.9	100.0	72.7	27.3	100.0
Voluntary staff	75.9	24.1	100.0	73.7	26.3	100.0	67.7	32.3	100.0
Total	66.6	33.4	100.0	60.4	39.6	100.0	59.5	40.5	100.0