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Museums and Historical Sites 2006-2007

Museums and historical sites received more than two million visitors in 2007, a rise of 6 per cent from the previous year.

The number of museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo increased to 70 in 2007. Nearly half of these museums were state-owned (see Table 1).

'Archaeology and history' museums and 'monuments and sites' were the most common categories of museums during 2007 (see Table 2). In fact, there were 13 of each. 'Other museums' include thematic ones on toys, religious artifacts, banking and aviation.

There were a total of 2,055,357 admissions to museums in Malta and Gozo in 2007, 94 per cent of which were paid admissions. This shows an increase of 6 per cent from 2006, as shown in Table 3. Art museums had the highest share of admissions with 37 per cent of the total. These were followed by archaeology and history museums.

During 2007, the total number of employees increased from 445 to 455 persons - 358 full-time and 97 part-time. The majority were classified as 'other staff', which includes clerks, cleaners and messengers. A further 189 persons were working on a voluntary basis. In 2007, 69 per cent of the total staff employed by museums and historical sites were males. The same was noted for those engaged in voluntary work (61 per cent).

A total number of 222 new exhibits were purchased by museums and historical sites during 2007 - a decrease of 12 per cent on the previous year.

During the year under review, €10.8 million were spent by museums and historical sites, an increase of 10 per cent over 2006. The highest proportion of the total expenditure was spent on staff. In fact, 62 per cent of the total recurrent expenditure fell under staff costs. Museums and historical sites registered a total income of just over €10.6 million, resulting in a financial loss of €0.2 million.

The total income of museums in 2007 decreased by 1.6 per cent over 2006. Admission fees made up 66 per cent of the total income ■

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Table 1. Museum ownership 2005-2007

	2005		2006		2007	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Public	31	50.8	33	47.8	33	47.1
Private and Church	30	49.2	36	52.2	37	52.9
Total	61	100.0	69	100.0	70	100.0

Table 2. Distribution of museums by main category: 2005-2007

Category	2005	2006	2007
Art	11	12	12
Archaeology and history	9	12	13
Natural history and natural science	3	3	3
Ethnography and anthropology	3	4	4
Monuments and sites	13	13	13
Military	6	7	6
Maritime	2	3	3
Other	14	15	16
Total	61	69	70

Table 3. Admissions to museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo: 2005-2007

Category	Paid admissions						Total admissions					
	2005		2006		2007		2005		2006		2007	
	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%
Art	693,826	37.3	646,346	35.6	709,543	36.8	742,546	37.3	707,123	36.6	755,466	36.8
Archaeology and history	439,757	23.7	428,304	23.6	475,744	24.7	465,231	23.3	437,888	22.7	485,059	23.6
Natural history and natural science	78,993	4.3	76,975	4.2	75,503	3.9	89,825	4.5	84,644	4.4	78,960	3.8
Ethnology and anthropology	61,189	3.3	44,120	2.4	47,313	2.5	67,205	3.4	49,607	2.6	49,864	2.4
Monuments and sites	263,350	14.2	261,294	14.4	278,807	14.5	284,271	14.3	266,963	13.8	282,637	13.8
Military	173,214	9.3	183,339	10.1	174,024	9.0	174,656	8.8	191,252	9.9	216,775	10.5
Maritime	22,666	1.2	18,324	1.0	17,350	0.9	26,240	1.3	21,539	1.1	19,268	0.9
Other	125,274	6.7	159,071	8.8	150,918	7.8	142,476	7.2	174,021	9.0	167,328	8.1
Total	1,858,269	100.0	1,817,773	100.0	1,929,202	100.0	1,992,450	100.0	1,933,037	100.0	2,055,357	100.0

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Table 4. Full-time paid staff employed by museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo: 2005-2007

	2005			2006			2007		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Director	9	1	10	11	3	14	11	4	15
Curator	10	6	16	12	8	20	14	7	21
Assistant curator	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
Museum officer	21	8	29	22	6	28	23	6	29
Conservator (restorer)	13	5	18	15	5	20	17	6	23
Museum guide	6	3	9	9	7	16	11	10	21
Administrative staff	-	3	3	3	3	6	3	4	7
Other staff	150	44	194	185	56	241	182	59	241
Total	209	71	280	258	88	346	262	96	358

Table 5. Part-time paid staff employed by museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo: 2005-2007

	2005			2006			2007		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Director	1	-	1	1	-	1	2	-	2
Curator	1	1	2	3	1	4	3	2	5
Assistant curator	4	4	8	1	-	1	2	-	2
Museum officer	1	2	3	-	2	2	-	2	2
Conservator (restorer)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Museum guide	6	7	13	5	10	15	7	10	17
Administrative staff	1	4	5	3	3	6	3	4	7
Other staff	33	23	56	39	31	70	35	27	62
Total	47	41	88	52	47	99	52	45	97

Table 6. Voluntary staff engaged in museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo: 2005-2007

	2005			2006			2007		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Director	10	-	10	9	2	11	12	2	14
Curator	6	1	7	8	1	9	7	3	10
Assistant curator	7	1	8	5	1	6	9	1	10
Museum officer	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	2	2
Conservator (restorer)	15	-	15	6	1	7	7	-	7
Museum guide	26	15	41	20	19	39	18	18	36
Administrative staff	3	2	5	3	1	4	4	1	5
Other staff	53	67	120	61	43	104	59	46	105
Total	120	87	207	112	69	181	116	73	189

Table 7. Number of items and exhibits purchased: 2006-2007

Item	2006	2007
Paintings	18	22
Ceramics	2	-
Sculptures	10	3
Weapons	16	-
Photographs	47	20
Books	39	11
Other	119	166
Total	251	222

Table 8. Recurrent museum expenditure and income: 2005-2007

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	2005	2006	2007
Total recurrent expenditure	6,978,211	9,787,751	10,763,981
Staff costs	4,788,340	6,277,508	6,647,039
Maintenance and operational costs	763,852	1,262,791	1,405,410
Other expenditure	1,426,019	2,247,452	2,711,532
Total income	8,096,846	10,774,732	10,606,929
Admission fees	4,679,452	5,315,357	6,969,417
Grants / subsidies	2,982,934	4,607,000	2,185,848
Donations	104,971	139,150	400,024
Other	329,489	713,225	1,051,640
Balance	1,118,635	986,981	-157,052

Methodological notes

1. Information in this news release was obtained from a survey of all museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo.
2. The global response rate for this survey stood at 93 per cent.
3. Missing data was imputed by re-contacting the respondents. In the cases where the respondent was not reachable, the data were imputed by the application of valid mathematical algorithms.
4. Data for 2005 has been revised as from last News Release. Changes made are mainly accounted to revisions in estimates further to the provision of new information in 2007.
5. The number of items purchased (see Table 7) for 2005 was not provided as a number of respondents could not provide this information.