

Statistics compiled from a survey among 90 band clubs, which was carried out this year, indicated that in 2017 band clubs counted 27,326 members. Of these, 3,524 were resident or trainee band players.

Band Clubs: 2017

Out of the total band club members in 2017, 2,242 were resident band players and 1,282 were trainees. Furthermore, there were 1,095 committee members, and 22,707 ordinary members. Registered band club membership for the year under review dropped by 0.6 per cent (162 members). This decline was mainly a result of downward shifts in trainee band players (Table 1).

Just over a quarter of band club members were females. The highest female presence was registered among trainee band players, while the lowest was in band club committees. During the period under review, female resident band players amounted to 27.4 per cent (Table 1).

Similar to past findings of this survey, results show that the largest number of resident band players in Malta and Gozo was recorded in the South Eastern district (25.2 per cent) (Table 7).

Over 1,200 performances were estimated to have been staged by band clubs, of which just over a third were at a locality different to that of the performing band club. In total, performances by band clubs were estimated to have increased by 7.3 per cent when compared to 2014 (Table 4). Publications issued by band clubs amounted to 320, most of which were magazines or leaflets (Table 5).

Total recurrent expenditure during 2017 was estimated at over €4 million, up by 18.6 per cent when compared to 2014. Remuneration of band players accounted for 35.9 per cent of the total recurrent expenditure (Table 11). On a district level, the South Eastern and Northern Harbour districts spent the most, 27.2 and 22.3 per cent respectively (Table 12).

Total recurrent income registered by band clubs during 2017 was estimated at €5.1 million, up by 37.8 per cent when compared to 2014. Band clubs in the South Eastern district registered the highest income, with a share of 27.8 per cent of the total. At 7.2 per cent, band clubs in the Northern district registered the lowest share (Table 14). Apart from other income, which includes government funds and rents, donations were the next main income source, amounting to 23.4 per cent of the total recurrent income (Table 13).

Between 2014 and 2017, average expenditure per band club rose from €37,526 to €44,516, while average income per band club rose from €41,049 to €56,572 (Chart 4) ■

Table 1. Band clubs' membership by type and sex

Type of member	2014 (Revised)			2017		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Resident band players	1,652	580	2,232	1,627	615	2,242
Trainee band players	1,093	609	1,702	812	470	1,282
<i>Paying</i>	289	106	395	108	23	131
<i>Non Paying</i>	804	503	1,307	704	447	1,151
Committee members	1,019	68	1,087	1,011	84	1,095
Other Members	17,347	5,120	22,467	16,813	5,894	22,707
Total	21,111	6,377	27,488	20,263	7,063	27,326
%						
Resident band players	74.0	26.0	100.0	72.6	27.4	100.0
Trainee band players	64.2	35.8	100.0	63.3	36.7	100.0
Committee members	93.7	6.3	100.0	92.3	7.7	100.0
Other Members	77.2	22.8	100.0	74.0	26.0	100.0
Total	76.8	23.2	100.0	74.2	25.8	100.0

Chart 1. Resident and trainee band players: 2014 and 2017

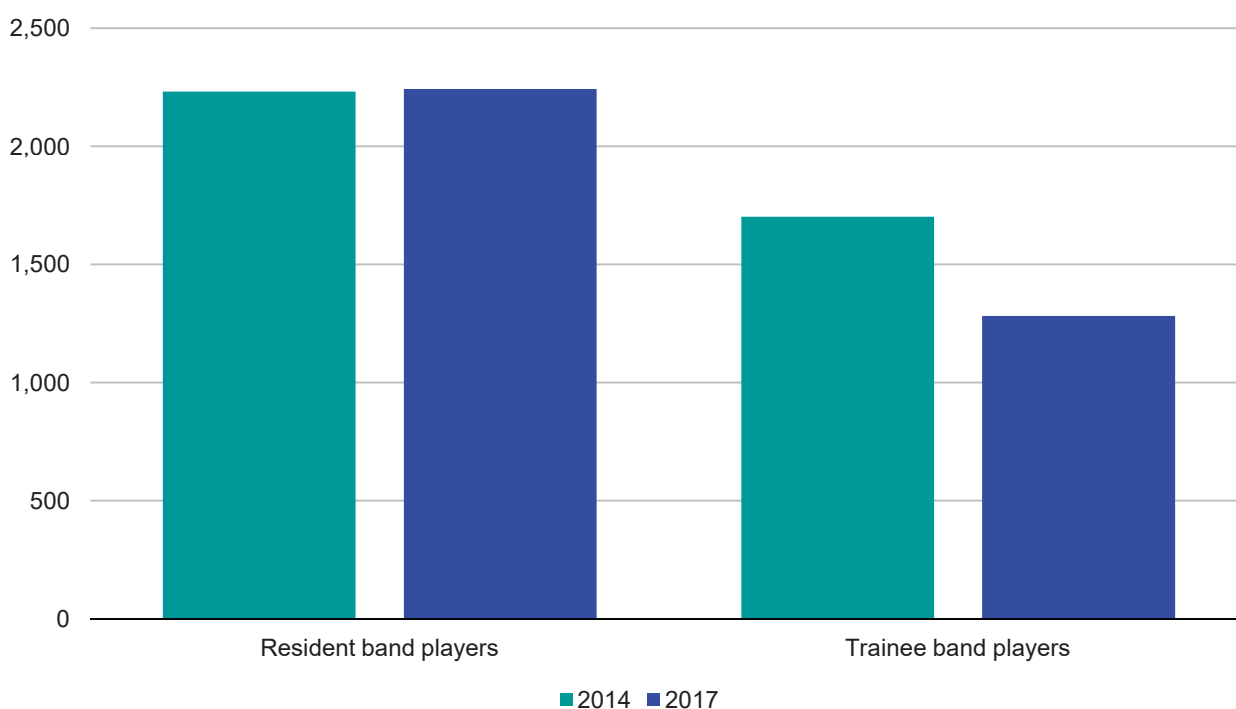


Table 2. Distribution of band clubs' membership by type

Type of member	per cent					
	2014 (Revised)			2017		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Resident band players	7.8	9.1	8.1	8.0	8.7	8.2
Trainee band players	5.2	9.5	6.2	4.0	6.7	4.7
Committee members	4.8	1.1	4.0	5.0	1.2	4.0
Other Members	82.2	80.3	81.7	83.0	83.4	83.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Table 3. Band clubs' membership as a percentage of total population aged 5-84 years

Type of member	per cent					
	2014 (Revised)			2017		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Resident band players	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.5
Trainee band players	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3
Committee members	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2
Other Members	8.4	2.5	5.5	7.4	2.7	5.1
Total	10.2	3.1	6.7	9.0	3.2	6.2

Table 4. Number of band clubs' performances

	2014	2017
In own locality	734	805
In other localities	443	458
Total	1,177	1,263

Table 5. Band clubs' publications by district and type

District	2014 (Revised)					2017				
	Feast books	Magazines/ leaflets	CDs	DVDs	Total	Feast books	Magazines/ leaflets	CDs	DVDs	Total
Southern Harbour	20	37	11	11	80	20	43	9	15	87
Northern Harbour	19	13	8	5	45	20	20	7	1	48
South Eastern	22	22	4	9	57	24	36	8	10	78
Western	12	32	2	4	50	12	16	3	4	35
Northern	7	5	1	3	16	11	10	4	2	27
Gozo and Comino	12	27	5	2	46	10	31	4	-	45
Total	92	137	31	34	294	97	156	35	32	320

Table 6. Copies of band clubs' publications sold or distributed by district and type

2014 (Revised)								
District	Feast books		Magazines/ leaflets		CDs		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	-	-
South Eastern	20,300	50	32,310	-	-	382	120	398
Western	12,100	-	17,430	-	-	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	1,235	101,436	47	443	2,393	239	1,123
2017								
District	Feast books		Magazines/ leaflets		CDs		DVDs	
	free	sold	free	sold	free	sold	free	sold
Southern Harbour	29,220	-	15,440	-	186	1,032	30	638
Northern Harbour	9,890	-	7,165	-	50	117	-	30
South Eastern	19,876	110	27,695	-	269	980	15	450
Western	10,560	-	11,750	200	25	364	-	204
Northern	7,700	-	1,000	-	320	289	-	-
Gozo and Comino	5,760	773	11,110	-	105	215	-	-
Total	83,006	883	74,160	200	955	2,997	45	1,322

Table 7. Resident band players by band clubs' district and sex

District	2014			2017		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	1,652	580	2,232	1,627	615	2,242
Malta	1,275	479	1,753	1,338	538	1,876
Southern Harbour	263	93	356	263	69	332
Northern Harbour	303	94	398	265	103	368
South Eastern	356	134	490	388	177	565
Western	205	80	285	253	95	348
Northern	148	77	225	169	94	263
Gozo and Comino	377	102	479	289	77	366
%						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	77.2	82.5	78.5	82.2	87.5	83.7
Southern Harbour	15.9	16.1	15.9	16.2	11.2	14.8
Northern Harbour	18.4	16.3	17.8	16.3	16.7	16.4
South Eastern	21.5	23.1	21.9	23.9	28.8	25.2
Western	12.4	13.8	12.8	15.5	15.4	15.5
Northern	9.0	13.3	10.1	10.4	15.3	11.7
Gozo and Comino	22.8	17.5	21.5	17.8	12.5	16.3

Table 8. Trainee band players by band clubs' district and sex

District	2014 (Revised)			2017		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	1,093	609	1,702	812	470	1,282
Malta	912	517	1,429	734	428	1,162
Southern Harbour	271	91	362	168	86	254
Northern Harbour	186	145	331	146	68	214
South Eastern	227	150	377	232	146	378
Western	134	61	195	109	75	184
Northern	94	70	164	79	53	132
Gozo and Comino	181	92	273	78	42	120
%						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	83.4	84.9	84.0	90.4	91.1	90.6
Southern Harbour	24.8	14.9	21.3	20.7	18.3	19.8
Northern Harbour	17.0	23.9	19.5	18.0	14.5	16.7
South Eastern	20.8	24.6	22.1	28.6	31.1	29.5
Western	12.3	10.0	11.5	13.4	16.0	14.4
Northern	8.6	11.5	9.6	9.7	11.3	10.3
Gozo and Comino	16.6	15.1	16.0	9.6	8.9	9.4

Table 9. Committee members by band clubs' district and sex

District	2014			2017		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	1,019	68	1,087	1,011	84	1,095
Malta	892	59	952	917	77	994
Southern Harbour	238	16	254	232	17	249
Northern Harbour	219	11	231	224	14	238
South Eastern	211	13	224	232	22	254
Western	154	10	164	144	15	159
Northern	70	9	79	85	9	94
Gozo and Comino	127	8	135	94	7	101
%						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	87.6	87.7	87.6	90.7	91.7	90.9
Southern Harbour	23.4	23.5	23.4	22.9	20.2	22.8
Northern Harbour	21.5	16.8	21.2	22.2	16.7	21.8
South Eastern	20.7	19.3	20.6	22.9	26.2	23.2
Western	15.1	14.8	15.1	14.2	17.9	14.5
Northern	6.9	13.3	7.3	8.4	10.7	8.6
Gozo and Comino	12.4	12.3	12.4	9.3	8.3	9.1

Table 10. Other members by band clubs' district and sex

District	2014 (Revised)			2017		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
MALTA	17,346	5,120	22,466	16,813	5,894	22,707
Malta	15,598	4,499	20,097	15,603	5,240	20,844
Southern Harbour	4,061	685	4,746	3,442	609	4,051
Northern Harbour	3,145	462	3,607	2,922	834	3,755
South Eastern	4,607	2,175	6,782	5,121	2,347	7,468
Western	2,370	806	3,176	2,531	1,085	3,616
Northern	1,415	371	1,786	1,587	366	1,953
Gozo and Comino	1,748	621	2,369	1,210	654	1,864
%						
MALTA	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Malta	89.9	87.9	89.5	92.8	88.9	91.8
Southern Harbour	23.4	13.4	21.1	20.5	10.3	17.8
Northern Harbour	18.1	9.0	16.1	17.4	14.1	16.5
South Eastern	26.6	42.5	30.2	30.5	39.8	32.9
Western	13.7	15.7	14.1	15.1	18.4	15.9
Northern	8.2	7.2	7.9	9.4	6.2	8.6
Gozo and Comino	10.1	12.1	10.5	7.2	11.1	8.2

Table 11. Band clubs' recurrent expenditure by type

Type of expenditure	2014 (Revised)		2017	
	€	%	€	%
Remuneration of band players	1,233,075	36.5	1,438,397	35.9
Musical programme	180,022	5.3	252,839	6.3
Training programme	113,030	3.3	121,182	3.0
Administrative expenses	504,119	14.9	426,466	10.6
Interest payable	36,106	1.1	38,586	1.0
Advertising*	333,347	9.9	330,666	8.3
Other expenditure	977,615	28.9	1,398,349	34.9
Total	3,377,314	100.0	4,006,484	100.0

* Expenditure on advertising includes expenditure on publications.

Note: Taxation and depreciation have been excluded from the compilation of expenditure.

Chart 2. Average expenditure by type: 2014 and 2017

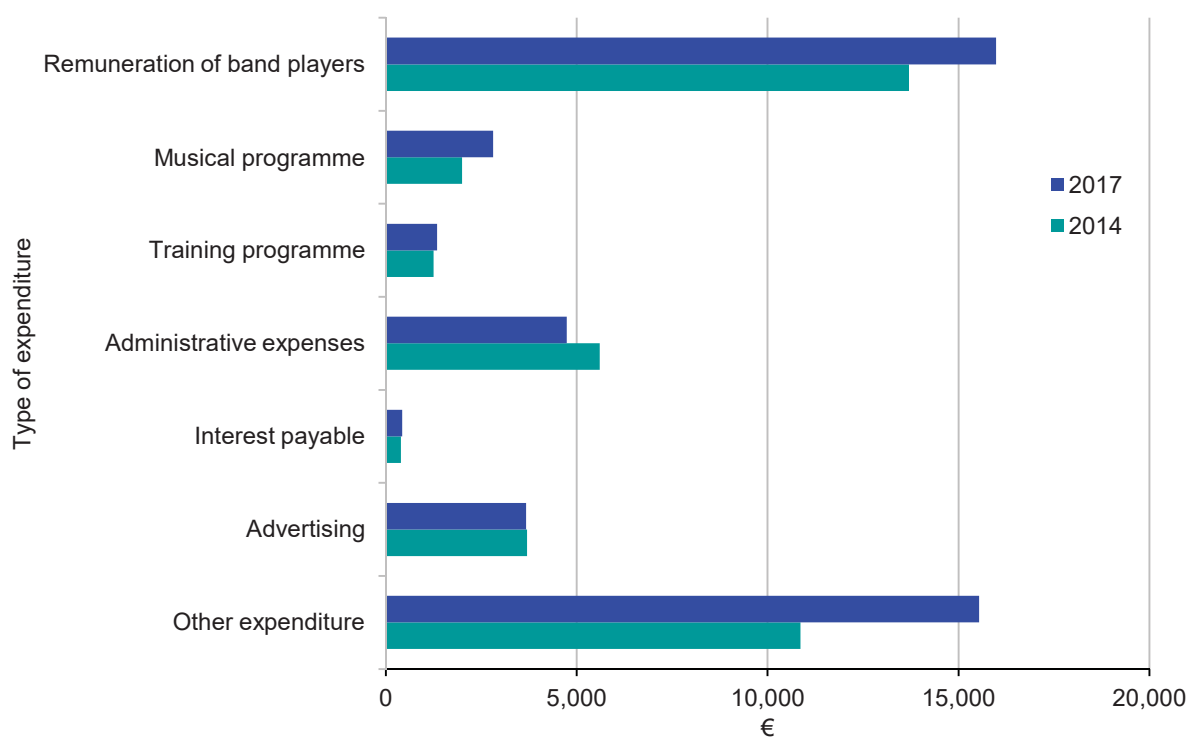


Table 12. Band clubs' recurrent expenditure by district

District	2014 (Revised)		2017	
	€	% total	€	% total
MALTA	3,377,314	100.0	4,006,484	100.0
Malta	3,045,586	90.2	3,619,552	90.3
Southern Harbour	757,150	22.4	766,842	19.1
Northern Harbour	709,684	21.0	891,729	22.3
South Eastern	829,584	24.6	1,088,365	27.2
Western	380,349	11.3	589,413	14.7
Northern	368,818	10.9	283,202	7.1
Gozo and Comino	331,729	9.8	386,932	9.7

Note: Taxation and depreciation have been excluded from the compilation of expenditure.

Chart 3. Average expenditure by district: 2014 and 2017

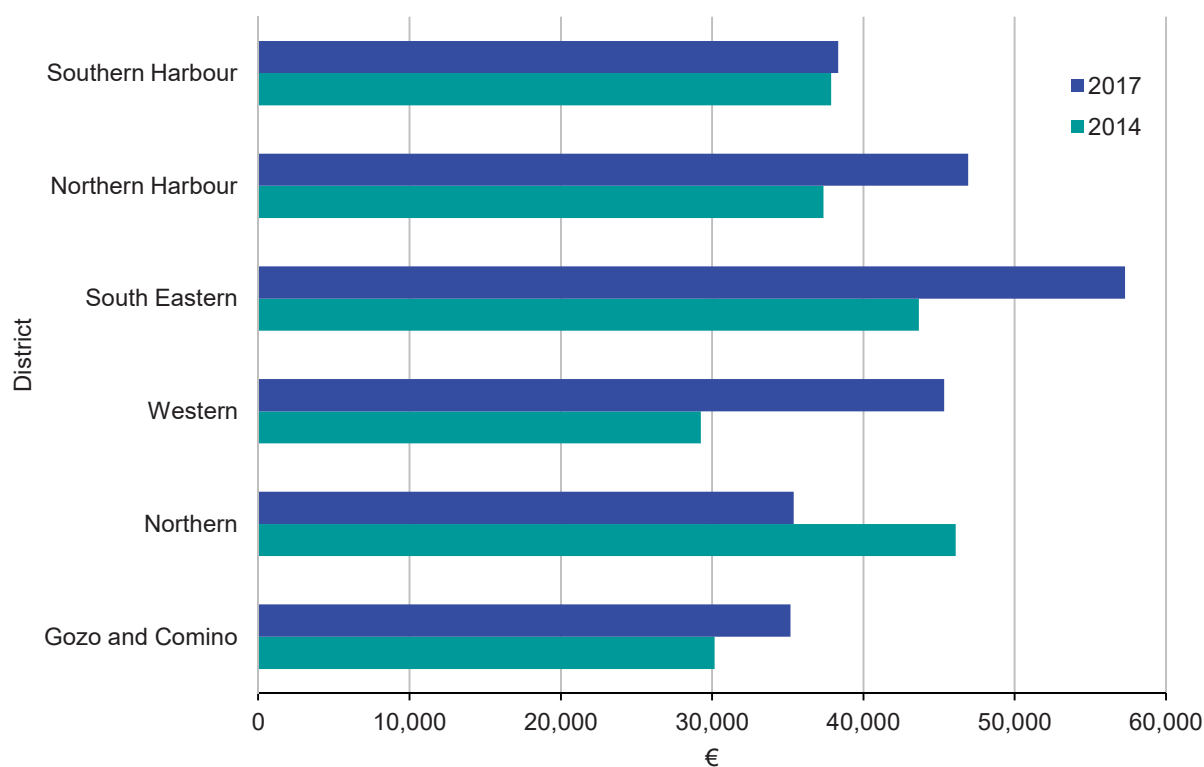
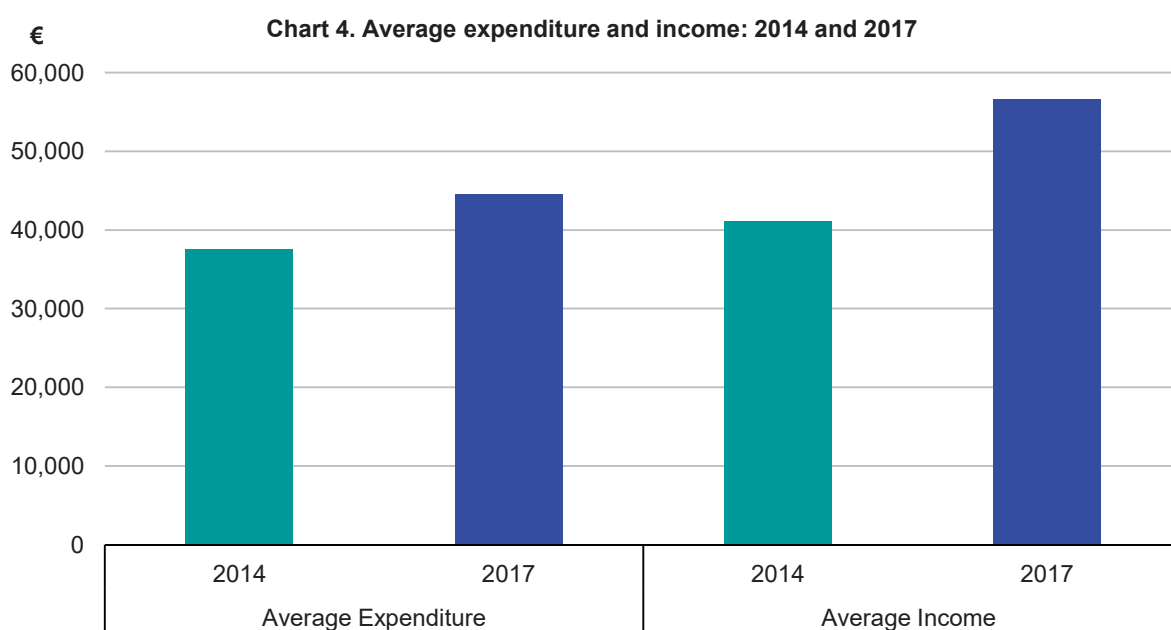


Table 13. Band clubs' recurrent income by type

Type of income	2014		2017	
	€	%	€	%
Donations	764,383	20.7	1,193,156	23.4
Fund raising activities	732,934	19.8	1,013,919	19.9
Advertisements	269,449	7.3	297,638	5.8
Income from interest	67,601	1.8	23,681	0.5
Other services	598,286	16.2	655,385	12.9
Other income	1,261,750	34.2	1,907,668	37.5
Total	3,694,403	100.0	5,091,446	100.0

Table 14. Band clubs' recurrent income by district

District	2014		2017	
	€	%	€	%
MALTA	3,694,403	100.0	5,091,446	100.0
Malta	3,216,621	87.1	4,655,124	91.4
Southern Harbour	638,380	17.3	1,110,469	21.8
Northern Harbour	813,584	22.0	873,646	17.2
South Eastern	994,578	26.9	1,415,143	27.8
Western	426,713	11.6	887,102	17.4
Northern	343,367	9.3	368,764	7.2
Gozo and Comino	477,782	12.9	436,322	8.6



Methodological Notes

1. The survey on band clubs was conducted in 2018. All band clubs in Malta and Gozo were surveyed. The total amount of band clubs in 2017 was 90.
2. The response rate for this survey stood at 77.8 per cent of the total in 2017.
3. Missing or misleading data identified during analysis were queried with 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.
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