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## Culture

### Museums and Historical Sites 2004

Just over half of the 54 surveyed museums and historical sites on the Maltese Islands are owned by the state. Another 14, or 25.9 per cent, are Church-owned, while a further 12 are privately run. The largest portion of museums – 28.8 per cent – are specialised museums. These include religious, banking, toy and theatre museums, amongst others. 20.3 per cent of surveyed museums are classified as archaeology and history museums, 18.6 per cent as art museums, and 13.6 per cent as monuments and sites.

In the three-year period from 2002 to 2004, the number of individual paid admissions to museums increased by 419,515, or 73 per cent, to 996,851. This was mainly due to a substantial increase in the number of visits to art museums and archaeology and history museums. The most frequented places in this year were art museums (31.4%), followed by archaeology and history museums (29.2%), military museums (12.4%) and monuments & sites (12.1%). The least popular museums – with just one per cent of all visitors – were maritime museums. Between 2003 and 2004, paid group admissions increased by 43 per cent.

Paid admissions by individuals to museums in Gozo also increased over this period, from 69,485 in 2002 to 114,245, an increase of 64.4 per cent. The most popular places in Gozo were monuments and sites – these garnered 62.6 per cent of all individual paid admissions.

From the year 2003 to 2004, the number of full-time staff employed by museums increased from 177 to 280, an increase of 58.2 per cent. The number of part-time staff also increased by 36.4 per cent. The number of voluntary staff showed an increase as well, from 106 in 2003 to 112 in 2004, an increase of 5.7 per cent. Female employment, which in 2004 accounted for 24.5 per cent of all employed staff, increased by 61.1 per cent, from 54 in 2003 to 87 in 2004.

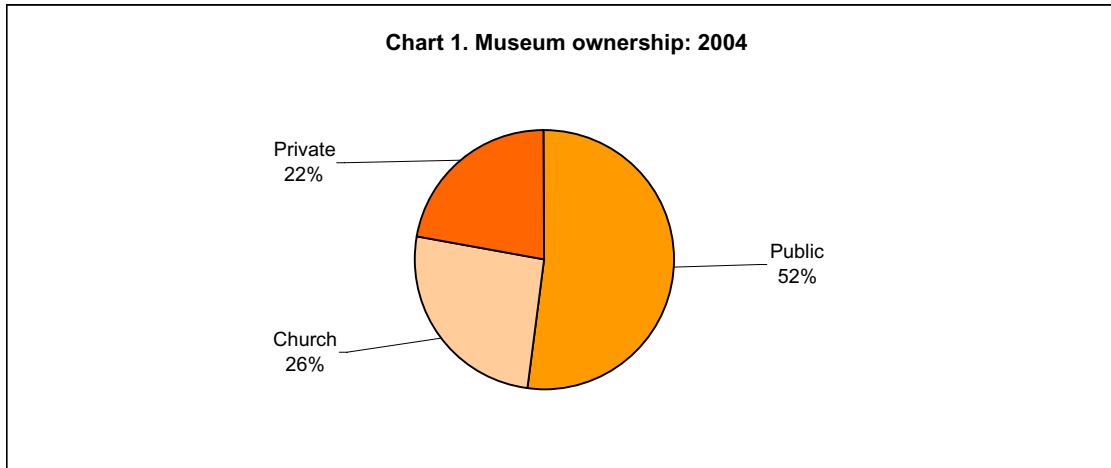
Total museum expenditure in 2004 amounted to just over Lm2.65 million. Of this expenditure, expenditure on staff constituted 70 per cent, whilst 3.9 per cent went on capital expenditure and 5.5 per cent on maintenance and operational costs. Total income for the year 2004 reached just over Lm2.4 million, the bulk of which – or 64.1 per cent – were collected from admission fees. In the year 2004, museums and historical sites registered a total deficit of a little more than Lm0.2 million ■

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**Table 1. Museum ownership: 2004**

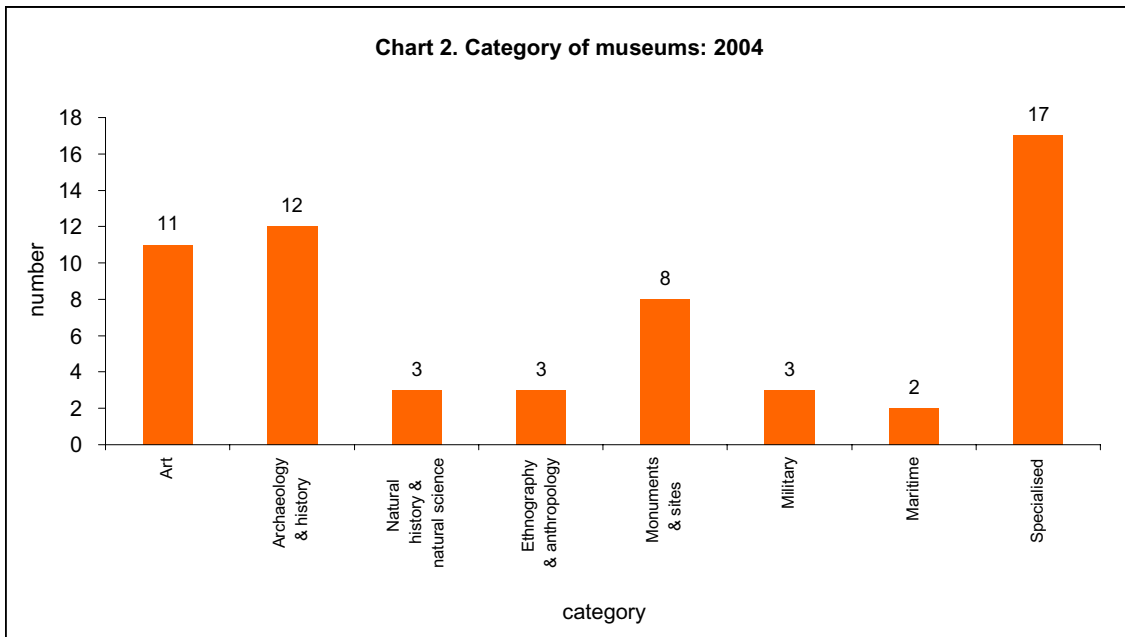
	<b>Public</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Private</b>	<b>Total</b>
Total	28	14	12	<b>54</b>
Percentage	51.9	25.9	22.2	<b>100.0</b>



**Table 2. Category of museums: 2004 \***

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Art	11	18.6
Archaeology & history	12	20.3
Natural history & natural science	3	5.1
Ethnography & anthropology	3	5.1
Monuments & sites	8	13.6
Military	3	5.1
Maritime	2	3.4
Specialised	17	28.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>100.0</b>

\* Museums in Table 1 may fall under more than one category in Table 2.



**Table 3. Number of items and exhibits purchased: 2004**

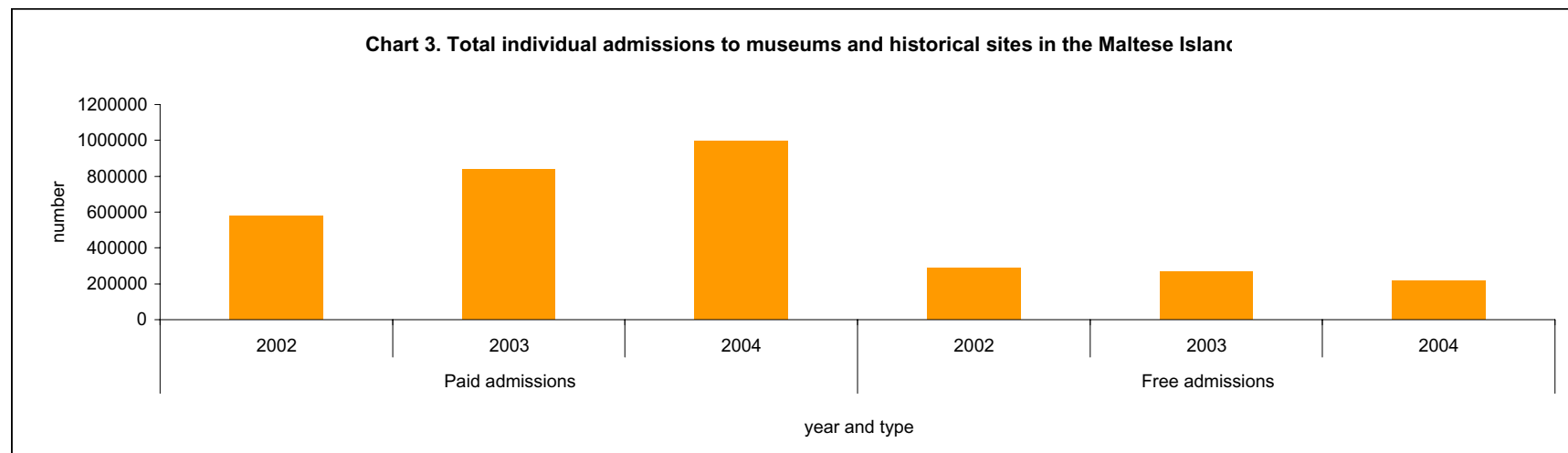
Item	Number
Paintings	2
Ornaments	2
Sculptures	-
Weapons	-
Photographs	-
Books	95
Other*	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>

\*These include statues, coins and tools

**Table 4. Individual admissions to museums and historical sites in the Maltese Islands**

Category	Paid admissions						Free admissions					
	2002		2003		2004		2002		2003		2004	
	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%
Art	138,236	23.9	340,526	40.6	313,292	31.4	76,574	26.4	92,850	34.8	78,164	35.8
Archaeology & history	171,364	29.7	180,620	21.5	290,726	29.2	44,495	15.3	41,052	15.4	26,499	12.1
Natural history & natural science	20,240	3.5	26,001	3.1	41,827	4.2	17,509	6.1	15,718	5.9	10,762	4.9
Ethnology & anthropology	13,897	2.4	27,606	3.3	42,176	4.2	14,555	5.0	9,687	3.6	6,551	3.0
Monuments and sites	83,119	14.4	91,296	10.9	120,514	12.1	82,901	28.6	85,737	32.1	71,925	32.9
Military	95,565	16.6	98,656	11.8	123,061	12.4	28,643	9.9	13,586	5.1	7,745	3.5
Maritime	8,329	1.4	7,485	0.9	10,405	1.0	4,695	1.6	2,891	1.1	2,369	1.1
Specialised	46,586	8.1	66,179	7.9	54,850	5.5	20,639	7.1	5,312	2.0	14,586	6.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>577,336</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>838,369</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>996,851</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>290,011</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>266,833</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>218,601</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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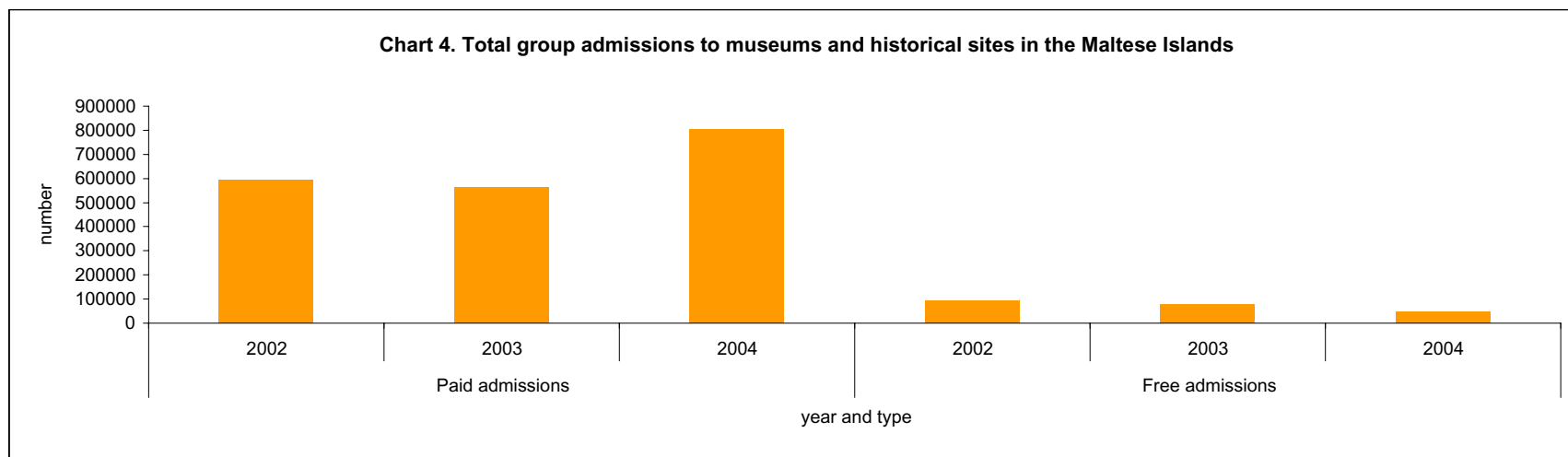


**Table 5. Group admissions to museums and historical sites in the Maltese Islands**

Category	Paid admissions						Free admissions					
	2002		2003		2004		2002		2003		2004	
	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%
Art	85,739	14.4	66,376	11.8	263,793	32.8	7,560	8.2	4,348	5.5	12,773	26.8
Archaeology & history	149,548	25.1	149,059	26.5	157,201	19.6	29,056	31.6	12,802	16.3	11,951	25.0
Natural history & natural science	47,990	8.1	48,026	8.6	51,769	6.4	9,454	10.3	4,590	5.9	2,654	5.6
Ethnology & anthropology	23,985	4.0	24,761	4.4	23,770	3.0	10,278	11.2	9,693	12.4	2,584	5.4
Monuments and sites	129,131	21.7	132,626	23.6	148,567	18.5	19,834	21.6	15,197	19.4	3,540	7.4
Military	68,111	11.4	61,279	10.9	47,676	5.9	7,893	8.6	8,915	11.4	2,652	5.6
Maritime	12,206	2.1	13,845	2.5	14,332	1.8	2,932	3.1	3,589	4.5	1,550	3.2
Specialised	78,733	13.2	65,714	11.7	96,795	12.0	4,927	5.4	19,263	24.6	10,031	21.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>595,443</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>561,686</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>803,903</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>91,934</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>78,397</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>47,735</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Chart 4. Total group admissions to museums and historical sites in the Maltese Islands**



**Table 6. Individual admissions to museums and historical sites in Gozo**

Category	Paid admissions						Free admissions					
	2002		2003		2004		2002		2003		2004	
	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%
Art	-	-	-	-	-	-	61,000	37.2	70,000	40.8	70,000	46.9
Archaeology & history	7,633	11.0	8,054	9.1	11,698	10.2	7,851	4.8	5,169	3.0	1,476	1.0
Natural history & natural science	1,040	1.5	3,472	3.9	7,958	7.0	6,061	3.7	4,465	2.6	1,461	1.0
Ethnology & anthropology	6,957	10.0	17,516	19.7	18,695	16.4	9,956	6.0	7,171	4.2	4,380	2.9
Monuments and sites	48,200	69.4	53,543	60.2	71,531	62.6	76,050	46.4	81,505	47.6	68,873	46.2
Military	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maritime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specialised	5,655	8.1	6,344	7.1	4,363	3.8	3,112	1.9	3,099	1.8	3,020	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>69,485</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>88,929</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>114,245</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>164,030</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>171,409</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>149,210</b>	<b>100.0</b>

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**Table 7. Group admissions to museums and historical sites in Gozo**

Category	Paid admissions						Free admissions					
	2002		2003		2004		2002		2003		2004	
	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%	No. of persons	%
Art	-	-	-	-	-	-	157	0.6	163	1.0	163	2.7
Archaeology & history	3,361	2.2	4,567	3.2	2,386	1.5	2,954	12.1	1,643	9.9	766	12.5
Natural history & natural science	-	-	-	-	-	-	925	3.8	953	5.8	602	9.8
Ethnology & anthropology	3,465	2.2	3,226	2.2	927	0.6	6,761	27.6	5,410	32.8	1,205	19.6
Monuments and sites	88,934	57.4	88,417	61.5	100,965	64.9	12,832	52.5	7,725	46.8	2,710	44.2
Military	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maritime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Specialised	59,262	38.2	47,649	33.1	51,458	33.0	831	3.4	610	3.7	686	11.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,022</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>143,859</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>155,736</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>24,460</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>16,504</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>6,132</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 8. Full-time paid staff employed by museums and historical sites in the Maltese Islands**

	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Director	5	1	6	5	1	6	15	2	17
Curator	4	2	6	3	1	4	5	1	6
Assistant curator	5	2	7	6	2	8	6	3	9
Museum officer	20	7	27	20	7	27	24	10	34
Conservator (restorer)	9	-	9	8	-	8	11	-	11
Museum guide	19	9	28	22	10	32	33	14	47
Administrative staff	10	3	13	6	3	9	20	7	27
Other staff	80	9	89	71	12	83	112	17	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>280</b>

**Table 9. Part-time paid staff employed by museums and historical sites in the Maltese Islands**

	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Director	2	-	2	2	-	2	1	-	1
Curator	1	-	1	2	1	3	1	-	1
Assistant curator	2	6	8	2	4	6	3	4	7
Museum officer	20	6	26	22	3	25	29	20	49
Conservator (restorer)	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Museum guide	4	3	7	5	4	9	1	2	3
Administrative staff	2	2	4	2	1	3	5	2	7
Other staff	2	5	7	2	5	7	2	5	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>75</b>

**Table 10. Full-time voluntary staff engaged in museums and historical sites in the Maltese Islands**

	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Director	4	-	4	6	-	6	6	-	6
Curator	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
Assistant curator	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	1	1
Museum officer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Conservator (restorer)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Museum guide	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative staff	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1
Other staff	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>

**Table 11. Part-time voluntary staff engaged in museums and historical sites in the Maltese Islands**

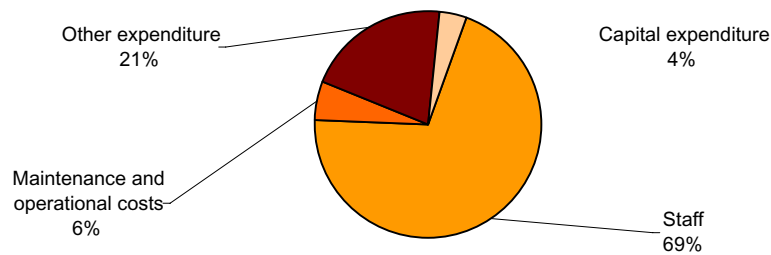
	2002			2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Director	4	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	2
Curator	3	-	3	1	-	1	3	1	4
Assistant curator	3	-	3	2	-	2	2	-	2
Museum officer	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
Conservator (restorer)	10	-	10	12	-	12	12	-	12
Museum guide	13	9	22	22	18	40	22	17	39
Administrative staff	3	1	4	2	1	3	7	2	9
Other staff	12	10	22	11	20	31	13	21	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>102</b>



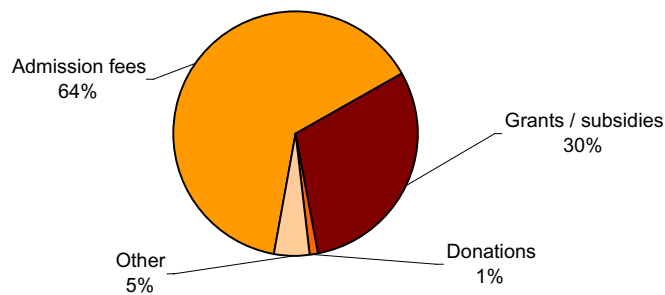
**Table 12. Museum expenditure and income: 2004**

	<b>Lm</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>Recurrent expenditure</b>	<b>2,549,951</b>	<b>96.1</b>
Staff	1,856,882	70.0
Maintenance and operational costs	146,972	5.5
Other expenditure	546,097	20.6
<b>Capital expenditure</b>	<b>103,119</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Acquisition of exhibits	53,407	2.0
Machinery and equipment	24,260	0.9
Land and buildings	25,452	1.0
<b>Income</b>	<b>2,436,516</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Admission fees	1,561,435	64.1
Grants / subsidies	734,740	30.2
Donations	26,315	1.1
Other	114,026	4.7
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2,653,070</b>	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,436,516</b>	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>-216,554</b>	

**Chart 5. Distribution of expenditure: 2004**



**Chart 6. Distribution of income: 2004**



## **Methodological notes**

1. This survey on museums and historical sites was conducted exhaustively, i.e. aimed at 100 per cent coverage. All museums and historical sites in Malta and Gozo were surveyed - 54 in total
2. The global response rate for this survey stood at 47, or 87.0 per cent of the total.
3. Missing data was 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 and is not subject to further revision.