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Sports Organisations 2003 - 2004

In the years 2003 and 2004, a total of 395 sports organisations were in operation in the Maltese Islands. The type of sport with the most organisations was football, with 22.5 per cent of all organisations. Martial arts and *boćći* clubs made up 8.61 per cent of the total. Bodybuilding clubs & gyms also proved popular, constituting 8.1 per cent of all sports organisations. The least common organisations were baseball and badminton sports organisations with just 0.51 per cent of the total each.

Membership of sports organisations increased as a total in the years under review, growing from 76,593 in 2003 to 81,077 in 2004, an increase of 5.85 per cent. The 5-14 year old age group contains the largest number of members; with 20.4 per cent of all members in 2004. Other significant age groups in 2004 were as follows: 20-24 with 19.7 per cent, 15-19 with 16.4 per cent and 25-29 with 13.7 per cent

During 2004, football clubs boasted the largest amount of members, making up 28.8 per cent of total membership. This was followed by sports clubs, with 24.1 per cent of members, and gyms & body building clubs, with 10.3 per cent.

Although not exclusively the domain of men, sports organisations are certainly dominated by males. Nearly 75 per cent of all members in 2004 were males. In this same year, 30.4 per cent of the total male population and just over ten per cent of the total female population were members of a sports organisation. In the years 2003 and 2004, 19.2 and 20.1 per cent respectively of the Maltese population were members of a sports organisation. In both years this percentage was highest in the age group 20-24, followed by the age group 15-19.

Persons employed by sports organisations varied only slightly between 2003 and 2004. Full-time employees increased from 208 to 217 - an increase of 4.3 per cent, whilst part-time employees increased from 393 to 431 - an increase of 9.7 per cent. By their very nature, sports organisations are structured on more of a voluntary basis rather than employment. In fact, a further 2,375 persons work within sports organisations on a voluntary basis.

In the years under review, the total expenditure by sports organisations decreased by 22.7 per cent. The largest chunk of expenditure in 2004 - 31.4 per cent - went on staff wages and salaries. This was followed by expenditure on maintenance and operations with 20.7 per cent and 'other' expenditure with 15.6 per cent of total expenditure.

The total income also decreased from Lm4.4 million in 2003 to Lm4.0 million in 2004 a decrease of 9.3 per cent over the previous year. The greatest source of income for sports organisations is by far income from membership fees, which in 2004 made up 42.8 per cent of the total. 'Other' income also accounted for 23.4 per cent of the total. Sports organisations recorded a global loss of Lm0.6 million in 2004 ■

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Table 1. Distribution of organisation by type of sport

Type of sport	Number	% total
Athletics	10	2.53
Badminton	2	0.51
Baseball	2	0.51
Basketball	17	4.30
Billiards	6	1.52
Boćci	34	8.61
Cycling	4	1.01
Darts	4	1.01
Diving	25	6.33
Fencing	3	0.76
Football	89	22.53
Gymnastics	4	1.01
Gyms	32	8.10
Handball	5	1.27
Hockey	5	1.27
Horses	5	1.27
Martial arts	34	8.61
Motoring	3	0.76
Netball	3	0.76
Regatta	5	1.27
Sailing	7	1.77
Shooting	6	1.52
Sports clubs	21	5.32
Table tennis	3	0.76
Tennis	10	2.53
Volleyball	3	0.76
Water sports	10	2.53
Waterpolo	14	3.54
Other	29	7.34
Total	395	100.00

* Other organisations are: archery, bridge, canoeing, chess, cricket, draughts, fishing, golf, karting, pigeon racing, polo, rugby, squash, swimming, triathlon, ten pin bowling and wrestling.

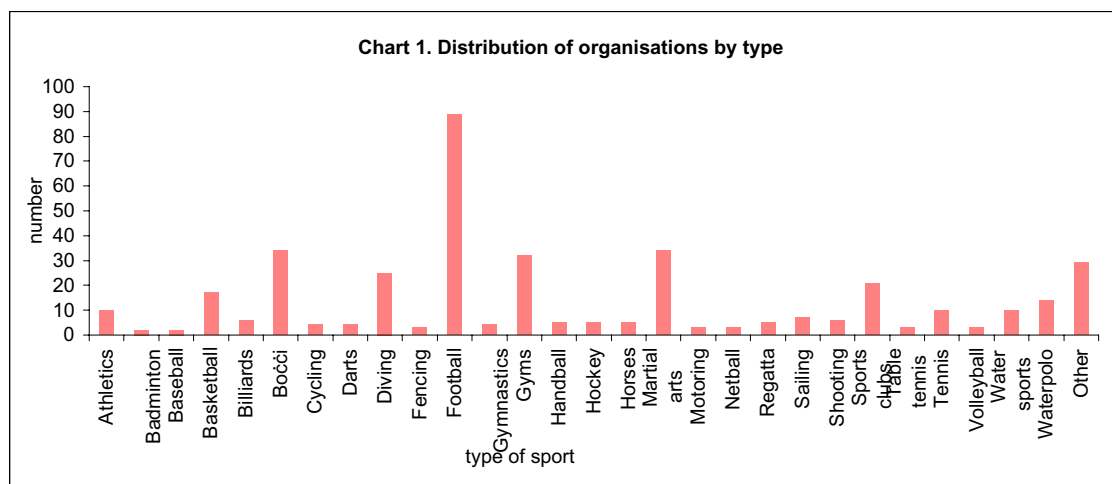


Table 2. Distributions of members by sex and age group

Age group	2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
5 - 14	13,769	1,812	15,581	14,322	2,187	16,509
15 - 19	8,842	4,029	12,871	9,120	4,154	13,274
20 - 24	9,633	5,198	14,831	10,450	5,520	15,970
25 - 29	7,774	2,597	10,371	8,332	2,772	11,104
30 - 39	7,388	2,500	9,888	7,754	2,631	10,385
40 - 49	5,211	1,362	6,573	5,510	1,504	7,014
50+	4,926	1,552	6,478	5,154	1,667	6,821
Total	57,543	19,050	76,593	60,642	20,435	81,077

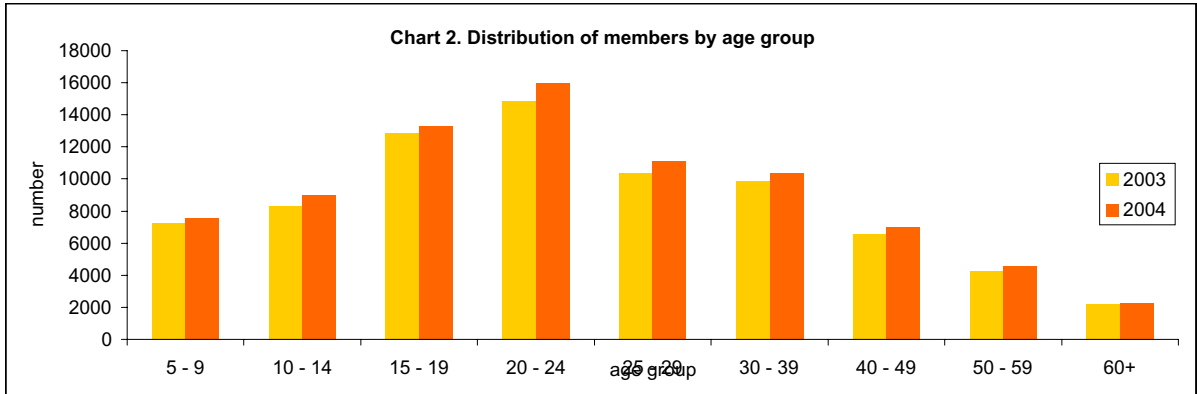


Table 3. Percentage distributions of members by age group and sex

Age group	2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
% sex						
5 - 14	88.37	11.63	100.00	86.75	13.25	100.00
15 - 19	68.70	31.30	100.00	68.71	31.29	100.00
20 - 24	64.95	35.05	100.00	65.44	34.56	100.00
25 - 29	74.96	25.04	100.00	75.04	24.96	100.00
30 - 39	74.72	25.28	100.00	74.67	25.33	100.00
40 - 49	79.28	20.72	100.00	78.56	21.44	100.00
50+	76.04	23.96	100.00	75.56	24.44	100.00
Total	75.13	24.87	100.00	74.80	25.20	100.00

Table 4. Membership by age as a percentage of the Maltese population

Age group	2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
% population						
5 - 14	51.07	7.15	29.79	54.52	8.86	32.41
15 - 19	60.19	29.38	45.31	62.15	30.03	46.56
20 - 24	62.18	35.29	49.08	67.83	37.71	53.15
25 - 29	50.48	18.11	34.87	52.84	18.80	36.40
30 - 39	28.73	10.03	19.52	29.65	10.44	20.22
40 - 49	17.51	4.64	11.12	18.57	5.15	11.91
50+	8.26	2.24	5.03	8.40	2.35	5.15
Total	29.05	9.44	19.15	30.38	10.06	20.13

Table 5. Number of members by type of sport

Type of sport	2003				2004			
	Males	Females	Total	%	Males	Females	Total	%
Athletics	460	210	670	0.87	470	227	697	0.86
Badminton	61	29	90	0.12	62	30	92	0.11
Baseball	218	-	218	0.28	218	-	218	0.27
Basketball	691	516	1,207	1.58	711	620	1,331	1.64
Billiards	701	13	714	0.93	741	13	754	0.93
Bocci	2,281	42	2,323	3.03	2,307	44	2,351	2.90
Cycling	83	32	115	0.15	108	28	136	0.17
Darts	521	27	548	0.72	525	28	553	0.68
Diving	2,245	1,448	3,693	4.82	2,518	1,763	4,281	5.28
Fencing	29	15	44	0.06	31	15	46	0.06
Football	22,281	336	22,617	29.53	22,923	395	23,318	28.76
Gymnastics	29	83	112	0.15	174	281	455	0.56
Gyms	3,688	3,160	6,848	8.94	4,643	3,726	8,369	10.32
Handball	353	161	514	0.67	375	175	550	0.68
Hockey	516	26	542	0.71	530	43	573	0.71
Horses	200	340	540	0.71	215	381	596	0.73
Martial arts	1,824	617	2,441	3.19	1,873	663	2,536	3.13
Motoring	796	40	836	1.09	1,392	64	1,456	1.80
Netball	-	55	55	0.07	-	50	50	0.06
Regatta	120	-	120	0.16	120	-	120	0.15
Sailing	812	231	1,043	1.36	812	231	1,043	1.28
Shooting	394	-	394	0.51	307	-	307	0.38
Sports clubs	10,664	8,883	19,547	25.52	10,746	8,799	19,545	24.11
Table tennis	581	33	614	0.80	568	33	601	0.74
Tennis	939	643	1,582	2.07	1,040	674	1,714	2.11
Volleyball	-	96	96	0.12	-	96	96	0.12
Water sports	45	10	55	0.07	48	-	48	0.06
Waterpolo	2,881	1,436	4,317	5.64	2,989	1,493	4,482	5.53
Other	4,128	568	4,696	6.13	4,197	564	4,761	5.87
Total	57,541	19,050	76,591	100.00	60,643	20,436	81,079	100.00

Table 6. Distributions of full time personnel employed by sports organisations by year, sex and type of staff

Type of staff	2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Administrative	40	29	69	39	32	71
Training	70	16	86	77	15	92
Other	49	4	53	51	3	54
Total	159	49	208	167	50	217

Table 7. Distributions of part time personnel employed by sports organisations by year, sex and type of staff

Type of staff	2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Administrative	15	20	35	17	24	41
Training	256	51	307	280	59	339
Other	31	20	51	34	17	51
Total	302	91	393	331	100	431

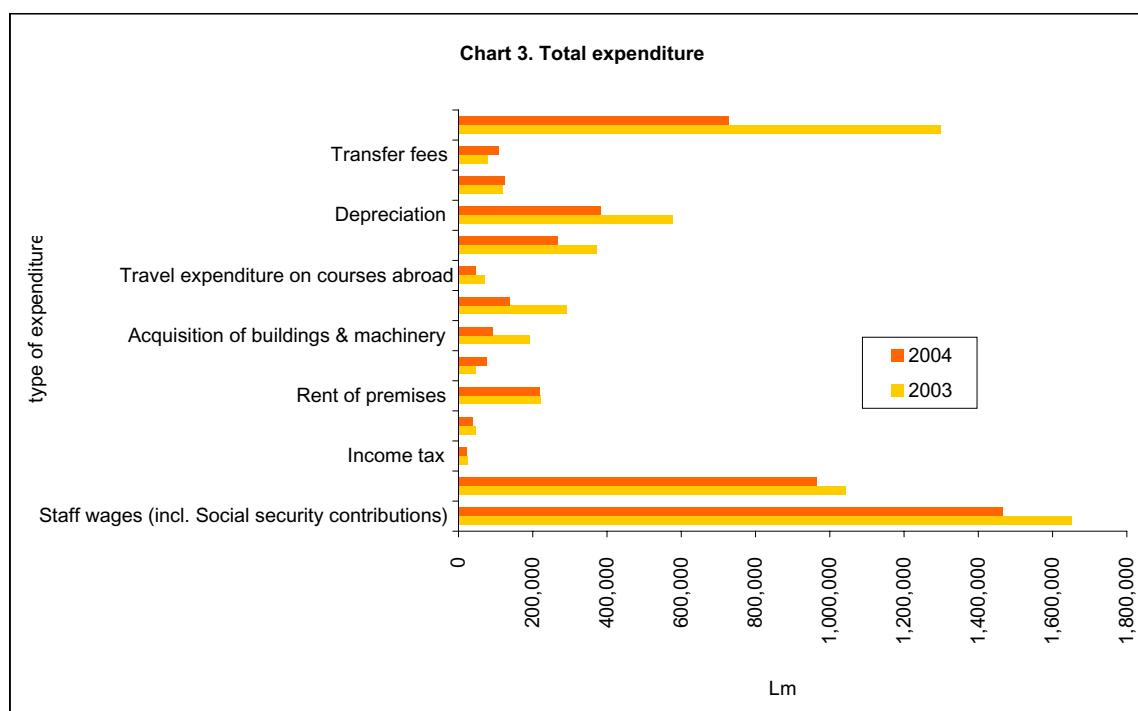
Table 8. Full time volunteers involved in sports organisations

Type of staff	2003			2004		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
Administrative	1,043	108	1,151	1,015	89	1,104
Training	673	76	749	696	75	771
Other	460	54	514	447	53	500
Total	2,176	238	2,414	2,158	217	2,375

Table 9. Total Expenditure

Type of expenditure	2003		2004	
	Lm	% total	Lm	% total
Staff wages (incl. Social security contributions)	1,652,365	27.42	1,464,405	31.43
Maintenance & operations	1,041,926	17.29	964,350	20.69
Income tax	23,539	0.39	21,773	0.47
Rent of land	46,208	0.77	36,818	0.79
Rent of premises	221,272	3.67	218,643	4.69
Interests	47,412	0.79	75,296	1.62
Acquisition of buildings & machinery	189,917	3.15	90,951	1.95
Acquisition of sporting equipment	291,674	4.84	138,356	2.97
Travel expenditure on courses abroad	69,899	1.16	46,500	1.00
Sponsorships given to sportspersons	370,854	6.15	267,826	5.75
Depreciation	575,179	9.54	380,473	8.16
Competition fees	119,372	1.98	122,208	2.62
Transfer fees	78,162	1.30	106,757	2.29
Other *	1,298,406	21.55	725,530	15.57
Total	6,026,184	100.00	4,659,886	100.00

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

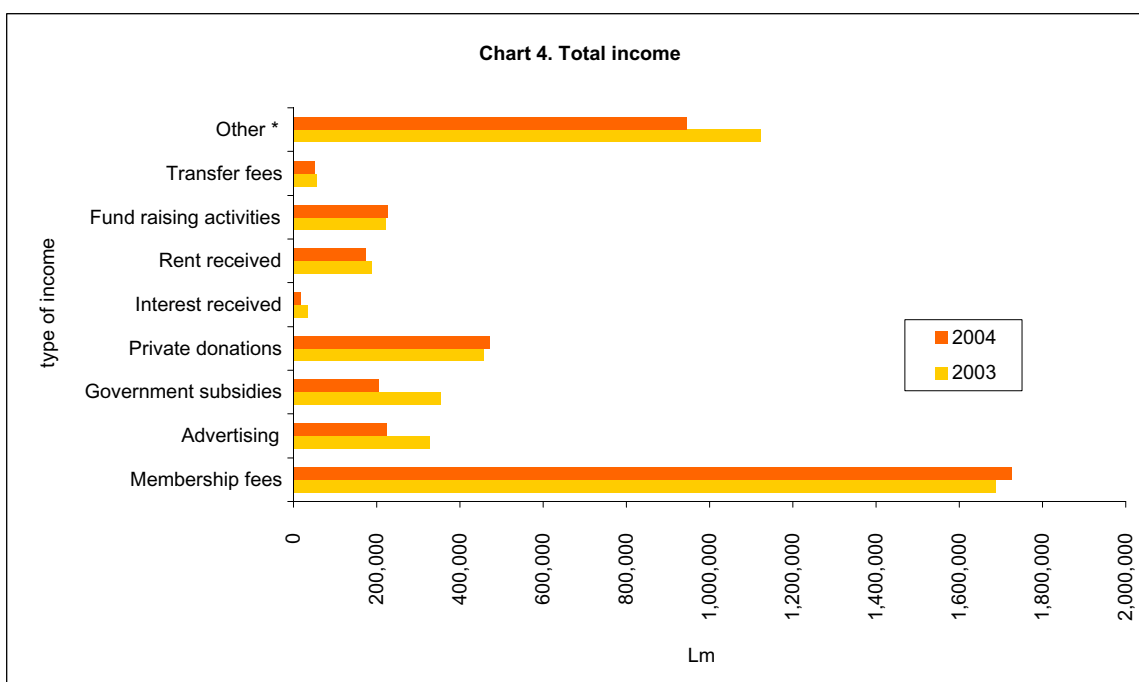


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Table 10. Total Income

Type of income	2003		2004	
	Lm	% total	Lm	% total
Membership fees	1,687,972	37.98	1,724,865	42.81
Advertising	326,875	7.36	222,399	5.52
Government subsidies	353,924	7.96	203,637	5.05
Private donations	456,176	10.27	471,080	11.69
Interest received	33,198	0.75	17,213	0.43
Rent received	187,131	4.21	172,500	4.28
Fund raising activities	220,880	4.97	224,518	5.57
Transfer fees	55,830	1.26	48,909	1.21
Other *	1,121,950	25.25	943,678	23.42
Total	4,443,936	100.00	4,028,799	100.00

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Table 11. Income and expenditure

	2003	2004
Total expenditure	6,026,184	4,659,886
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Income less expenditure	-1,582,248	-631,087

Methodological notes

1. This survey on sports organisations was conducted exhaustively, i.e. aimed at 100 per cent coverage. All sports organisations in Malta and Gozo were surveyed - 395 in total.
2. The global response rate for this survey stood at 182, or 46.1 per cent of the total organisations.
3. Missing data was imputed by the application of valid mathematical algorithms. Post-stratification weighting by type of sport was applied in order to compensate for unit non-response.
4. The data in this release should be considered as final and is not subject to further revision.