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Sport Organisations 2005

In 2005, nearly 102,900 persons were members of 436 sport organisations in Malta and Gozo, which employed a total of 1,352 persons and had a financial deficit of Lm1.1 million.

There were 436 active sport organisations in Malta and Gozo in 2005, including all associations and related companies. The largest proportion comprised football clubs.

The number of members in 2005 stood at 102,887, of which 81.0 per cent were males. The largest proportion of members was aged between 15 and 29 years of age, while the 60+ age group comprised the smallest proportion. In 2005, 25.5 per cent of the total population were members of a sport organisation.

The largest portion of members belonged to a football club, followed by sports clubs. Badminton and cycling clubs had the lowest percentage of members. Participants in sports activities in this same year totalled 67,650, of whom the majority took part in football.

A total of 1,352 persons were employed by sport organisations in 2005, of whom 70.9 per cent worked on a part-time basis. The majority comprised sports personnel, including paid players. A further 3,925 persons were volunteers in sport organisations in this same year, 58.5 per cent being committee members.

Income in 2005 totalled nearly Lm4.5 million - the largest share emanated from membership fees, followed by services provided (such as use of sports facilities). Total recurrent expenditure amounted to Lm5.5 million, of which Lm1.7 million went towards staff wages, salaries and payments to players. This resulted in a net loss of just under Lm1.1 million in the year under review ■

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Table 1. Distribution of organisations by type of sport: 2005

Type of sport	Number	% total
Athletics	12	2.75
Badminton	2	0.46
Basketball	18	4.13
Billiards	8	1.83
<i>Boóccí</i>	35	8.03
Cycling	4	0.92
Darts	5	1.15
Diving	41	9.40
Football	99	22.71
Gymnastics	4	0.92
Gyms	27	6.19
Handball	4	0.92
Hockey	5	1.15
Horses	6	1.38
Martial arts	28	6.42
Motoring	5	1.15
Regatta	5	1.15
Sailing	8	1.83
Shooting	6	1.38
Sports clubs	19	4.36
Table tennis	3	0.69
Tennis	10	2.29
Volleyball	4	0.92
Waterpolo	13	2.98
Other*	65	14.91
Total	436	100.00

* Other organisations include: archery, baseball, bridge, canoeing, chess, cricket, draughts, fencing, fishing, golf, karting, netball, pigeon racing, polo, rugby, squash, swimming, triathlon, ten pin bowling, water sports and wrestling.

Table 2. Distribution of members of sport organisations by sex and age group: 2005

Age group	Males	Females	Total
Under 15	18,051	1,588	19,639
15-29	38,661	10,506	49,167
30-59	23,590	6,761	30,351
60+	3,049	681	3,730
Total	83,351	19,536	102,887

Table 3. Sport organisation membership by age group as a percentage of the total population: 2005

Age group	Males	Females	Total
	% population		
Under 15	50.68	4.72	28.35
15-29	84.27	24.31	55.19
30-59	27.51	8.03	17.85
60+	9.13	1.60	4.91
Total	41.55	9.59	25.45

Table 4. Members of sport organisations by type of sport: 2005

Type of sport	Males	Females	Total
Athletics	1,156	454	1,610
Badminton	99	52	151
Basketball	973	524	1,497
Billiards	661	7	668
Bocci	3,501	21	3,522
Cycling	143	16	159
Darts	645	45	690
Diving	1,988	1,305	3,293
Football	35,946	958	36,904
Gymnastics	75	185	260
Gyms	3,541	3,107	6,648
Handball	274	126	400
Hockey	274	24	298
Horses	419	347	766
Martial arts	1,457	441	1,898
Motoring	958	75	1,033
Regatta	222	10	232
Sailing	938	403	1,341
Shooting	5,125	34	5,159
Sports clubs	8,757	6,746	15,503
Table tennis	248	26	274
Tennis	1,630	1,002	2,632
Volleyball	290	427	717
Waterpolo	1,610	957	2,567
Other	12,421	2,244	14,665
Total	83,351	19,536	102,887

Table 5. Participants in sport activities by type of sport: 2005

Type of sport	Males	Females	Total
Athletics	1,073	459	1,532
Badminton	99	52	151
Basketball	800	412	1,212
Billiards	146	11	157
Bocci	931	21	952
Cycling	23	26	49
Darts	589	32	621
Diving	3,525	2,056	5,581
Football	34,818	1,233	36,051
Gymnastics	166	360	526
Gyms	1,406	1,165	2,571
Handball	323	146	469
Hockey	372	31	403
Horses	181	318	499
Martial arts	1,081	333	1,414
Motoring	617	15	632
Regatta	86	6	92
Sailing	729	188	917
Shooting	3,227	1	3,228
Sports clubs	1,998	711	2,709
Table tennis	229	24	253
Tennis	1,353	828	2,181
Volleyball	290	427	717
Waterpolo	857	175	1,032
Other	3,062	639	3,701
Total	57,981	9,669	67,650

Table 6. Distribution of personnel employed by and persons volunteering in sport organisations by year, sex and type

Type of staff	Paid staff						Volunteers		
	Full-time			Part-time			Males	Females	Total
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total			
Committee members	42	6	48	49	8	57	2,106	190	2,296
President	8	-	8	5	2	7	271	11	282
Secretary	6	3	9	6	2	8	250	33	283
Treasurer	3	2	5	5	1	6	257	15	272
Other committee members	25	1	26	33	3	36	1,328	131	1,459
Sports personnel	161	17	178	696	67	763	1,279	115	1,394
Coach	35	8	43	194	22	216	429	43	472
Instructors	66	5	71	88	29	117	167	28	195
Paid players	54	4	58	378	10	388	559	37	596
Other sports personnel	6	-	6	36	6	42	124	7	131
Other staff	121	47	168	94	44	138	198	37	235
Technical (professional staff)	17	5	22	16	14	30	36	2	38
Administrative (professional staff)	16	14	30	20	6	26	28	3	31
Clerks & receptionists	5	22	27	10	16	26	11	7	18
Cleaners	8	4	12	5	6	11	31	14	45
Messengers	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-
Maintenance personnel	23	-	23	16	1	17	56	4	60
Other	52	2	54	25	1	26	36	7	43
Total	324	70	394	839	119	958	3,583	342	3,925

Table 7. Income and expenditure: 2005

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Total income	4,465,695
Membership fees	1,475,618
Services provided (eg. Use of sports facilities)	862,168
Advertising	240,213
Government subsidies and grants from the EU commission	262,099
Private donations	358,707
Interests	26,779
Rent	123,622
Fund raising activities	211,410
Services provided to other organisations	35,721
Transfer of players	106,745
Competition fees	96,069
Other income *	666,544
Total recurrent expenditure	5,533,056
Staff wages & salaries (including payments to players)	1,679,028
Sub-contracted legal & professional fees	51,597
Other sub-contracting fees	33,700
Income tax	8,276
Interests & other bank fees	125,349
Fees on training courses	30,723
Travel expenditure	199,723
Sponsorships given to members & athletes	109,390
Donations	36,293
Transfer of players	78,366
Competition fees	78,378
Administrative expenses	349,061
Maintenance of premises	415,908
Maintenance of equipment & machinery	701,609
Depreciation	509,162
Rent of land	79,182
Rent of premises	173,078
Other recurrent expenditure **	874,233
Financial balance	-1,067,361

* Other income includes: income from amusement machines, club activities, competitions & raffles and fines.

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

Income from sale of items with capital value	47,073
Sale of land	31,378
Sale of equipment and machinery	15,695
Capital expenditure	282,228
Acquisition of new land	8,554
Acquisition of property	21,916
Acquisition of new machinery & equipment	251,758

Methodological notes

1. Information carried in this news release was obtained from a survey of all sports organisations, associations and related companies in Malta and Gozo.
2. The global response rate for this survey stood at 66.1 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 appropriate mathematical algorithms.
4. The data in this release may be considered as final. Revisions may however be implemented as soon as more information is made available in the future.
5. Some discrepancies with previous years may be noted; this is due to the fact that the questionnaire for 2005 was revised in order to facilitate the data collection process. Accordingly, it is planned to revise the previous data in the near future.
6. A census of all sport organisations was carried out for the purpose of this survey; where no response was received after numerous reminders the organisation was assumed to be inactive. If it is later found that this is not the case, imputations will be revised as necessary.