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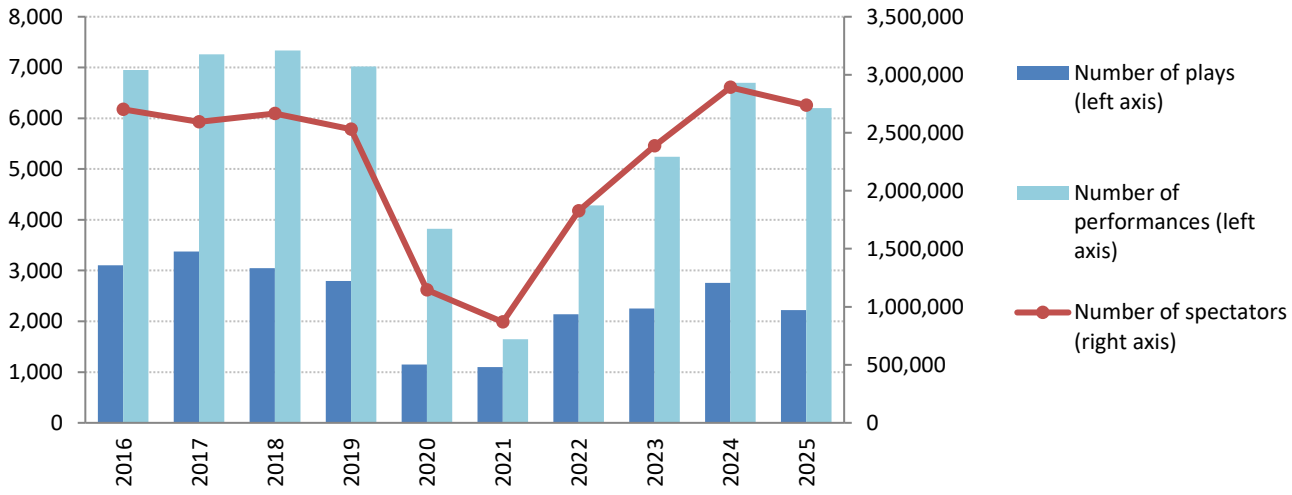
SURVEY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF STATE - MUNICIPAL THEATRES AND ORCHESTRAS, 2025

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on the Activities of State - Municipal Theatres and Orchestras for the theatrical year 2024-2025[(1)]. According to the results of the survey for this period, the following are observed:

- The activity of state - municipal theatres and orchestras, amounted to 2,223 plays, to 6,199 performances and to 2,736,117 spectators, recording a decrease of 19.3% in the number of plays, of 7.4% in the number of performances and of 5.4% in the number of spectators, when compared to the theatrical year of 2023-2024 (Table 1, Graph 1).
- During the winter season, the highest number of spectators was recorded in the categories of concerts (315,191), children's theater (223,161) and classical theater (209,791), whereas during the summer season, the highest number of spectators was observed in the categories of concerts (504,374), "other types of theatre" (217,566) and ancient Greek drama (203,132) (Table 2, Graph 2).
- The total amount of subsidies received by state and municipal theatres and orchestras, amounted to 69,572,640 euros, recording an increase of 7.4% when compared with the according period of 2024 (Table 3, Graph 3).

Data on the capacity of state municipal theaters and orchestras for the years 2023 to 2025, as well as on the persons employed in state - municipal theaters and orchestras for the year 2025, are presented in Tables 4 and 5 and Graph 5.

Graph 1: Activities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2016 to 2025



(1) *Reference year of the survey refers to the theatrical year which begins on October 1st of year t-1 and ends on September 30rd of the next year (year t).*

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Table 1: Activities of State - Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2024 and 2025

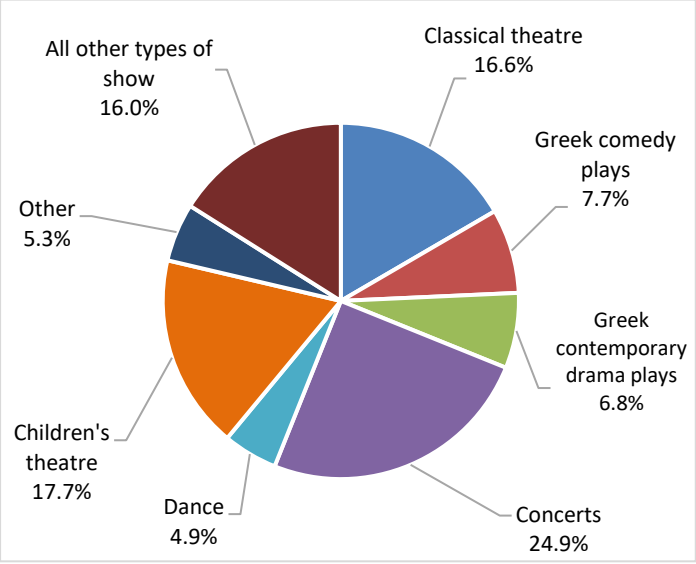
	2024	2025	Change (%) 2025/2024
Number of plays	2,756	2,223	-19.3%
Number of performances	6,698	6,199	-7.4%
Number of spectators	2,891,185	2,736,117	-5.4%

Table 2: Activities of State - Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, by type of show and period, 2025

	Winter season			Summer season		
Type of show	**Number of plays**	**Number of performances**	**Number of spectators**	**Number of plays**	**Number of performances**	**Number of spectators**
Ancient Greek drama	1	2	823	88	109	203,132
Classical theatre	65	612	209,791	91	284	67,439
Modern Drama	9	155	23,600	17	27	19,352
Satirical plays	3	62	15,654	6	6	3,850
Foreign comedy plays	23	103	13,299	17	52	29,566
Greek comedy plays	66	428	96,999	71	186	95,119
Foreign contemporary drama plays	17	202	19,390	40	43	51,266
Greek contemporary drama plays	45	464	86,492	18	29	15,882
Boulevard theatre	1	1	200	2	28	9,630
Romantic comedy	3	4	1,830	4	4	4,250
Musical theatre	6	37	22,883	8	9	6,297
Opera	19	69	60,527	5	14	39,200
Operetta	5	17	5,889	5	12	31,638
Ballet	13	39	38,651	20	21	13,734
Concerts	387	470	315,191	374	479	504,374
Dance	66	121	62,522	80	141	61,377
Children's theatre	146	1,159	223,161	140	249	98,702
Other	154	307	66,851	208	254	217,556
Total	**1,029**	**4,252**	**1,263,753**	**1,194**	**1,947**	**1,472,364**

Graph 2: Activities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras (number of spectators), by type of show, 2025

a. Winter season



b. Summer season

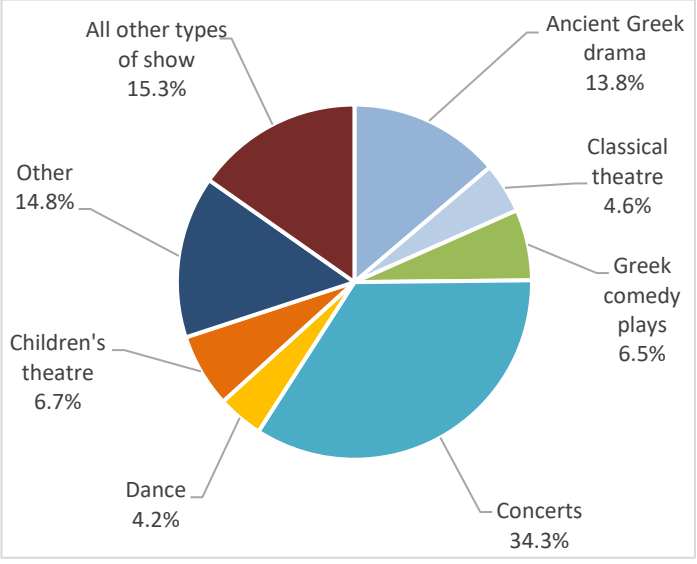


Table 3 and Graph 3: Subsidies received by State - Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2016 to 2025

Year	Subsidies (in euro)
2016	35,788,267
2017	41,337,129
2018	54,053,581
2019	41,798,193
2020	49,574,886
2021	48,708,013
2022	46,867,131
2023	62,725,564
2024	64,751,727
2025	69,572,640

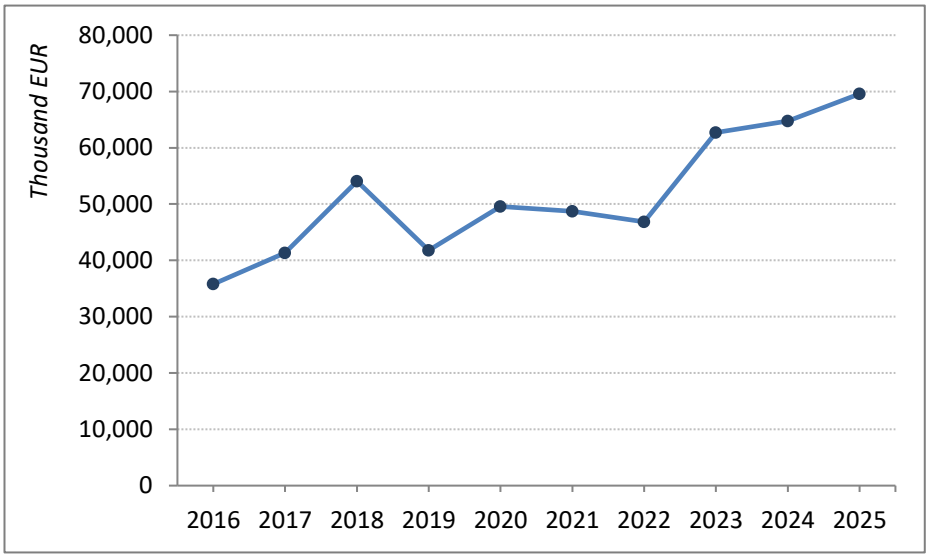
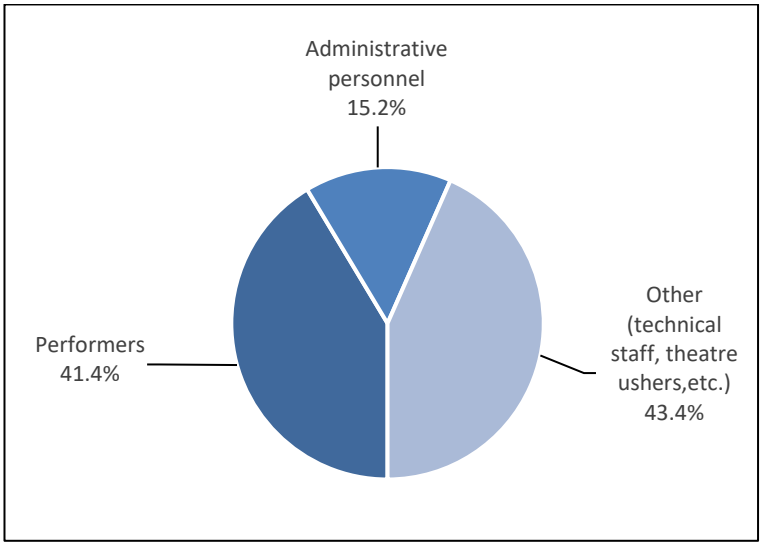


Table 4: Capacity of the facilities of State - Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, for years 2023, 2024 and 2025

	2023	2024	2025
Number of seats	93,112	93,419	92,833
Surface area of halls (m^2)	28,471	29,306	34,089
Surface area of stages (m^2)	18,286	15,621	16,294
Surface area of dressing rooms (m^2)	11,606	11,044	10,497
Surface area of foyers (m^2)	23,012	22,398	24,401

Table and Graph 5: Persons employed in State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2025

Performers	1,613
Administrative personnel	593
Other (technical staff, theatre ushers, etc.)	1,691
Total personnel	**3,897**



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on the activities of State - Municipal Theatre and Orchestras

The Survey on the Activities of State - Municipal Theaters and Orchestras has been carried out since 1970. The survey collects data on the activities of the state municipal theatres and orchestras by type of show (ancient, classic and modern drama, comedy plays, opera, concerts etc.).
Data are collected on the number of plays, the number of performances and spectators, the capacity of theatres' facilities, their personnel and the subsidies.

Legal framework

The survey is conducted by virtue of the Law 3832/2010, as amended and in force.

Reference Period

Theatrical year 1/10/2024-30/9/2025.

Methodology

The survey is a census survey and is carried out on an annual basis. The reference year of the survey refers to the theatrical year, which begins on 1st October of year t-1 and ends in September of the next year (year t). Data are collected from the State Theatres of Greece, the Municipal Regional Theatres and Orchestras and other Municipal Theatres.

References

More information on the Survey on the Activities of State - Municipal Theaters and Orchestras are available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) (www.statistics.gr) at:
https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SCI15/-