



SURVEY ON EPHORATES OF ANTIQUITIES, 2025

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on Ephorates of Antiquities for the year 2025. According to data derived from the survey, the following are observed:

- The number of archaeological researches in 2025 amounted to 2,454 and their fundings to 18,108,416 euro, over 2,818 researches and 15,043,106 euro during the previous year, recording a decrease of 12.9% and an increase of 20.4%, accordingly (Table 1, Graphs 1a & 1b).
- The declarations of archaeological sites amounted to 44, of historical sites to 11 and of recent and movable monuments and protected zones to 46, over 25 archaeological sites, 7 historical site and 60 recent and movable monuments and protected zones during the previous year (Table 2, Graph 2).
- The total expenditure as regards projects on monuments and archaeological sites, amounted to 109,390,757 euros, recording an increase of 59.2% when compared with the previous year. The total expenditure as regards projects on museums and other buildings, amounted to 61,356,043 euros, recording an increase of 171.8%, when compared to the previous year (Table 3, Graph 3).
- Indications of archaeological locations and antiquities delivered amounted to 37 and 2,339 accordingly, over 35 and 2,416 when compared to the previous year, recording an increase of 5,7% and a decrease of 3,2%, accordingly (Table 4, Graph 4).
- The number of confiscations (illicit trade of antiquities) for 2025, amounted to 132 over 108 during the previous year, recording an increase of 22.2% (Table 5, Graph 5).

Table 1: Archaeological research, Funding, Immovable and Movable monuments revealed, 2015-2025

Year	Archaeological researches		Funding of Archaeological researches		Immovable monuments		Movable monuments	
	Number of researches	Annual change (%)	Amount (in €)	Annual change (%)	Number of monuments	Annual change (%)	Number of monuments	Annual change (%)
2015	1,310	-1.1%	26,183,361	-30.1%	1,013	43.1%	48,114	-34.6%
2016	1,394	6.4%	20,084,794	-23.3%	621	-38.7%	37,797	-21.4%
2017	1,352	-3.0%	18,116,504	-9.8%	842	35.6%	55,942	48.0%
2018	1,495	10.6%	10,787,130	-40.5%	1,925	128.6%	37,481	-33.0%
2019	1,030	-31.1%	10,886,004	0.9%	1,794	-6.8%	27,902	-25.6%
2020	1,575	52.9%	9,128,968	-16.1%	773	-56.9%	68,060	143.9%
2021	1,609	2.2%	9,766,587	7.0%	739	-4.4%	60,360	-11.3%
2022	1,757	9.2%	11,017,928	12.8%	559	-24.4%	37,370	-38.1%
2023	1,681	-4.3%	12,424,536	12.8%	789	41,1%	55.586	48,7%
2024	2,818	67.6%	15,043,106	21.1%	794	0,6%	58.942	6,0%
2025	2,454	-12.9%	18,108,416	20.4%	1.013	27,6%	62.863	6,7%

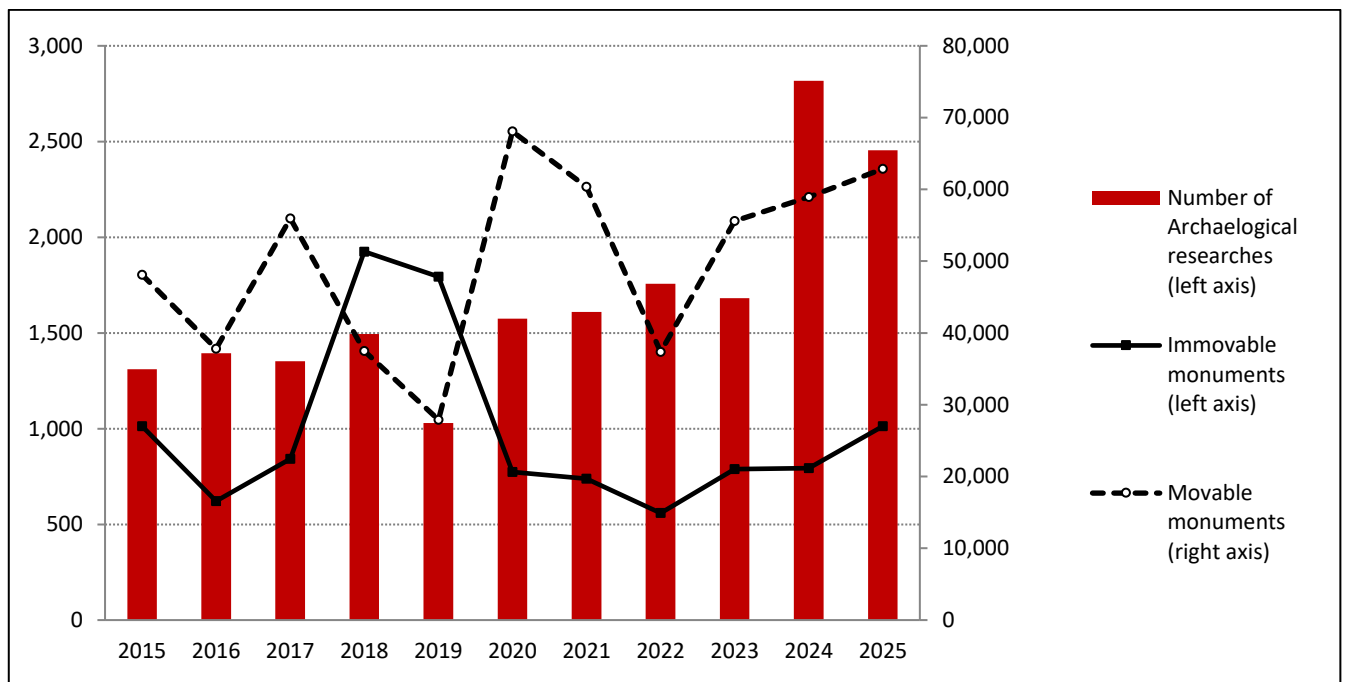
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Graph 1a: Number of Archaeological researches, Immovable and Movable monuments, 2015-2025



Graph 1b: Number of Archaeological researches and Funding, 2015-2025

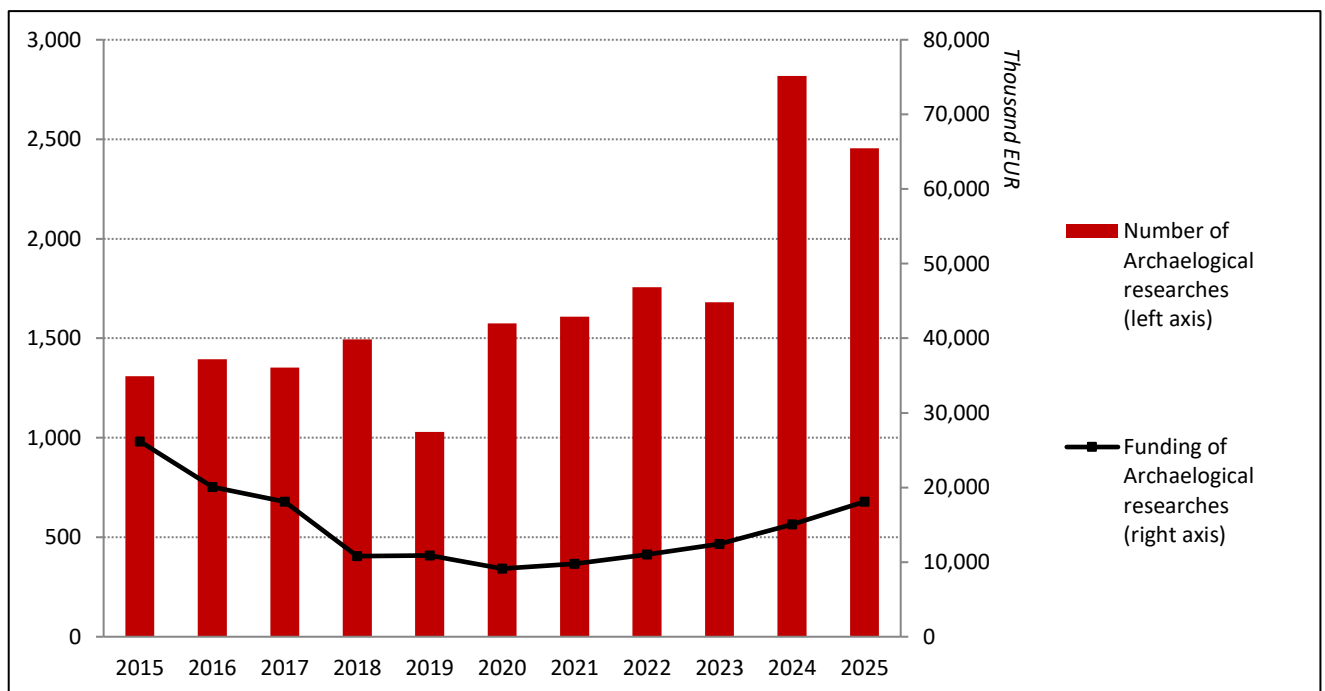


**Table 2: Declarations of Archaeological Sites, Historical Sites,
Recent & Movable Monuments and Protected Zones, 2015-2025**

Year	Declarations of Archaeological sites		Declarations of Historical Sites		Declarations of Recent & Movable Monuments and Protected Zones	
	Number of declarations	Annual change (%)	Number of declarations	Annual change (%)	Number of declarations	Annual change (%)
2015	57	9.6%	1	-94.7%	74	-40.3%
2016	57	0.0%	5	400.0%	46	-37.8%
2017	33	-42.1%	4	-20.0%	32	-30.4%
2018	22	-33.3%	5	25.0%	54	68.8%
2019	16	-27.3%	3	-40.0%	38	-29.6%
2020	11	-31.3%	0	-100.0%	35	-7.9%
2021	12	9.1%	1	-	51	45.7%
2022	20	66.7%	3	200.0%	32	-37.3%
2023	6	-70.0%	1	-66.7%	43	34.4%
2024	25	316.7%	7	600.0%	60	39.5%
2025	44	76.0%	11	57.1%	46	-23.3%

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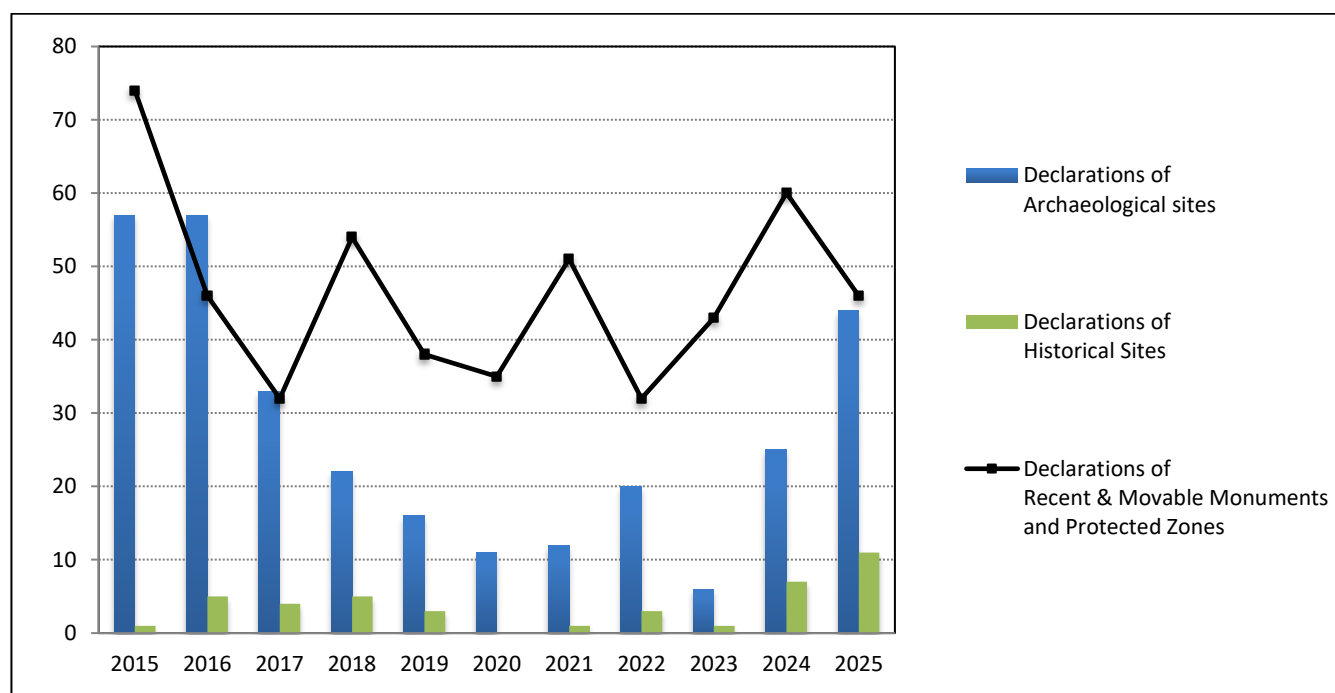


Table 3: Expenditure of completed or under way projects, 2015-2025

Year	a. Monuments and Archaeological Sites				b. Museums and Other Buildings			
	Total expenditure		Expenditure of completed projects (in €)	Expenditure of projects under way (in €)	Total expenditure		Expenditure of completed projects (in €)	Expenditure of projects under way (in €)
	Amount (in €)	Annual change (%)			Amount (in €)	Annual change (%)		
2015	86,912,057	30.3%	54,552,562	32,359,495	43,322,798	45.9%	22,040,563	21,282,235
2016	13,701,414	-84.2%	9,989,738	3,711,676	13,353,924	-69.2%	12,652,862	701,062
2017	11,901,859	-13.1%	7,142,957	4,758,902	7,568,699	-43.3%	6,807,993	760,706
2018	17,174,858	44.3%	7,882,771	9,292,087	12,310,773	62.7%	11,131,477	1,179,296
2019	22,380,263	30.3%	12,573,070	9,807,193	12,425,190	0.9%	9,059,799	3,365,391
2020	26,842,819	19.9%	11,813,097	15,029,722	12,167,904	-2.1%	9,122,760	3,045,144
2021	56,627,580	111.0%	32,941,955	23,685,625	14,891,264	22.4%	10,877,696	4,013,568
2022	42,114,998	-25.6%	14,254,284	27,860,714	14,671,666	-1.5%	10,853,802	3,817,864
2023	63,874,072	51.7%	36,384,445	27,489,627	16,588,099	13.1%	10,561,773	6,026,326
2024	68,719,256	7.6%	30,219,959	38,499,297	22,573,161	36.1%	11,328,362	11,244,799
2025	109,390,757	59.2%	62,904,581	46,486,176	61,356,043	171.8%	21,747,089	39,608,954

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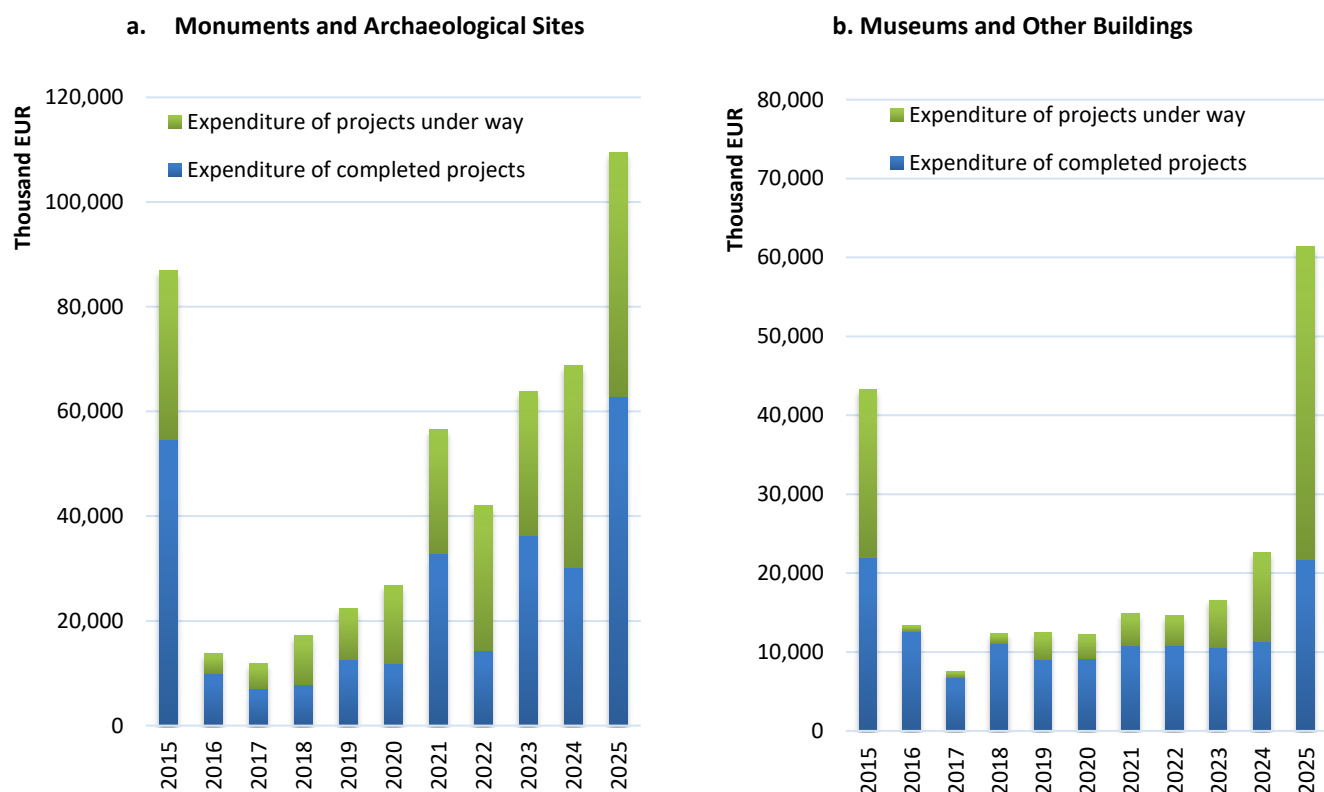


Table 4: Indication of archaeological locations and antiquities delivered, 2015-2025

Year	Indication of archaeological locations		Antiquities delivered	
	Number of indications	Annual Change (%)	Number of antiquities delivered	Annual Change (%)
2015	62	29.2%	4,606	103.3%
2016	77	24.2%	4,987	8.3%
2017	28	-63.6%	6,143	23.2%
2018	67	139.3%	4,952	-19.4%
2019	32	-52.2%	4,600	-7.1%
2020	63	96.9%	6,083	32.2%
2021	29	-54.0%	2,921	-52.0%
2022	30	3.4%	2,526	-13.5%
2023	57	90.0%	4,538	79.7%
2024	35	-38.6%	2,416	-46.8%
2025	37	5.7%	2,339	-3.2%

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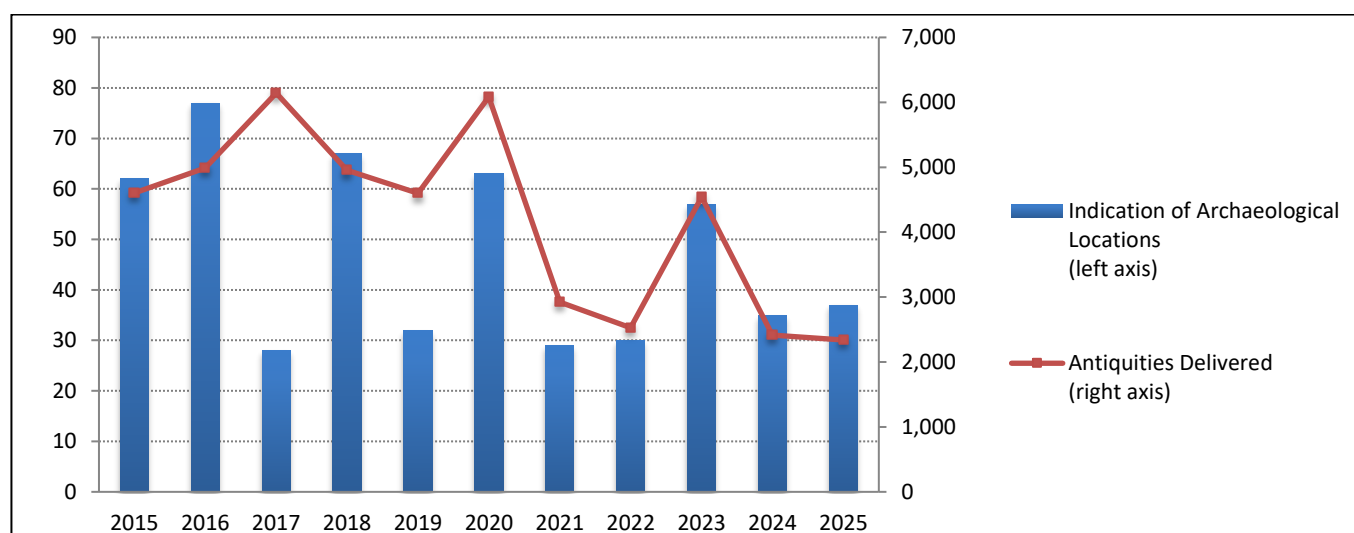
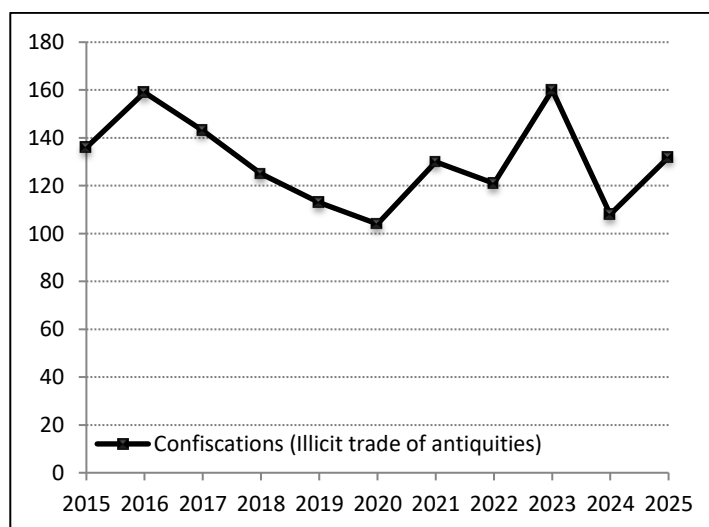


Table and Graph 5: Confiscations (Illicit trade of antiquities), 2015-2025

Year	Confiscations (Illicit trade of antiquities)	
	Number of confiscations	Annual Change (%)
2015	136	-44.7%
2016	159	16.9%
2017	143	-10.1%
2018	125	-12.6%
2019	113	-9.6%
2020	104	-8.0%
2021	130	25.0%
2022	121	-6.9%
2023	160	32.2%
2024	108	-32.5%
2025	132	22.2%



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Ephorates of Antiquities The Survey on Ephorates of Antiquities is carried out since 1970, collecting data from the Ephorates of Antiquities, the Offices of Modern Monuments and Technical Works and the Special Regional Operational Units of Greece which all belong to the Ministry of Culture.

Archaeological researches that were carried out and relevant funding, the monuments and archaeological finds revealed, the declaration of archaeological sites, the exhibitions of archaeological finds, the confiscations (illicit trade) and deliveries of antiquities, donations of archaeological objects, licenses to export antiquities, expenditure of projects (completed or under way) concerning monuments, archaeological sites and museums and maintenance of archaeological finds, are some of the most important activities that are monitored by the survey.

Legal framework The survey is conducted pursuant to the Law 3832/2010, as amended and in force.

Reference period 2025

Methodology It is a census survey, carried out by means of questionnaires transmitted electronically, which are completed by the Ephorates of Antiquities, the Offices of Modern Monuments and Technical Works and the Special Regional Operational Units of the Ministry of Culture.

References More information on the activities of the Survey on Ephorates of Antiquities, as well as more analytical tables are available on the website of the Hellenic Statistics Authority (www.statistics.gr) at: <https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SCI18/->