

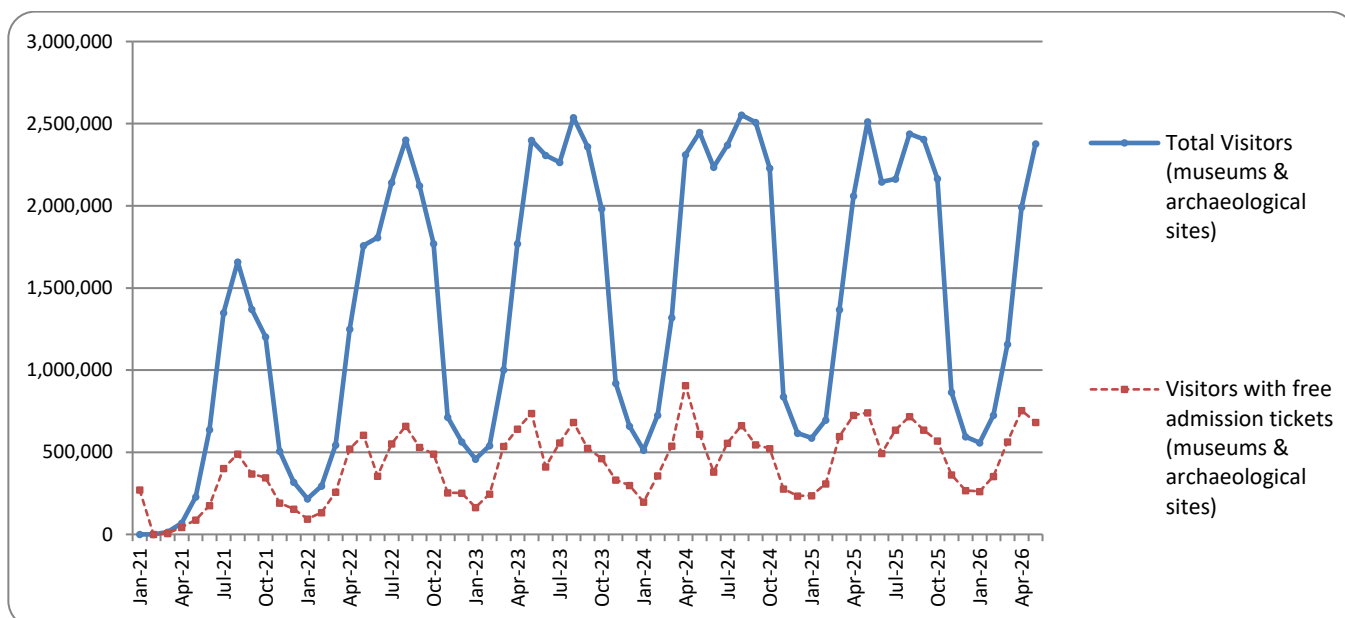


SURVEY ON MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ATTENDANCE MAY 2026

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the *Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance* for May 2026. More specifically:

- During May 2026 compared with the corresponding month of 2025, museums recorded a decrease of 2.7% in the number of visitors, of 6.9% in the number of free admission visitors and an increase of 8.6% in their receipts (Table 1).
- As regards archaeological sites, in May 2026 compared with the corresponding month of 2025, a decrease of 6.6% was recorded in the number of visitors, of 8.7% in the number of free admission visitors and of 7.1% in the corresponding receipts (Table 1).
- During the five-month period from January to May 2026, compared to the corresponding period of 2025, a decrease of 0.6% was recorded in the number of visitors of museums, an increase of 2.0% in the number of free admission visitors and of 17.3% in the relevant receipts (Table 2).
- As regards archaeological sites, during the five-month period from January to May 2026, compared to the corresponding period of 2025, a decrease of 8.4% was recorded in the number of visitors, of 1.5% in the number of free admission visitors and an increase of 6.5% in the relevant receipts (Table 2).

Graph 1: Visitors of Museums and Archaeological sites (January 2021 – May 2026)



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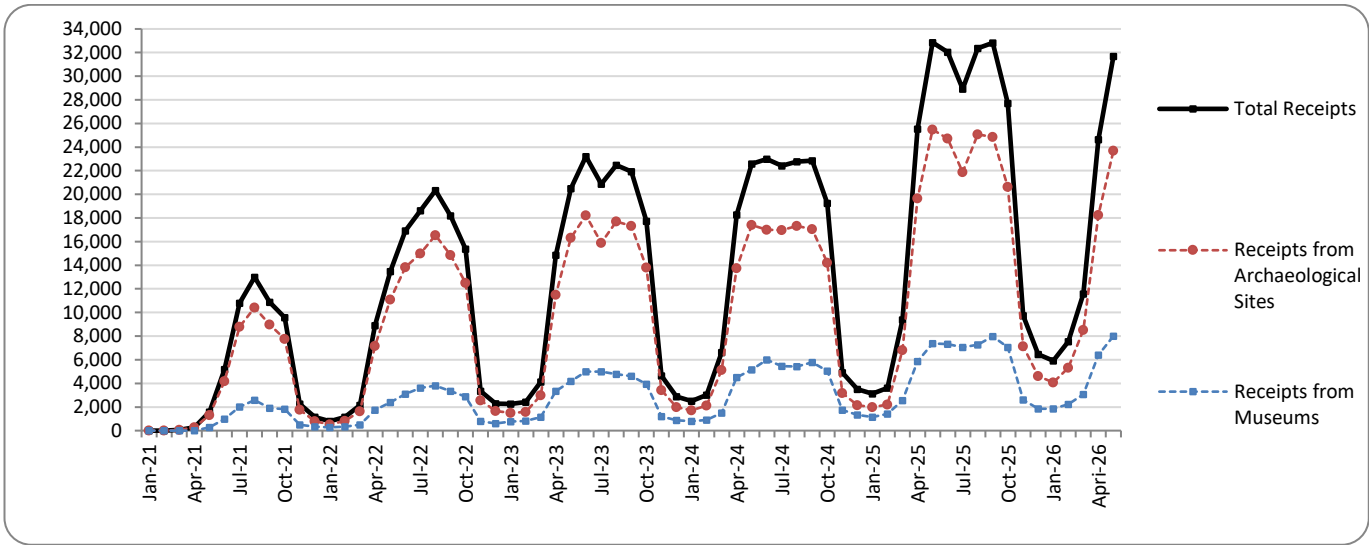
TABLE 1: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS
(MAY 2025 & MAY 2026)

I. NUMBER OF VISITORS			
Museums and Archaeological sites	2025	2026	Change 2026/2025
Total number of visitors (A+B)	2,512,827	2,378,024	-5.4%
A. Museums (C+E)	811,036	789,147	-2.7%
Acropolis Museum	231,593	225,414	-2.7%
National Archaeological	69,886	63,024	-9.8%
Ancient Olympia ⁽¹⁾	45,097	46,302	2.7%
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	35,250	35,591	1.0%
Heraklion Archaeological (Crete)	44,359	38,899	-12.3%
White Tower	19,978	21,132	5.8%
Delphi ⁽¹⁾	56,814	54,854	-3.4%
Other museums	308,059	303,931	-1.3%
B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)	1,701,791	1,588,877	-6.6%
Epidavros	66,635	56,392	-15.4%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	59,149	54,165	-8.4%
The Acropolis of Athens	554,309	506,803	-8.6%
Sounio	43,926	45,215	2.9%
The Acropolis of Lindos	72,698	74,276	2.2%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	27,335	21,992	-19.5%
Ancient Olympia ⁽¹⁾	32,117	35,307	9.9%
Knossos (Crete)	113,508	109,395	-3.6%
Phaistos (Crete)	9,778	9,515	-2.7%
Ancient Korinthos	40,788	32,337	-20.7%
Mystras	17,254	22,952	33.0%
Delphi ⁽³⁾	23,855	19,456	-18.4%
Other archaeological sites	640,439	601,072	-6.1%
II, VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET			
	2025	2026	Change 2026/2025
Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)	1,771,215	1,695,430	-4.3%
C. Museums ⁽³⁾	518,541	516,762	-0.3%
D. Archaeological sites	1,252,674	1,178,668	-5.9%
III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS			
	2025	2026	Change 2026/2025
Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)	741,612	682,594	-8.0%
E. Museums	292,495	272,385	-6.9%
F. Archaeological sites	449,117	410,209	-8.7%
IV. RECEIPTS (euros)			
	2025	2026	Change 2026/2025
Total Receipts (G+H)	32,853,770	31,686,706	-3.6%
G. Museums	7,370,503	8,005,554	8.6%
H. Archaeological sites	25,483,267	23,681,152	-7.1%

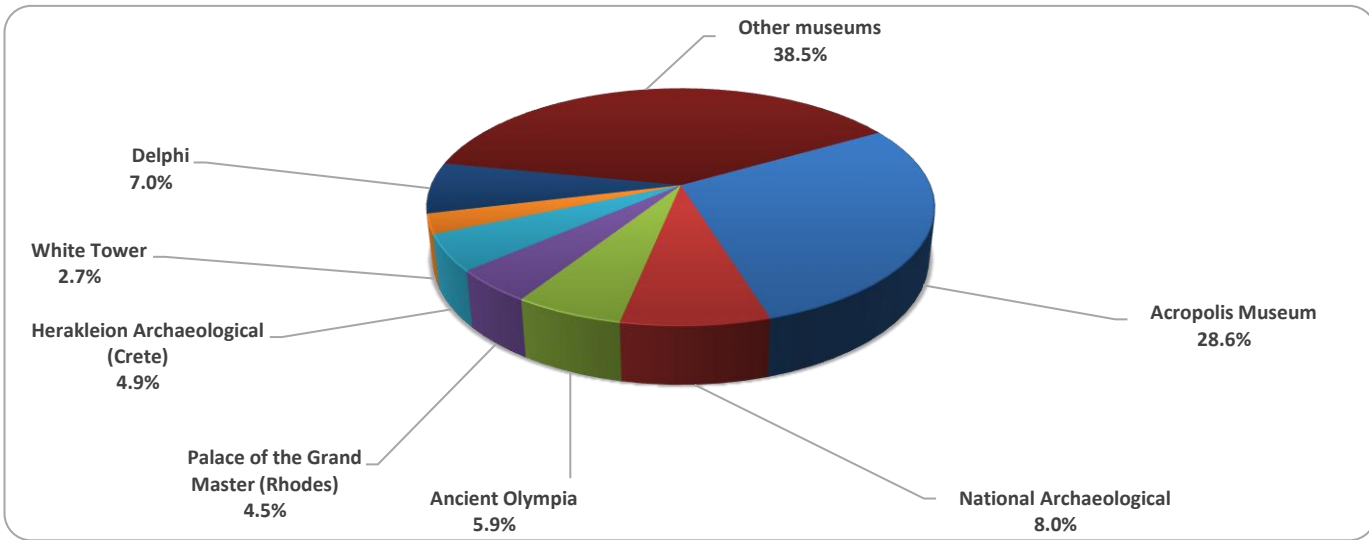
⁽¹⁾ Since April 2024, it has been possible to purchase tickets online from the museums of Ancient Olympia and Delphi, with the possibility of visiting the corresponding archaeological site, without it being possible to distinguish between museum and archaeological site visits.

The following graphs depict the evolution of the receipts of Museums and Archaeological Sites (Graph 2), as well as the number of visitors by Museum (Graph 3) and by Archaeological Site (Graph 4).

Graph 2: Receipts from Museums and Archaeological Sites (January 2021 – May 2026)
(in thousand euro)



Graph 3: Percentage distribution of visitors by Museum, May 2026



Graph 4: Percentage distribution of visitors by Archaeological site, May 2026

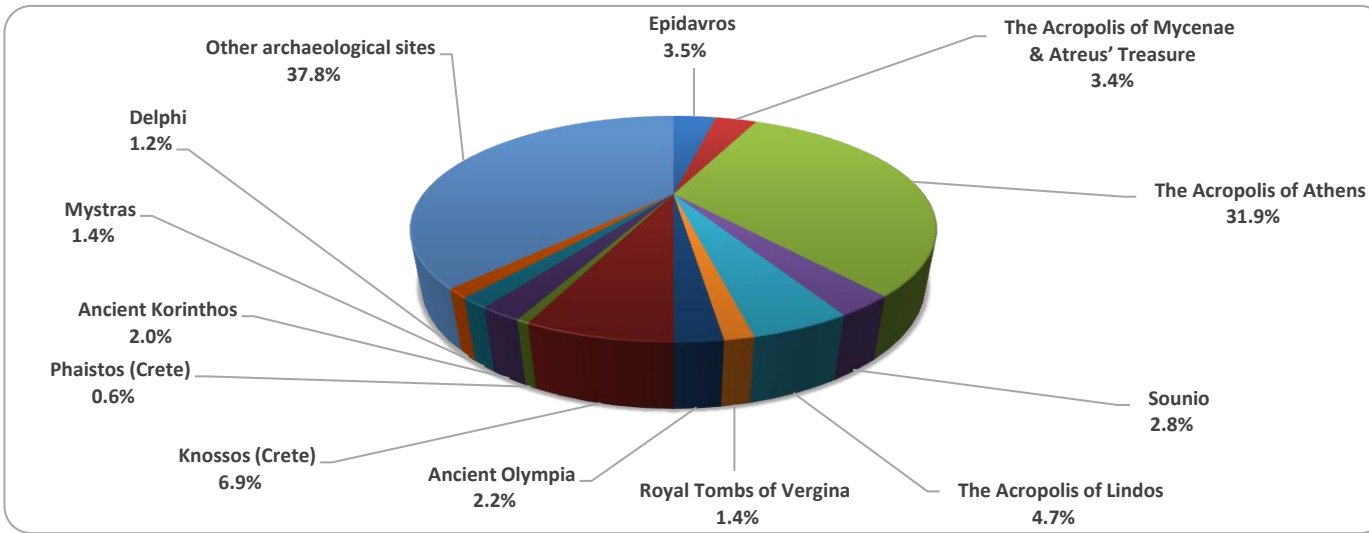


TABLE 2: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS
(2024, 2025, JANUARY - MAY 2025, 2026)

I. VISITORS					
Museums and Archaeological sites	2024	2025	JANUARY - MAY		Change 2026/2025
			2025	2026	
Total number of visitors (A+B)	20,661,857	20,005,955	7,226,333	6,811,646	-5.7%
A. Museums (C+E)	6,651,911	6,678,093	2,477,350	2,462,335	-0.6%
Acropolis Museum	1,994,279	1,994,050	741,991	752,898	1.5%
National Archaeological	642,956	665,414	257,961	252,661	-2.1%
Ancient Olympia ⁽¹⁾	286,519	301,459	109,038	111,228	2.0%
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes) ⁽³⁾	370,138	311,678	74,294	78,324	5.4%
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	379,363	387,682	97,412	87,673	-10.0%
White Tower	239,767	233,683	73,980	73,574	-0.5%
Delphi ⁽¹⁾	445,188	463,159	225,175	185,338	-17.7%
Other museums	2,293,701	2,320,968	897,499	920,639	2.6%
B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)	14,009,946	13,327,862	4,748,983	4,349,311	-8.4%
Epidavros	548,971	525,113	242,354	198,324	-18.2%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	547,361	501,256	230,942	198,916	-13.9%
The Acropolis of Athens	4,557,693	4,609,113	1,806,721	1,637,110	-9.4%
Sounio	421,556	382,650	147,470	149,249	1.2%
The Acropolis of Lindos	702,363	595,625	123,512	121,403	-1.7%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	244,013	188,487	87,461	77,413	-11.5%
Ancient Olympia ⁽¹⁾	301,987	276,674	85,185	78,172	-8.2%
Knossos (Crete)	1,010,006	977,299	231,314	217,066	-6.2%
Phaistos (Crete)	84,637	65,431	18,185	18,494	1.7%
Ancient Korinthos ⁽¹⁾	253,085	254,270	103,138	89,927	-12.8%
Mystras	153,789	137,611	58,422	54,368	-6.9%
Delphi ⁽¹⁾	292,619	216,389	86,392	73,423	-15.0%
Other archaeological sites	4,891,866	4,597,944	1,527,887	1,435,446	-6.1%
II. VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET					
	2024	2025	JANUARY - MAY		Change 2026/2025
			2025	2026	
Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)	14,869,864	13,708,555	4,615,811	4,203,279	-8.9%
C. Museums ⁽³⁾	4,489,213	4,289,769	1,428,468	1,392,022	-2.6%
D. Archaeological sites	10,380,651	9,418,786	3,187,343	2,811,257	-11.8%
III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS					
	2024	2025	JANUARY - MAY		Change 2025
			2025	2026	
Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)	5,791,993	6,297,400	2,610,522	2,608,367	-0.1%
E. Museums	2,162,698	2,388,324	1,048,882	1,070,313	2.0%
F. Archaeological sites	3,629,295	3,909,076	1,561,640	1,538,054	-1.5%
IV. RECEIPTS (euros)					
	2024	2025	JANUARY - MAY		Change 2026/2025
			2025	2026	
Total Receipts (G+H) ⁽²⁾	171,680,632	244,557,074	74,513,002	81,357,756	9.2%
G. Museums ⁽³⁾	43,688,040	59,482,164	18,360,398	21,532,269	17.3%
H. Archaeological sites	127,992,592	185,074,910	56,152,604	59,825,487	6.5%

⁽¹⁾ Since April 2024, it has been possible to purchase tickets online from the museums of Ancient Olympia and Delphi, with the possibility of visiting the corresponding archaeological site, without it being possible to distinguish between museum and archaeological site visits

⁽²⁾ Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision 117624 (Official Journal 1968/issue B/29-03-24), as of 01/04/2025 a new pricing policy to visits to museums and archaeological sites, is in force.

⁽³⁾ Updated administrative data for January 2025.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance	The Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance has been producing results since 1970. The survey collects data from the Hellenic Organization of Cultural Resources Development (HOCRED), supervised by the Ministry of Culture, on the number of visitors and the receipts from the tickets sold in the Museums and Archaeological sites of the country. The corresponding data for the Acropolis Museum is available from December 2009 onwards. Pursuant to the provisions of Joint Ministerial Decision 117624 (Official Journal 1968/issue B/29-03-24), as 01/04/2025 a new pricing policy shall apply to visits to museums and archaeological sites.
Legal Framework	The survey is conducted since 1970 on a regular basis and it produces results on a monthly and yearly basis, in compliance with the Joint Ministerial Decision 15189/B379/73.
Reference Period	01/05/2026 – 31/05/2026
Methodology and Definitions	The survey is conducted on a monthly basis from data mainly collected from the Hellenic Organization of Cultural Resources Development (HOCRED), supervised by the Ministry of Culture, on the number of visitors and the receipts from the tickets sold in the Museums and Archaeological sites of the Country. ELSTAT tabulates and presents the data for the whole of the Country, by month and by year.
References	More information on the Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance and detailed time series are available on: http://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SCI21/-