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MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ATTENDANCE SURVEY  
JUNE 2016

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance.

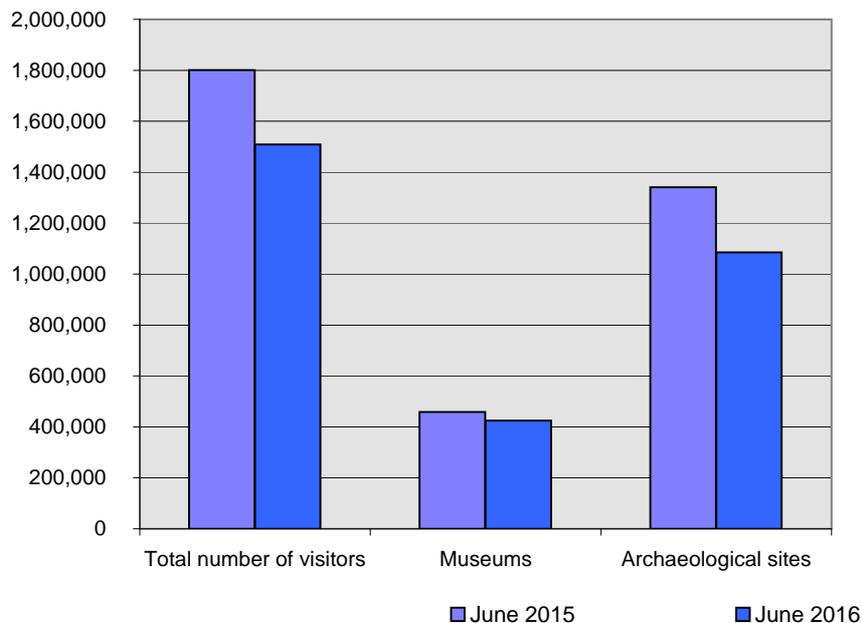
During June 2016, museums experienced a 7.5% decrease in the number of visitors and an 5.7% decrease in the number of free admission visitors. A decrease of 0.1% was recorded in their receipts, in comparison with the corresponding month of 2015.

The number of visitors at archaeological sites, in June 2016, recorded a decrease of 19.1% and 18.6% decrease was observed in the number of free admission visitors. An increase of 60.3% was recorded in their receipts in comparison with the corresponding month of 2015 (Table 1).

During the six month period from January to June 2016, there was a 3.4% decrease in the number of visitors of museums and an increase of 17.3% in the number of free admission visitors. The corresponding receipts decreased by 1% in comparison with the corresponding period of 2015.

As regards archaeological sites, during the six month period from January to June of 2016 a decrease of 10.4% was recorded in the number of visitors and a 14.5% increase was observed in the number of free admission visitors. The corresponding receipts increased by 53.8%, in comparison with the corresponding period of 2015 (Table 2).

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**TABLE 1: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS  
( JUNE 2015 AND JUNE 2016)**

Museums - Archaeological sites	JUNE		Change % 2016/2015
	2015	2016	
	<b>NUMBER OF VISITORS <sup>(2)</sup></b>		
<b>Total number of visitors in Museums and Archaeological sites</b>	<b>1,800,412</b>	<b>1,509,359</b>	<b>-16.2</b>
<b>A, Museums (total)</b>	<b>459,093</b>	<b>424,689</b>	<b>-7.5</b>
Acropolis Museum	156,722	133,702	-14.7
National Archaeological	46,683	40,290	-13.7
Ancient Olympia	15,269	10,822	-29.1
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	39,150	29,715	-24.1
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	22,896	47,314	106.6
Rhodes	12,471	8,025	-35.7
Delphi	23,582	16,680	-29.3
Other museums	142,320	138,141	-2.9
<b>B, Archaeological Sites (total)</b>	<b>1,341,319</b>	<b>1,084,670</b>	<b>-19.1</b>
Epidavros <sup>(1)</sup>	51,222	36,594	-28.6
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	44,688	33,202	-25.7
The Acropolis of Athens	269,290	209,081	-22.4
Sounio	28,842	24,434	-15.3
The Acropolis of Lindos	95,486	57,444	-39.8
Kameiros (Rhodes)	25,319	15,603	-38.4
Ancient Olympia	54,152	49,555	-8.5
Knossos (Crete)	93,178	76,945	-17.4
Phaistos (Crete)	11,275	9,175	-18.6
Ancient Korinthos <sup>(1)</sup>	19,514	15,193	-22.1
Mystras <sup>(1)</sup>	11,111	10,012	-9.9
Delphi	42,814	29,559	-31.0
Other archaeological sites	594,428	517,873	-12.9
	<b>NUMBER OF VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>444,060</b>	<b>376,860</b>	<b>-15.1</b>
A, Museums (free admission ticket)	119,547	112,688	-5.7
B, Archaeological sites (free admission ticket)	324,513	264,172	-18.6
	<b>RECEIPTS (euros)</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,755,521.00</b>	<b>11,470,251.00</b>	<b>47.9</b>
A, Museums	1,592,871.00	1,591,143.00	-0.1
B, Archaeological sites	6,162,650.00	9,879,108.00	60.3

(1) Flat rate ticket, valid both for the museum and the archaeological site,

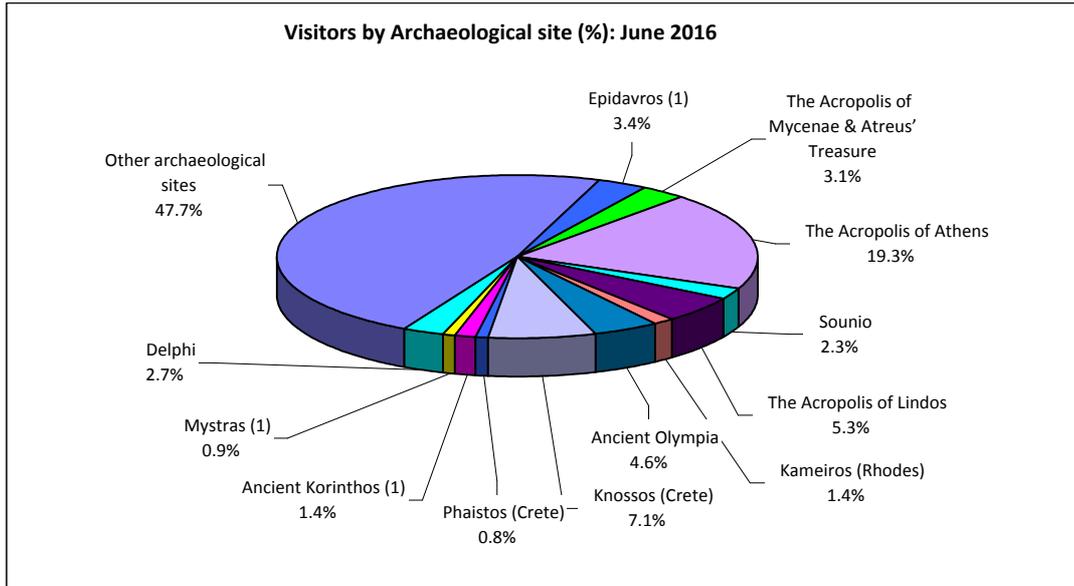
(2) Including also free admission tickets for museums and archaeological sites,

**TABLE 2: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS  
(2014,2015, AND JANUARY- JUNE 2015 & 2016)**

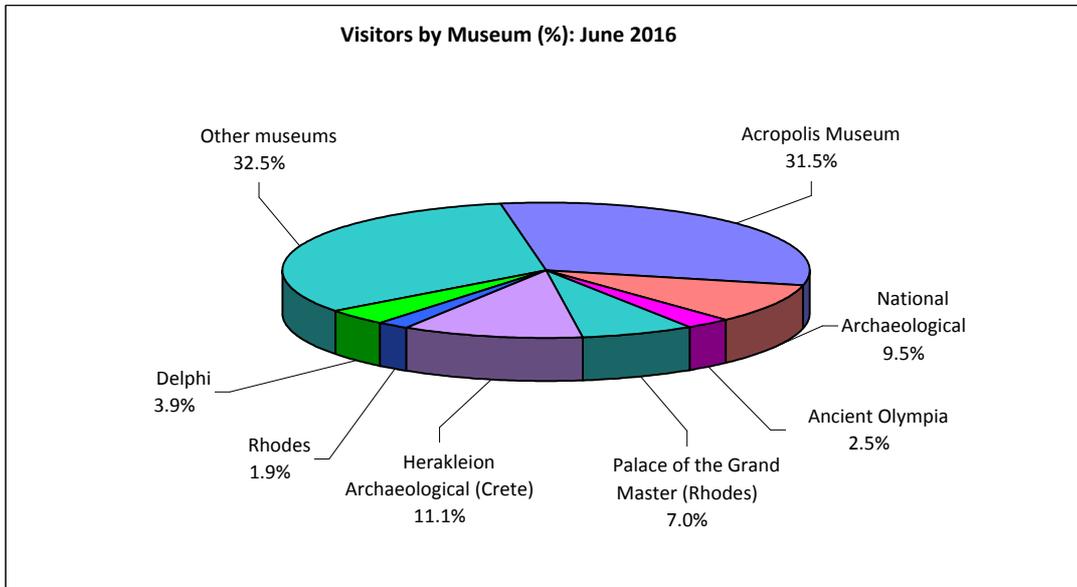
Museums - Archaeological sites	2014	2015	JANUARY- JUNE		Change % 2016/2015
			2015	2016	
	<b>NUMBER OF VISITORS</b>				
<b>Total number of visitors</b>	<b>14,107,303</b>	<b>14,725,895</b>	<b>6,317,777</b>	<b>5,801,070</b>	<b>-8.2</b>
<b>A. Museums (total)</b>	<b>4,154,142</b>	<b>4,405,842</b>	<b>2,031,452</b>	<b>1,961,852</b>	<b>-3.4</b>
Acropolis Museum	1,377,409	1,510,615	711,218	627,543	-11.8
National Archaeological	459,115	476,754	231,314	206,619	-10.7
Ancient Olympia	134,976	135,972	71,202	62,548	-12.2
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	258,906	251,091	84,976	69,786	-17.9
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	198,942	201,657	67,786	141,447	108.7
Rhodes	79,878	87,824	27,807	21,411	-23.0
Delphi	190,314	205,369	109,398	83,649	-23.5
Other museums	1,454,602	1,536,560	727,751	748,849	2.9
<b>B. Archaeological sites (total)</b>	<b>9,953,161</b>	<b>10,320,053</b>	<b>4,286,325</b>	<b>3,839,218</b>	<b>-10.4</b>
Epidavros <sup>(1)</sup>	416,323	443,565	224,260	172,633	-23.0
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	377,336	402,565	209,116	167,664	-19.8
The Acropolis of Athens	1,563,434	2,043,868	879,372	800,773	-8.9
Sounio	203,269	236,285	119,608	103,704	-13.3
The Acropolis of Lindos	630,042	580,875	185,424	122,254	-34.1
Kameiros (Rhodes)	177,859	152,204	57,996	40,415	-30.3
Ancient Olympia	464,990	439,836	175,921	168,568	-4.2
Knossos (Crete)	670,499	632,288	219,147	208,162	-5.0
Phaistos (Crete)	105,643	94,689	36,832	26,723	-27.4
Ancient Korinthos <sup>(1)</sup>	161,819	141,490	67,596	72,327	7.0
Mystras <sup>(1)</sup>	113,815	117,010	53,552	50,814	-5.1
Delphi	293,944	319,754	163,634	135,465	-17.2
Other archaeological sites	4,774,188	4,715,624	1,893,867	1,769,716	-6.6
	<b>NUMBER OF VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,717,338</b>	<b>4,181,646</b>	<b>2,166,921</b>	<b>2,504,514</b>	<b>15.6</b>
A. Museums	1,715,777	1,538,201	862,564	1,011,501	17.3
B. Archaeological sites	3,001,561	2,643,445	1,304,357	1,493,013	14.5
	<b>R E C E I P T S (euros)</b>				
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,663,545.00</b>	<b>56,224,962.00</b>	<b>22,387,496.00</b>	<b>31,631,870.00</b>	<b>41.3</b>
A. Museums	11,793,726.00	12,385,213.00	5,110,979.00	5,058,515.00	-1.0
B. Archaeological sites	42,869,819.00	43,839,749.00	17,276,517.00	26,573,355.00	53.8

(1) Flat rate ticket, valid both for the museum and the archaeological site.

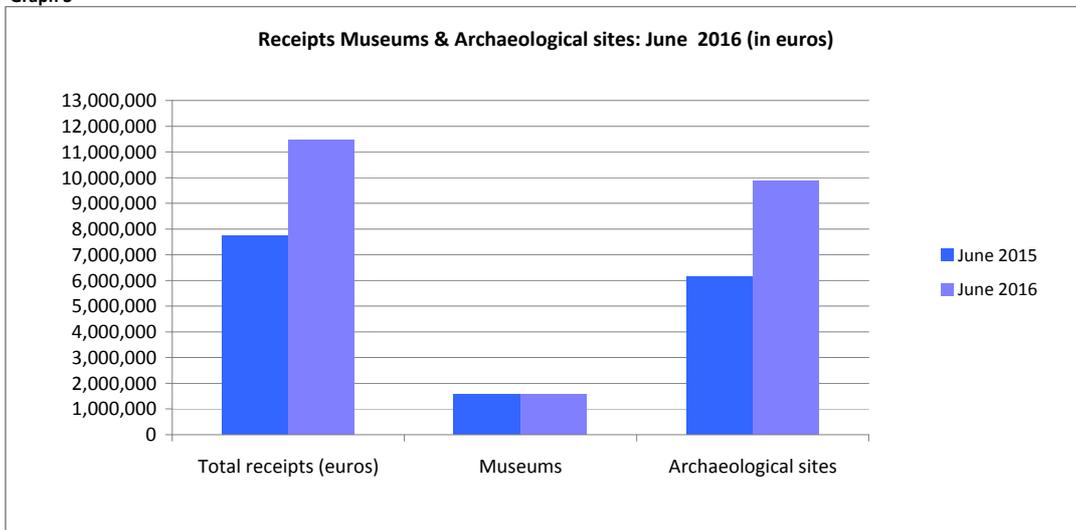
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Graph 2



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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Museums and Archaeological Sites Survey** The Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance has been producing results since 1970, on the basis of data collected by the Archaeological Receipts Fund (ARF) of the Ministry of Culture and Sports. The ARF collects data 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 are available from December 2009 onwards.

**Legal Framework** The present survey is continuously 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. ELSTAT tabulates the data on museums and the archaeological sites for the whole of the Country.

**Reference Period** 1/6/2016 to 30/6/2016

**Information on tickets** From January 2002 onwards, the number of museums' visitors includes both the visitors who have bought a ticket and the visitors with free admission. From 16-06-1996 onwards, the museums and the archaeological sites all over Greece have a paid admission for all the visitors, Greeks and foreigners, all over the year, except in the following days, which are free admission days:

1. National Holidays (25th of March and 28th of October)
2. The first Sunday every month during the five month period from 1 November to 31 March
3. The 6th of March (in memory of Melina Merkouri)
4. The 18th of April (International Monuments Day)
5. The 18th of May (International Museums Day)
6. The 5th of June (International Environment Day)
7. The last weekend of September annually (European Heritage Days)

**Free admissions** The admission is free for:

1. Young people from EU-countries aged under 18 years, by showing their identity card institutions of EU- countries, as well as of Tour Guide Training Institutes, with current student identification card or International Student Identity Card (ISIC) Student Identity Card (ISIC)
3. Employees of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports by showing their professional identity card
4. ICOM and ICOMOS cardholders
5. Tour Guides with their current working identification card from the Ministry of Development
6. Teachers accompanying pupils and students on primary, secondary and tertiary education institution tours
7. Journalists with current journalists' identification card
8. Members of Associations and Societies of Friends of Museums and Archaeological Sites
9. Official guests of the Greek Government, after relevant approval
10. Escorts of blind persons and persons with disabilities
11. Free admission cardholders
12. Holders of the Culture Card

**Number of flat rate tickets** From April 1999 onwards, in addition to the ordinary tickets a new "flat rate ticket" was established, in some museums and the nearby archaeological site which is valid for both some museums and the nearby archaeological site. The total number of these flat rate tickets for **June 2016** is **77,980**.

**References** More information on the Museums and Archaeological Sites Survey are available on the website of ELSTAT ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)). In addition, more details on the current and previous time series are also available on the website of ELSTAT.

