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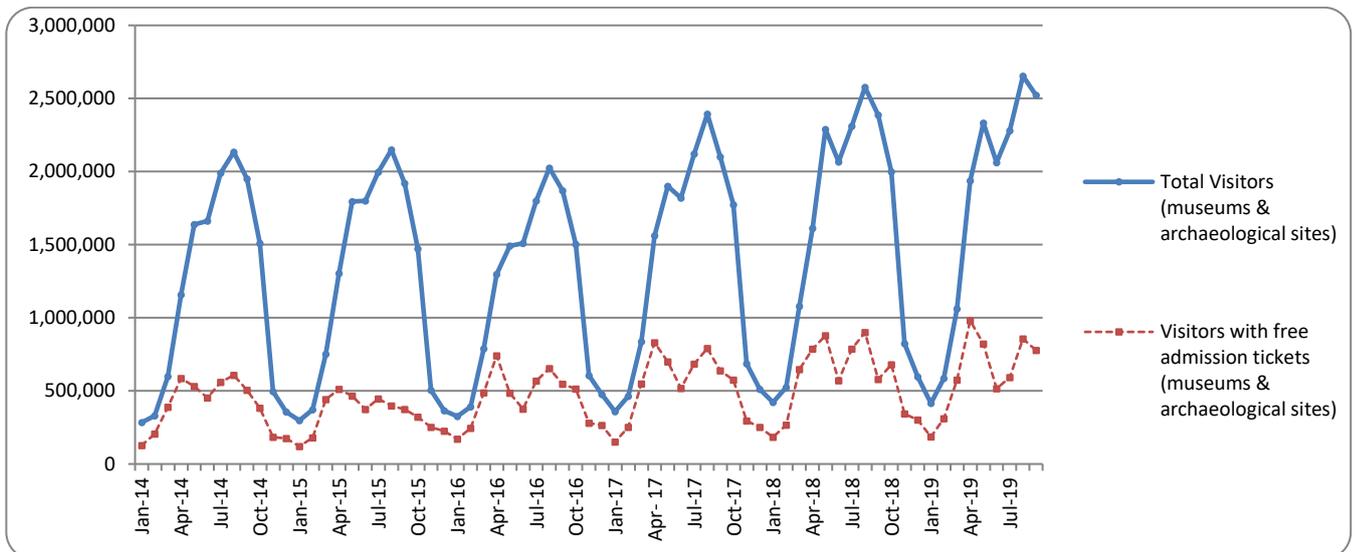


PRESS RELEASE SURVEY ON MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 2019

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the *Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance* for September 2019. More specifically:

- In September 2019 compared with the corresponding month of 2018, Museums experienced a 2.5% increase in the number of visitors and a 2.2% increase in the number of free admission visitors as well as a 28.0% increase in their receipts (Table 1).
- In September 2019 compared with the corresponding month of 2018, the number of visitors at Archaeological sites recorded an increase of 12.3%, while an increase of 20.1% was observed in the number of free admission visitors and a 10.2% increase in the corresponding receipts (Table 1).
- During the nine-month period from January to September 2019, an increase of 5.0% was observed in the number of visitors of Museums, while a decrease of 9.2% was recorded in the number of free admission visitors and a 29.1% increase in the relevant receipts, in comparison with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 2).
- As regards Archaeological sites, during the nine-month period from January to September 2019, an increase of 5.6% was recorded in the number of visitors, while an 11.1% decrease was observed in the number of free admission visitors and a 9.7% increase in the relevant receipts, in comparison with the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 2).

Graph 1: Visitors of Museums and Archaeological sites (January 2014 – September 2019)



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**TABLE 1: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS
(SEPTEMBER 2018 & SEPTEMBER 2019)**

I. NUMBER OF VISITORS			
Museums and Archaeological sites	2018	2019	Change 2019/2018
Total number of visitors (A+B)	2,303,955	2,522,433	9.5%
A. Museums (C+E)	662,631	679,334	2.5%
Acropolis Museum	193,645	173,232	-10.5%
National Archaeological	69,298	65,022	-6.2%
Ancient Olympia	17,348	16,906	-2.5%
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	39,998	42,914	7.3%
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	83,751	112,640	34.5%
White Tower	20,929	21,874	4.5%
Delphi	29,482	30,456	3.3%
Other museums	208,180	216,290	3.9%
B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)	1,641,324	1,843,099	12.3%
Epidavros ⁽¹⁾	64,999	65,550	0.8%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	57,206	57,796	1.0%
The Acropolis of Athens ⁽²⁾	342,427	436,786	27.6%
Sounio	33,401	40,179	20.3%
The Acropolis of Lindos	89,194	94,432	5.9%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	20,431	21,527	5.4%
Ancient Olympia	57,638	57,446	-0.3%
Knossos (Crete)	122,682	133,015	8.4%
Phaistos (Crete)	13,520	14,303	5.8%
Ancient Korinthos ⁽¹⁾	24,245	27,028	11.5%
Mystras ⁽¹⁾	17,350	19,176	10.5%
Delphi	45,584	49,116	7.7%
Other archaeological sites	752,647	826,745	9.8%
II. VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET			
	2018	2019	Change 2019/2018
Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)	1,620,153	1,745,562	7.7%
C. Museums	414,295	425,490	2.7%
D. Archaeological sites	1,205,858	1,320,072	9.5%
III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS			
	2018	2019	Change 2019/2018
Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)	683,802	776,871	13.6%
E. Museums	248,336	253,844	2.2%
F. Archaeological sites	435,466	523,027	20.1%
IV. RECEIPTS (euros)			
	2018	2019	Change 2019/2018
Total Receipts (G+H)	16,835,800	19,012,406	12.9%
G. Museums	2,552,485	3,267,155	28.0%
H. Archaeological sites	14,283,315	15,745,251	10.2%

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

**TABLE 2: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS
(2017, 2018, JANUARY-SEPTEMBER 2018 & 2019)**

I. VISITORS					
Museums and Archaeological sites	2017	2018	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER		change 2019/2018
			2018	2019	
Total number of visitors (A+B)	16,524,557	18,603,282	15,220,604	16,048,875	5.4%
A. Museums (C+E)	5,191,781	5,702,211	4,528,658	4,754,250	5.0%
Acropolis Museum	1,593,362	1,774,304	1,397,644	1,412,098	1.0%
National Archaeological	545,555	594,219	463,407	482,577	4.1%
Ancient Olympia	145,118	156,658	131,382	133,019	1.2%
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	235,413	242,759	203,144	219,316	8.0%
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	426,191	555,031	456,973	557,338	22.0%
White Tower	268,149	225,944	170,444	189,958	11.4%
Delphi	211,827	249,754	202,525	223,072	10.1%
Other museums	1,766,166	1,903,542	1,503,139	1,536,872	2.2%
B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)	11,332,776	12,901,071	10,691,946	11,294,625	5.6%
Epidavros ⁽¹⁾	469,060	548,900	470,607	448,185	-4.8%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	412,397	495,993	418,498	416,519	-0.5%
The Acropolis of Athens ⁽²⁾	2,766,218	3,150,604	2,546,877	2,907,691	14.2%
Sounio	259,709	306,665	252,585	273,770	8.4%
The Acropolis of Lindos ⁽³⁾	441,012	489,137	423,583	454,955	7.4%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	203,632	222,503	179,295	178,085	-0.7%
Ancient Olympia	481,252	484,238	402,459	379,470	-5.7%
Knossos (Crete)	634,710	855,663	709,519	784,309	10.5%
Phaistos (Crete)	95,182	134,538	100,781	91,925	-8.8%
Ancient Korinthos ⁽¹⁾	191,836	196,944	158,321	167,119	5.6%
Mystras ⁽¹⁾	125,549	145,939	124,600	124,600	0.0%
Delphi	345,804	405,947	337,731	331,285	-1.9%
Other archaeological sites	4,906,415	5,464,000	4,567,090	4,736,712	3.7%
II. VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET					
	2017	2018	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER		change 2019/2018
			2018	2019	
Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)	10,288,448	11,576,110	9,517,922	10,942,472	15.0%
C. Museums	2,831,466	3,155,269	2,539,690	2,949,114	16.1%
D. Archaeological sites	7,456,982	8,420,841	6,978,232	7,993,358	14.5%
III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS					
	2017	2018	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER		change 2019/2018
			2018	2019	
Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)	6,236,109	7,027,172	5,702,682	5,106,403	-10.5%
E. Museums	2,360,315	2,546,942	1,988,968	1,805,136	-9.2%
F. Archaeological sites	3,875,794	4,480,230	3,713,714	3,301,267	-11.1%
IV. RECEIPTS (euros)					
	2017	2018	JANUARY-SEPTEMBER		change 2019/2018
			2018	2019	
Total Receipts (G+H)	102,887,879	115,772,341	97,046,034	109,346,406	12.7%
G. Museums	16,175,121	18,251,493	14,929,666	19,270,293	29.1%
H. Archaeological sites	86,712,758	97,520,848	82,116,368	90,076,113	9.7%

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

⁽²⁾ From May 2017 onwards, the data for the number of tickets in the archaeological site of the Acropolis of Athens include the tickets of the Ancient Theatre of Dionysus.

⁽³⁾ The data referring to the number of tickets for the archaeological sites of the Acropolis of Lindos from November 2018 to February 2019 are provisional and are based on estimation.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance	<p>The Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance has been producing results since 1970, The survey collects data from the Archaeological Receipts Fund (ARF) of the Ministry of Culture and Sports concerning the number of visitors and the receipts from the tickets sold in the Museums and Archaeological sites of the country.</p> <p>The corresponding data for the Acropolis Museum is available from December 2009 onwards.</p>
Legal Framework	<p>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.</p>
Reference Period	<p>01/09/2019 to 30/09/2019</p>
Methodology and Definitions	<p>The Survey is conducted on a monthly basis from data mainly collected from the Archaeological Receipts Fund (ARF) of the Ministry of Culture and Sports concerning the number of visitors and the receipts from the tickets sold in the Museums and Archaeological sites of the Country. ELSTAT tabulates and present the data for the whole of the Country, by month and by year.</p> <p>Number of flat rate tickets</p> <p>From April 1999 onwards, in some museums and the nearby archaeological sites, in addition to the ordinary ticket, a new “flat rate ticket” was established, which is valid for both the museum and the nearby archaeological site, The total number of these flat rate tickets for September 2019 was 141,971.</p>
References	<p>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/</p>