



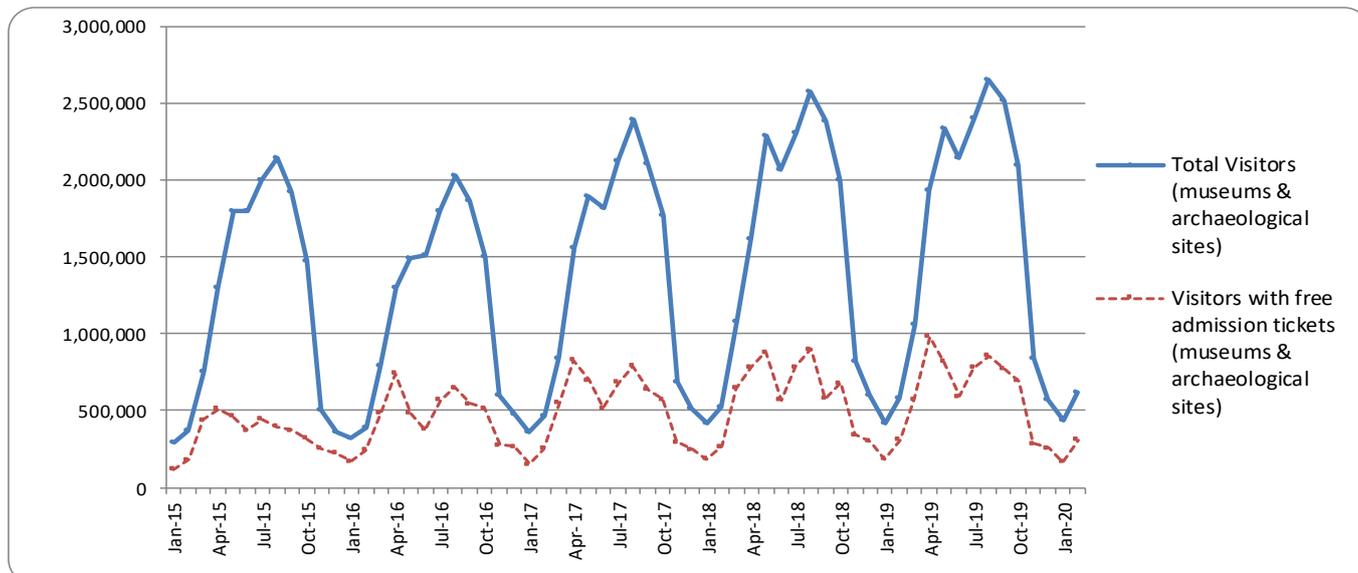
## PRESS RELEASE

### SURVEY ON MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 2020

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the results of the *Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance* for February 2020. Specifically:

- In February 2020 compared with the corresponding month of 2019, Museums experienced a 0.2% increase in the number of visitors and a 0.9% increase in the number of free admission visitors as well as a 16.0% increase in their receipts (Table 1).
- In February 2020 compared with the corresponding month of 2019, the number of visitors at Archaeological sites recorded an increase of 10.7%, while a decrease of 1.1% was observed in the number of free admission visitors and a 23.3% increase in the corresponding receipts (Table 1).
- During the two-month period from January to February 2020, an increase of 1.8% was observed in the number of visitors of Museums, while a decrease of 0.9% was recorded in the number of free admission visitors and a 14.0% increase in the relevant receipts, in comparison with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 2).
- As regards Archaeological sites, during the two-month period from January to February 2020, an increase of 9.0% was recorded in the number of visitors, while a 7.3% decrease was observed in the number of free admission visitors and a 26.4% increase in the relevant receipts, in comparison with the corresponding period of 2019 (Table 2).

**Graph 1: Visitors of Museums and Archaeological sites (January 2015 – February 2020)**



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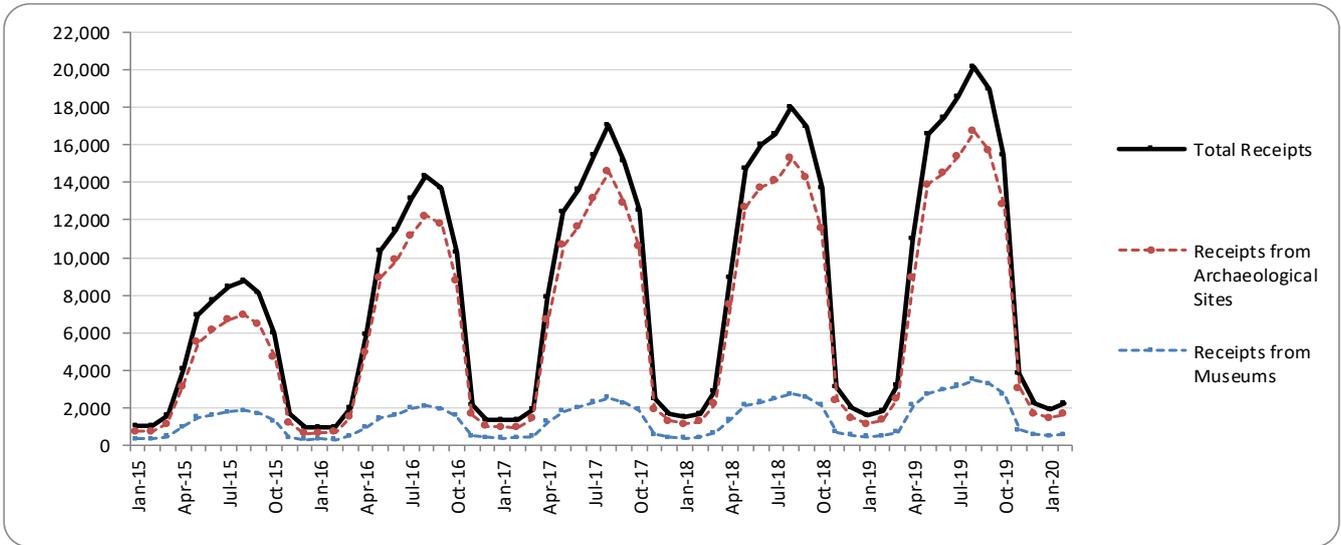
**TABLE 1: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS  
(FEBRUARY 2019 & FEBRUARY 2020)**

<b>I. NUMBER OF VISITORS</b>			
<b>Museums and Archaeological sites</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change 2020/2019</b>
<b>Total number of visitors (A+B)</b>	<b>585,287</b>	<b>621,135</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>A. Museums (C+E)</b>	<b>255,519</b>	<b>255,983</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Acropolis Museum	90,731	88,743	-2.2%
National Archaeological	36,729	29,948	-18.5%
Ancient Olympia	4,100	4,635	13.0%
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	1,085	2,028	86.9%
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	7,555	10,816	43.2%
White Tower	14,172	16,129	13.8%
Delphi	9,585	9,699	1.2%
Other museums	91,562	93,985	2.6%
<b>B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)</b>	<b>329,768</b>	<b>365,152</b>	<b>10.7%</b>
Epidavros <sup>(1)</sup>	11,880	13,781	16.0%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	12,130	15,040	24.0%
The Acropolis of Athens <sup>(1)</sup>	127,196	137,531	8.1%
Sounio	12,121	15,467	27.6%
The Acropolis of Lindos	379	419	10.6%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	9,247	10,247	10.8%
Ancient Olympia	7,342	7,994	8.9%
Knossos (Crete)	6,899	13,590	97.0%
Phaistos (Crete)	3,949	5,670	43.6%
Ancient Korinthos <sup>(1)</sup>	5,566	6,240	12.1%
Mystras <sup>(1)</sup>	1,784	3,098	73.7%
Delphi	12,792	14,942	16.8%
Other archaeological sites	118,483	121,133	2.2%
<b>II. VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change 2020/2019</b>
<b>Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)</b>	<b>274,959</b>	<b>311,450</b>	<b>13.3%</b>
C. Museums	112,961	112,212	-0.7%
D. Archaeological sites	161,998	199,238	23.0%
<b>III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change 2020/2019</b>
<b>Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)</b>	<b>310,328</b>	<b>309,685</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>
E. Museums	142,558	143,771	0.9%
F. Archaeological sites	167,770	165,914	-1.1%
<b>IV. RECEIPTS (euros)</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Change 2020/2019</b>
<b>Total Receipts (G+H)</b>	<b>1,801,494</b>	<b>2,186,628</b>	<b>21.4%</b>
G. Museums	472,397	548,062	16.0%
H. Archaeological sites	1,329,097	1,638,566	23.3%

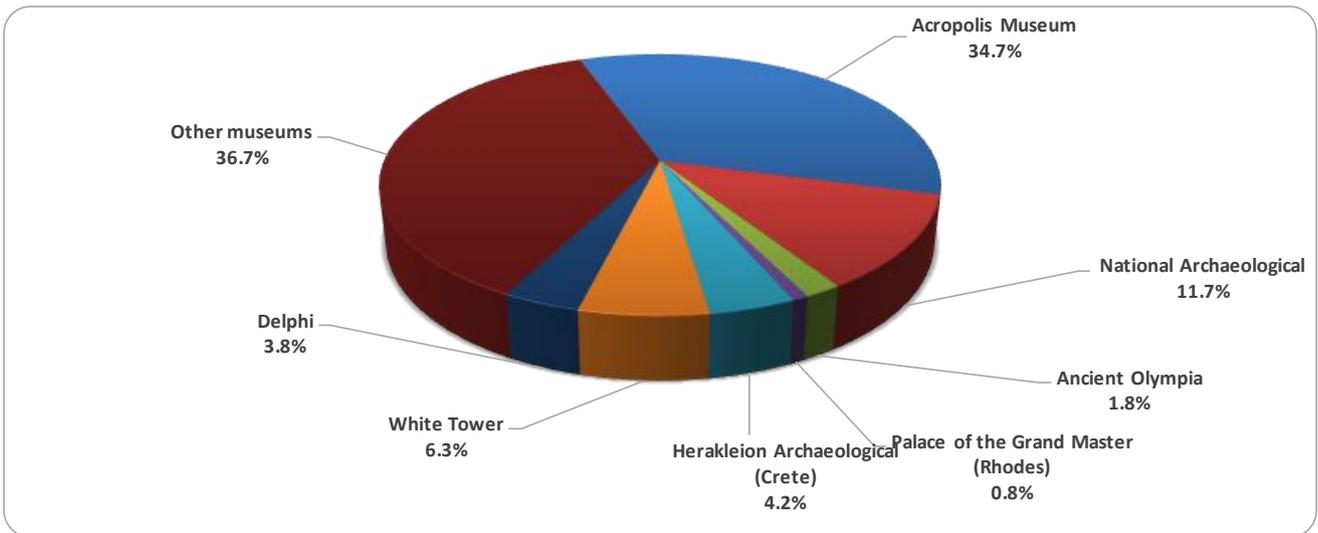
<sup>(1)</sup> Flat rate ticket, valid both for the museum and the archaeological site.

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

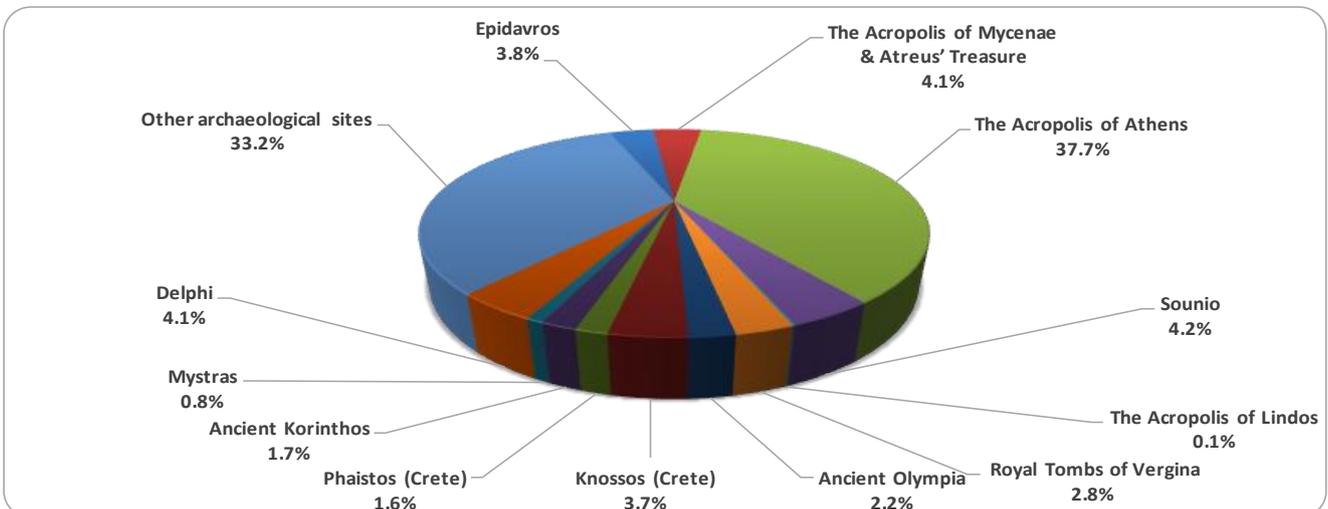
**Graph 2: Receipts from Museums and Archaeological Sites (January 2015 – February 2020)**  
(in thousand euro)



**Graph 3: Percentage distribution of visitors by Museum, February 2020**



**Graph 4: Percentage distribution of visitors by Archaeological site, February 2020**



**TABLE 2: VISITORS OF MUSEUMS AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES - TOTAL RECEIPTS  
(2018, 2019, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2019, 2020)**

<b>I. VISITORS</b>					
Museums and Archaeological sites	2018	2019	JANUARY-FEBRUARY		change 2020/2019
			2019	2020	
<b>Total number of visitors (A+B)</b>	<b>18,603,576</b>	<b>19,559,278</b>	<b>1,000,614</b>	<b>1,059,205</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>A. Museums (C+E)</b>	<b>5,702,211</b>	<b>5,895,927</b>	<b>434,206</b>	<b>441,809</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
Acropolis Museum	1,774,304	1,755,435	160,350	157,586	-1.7%
National Archaeological	594,219	608,876	66,279	52,605	-20.6%
Ancient Olympia	156,658	159,348	6,038	6,507	7.8%
Palace of the Grand Master (Rhodes)	242,759	263,958	2,078	3,715	78.8%
Herakleion Archaeological (Crete)	555,031	660,533	10,969	14,465	31.9%
White Tower	225,944	251,760	21,737	30,714	41.3%
Delphi	249,754	275,993	16,496	17,961	8.9%
Other museums	1,903,542	1,920,024	150,259	158,256	5.3%
<b>B. Archaeological Sites (D+F)</b>	<b>12,901,365</b>	<b>13,663,351</b>	<b>566,408</b>	<b>617,396</b>	<b>9.0%</b>
Epidavros <sup>(1)</sup>	548,890	535,751	19,250	22,793	18.4%
The Acropolis of Mycenae & Atreus' Treasure	495,993	502,619	20,200	24,557	21.6%
The Acropolis of Athens	3,150,604	3,593,586	220,133	245,828	11.7%
Sounio	306,665	337,544	22,555	27,079	20.1%
The Acropolis of Lindos	489,431	525,757	681	1,459	114.2%
Royal Tombs of Vergina	222,503	223,151	12,854	15,410	19.9%
Ancient Olympia	484,238	457,710	11,841	12,455	5.2%
Knossos (Crete)	855,663	949,192	10,065	17,839	77.2%
Phaistos (Crete)	134,538	121,796	5,422	6,377	17.6%
Ancient Korinthos <sup>(1)</sup>	196,944	214,023	10,447	10,954	4.9%
Mystras <sup>(1)</sup>	145,939	147,713	3,438	5,573	62.1%
Delphi	405,947	405,348	20,687	25,190	21.8%
Other archaeological sites	5,464,010	5,649,161	208,835	201,882	-3.3%
<b>II. VISITORS WHO PAID TICKET</b>					
	2018	2019	JANUARY-FEBRUARY		change
			2019	2020	2020/2019
<b>Total number of visitors who paid ticket (C+D)</b>	<b>11,576,404</b>	<b>12,434,987</b>	<b>504,248</b>	<b>584,052</b>	<b>15.8%</b>
C. Museums	3,155,269	3,345,997	202,708	212,295	4.7%
D. Archaeological sites	8,421,135	9,088,990	301,540	371,757	23.3%
<b>III. VISITORS WITH FREE ADMISSION TICKETS</b>					
	2018	2019	JANUARY-FEBRUARY		change
			2019	2020	2020/2019
<b>Total number of visitors with free admission ticket (E+F)</b>	<b>7,027,172</b>	<b>7,124,291</b>	<b>496,366</b>	<b>475,153</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
E. Museums	2,546,942	2,549,930	231,498	229,514	-0.9%
F. Archaeological sites	4,480,230	4,574,361	264,868	245,639	-7.3%
<b>IV. RECEIPTS (euros)</b>					
	2018	2019	JANUARY-FEBRUARY		change
			2019	2020	2020/2019
<b>Total Receipts (G+H)</b>	<b>115,774,516</b>	<b>130,938,846</b>	<b>3,352,137</b>	<b>4,124,720</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
G. Museums	18,251,493	23,343,026	900,626	1,026,591	14.0%
H. Archaeological sites	97,523,023	107,595,820	2,451,511	3,098,129	26.4%

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

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

<b>Survey on Museums and Archaeological Sites Attendance</b>	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.
<b>Legal Framework</b>	The corresponding data for the Acropolis Museum is available from December 2009 onwards. 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** 01/02/2020 to 29/02/2020

**Methodology and Definitions** 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.

### **Number of flat rate tickets**

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 **February 2020** was **15,203**.

**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/>