



## SURVEY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF STATE – MUNICIPAL THEATRES AND ORCHESTRAS: 2022

The Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) announces the data of the Survey on the activities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras for the period 2021-2022<sup>(1)</sup>.

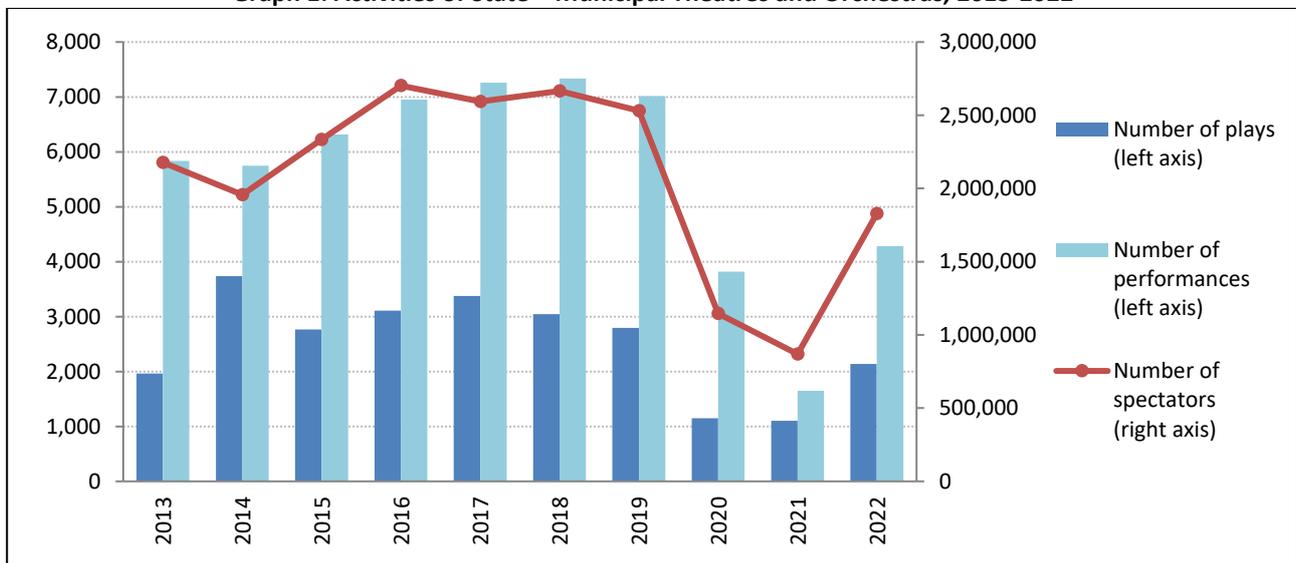
The Survey on the Activities of State Municipal Theatres and Orchestras is an annual census survey. The survey collects data pertaining to the type of the artistic shows (ancient Greek drama, classical drama and contemporary drama plays, opera, concerts, etc.), as well as to the number of plays, performances, and spectators, by type of show, in state municipal theatres and orchestras.

On the basis of the available data from the survey in state municipal theatres and orchestras, as regards the activities that took place in 2022 in comparison with 2021, an increase of 94.5% is recorded in the number of plays, of 159.6% in the number of performances and of 110.3% in the number of spectators (Table 1, Graph 1).

As regards the number of spectators in state municipal theatres and orchestras, it is observed that in winter season, the largest number of spectators was recorded for concerts (160,998), children's theatre (91,418) and for opera (51,196). During the summer season, the largest number of spectators was recorded for concerts (554.333), ancient drama plays (186,649) and for children's theatre (90,600) (Table 2, Graph 2).

The total amount of subsidies paid to state municipal theatres and orchestras in 2022 amounted to 46,867,131 euro, decreased by 3.8% when compared to the previous year (Table 3 and Graph 3).

**Graph 1: Activities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2013-2022**



<sup>(1)</sup> The reference year of the survey refers to the "theatrical year" which begins on October 1<sup>st</sup> of year t-1 and ends in September of the next year (year t).

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**Table 1: Activities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2021-2022**

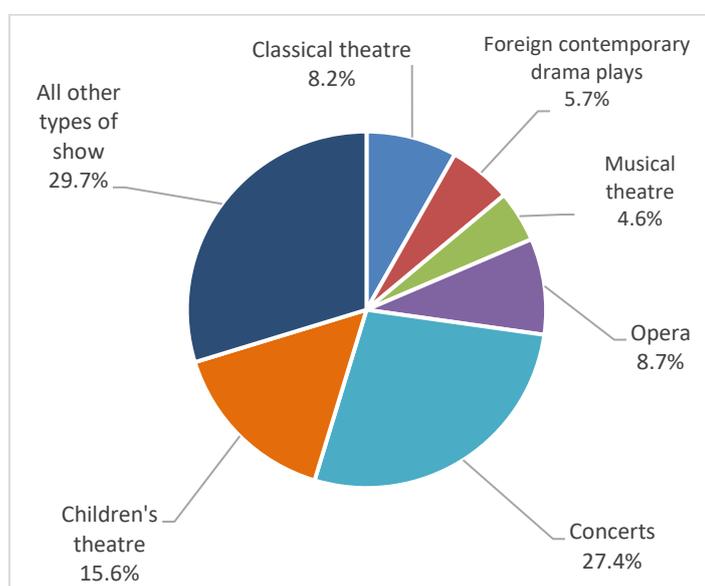
	2021	2022	Change (%) 2022/2021
<b>Number of plays</b>	1,100	2,139	94.5%
<b>Number of performances</b>	1,650	4,283	159.6%
<b>Number of spectators</b>	868,929	1,827,530	110.3%

**Table 2: Activities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, by type of show and period, 2022**

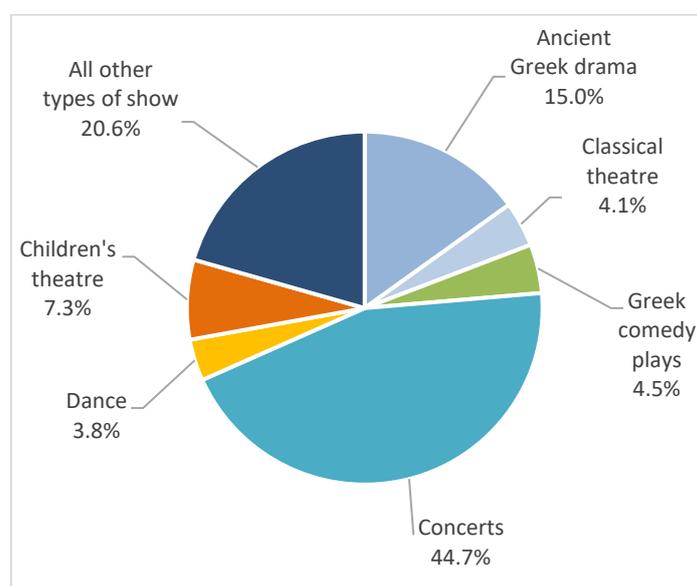
Type of show	Winter season			Summer season		
	Number of plays	Number of performances	Number of spectators	Number of plays	Number of performances	Number of spectators
Ancient Greek drama	2	5	454	123	148	186,649
Classical theatre	29	307	47,980	98	142	51,055
Modern Drama	6	12	3,945	25	28	15,851
Satirical plays	3	31	2,838	8	9	5,030
Foreign comedy plays	17	135	14,456	20	86	23,372
Greek comedy plays	36	129	21,824	72	157	55,537
Foreign contemporary drama plays	21	307	33,489	28	38	17,944
Greek contemporary drama plays	37	254	24,436	34	77	27,216
Boulevard theatre	0	0	0	0	0	0
Romantic comedy	11	32	4,197	5	5	3,630
Musical theatre	7	48	27,263	7	8	4,190
Opera	20	56	51,196	6	20	45,996
Operetta	1	1	300	1	2	208
Ballet	12	27	21,570	5	5	5,150
Concerts	391	336	160,998	547	474	554,333
Dance	41	60	26,378	84	132	47,162
Children's theatre	87	501	91,418	221	237	90,600
Other	70	231	54,221	64	243	106,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>2,472</b>	<b>586,963</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>1,240,567</b>

**Graph 2: Activities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras (number of spectators), by type of show, 2022**

**a. Winter season**

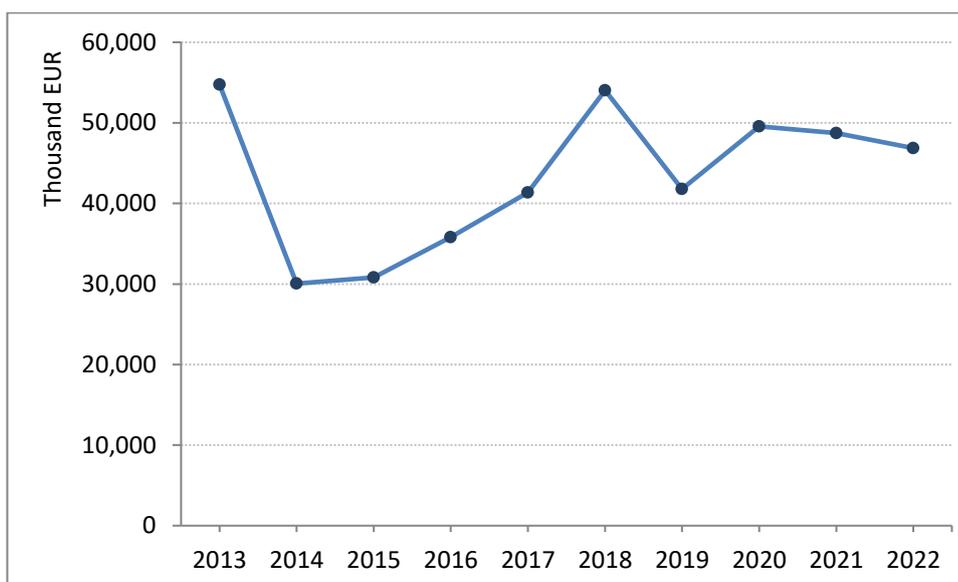


**b. Summer season**



**Table 3 and Graph 3: Subsidies paid to State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2013-2022**

Year	Subsidies (in euro)
2013	54,730,305
2014	30,048,360
2015	30,801,600
2016	35,788,267
2017	41,337,129
2018	54,053,581
2019	41,798,193
2020	49,574,886
2021	48,708,013
2022	46,867,131



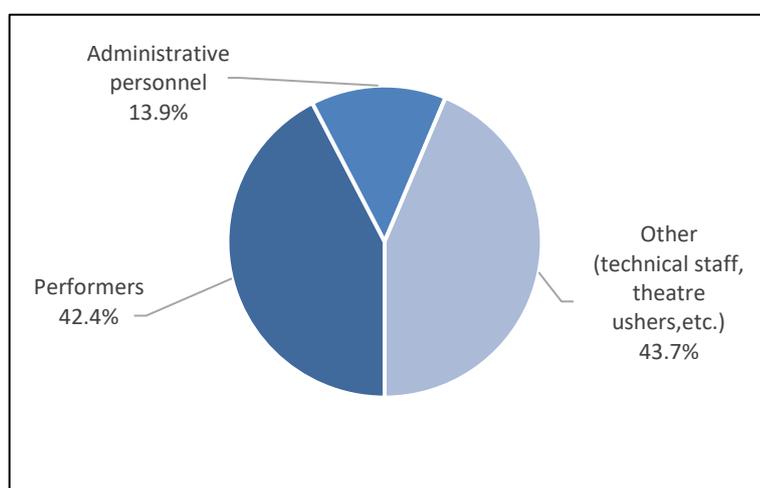
The following tables present data on the capacity of state municipal theaters and orchestras that were in operation for the reference years 2020-2022 (Table 4) as well as on the persons employed in state municipal theaters and orchestras for the reference year 2022 (Table 5, graph 5). The reference year refers to the theatrical year.

**Table 4: Capacity of the facilities of State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, for years 2020, 2021 and 2022**

	2020	2021	2022
Number of seats	75,719	70,368	91,956
Surface area of halls (m <sup>2</sup> )	21,779	19,357	27,631
Surface area of stages (m <sup>2</sup> )	15,790	14,730	18,063
Surface area of dressing rooms (m <sup>2</sup> )	9,981	8,799	11,833
Surface area of foyers (m <sup>2</sup> )	22,278	17,420	23,090

**Table and Graph 5: Persons employed in State – Municipal Theatres and Orchestras, 2022**

Performers	1,555
Administrative personnel	511
Other (technical staff, theatre ushers, etc.)	1,602
<b>Total personnel</b>	<b>3,668</b>



## EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Survey on the activities of State – Municipal Theatre and Orchestras** The Survey on the Activities of State – Municipal Theaters and Orchestras is being carried out since 1970. The survey collects data on the activities of the state municipal theatres and orchestras by type of show, and more specifically data on the number of plays and performances, as well as the number of spectators. Moreover, the survey collects data on the capacity of theatres' facilities, their personnel, and the subsidies. This survey presents the activities of 108 State – Municipal Theaters and Orchestras.
- Legal framework** The survey is conducted by virtue of the Law 3832/2010, as amended and in force.
- Reference Period** Theatrical year 1/10/2021-30/9/2022
- Methodology** The survey is a census survey and is carried out on an annual basis. The reference year of the survey refers to the theatrical year, which begins on 1st October of year t-1 and ends in September of the next year (year t). The data are collected from the State Theatres of Greece, such as the Odeon of Herodes Atticus, the Ancient Theatre of Epidavros, the Municipal Regional Theatres and Orchestras and other Municipal Theatres.
- References** More information on the Survey on the Activities of State – Municipal Theaters and Orchestras are available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)) at:  
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