

[Portugal]

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Introduction

Since 1960, Statistics Portugal releases information on the number of museums and visitors.

The first two methodological changes in the survey to Museums were made in 2000: methodological change in the universe, data collection and data analysis, and in 2007: changes in the questionnaire and exclusion of some categories from the enquired units. Statistics Portugal is responsible for the survey (collecting and analyzing data and obtaining results), in cooperation with the Institute of Museums and Conservation (IMC) and the Observatory of Cultural Activities (OAC).

Information from the Museums' Survey is gathered annually, and the data collection is made via postal. The type of statistical operation is census and the geographical coverage is Portugal. The *Universe* consists of *Museums* (Class 91.02 from NACE-Rev.2) and *Botanical and Zoological Gardens* (Class 91.04 from NACE-Rev.2). The sampling base consists of *Museum, Botanical and Zoological Gardens* that were functioning in the reference year, permanently or seasonally, with at least one exhibition room or space and with at least one person at service.

The objective of this statistical operation is to gather data annually to characterize *Museum, Botanical and Zoological Gardens* in what relates to their functioning, physical infrastructures, human and financial resources, archive, collection and inventory, visitors oriented activities, number of visitors (monthly and annual flows), types of visitors (school groups and foreign visitors) and free entrances.

Every three years, information related to physical infrastructures (total and edification areas, public designated areas and administrative/technical areas), technological resources, partnerships, publications, regulations, norms and plans is gathered.

The results consider only Museums that, in accordance with the methodology established in the 2000's survey, fulfil all the following **five conditions** defined for selection (**national criteria**):

- **Condition 1**- *existence of at least one exhibition room or space;*
- **Condition 2**- *opened to the public, permanently or seasonally;*
- **Condition 3** - *existence of at least one curator or qualified technician - including personnel specialised;*
- **Condition 4** – *existence of a budget – minimum knowledge of the expenditure -;*
- **Condition 5** - *existence of an inventory - minimum inventory summary.*

Definition of Museum

The definition of museum used by Portugal Statistics is according to ICOM – International Council of Museums.

A museum is a non-profit, permanent institution in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which acquires, conserves, researches, communicates and exhibits the tangible and intangible heritage of humanity and its environment for the purposes of education, study and enjoyment.

Existence of Museum-related Laws

Framework Law on Portuguese Museums – Law n° 47/2004 from 19 August

Categories used regarding Type of Collection

Art museums
 Archaeology museums
 Natural science and natural history museums
 Science and technology museums
 Ethnology and anthropology museums
 Specialized museums
 History museums
 Mixed and multidisciplinary museums
 Territory museums
 Others museums

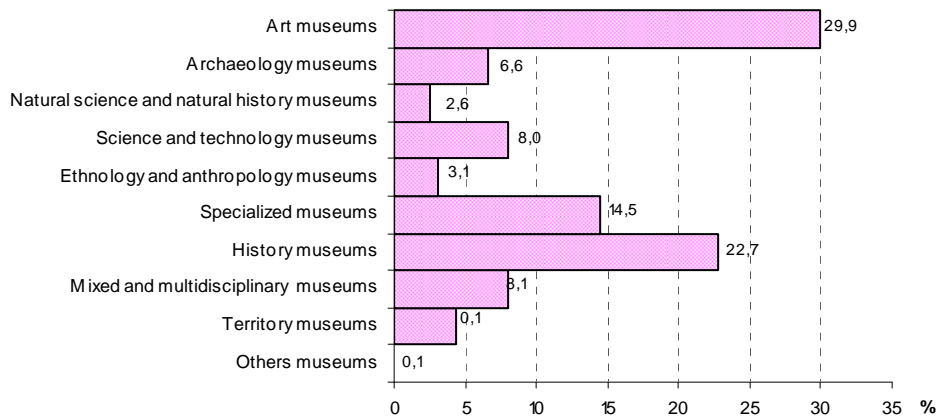
Categories used regarding Type of Ownership

Public museums
 Private museums

Existing Data – Basic Figures and Diagrams

Number and Admissions in Museums (national conditions/criteria)					
2009					Unit: number
Museums according to type of collections	Number of Museums	Admissions			
		Total	in school groups	Foreigners	Free admissions
Total of Museums	343	9 544 463	2 162 435	2 577 470	3 996 488
Art museums	70	2 853 576	375 924	841 878	1 690 982
Archaeology museums	31	631 099	117 287	208 173	290 528
Natural science and natural history museums	11	244 511	53 167	10 523	70 749
Science and technology museums	28	761 771	339 614	32 395	315 160
Ethnology and anthropology museums	50	294 962	92 144	37 782	181 926
Specialized museums	39	1 387 239	559 254	77 013	206 465
History museums	34	2 170 340	326 910	1 206 573	755 740
Mixed and multidisciplinary museums	66	769 100	216 759	129 515	321 136
Territory museums	11	418 087	77 344	28 591	161 852
Others museums	3	13 778	4 032	5 027	1 950

Admissions in Museums – Portugal 2009



Based on the *Survey of Museums, Zoos, Botanical and Aquariums*, in 2009 the 343 "museums" according to national criteria recorded a total of 9.5 million visitors and held a collection of 24.3 million goods. The most visited were the "Art museums", with 29.9% of total visitors. Of the total collection, 34% belonged to the "science and technology museums".

List of References

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