

Culture statistics*

Fourth quarter – 2020

Tiranë, 29 January 2020: INSTAT publishes data on Central Art Institutions, Cultural Heritage, and data on the National Library.

Art and culture institutions

In the fourth quarter of 2020, a total of 80 on air shows and premieres were organized; 7 shows at the at the National People's Theater, 32 shows at the National Experimental Theater, 20 shows at the National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble, 16 shows at the National Cultural Center for Children and 5 shows at the National Circus.

During 2020, a total of 328 shows and premieres were organized in central art institutions. Compared to last year, this number is very low due to the situation created by the Covid-19. However, art institutions have continued the activity with online performances and premieres, published on social networks.

Tab.1 Total number of shows and premieres in the institutions of culture

Number of shows/premieres	Year 2019	Year 2020	Q.4-2019	Q.4-2020
National People's Theater	157	63	51	7
The National Experimental Theater	444	135	142	32
National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble	161	45	68	20
National Center for Children's Culture	236	65	89	16
National Circus	126	20	33	5
Total number of shows/premieres	1,124	328	383	80

In the fourth quarter of 2020, the total number of spectators at cultural activities is 5,457 spectators. In the National Experimental Theater (40.2%) and in the National Circus (30.1%), the highest turnout was recorded.

During the year 2020, in the central art institutions, 38,332 spectators participated in cultural activities.

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Tab.2 Total number of spectators in the institutes of culture

Number of spectators	Year 2019	Year 2020	Q.4-2019	Q.4-2020
National People's Theater	34,790	5,252	8,470	0
The National Experimental Theater	64,684	16,044	20,421	2,194
National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble	70,647	7,476	26,567	486
National Center for Children's Culture	31,795	6,274	11,219	1,133
National Circus	21,698	3,286	4,800	1,644
Total number of spectators	223,614	38,332	71,477	5,457

Cultural heritage

The total number of visitors to Cultural Heritage Institutions, in the fourth quarter of 2020 is 34,993 visitors, 15.5 % of whom are foreign visitors. During this quarter, there were no significant differences in the attendance of cultural heritage institutions by local visitors. Meanwhile, foreign visitor have frequented more Castle and monuments.

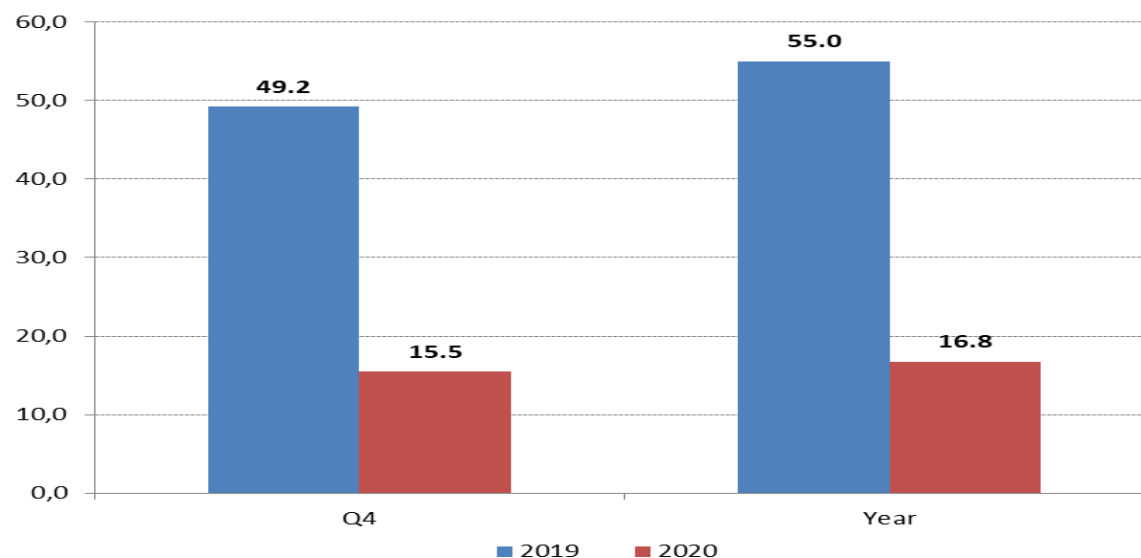
During the year 2020, the number of visitors in museums, castles and archeological parks is 190,467 visitors, 16.8 % of whom are foreigners.

Tab.3 Visitors in museum, castle and other monuments, archeological parks

Cultural heritage institutions	Year 2019	Year 2020	Q.4-2019	Q.4-2020
Museum	317,826	49,288	59,020	11,372
Castle and other monuments	322,395	62,627	44,002	12,073
Archaeological parks	424,860	78,552	47,612	11,548
Total number of visitors	1,065,081	190,467	150,634	34,993

Tab.4 Domestic and foreigners visitors in museum, castle and other monuments, archeological parks

Cultural heritage institutions	Year 2019		Year 2020		Q.4-2019		Q.4-2020	
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Museum	176.497	141.329	9.963	39.325	27.688	31.332	2.030	9.342
Castle and other monuments	180.462	141.933	13.757	48.870	22.275	21.727	2.405	9.668
Archaeological parks	228.391	196.469	8.234	70.318	24.146	23.466	975	10.573
Total number of visitors	585.350	479.731	31.954	158.513	74.109	76.525	5.410	29.583

Fig.1 Foreigner's visitors in museum, caste and archaeological parks**National Library**

In the fourth quarter of 2020, the number of library unit is 2,856 units, while the number of attendees at the National Library is 2,733. During this quarter, are displayed 799 new titles and 3,477 new copies.

During the year 2020, in National Library, the number of library unit is 20,306 units and the number of attendees is 30,002 persons. During this year, are displayed in total 2,537 tituj të rinj dhe 11.022 ekzemplarë të rinj.

Tab.4 Attendance and publications in the National Library

Indicators	Year 2019	Year 2020	Q.4-2019	Q.4-2020
Library Unit Service (Unit)	99,741	20,306	25,000	2,856
Attendance	132,462	30,002	32,332	2,733
Culture and scientific activities	149	95	62	19
Number of new entries				
Number of new titles	4,075	2,537	1,180	799
Number of new exemplars	14,933	11,022	4,185	3,477

Methodology

*Comparison of the fourth quarter of 2020 with the fourth quarter of last year is not possible, as unlike other quarters, the activity in art institutions has been suspended and in cultural heritage institutions the activity has had relevant restrictions.

Based on Order No. 132 dated 08.03.2020 of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection "On closing public and non-public activities and cancellation of mass gatherings in closed or open places", of the Order of the Ministry of Culture No. 141 dated 11.03.2020, as well as following the measures taken by the Government (Decision No. 243, dated 24.3.2020 "On the declaration of the state of natural disaster"), the activity of all central cultural institutions as well as all cultural activities of independent scene has been suspended.

Based on Order no. 351, dated 29.05.2020, of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection, "On taking special measures and restrictions to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 pandemic", were allowed with relevant restrictions visits to museums, parks and castles, but not the resumption of activity for Art.

Data on culture statistics are provided by the Ministry of Culture. In the central art and culture institutions are included: National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble, National People's Theater, National Experimental Theater "Kujtim Spahivogli", National Art Gallery, National Circus.

In the total of museum, archaeological parks and castle are included institutions as:

MUSEUM	CASTLE	ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARKS
National Historic Museum, Tiranë	Castle, Berat	National Park Butrint
Archaeological Museum, Durrës	Castle, Gjirokastër	Archaeological Park Apoloni
Museum of Independence, Vlorë	Castle, Portopalermos	Archaeological Park Bylis
Museum Gjergj Kastrioti, Krujë	Castle, Kaninë	Archaeological Park Shkodër
Ethnographic Museum, Krujë	Castle, Himarë	Archaeological Park Lezhë
Ethnographic Museum, Berat	Amphitheater	Archaeological Park Amantia
Iconographic Museum Onufri, Berat	Monastery of 40 Saints	Archaeological Park Orikum
Medieval Art Museum, Korçë	The Mesopotamian Monastery	Archaeological Park Finiq
Archaeological Museum, Korçë		Archaeological Park Antigoneë
Museum of Education, Korçë		
The Marubi National Museum		
National Tapping Museum "Leek House"		

Definition

Cultural heritage is the entirety of cultural, material and immaterial assets of an individual, group or society inherited from the past that preserves in the present, to convey future generations as part of a country's national wealth, which express values the identity, knowledge, traditions, beliefs, and cultural landscapes.

The museum is the institution for the preservation of memory, in the service of society and its development, open to the public, which conserves, studies, communicates and presents the movable and immovable heritage of mankind and its surrounding environment for the purpose of education, study, promotion and entertainment.

The monument of culture is the object or building of historical-cultural values, which is protected by the state.

Archaeological park is a territory with clear boundaries that includes important archeological evidence of overwhelming, subterranean and underwater landscapes and co-operatives of historic sites, cultural landscapes, organized with elements of a museum in nature.

Libraries are cultural and informative institutions that realize free access to information in any form that it has been deposited. They collect, preserve process and make available to their users their own collections containing information in the service of their training.

Attendance in libraries is calculated by the number of library services / materials that each national library attendee receives.

Library materials include books, articles, maps, dissertations, and audiovisual materials.

New titles refer to those library materials that enter the library during a reference period.

New exemplars refer to the number of library units for each new title during a reference period.

Data source:

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