Croatian Museum Statistics overview, 2022

Source of data: Register of Museums, galleries and collections in Croatia (Museum Documentation Center), annual questionnaire, official documents, cooperation with museums, field work

Last data for 2022 delivered: 29th March 2023

Units in the database (MDC's Register): 308

The presented data refer to 168 legally established and registered museums registered in the Register of Public and Private Museums in the Republic of Croatia. During the year 2022 four new museum institutions entered the Register.

Response: 72 %

Founders of museums in Croatia are cities (59 %), state (16 %), counties (8 %), communities (6 %), other founders (9 %), more founders (2 %).

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1 Number of physical museums (units) in the Register relating to 262 legal entities. Some museums are part of complex institutions that include multiple museums (units).

2 The Art Pavilion in Zagreb is not included in the statistical review, as it acts as a gallery. The number of 168 museums (legal entities) in the Register refers to 207 physical museums (units).

3 New museums (collections) in the Register: Muzejska zavičajna zbirka grada Novske, Muzej crvene povijesti, Galerija „Barutana 1991.“ and Zavičajni muzej Daruvar.

4 The response (147 museums - 120 legal entities) refers to museums that have updated any data or set of data in the online database of the Register for 2022; they did not necessarily update all the data.

5 Culture centers, public open universities, art centres are included as were also founded by cities.

6 Ministries and Government of the Republic of Croatia included as founders.

7 Museums which are founded by state and the city together (3) and county and the city (1) are included.

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According to the scope of activity, 51 % of Croatian museums operate locally, 28 % have national reach, 20 % operate regionally and 0,5 % internationally.

By type, Croatian museums are divided into general (41,5 %), specialized museums (47 %) and museum collections (11 %) and a permanent museum exhibition (only one of the museums from the Register, which makes 0,5 %).

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Among general type of museums, there are 45 local ones (54 % of general museums), 32 municipal (38 % of general museums), 4 national ones (5 % of the general type of museums) while 2 general museums do not belong to any of listed subgroup (2 %).

Among specialized museums (95) by type, most are art museums (32 or 34 %) followed by archeological museums (12 or 13 %), historical ones (11 or 12 %), etnographical (8 or 8 %), natural history museums (5 or 5 %), technical museums (2 or 2 %) and other types of specialized museums (25 or 26 %) among which there are biographical, memorial, hunting, police, sport, school, postal, sacral, typhological, etc.

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Among the 22 museum collections, there are 6 art (27 %), 3 historical (14 %), 2 ethnographic (9 %), 1 archeological (5 %) and 10 other types of collections (45 %).

Museums by type are divided into general museums (84 museums or 41,5 %), specialized museums (96 or 48 %) - archeological (6 %), ethnographic (4 %), history (5,5 %), natural history (2,5 %), technical (1 %), art (16 %) and other (12,5 %); museum collections (22 or 11 %) and permanent museum exhibition (1 or 0,5 %).

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Museum staff

Total number of persons employed in Croatian museums: 1820
Total number of museum professionals: 1122 (not including trainees)
Average age of professional museum staff: 47
Museum professionals by gender:

Women: 64 %
Men: 36 %

Professional museum staff / positions

NB: some of the above titles overlap, given that some museum staff have dual titles - either performing both jobs or taking a professional exam for both titles. All professional titles listed in the table also include corresponding higher professional titles.

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Type of collection – number of museum collections, total number of museum objects

Number of museum collections: 2887
Total number of objects in museum collections: 6,731,803
Number of objects inventoried: 4,778,659 (71 %)
Number of objects in the database: 4,010,550 (59.5 %)

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Number of museum collections and museum objects, 2021 / 2022

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