

Culture statistics

First quarter - 2019

Tirana, May 2, 2019: The number of cultural activities in the first quarter of the year 2019 is 308, 8 shows more, compared to the first quarter of 2018. In art and cultural institutions, in the first quarter of 2019, are organized 17 premieres, 10 premieres less, compare to the same period of previous year.

In the first quarter of 2019, the number of spectators is 67,609, showing an increase of 1.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

The average attendance in the first quarter of 2019 is 220 spectators per show and has decreased by 0.9 %, compared to the first quarter of 2018.

Art and Culture Institutions

For the first quarter of 2019, the National Experimental Theater is the institution that has achieved the highest number of performances, with 145 shows, recording a decrease of 2.7 %, compared to the first quarter of 2018. National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble has achieved the highest number of premieres, 10 premieres, 6 less, compared to the same period of last year.

Tab. 1 Total number of shows/premieres in the institutes of culture

Number of shows/ premieres	Shows		Quartely change	Premieres		Quartely change
	Tr.1-2018	Tr.1-2019	në %	Tr.1-2018	Tr.1-2019	në %
National People's Theater	44	57	29.5	4	1	-75.0
The National Experimental Theater	149	145	-2.7	6	6	0.0
National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble	24	35	45.8	16	10	-37.5
National Center for Children's Culture	51	35	-31.4	-	-	-
National Circus	32	36	12.5	1	0	-100.0
Total number of shows/premieres	300	308	2.7	27	17	-37.0

For the first quarter of 2019, The National Experimental Theater is the institution that has achieved the highest number of spectators, with 22,765; however, it has marked a decrease of 18.9 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

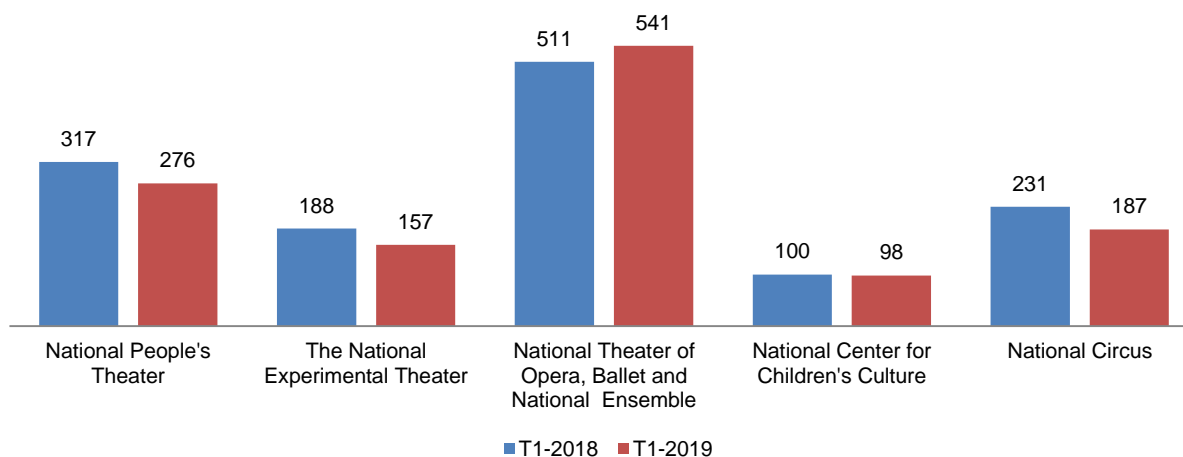
The highest increase in number of visitors was recorded by the National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble with 54.6 % compared to the same period of 2018.

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

Number of spectators	Tr.1-2018	Tr.1-2019	Quarterly change (%)
National People's Theater	13,963	15,735	12.7
The National Experimental Theater	28,068	22,765	-18.9
National Theater of Opera, Ballet and National Ensemble	12,256	18,950	54.6
National Center for Children's Culture	5,079	3,424	-32.6
National Circus	7,378	6,735	-8.7
Total number of spectators	66,744	67,609	1.3

The average number of visitors per show has dropped to 220 spectators per show in the first quarter 2019; meanwhile it was 222 spectators per show in the first quarter of 2018, registering a decrease of 0.9 %.

Fig.1 Average attendance of spectators for show in culture institutions



Cultural Heritage

The number of visitors to the museum in the first quarter of 2019 is 25,916, showing an increase of 5.9 % compared to the first quarter of the year 2018.

In castles and other monuments, the number of visitors has increased by 2.5 % between the first quarter of 2019 and the same quarter of the year 2018.

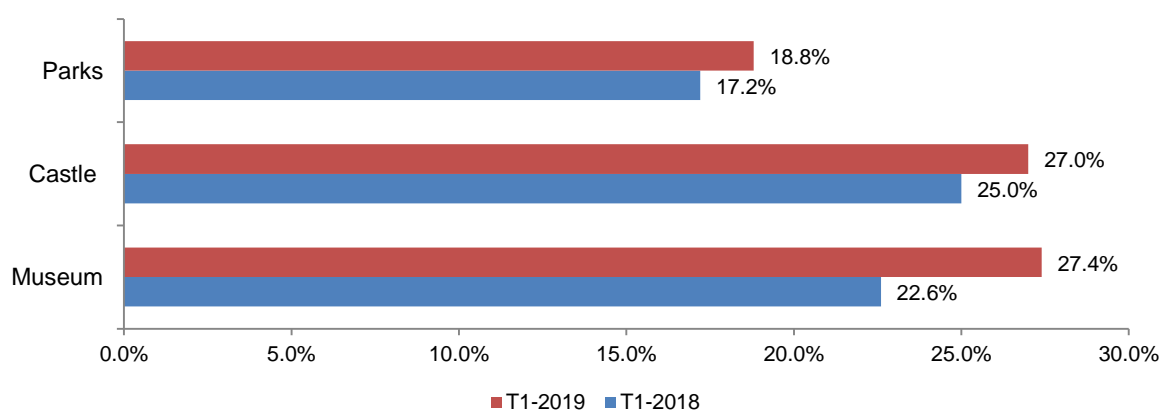
The number of visitors to archaeological parks, in the first quarter of the year 2019 is 19,881, showing an increase of 43.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

In the first quarter of 2019, number of foreigner's visitors in museum, parks and castle was 15,846, showing an increase of 27.4 %, compared to the first quarter of 2018. The highest percentage of foreigner's visitors was in museum, 27.4 % foreigner's visitors form the total number of visitors in museum.

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

Number of vizitors	Tr.1-2018	Tr.1-2019	Quartly change (%)
Museum	24,477	25,916	5.9
Castle and other monuments	18,075	18,518	2.5
Archaeological parks	13,872	19,881	43.3
Total number of visitors	56,424	64,315	14.0

Fig.2 Percentage of foreigner's visitors in museum, caste and archaeological parks



National Library

The number of library unit services has increased by 1.2 % in the first quarter of 2019 compared to the first quarter of 2018; while the number of culture and scientific activities has decreased by 43.5 %.

In the first quarter of the year 2019, the attendance at the National Library was 30,669, showing an increase of 64.3 %, compared to the same period of last year.

In the National Library, in the first quarter of the year 2019, are displayed 6,574 publications, 55.7 % more than the first quarter of the year 2018. From these publications 1,233 were new titles and 5,341 new copies.

Tab. 4 Attendance and publications in the National Library

Indicators	Tr.1-2018	Tr.1-2019	Quartly change (%)
Library Unit Service (Unit)	19,728	19,971	1.2
Attendance	18,662	30,669	64.3
Culture and scientific activities	62	35	-43.5
Number of publications	4,222	6,574	55.7
Number of new titles during the year	815	1,233	51.3
Number of new exemplars during the year	3,407	5,341	56.8

Methodology note

In the central art 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, Albanian National Film Archive, National Center for Cinematography, National Cultural Center for Children and Puppet Theater , Albanian Copyright Office , Museums, Castle and other monuments, Archaeological parks.

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

Museum	Castle and other monuments	Archaeological Parks
National Historic Museum, Tiranë	Castle, Berat	National Park Butrint
Archaeological Museum, Durrës	Castle, Gjirokastrë	Archaeological Park Apoloni
Museum of Independence, Vlorë	Castle, Portopalmos	Archaeological Park Bylis
Museum Gjerqj Kastrioti, Kruja	Castle, Kanina	Archaeological Park Shkodër
Ethnographic Museum, Krujë	Castle , Himara	Archaeological Park Lezhë
Ethnographic Museum, Berat	Amphitheater	Archaeological Park Amantia
Iconographic Museum Onufri, Berat	Monastery of 40 Saints	Archaeological Park Orikum
Medieval Art Museum, Korça	The Mesopotamian Monastery	Archaeological Park Finiq
Archaeological Museum, Korçë		Archaeological Park Antigone
Museum of Education, Korça		
The Marubi National Museum		
National Tapping Museum "Leek House"		

Data source:

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