

23. CULTURE

Data on public libraries and historical monuments used for cultural purposes are taken over from the National Information and Consulting Centre for Culture (NIPPOS), established by the Ministry of Culture of the CR, and capture the state as at 31 December or the total for a given calendar year.

Public libraries shall mean the National Library of the CR and Moravian Library, which are directly managed by the Ministry of Culture of the CR, then regional scientific libraries, established by regional authorities, and furthermore libraries established by municipalities and towns. For all the types of libraries, the indicator "Loans, total" refers to loans of all library items and other documents used in-house and outside the library. The **library item** shall mean each separate volume of a book, a complete volume or several issues of a periodical bound or inserted into a folder, each separate map, a graphic sheet, a gramophone record, etc. Other documents include, for instance, magnetic tapes, microfilm rolls, photocopies, microfiches, etc.

Historical monuments used for cultural purposes include castles, chateaux, monasteries, cloisters, and other historical monuments accessible to visitors for an admission fee and are not managed by a museum or a gallery. The data given refer to all these facilities, irrespective of their founder.