

23. CULTURE

Data on this field are taken over from the National Information and Consulting Centre for Culture (NIPOS), 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. **Loans, total** refer 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 document i.e. every printed volume or a part of multi-volume piece, a complete volume or several issues of a periodical bound or inserted into a folder, each separate map, a graphic sheet, a carrier of special type documents (magnetic tape cassette, CD-ROM, etc.), which is registered as a separate item in the item register.

In case of **museums, monuments, and galleries, including their branches** the statistical survey covers all establishments which were **under operation** with no regard of their founder. Detached sections, which are out of the museum or gallery residence, yet form an organisational component with the reporting unit, are taken as **branches**. A **monument** shall mean a room or premises in which there is an exposition or exhibition installed. In the case of **galleries** the statistical survey covers those which own collections, so-called museums of fine art, not sale galleries. The most important form of activities of museums is exhibitions either short-term, occasional **exhibitions**, or long-term (permanent) **expositions**.

Historical monuments used for cultural and educational purposes include castles, chateaux, churches, monasteries, cloisters, ruins, mills, towers, 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.