

23. CULTURE, SPORT

Data on **culture** were received from external sources – the National Information and Consulting Centre for Culture (NIPOS) established by the Ministry of Culture; data on the number and structure of cinemas from the Film Distributors Union.

Public libraries are: the National Library of the Czech Republic and Moravian Library in Brno, which are directly managed by the Ministry of Culture, regional scientific libraries established by regional authorities, and furthermore libraries established by municipalities and towns. A **branch** is a separated part of a library (as for its location); it is an organizational unit managed directly by the library. **Loans** refer to all library items and other documents used in-house and outside the library. A **library item** is 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 (a magnetic tape cassette, a CD, etc.), which is registered as a separate item in the item register.

Museums, monuments, and galleries include all establishments that were **in operation**, irrespective of their founder. A detached section, which is out of the museum or gallery headquarters, yet forms an organisational unit of a reporting unit, is considered a **branch**. A **monument** is a room or premises, in which an exposition or an exhibition is 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 and other monuments used for cultural purposes include castles, chateaux, churches, monasteries, cloisters, ruins, mills, towers, and other historical monuments made accessible to visitors for an admission fee and not managed by a museum or a gallery. The data given refer to all the facilities, irrespective of their founder.

A **cinema** is a cultural establishment the main activity of which is film screenings. The numbers of cinemas do not include touring cinema initiatives. A multiplex cinema is a cinema, which operates three or more cinema auditoriums.

Published data from the area of **sport** are obtained from the registry of membership of the Czech Union of Sports (CUS) as at 31 December of the given year. The data collection was organised according to instructions of the Chairman of the Czech Union of Sports in all entities associated in the CUS.