



ST. PETERSBURG  
COMMITTEE FOR CULTURE



# CULTURE OF ST. PETERSBURG IN FIGURES 2008



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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ST. PETERSBURG WAS FOUNDED ON 27 MAY 1703

The city has had different names during the course of its history:

**St. Petersburg** – 1703–1914

**Petrograd** – 1914–1924

**Leningrad** – 1924–1991

*The historical name of St. Petersburg was readopted  
on 6 September 1991.*

The historical center of St. Petersburg and the monuments that are connected to it are inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

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Area of St. Petersburg, sq. km	<b>1 439</b>
Inhabitants	<b>4 570 880</b>
Districts	<b>18</b>
Islands	<b>34</b>
Bridges	<b>230</b>
Churches:	<b>187</b>
Orthodox	<b>162</b>
Other denominations	<b>25</b>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Holidays		<b>75</b>
Festivals <i>total</i> :		<b>265</b>
supported by St. Petersburg Committee for Culture		<b>82</b>
Music	<b>95</b>	Children's festivals <b>37</b>
Dance	<b>8</b>	National culture <b>30</b>
Theater	<b>20</b>	
Cinema	<b>31</b>	
Arts	<b>29</b>	
Others	<b>82</b>	
Art exhibitions		<b>966</b>
Total number of cultural institutions (including branches):		<b>1 147</b>
Federal institutions		<b>48</b>
Locally run institutions		<b>393</b>
Others		<b>706</b>
Employees of cultural institutions*		<b>50 235</b>
Employees of locally run institutions		<b>19 429</b>
Historical and cultural monuments under State protection		<b>7 783</b>
Commemorative plaques		<b>2 358</b>
Theaters		<b>62</b>
Museums (including branches)		<b>182</b>
Art galleries		<b>135</b>
Concert halls		<b>38</b>
Cinemas		<b>50</b>
Cinemas funded by the budget*		<b>13</b>
Circuses		<b>2</b>

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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Other cultural institutions funded by the budget*	17
National cultural centers	197
Foreign cultural centers	21
Creative associations	19
Production studios	38
Art clubs	17
Design studios	112
Fashion houses	28

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## COMMUNITY-ORIENTED EVENTS

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Free public events	11 805
Events for children	9 958

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\* Data concerning state institutions funded by the Russian Federation consolidated budget for St. Petersburg.

## THEATERS

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Theaters <i>total</i> :		<b>62</b>
Federal theaters	<b>5</b>	Drama <b>47</b>
Locally run theaters	<b>27</b>	Opera and ballet <b>9</b>
Theaters under regional rule	<b>3</b>	Musical <b>6</b>
Others	<b>27</b>	Children's <b>12</b>
Performances*		<b>7 662</b>
Premieres		<b>157</b>
Premieres in theaters funded by the consolidated budget*		<b>103</b>
Theater venues		<b>44</b>
Visitors*		<b>2 515 000</b>
Employees*		<b>7 382</b>

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## CONCERT COMPANIES

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Concert companies*:		<b>17</b>
Federal companies	<b>2</b>	
Locally run companies	<b>15</b>	
Concerts*		<b>4 721</b>
Visitors*		<b>1 748 400</b>
Employees*		<b>2 305</b>

## MUSEUMS

Museums (including branches) <i>total</i> :	<b>182</b>	
Federal museums	<b>24</b>	
Locally run museums	<b>40</b>	
Regional museums	<b>36</b>	
Departmental museums	<b>29</b>	
museums of institutes of higher education	<b>21</b>	
Others	<b>32</b>	
	Natural science	<b>17</b>
	Art	<b>14</b>
	Memorial	<b>28</b>
	Historical	<b>72</b>
	Technical	<b>11</b>
	Literary	<b>16</b>
	State Museum Reserve	<b>5</b>
	Others	<b>19</b>
Museums of organizations	<b>28</b>	
Visitors*	<b>15 917 700</b>	
Museum exhibitions (including those outside of St. Petersburg)*	<b>848</b>	
Museum objects*	<b>7 630 707</b>	
Employees*	<b>9 595</b>	
Parks*	<b>4</b>	
Total area of parks*, in ha	<b>195,2</b>	
Zoo	<b>1</b>	
Visitors	<b>708 479</b>	
Animals	<b>1 907</b>	
Species of animals	<b>394</b>	

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## LIBRARIES

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Public Libraries <i>total:</i>	<b>260</b>
Federal libraries	<b>1</b>
Locally run libraries	<b>189</b>
Departmental libraries	<b>70</b>
Visitors	<b>8 572 900</b>
Total number of books and periodicals	<b>52 469 980</b>
Employees	<b>4 228</b>

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## EDUCATION

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Secondary art and music schools*	<b>64</b>
Pupils in secondary art and music schools*	<b>32 762</b>
Vocational secondary schools*	<b>5</b>
Pupils in vocational secondary schools*	<b>1 347</b>
Teachers in secondary art and music schools and vocational secondary schools*	<b>3 776</b>
Institutes of higher education	<b>21</b>
Institutes of higher education funded by the budget of the Ministry of Culture	<b>5</b>
Students in institutes of higher education*	<b>23 791</b>
Employees of cultural institutions participating in continuing education programs funded by the city of St. Petersburg	<b>1 207</b>
Scientific events on culture and arts held in St. Petersburg	<b>508</b>

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## RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Recreational cultural centers <i>total</i> :	<b>54</b>
Locally run institutions	<b>27</b>
Departmental institutions	<b>27</b>
Spectator seats in such institutions	<b>29 900</b>
Clubs <i>total</i> :	<b>1 991</b>
Children's clubs	<b>1 113</b>
Club members	<b>56 145</b>
Amateur performing groups	<b>1 327</b>
Members of amateur performing groups	<b>31 825</b>
Recreational cultural events <i>total</i> : (including free events)	<b>20 631</b>
Children's events	<b>4 751</b>
Employees of recreational cultural centers	<b>3 519</b>

## FUNDING OF CULTURE BY THE BUDGET OF ST. PETERSBURG

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Budgetary funding of culture (Committee for Culture)	<b>7 715,8</b>
Funding of festivals and programs in the field of arts and culture on a competitive basis (Committee for Culture)	<b>111,0</b>
Expenditures on capital repair and restoration of locally run cultural objects according to the Address program	<b>1 300,3</b>



## SOCIOLOGICAL SURVEY RESULTS

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**30%** of the population go to the drama theaters

**5%** of the all citizens visit museums at least 10 times a year

**12%** of the population visit concerts of academic music

**28%** of all citizens are the most active participants in cultural life by visiting cultural institutions at least 10 times a year

**44%** of the population think that entertainment is the main aim of visiting cultural institutions

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**56%** of all citizens wish to visit cultural institutions more frequently

**44%** of the population visit cultural institutions not often enough due to shortage of spare time

**60%** of all students of institutes of higher cultural education plan to work in culture

**44%** of all students of institutes of higher cultural education who combine work and study, have a job in culture

## INFORMATION ABOUT CULTURAL EVENTS AND SERVICES

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### *Publications*

St. Petersburg Next Year: A Calendar of Events,  
since 1998

St. Petersburg Next Month: A Calendar of Cultural Events,  
since 1993

St. Petersburg Next Month: Arts and Culture. Professional  
Contacts, since 1997

Monthly Billboard: Exhibitions in St. Petersburg Museums,  
300 copies, exposed across all city districts

Web site of the St. Petersburg Committee for Culture  
[www.spbculture.ru](http://www.spbculture.ru)  
Visitors 1 813 071 per year

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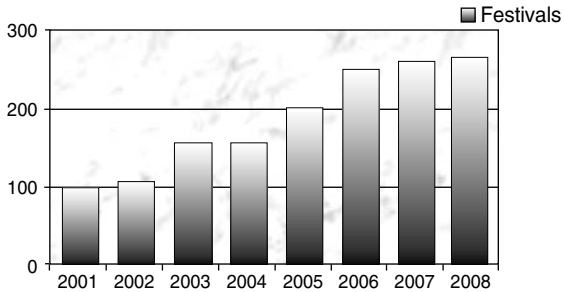
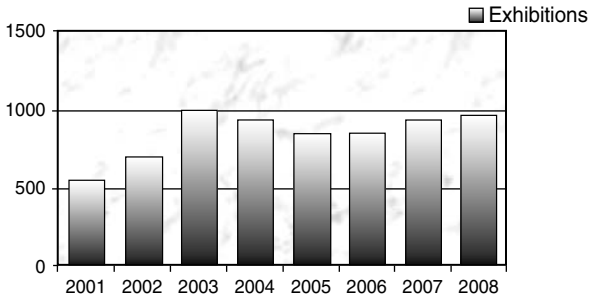
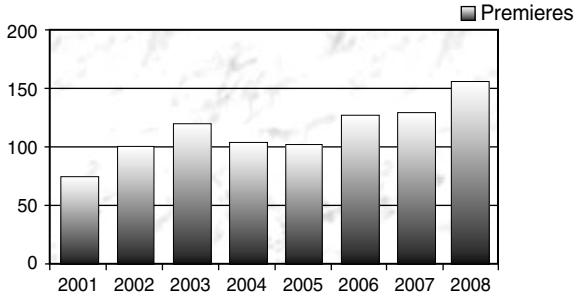
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