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	No. museums	%
Unaccredited	1635	50.7
Accredited	1589	49.3
Total	3224	100.0

Table 1: Total number of museums open in 2017 broken down by accredited museums vs. unaccredited status.

	No. museums			% museums	
	Accr	Unaccr	Total	Accr	Unaccr
Government	/Gov/Cadw	-	3	3	- 100
	/Gov/Local Authority	562	147	709	79.3 20.7
	/Gov/National	52	5	57	91.2 8.8
	/Gov/Other	7	4	11	63.6 36.4
	Government total	621	159	780	79.6 20.4
Independent	/Indep/English Heritage	32	17	49	65.3 34.7
	/Indep/Historic Env. Scotland	2	10	12	16.7 83.3
	/Indep/National Trust	145	36	181	80.1 19.9
	/Indep/National Trust for Scot.	8	14	22	36.4 63.6
	/Indep/Not for profit	754	723	1477	51 49
	/Indep/Private	-	441	441	- 100
	/Indep/Unknown	-	120	120	- 100
Independent total	941	1361	2302	40.9 59.1	
/University	73	18	91	80.2 19.8	
/Unknown	-	51	51	- 100	
Total	1635	1589	3224	50.7 49.3	

Table 2: Total number of museums open in 2017 broken down by accredited vs. unaccredited museums according to governance status.

	No. museums			% museums	
	Accr	Unaccr	Total	Accr	Unaccr
small	887	1358	2245	39.5	60.5
medium	344	104	448	76.8	23.2
large	403	105	508	79.3	20.7
unknown	1	22	23	4.3	95.7
Total	1635	1589	3224	50.7	49.3

Table 3: Total number of museums open in 2017 broken down by accredited vs, unaccredited museums according to size.

	No. museums			% museums	
	Accr	Unaccr	Total	Accr	Unaccr
Archaeology	52	38	90	57.8	42.2
Arts	153	79	232	65.9	34.1
Belief and identity	31	54	85	36.5	63.5
Buildings	249	300	549	45.4	54.6
Communications	7	6	13	53.8	46.2
Food and drink	1	14	15	6.7	93.3
Industry and manufacture	63	79	142	44.4	55.6
Leisure and sport	15	64	79	19	81
Local histories	468	272	740	63.2	36.8
Medicine and health	16	15	31	51.6	48.4
Mixed	128	27	155	82.6	17.4
Natural world	24	23	47	51.1	48.9
Personality	92	73	165	55.8	44.2
Rural industry	38	73	111	34.2	65.8
Science and technology	10	10	20	50	50
Sea and seafaring	42	56	98	42.9	57.1
Services	6	29	35	17.1	82.9
Transport	77	149	226	34.1	65.9
Utilities	11	22	33	33.3	66.7

War and conflict	143	172	315	45.4	54.6
Other	9	34	43	20.9	79.1
Total	1635	1589	3224	50.7	49.3

Table 4: Total number of museums open in 2017 broken down by accredited vs unaccredited museums according to subject matter.

	No. museums			% museums	
	Accr	Unaccr	Total	Accr	Unaccr
/Belief and identity/ Church treasuries	-	6	6	-	100
/Belief and identity/ Ethnic group	4	13	17	23.5	76.5
/Belief and identity/ Freemasons	3	5	8	37.5	62.5
/Belief and identity/ Other	1	4	5	20	80
/Belief and identity/ Religion	8	6	14	57.1	42.9
/Belief and identity/ Religious buildings	15	20	35	42.9	57.1
/Industry and manufacture/ Clocks and watches	1	3	4	25	75
/Industry and manufacture/ Industrial life	7	4	11	63.6	36.4
/Industry and manufacture/ Metals	7	7	14	50	50
/Industry and manufacture/ Mining and quarrying	14	24	38	36.8	63.2
/Industry and manufacture/ Mixed	5	2	7	71.4	28.6
/Industry and manufacture/ Other	10	13	23	43.5	56.5
/Industry and manufacture/ Potteries	4	5	9	44.4	55.6
/Industry and manufacture/ Print	0	2	2	-	100
/Industry and manufacture/ Steam and engines	2	7	9	22.2	77.8
/Industry and manufacture/ Textiles	13	12	25	52	48
/Natural world/ Dinosaurs	1	4	5	20	80
/Natural world/ Fossils	-	3	3	-	100
/Natural world/ Geology	4	6	10	40	60
/Natural world/ Herbaria and gardening	3	2	5	60	40
/Natural world/ Mixed	12	2	14	85.7	14.3
/Natural world/ Other	-	5	5	-	100

/Natural world/ Zoology	4	1	5	80	20
/War and conflict/ Airforce	12	39	51	23.5	76.5
/War and conflict/ Bunker	-	10	10	-	100
/War and conflict/ Castles and forts	25	38	63	39.7	60.3
/War and conflict/ Event or site	10	21	31	32.3	67.7
/War and conflict/ Military	9	22	31	29	71
/War and conflict/ Navy	8	7	15	53.3	46.7
/War and conflict/ Other	3	11	14	21.4	78.6
/War and conflict/ Regiment	76	24	100	76	24

Table 5: Selected museums open in 2017 broken down by accredited vs unaccredited status, according to selected sub-categories.

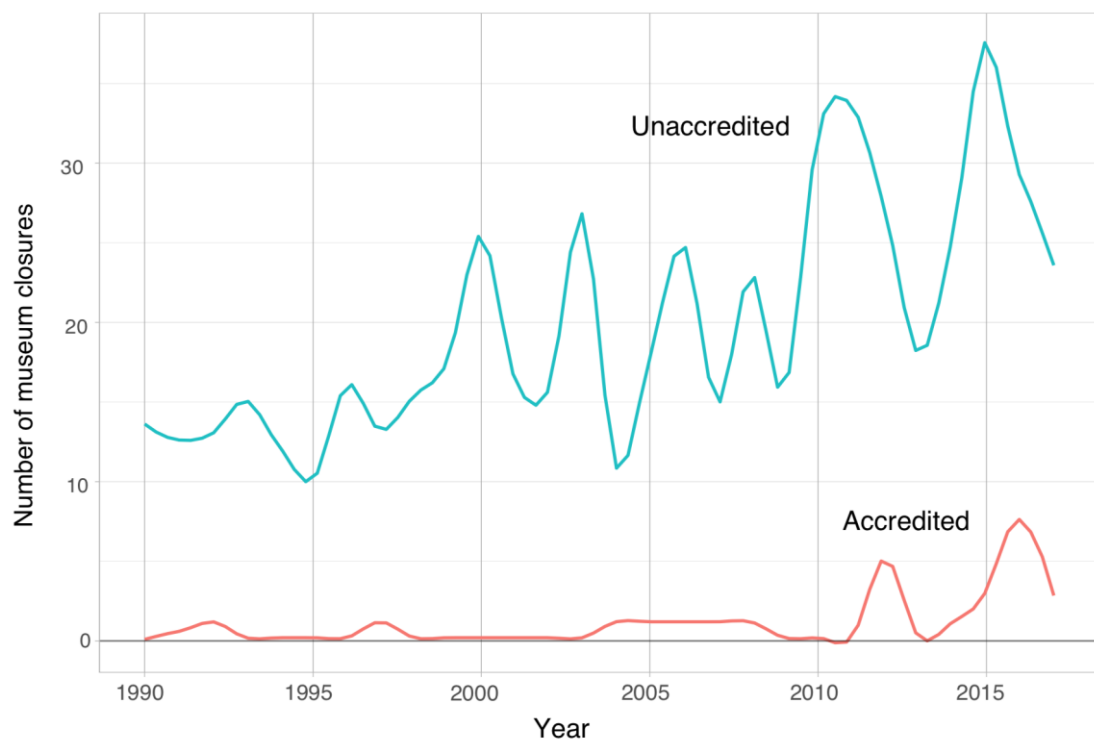


Figure 1: Rate of closure of museums per year according to accreditation status, 1990–2017.

	Mus. in exist. in 2017	%	Mus. closed since 1990	%	Closed within category (%)
Accredited	1,650	50.6	34	5.8	2.0
Unaccredited	1,612	49.4	552	94.2	25.5
Total	3,262	100	586	100	–

Table 6: Closures of museums in 1990–2017 according to accreditation status. The table shows that 2% of accredited museums and 25.5% of unaccredited museums closed during this period. The percentage of museums closed within an accreditation category is calculated as  $(\text{museum\_closed\_since\_1990} / (\text{museum\_in\_existence\_in\_2017} + \text{museum\_closed\_since\_1990}) * 100)$ .