### NATIONAL ARTS FACTS

#### ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR'S PERCENTAGE OF U.S. ECONOMY (Artists, University Arts, Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

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**BONUS:** U.S. exports generate a $29.7 billion arts trade SURPLUS.

#### NUMBER OF ARTS-RELATED BUSINESSES AND JOBS (Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

| National                      | 673,656 Businesses | 3.48M Employees |

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & THEIR AUDIENCES**

| National                      | 166.3 Billion | DRIVeR OF OUR NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL ECONOMY. |

| National                      | $12.6 Billion | DRIVeR OF JUST ONE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMIES. |

#### PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & ARTISTS

**Q** So how much is the federal government investing in the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)?

**A** Congress has proposed allocating $162.25 million to the NEA in FY 2020, which has been relatively level for the last several years. This amounts to just $49 per capita, yet the nonprofit arts industry generates over $13 billion in federal tax revenue back to the treasury. Imagine what nonprofit arts groups could generate with $1 per capita!

**Source:** Americans for the Arts Action Fund, 2020.

**Q** What about Illinois—how much does state government budget to the Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) each year?

**A** In FY 2020, the state allocated $63 million to IACA. The agency also received $363,000 in federal NEA funds, which IACA re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations through the state. Another 165 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $3,844,500.

**Source:** NEA and NASAA, 2020.

**Read:** "What cuts to the NEA budget would mean for Illinois," Claire Rice, Executive Director, and E. Brooke Flanagan, Board Chair, Arts Alliance Illinois, Chicago Tribune, 2017.

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### ILLINOIS ARTS FACTS

#### ILLINOIS ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 3.7% OF THE STATE’S GDP & 224,102 JOBS

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**BONUS:** In 2017, arts and culture compensation generated $15.1 billion.

#### NUMBER OF ARTS-RELATED BUSINESSES AND JOBS (Commercial & Nonprofit Arts Organizations Combined)

| National                      | 22,482 Businesses | 134,372 Employees |

**ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & THEIR AUDIENCES**

| National                      | 4 Billion | DRIVeR OF JUST ONE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMIES. |

| National                      | $12.6 Billion | DRIVeR OF JUST ONE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMIES. |

#### PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & ARTISTS

**Q** In 2015, nonprofit arts organizations in the state generated $4 billion in economic activity annually that supported 111,068 jobs and generated $478.5 million in state and local government revenue.

**A** • In Cook County, 10,798 Arts-Related Businesses employ 79,529 people.

• In DuPage County, 2,272 Arts-Related Businesses employ 14,689 people.

• In Lake County, 1,757 Arts-Related Businesses employ 7,037 people.

**Source:** Americans for the Arts, Creative Industries, Illinois report, 2017.

**Q** In Chicago specifically, nonprofit arts groups generated $3.2 billion in total economic activity and $336.5 million in local and state government revenue.

**A** Audiences totaled 36.3 million people.

**Source:** Americans for the Arts, Creative Industries, Chicago report, 2017.

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**Source:** Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity 5, 2017.
“The arts are not practiced in isolation. The Illinois Arts Council Agency promotes unity among diverse communities. Differences shared create unique mosaics; they enrich the lives of Illinoisans.”

—Illinois Arts Council Agency

**ILLINOIS ARTS FACTS**

**IN THE LAND OF LINCOLN, THE ARTS ADDRESS CHALLENGES AND BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER**

Project FIRE (Fearless Initiative for Recovery and Empowerment) is an artist development employment program in Chicago that offers healing through glassblowing—combining glass arts education, mentoring, and trauma psychoeducation to support trauma recovery and to create jobs for youth affected by violence.

**THE ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY (IACA)—** was created as a state agency by the Illinois General Assembly in 1965 through legislation sponsored by Senators Paul Simon, Thomas McGloon, and Alan Dixon. The agency is governed by up to twenty-one private citizens chosen for their demonstrated commitment to the arts and appointed by the Governor. IACA’s mission is to build a strong, creative, and connected Illinois through the arts.

More than 100 local arts agencies, municipal arts councils, and area cultural commissions belong to the LOCAL ARTS NETWORK (LAN), a partnership program between IACA and Arts Alliance Illinois.

>Learn more here.

**THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!**

- Start near the southern tip of Illinois in **Carbondale**, where Carbondale Community Arts transformed the city’s former library into a state-of-the-art facility for exhibitions and performances, Artspace 304.
- Head north toward **Mt. Vernon** where the Goldman-Kuenz Sculpture Park surrounds the Mitchell Museum and the Shrode Art Center for education at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts.
- Next, go west to **Lebanon** and the oldest college in Illinois, McKendree University, where the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts presents notable speakers, performing-arts ensembles, great films, and National Geographic Live! events for audiences of all ages.
- Be sure to hit **Quincy** for picture-perfect architectural landmarks on the Mississippi River—and a thriving cultural scene supported by America’s first arts council, Arts Quincy.
- In midstate **Peoria**, check out the sculpture walk and Peoria Riverfront Museum, then take a printmaking class at Prairie Center of the Arts.
- **Galena** visitors can cruise some or all 100-plus miles of the Scenic Art Loop, which includes galleries and studios, vineyards and breweries, and specialty stores and boutiques.
- **Stop by Freeport’s** new Civic Arts Plaza and **Rockford’s** Riverfront Museum Park on your way east to the Art Institute of Chicago, winner of multiple “Best Museum in the World” awards, and home to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago—six of whose graduate programs are at the top of U.S. News and World Report’s rankings.

To View the Top 10 Reasons to Support the Arts, Click Here.

**ILLINOIS ARTS NEED YOU!**

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