NATIONAL ARTS FACTS

ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 4.5% OF NATION’S GDP & 5.1 MILLION JOBS

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that nationally the arts and culture sector is a $878 billion industry, representing 4.5% of the nation’s GDP—a larger share of the economy than construction or education services.


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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)

Nationally 673,656 businesses employ 3.48 million people who are involved in the creation or distribution of the arts. Based on Dun & Bradstreet data, this means that 3.9% of all businesses and 1.9% of all employees are connected to the creative industries.

Source: Americans for the Arts, Creative Industries, 2017.

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ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & THEIR AUDIENCES

Nationally, the nonprofit arts industry alone generates $166.3 billion in economic activity annually that supports 4.6 million jobs and generates $27.5 billion in federal, state, and local government revenue.

- Spending by arts audiences generated $102.5 billion to local businesses.


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PUBLIC INVESTMENT IN GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & ARTISTS

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

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 just 49¢ per capita!


MISSISSIPPI ARTS FACTS

MS ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 2.3% OF STATE’S GDP & 25,767 JOBS

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributes $2.4 billion to Mississippi’s economy, representing 2.3% of the state’s GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.


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BONUS: In 2017, MS arts and culture jobs generated $1.2 billion in total compensation.

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

In Mississippi, 2,740 Arts-Related Businesses employ 15,069 people.

- In Harrison County, 226 Arts-Related Businesses employ 966 people.
- In Hinds County, 370 Arts-Related Businesses employ 3,409 people.
- In Jones County, 54 Arts-Related Businesses employ 1,127 people.

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

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ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NONPROFIT ARTS ORGANIZATIONS & THEIR AUDIENCES

In Mississippi, the arts and culture sector contributed $2.6 billion to the state’s economy, representing 2.3% of the state’s GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.

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What about Mississippi—how much does state government budget to the Mississippi Arts Commission each year?

The state allocated $1,719,421 to the Mississippi Arts Commission. In FY 2019-20, the Mississippi Commission on the Arts also received $802,500 in federal NEA funds, which the Commission re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations serving 99 House and 53 Senate Districts. Another 8 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $130,000.

IN THE MAGNOLIA STATE, THE ARTS UNITE US

The Whole Schools Initiative (WSI) in Mississippi uses the arts as a vehicle to promote high-quality instruction. MAC works with teachers to develop strategies that incorporate arts across the curriculum to serve 15,750 students, 1,423 teachers and administrators, and 32 schools.

THE MISSISSIPPI ARTS COMMISSION—
The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) was established in 1968 by the Mississippi Legislature. MAC provides financial and technical assistance for arts programming to arts organizations and educational institutions throughout Mississippi. Funded annually by the Mississippi Legislature, the National Endowment for the Arts and private funds, MAC uses this support to carry forth its mission and continues to act as a core and essential function of government.

> Learn more here.

MEET SOME MISSISSIPPI ARTS ADVOCATES

• **Betsy Bradley** is Executive Director of the Mississippi Museum of Art. > More
• **V. A. Patterson** the 2018 Governor’s Arts in Community Award > More
• **Dr. Penny Wallin** is Executive Director of the Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education. > More
• **Malcolm White** is Executive Director of the Mississippi Arts Commission. > More

ART IN MISSISSIPPI

• Culturetrip.com lists 12 of the best arts destinations and festivals throughout the state here.
• Visit Mississippi offers an itinerary featuring the state’s best musical destinations here.
• The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience opened in 2018 and offers visitors an interactive way to experience the state’s artistic legacy. Learn more here.

MISSISSIPPI ART ORGANIZATIONS

Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education
www.msartsalliance.com
Mississippi Museum of Art
www.msmuseumart.org
Yoknapatawpha Arts Council
www.oxfordarts.com

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THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

• Starting from Memphis, Tennessee, head south on Highway 61, the Blues Highway, to get a driving tour of the birthplace of the blues. Stop in Tunica, Clarksdale, and Merigold to see the many Mississippi Blues Trail markers highlighting the people and places integral to the genre.
• Stop in Cleveland to see the GRAMMY Museum Mississippi, the only museum of its kind outside of Los Angeles. Mississippi boasts more GRAMMY winners per capita of any other state.
• Head east to the literary hub of Oxford to see the charming and art-filled Courthouse Square.

Make sure to stop in Square Books to read up on Mississippi writers, then take a tour of author William Faulkner’s home Rowan Oak.
• Recently named one of the most artistic towns in America by Matador network, the capital city of Jackson offers visitors world-class museums as well as up-and-coming neighborhoods and co-ops with artistic flair.
• East of Jackson, Meridian is home to the new Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience, “the MAX” for short. This interactive museum introduces visitors to the vast group of nationally known artists and entertainers who hail from the state.
• End your tour by heading south to Ocean Springs where you can take in the same sights and sounds that inspired Walter Anderson’s signature painting style. View his original work at the Walter Anderson Museum of Art. The Ohr-O’Keefe Museum and the Mary C. Cultural Center are worth a stop as well.

To download this fact sheet, “Why the Arts Matter in Mississippi” with corresponding resource links visit www.ArtsActionFund.org/StateFactsheets.