**NATIONAL ARTS FACTS**

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

**ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 4.3% OF NATION’S GDP & 5 MILLION JOBS**

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that nationally the arts and culture sector is a $804 billion industry, representing 4.3% of the nation’s GDP—a larger share of the economy than construction (4%) or education services (1.1%).

**Source:** U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2016.

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**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.

- **673,656 BUSINESSES & 3.48M EMPLOYEES** ARE INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF THE ARTS

**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 $275 billion in federal, state, and local government revenue.

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

**Source:** Americans for the Arts, *Arts & Economic Prosperity 5*, 2017.

- **NONPROFIT ART IS A $166.3 BILLION DRIVER OF OUR NATIONAL, STATE & LOCAL ECONOMY.**

**NEW MEXICO ARTS FACTS**

**NM ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR REPRESENTS 3.2% OF STATE’S GDP & 26,605 JOBS**

The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that the arts and culture sector contributes $2.9 billion to New Mexico’s economy, representing 3.2% of the state’s GDP—a larger share than some other industries in the state.

**Source:** U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2016.

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

In New Mexico, 4,362 Arts-Related Businesses employ 15,678 people.

- In Bernalillo County, 1,973 Arts-Related Businesses employ 7,742 people.
- In Doña Ana County, 236 Arts-Related Businesses employ 900 people.
- In Santa Fe County, 985 Arts-Related Businesses employ 3,184 people.

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

- **4,362 BUSINESSES & 15,678 EMPLOYEES** ARE INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OR DISTRIBUTION OF THE ARTS

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

In 2015, New Mexico’s arts and culture sector employed thousands of FTE jobs and generated millions of dollars in economic activity. Nonprofit arts groups helped cultivate that activity.

- Spending by arts audiences generated $33.1 billion to state government revenues and 743 FTE jobs.

**Source:** Americans for the Arts, *Arts & Economic Prosperity 5*, Doña Ana County report, 2017.

- **NONPROFIT ART IS A $2.7 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 49c 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!


**FUNDING**

**Q** What about New Mexico—how much does state government budget to the New Mexico Arts each year?

**A** The state allocated $1,332,300 to New Mexico Arts. In FY 2019-20, New Mexico Arts also received $706,200 in federal NEA funds, which it re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations throughout the state. Another 39 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $992,500.

“With more artists per capita than any other state, New Mexico is home to one of the most vibrant artistic communities in the nation, and our artists play a vital role in shaping our culture, attracting tourists, and creating jobs.”
—US Senator Tom Udall

NEW MEXICO ARTS FACTS

IN THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT, THE ARTS UNITE US

In 2015, New Mexico Arts began to explore the relationships between veterans, military families, government agencies, and non-profit arts organizations that believe in the healing power of art and creativity. This work has brought together veterans, state agencies, and arts organizations around the state in conversation and joint projects.

NEW MEXICO ARTS—New Mexico Arts (a division of the Department of Cultural Affairs) works in conjunction with the New Mexico Arts Commission to stimulate opportunities for artists, arts organizations, and other groups for activities or projects. New Mexico Arts maintains and encourages artistic excellence, and promotes awareness of and access to the arts for all of the people of New Mexico.

MEET SOME NEW MEXICO ARTS ADVOCATES

- Jenice E. Gharib is Acting Director/Grants Program & Policy Director of New Mexico Arts. > More
- Lucy R. Lippard is a Major Contributor to the Arts, 2018 Governor’s Awards for Excellence in the Arts. > More
- Elsa Menéndez is Director of Education at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. > More
- Kyle Gray is Community Engagement Liaison at the Santa Fe Opera. > More
- Mi’Jan Celia Tho-Biaz is an artist, educator, and oral historian. > More

ART IN NEW MEXICO

- Matador Network can direct you to the 10 best places for the visual arts here.
- Best Things New Mexico can direct you to the best venues of live theater and dance performances here.
- New Mexico True can direct you to arts venues and events around the state here.
- New Mexico Cultural Atlas App can guide you to arts and cultural resources as you travel around New Mexico here.

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

- Most people start their New Mexico adventure in Albuquerque in the center of the state. While there they visit the National Hispanic Cultural Center Museum, attend a performance in one of their performance spaces, and eat in their excellent restaurant.
- Go west from Albuquerque and you arrive in Gallup the center of Native American jewelry making. Browse the pawn shops or attend the Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial in August. Experience art exhibits, nightly performances, queen and tiny tot pageants, a rodeo, and song and dance.
- Don’t want to go west from Albuquerque? Then head north to Santa Fe, where the oldest state capitol in the country is home to one of the hottest contemporary arts venues, the art collective Meow Wolf. Enter an alternate reality, see a performance by a contemporary band, or hang out in their maker space. This popular venue has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors since its opening.
- Keep on north from Santa Fe and you pass through Española and the Española Valley Fiber Arts Center. Fiber art reigns supreme in New Mexico. Take home a scarf, a shawl, a weaving. Get information about the many fiber artists working in New Mexico and visit their studios.
- From Española, continue north on your New Mexico adventure to Taos. Experience the Paseo Project an annual outdoor experimental arts festival featuring local and international artists who have created immersive and participatory art installations around the plaza in historic downtown Taos. It’s thought provoking and playful.

NEW MEXICO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

New Mexico Association of Museums
www.nmmuseums.org
New Mexico Arts Education Association
www.newmexicoarteducators.org
Creative New Mexico
www.creativenewmexico.org/

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