## National Arts Facts

### Arts & Culture Sector’s Percentage of U.S. Economy

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

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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.

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

### Ohio Arts Facts

### Ohio Arts & Culture Sector Represents 3% of State’s GDP & 176,500 Jobs

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**BONUS:** In Ohio, 19,049 Arts-Related Businesses employ 94,040 people.
- In Cuyahoga County, 2,944 Arts-Related Businesses employ 15,483 people.
- In Franklin County, 2,707 Arts-Related Businesses employ 16,358 people.
- In Hamilton County, 1,863 Arts-Related Businesses employ 13,236 people.

**Source:** Americans for the Arts, *Ohio’s Creative Economy*, Regional Development Center, 2018.

### Economic Impact of Nonprofit Arts Organizations & Their Audiences

- In 2015, the Ohio arts and culture sector employed thousands of FTE jobs and generated millions of dollars in economic activity. Nonprofit arts groups helped cultivate that activity.
  - In the Greater Columbus area, for example, nonprofit arts groups generated $222.5 million in economic activity. Audiences of 2,597,918 people added another $189.8 million in related spending for a total of $412.3 million for the city in 2015, and this generated $46.7 million in local and state government revenues and 14,980 FTE jobs.

**Source:** Americans for the Arts, *Arts & Economic Prosperity 5, Greater Columbus Area*, report, 2017.

### 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)?

- 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 $494 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.

**A** Read: “Funding The Arts is Good For the Nation,” *The Hill*, 2015.

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

- In FY 2020, the state allocated $17,177,781 to the Ohio Arts Council. The Council also received $1,007,950 in federal NEA funds, which the Council re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations through the state. Another 77 nonprofit arts organizations received direct grants from the NEA totaling $1,606,914.

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

**A** Read: “Ohio’s Creative Economy,” Regional Development Center, 2018.
THE OHIO ARTS COUNCIL—was created in 1965 to foster and encourage the development of the arts and assist the preservation of Ohio’s cultural heritage. With funds from the Ohio Legislature and the National Endowment for the Arts, the OAC provides financial assistance to artists and arts organizations. The Council accomplishes this charge in two primary methods; first, through the various grant funding programs that the Council operates to provide support to artists and to make arts activities available to a broad segment of Ohio’s public; and secondly, by providing services that help to enhance the growth of the arts.

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• Ginger Warner is chair of the Ohio Arts Council.  >More
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• Donna Collins is Executive Director of the Ohio Arts Council.  >More
• Angela Meleca is executive director of Ohio Citizens for the Arts.  >More
• Jarrod Hartzler is executive director of the Ohio Alliance for Arts Education.  >More

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• The New York Times praises the Cleveland Orchestra’s status as America’s finest orchestra here.
• Discover how playwrights are helping “On the Front Lines of Ohio’s Heroin Crisis” here.
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OHIO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Ohio Arts Council
www.oac.ohio.gov
Ohio Citizens for the Arts
www.ohiocitizensforthearts.org
Ohio Alliance for Arts Education
www.oaae.net/en

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE!

• Visit Hicksville in Defiance County to see a performance at the 136-year-old Huber Opera House.
• February can be chilly in Ohio, but not at Brite Winter in Cleveland, where locals and visitors emerge from their hibernation and embrace the cold through art, music, and food.
• Public art transforms communities, as seen in the parachute cloth mural in Ashtabula that celebrates the town’s tranquil lakeside setting.
• During Appalachian Music Week, Stuart’s Opera House in Nelsonville holds free events and instrument workshops, educating residents and tourists about the rich heritage of song and storytelling in Appalachia.
• The Dairy Barn Arts Center in Athens no longer houses herds of cows, but instead hosts Quilt National, an exhibition that has established the Dairy Barn’s international reputation for excellence.
• Cincinnati has just unveiled the new Otto M. Budig Theatre, home to the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company—one of the first five companies in the nation to perform all of the Bard’s works.
• Proudly calling Dayton home for 50 years, the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company is the oldest modern dance company in Ohio, travelling the world to share dance on the global stage and demonstrate its commitment to culturally diverse artistic expression.
• Located on the University of Findlay’s campus, the Mazza Museum in Findlay houses more than 10,500 pictures, making it one of the most diverse collections of original children’s book illustrations in the world.

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