**NATIONAL ARTS FACTS**

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

- **ARMS & 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—larger share of the economy than construction or education services.

- **$878 BILLION** Arts & Culture Sector
- **$790.4 BILLION** Construction
- **$246 BILLION** Education Services

**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.

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

- In Texas, 53,136 Arts-Related Businesses employ 219,145 people.
  - • In Bexar County, 3,540 Arts-Related Businesses employ 14,721 people.
  - • In Dallas County, 7,686 Arts-Related Businesses employ 43,607 people.
  - • In Travis County, 4,788 Arts-Related Businesses employ 20,679 people.

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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.

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

- In 2015, nonprofit arts organizations in the state generated $5.5 billion in economic activity that supported nearly 800,000 jobs and generated $343.7 million in state and local government revenue.
  - • In the Greater Houston Region specifically, nonprofit arts groups generated $579.4 million in economic activity. Audiences of 36.3 million people added another $538.0 million in related spending for a total of $1.1 billion for the city in 2015, and this generated $119.3 million in local and state government revenues.

- **NONPROFIT ART IS A $5.5 BILLION DRIVER OF JUST ONE OF OUR LOCAL ECONOMIES.**

**FUNDING**

**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 cents 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!

- **Q** What about Texas—how much does state government budget to the Texas Commission on the Arts each year?
  - **A** In FY 2020, the state allocated $15,164,538 to the Texas Commission on the Arts. The Commission also received $1,027,500 in federal NEA funds, which it re-granted to dozens of cultural organizations throughout the state. An additional 164 nonprofit arts organizations also received direct grants from the NEA totaling $3,764,500.
**Texas Arts Facts**

**In The Lonestar State, The Arts Unite Us**

The Texas Touring Arts Program serves the nation’s largest rural population with outstanding Texas-based companies and artists in their own communities.

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**Meet Some Texas Arts Advocates**

- **Texas Mayors win the National Award for Local Arts Leaders in Washington, D.C.** - 2020 to Mayor of Beaumont Becky Ames and 2018 to Mayor of Dallas Mike Rawlins.  
  > More

- **Ann S. Graham is Executive Director of Texans for the Arts.**  
  > More

- **Heidi Marquez Smith is Executive Director of the Texas Cultural Trust.**  
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- **Robert Floyd is Executive Director of Texas Music Educators Association.**  
  > More

- **Jami Bevans is President of the Texas Arts Education Association.**  
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**Art In Texas**

- **Culture Trip has an Insider’s Guide to the Best Contemporary Art Galleries.** and Texas Monthly recommends the “Best of Texas Museums” here.  
  > More

- **Travel Texas can direct you to great cultural destinations here.**

- **Travel Mag offers information on Texas cultural festivals here.**

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**Texas Art Organizations**

- **Texans for the Arts**  
  [www.texansforthearts.com](http://www.texansforthearts.com)

- **Texas Cultural Trust**  
  [txculturaltrust.org](http://txculturaltrust.org)

- **Texas Music Educators Association**  
  [www.tmea.org](http://www.tmea.org)

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**The Arts Are Everywhere!**

- In 2018, **Abilene became the official “Storybook Capitol of America.”** It is home to the National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature, the largest collection of Storybook Sculptures in the U.S., and the annual Children’s Art & Literacy Festival! The town’s Cultural District is a dynamic example of how the arts spark urban revitalization through restoring historic buildings, enhancing businesses, promoting cultural tourism, and increasing civic pride.

- With the second highest number of theater seats in a concentrated downtown area in the U.S., **Houston’s arts and culture scene is booming.** From the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, to Project Row Houses, from the annual ArtCar Parade to free performances year-round at the Miller Outdoor Theater in Herman Park, from Discovery Green, to the newly rediscovered underground “Cistern” — art appears everywhere!

- Drawing from its rich Spanish and Mexican heritage, **San Antonio draws visitors from around the world by showcasing historic, contemporary and educational work through its Luminaria Festival, the King William Historic District, Blue Star Contemporary Art, the San Antonio Museum of Art, artpace, SAY SI, The Guadalupe Arts Center, the McNay Art Museum, three TCA Cultural Districts, Ruby City, and many more.**

- It won’t be on your tourist map, but life changing creative work is being done at **Texas’ Fort Hood** through “Creative Forces,” the NEA Military Healing Arts Network, which serves the special needs of military patients.

- **Austin Classical Guitar** is the leading nonprofit arts organization dedicated to classical guitar in the U.S. With international reach through its extensive guitar curriculum, including a version in Braille, ACG serves as a model for other communities around the world aiming to inspire all of the people it serves with musical experiences of deep personal significance.

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“As Texas struggles with ways to keep kids in school, improve test scores and increase graduation rates and college readiness, there is one simple solution right in front of us: increase access to arts education. I hope this survey will be a signal to Texas policymakers in Austin to give arts education a second look and find ways to increase access for all Texas students.”

— Judy Robison, former Chair of the Texas Cultural Trust Board

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