

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE ARTS IN Delaware



ECONOMIC IMPACT

Delaware nonprofit arts organizations and their audiences are an economic powerhouse.

\$10.4 MILLION

in state and local taxes

4,062

full-time equivalent jobs

\$149.9 MILLION

in total economic activity



AUDIENCE IMPACT

The arts improve quality of life for Delawareans, drive tourism, and provide opportunities for communities to exchange ideas and address common goals.

1.5 MILLION

people attended arts and culture events

\$46.3 MILLION

in event-related spending by audiences



EMPLOYMENT IMPACT

The nonprofit arts sector employs thousands of Delawareans, pumps millions of dollars back into communities, and yields a high return on investment.

4,062

full-time equivalent jobs

\$111.6 MILLION

in household income to local residents

3:1

return on investment*



*Data from Arts & Economic Prosperity 5 report conducted by Americans for the Arts.

"This report demonstrates that the arts continue to be an important economic driver in Delaware, providing jobs for our citizens, generating business for our restaurants and other small enterprises, and tax revenue for our state and local governments. In addition to the important economic impacts, the arts benefit all Delawareans from children to senior citizens across the socioeconomic spectrum, and from rural communities to the cities."

J. Mack Wathen
Chair, Delaware State Arts Council

