

WHY THE ARTS MATTER IN ILLINOIS



NATIONAL ARTS FACTS

FOR-PROFIT & NON-PROFIT ARTS & CULTURE SECTORS REPRESENT

4.31% Nation's GDP **5.2 M** Jobs

\$1.102 TRILLION Arts & Culture

\$1.09 T Construction

\$438.2 B Utilities

The national arts and culture sector was a **\$1.102 trillion industry** in 2022 (4.31% of the nation's GDP), representing **5.2 million jobs** (3.28% of nation's workforce), and total compensation of **\$540.9 billion**.

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis](#) & [National Endowment for the Arts](#) (2024). Data collected for 2022.

ILLINOIS ARTS FACTS

FOR-PROFIT & NON-PROFIT ARTS & CULTURE SECTORS REPRESENT

3.5% State's GDP **216,227** Jobs

\$36.1 BILLION Arts & Culture

\$35 B Construction

\$19.4 B Utilities

The Illinois arts and culture sector was a **\$36.1 billion industry** in 2022 (3.5% of the state's GDP), representing **216,227 jobs** (3.49% of Illinois' workforce), and total compensation of **\$20 billion**.

Source: [U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis](#) & [National Assembly of State Arts Agencies](#) (2024). Data collected for 2022.

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NON-PROFIT ARTS & CULTURE INDUSTRY AND AUDIENCES

National

\$151.7 B Economic activity annually

2.6 M Jobs supported by economic activity

In 2022, the impact of this economic activity generated **\$29.1 billion** in total tax revenue to federal, state, and local governments.

Source: Americans for the Arts, 2023. [Arts & Economic Prosperity 6](#).

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF NON-PROFIT ARTS INDUSTRY ONLY & THEIR AUDIENCES

Regional Snapshot: Greater Peoria Area

\$9.43 M Economic activity annually

346 Jobs supported by economic activity

In 2022, the impact of this economic activity generated **\$1.87 million** in total tax revenue to federal, state, and local governments.

Source: Americans for the Arts (2023). [Arts & Economic Prosperity 6](#). 2022 data collected for the Greater Peoria Area, IL.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS

Federal Appropriation FY24 **\$207 Million**

Congress allocated **\$207 million** to the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in **FY24**. This amounts to just **62 cents per capita**. Ideally, Congress should index \$1 per capita funding to the NEA.

Source: [Americans for the Arts Action Fund](#), 2024.

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PUBLIC FUNDING RECEIVED FOR ILLINOIS ARTS & CULTURE SECTOR

State Appropriation FY24 **\$15,455,400**

NEA Grant FY24 **\$1,141,200**

133 Direct NEA Grants FY23 **\$4,274,892**

Source: [NEA](#), [SBA](#), [NASAA](#), 2024

ILLINOIS ARTS HIGHLIGHTS

IN THE LAND OF LINCOLN, THE ARTS ADDRESS CHALLENGES AND BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER



Project FIRE (Fearless Initiative for Recovery and Empowerment) is an artist development employment program in Chicago that offers healing through glassblowing –combining glass arts education, mentoring, and trauma psychoeducation to support trauma recovery and to create jobs for youth affected by violence.

THE ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL (IAC)

was created as a state agency by the Illinois General Assembly in 1965. The IAC serves the people of Illinois through a variety of grants and services, primarily geared toward supporting Illinois' creative sector, advancing arts education, and fostering creativity and working artists.

Executive Director: Joshua Davis-Ruperto

Chair: Nora Daley



Learn more [here](#).

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT

- The Illinois Office of Tourism has a comprehensive overview of the best arts destinations [here](#).
- Atlas Obscura knows 241 cool, hidden, and unusual things to do in Illinois [here](#).
- ArtsPartners of Central Illinois collects cultural events and creative happenings midstate [here](#).

Illinois Association of Museums

www.illinoismuseums.org

The College of Fine and Applied Arts

www.faa.illinois.edu/menu

The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

www.krannertcenter.com

ARTS ALLIANCE ILLINOIS builds the vitality of communities statewide through service and advocacy, generating resources for the cultural sector and creative industries. Est. 1982

Executive Director: Claire Rice

Chair: Michelle Boone



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CREATIVE STATE

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ARTS & CULTURE EVENTS

- Start near the southern tip of Illinois in **Carbondale**, where Carbondale Community Arts transformed the city's former library into a state-of-the-art facility for exhibitions and performances, Artspace 304.
- Head north toward **Mt. Vernon** where the Goldman- Kuenz Sculpture Park surrounds the Mitchell Museum and the Shrode Art Center for education at the Cedarhurst Center for the Arts.
- Next, go west to **Lebanon** and the oldest college in Illinois, McKendree University, where the Hettenhausen Center for the Arts presents notable speakers, performing-arts ensembles, great films, and National Geographic Live! events for audiences of all ages.
- Be sure to hit **Quincy** for picture-perfect architectural landmarks on the Mississippi River– and a thriving cultural scene supported by America's first arts council, Arts Quincy.
- In midstate **Peoria**, check out the sculpture walk and Peoria Riverfront Museum, then take a printmaking class at Prairie Center of the Arts.
- **Galena** visitors can cruise some or all 100-plus miles of the Scenic Art Loop, which includes galleries and studios, vineyards and breweries, and specialty stores and boutiques.
- Stop by **Freeport's** new Civic Arts Plaza and **Rockford's** Riverfront Museum Park on your way east to the Art Institute of **Chicago**, winner of multiple "Best Museum in theWorld" awards, and home to the School of the Art Institute of Chicago—six of whose graduate programs are at the top of U.S. News and World Report's rankings.

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