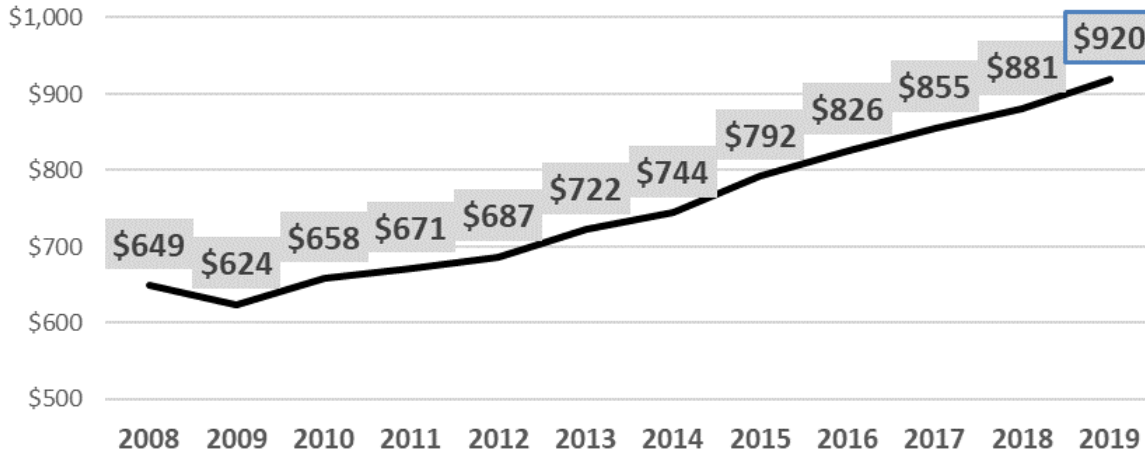




Arts Facts . . . Arts & Culture = 4.3 Percent of GDP in 2019

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Arts & Culture Production in the U.S. Economy [Billions of Current Dollars]



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- The arts and culture sector supported 5.2 million wage and salary workers in 2019, up from 5.1 million in 2017.
- The arts outperformed the entire U.S. economy between 2017 and 2019 (+3.0% vs. +2.6%).
- Arts and culture had a \$33 billion international trade surplus in 2019. This is more a than ten-fold growth since 2006.
- Arts and culture represent an important share of state economies ("Gross State Product" or "GSP"): California (7.4%), Utah (3.8%), Minnesota (3.3%), Vermont (3.3%). Find your state [here](#).
- That the BEA measures arts and culture production in the U.S. is itself an indication of the important role of the arts in building a healthy economy and ensuring our global competitiveness.

Note: the BEA made revisions to the 2015-2017 national data. For example, the previous 2017 figure of \$878 billion is now \$855 billion.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, *Arts and Cultural Production Satellite Account (ACPSA)*, 2021. (NEA Release [here](#).)