CONNECTICUT RESIDENTS AND THE ARTS, CULTURE, AND HUMANITIES

Spring 2022
In April 2022, Wilkening Consulting surveyed a sample of more than 1,000 Connecticut adult residents that generally represent the population by educational attainment and age, race, and ethnicity. The survey was designed to help us learn more about who in Connecticut engages with the arts, culture, and humanities, what motivates them to do so, and the perceived impact and value Connecticut residents place on the arts, culture, and humanities in our state.

CT Humanities and CT Office of the Arts will utilize the data to help cultural organizations make decisions about how best to engage with residents, inform funding scenarios, and in advocacy efforts to strengthen the sector.

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Two Takeaways

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Virtually all Connecticut residents engage in the arts, culture, and humanities, either formally and/or informally
Cultural Activities (past two years)

91% of Connecticut residents participated in cultural activities.

90% participated in informal cultural activities.

Average # of activities selected: 3.8

And 41% participated in formal cultural activities by visiting museums or attending performing arts.

And CTH supported 632 organizations that helped people to participate informally or formally!
Two Takeaways

Most Connecticut residents think the arts, culture, and humanities deliver important impacts in Connecticut ... and support the state’s investment in the sector
Polling Questions About Connecticut Cultural Organizations

Do Cultural Organizations Contribute to Their Communities’ Economies?

Yes

81%

Affect Opinion of Elected Officials Taking Legislative Action Supporting Cultural Organizations in Community?

Positive

89%

Agree/Disagree: "The Connecticut legislature should work to support our state’s cultural organizations."

Agree

88%

Largest Connecticut Program for Grants to Cultural Organizations Costs <$4.50/CT Resident. Should this be:

92% Increased or maintained
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