

Vital Statistics Fact Sheet

This fact sheet features the most recent collection of Western Australian arts and cultural data, prepared by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, for the Meeting of Cultural Ministers Statistics Working Group. It highlights active involvement in and support for arts and culture by a variety of people in our community.

For a full report contact the Department of Culture and the Arts on (08) 6552 7300, 1800 199 090 or research@dca.wa.gov.au. For more statistics on WA arts and culture visit www.dca.wa.gov.au or Cultural Data Online www.culturaldata.gov.au.

Attendance and Participation in Arts and Culture

86% of people in WA attended cultural venues and events in the 12 months prior to interview in 2009-10¹.

1.5 million people living in WA attended a selected cultural venue or event at least once during the 12 month period.

92% of young people (15 - 24 years) in WA attended a cultural venue or event in the 12 months prior to interview in 2009-10.

72% of WA children (5 - 14 years) attended a public library, art gallery, museum or performing arts event at least once outside of school hours in the 12 months prior to April 2009.

64% of people in WA with a disability attended at least one cultural venue or event.²

29% of Indigenous people living in WA participated in at least one Indigenous creative arts activity³ in 2008.

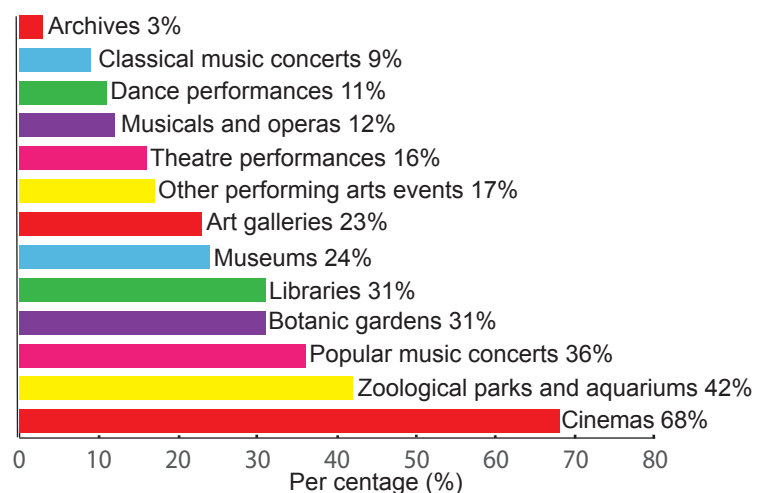
¹ The 2009-10 ABS Survey on Attendance at Selected Cultural Venues and Events collected data on 13 selected cultural venues and events. Archives have been included for the first time.

² ABS Survey of Disability, Aging & Carers 2009.

³ ABS National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Survey 2008.

⁴ Hobby is defined as an activity for the participant's own use, or for the benefit of their family, and they did not have any other involvement in cultural activities.

Attendance Rates at Cultural Venues and Events (a)(b) WA, 2009-10



(a) In the 12 months before interview

(b) Persons aged 15 years and over.

Many people in WA participated in cultural activities as a hobby⁴ in the 12 months prior to April 2007: 214,100 in art and craft, 28,900 in writing and 27,300 in music.



Arts and Culture IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2012

Employment and Work

Cultural Employment (main job⁵) - Western Australia 2006



24,632 people in WA had a cultural occupation as their main job⁵ (in cultural and non-cultural industries) in the week prior to the 2006 census.

44,400 people undertook volunteer⁶ work in an arts or heritage organisation in the 12 months prior to interview in 2010.

353,900 (or 22 per cent) Western Australians were involved in culture or leisure activity in 2007.

337 Indigenous people in WA were employed in a cultural occupation as their main job⁵ in 2006, representing 2.2 per cent of all employed Indigenous people in WA.

Cultural Spending

\$2,011 million of WA's household expenditure was on cultural goods and services in 2009-10.

An average of \$44.65 per week.

In 2009-10 WA households spent most on:

Televisions and home entertainment systems	\$368 million
Pay TV fees	\$242 million
Books	\$238 million

Cultural Industries

Over 6,600 businesses in WA were actively trading in a cultural industry at the start of the 2008-09 financial year. The largest numbers of businesses were in architectural services.

\$30.7 million in income was generated by WA performing arts venue businesses in 2006-07, and \$10.8million was spent on wages and salaries.

\$44.8 million was the income for WA performing arts operations in 2006-07.

\$14.7 million was the income of WA Performing arts festivals in 2002-03, which is 16.6 per cent of the national total.⁷

Income for museums and galleries was **\$69.8 million** in WA in 2007-08.

⁵ 'Main job' refers to that which the person usually works the most hours. It should be noted, however, that some people may have cultural jobs as their second job.

⁶ The ABS 2010 Voluntary Work Survey defined a volunteer as someone who willingly gave unpaid help in the form of time, services or skills, through an organisation or group.

⁷ The ABS classify income to include all subsidies, sponsorship and earned income.