The National Endowment for the Arts Artists and Other Cultural Workers: A Statistical Portrait (2019) uses six federal data sources including the American Community Survey (from the U.S. Census Bureau), and the Current Population Survey (from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics).

Those datasets define artists and other cultural workers per the following:

Artist occupations
- Actors
- Architects
- Announcers
- Dancers and choreographers
- Designers
- Fine artists, art directors, and animators
- Musicians
- Other entertainers (including jugglers, clowns, and magicians)
- Photographers
- Producers and directors
- Writers and authors

Other cultural worker occupations
- Archivists, curators, and museum technicians
- Broadcast and sound engineering technicians
- Editors
- Etchers and engravers
- Jewelers
- Librarians
- Library technicians
- Models and demonstrators
- Molders, shapers, and casters
- Motion picture projectionists
- Photographic process workers
- Precious stone- and metal-workers
- Print binding and finishing workers
- Printing press operators
- Television, video, and motion picture camera operators and editors
- Tour and travel guides
- Ushers, lobby attendants, and ticket takers