



Artists & Other Cultural Workers

2.8M

Artists in the total
U.S. national labor
force in 2023

1.2M

Other cultural workers in
the total U.S. national
labor force in 2023

\$70,170

Median annual earnings
by artists employed full
time in 2023

This infographic explores **Domain A: Artists and Other Cultural Workers**. Indicators in this domain provide a comprehensive description of artists and individuals whose employment involves supporting artists or the arts industry (the latter referred to as *other cultural workers*). They describe artists by:



**Demographic characteristics
and background**



**The types of artistic work
they create**



**Their means of employment
and income**

Learn More!

- Explore each indicator brief to learn more and get detailed analyses.
- Read the technical report for more information about the development process and dataset selection.
- **Stay engaged**—new indicators and updated statistics will be released as data become available!

The National Arts Statistics & Evidence-based Reporting Center (NASERC) provides the public with continuously-updated statistics on the health and vitality of the arts in the United States. As part of this ongoing work, NASERC has created the Arts Indicators Project to track key measures across four domains.

Current Indicators:

A.1 Who are the artists?

This indicator highlights the number of artists, by occupation, demographic group, and other characteristics.

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A.2 Who are the other cultural workers?

This indicator highlights the number of other cultural workers, by occupation, demographic group, and other characteristics.

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A.3 Where are artists and other cultural workers located in the United States?

This indicator highlights the number of artists and other cultural workers, by occupation and geographic location.

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A.4 What do artists and other cultural workers study as undergraduates?

This indicator reports bachelor's degrees of artists and other cultural workers, and occupations of those with degrees.

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A.5 What is the labor market status of artists and other cultural workers?

This indicator explores employment and unemployment rates among artists and other cultural workers.

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A.6 Who are the arts managers?

This indicator presents demographic characteristics of managers in selected arts-related industries.

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A.7 What are the earnings for artists and other cultural workers?

This indicator highlights earnings of artists and other cultural workers, supplemented with analysis of their household income.

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A.8 What are labor market outcomes for young artists and other cultural workers?

This indicator highlights labor force status and earnings information for young artists and other cultural workers, with analysis of their household income.

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Data sources legend:



American Community Survey



Current Population Survey