Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results

As of July 8th, we have received a total of 319 survey responses, including:

....284 responses to the General Survey

- ... 66 responses in the Cultural Worker category
- ... 27 responses in the Artist category
- ... 7 responses in the Creative Business Owner category



Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results General Survey (n=284)

How do you participate in Erie County's arts and cultural scene?

I work for an arts and cultural organization.

I appreciate arts and culture by occasionally attending events (ex. free concerts, museums, festivals, arts and crafts fairs, dance recitals, etc.)

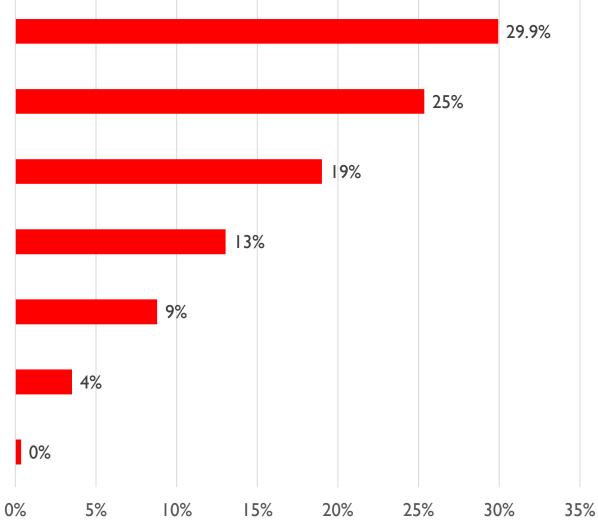
I don't make art, but I frequently attend cultural events, collect art, donate to arts organizations and/or serve on the board of an arts organization.

I am a working artist/performer/musician (some/all income comes from your artwork or you want it to).

I make art, perform, or create, but it's not my job and/or source of income.

I own a creative economy business (You own a for-profit business with creative outputs full-time or in addition to another job (ex. independent retail, media, galleries, performance venues, architecture etc).

I don't make art or attend local arts and culture opportunities.



Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results General Survey (n=284)

What best describes how often you attend arts and culture events in Erie County or elsewhere?

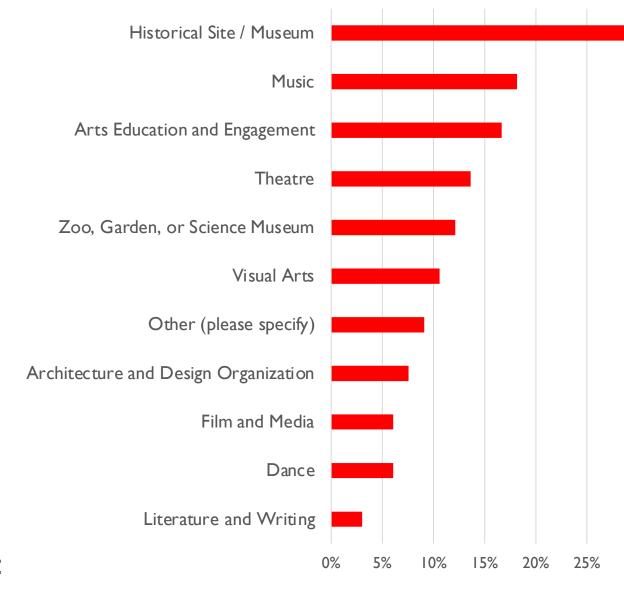
Please indicate whether each of the following is a major reason, minor reason, or not at all a reason you have decided NOT to attend an arts and culture event in Erie County in the past.



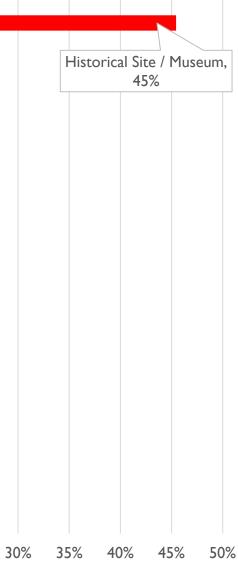
Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results Cultural Workers (n=66)

What type(s) or arts and cultural organization do you work for?

Other includes Children museums', fossil park and nature reserve, service agency, library and folk/traditional art.





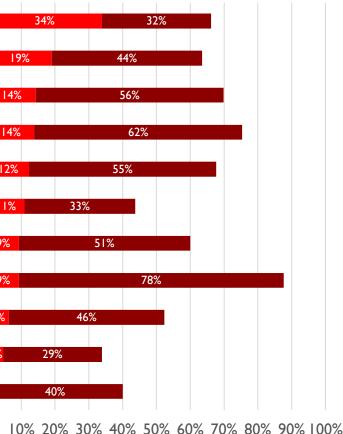


Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results Cultural Workers (n=66)

This question asks you to assess whether you have access to services/opportunities/resources to support your cultural sector career and professional development. You can also indicate that you don't find a resource relevant to your needs.

Wrap-around services (transportation, connections to school system, etc.) Mentorship (can be in your organization or 29% 25% Strong board-level leadership outside) Data (audience, evaluation, etc.) 14% Apprenticeships/internships and field-entry 20% 14% opportunities or information Media coverage & visibility of programming/events Salary and benefits that allow for good quality of 20% 52% Technology/tech skills 12% life (including work-life balance) Well-trained workforce Workshops, trainings, other formal professional 13% 39% development Administrative / operational services (accounting, legal, etc.) Opportunities to connect with other arts and 42% Funding cultural workers Strong staff-level leadership An equitable, safe workplace 13% Space for public performances, programming, rehearsals, etc. Meaningful work Collaborative relationships with other 9% 40% organizations 0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% ■ Yes, but not enough ■ Yes, but not enough No No

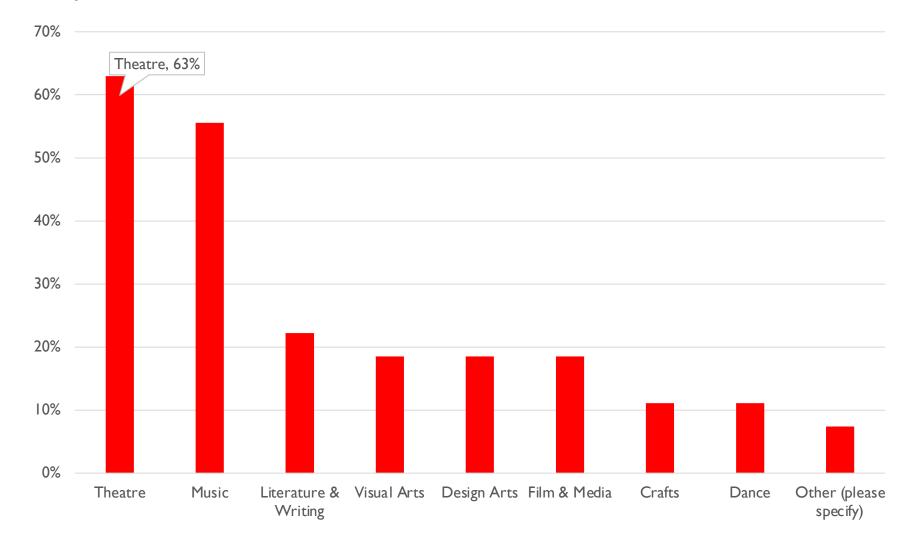
This question asks you to assess whether your organization has access to services/opportunities/resources to fulfill its mission. You can also indicate that you don't find a resource relevant to your organization's needs.



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Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results Artists (n=27)

What artistic discipline do you work in?

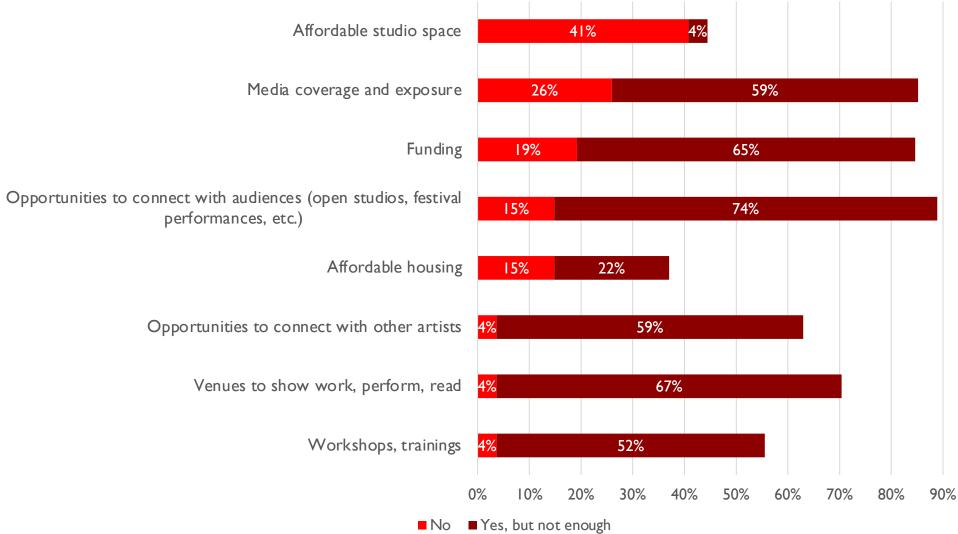




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Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results Artists (n=27)

This question asks you to assess the level of access you have to services/opportunities/resources to support your practices in Erie County. You can also indicate that you don't find a resource relevant to your needs



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Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results Artists (n=27)

What's missing from Erie County's arts ecosystem that would make it easier to be a working artist?

Key themes and concerns included:

- Promotion
- Funding
- Studio Spaces
- Tailored Events
- Open Calls
- Collaboration
- Living Wages

- Media Support
- ARTA
- Transparency
- Grants and Space
- Equity Theatres
- Oversight Organization
- Concert Series

- Arts Education
- Face-to-Face Contact
- Guaranteed Income
- Access to Funding

These words reflect the difficulties, and aspirations expressed by artists, underscoring the need for improved promotion, capacity building, transparent funding, collaboration, and comprehensive support to enhance the artistic landscape.



Takeaways from Emerging Survey Results Creative Business Owner (n=7)

What's missing from Erie County's arts ecosystem that would make it easier to be a creative economy business owner?

Key themes and concerns included:

- Promotion
- Exposure
- Elitism
- Support
- Regional
- Media Coverage
- Cultural Funding

- Public Transit
- Infrastructure
- Access to Capital
- Tax Incentives
- Legal Aid

These words highlight the challenges and gaps in Erie County's arts ecosystem that hinder creative economy business owners, emphasizing the need for improved promotion, visibility, funding, and access to strengthen the sector.

