

ESSEX COUNTY



The arts are integral to what makes New Jersey a special place to live, work, and raise a family. The nonprofit sector employs nearly 19,000 of its citizens, educates one million of its students, and generates more than a half billion dollars in economic impact. That's a dollar return on every three cents of investment!

Population: 808,285

6,950 JOBS

The number of local full-time equivalent (FTE) jobs supported by nonprofit arts organizations that receive direct or indirect county funding from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and/or their audiences.



ECONOMIC IMPACT \$203,907,683



Total economic impact considers spending by nonprofit arts organizations and patron-related spending (dining, parking, retail, etc.) in the local economy.

\$5,635,802 STATE INVESTMENT

State government supports the arts through competitive grants awarded directly by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and indirectly by designated arts agencies in each county.



STUDENT PARTICIPATION

82%

Percentage of elementary, middle, and high school students enrolled in at least one arts program.*