# Singapore Cultural Statistics

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## Arts and Cultural Scene

## I. Arts and Cultural Activities

#### Table A-1: Performing Arts\* Activities

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Is Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
<b>Total Performing Arts Activities</b>	8,300	9,010	9,582	8,782	8,255	3,781	9,835
Ticketed Performances^	3,323	3,430	3,186	3,370	3,040	945	4,118
Non-ticketed Performances^^	4,977	5,580	6,396	5,412	5,215	2,836	5,717
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Source: National Arts Council and People's Association^^^

\* Performing Arts refer to folk, traditional, classical and contemporary forms of dance, music (pop/rock concerts included) and theatre.

- ^ Ticketed performances refer to performances which require a ticket for entry. Data is from SISTIC and TicketMaster.
- ^^ Non-ticketed performances refer to performances for which no tickets are issued.
- \*\*\* From 2020 onwards, data from National Arts Council and People's Association for 2020 and 2021 includes digital and hybrid performances. Digital performing arts activities are arts events accessed through electronic media or the Internet. This includes formats such as live-streamed performances and streaming pre-recorded videos of performances etc. Hybrid performing arts activities are arts events with both in-person and digital modes of access. Events such as book launches, competitions, conferences, masterclasses, workshops etc are excluded.

#### Notes:

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2018 data has been revised due to updates in data collection and classification.

#### Table A-2: Visual Arts\* Exhibitions

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total No. of Exhibitions^	1,041	1,114	1,077	873	934	587	860
No. of Exhibitions (In-	1,041	1,114	1,077	873	934	441	629
Person)							
No. of Exhibitions (Digital)	-	-	-	-	-	113	97
No. of Exhibitions (Hybrid)	-	-	-	-	-	33	23
No. of Exhibition Days^^ &	26,271	28,740	29,790	23,962	26,428	21,374	34,784
^^^							
No. of Exhibition Days (In-	26,271	28,740	29,790	23,962	26,428	15,505	26,530
Person)							
No. of Exhibition Days (Digital)	-	-	-	-	-	4,870	5,544
No. of Exhibition Days (Hybrid)	-	-	-	-	-	999	898

Source: National Arts Council and People's Association^^^^

- \* Visual Arts refer to public exhibitions of abstract or representational art objects such as painting, sculpture, pottery, ceramics, creative photography, installation art and multi-media art. Applied arts such as film, graphic design, jewellery design and handicrafts are excluded. Visual Arts exhibitions may be held in-person, accessed digitally through electronic media or the Internet e.g. a virtual exhibition, or be held in a hybrid format with both in-person and digital modes of access.
- ^ Data in the table may not add up to the total due to amalgamated in-person and digital exhibition data from the People's Association.
- ^^ Exhibition days refer to the total number of days over which all exhibitions are held.
- ^^^ Data in the table may not add up to the total due to amalgamated in-person and digital exhibition data from the People's Association.
- ^^^ From 2020 onwards, data from the National Arts Council and People's Association for 2020 and 2021 includes digital and hybrid exhibitions. 2020 data has been revised to include digital and hybrid exhibitions data from the National Arts Council.

Notes:

Information on exhibitions and exhibition days is based on published and on-line sources such as newspapers, websites and publications, as well as data from Singapore Art Gallery Guide, Art Galleries Association of Singapore, community art galleries, Gillman Barracks and National Heritage Board Museums.

2020 data has been revised to include digital and hybrid exhibitions data from the National Arts Council.

#### Table A-3: Museum Activities

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Changing Exhibitions at National Museums	29	26	23	26	24	15	19
Asian Civilisations Museum	5	5	2	1	3	1	3
Peranakan Museum^	1	1	-	1	0	0	0
National Museum of Singapore	8	5	3	4	6	2	3
Singapore Art Museum^^	8	6	6	11	10	7	7
Singapore Philatelic Museum^^^	5	3	6	3	0	0	0
National Gallery Singapore^^^^	2	6	6	6	5	5	6

Source: National Heritage Board, Singapore Art Museum and National Gallery Singapore

^ Peranakan Museum closed from 1 Apr 2019 for redevelopment and re-opened on 17 February 2023.

^^ Singapore Art Museum's (SAM) premises have been closed for refurbishment (SAM at Bras Basah Road closed for public access in March 2017 and SAM 8Q from 1Apr 2019). The figures for 2018, 2019 and 2020 are based on exhibitions organised by SAM at external venues such as SAM's Mini Mobile Exhibition, Think! Contemporary Pre-School etc and at SAM's premises (for the period when the premises still remain accessible to the public).

^^^ Singapore Philatelic Museum closed from 18 Mar 2019 for redevelopment as a dedicated children's museum. The Children's Museum Singapore opened on 8 December 2022.

^^^^ The National Gallery Singapore opened officially on 24 November 2015.

## II. Arts and Cultural Organisations

Table A-4. Arts and Cultural Companies									
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021			
Total Arts and Cultural Companies <sup>^</sup>	5,423	4,945	4,699	3,661	4,066	4,167			
Music	1,879	1,796	1,865	1,329	1,351	927			
Dance	464	453	489	447	452	321			
Theatre	525	496	517	316	291	184			
Visual Arts	1,171	1,071	958	740	1,099	2,084			
Craft	458	332	135	202	241	157			
Literary Arts	843	715	664	551	520	90			
Others^^	83	82	71	76	112	404			

#### Table A-4: Arts and Cultural Companies

Source: National Arts Council

Commercial (for-profit) and non-profit companies registered with the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority (ACRA) as at end of year. The number of arts and cultural companies includes companies that (i) play a role in content creation/distribution such as sound recording production companies and publishing companies, (ii) deal with retailed musical instruments and photographic equipment, (iii) conduct classes/courses in the arts (e.g. dance and music lessons).

^^ Others include cultural or heritage companies that are multi-disciplinary and do not specialise in an art form.

Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Arts and Cultural Societies^	492	504	509	512	521	536
Music	159	163	160	161	163	168
Dance	46	47	48	46	47	47
Theatre	89	90	91	90	90	91
Visual Arts	79	80	82	82	82	86
Craft	6	6	6	6	6	6
Literary Arts	59	61	62	68	68	69
Others^^	54	57	60	59	65	69

#### Table A-5: Arts and Cultural Societies

Source: National Arts Council

- ^ Societies registered with the Registry of Societies as at end of year.
- ^^ Others include cultural or heritage societies that are multi-disciplinary and do not specialise in an art form.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Museums	55	57	56	57	56	59	62
Art	5	7	6	6	4	5	5
Culture & Community^	12	12	12	12	14	14	17
Defence^^	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
Healthcare	5	5	5	4	4	5	5
National History	11	11	11	12	11	12	12
Lifestyle & Collectibles^^^^	5	5	5	6	7	7	7
Science and Innovation	5	5	5	5	4	4	4

#### Table A-6: Museums in Roundtable\*

Source: National Heritage Board

\* The Museum Roundtable was formed in 1996 with the aim of growing the heritage ecosystem by bringing more museums and heritage galleries closer to the public. Chaired by the National Heritage Board, the Roundtable is by invitation only to public and private museums and galleries that have been in operation for more than 365 days.

^ This category was referred to as Culture until 2014.

<sup>^^</sup> This category was referred to as Defence & Community until 2014.

^^^ This category was referred to as History until 2014.

<sup>^^^</sup> Examples include Mint Museum of Toys and Red Dot Design Museum.

#### Table A-7: National Monuments

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
National Monuments	71	72	72	72	73	73	73	
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Source: National Heritage Board

## 2 Arts and Cultural Engagement

## I. Attendance at Arts and Cultural Events

#### Table B-1: Ticketed Attendance at Performing Arts\* Events

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Ticketed Attendance^	1,946,322	1,812,697	1,911,266	2,194,844	1,991,950	215,884	320,906

Source: National Arts Council and People's Association^^

\* Performing Arts refer to folk, traditional, classical and contemporary forms of dance, music (pop/rock concerts included) and theatre. Performing arts events may be held live, accessed digitally through electronic media or the Internet e.g. live-streamed performances or be held in a hybrid format with both in-person and digital modes of access. Events such as book launches, competitions, conferences, masterclasses, workshops etc are excluded.

- ^ Ticketed attendance refers to attendance at performing arts events that require a ticket for entry. It includes tickets sold and complimentary tickets issued.
- ^^ From 2020 onwards, data from the National Arts Council and People's Association for 2020 and 2021 includes amalgamated ticketed in-person and digital attendance.

Notes:

2018 data has been revised due to updates in data collection and classification.

2020 data has been revised to include ticketed attendance for digital performing arts events from the National Arts Council.

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Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Tickets	1,562,404	1,398,857	1,489,685	1,819,944	1,579,602	106,653	203,136
Sold^							
Music	728,305	639,713	747,493	743,157	855,320	25,307	61,822
Dance	75,973	70,874	69,266	77,150	73,155	14,827	12,719
Theatre	745,171	677,909	662,597	999,637	651,127	66,519	128,595
Others	12,955	10,361	10,329	-	-	-	-
Total Gross	121.8	82.4	87.7	92.1	79.9	7.96	11.82
Takings (\$mil)							

#### Table B-2: Ticket Sales for Performing Arts\* Events

Source: National Arts Council

\* Performing Arts refer to folk, traditional, classical and contemporary forms of dance, music (pop/rock concerts included) and theatre. Performing arts events may be held live, accessed digitally through electronic media or the Internet, or be held in a hybrid format with both in-person and digital modes of access. Digital performing arts events include formats such as live-streamed performances and streaming pre-recorded videos of performances etc. Events such as book launches, competitions, conferences, masterclasses, workshops etc are excluded.

^ Figures include tickets sold through ticketing service providers like SISTIC and APACTix. It does not include tickets sold through Ticketcharge/Tickets.com and other site-specific or independent ticketing service providers.

#### Notes:

2018 data has been revised due to updates in data collection and classification.

Year		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Non-' Attendance		9,017,614	9,536,519	11,308,550	11,714,936	13,647,967	37,627,044	28,776,389
Total Non-' In-Person Attendance		9,017,614	9,536,519	11,308,550	11,714,936	13,647,967	4,689,348	7,018,811
Total Non-' Digital Atte		-	-	-	-	-	32,937,696	21,757,578
Arts Events^	In- Person	2,781,937	3,065,452	3,011,342	3,728,969	3,725,939	1,997,363	4,525,743
	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	32,937,696	21,756,561
Heritage Events^^	In- Person	6,235,677	6,471,067	8,297,208	7,985,967	9,922,028	2,691,985	2,493,068

Table B-3: Non-Ticketed Attendance at Arts and Cultural Events

Source: National Arts Council^^^, People's Association^^^^ and National Heritage Board

- Arts events refer to attendance at performing arts events organised and supported by the National Arts Council, Esplanade and the People's Association. Arts events may be held live, accessed digitally through electronic media or the Internet e.g. a virtual exhibition, or be held in a hybrid format with both in-person and digital modes of access.
- <sup>^^</sup> Heritage events refer to attendance at outreach events organised by the National Heritage Board (NHB). These events include community outreach activities organised by NHB institutions and museums, including the Museum Outreach and the Singapore Heritage Fest. The figure excludes incidental viewership and events where attendance figures are unable to be determined. Non-ticketed heritage events may also include some performing arts elements.
- ^^^ From 2020 onwards, data from the National Arts Council includes non-ticketed in-person and digital attendance.
  ^^^ From 2020 onwards, data from the People's Association includes amalgamated non-ticketed in-person and digital attendance. Data in the table may not add up to the total due to amalgamated data.

#### Notes:

2018 data has been revised due to updates in data collection and classification.

2020 data has been revised to include non-ticketed attendance for digital performing arts events from the National Arts Council.

## II. Performing Arts Courses and Interest Groups

Table B-4: Performing Arts Courses	Conducted by	Community	Clubs and Residents'
Committees			

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total No. of	19,349	18,576	17,946	17,364	18,136	11,729	14,193
Performing							
Arts Courses							
Dance	9,827	9,992	9,982	9,844	9,899	6,874	8,503
Music & Vocal^	9,230	8,350	7,786	7,372	8,138	4,819	5,647
Speech & Drama	247	234	178	148	99	36	43
Total No. of	169,159	159,746	154,860	152,717	144,176	70,449	85,398
Performing Arts							
Course							
Participants							
Dance	103,416	98,234	99,317	97,690	92,618	56,387	71,081
Music & Vocal	62,623	58,703	53,125	53,261	50,539	13,772	12,024
Speech & Drama	3,120	2,809	2,418	1,766	1,019	290	2,293

Source: People's Association^^

- ^ Music & Vocal courses refer to instrumental, music theory, opera and vocal courses organised by the People's Association.
- ^^ From 2021 onwards, data from People's Association includes digital and hybrid performing arts courses.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total No. of Performing	2,447	2,589	2,597	2,756	2,854	2,363	2,402
Arts Interest Groups							
Dance	952	1,015	1,019	1,062	1,110	916	935
Music & Vocal <sup>^</sup>	1,435	1,506	1,509	1,616	1,661	1,383	1,401
Speech & Drama	60	68	69	78	83	64	66
Total No. of Members in	37,851	41,032	44,968	48,783	50,180	42,078	43,085
Performing Arts Interest							
Groups							
Dance	17,222	19,089	22,160	23,356	24,175	19,801	20,584
Music & Vocal	19,819	21,041	21,876	24,355	24,865	21,302	21,509
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Speech & Drama	810	902	932	1,072	1,140	975	992

## Table B-5: Performing Arts Interest Groups in Community Clubs and Residents' Committees

Source: People's Association

^ Music & Vocal courses refer to instrumental, music theory, opera and vocal courses organised by the People's Association.

## III. Museum Visitorship

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Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	7,314,619	8,357,178	8,588,120	8,277,999	9,594,098	3,053,399	3,434,482
Museum							
Roundtable							
Visitorship <sup>^</sup>							

#### Table B-6: Museum Roundtable In-Person Visitorship

Source: National Heritage Board

^ Total Museums Roundtable in-person visitorship includes in-person visitorship to both public and private museums and galleries as classified in Table A-6.

#### Table B-7: Visitorship to National Museums and Heritage Institutions

Year		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Visitors	ship	3,803,291	5,119,976	5,416,324	5,386,651	5,777,502	94,934,202	217,364,969
Total In-Pers Visitorship	on	3,803,291	5,119,976	5,416,324	5,386,651	5,777,502	2,099,509	2,251,174
Total Digital Visitorship *		-	-	-	-	-	92,834,693	215,113,795
Asian Civilisations	In- Person	349,587	534,255	488,554	524,932	670,329	182,561	207,100
	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	13,544,993	33,312,948
NationalIn-Museum ofPerson	774,555	777,362	901,486	959,632	1,099,262	430,949	334,467	
Singapore	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	46,538,178	116,029,395
Peranakan Museum^	In- Person	475,728	508,334	473,162	213,226	59,506	0	0
	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	120,968	7,257,869
Singapore Art	In- Person	903,357	732,913	414,692	519,439	791,137	402,002	596,234
Museum^^	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	1,022,772	970,152
Former Ford Factory^^^	In- Person	42,357	-	105,409	103,664	90,048	38,350	41,205
·	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	1,236	24,244
Singapore Philatelic	In- Person	152,655	160,034	147,594	144,262	32,240	0	0
Museum^^^ ^	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	202,280	532,391
Reflections at Bukit Chandu # & ####	In- Person	40,138	34,267	39,403	25,078	0	0	18,854
Sun Yat Sen Nanyang	In- Person	97,335	133,159	122,018	213,764	219,428	110,201	132,602
Memorial Hall	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	9,178,256	17,676,503
	In- Person	497,002	508,219	697,756	728,896	761,301	144,953	87,195

Year		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Malay Heritage Centre ##	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	8,744,223	7,181,789
Indian Heritage	In- Person	194,954	146,101	176,599	221,055	236,015	54,361	55,018
Centre	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	4,955,413	13,542,701
National Gallery	In- Person	275,623	1,585,332	1,849,651	1,732,703	1,818,236	736,132	748,526
Singapore	Digital	-	-	-	-	-	8,526,374	18,585,803
Changi Chapel Museum ### & ####	In- Person	-	-	-	-	-	0	29,973

Source: National Heritage Board, National Library Board, Singapore Art Museum and National Gallery Singapore

\* Digital visitorship to National Museums and Heritage Institutions is measured as unique reach unless otherwise indicated.

- ^ Peranakan Museum closed for redevelopment from 1 April 2019 and re-opened on 17 February 2023.
- Singapore Art Museum's (SAM) premises have been closed for refurbishment (SAM at Bras Basah Road close for public access around March 2017 and SAM 8Q from 1Apr 2019), the figures are based on exhibitions organised by SAM at external venues such as SAM's Mini Mobile Exhibition and at SAM's premises (for the period where the premises still remains accessible to the public). Digital visitorship for Singapore Art Museum is measured as non-unique views.
- \*\*\* Former Ford Factory (previously known as Memories at Old Ford Factory) was transferred to the National Library Board on 1 November 2012. It was closed in 2016 for revamp purposes. Digital visitorship for Former Ford Factory is measured as non-unique views.

Singapore Philatelic Museum closed from 18 Mar 2019 for redevelopment as a dedicated children's museum. The Children's Museum Singapore opened on 8 December 2022.

# Reflections at Bukit Chandu closed for redevelopment from 1 Oct 2018 and re-opened on 9 September 2021.

## From 2015, there was an update in data collection method for visitorship to the Malay Heritage Centre.

### Changi Chapel Museum closed in 2018 for redevelopment and re-opened on 19 May 2021.

##### 2021 figures for Reflections at Bukit Chandu and Changi Chapel Museum are partial figures, from the date which they re-opened in 2021.

#### Notes:

- The value of "-" indicates that digital visitorship data for the national museum or heritage institution in a particular year is not available.
- The value of "0" indicates that there was no in-person visitorship for the national museum or heritage institution in a particular year. This may be due to the national museum or heritage institution's temporary closure for redevelopment.

## **3** Arts Education and Participation in Schools

## Arts Education

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#### Year **Total Enrolment** 5,566 5,573 5,544 5,241 5,073 4,853 4,403 3,353 Diploma<sup>^</sup> 3,697 3,659 3,640 3,494 3,037 3,435 Music Dance Theatre Visual Arts *Multi-disciplinary* Arts Administration Arts Education Film^^ 1,195 Undergraduate 1,694 1,716 1,691 1,585 1,459 1,305 Music Dance Theatre Visual Arts English Literature *Multi-disciplinary* Arts Administration Film^^ Post-graduate Music Visual Arts English Literature Arts Administration Others

#### Table C-1: Full-time Enrolment in Tertiary Arts Courses

Source: National Arts Council

^ Includes students in graduate diploma arts courses.

^^ Film figures included from 2013.

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021				
Total No. of	1,079	1,120	1,107	1,109	1,107	1,128	1,150				
Students											
Film	25	29	31	28	27	39	60				
Music	159	161	158	165	163	163	171				
Dance	194	190	182	184	179	173	170				
Theatre	252	243	224	210	197	188	185				
Visual Arts	449	444	440	428	413	407	401				
Literary Arts	-	20	47	76	103	114	119				
Others	-	33	25	18	25	44	44				

Source: School of the Arts, Singapore

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total No. of Students in cohort^	454,697	446,582	436,426	428,773	424,402	418,430	419,596
Total No. of Students in Arts-related CCAs^	118,985	118,395	113,878	112,201	110,966	106,135	110,678
Percentage (%) of Students	26.17%	26.51%	26.09%	26.17%	26.15%	25.37%	26.38%
in Arts-related CCAs^							
Film^^	2,816	2,790	2,848	2,674	2,793	3,107	1,694
Music	58,360	57,597	54,969	53,592	52,979	51,379	51,858
Military/Brass Band	17,867	17,156	16,402	16,015	15,981	16,334	16,047
Chinese Orchestra	8,022	7,631	7,369	6,976	6,826	6,400	6,306
Choir	17,179	17,858	16,751	16,598	16,530	15,900	15,493
Instrumental Groups	15,292	14,952	14,447	14,003	13,642	12,745	14,012
Dance	29,103	29,475	28,513	27,972	28,562	26,679	27,650
Theatre	10,724	10,544	10,226	10,085	9,036	8,943	10,000
Visual Arts	17,982	17,989	17,322	17,878	17,596	16,027	21,170
Art & Craft	17,088	17,113	16,518	17,024	16,836	15,333	18,781
Calligraphy	894	876	804	854	760	694	695

Table C-3: Students in Arts-related Co-Curricular Activities

Source: Ministry of Education

^ Comprises students from Primary and Secondary schools, Junior Colleges and Centralised Institutes.

^^ Film figures included from 2013.

## **4** Support for Arts and Culture

## I. Arts and Cultural Philanthropy

#### Table D-1: Contributions to Arts and Culture

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Contributions	152.6^^	74.3	63.8	65.1	59.6	42.77	34.94
( <b>\$mil</b> )							
Artefact Donations	0.5	1.4	6.6	1.2	2.7	0.78	1.46
Cash, In-kind	152.1	72.9	57.2	63.9	56.9	41.99	33.48
Donations and							
Sponsorship^							

Source: National Arts Council and National Heritage Board

^ Based on data on Patron of the Arts and Patron of Heritage Awards.

\*\* The high value in 2015 was due to an increase in donations received for Patron of the Arts Awards in celebration of Singapore's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and due to the establishment of the National Gallery Singapore.

## II. Government Funding

#### Table D-2: Government Funding

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Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Government	937.2	720.0	438.13	458.66	494.49	486.15	489.19
Funding (\$mil)							
Arts & Heritage ^	522.7	420.1	417.63	414.96	445.49	408.42	436.92
Cultural Matching Fund ^^	80	19.8	20.5	43.7	49	35.6	19.4
Library ^^^	334.5	280.1	-	-	-	-	-
Arts & Culture Resilience						42.13	32.87
Package^^^^							

Source: Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, and Ministry of Communications and Information.

- <sup>^</sup> The Arts & Heritage figures are based on financial year, and reflect operating and development expenditure for the arts & heritage sector.
- \*\* The Cultural Matching Fund was set up by the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth, to provide dollar-fordollar matching grants for private cash donations to arts & heritage charities and Institutions of Public Character (IPC).

^^^ The Library figures are based on financial year and reflect operating and development expenditure for libraries.

<sup>^^^</sup> The Arts & Culture Resilience Package was announced at MCCY's Committee of Supply debate on 6 March 2020 to support the sector. This figure comprises ACRP 1.0 and 2.0 funding.

Notes:

- 2020 figures reflect actual expenditure.
- 2021 figures reflect a mix of actual and revised budget figures. FY21 actual figures will be reflected in the FY23 Budget Book.
- Figures prior to 2012 were from the then Ministry of Information, Communications and the Arts.
- From 2017 onwards, film and library-related statistics have been excluded from the Singapore Cultural Statistics publication.
- Figures for Cultural Matching Fund in 2014 and 2015 were updated in 2020 to reflect actual expenditure.

## III. International Engagements

### Table D-3: International Engagements

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total	435	363	305	261	192	4	190
International							
Engagements^							

Source: National Arts Council

^ Number of international development grants supported by the National Arts Council to artists and art companies to promote Singapore arts internationally.

## 5 Economic Contribution of the Arts and Cultural Sector

## I. Arts and Cultural Manpower

Table E-1: Total Employee Level and Change											
Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021						
Total Employee	26,800	26,600	26,700	24,700	24,700						
Level^											
Film	4,300	4,500	4,700	4,400	4,900						
Cultural Heritage	1,400	1,600	1,700	1,500	1,600						
Literary Arts	7,100	6,800	6,400	5,800	5,500						
Performing Arts	6,600	6,500	6,900	6,700	7,100						
Live Performing	5,200	5,200	5,600	5,500	5,900						
Arts											
Recorded Music	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,200	1,200						
Visual Arts	7,400	7,200	7,000	6,300	5,600						
Fine Art, Crafts	3,200	3,100	3,200	3,100	2,500						
& Collectibles											
Photography	4,200	4,100	3,800	3,200	3,000						
Total Employees	- 300	+ 100	-	- 2,000	+ 600						
Change^^											
Film	+ 100	+200	+ 100	- 400	+500						
Cultural Heritage	+ 100	+ 100	-	- 100	+ 100						
Literary Arts	- 300	- 100	- 300	- 600	- 400						
Performing Arts	-	-	+ 400	- 200	+400						
Live Performing	+ 100	+ 100	+ 300	- 200	+ 300						
Arts											
Recorded Music	-	- 100	-	-	+ 100						
Visual Arts	- 200	- 200	- 200	- 600	+ 100						
Fine Art, Crafts &	- 200	- 100	- 100	- 100	+ 300						
Collectibles											
Photography Source: Administrative P	-	- 100	- 100	- 500	- 200						

#### Table E-1: Total Employee Level and Change

Source: Administrative Records, Manpower Research and Statistics Department, MOM

\* Employment levels by industry are revised in December to take into account annual updates in the industry classification of firms. The total employee levels in this table are based on data after the annual revision in industry classification.

Annual change in total number of employees is the difference in the employment level at the end of the reference period compared with the end of the preceding period. This is calculated using pre revised employment level at the end of the reference period less revised employment level at the end of the preceding period e.g. pre revised employment level in December 2021 less revised employment level in December 2020.

Notes:

- Data is based on SSIC 2020. Data found in previous editions of the Singapore Cultural Statistics publication are based on SSIC 2015.

- Data has been rounded to the nearest hundred and may not add up to the total due to rounding.
- The value of " " indicates nil or negligible.

## II. Economic Value of the Arts and Cultural Sector

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020^				
Total Value-Added (\$mil)	1723.1	1,763.6	1,803.2	1,848.1	1,866.2	1,379.2				
Film & Video	279.4	307.1	350.8	374.7	419.5	202.9				
Cultural Heritage	115.5	110.6	119.4	159.7	154.1	161.8				
Literary Arts	455.9	475.3	459.6	420	374.9	341.0				
Performing Arts	263.4	253.3	243.1	238.5	257.5	171.1				
Live Performing Arts	198.5	185.6	174.8	164.9	180.8	109.2				
Recorded Music	64.9	67.6	68.3	73.6	76.7	61.9				
Visual Arts	608.9	617.3	630.3	655.2	660.2	502.4				
Fine Art, Crafts &	140.2	140.6	146.6	161.6	160.5	76.9				
Collectibles										
Photography	468.7	476.7	491.0	493.6	499.7	425.5				

#### Table E-2: Total Nominal Value-Added

Source: Singapore Department of Statistics.

^ 2020 figures are preliminary; 2019 figures have been updated with latest information

#### Notes:

- Data is based on SSIC 2020.

- Data exclude own-account workers (e.g. freelancers) and manufacturing industries.
- Data in the table may not add up to the total due to rounding.

Table E-5. Total Operating Receipts									
Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020^			
<b>Total Operating Receipts</b>	7,291.4	6,629.1	6,647.2	7,052.9	6,992.3	5,743.8			
( <b>\$mil</b> )									
Film & Video	1085.3	854.1	932.0	1,035.8	1,137.0	846.0			
Cultural Heritage	63.3	65.8	70.5	121.9	124.9	80.0			
Literary Arts	1,673.4	1,712.5	1,623.6	1,426.5	1,391.0	1,210.1			
Performing Arts	648.0	600.0	585.0	560.8	578.8	537.9			
Live Performing Arts	357.0	346.6	335.0	280.5	282.3	246.5			
Recorded Music	290.9	253.4	250.0	280.3	296.5	291.4			
Visual Arts	3,821.4	3,396.7	3,436.1	3,907.9	3760.6	3069.8			
Fine Art, Crafts &	673.7	704.6	657.1	808.3	757.6	457.1			
Collectibles									
Photography	3,147.7	2,692.0	2,779.0	3,099.6	3003.0	2612.7			

#### Table E-3: Total Operating Receipts

Source: Singapore Department of Statistics

^ 2020 figures are preliminary; 2019 figures have been updated with latest information

#### Notes:

- Data is based on SSIC 2020.
- Data exclude own-account workers (e.g. freelancers) and manufacturing industries.
- Data in the table may not add up to the total due to rounding.

## **Annex – Arts and Cultural Cluster Definition**

SSIC DIA				
Core/Cluster	Sub-Sector	Code	Description	
		91021	Museums	
	Haritaga	91029	Preservation of historical sites, buildings, artefacts and	
Core Arts &	Heritage		paintings, cultural villages and other related activities	
			n.e.c.	
	Performing Arts	85408	Training courses for music, dancing, art, speech and	
Heritage			drama	
		90001	Production of live stage presentations	
		90002	Performing arts venue operation	
		90009	Dramatic Arts, Music And Other Arts Activities Nec	
		90003	(Eg Stage, Lighting And sound services) Orchestras, musical bands, choirs and dance groups	
		90003	Associations For Hobbies, Recreational, Cultural And	
	Heritage	74775	Extra-Curricular activities (eg scouts/girl guides	
			association, book clubs and photo, music, art and craft	
			clubs)	
		74905	Agents for artistes, athletes, models and other	
			performers	
		46437	Wholesale of musical instruments and scores	
		46442	Wholesale of music and video recordings (e.g. DVDs,	
	Performing Arts		Blu-ray discs)	
		47536	Retail sale of musical instruments and scores	
Arts &		47620	Retail sale of music and video recordings (e.g. DVDs,	
Culture			Blu-ray discs )	
Cluster		59201	Sound Recording Production	
		59202	Music Publishing And Distribution Activities	
		46474	Wholesale of books and magazines	
	T itema Anto	47610	Retail sale of books, newspapers and stationery	
	Literary Arts Visual Arts	59110	(including news vendors)	
		58110	Publishing of books, brochures, musical books and other publications	
		46451	Wholesale of antiques and works of art	
		46452	Wholesale of handicrafts and gifts	
		47741	Retail sale of antiques and works of art	
		47742	Retail sale of handicrafts, collectibles and gifts	
Wider Creative Cluster	Film	59111	Movie production	
		59114	Animation Production	
		59131	Movie distribution	
		59112	Production of advertisements, corporate videos and	
			event videos	
		59119	Motion picture, video and television programme	
			production activities nec	
		59139	Movie, video, television and other programme	
			distribution activities nec	
		59120	Motion picture, video, television and other programme	
			post-production activities (including remastering)	
		59140	Movie projection activities (including cinemas)	
		77220	Renting of VCDs and DVDs	
		46491	Wholesale of optical equipment and supplies	
	Photography	1	(excluding binoculars)	
		46492	Wholesale of photographic equipment and supplies	
			(including binoculars)	

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Core/Cluster	Sub-Sector	SSIC Code	Description
		47752	Retail sale of cameras and other photographic goods
		74200	Photographic activities