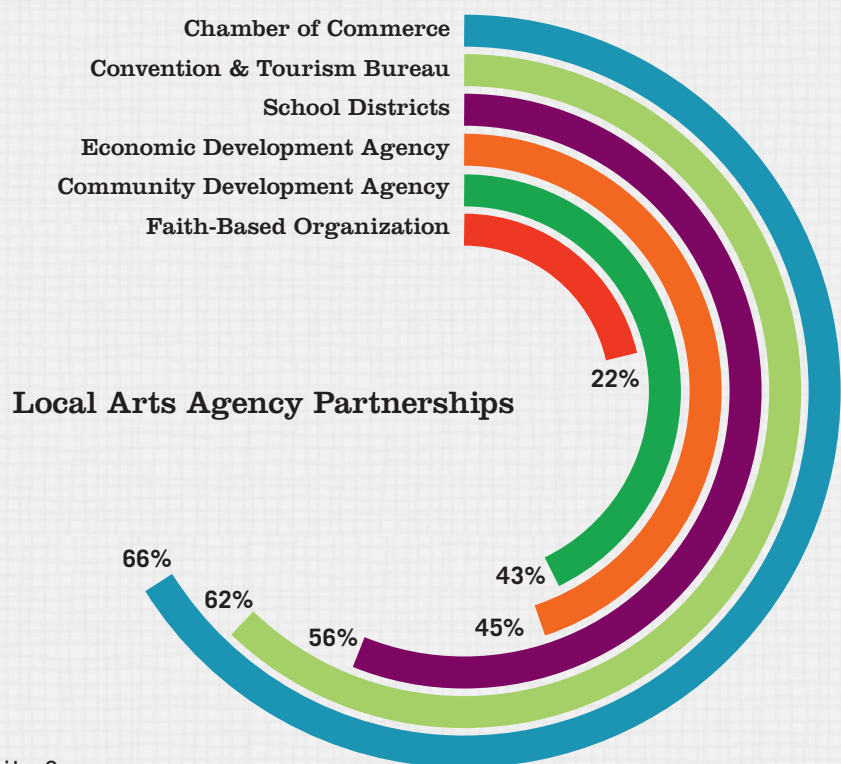


PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS

Local arts agencies (LAAs) are community connectors. Ninety-two percent maintain at least one partnership with a community agency or organization, and 76 percent have three or more ongoing collaborations.

Partnerships and collaborations are a key strategy used by LAAs to connect their communities to the arts and ensure greater access to the arts for all. More than half of LAAs partner with a chamber of commerce, library, convention & visitors bureau, parks and recreation department, and/or school district. These partnerships provide new opportunities for artists and arts organizations, help collaborators advance their missions by using the arts, and create arts experiences for the public in both arts and non-arts venues across the community.



LOCAL ARTS AGENCIES BY THE NUMBERS

So what do most partnerships look like?

- 79 percent have “informal conversations” with partner organizations (65 percent talk with three or more).
- 65 percent “meet regularly” with a partner organization (37 percent meet with three or more).
- 75 percent “work together to plan, fund, and implement programs” (57 percent work jointly with three or more).
- 31 percent fund a partner “through grants or contracts” (18 percent fund three or more).
- 46 percent have a partner that has fully “integrated the arts into their initiatives” (28 percent have three or more).