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New Study Reveals that Arts-Related Businesses Provide Significant Employment in Every U.S. Congressional District

49 Congressional Districts Have More Than 10,000 Employed in Arts-Related Jobs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Americans for the Arts today released Creative Industries 2005: The Congressional Report, which presents detailed analysis of arts-related businesses, institutions, and organizations in all 435 Congressional districts and the District of Columbia. The study reveals that arts-centric businesses represent 4.4 percent of all businesses and 2.2 percent of all jobs in the United States and are present in every Congressional district in the nation:

- More than 578,000 arts-related businesses employ 2.965 million people.
- 49 Congressional districts have more than 10,000 arts-centric employees.
- More than half of the districts have at least 5,200 arts-centric employees.
- The 8th Congressional district in New York City has the most – with 119,320.
- Even the district with the least has 1,554 people employed in the arts.

Combining Dun & Bradstreet data (current as of January 2005) and geo-economic analysis, the study tracks and maps the presence of these arts-related entities in six creative industries: museum and collections; performing arts; visual arts and photography; film, radio, and TV; design and publishing; and arts schools and services. These creative industries range from nonprofit museums, symphonies, and theaters to for-profit film, architecture, and advertising companies.

“The arts have become an economic and employment powerhouse throughout the nation,” said Robert L. Lynch, president and CEO of Americans for the Arts. “This study shows, in addition to the intrinsic value of the arts, that arts-centric businesses contribute significantly to local economies in all U.S. Congressional districts.”
When ranked by the number of employees in arts-centric businesses, institutions, and organizations, the top 50 Congressional districts are:

1. New York, 14th (Manhattan, Queens – Rep. Carolyn Maloney) 119,320
2. New York, 8th (Brooklyn, Manhattan – Rep. Jerrold Nadler) 81,969
5. California, 29th (Pasadena – Rep. Adam Schiff) 37,831
15. Massachusetts, 8th (Cambridge, Roxbury – Rep. Michael Capuano) 18,854
22. Texas, 32nd (Dallas – Rep. Pete Sessions) 14,025
29. Florida, 18th (Miami – Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen) 12,845
34. Michigan, 9th (Farmington Hills, Troy – Rep. Joe Knollenberg) 12,286
35. Texas, 21st (San Antonio, Austin – Rep. Lamar Smith) 11,579
37. California, 47th (Garden Grove – Rep. Loretta Sanchez) 11,258
38. Pennsylvania, 14th (McKeesport, Pittsburgh – Rep. Mike Doyle) 11,203
42. California, 6th (San Rafael, Santa Rosa – Rep. Lynn Woolsey) 10,743
43. Florida, 10th (St. Petersburg, Largo – Rep. C.W. Bill Young) 10,655
44. Florida, 22nd (Ft. Lauderdale – Rep. Clay Shaw) 10,412
46. California, 9th (Oakland – Rep. Barbara Lee) 10,342
47. Utah, 1st (Ogden, Brigham City, Salt Lake City – Rep. Rob Bishop) 10,338
49. Ohio, 11th (Shaker Heights – Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones) 10,174
50. Ohio, 15th (Columbus – Rep. Deborah Pryce) 9,906

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