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Quick Facts: Sharing the Arts Experience

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# SHARING THE ARTS EXPERIENCE

IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS HAVE YOU...

Attended an art exhibit:

34%

9%

ALONE

45%

WITH 1  
PERSON

46%

WITH 2  
OR MORE

Attended a live performance:

46%

3%

ALONE

43%

WITH 1  
PERSON

54%

WITH 2  
OR MORE



27%

DANCE



40%

THEATER



72%

MUSIC

Source: General Social Survey, 2012  
Merged Data, Including a Cultural Module

## Sharing the Arts Experience

Percent of survey respondents who in the past year:

- Attended an art exhibit: 34%
  - alone: 9%
  - With 1 person: 45%
  - With 2 or more: 46%
  
- Attended a live performance: 46%
  - Alone: 3%
  - With 1 person: 43%
  - With 2 or more: 54%

Of the 46% who attended a live performance: the performance attended was dance 27%, theater 40%, and music 72%.

The General Social Survey (GSS) collects information from the general public on a wide variety of subjects, including attitudes toward social issues, religion, education, jobs and the economy, government and other institutions, politics, and policy issues. The GSS 2012 included a "Cultural Module," a battery of questions focused on culture and the arts.

**Art exhibits** included those for painting, sculpture, textiles, graphic design, and photography.

**Live performances** included music, theater, and dance, and did not include elementary or high school performances.

The 2012 GSS Cultural Module data also asked who the respondent attended with, if the performance attended was free, factors that impacted the decision to attend or not attend, and demographic information including age, sex, race, and income.

These Quick Facts were taken from General Social Survey, 2012 Merged Data, Including a Cultural Module. Data are weighted.

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