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| **Indicator:** | **% engaging in arts/cultural activities** |

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| **Responsible Statistician:** | Iain Bryson, Department for Communities |
| **Web Link to Statistical Publication:** | <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/engagement-culture-arts-and-sport-by-adults-northern-ireland-201920> |
| **Frequency of update:** | Annually |
| **Time lag:** | May of each year - eight weeks following the end of the fieldwork period |
| **Data Source:** | Survey |
| **National Statistics Status** | Official Statistics |
| **Quality Report:** | <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/publications/engagement-culture-arts-and-sport-by-adults-northern-ireland-201920> Quality report: Continuous Household Survey 2019/20 |
| **Historic Data available from:** | 2007/08 |
| **Time-series trend:** | **% engaging with arts/cultural activities in the past year**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Year** | **%** | | **2007/08** | 81 | | **2008/09** | 79 | | **2009/10** | 84 | | **2010/11** | 87 | | **2011/12** | 85 | | **2012/13** | 86 | | **2013/14** | 87 | | **2014/15** | 87 | | **2015/16** | 85 | | **2016/17** | 85 | | **2017/18** | 87 | | **2018/19** | 87 | | **2019/20** | 87 | |
| **For Survey Data**  **Sample size and confidence interval for the latest available year:** | Sample size: 5,914  Confidence interval:+/- 0.9 |
| **UK/RoI/International comparisons:** | UK: Not directly comparable  UK Regional: Not directly comparable  RoI: Not directly comparable  International (please specify countries): Not directly comparable |
| **Issues in relation to this data, e.g. data limitations, future data availability, changes to methodology** | Sample survey, confidence intervals indicated above.  Engagement in culture/arts activities is defined as doing at least one of the following: engaging in the arts, using the public library service, visiting a museum or science centre or using PRONI services.  Using PRONI services is only included from 2011/12 onwards as it was not available for the earlier years.  In 2019/20, the questions on visits to museums were revised and as a result figures for visits to museums in 2019/20 are not comparable with previous years. Although this is one element of the overall culture and arts engagement rate, the impact of the change is lessened in the culture and arts estimates as the majority of those who visit museums also engage in some other way with culture and arts.  Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the mode of data collection for the Continuous Household Survey has been changed from face-to-face to telephone interviewing for 2020/21. This is likely to impact on the comparability of 2020/21 results with previous years. |
| **Is this measure being used to monitor performance against your current/latest Departmental/ Agency Plan** | No |
| **If yes, please specify any particular baseline point/year for the measure which is being for performance monitoring purposes** |  |

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| **Available groupings\*** | **Yes/No** | **Notes** |
| **NI Level** | Yes |  |
| **Parliamentary Constituency level** | Yes | Will be available later this year. Analysis involves combining annual datasets prior to 2017/18. Increased sample sizes from 2017/18 allows analysis to be carried out on a single year. |
| **Local Government District (2014) level** | Yes | Will be available later this year. Analysis involves combining annual datasets prior to 2017/18. Increased sample sizes from 2017/18 allows analysis to be carried out on a single year. |
| **Deprivation Quintile** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **NISRA Geography Urban/Rural Measure** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **Gender** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **Age** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **Marital Status** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **Religion** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **Political Opinion** | No |  |
| **Disability** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **Dependants** | Yes | Available in September 2020 |
| **Sexual Orientation** | No | Analysis could be carried out at this level but would involve combining annual datasets |
| **Racial Group** | No | Analysis could be carried out at this level but would involve combining annual datasets |
| **Lowest level geography at which the measure is available:** | Local Government District (2014) (based on combining three years data prior to 2018/19) | |

\* Due to confidentiality constraints, in some instances breakdowns may not be available due to small numbers