

ARLINGTON

Arts and Culture Action Plan

96.8% of respondents reside in Arlington
 26.85% of respondents work in Arlington
 70.3% of respondents make \$85,000 or more
 78.9% of respondents own house, condo or townhouse
 20% of respondents rent their home
 72% of respondents create their work in their homes or someone else's home
 21% of respondents desire more access to instructional programs or adequate spaces in order to create or practice their creative work

THE CREATIVE LIFE OF ARLINGTON RESIDENTS AND WORKERS



BARRIERS TO ENGAGING IN ARTS AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES

- 59.3% Lack of time due to work responsibilities or family commitments
- 54.7% Unaware of arts and cultural program/events in town
- 33.0% High ticket admissions cost

WHERE CREATIVE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE

Arlington homes	77.9%
Arlington commercial	34.7%
Somerville	16.5%
Cambridge	30.4%
Boston	24.1%
Greater Boston	38.5%
outside greater boston	16.5%



- 44% of respondents earn a portion of their income from their artistic or creative work
- 86% of survey respondents have not felt barriers to displaying/ marketing their work
- 59% of respondents consider themselves an artist, craftsperson or creative worker
- 30% of respondents work in the arts and culture sector in some capacity but not as an artist

Time spent living in Arlington	Less than 5 years	6-20 years	21-40 years	41+ years
	25.8%	37/9%	24.8%	8.8%

“We need WAY more public art outdoors. The town lacks color. The painting on the electric boxes [are] wonderful! But so few”



“I would like to see an emphasis on growth in cultural diversity. I was sad when the Regent Theatre stopped doing Indian cinema as that had a dramatic impact on the number of people I saw engaging..”

38% of survey respondents are mildly or not satisfied with the arts and cultural offerings in Arlington

33% of residents believe Arlington’s offerings are on par with those available in neighboring communities

30% believe Arlington’s arts and cultural offerings provide opportunities to engage with others from cultures different from their own

32% of survey respondents feel they lack space needed that would allow them to more fully pursue creative interests

“except for a few restaurants we don’t stay in Arlington for any cultural events”

“I am unsure of venue locations where events like author appearances, salons, live cultural events are happening”

“I cannot get get my friends outside of Arlington to come to events here”

“Arlington is very couple and family-oriented...I don’t find much that appeals in terms of attending things by myself”

“I just moved here... not enough time to search for events”

“Obviously central events listing is what’s missing”

“... I’d certainly be interested in sharing in Arlington’s activities and hot spots... I’m just unaware of them”

“I am disabled...my fatigue level is high and I can’t take part in as may activities as I’d like to”

“Many of the events in Arlington are children-focused which is why I tend to go to Somerville or Cambridge where the arts are adult focused”

“I wish more [events] were available in the daytime. Often don’t want to go out at night”