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Total Impact of the Nonprofit Arts and Culture Industry (Expenditures by *both* organizations *and* audiences)

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Full-Time Equivalent Jobs	4,460
Resident Household Income	\$83,747,000
Local Government Revenue	\$3,889,000
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Per Person Average	\$17.81	\$41.43
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Clothing and Accessories	\$1.22
Ground Transportation	\$1.69
Event-Related Child Care	\$0.24
Overnight Lodging (one night only)	\$3.52
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