

CULTURAL FUNDING BY GOVERNMENT

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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

This publication contains estimates of Australian public funding for arts and cultural activities, facilities and services for the three years from 1998–99 to 2000–01. Estimates for the three levels of government have been compiled from administrative by-product data obtained by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) from annual reports and budget papers, and from information provided by selected Commonwealth authorities (including the Australia Council), state and territory governments and local government authorities. For 2000–01, survey data are used to obtain fine level estimates of cultural funding by local government authorities.

Funding data in this publication are aligned, where possible, with the categories specified in the Industry Classification of the *Australian Culture and Leisure Classifications* (cat. no. 4902.0), which were released in 2001. Cultural activities have been classified into two major groups: Heritage; and the Arts. In contrast, in previous issues of this publication funding data were classified into three major groups: Cultural facilities and services; Broadcasting and film; and Culture n.e.c. These groups were further subdivided in accordance with categories specified in the *National Culture-Leisure Industry Statistical Framework* (The Statistical Advisory Group of the Cultural Ministers Council, fourth edition, 1989). Historical data shown in this publication have been revised to allow for the comparison of data over time.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ACLC	Australian Culture and Leisure Classifications
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
\$m	million dollars
DOF	Department of Finance

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

CULTURAL FUNDING

Total government funding for cultural activities was \$4,454.5m in 2000–01. Of this, the Commonwealth Government contributed \$1,639.7m (37%), state and territory governments contributed \$1,942.3m (44%) and local governments provided \$872.4m (20%).

The majority of the funding supported Heritage activities (\$2,750.8m or 62% of total funding). In particular, Nature parks and reserves (\$985.6m), Libraries and archives (\$838.8m) and Other museums (which consist largely of museums other than art museums) (\$613.1m) collectively accounted for 55% of the total government funding. Arts activities received the remaining \$1,703.7m (38%) of government funding. These funds were mainly for Broadcasting and film (\$902.3m) which accounted for 20% of total government funding for culture.

Changes over time

Compared with the previous year, total government funding increased by \$398.1m (10%) in 2000–01. Each of the three levels of government contributed to this increase, but the largest increase was observed for the Commonwealth Government (13%). The corresponding increase for the state and territory governments was 8% and for local governments, 7%.

An increase in government funding was also observed in the previous two-year period (i.e. 1998–99 to 1999–2000). However, in that period, the level of increase in state and territory government funding was much smaller (1%) and, largely as a result of this, the increase in total government funding was not as great (6%).

Funding per person

In 2000–01, total government funding for cultural activities was \$231.11 per person, which represents an increase of about \$18 since 1999–2000. This compares with an increase of \$11 per person in the previous two-year period and thus an overall \$29 increase over the three years. The Commonwealth Government contributed \$85.08 per person in 2000–01, while state and territory governments provided \$100.78 and local governments provided \$45.26.

RECURRENT AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

The amount of funding for cultural activities in any one year can be affected by high levels of one-off capital expenditure. Capital expenditure refers to expenditure on the creation of fixed assets and on the acquisition of land, buildings and intangible assets. In contrast, recurrent expenditure refers mainly to expenditure on wages and salaries, purchases of goods and services, and current grants and subsidies.

Recurrent expenditure accounted for the largest portion of total government funding for cultural activities in 2000–01 (\$3,828.6m or 86% of total government funding). Similarly, the majority of funding from each level of government was directed toward recurrent expenditure, with the Commonwealth Government allocating \$1,385.4m (84%) for recurrent activity, state and territory governments allocating \$1,695.7m (87%) and local governments providing \$747.6m (86%).

FUNDING BY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT

Commonwealth Government

In 2000–01, Heritage activities received \$501.5m (31% of total Commonwealth funding) from the Commonwealth Government, while Arts activities received \$1,138.2m (69%). The main recipients of Commonwealth Government funding were Broadcasting and film (\$853.0m or 52%) (which was primarily for Radio and television services (\$777.2m or 47%)), and Other museums (\$306.9m or 19%).

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS *continued*

State and territory government

The majority of cultural funding provided by state and territory governments was directed towards Heritage activities in 2000–01 (\$1,646.4m or 85%), while Arts activities received the remaining \$295.9m (15%). The largest single recipient of state and territory government funding was Nature parks and reserves (\$898.4m or 46%). Other categories receiving large shares of state and territory government funding included Libraries and archives (\$297.0m or 15%) and Other museums (\$255.2m or 13%).

The level of cultural funding per person varied widely among the state and territory governments. Northern Territory Government funding per person of \$346.55 was over three times the state and territory average of \$100.78. Northern Territory Government funding was influenced largely by two factors: a relatively high expenditure on Nature parks and reserves (\$36.6m or \$186.64 per person); and Northern Territory Government responsibility for funding of Libraries (\$11.3m or \$57.54 per person) (which are funded in most other states and territories by local government). Funding levels per person for Western Australia (\$137.27), South Australia (\$119.45) and Tasmania (\$118.85) also noticeably exceeded the state and territory average.

Local government

In 2000–01, Heritage activities received \$602.8m (69%) of cultural funding provided by local governments, while Arts activities received \$269.6m (31%). More than half of the local government cultural funding was for Libraries and archives (\$458.7m or 53%), while Public halls and civic centres received \$132.5m (15%).

There were wide variations across the states and territories in the level of cultural funding per person received from local governments, with a high of \$68.91 per person in Western Australia, and a low of \$19.14 in Northern Territory (which is indicative of greater responsibility for cultural funding being held by the Northern Territory Government). This compares with an Australian average of \$45.26 per person.

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CULTURAL FUNDING, By Major Group and Level of Government—1998–99 to 2000–01

Major group and level of government	1998–99(a)		1999–2000(a)		Change from previous year	2000–01		Change from previous year
	Value of funding	Percentage of total	Value of funding	Percentage of total		Value of funding	Percentage of total	
	\$m	%	\$m	%	%	\$m	%	%
Commonwealth								
Heritage	313.9	8.2	420.2	10.4	33.9	501.5	11.3	19.3
Arts	973.3	25.5	1 026.7	25.3	5.5	1 138.2	25.6	10.9
Total	1 287.2	33.8	1 446.9	35.7	12.4	1 639.7	36.8	13.3
State and Territory								
Heritage	1 450.7	38.1	1 488.4	36.7	2.6	1 646.4	37.0	10.6
Arts	322.2	8.5	306.5	7.6	–4.9	295.9	6.6	–3.5
Total	1 773.0	46.5	1 794.9	44.2	1.2	1 942.3	43.6	8.2
Local	750.9	19.7	814.6	20.1	8.5	872.4	19.6	7.1
Total	3 811.1	100.0	4 056.4	100.0	6.4	4 454.5	100.0	9.8

(a) Data for 1998–99 and 1999–2000 have been revised (see paragraph 16 in the Explanatory Notes).

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CULTURAL FUNDING PER PERSON(a), By Major Group and Level of Government—1998–99 to 2000–01

Major group and level of government	1998–99(b)	1999–2000(b)	2000–01
	\$	\$	\$
Commonwealth			
Heritage	16.66	22.06	26.02
Arts	51.66	53.90	59.05
Total	68.33	75.96	85.08
State and Territory			
Heritage	77.01	78.13	85.42
Arts	17.10	16.09	15.35
Total	94.11	94.22	100.78
Local	39.86	42.76	45.26
Total	202.30	212.94	231.11

(a) Although ACT does not have a local government, its population has been included in calculations of per person funding (see paragraph 14 in the Explanatory Notes).

(b) Data for 1998–99 and 1999–2000 have been revised (see paragraph 16 in the Explanatory Notes).

CULTURAL FUNDING, Recurrent and Capital Expenditure—2000–01

<i>Category and level of government</i>	<i>Recurrent</i>	<i>Capital</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Percentage of total</i>
	\$m	\$m	\$m	%
Total	3 828.6	625.9	4 454.5	100.0
Category				
Heritage				
Art museums	142.9	48.0	190.9	4.3
Other museums	417.4	195.7	613.1	13.8
Nature parks and reserves	890.5	95.1	985.6	22.1
Zoological parks, aquaria and botanic gardens	105.1	17.4	122.5	2.8
Libraries and archives	754.4	84.4	838.8	18.8
<i>Total heritage</i>	<i>2 310.2</i>	<i>440.5</i>	<i>2 750.8</i>	<i>61.8</i>
Arts				
Literature and print media	28.5	0.3	28.9	0.6
Performing arts	191.5	9.2	200.8	4.5
Performing arts venues	113.4	34.4	147.8	3.3
Public halls and civic centres	90.5	43.1	133.6	3.0
Visual arts and crafts	27.3	1.9	29.2	0.7
Broadcasting and film	833.8	68.5	902.3	20.3
Community cultural activities	88.3	4.1	92.4	2.1
Administration of culture	86.2	1.9	88.0	2.0
Other arts n.e.c.	58.8	21.9	80.7	1.8
<i>Total arts</i>	<i>1 518.4</i>	<i>185.3</i>	<i>1 703.7</i>	<i>38.2</i>
Level of government				
Commonwealth	1 385.4	254.4	1 639.7	36.8
State and Territory	1 695.7	246.7	1 942.3	43.6
Local	747.6	124.8	872.4	19.6

Category	VALUE OF FUNDING			PER PERSON		
	1998–99(a)	1999–2000(a)	2000–01	1998–99(a)	1999–2000(a)	2000–01
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$	\$	\$
Heritage						
Art museums	21.7	41.7	42.4	1.15	2.19	2.20
Other museums	156.8	231.0	306.9	8.32	12.13	15.92
Nature parks and reserves	66.3	60.2	63.6	3.52	3.16	3.30
Zoological parks, aquaria and botanic gardens						
Zoological parks and aquaria	—	—	—	—	—	—
Botanic gardens	2.0	5.8	5.7	0.11	0.31	0.29
Total	2.0	5.8	5.7	0.11	0.31	0.29
Libraries and archives						
Libraries	36.0	39.4	39.3	1.91	2.07	2.04
Archives	31.1	42.0	43.8	1.65	2.21	2.27
Total	67.1	81.4	83.0	3.56	4.28	4.31
Total heritage	313.9	420.2	501.5	16.66	22.06	26.02
Arts						
Literature and print media	10.9	10.9	22.0	0.58	0.57	1.14
Performing arts						
Music	49.6	52.1	54.9	2.64	2.74	2.85
Drama	11.6	12.5	10.8	0.62	0.66	0.56
Dance	8.8	9.9	10.8	0.46	0.52	0.56
Music theatre and opera	8.6	10.7	14.3	0.46	0.56	0.74
Other performing arts	6.2	4.3	5.1	0.33	0.22	0.26
Total	84.8	89.5	95.9	4.50	4.70	4.98
Performing arts venues	1.4	3.6	5.5	0.07	0.19	0.28
Public halls and civic centres	—	—	—	—	—	—
Visual arts and crafts	16.1	15.8	15.7	0.85	0.83	0.81
Broadcasting and film						
Radio and television services	684.4	713.9	777.2	36.33	37.48	40.32
Film and video	71.4	74.8	74.1	3.79	3.92	3.85
Multimedia	4.0	1.0	1.7	0.21	0.05	0.09
Total	759.7	789.7	853.0	40.33	41.46	44.26
Community cultural activities	45.0	40.8	53.3	2.39	2.14	2.76
Administration of culture	22.8	32.3	31.2	1.21	1.69	1.62
Other arts n.e.c.						
Arts education	18.8	29.3	42.4	1.00	1.54	2.20
Other arts n.e.c.	13.8	14.8	19.2	0.73	0.77	1.00
Total	32.6	44.1	61.6	1.73	2.32	3.20
Total arts	973.3	1 026.7	1 138.2	51.66	53.90	59.05
Total	1 287.2	1 446.9	1 639.7	68.33	75.96	85.08

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Category	VALUE OF FUNDING			PER PERSON		
	1998–99(a)	1999–2000(a)	2000–01	1998–99(a)	1999–2000(a)	2000–01
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$	\$	\$
Heritage						
Art museums	84.3	85.4	94.4	4.47	4.48	4.90
Other museums	317.4	260.0	255.2	16.85	13.65	13.24
Nature parks and reserves	672.4	747.5	898.4	35.69	39.24	46.61
Zoological parks, aquaria and botanic gardens						
Zoological parks and aquaria	19.3	27.2	31.4	1.02	1.43	1.63
Botanic gardens	59.2	66.1	70.0	3.14	3.47	3.63
Total	78.5	93.3	101.4	4.17	4.90	5.26
Libraries and archives						
Libraries	242.3	251.9	254.6	12.86	13.22	13.21
Archives	55.9	50.2	42.4	2.97	2.64	2.20
Total	298.1	302.2	297.0	15.82	15.86	15.41
Total heritage	1 450.7	1 488.4	1 646.4	77.01	78.13	85.42
Arts						
Literature and print media	4.3	4.0	4.3	0.23	0.21	0.22
Performing arts						
Music	14.2	13.5	17.8	0.76	0.71	0.92
Drama	20.3	28.9	26.0	1.08	1.52	1.35
Dance	9.8	9.9	10.2	0.52	0.52	0.53
Music theatre and opera	11.4	8.6	9.3	0.60	0.45	0.48
Other performing arts	18.2	20.0	12.9	0.97	1.05	0.67
Total	74.1	81.0	76.2	3.93	4.25	3.95
Performing arts venues	113.8	106.2	93.5	6.04	5.58	4.85
Public halls and civic centres	—	0.1	1.1	—	—	0.06
Visual arts and crafts	9.6	10.7	10.8	0.51	0.56	0.56
Broadcasting and film						
Radio and television services	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.02	0.03	0.01
Film and video	52.4	40.9	46.2	2.78	2.15	2.40
Multimedia	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.02	0.04	0.04
Total	53.3	42.2	47.1	2.83	2.21	2.44
Community cultural activities	11.2	15.1	21.3	0.59	0.79	1.11
Administration of culture	27.5	31.1	31.3	1.46	1.63	1.62
Other arts n.e.c.						
Arts education	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
Other arts n.e.c.	28.3	16.0	10.1	1.50	0.84	0.52
Total	28.5	16.1	10.3	1.51	0.85	0.54
Total arts	322.2	306.5	295.9	17.10	16.09	15.35
Total	1 773.0	1 794.9	1 942.3	94.11	94.22	100.78

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STATE AND TERRITORY GOVERNMENT CULTURAL FUNDING, By State and Territory(a)—2000–01

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Category	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
Heritage									
Art museums	36.9	25.9	11.7	5.2	10.1	—	3.0	1.5	94.4
Other museums	107.2	63.9	12.5	14.0	42.0	7.2	6.9	1.4	255.2
Nature parks and reserves	323.5	128.2	186.8	75.5	111.9	26.9	36.6	8.9	898.4
Zoological parks, aquaria and botanic gardens									
Zoological parks and aquaria	13.4	7.8	—	2.9	7.3	—	—	—	31.4
Botanic gardens	34.9	6.2	—	8.9	15.9	1.5	2.6	—	70.0
Total	48.3	14.0	—	11.8	23.3	1.5	2.6	—	101.4
Libraries and archives									
Libraries	61.2	75.6	35.3	23.5	24.2	14.1	11.3	9.4	254.6
Archives	13.9	8.7	4.9	9.3	1.1	1.4	2.9	0.1	42.4
Total	75.1	84.4	40.2	32.9	25.3	15.5	14.2	9.4	297.0
Total heritage	591.1	316.3	251.3	139.5	212.7	51.0	63.3	21.2	1 646.4
Arts									
Literature and print media	1.4	0.5	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	4.3
Performing arts									
Music	3.7	3.2	4.1	1.2	3.1	0.8	0.4	1.4	17.8
Drama	9.5	7.5	2.3	2.7	2.6	0.5	0.2	0.8	26.0
Dance	2.1	1.8	2.7	1.3	1.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	10.2
Music theatre and opera	2.5	0.9	2.0	2.8	1.0	0.1	—	—	9.3
Other performing arts	—	4.5	0.1	7.2	0.5	—	0.4	—	12.9
Total	17.8	17.9	11.1	15.3	8.7	1.7	1.2	2.6	76.2
Performing arts venues	30.4	26.3	10.5	10.9	10.1	0.1	2.6	2.6	93.5
Public halls and civic centres	—	—	—	0.8	0.2	—	—	0.2	1.1
Visual arts and crafts	1.2	3.4	1.5	1.2	1.4	0.3	0.5	1.3	10.8
Broadcasting and film									
Radio and television services	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.2
Film and video	7.6	15.9	11.0	3.8	7.6	0.2	—	—	46.2
Multimedia	0.2	0.4	0.1	—	—	—	—	0.1	0.7
Total	7.8	16.2	11.2	3.9	7.6	0.2	—	0.2	47.1
Community cultural activities	5.5	2.8	2.9	1.9	6.0	1.3	0.3	0.8	21.3
Administration of culture	6.6	4.8	2.9	1.9	13.2	1.0	—	0.9	31.3
Other arts n.e.c.									
Arts education	—	0.1	0.1	—	—	—	—	—	0.3
Other arts n.e.c.	3.7	0.9	1.7	3.7	—	0.1	0.1	—	10.1
Total	3.7	1.0	1.9	3.7	—	0.1	0.1	—	10.3
Total arts	74.3	72.9	43.0	39.7	47.8	4.8	4.7	8.7	295.9
Total	665.4	389.2	294.3	179.2	260.4	55.9	68.0	30.0	1 942.3

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STATE AND TERRITORY GOVERNMENT CULTURAL FUNDING PER PERSON, By State and Territory(a)—2000–01

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	Aust.
Category	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Heritage									
Art museums	5.67	5.39	3.26	3.49	5.34	0.07	15.36	4.90	4.90
Other museums	16.50	13.31	3.48	9.36	22.16	15.21	35.34	4.44	13.24
Nature parks and reserves	49.76	26.72	51.93	50.35	58.98	57.14	186.64	28.35	46.61
Zoological parks, aquaria and botanic gardens									
Zoological parks and aquaria	2.06	1.63	—	1.94	3.85	—	—	—	1.63
Botanic gardens	5.36	1.28	—	5.94	8.41	3.18	13.14	—	3.63
Total	7.42	2.91	—	7.88	12.26	3.18	13.14	—	5.26
Libraries and archives									
Libraries	9.41	15.77	9.82	15.67	12.77	29.90	57.54	29.98	13.21
Archives	2.14	1.82	1.35	6.23	0.59	3.05	14.66	0.26	2.20
Total	11.55	17.59	11.17	21.90	13.35	32.95	72.19	30.23	15.41
Total heritage	90.91	65.93	69.84	92.98	112.09	108.55	322.68	67.93	85.42
Arts									
Literature and print media	0.22	0.11	0.29	0.21	0.29	0.36	0.31	0.69	0.22
Performing arts									
Music	0.57	0.66	1.13	0.81	1.63	1.78	1.90	4.41	0.92
Drama	1.46	1.56	0.64	1.81	1.36	0.98	1.24	2.49	1.35
Dance	0.32	0.37	0.74	0.88	0.81	0.61	0.87	1.19	0.53
Music theatre and opera	0.39	0.20	0.55	1.84	0.52	0.17	—	0.16	0.48
Other performing arts	—	0.94	0.04	4.83	0.28	—	2.20	—	0.67
Total	2.74	3.72	3.08	10.17	4.60	3.54	6.20	8.25	3.95
Performing arts venues	4.67	5.49	2.93	7.24	5.33	0.28	13.19	8.16	4.85
Public halls and civic centres	—	—	—	0.50	0.10	—	—	0.67	0.06
Visual arts and crafts	0.18	0.70	0.42	0.81	0.74	0.66	2.36	4.15	0.56
Broadcasting and film									
Radio and television services	—	—	0.02	0.02	0.01	—	—	0.19	0.01
Film and video	1.17	3.31	3.07	2.55	3.99	0.51	0.11	0.08	2.40
Multimedia	0.02	0.07	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.04	0.32	0.04
Total	1.20	3.38	3.10	2.58	4.01	0.51	0.15	0.59	2.44
Community cultural activities	0.84	0.58	0.80	1.24	3.16	2.76	1.39	2.58	1.11
Administration of culture	1.02	1.01	0.81	1.25	6.95	2.06	—	2.83	1.62
Other arts n.e.c.									
Arts education	—	0.02	0.04	0.03	—	—	—	—	0.01
Other arts n.e.c.	0.57	0.18	0.48	2.44	—	0.13	0.28	—	0.52
Total	0.57	0.20	0.52	2.47	—	0.13	0.28	—	0.54
Total arts	11.43	15.19	11.96	26.47	25.18	10.30	23.88	27.92	15.35
Total	102.34	81.11	81.80	119.45	137.27	118.85	346.55	95.85	100.78

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT CULTURAL FUNDING—2000–01

Category	Value of funding	Per person(a)
	\$m	\$
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Heritage		
Art museums	54.1	2.81
Other museums	51.0	2.65
Nature parks and reserves	23.6	1.22
Zoological parks, aquaria and botanic gardens	15.4	0.80
Libraries and archives	458.7	23.80
<i>Total heritage</i>	<i>602.8</i>	<i>31.28</i>
Arts		
Literature and print media	2.6	0.13
Performing arts	28.6	1.48
Performing arts venues	48.8	2.53
Public halls and civic centres	132.5	6.87
Visual arts and crafts	2.8	0.14
Broadcasting and film	2.2	0.11
Community cultural activities	17.8	0.92
Administration of culture	25.6	1.33
Other arts n.e.c.	8.7	0.45
<i>Total arts</i>	<i>269.6</i>	<i>13.99</i>
Total	872.4	45.26

(a) Although ACT does not have a local government, its population has been included in calculations of per person funding (see paragraph 14 in the Explanatory Notes).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CULTURAL FUNDING, By State and Territory(a)—2000–01

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	Aust.
Major group	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
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Heritage	182.9	163.4	117.4	50.6	73.1	12.9	2.6	602.8
Arts	65.8	76.9	43.3	17.7	57.6	6.9	1.2	269.6
Total	248.7	240.4	160.7	68.3	130.7	19.8	3.8	872.4

(a) Care should be taken when comparing categories between states and territories (see paragraph 15 in the Explanatory Notes).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CULTURAL FUNDING PER PERSON(a), By State and Territory(b)—2000–01

<i>Major group</i>	<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Heritage	28.12	34.06	32.64	33.71	38.54	27.38	13.12	31.28
Arts	10.12	16.04	12.04	11.82	30.38	14.77	6.03	13.99
Total	38.25	50.09	44.68	45.52	68.91	42.15	19.14	45.26

(a) Although ACT does not have a local government, its population has been included in calculations of per person funding (see paragraph 14 in the Explanatory Notes).

(b) Care should be taken when comparing categories between states and territories (see paragraph 15 in the Explanatory Notes).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COVERAGE

- 1** This publication contains estimates of public funding for arts and cultural activities, facilities and services for the three levels of government in Australia in 2000–01 and the preceding two years.
- 2** Statistics for the Commonwealth Government and state and territory governments relate mainly to funding from Commonwealth and state and territory budgets. For some 'off budget' agencies (i.e. agencies which are authorised to operate their own bank accounts), only the funding from annual appropriations is included. Any funding from other sources, such as donations or membership fees, is excluded from analysis.
- 3** Agencies classified by the ABS as public trading enterprises (e.g. most performing arts venues) are not included except to the extent of any subsidies (or capital funding) paid to them from government budgets.
- 4** In order to ensure that funds are not counted more than once, specific purpose grants received from other levels of government have been netted out of the expenditure for the receiving government.
- 5** For arts education, only funding provided by government arts portfolios has been included. Usually, funding from these portfolios is for major institutions which specialise in education of a cultural nature, such as the National Academy of Music, the National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA), the Australian Ballet School and the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS). Cultural disciplines within educational institutions, such as universities and tertiary colleges, are largely funded by education portfolios and, therefore, are generally excluded. Funding is also excluded for special libraries (e.g. Parliamentary libraries), libraries in higher education institutions and schools, and cultural activities which are an integral part of larger entities (such as police and military bands).

CLASSIFICATION

- 6** In 2001, the ABS published the *Australian Culture and Leisure Classifications* (cat. no. 4902.0) which are intended to form the basis for future statistical compilation in the fields of culture and leisure by the ABS and other organisations. The ACLC consist of three parts: the Industry Classification; the Product Classification; and the Occupation Classification. The Industry Classification lists industries consisting of organisations for which the main activity is the production or provision of culture and leisure goods and services. Categories used in this publication have been aligned, where possible with this Industry Classification. This contrasts with previous publications where funding data were classified into three major groups: Cultural facilities and services; Broadcasting and film; and Culture n.e.c. Historical data shown in this publication have been revised to allow for the comparison of data over time.

SOURCES AND METHODS

Commonwealth Government

- 7** Prior to 1999–2000, Commonwealth Government funding data were obtained from the Department of Finance's (DOF) Budget Management System. Total allocations to agencies and authorities for culture and recreation were used and these provided a reliable cash measure of funding by the Commonwealth Government.
- 8** From the commencement of the 1999–2000 financial year, the Commonwealth Government expected all Commonwealth agencies and authorities to use accrual accounting as the basis for the budgeting and management of financial transactions. In addition, associated with the changed accounting method, codes were no longer recorded on any information in the DOF Budget Management System that would allow the extraction of information relevant to 'culture and recreation'. Consequently, from 1999–2000 onwards,

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

Commonwealth Government continued

estimates of funding by Commonwealth agencies and authorities were sourced from annual reports and budget papers; as well, supplementary information was obtained from selected agencies and authorities.

9 Despite these changes in the Commonwealth Government's accounting practices the overall effect on estimates of cultural funding is considered to be minor.

State and territory governments

10 State and territory government information was obtained from a range of sources. Arts authorities supplied details of their recurrent and capital expenditure. For other state and territory public sector authorities, relevant data were extracted from budget papers. Details of relevant cultural funding were also obtained from other state and territory government organisations such as health promotion foundations, major events organisations, Tourism NSW and the WA Lotteries Commission.

Local governments

11 Estimates of local government funding of arts and cultural activities were based on the Local Government Finance Statistics collection undertaken by the ABS. Estimates are derived from the *Recreation and Culture* group of the Government Purpose Classification used by the ABS in compiling government financial estimates. Data from the Local Government Finance Statistics collection are only available at a broad level. To obtain a more detailed breakdown of funding, the ABS conducts triennial surveys of local government authorities. Data from these surveys are used to determine the distribution of funding for specific cultural activities. The proportions from these surveys are applied to the broad level data available from the Local Government Finance Statistics collection to estimate the funds provided for specific cultural activities. The most recent survey was conducted for the financial year 2000–01.

12 The Government Purpose Classification classifies government outlays according to the purpose or function being served and is based on the *United Nations Classification of Functions of Government* (UN Statistical Paper, Series M. No. 70, New York, 1980).

CALCULATION OF PER PERSON FUNDING

13 The population values used in calculating per person funding are the ABS estimates of the resident population at the mid-point of the collection year. This publication uses resident population estimates for December 1998 (18,839,064), December 1999 (19,049,393) and December 2000 (19,273,985). These values were taken from *Australian Demographic Statistics* (cat. no. 3101.0). Estimates of resident population back to 1996 are currently being revised based on 2001 Census data, and updated figures will be utilised in the next edition of this publication.

14 The Australian Capital Territory does not have local government. To maintain consistency between levels of government, the same resident population estimates are used for all estimates of per person funding (regardless of the level of government under consideration). This approach has been adopted to allow the aggregate of Commonwealth, state and territory, and local government per person funding to add to total per person funding.

STATE COMPARISONS

15 Care should be taken when comparing values between states and territories for some categories of funding as the funding provided by state and territory governments may vary according to the administrative arrangements existing in the respective states and territories. For example, zoological and botanic gardens in Queensland, unlike other states, are funded by local government and not the state government. Further, the costs associated with the administration of culture may vary significantly among agencies.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

REVISIONS IN 2000-01

16 This publication presents the first release of estimates of cultural funding based on the ACLC. Care should be taken when comparing data in this publication with those in previous editions of this publication. However, as noted earlier, the historical data shown in this publication have been revised based on the ACLC to allow for accurate comparisons over time. Further, for some historical data, small revisions have been incorporated as improved sources of information have become available.

FURTHER INFORMATION

17 More details of cultural funding in Australia are published by the Cultural Ministers Council Statistics Working Group.

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