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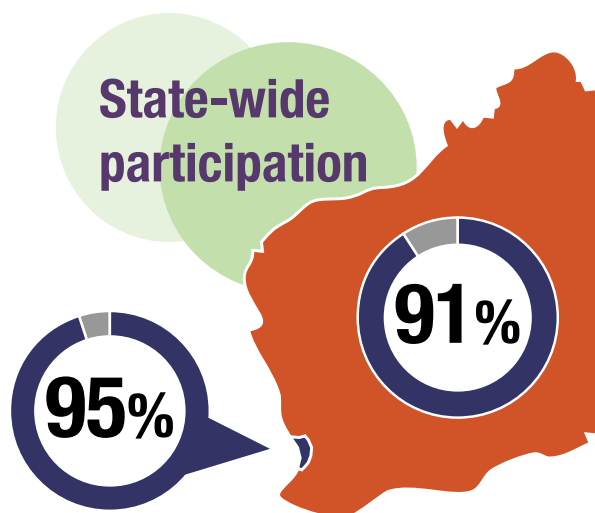
Arts in Daily Life: Western Australian participation in the arts



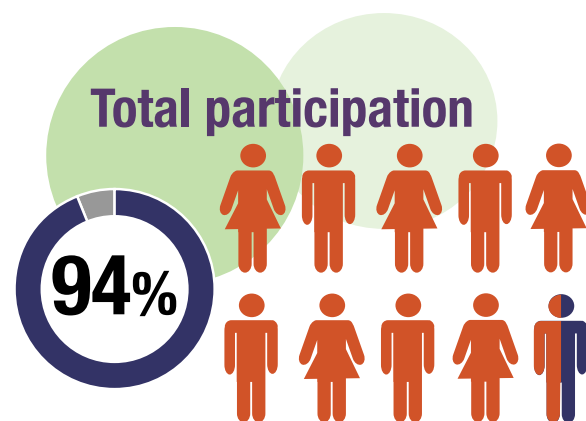
Image: 'Fights and Flights' STEPS Youth Dance Company. Photo: Ashley de Prazer.

Engagement with the arts

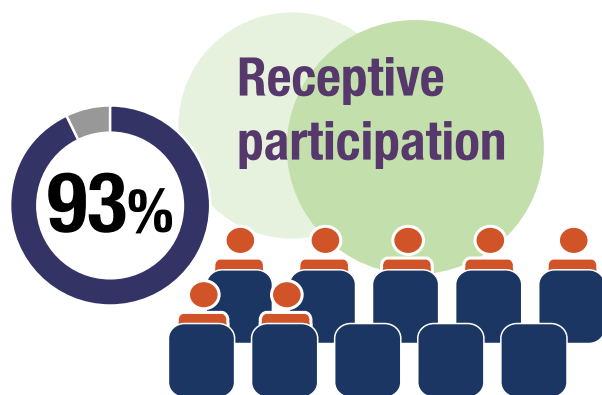
Highlights of the 2014 report commissioned in partnership with the Australia Council for the Arts show that Western Australians continue to participate in arts and cultural activities in great numbers.



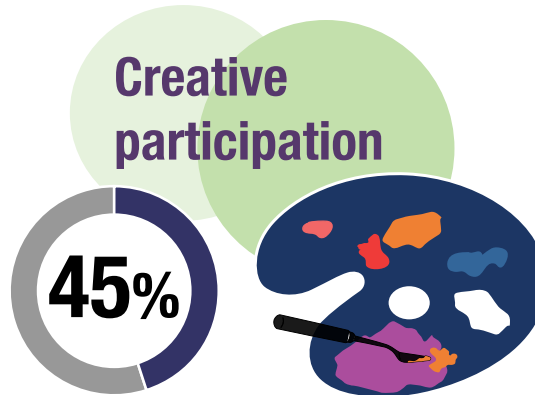
There are no significant differences in participation between Metro and Regional areas.



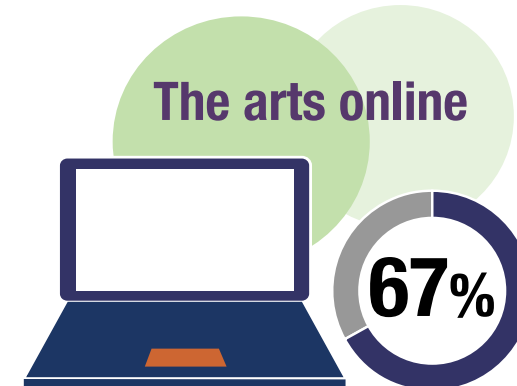
Total percentage of 'creative' and 'receptive' participation in the arts in Western Australia.



The level of receptive participation remained steady between 2009 (92 per cent) and 2013 (93 per cent), similar to the national trend.



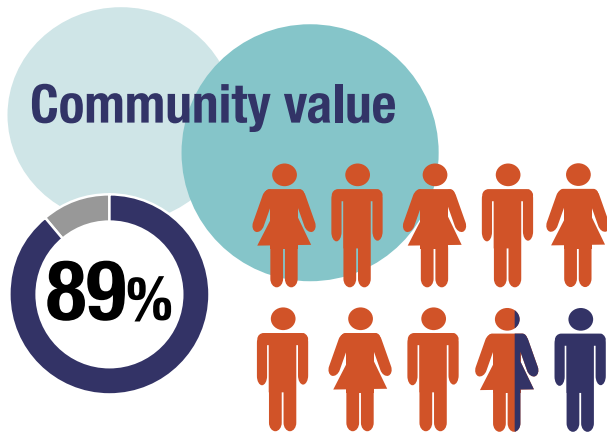
The level of creative participation remained steady from 2009 (43 per cent) to 2013 (45 per cent), on par with the national levels (41 to 48 per cent).



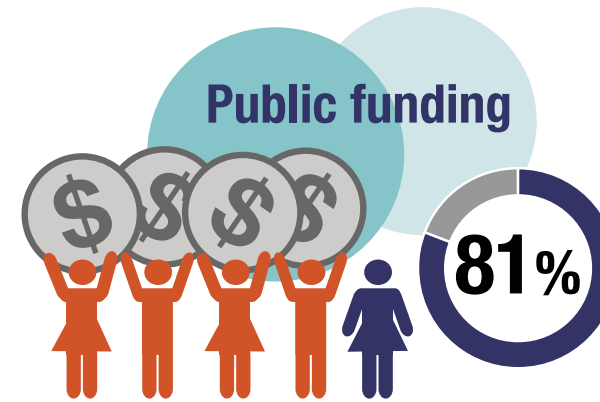
WA residents engaged with the arts online either creatively or through watching and downloading, researching, or following the arts.

Community perceptions

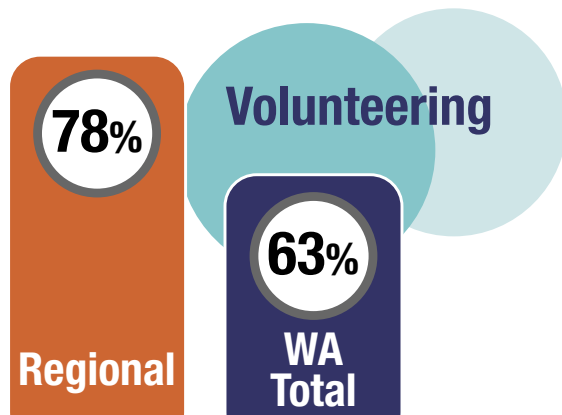
Western Australians place a high value on arts and cultural activities.



WA residents believe that arts and culture are valuable to the community as a whole.



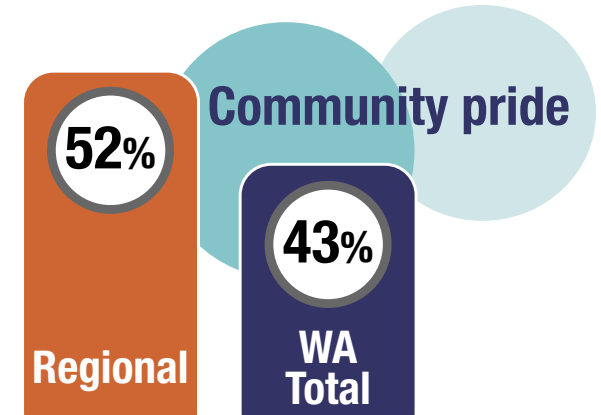
Public funding of the arts has the support of four out of five residents.



Regional Western Australians who donate time and money are significantly more likely to do volunteer work in the arts than WA as a whole.



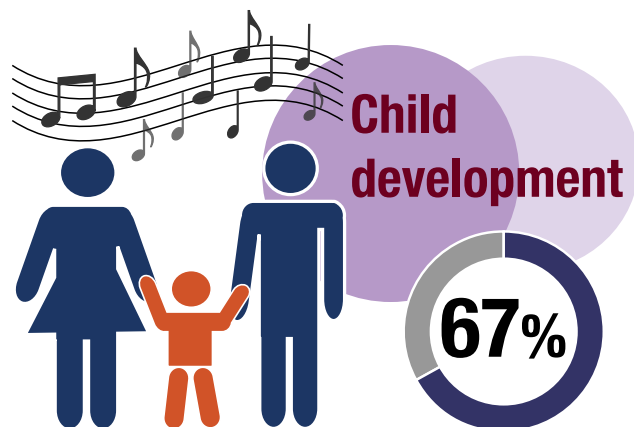
Regional Western Australians are also more likely to perceive a big impact of the arts in bringing visitors to their community (51 per cent compared with 40 per cent of WA as a whole).



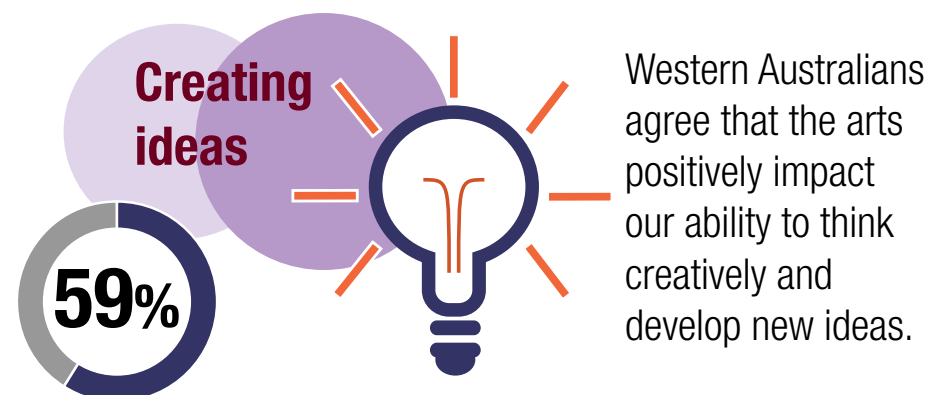
52 per cent of regional residents, compared with 43 per cent of WA as a whole, believe that the arts have a big impact on community pride and identity.

Impact of the arts in 2013

Western Australians think the arts have had a big and positive impact in five different areas.



of those surveyed believe the arts have a big impact on child development.



WA residents agree that the arts contribute to our ability to express ourselves.



Respondents think that the arts are helping us deal with stress, anxiety and depression.



Western Australians believe that the arts have a big impact on our sense of wellbeing and happiness.