

Thank you for participating in our celebration of Maine museums!

The New England Museum Association, Maine Archives and Museums, and the community of museum professionals we represent would like to express our appreciation for the state's support of museum-related initiatives.

- The **Maine Humanities Council** and **Maine Arts Commission** provide funding to many worthy museum programs and partnerships, including diverse exhibits and events highlighting Maine's history and culture, accessibility adaptations, and community engagement projects. We encourage your support for continued and increased funding to these organizations.
- Many of Maine's museums are historic structures, and need the funding provided by the **Maine Historic Preservation Commission** to improve public safety and preserve and protect the buildings themselves and the collections they house. Please support continued funding for these projects in the arts, humanities, and sciences that expand access and education; create jobs in construction and tourism; and improve the quality of life across the state.
- Maine has an impressive number of collecting institutions (1,100 and counting, including museums, archives, and historic sites & societies). You probably have more than one museum in your constituency. Have you paid them a visit? We encourage you to get to know the museums, historical societies, and other cultural gems in your neighborhood. Let us show you why Maine's museums have an impact!

Sources include Americans for the Arts: Cultural Tourism 2015, Maine Archives and Museums: Economic Impact 2015, Maine Association of Nonprofits: Nonprofits at Work 2015, New England Foundation for the Arts: Impact Study 2009

By the Numbers

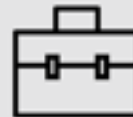
MUSEUM IMPACTS

The museums, zoos, aquariums, historical societies, and parks of Maine make a difference every day.



1 \$158.4 MILLION

In economic impact across the state, through direct and related spending.



2 2,200 JOBS

Museums employ thousands of people for everything from construction to consumer services.

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CULTURAL TOURISM ADDS UP

68% of American tourists and 24% of international tourists visit cultural, heritage, and arts sites. 28% extend their stay to do so.



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SERVING STUDENTS

Hundreds of thousands of school children benefit from museum programming. The Maine Arts Commission's Ticket to Ride program defrays travel costs for schools to visit arts & culture sites, many students for the first time.



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SUPPORTING THE CREATIVE ECONOMY

Over 17% of Maine's non-profit community is dedicated to arts and education, including museums. These institutions make Maine a more appealing place to live, work, and create.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MAINE'S MUSEUMS