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Art Museum Fast Facts presents a range of statistics reflecting different aspects of how art museums serve their communities. The initial version of the facts includes six data points, with data drawn from AAMD's annual "statistical survey" of its members and from the 2009 State of North America's Art Museums Survey, as well as other AAMD research regarding its members. These statistics complement the data released by the American Association of Museums based on a survey of their membership, which includes history museums, science and children's museums, and zoos. Our data pertains specifically to AAMD's member institutions, namely art museums

Art museums are for everyone.

38,170,349 – Number of visitors to AAMD museums last year

That's more than the population of Texas and Pennsylvania combined.

Educating kids is a core business.

18,525 – Number of schools (K-12) served by AAMD museums last year

That's tens of thousands of classes educating millions of students.

People care about museums, and show it – and visitors benefit.

2,618,605 – Number of volunteer hours contributed at AAMD museums last year

That's the equivalent of one person doing 1,400 years of full-time work.

You can explore cultures from around the world at a museum.

6,494,783 – Number of books or other scholarly publications in AAMD museums' libraries.

If you read one book a day, it would take you 17,800 years to read this many.

There is more to an art museum than what is on the walls

\$45,846,436 – Amount spent by AAMD museums last year on concerts, lectures, films, or other non-exhibition programs

Most programs are low cost, and many are free—part of our investment in serving, educating, and inspiring our communities.

Museums bring the best art from the around the world closer to home.

8,590 – Number of works currently on view at AAMD museums that are on loan from foreign countries

Plan the ultimate "staycation" with a visit to your local art museum.