

Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage 2020 Nova Scotia Culture Index Study Highlights



Diversity

(Agree: % 1-2, 5-pt. scale: 1= Strongly agree, 5=Strongly disagree)

72%

NS welcomes people from diverse cultural backgrounds

62%

In NS new residents are able to maintain their cultural identity and background

60%

NS is culturally diverse

56%

NS is a place where people from diverse cultural backgrounds have great opportunities to invest in their own business

Public Good Benefits of Culture



(Agree: % 1-2, 5-pt. scale: 1=Strongly agree, 5=Strongly disagree)

Helps enrich the quality of our lives 84%

Helps create community identity 79%

Culture helps us express and define what it means to be Nova Scotian 77%

Culture helps attract visitors from outside Nova Scotia 74%

Helps connect people from different communities and backgrounds 74%

Provides reasons for people to stay in their community 70%

Helps increase citizen engagement and participation 70%

Helps attract new residents from outside Nova Scotia 64%

New 2020

Agree **engaging children** in culture is important to their overall development

83%

87%

Agree **engaging with other cultures** reduces racism and discrimination

79%

Agree **engaging seniors** in culture is an important part of a healthy lifestyle

Learning Opportunities

Agree there should be more learning opportunities regarding:

(Agree % 1-2, 5-pt. scale: 1=Strongly agree, 5=Strongly disagree)

72% **> Mi'kmaw** culture & history

72% > African Nova Scotian culture & history

Personal Benefits of Culture



(Agree: % 1-2, 5-pt. scale: 1=Strongly agree, 5=Strongly disagree)

75%

Makes me proud of where I live

71%

Makes me feel welcomed and included

66%

Connects me with others in community

64%

Helps me develop sense of identity and community

62%

Provides opportunities for personal growth

60%

Provides opportunities to express myself

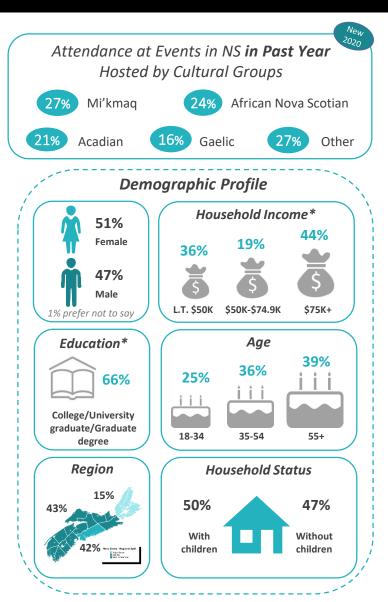


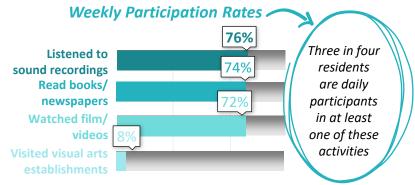
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Participation Rates At least once a year 72% Visited a museum 60% Visited an archive 73% Visited a library Visited natural heritage sites 83% Visited historic sites Attended performing arts events

74% Attended festivals

Cultural Organizations (Agree: % 1-2, 5-pt. scale: 1=Strongly agree, 5=Strongly disagree) Generate and support creativity and innovation in my community Are important to the local economy Are critical to the sustainability of my community 62%





Methodology: Telephone survey of 1,000 Nova Scotians via a random sample. Both landline and cellular numbers were included. Results were statistically weighted based on age, gender, and region to match the true distribution of the population. Survey dates: February 16-28, 2020. Results accurate to within +/- 3.1 percentage points, 19 times in 20. *Among valid responses.

