

Cultural Funding by Government—2023–24

Queensland Government

The estimate of expenditure funded by the Queensland Government in 2023–24 for cultural activities was **\$582.1m**. This represented an increase of 12% or \$64.0m from 2021–22.

Table 1. Queensland Government cultural expenditure, 2020–21 to 2023–24¹

| 2020–21 ² | 2021–22 ³ | 2023–24 |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| \$506.7m | \$518.1m ↑2% | \$582.1m ↑12% |

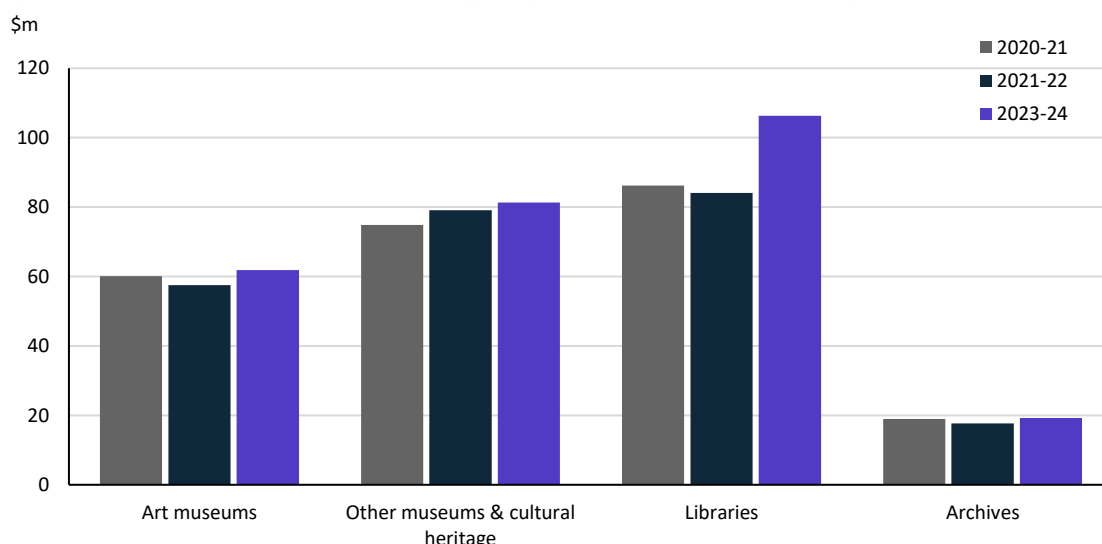
- Recurrent expenses accounted for 81% (\$469.1m) of funded cultural expenditure.
- Capital expenditure was \$113.0m, and the largest categories were *Performing arts venues* (\$77.2m) and *Libraries* (\$16.6m).
- The estimate of per person cultural funding was \$105.33.

Funds for Total **Heritage** activities (recurrent and capital) rose 13% (or \$30.4m) to \$268.7m.

This increase was driven by a rise in all *Heritage* categories of expenditure. However, the main contributor was *Libraries* with an increase of \$22.2m, followed by *Art museums* (↑\$4.3m).

The largest categories of *Heritage* expenditure were *Libraries* \$106.3m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* with \$81.3m.

Figure 1. Queensland Government heritage expenditure (recurrent and capital)



¹ No survey was conducted for 2022–23 due to the move to a biennial collection cycle.

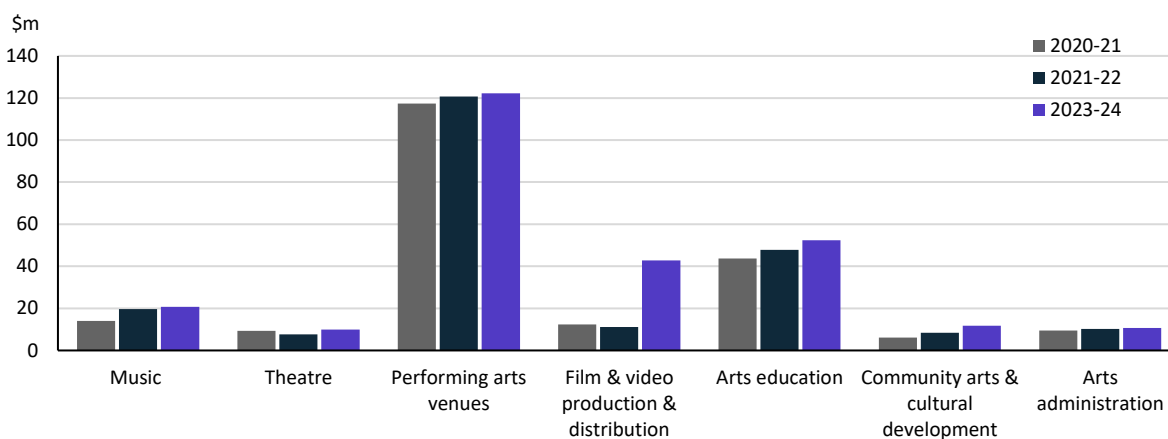
² Includes \$43.0m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

³ Includes \$28.4m targeted cultural and creative sector COVID support funding, reported across categories and totals.

Funds for Total **Arts** activities (recurrent and capital) rose 12% (or \$33.6m) to \$313.4m.

This shift was mainly driven by an increase in *Film and video production and distribution*, ↑\$31.7m, as well as *Arts education* (↑\$4.5m), *Cross-art form* (↑\$3.6m), and *Community arts and cultural development* (↑\$3.4m).

Figure 2. Queensland Government arts expenditure, by selected categories (recurrent and capital)



Performing arts venues (\$122.2m) accounted for over one-third (or 39%) of all funded expenditure by the Queensland Government on *Arts* activities.

Other main categories of *Arts* activities funding were:

- *Arts education*—\$52.3m
- *Film and video production and distribution*—\$42.9m
- *Music*—\$20.8m
- *Community arts and cultural development*—\$11.8m

Total heritage and arts **recurrent** expenditure increased by 17% (or \$66.8m) to \$469.1m.

The largest recurrent expenditure was for *Libraries*, \$89.7m, followed by *Other museums and cultural heritage* (\$67.2m) and *Art museums* (\$61.6m).

Figure 3. Queensland Government recurrent cultural expenditure, by selected categories

