

## *Profile of Cultural and Heritage Activities in Quebec*

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*Provincial Profiles of Cultural and Heritage Activities in 2005*, a new report in the *Statistical Insights on the Arts* series from Hill Strategies Research, provides insights into the number and percentage of Quebecers 15 or older who, in 2005:

- attended live performances;
- visited art galleries and other museums;
- visited historic sites and other heritage organizations;
- read a newspaper, magazine or book;
- watched movies or videos; or
- listened to recorded music.

Where comparable data is available, trends in cultural and heritage activities between 1992 and 2005 are also highlighted. The data is drawn from Statistics Canada's General Social Surveys of 1992 and 2005, in-depth telephone surveys of about 1,900 Quebecers 15 years of age or older. The statistics presented in this summary are reliable estimates from this representative sample of Quebec residents.

### *Music, reading and movies are among the most popular cultural and heritage activities*

In 2005, the most popular cultural and heritage activities in Quebec were:

- Listening to music on CD's, cassette tapes, DVD audio discs, records, etc. (87% of the population 15 or older);
- Reading newspapers (85%);
- Reading a magazine (75%);
- Watching a video (rented, purchased, VHS or DVD formats) (74%);
- Watching a movie at a theatre or drive-in (66%); and
- Reading a book (63%).

Movie-going is particularly popular in Quebec. In fact, Quebec is the only province where more people go to movies than read books. In addition, Quebec is the only province where movie-going is within 10 percentage points of video-watching.

### **Many activities attracted a larger percentage of Quebecers in 2005 than in 1992**

Many cultural and heritage activities attracted a larger percentage of Quebecers in 2005 than in 1992, including cultural/heritage performances (such as Aboriginal dance, Chinese opera, or Ukrainian dance), museums, public art galleries, historic sites, conservation areas or nature parks, movies, videos and music on CDs or other pre-recorded formats.

Other cultural and heritage activities attracted a similar percentage of Quebecers in 2005 as in 1992. These include overall performing arts, popular music performances, magazine reading and book reading.

The cultural and heritage activities that attracted a smaller percentage of Quebecers in 2005 than in 1992 are theatre, classical music, zoos and other heritage organizations, and newspaper reading.

Given the population growth between 1992 and 2005, almost all cultural and heritage activities saw an increase in the absolute number of Quebec residents attending, visiting, reading, watching or listening.

### **Full report**

The Quebec section of the full report contains much more information and detailed tables regarding Quebecers' cultural and heritage activities in 1992 and 2005. The full report, funded by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Quebec Arts Council, is available free of charge on the Hill Strategies Research website (<http://www.hillstrategies.com>) and the websites of the funding organizations.

### **Methodological notes**

Individuals are counted only once in each activity regardless of how many times they participated in the activity. It is also important to note that the data includes attendance of provincial residents while travelling out of province or out of the country and excludes attendance by residents of other provinces or countries while travelling in the province. This would mean, for example, that the data on provincial museum visitors represents the number of provincial residents who visited at least one museum (anywhere) during the survey year, *not* the total visits made to museums in the province.

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