

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA 101

Who, What, Where, When &
Why

WHAT WHAT IS DEMOGRAPHIC DATA?

Information Identifying Demographics:

Race

Socioeconomic Information (Poverty, Vulnerability Index, Education)

Geographic Location (Rural vs Urban)

Age

Qualitative and **Quantitative**



WHY

WHY DO WE COLLECT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA?

To Understand:

Populations and areas **served** in grantmaking

Populations and areas **not served** in grantmaking

Areas and populations **reached** in applicant pool

Areas and audiences **not reached** in applicant pool

Benchmarking and measurement of **goals** and **priorities** set



WHO FROM WHOM DO WE COLLECT DATA?

What is the level of unit?

Individual (Audience member or Artist)

Organization

Board

Neighborhood

Service Area

Counties

Zip Codes



HOW/WHERE

HOW DO WE COLLECT DATA?

Applications

Reporting

Census and other government data sets

From Events

Other Sources



WHEN AT WHAT TIME DO WE COLLECT DATA?

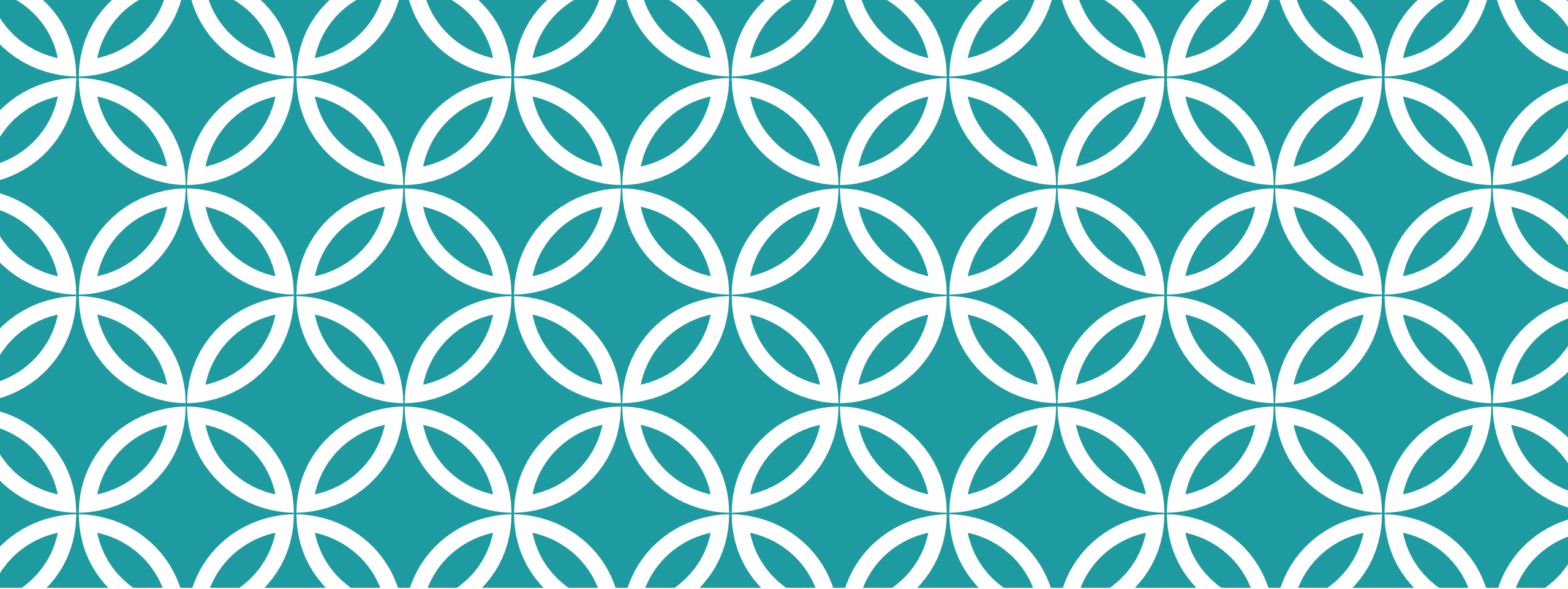
Applications (Pre): Tell us who is applying/ not applying

Reporting (Post): Tell us about who received the grants

Census: Periodic collection of data

Events and Other Sources: On the spot





DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE

Data Collection Methods &
Issues

QUANTITATIVE VS QUALITATIVE

Qualitative

- Mission Statements
- Open-ended questions (Narratives)
- Attachments (Bios, Org charts etc.)

Quantitative

- Counts and Estimations
- Underlying demographic census data
- Percents
- Yes/No
- Selections



QUALITATIVE DATA

- **Mission Statements**
- **Open-ended questions**
- **Attachments (Bios, Org charts etc.)**
- All can be coded to provide statistical analyses
- However, this is very laborious work and biases and errors can enter into the process

QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS EXAMPLE

Introduction

The California Arts Council's programs aim to allow all Californians to thrive via public support for creativity and the arts. To assess the effectiveness of its grantmaking and contract-based funding, CAC contracted with the consulting firms [Scansion](#) and [WolfBrown](#) to engage in a comprehensive, 30-month-long grantmaking evaluation. Beginning in February of 2020, the final deliverables were presented to the Council at a public meeting in August 2022.

[Evaluation Summary Report](#)

[Field Scan of Equity in Arts Funding in California](#)

The Field Scan provides a deep analysis of California's arts infrastructure and access to funding, with particular focuses on racial and geographic equity. These analyses offer critical context for the other components of the evaluation. Methodology included a scan of the existing literature, extensive analysis of quantitative data from CAC and other sources, as well as qualitative data from arts stakeholders in three communities across the state. The evaluation team collaborated with the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies (NASAA) in preparing the Field Scan.

- How BIPOC-centered Organizations Were Identified
- Created an extensive list of keywords used to flag BIPOC-centered names. Lists are shown below.
 - Reviewed organization names in IRS, Candid, DataArts, CAC records to flag for BIPOC-centered keywords, then read for accuracy. Initial review of all records from only the IRS, DataArts and Candid sources: 2,381 records were flagged out of 26,576 total records; but these records include duplicates across sources when spelling and punctuation are not cleaned. Cleaning of names came after flagging for BIPOC-centered.
 - Reviewed organization mission statements in DataArts and CAC to flag for BIPOC-centered keywords, then read for accuracy.
 - 211 DataArts organizations were originally flagged with BIPOC-centered keywords in their missions. After review, 35 of them were deemed non-BIPOC-centered and were unflagged.
 - 231 CAC organizations were originally flagged with BIPOC-centered keywords in their missions. After review, 79 of them were deemed non-BIPOC-centered and were unflagged.
- In below lists, an asterisk at the end of a keyword broadens the search by finding words that start with the same letters.

- Searched Candid's "grant population code" and "recipient population code" to flag for BIPOC-centered. Codes PE00 through PE03 and PE05 through PE09 are BIPOC-centered; PE04 is European (<https://taxonomy.candid.org/populations>). This resulted in flagging approximately 410 out of 3,994 organizations as BIPOC-centered.
- Searched ACTA's "Primary Cultural Community" and "Primary Specific Cultural Community" fields for BIPOC races and ethnicities to flag for BIPOC-centered. This resulted in flagging 217 out of 320 organizations as BIPOC-centered.
 - Primary Cultural Community:*
African/African-American
Asian/Asian-American/Pacific Islander
Eastern European-American
European/European-American
Latin/o/a/x
Middle Eastern/Middle Eastern-American
Native American
 - Primary Specific Cultural Community:*
African American
African and Afro-Latin Diaspora
African, African Diaspora
API
Armenian
Ashkenazi Jewish
Black, Latinx, Indigenous
Latin American
Latino, Afro Latino
Maidu
Maya/Mexica
Native Mexican/Aztec
Mexican
Mexican/Mexican-American

BIPOC-centered keywords used to flag organization names and missions:

Africa*	Kurd*	Cambodian	myanmar
Algeria*	Latin*	Cambodian/Khmer	Oaxacan
Asia*	Leban*	Caribbean	Pacific Islander/Asian American
Aztec*	Marshallese*	Central Asia	Persian
Barbadian*	Maya*	Chamorro	Peruvian
Barbados*	Mexic*	Chicano	Peruvian/Andean/Afro-Peruvian
BIPOC	Middle East*	Chinese	Philippine/Philippine American
Black	Migrant*	Chinese American	Puerto Rican
Blackfeet*	Morocc*	Congolese	Purepecha
Cambodia*	Native*	Croatian	Quechan
Chamorro*	Navajo*	Cuban	Romani
China*	Nigeria*	Filipino	Salvadoran Indigenous
Chinese*	Pacific*	Filipino American	Senegal/Mali
Colombia*	Pakistan*	Guatemalan	Senegalese
Cuba*	People of Color*	Guinea	Somali
Cultur*	Philippine*	Haitian	Somali-American
Dominica*	Puerto*	Hawaiian	South Asian
Ecuador*	Salvador*	Hawai'ian	South East Asian/Indian
Egypt*	Samoa*	Hmong	Southern Sierra Miwuk
Ethiopia*	Somali*	Hungarian	Spain/Gitano
Fiji*	South Africa*	Ilocano	Tataviam
Filipin*	Syria*	Indian	Thai
Ghana*	Togo*	Indigenous Mixtec	Tibetan
Guatemala*	Tongan*	Irish	Tongan
Haiti*	Tribal*	Iu Mien	Trinidad + Tobago
Hawai'ian*	Tribe*	Japanese	Ukrainian
Hispanic*	Vietnam*	Karuk	Venezuelan
Hmong		Korean	Vietnamese
Immigra*		Korean American	Vietnamese American
India*		Lao	West African
Indigenous*			
Iran*			
Iraq*			
Jamaica*			
Japan*			
Korea*			

- Used membership list from Latino Arts Network to further identify organizations as BIPOC-centered.
- Used list of AAACC Resident Companies to further identify BIPOC-centered organizations.

USED A QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS FOR A LARGE DATABASE OF IDENTIFIED ORGANIZATIONS
METHODOLOGY INCLUDED:
FILTERING THROUGH ORGANIZATION NAMES AND MISSION STATEMENTS
USING CANDID CODES
ACTA FIELDS

QUALITATIVE DATA

- **Narratives** can provide very **rich data** through **storytelling**
- **Mission statements/organization names** can also provide rich information about **audiences served**

QUANTITATIVE DATA RETRIEVAL

Quantitative data as **Passive** or **Active**

(Census or Tracking, e.g. GPS) (Counts or Estimations)



ESTIMATION ISSUES

What is recall bias?

Recall bias occurs when people have a distorted or inaccurate memory of past events, experiences, or exposures. It might affect participants in a study when they are asked to recall information from memory, but due to various cognitive factors, their responses may not accurately represent reality.



Inflationary Bias

Occurs when people present overestimated/underestimated figures.



Data Limitations and Opportunities

Another benefit of undertaking an equity analysis, apart from showing where gaps may exist, is that it provides an opportunity to show where data collection methods and current information collection processes may be strengthened.

OAC collects information on the number of beneficiaries from Arts Access and Sustainability grantees through both applications and final reports. Beneficiary data include a total number of individuals (including artists) who will benefit from the arts experience as well as breakdowns of youth, adults, older adults, people with disabilities, Appalachian population and people of color benefiting. Application and final report submissions ask grantees the number of intended beneficiaries and actual participants in each program.

However, several issues and challenges emerged with the beneficiary data supplied to NASAA by OAC that prevented analysis of this information. The extent of these issues is unknown to NASAA (the data anomalies may be unique to the time period or data dumps requested for this project). But addressing them may offer opportunities to further improve the utility of OAC's data for equity purposes.

- **Intended versus actual numbers:** In the applications, grantees are asked to estimate the populations that will benefit. In final reports, grantees are asked to measure the populations that benefited from their programs. A wide discrepancy existed between the two figures, with differences appearing quite inconsistent from organization to organization.
- **Beneficiary numbers:** Estimates of beneficiaries from applications and final report counts of actual beneficiaries both exceeded the population of Ohio. Grantees anticipated reaching 6.3 million individuals, a figure approximating 62% of the total population in the grantees' counties in 2020. This number could theoretically be plausible, since the beneficiary counts include residents, visitors and students. However, grantees also stated that they expected to serve 70 million youth, 9 million Appalachians and 9 million people with disabilities through their programs. By comparison, the entire state of Ohio is home to 2,593,988 youth under age 18, 1,992,679 Appalachians and 1,612,446 million individuals with disabilities. In the same year, grantees reported in their final reports that they ultimately served a total of 18,303,639 people. Even taking visitors and students into account, this number should be taken with a grain of salt since the 2020 American Community Survey population estimate for Ohio was 11,675,275.

Several reasons may exist for the large numbers. First, these numbers may represent double counting, meaning that one audience member may attend several events. Also, the data aggregates attendees across multiple organizations, so if one person attended events across several organizations, they show up multiple times in the data. Audience members may be coming from across state borders or may represent some virtual attendance. Grantee organizations also may lack the capacity or the technology to accurately count audiences for some kinds of events, especially free or outdoor events where ticket or seating counts are not available.

QUANTITATIVE DATA

Counts and Estimations of direct groups or audiences (Active)

- Estimations have shown to be unreliable. NEA has phased this collection out.
- Counts are more reliable when groups are smaller such as counts of organization staff or board members.

Census data: Underlying demographics of neighborhoods (Passive)

- Data are readily available.
- Does not actually measure populations benefited. Only a proxy.

Percents (Active); Yes/No (Active)

Selections (Active)

Tracking Data (Passive)

QUANTITATIVE DATA EXAMPLES



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The Cultural Data Profile

The Cultural Data Profile (CDP) is a free and secure online survey that collects financial and demographic data from nonprofit arts, culture, and humanities organizations so they can apply for grants, gather insights, use data for strengthening case for support, and contribute to nationwide research. As of 2021, over 1,000 organizations have used the Cultural Data Profile to make data entry easier for arts and culture organizations while preserving the data points used to generate valuable insights for grant funders. [Learn more about the CDP](#) and [get started](#) by December 2023.

How to Prepare for Data Entry

Download a PDF for a full copy of the survey to help gather your data for entry. These files include all of the definitions and instructions needed for the survey. [Click here to download the survey and data entry instructions.](#)

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The Workforce Demographics Survey

The power of data to advance diversity equity and inclusion in the workplace.

How It Works

This 7-minute secure and confidential survey collects demographic and workplace perception information anonymously including race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability status to help provide your organization with the insights needed to make informed decisions.

Step 1

Funders want to know what you do, tell them.

Funders support organization's with similar programs and support areas to their own. Enter your organization's key program details (including population(s) and geographic areas served) to show how you're aligned.

Programs and results

What we aim to solve

SOURCE: Self-reported by organization

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Our programs

SOURCE: Self-reported by organization

What are the organization's current programs, how do they measure success, and who do the programs serve?

MUSC Children's Hospital

MUSC Children's Hospital programs include the Children's Miracle

Where we work

South Carolina

4. Leadership info: Tell us who runs your organization.

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Mission

The mission of HeartShare Human Services is to nurture and support, with dignity and respect, children, adults and families in order to expand opportunities and enhance lives.

Rolling year

2014

Principal Officer

Mr. William Robert Guarinello

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Formerly known as

Catholic Guardian Society of Brooklyn and Queens

Subject area

Developmental disability services

Population served

People with psychosocial disabilities

NAICS code

624190 Other Individual and Family Services

EIN

11-1633549

IRS subsection

501(c)(3) Public Charity

IRS filing requirement

This organization is required to file an IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Tax forms

Show Forms 990

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STAFF & LEADERSHIP DATA

Grantee Staff by Percent of Race Represented for Arts Access and Sustainability

The following tables summarize staffing by race, disability, and senior status. The Percent of Total calculation tallies each demographic category for all Arts Access grantees, all Sustainability grantees, and both GOS categories combined, divided by the total number of staff reported in each category. For example, in Table 27, under the Appalachian column, 16.7% of the total staff of Arts Access grantees represent the Appalachians. 8.2% of the total staff of Sustainability grantees represent the Appalachians.

As can be seen in the following table, relative to Ohio State's population breakdowns, OAC operating support grantees tend to employ a slightly more demographically diverse pool of individuals than the overall Ohio population. For instance, Asian Americans represent 2.3% of Ohio's general population and 3.9% of individuals employed by OAC Sustainability and Arts Access grantees, combined. Two exceptions are Black staff in Arts Access grantee organizations (6.6% of grantee staff versus 12% of Ohio's population) and Appalachian staff in Sustainability grants (8.2% of grantee staff versus 17% of Ohio's population).

In comparison to the overall population of Ohio, OAC GOS grantees employ fewer persons with disabilities and individuals over age 65. This holds true across both the Arts Access and Sustainability categories, with the exception of Arts Access grantee employment of seniors (17% of Ohio's population versus 18.4% of Arts Access staff). Percent of persons with disabilities is substantially lower for both grant categories.

Table 27: Staff Race Represented by Percent of Total

	American Indian /Alaskan Native	Appalachian	Asian	Black/African American	Hispanic	Native Hawaiian /Pacific Islander	Persons with Disabilities	Seniors
All	0.3%	8.7%	3.9%	10.8%	3.1%	0.2%	2.7%	13.6%
Arts Access	1.4%	16.7%	4.4%	6.6%	2.9%	0.3%	4.3%	18.4%
Sustainability	0.2%	8.2%	3.9%	11.1%	3.1%	0.1%	2.6%	13.3%

Table 28: State of Ohio Race, Disability and Senior Percent of Population, 20201

State Population	Percent
White alone	78.3%
Black or African American alone	12.2%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	0.1%
Appalachian ²	17.0%
Asian alone	2.3%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	0.03%
Hispanic or Latino	3.9%
Persons with Disabilities	14.0%
Persons over 65 years of age	17.0%

Organizational data also allow the OAC to understand the presence of people of color on grantee boards, hired as contractors, or serving as volunteers.

Table 29: Percent of Grantees Reporting Persons of Color, by Organizational Role

Board				
	0	1-2	3-4	5+
All	32%	30%	18%	19%
Arts Access	28%	22%	11%	39%
Sustainability	32%	31%	19%	19%
Volunteer				
	0	1-2	3-4	5+
All	36%	9%	8%	47%
Arts Access	18%	27%	0%	55%
Sustainability	37%	9%	8%	47%
Contractors				
	0	1-2	3-4	5+
All	60%	12%	4%	23%
Arts Access	83%	11%	0%	6%
Sustainability	59%	12%	5%	24%



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Figure 6: Activity Locations in Rural and Urban Counties (MSA delineation)

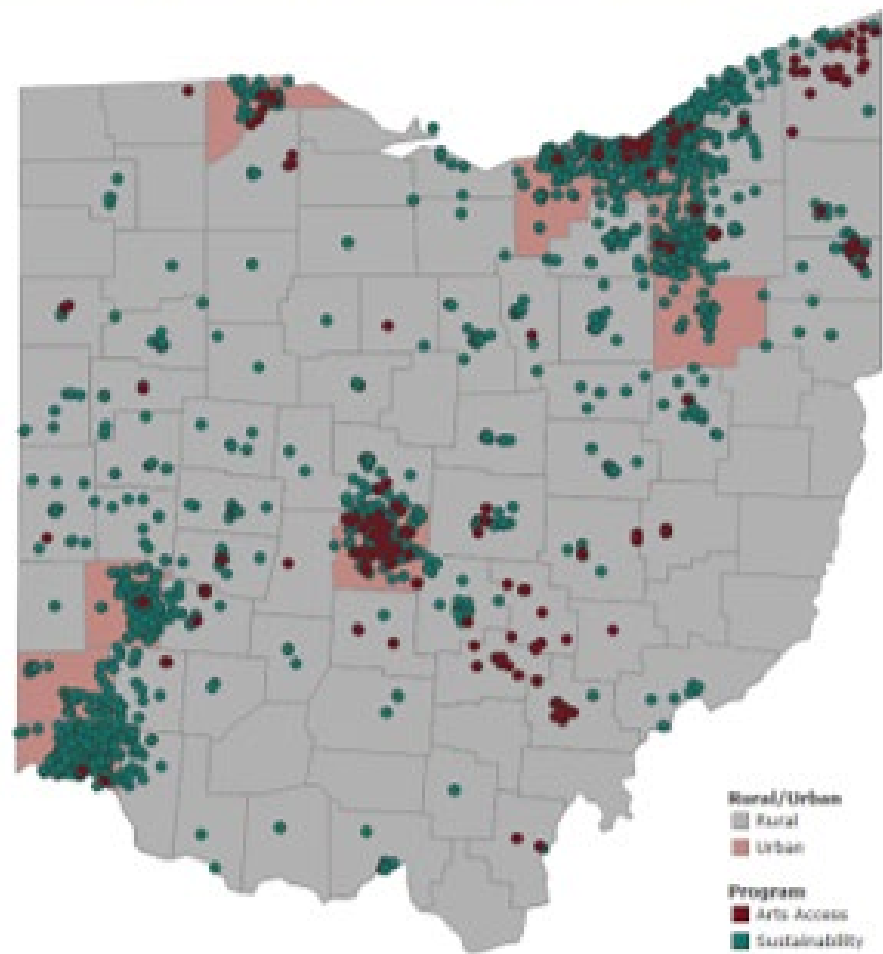
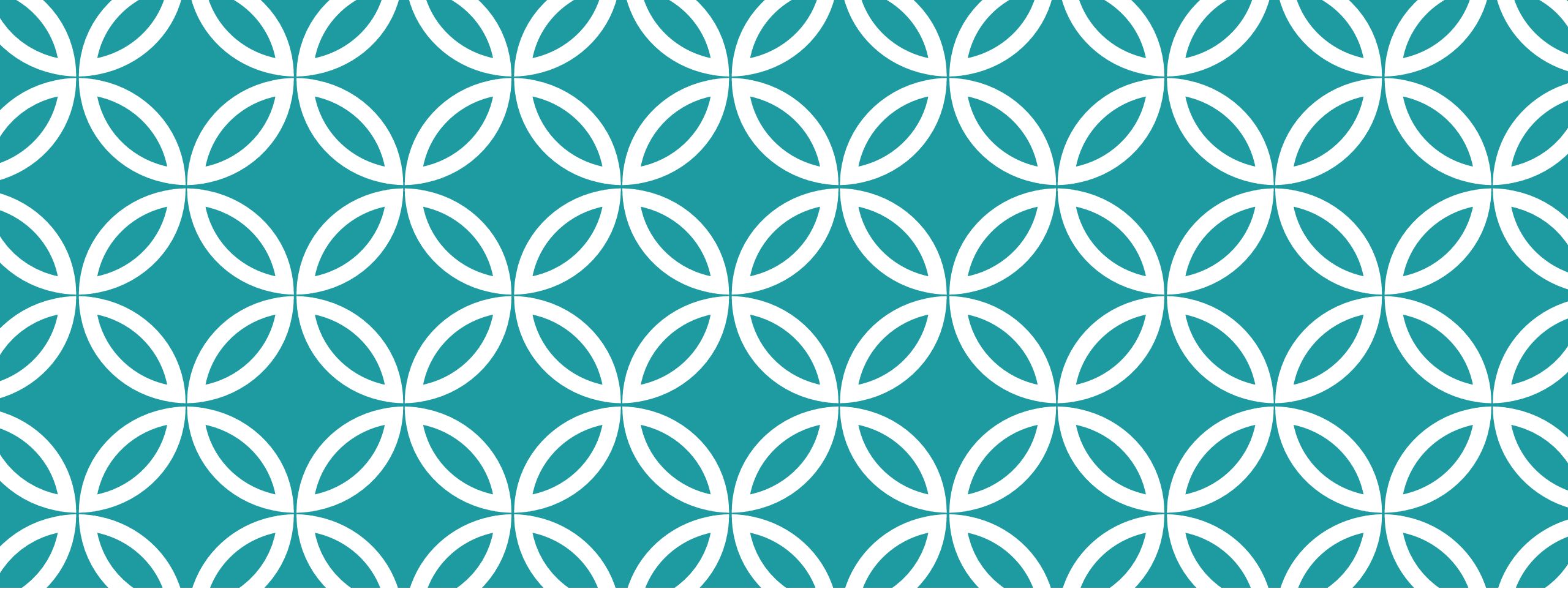


Table 13: F.Y. 2020-2021 Sustainability Grants and Activity Locations by MSA Type

	Percent of Population	No. of Grants	Percent of Grants	Grant Dollars	Percent of Dollars	Grants & Activities	Percent Grants & Activities
Rural	19%	37	12%	\$558,396	5%	300	7%
Metro	81%	272	88%	\$10,651,626	95%	4,032	93%
Total	100%	309	100%	\$11,210,022	100%	4,332	100%

UNDERLYING DEMOGRAPHICS OF SERVICE AREAS: UNIT BECOMES IMPORTANT
SPATIALLY CONSIDER SPREAD OF GRANTS AND ACTIVITIES
COMPARE POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS TO POPULATIONS SERVED



AND MORE?



HOW CAN WE BETTER ASSESS AUDIENCES SERVED?

Issue remains: who **are we** actually **serving**?

- Find methods to conduct accurate counting
- Use better passive and active data sets: credit card data, ticketing, other tracking data, asking audiences to enter zip code, tax data

Conversations from CD Listserve regarding how folks are tracking visitors:

Utah: Office of tourism uses cell phone tracking data to track visitor data. They created 'fences' around certain cultural sites.

Louisiana: For events, data are captured through ticketing, registration, tally clickers and other tech. The festival international de Louisiane is free but requires wristbands for purchasing. Wristband are connected to card and info. Some events use geographical attendance tracking and some galleries ask you to enter your zip code.

Omaha: Tracks sales tax and lodging data.