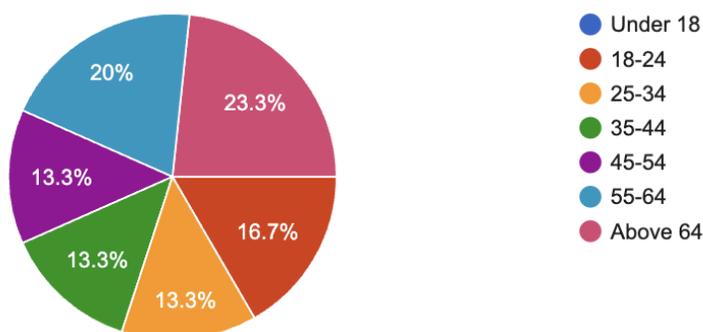


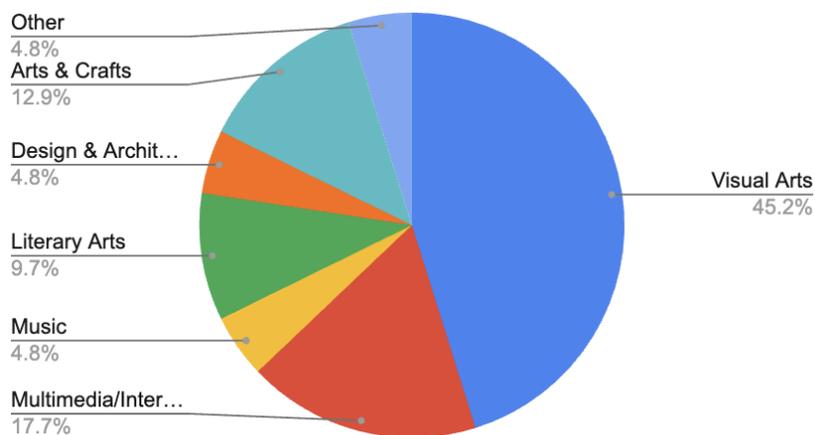
2023 Arts & Culture Living in Windsor Survey* Results

**The survey was open from Nov. 7th to Dec. 15th, 2023. It was announced on ACWR's social media channels, on the ArtsNotes weekly newsletter, in the Windsor Star newspaper on Nov. 14th, and in flyers left at various cultural organizations and local businesses.*

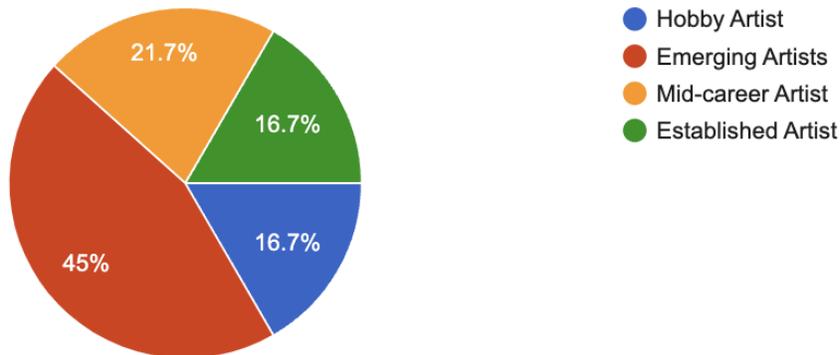
62 responses were received. They came from a diverse age group ranging from 18 to over 64 years old:



The responses came from over 6 different artistic professions, including visual arts (45%), literary arts (9.7%), music (4.8%), multimedia/interarts/performing arts (17.7%), arts and crafts (12.9%), design and architecture (4.8%), other (4.8%).

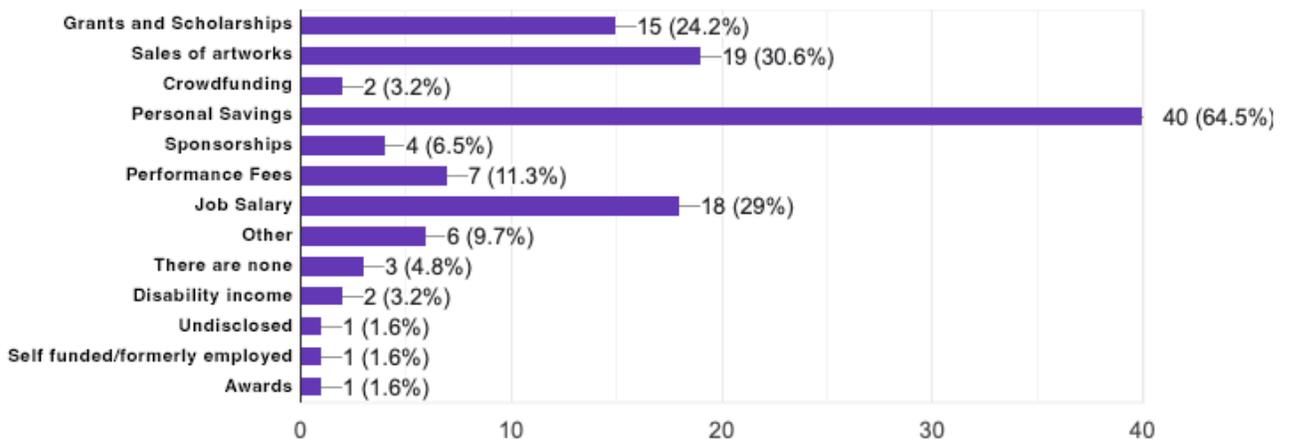


Responses were received from emerging, mid-career, established, and hobby artists. The majority of the respondents identified as emerging artists (45%), followed by mid-career artists (21.75%), established artists (16.7%) and hobby artists (16.7%).



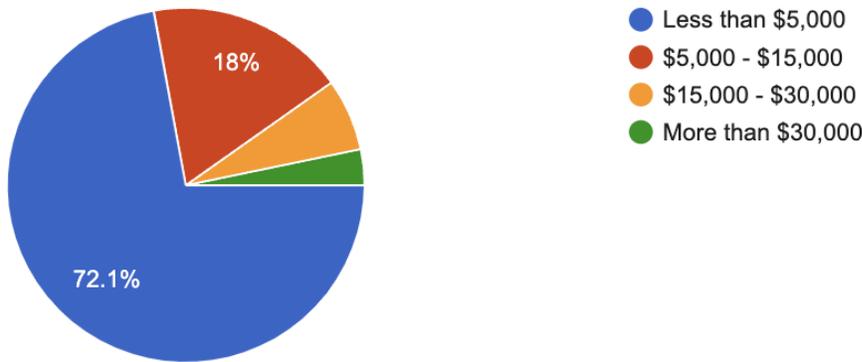
When asked about the primary sources of funding for developing their artistic practice, artists indicated that **personal savings** is the most significant source of funding, followed by sales of artworks and income from other jobs.

What are your primary sources of funding for your artistic projects and endeavors within Windsor? (Select all that apply)



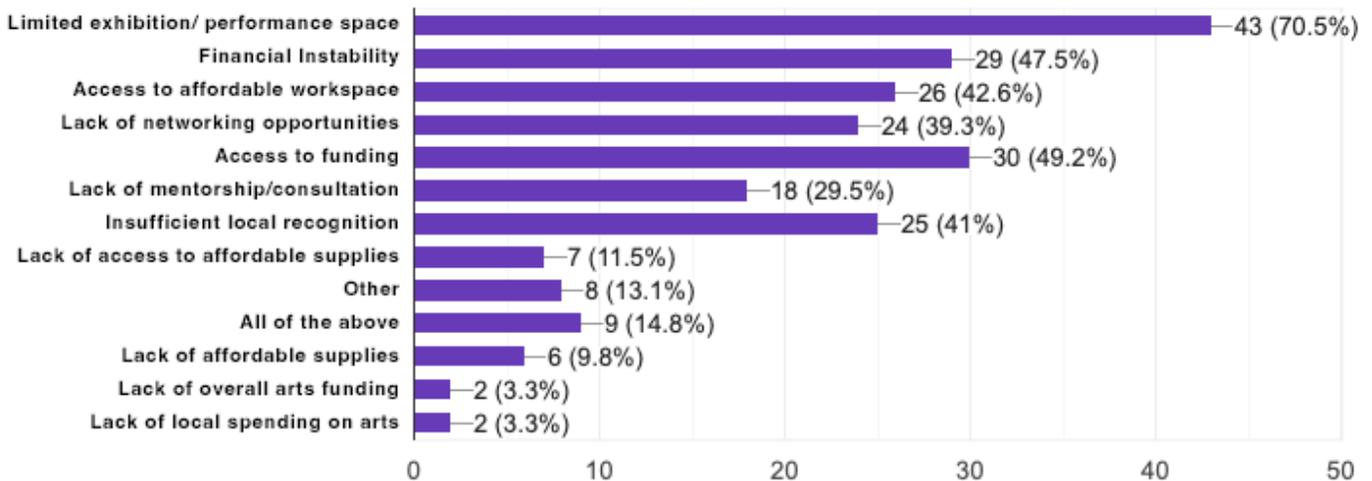
The grand majority of the artists surveyed make under \$5,000 from their artistic practice.

On average, how much income do you generate annually from your artistic work in Windsor?



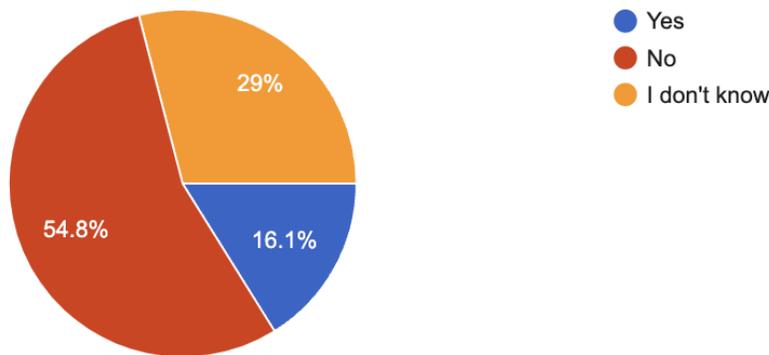
The most significant challenge that artists working in Windsor are facing is **limited access to exhibition or performing spaces**, followed by **limited access to funding and financial instability**, **lack of access to accessible studio spaces**, and **insufficient local recognition**.

What are the most significant challenges you face as an artist in Windsor? (Select all that apply)



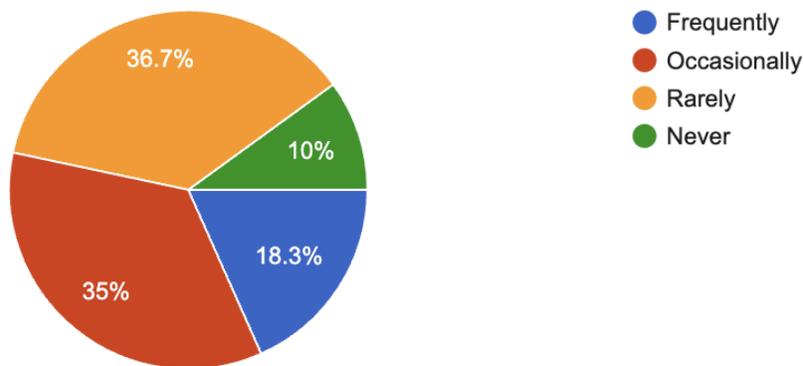
When asked about networking opportunities in Windsor, 54% of the respondents indicated that they feel that there are not sufficient networking opportunities, 29% said that they don't know, and 16% felt that there are adequate networking opportunities.

Do you feel that there are adequate networking opportunities for artists in Windsor?



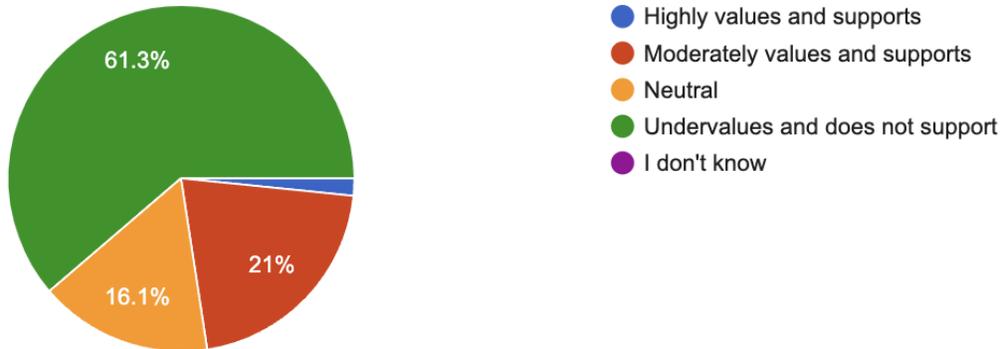
Only 18% of the artists surveyed frequently collaborate with other artists, whereas 35% indicated that they occasionally collaborate, and 10% never collaborate.

How often do you collaborate with other artists?



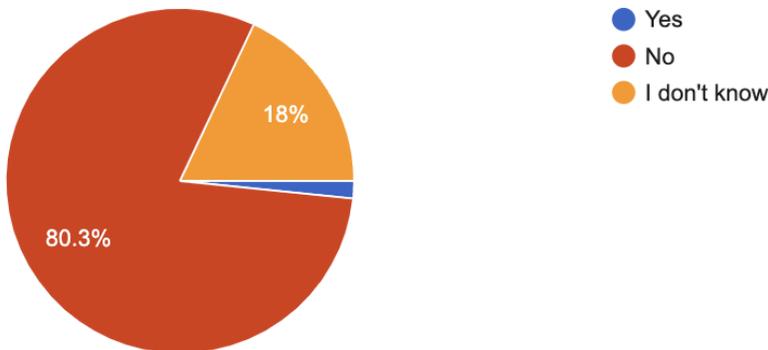
When asked about their perception of how the local community values the role of artists, over 60% of respondents indicated that they believe the arts are undervalued and unsupported.

How do you think the local community perceives and values the role of artists in Windsor?



When asked if they believe there is enough municipal support to sustain their artistic practice, 80% of the artists said no.

Do you think there is currently enough municipal support in Windsor for you to sustain your artistic practice?



When asked the open question about “what steps can Windsor take to better support and nurture its local art scene”, artists provided a wide range of responses:

Results Summary

Based on the responses received from the community, it appears that there are several key suggestions to enhance support for the local arts community in Windsor:

1. Increase Funding:

- Many respondents emphasize the need for increased funding, specifically suggesting an increase in the ACHF (Arts, Culture, and Heritage Fund) and allocation of municipal budget toward arts funding.
- Calls for more grant funding for individual artists of all ages, with a focus on supporting emerging artists.
- Requests for stable operational funding for longstanding organizations through a granting process.

2. Expand Opportunities and Spaces:

- Calls for creating more opportunities for dance and supporting artists in various disciplines.
- Requests for low-rent studio spaces with communal equipment to facilitate artistic work.
- Proposals for an annual juried gala event encompassing various arts forms to generate funding for the local arts scene.

3. Accessible Spaces and Supplies:

- Requests for affordable community studio spaces and lowering the price to exhibit in public spaces.
- Advocacy for providing free spaces for events, readings, launches, and meet-ups.
- Suggestions to ensure better access to quality art supplies and support local businesses.

4. Arts Education and Awareness:

- Recommendations for more arts education in the school system to cultivate early interest in the arts.
- Calls for improved public relations and awareness of community or public events, with earlier notification and advertising.

5. Diversity and Inclusivity:

- Requests for grants and support specifically for bilingual writers.
- Advocacy for supporting and creating opportunities for artists with diverse backgrounds and experiences, including disabled and marginalized individuals.

6. Community Engagement:

- Calls for more gathering spaces in the city to bridge connections between artists and the community.
- Emphasis on collaborating and bridging connections with artists and arts organizations in neighboring areas like Detroit.

Overall, the community feedback highlights a strong desire for increased financial support, more opportunities for artists to produce and showcase their work, and collaborative efforts to enhance the vibrancy of Windsor's local arts scene.

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