



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

About the Survey

PA CultureCheck is a statewide survey created by PA Humanities and Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance to gather the voices and interests of cultural, arts, and humanities organizations, along with other nonprofits, community organizations, and businesses doing work in this space. We want to amplify your insights and perspectives, learn more about your work, and better understand the impact of the sector.

PA CultureCheck is a joint project of PA Humanities and Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance. The survey is open from **May 17 - June 9 2023**.

In completing the survey, there are 3 or 4 “numbers questions” that ask basic questions about budget size, etc. It may be helpful to have access to your organization’s annual report, budget information, etc. for your most recently completed Fiscal Year.

You can find the survey, this FAQ document, and a sample survey at:

<https://www.pahumanities.org/culturecheck>

You may keep the survey open in a browser, but you cannot save your answers and return to them later. **You only need to complete the survey once per organization.**

For any questions, please contact ncrosson@pahumanities.org at PA Humanities or kristenv@philaculture.org at Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the purpose of PA CultureCheck?

A: PA CultureCheck is your opportunity to weigh in on current issues affecting arts, cultural, and humanities organizations. Where is attendance going? How is volunteer participation? Has hiring been difficult? How are you working - in-person, virtual, hybrid?

This is your opportunity to be heard! We will use the findings (reporting in aggregate only) to support the cultural community. We will report out on these issues to civic leaders and public and private funders. And we will share findings back to you so you can know what your peers are thinking and doing. For results of our 2021 survey see: <https://pahumanities.org/recovery/>

Q: Who should participate in the survey?

A: YOU SHOULD, if your organization is a cultural, arts, or humanities organization -- or other business, nonprofit, or community group doing work in this space -- in Pennsylvania and/or the Greater Philadelphia region (including Delaware and southern New Jersey). The survey aims to collect data from a wide range of organizations. The sponsoring organizations are reaching out to all our contacts and members.

Q: How will this data be used?

A: Data is kept strictly confidential and will ONLY be reported in the aggregate. **We will publish summary findings in online reports, which we will share with all participating organizations.** You will receive a copy of any future reports using survey data.

We also ask your permission to share your comments or notes -- if you decline to share, of course, they will also be kept strictly confidential and will only be shared between those doing the analysis for this survey.

This survey is intended for data collection purposes only and will not affect any future funding or services received from any of the partners.

Q: What types of questions are in the survey?

A: The survey covers three main areas:

- Current Operations - How is your organization operating in FY22? Includes questions about how your organization has adapted in recent years to changing environments.
- Staffing and Volunteers and Staffing - Hiring processes, changes in staff and office practices, etc.

- Connection to Community - What types of organizations or businesses in your community are you connected to? How are community members involved in your organization?

Q: How long will the survey take me?

A: It should take you only 20 minutes to complete.

Q: How many organizations will participate?

A: Previous pandemic surveys conducted by the Greater Philadelphia Cultural Alliance and PA Humanities garnered responses **from over 400 different organizations in total. With PA Museums joining this effort, we hope over 500 organizations** will share their views.

Q: Who at my organization should complete the survey?

A: The survey should be completed by someone with access to your organization's basic financial, staffing and attendance information. **The survey only needs to be completed once per organization.**

Q: Can I save my answers and come back to them later?

A: Unfortunately, you cannot save your answers. You can leave your browser open and return to the survey later, but if you close your browser or restart your computer, you likely will have to re-enter your responses. **We recommend downloading the PDF of questions before you complete the survey.**

Q: Do I need to take the survey more than once if I received it from multiple sources?

No, the survey is designed to be taken once.



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