

Art gallery, library, museum and archive operations

Respondent profile

42

art gallery, library, museum and archive organisations shared their experiences on how COVID-19 has impacted their work.

Respondent type

38% Sole traders | 29% Not-for-profits | 14% Partnerships | 12% Companies | 7% Freelancers

Industry sub-category (top responses)

52% Art galleries | 24% Libraries | 21% Museums

The following findings are based on respondents' reported impacts from 1 April to 30 June 2020.

Number of jobs



Jobs in art galleries, libraries, museums and archive operations fell 35%. This was based on expected versus actual number of employees reported by partnerships, companies and not-for-profits operating in the art gallery, library, museum and archive sector. **There were significant decreases in casual jobs (down 76%) and freelance and contract jobs (down 62%).**

Actual versus expected revenue



% of expected revenue earned
BEFORE COVID-19 support

27%

% of expected revenue earned
AFTER COVID-19 support

29%

COVID-19 support



Received COVID-19 support

14%

Average value of support

\$607

JobKeeper - % of business entities that received JobKeeper assistance for employees



Freelancer

N/A

Sole trader

27%

Partnership

0%*

Company

33%*

Not-for-profit

0%

Alternative revenue sources

% of business entities that needed to draw on alternative revenue sources to cover lost revenue

Revenue Sources	Freelancer	Sole trader	Partnership	Company	Not-for-profit
Multiple responses allowed (sum may be greater than 100%)	67%*	70%	100%*	67%*	67%
Business reserves	-	-	50%	0%	44%
Personal savings	67%	53%	50%	33%	11%
Superannuation	33%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Credit cards	0%	17%	50%	0%	0%
Family and friends	0%	7%	50%	0%	0%
Bank loan	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Other	0%	7%	0%	33%	11%
Did not need	33%	30%	0%	33%	33%

Methodology — This fact sheet was compiled from a survey conducted in 2020 by CATALYSE® Pty Ltd on behalf of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. To view the full survey report visit the Research Hub on the DLGSC website.

* Small sample size (<5 respondents)