

# Key Findings A Survey About Arts & Culture

#### The Love of the Arts & Music:

About two-thirds (65%) of parents report that arts and music is among their children's favorite hobbies or activities; 51% included drawing and 33% stated playing a music instrument was also listed;

- Art/Music (Net) 65%
  - o Drawing or painting (51%)
  - o Playing a musical instrument (33%)
- Reading books 71%
- Watching TV 66%
- Playing a sport 62%
- Playing a video game 54%
- Building model airplanes or cars 14%
- Other 12%

Nearly nine in ten parents (87%) said that their children really enjoy art and music, and the vast majority (94%) said that education is important to a child's intellectual development.

	Strongly/Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Arts & music is important to child's	94%	76%
development		
Child really enjoys art & music	87%	61%
Parents wish they knew more about	arts,	
Music, and theater programs in area	67%	31%
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About three-fourths (72%) of parents claimed that their child has dreamed of going into arts-related professions when he/she grows up.

- Music (singing, playing an instrument) 45%
- Art (drawing, painting) 38%
- Dance (ballet, choreography) 25%
- Theater (acting, directing) 24%
- Movies (acting, directing) 22%
- Writing (poetry, screenwriting) 21%
- Other 5%

<sup>\*</sup>Multiple responses were allowed

#### **Art & Cultural Institutions:**

One out of five parents have never visited an art or cultural institution with their child; Parents cited distance (51%), time (48%) and cost (28%) among reasons why they do not attend art and cultural institutions with their children more often.

- Any 95%
  - Lack of interest (Sub-Net) 68%
    - There are other activities prefer to do with child 59%
    - Child is not interested 28%
    - Parent is not interested 18%
  - Location/Distance 51%
  - *Time (Sub-Net)* 48%
    - Not enough time 37%
    - Not open during the times available -27%
  - $\circ$  Cost 28%
  - Lack of cultural knowledge 13%

## Family Weekend Activities:

Parents also report that they go out to restaurants (97%) and movies (88%) with their children on the weekends almost always. Only 47% of parents stated that they sometimes/often visit art and cultural institutions, such as museums and dance or musical performances.

		Ever	Sometimes/Often
•	Eat out at restaurants	97%	79%
•	Go shopping or go to the mall	93%	70%
•	Go to movies	88%	59%
•	Visit art or cultural institutions	79%	47%
•	Participate in extra-curricular sports	79%	63%
•	Play video games	62%	41%

## **School and the Arts:**

About four out of five parents (83%) estimate their child's school only offers field trips to cultural institutions a few times per year or less often.

- At least once a year (Net) 79%
- At least once a month (Sub-Net) 14%
  - $\circ$  More than once a month -5%
  - About once a month 9%
- A few times per year 40%
- About once a year 25%
- Less than once a year 9%
- Never − 9%

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Parents reported that their children took a sports/gym class (79%) and computers or typing (68%) as part of his/her school curriculum.

- *Arts/Music/Dance (Net)* 86%
  - $\circ$  Art 67%
  - Music 64%
  - Dance 26%
- Health 47%
- Foreign language 38%
- Home economics 20%
- Shop 18%
- Other − 5%

Three out of five parents (59%) said that their child's school's music and art programs were under-funded, and more than one in four (28%) said that the programs were severely under-funded.

### Methodology:

Harris Interactive<sup>®</sup> conducted the telephone survey on behalf of Target between June 1 and June 5, 2006 among a nationwide cross section of 409 U.S. adults ages 18 and over who are parents or guardians of a child in pre-school through high school. Figures for age, sex, race, and region were weighted where necessary to align them with their actual proportions in the population. In theory, with a probability sample of this size, one can say with 95 percent certainty that the results have a sampling error of plus or minus 5 percentage points of what they would be if the entire U.S. adult population had been polled with complete accuracy.

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