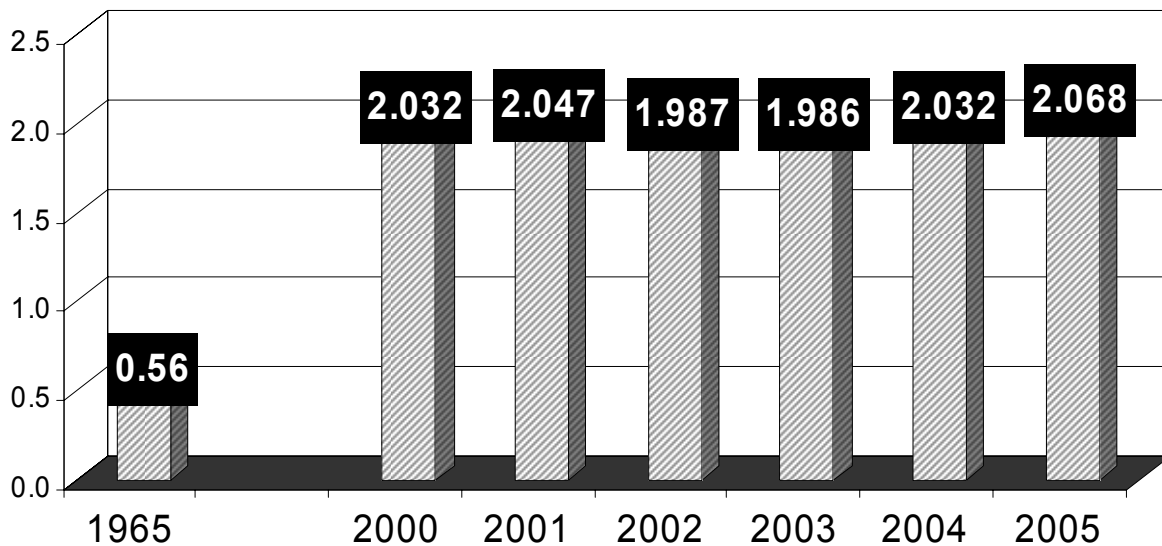




Arts Facts . . . Artist Employment

Artists comprise 1.5 percent of the employed U.S. workforce, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Artists Employed in U.S. Workforce (in Millions)



- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reports that 2.068 million individuals were employed as artists in 2005—representing 1.5 percent of the total employed civilian workers (141.7 million workers). This is a 1.8 percent increase from 2004.
- The unemployment rate for those working in the artist labor force was 4.4 percent in 2005—a decrease from 5.1 percent in 2004. This is the second consecutive year of decrease in the artist unemployment rate (6.1 percent in 2003).
- The artist labor force, according to the BLS, is composed of just 11 occupational categories: architects; art directors, fine artists and animators; designers; actors; producers and directors; dancers and choreographers; musicians and singers; announcers; writers and authors; photographers; and other artists and entertainers.
- As an analysis solely of artist employment, it should be noted that many arts-related jobs are not included in this data, such as arts administrators, curators, technical staff, and fundraisers.

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