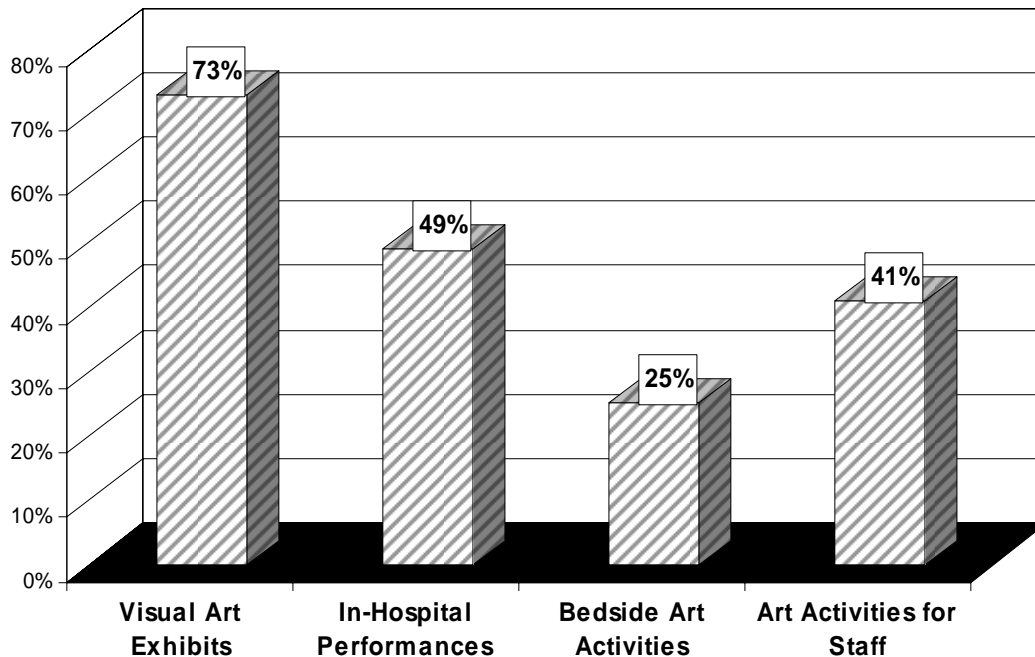




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Nearly half of the nation's healthcare institutions provide arts programming for patients, families, and staff. 78 percent provide these programs because they benefit patients and create a healing environment.

Arts Programs in U.S. Healthcare Institutions



- In a 2004 national survey about arts programs in healthcare institutions, 1,023 of the 2,336 responding organizations (44 percent) have on-site programming for their patients and staff. The reasons are many—but 73 percent present the arts because it aids in a patient's mental and emotional recovery and 46 percent because it aids in physical recovery.
- Arts programs in healthcare institutions serve multiple audiences: 79 percent are designed to serve patients directly; 46 percent include the patient's family; and 41 percent serve staff as a means to deal with the stress in the healthcare environment.
- Hospital arts programs are largely funded by the hospital itself—66 percent of arts programs are funded by the hospital's general operating fund. Programs engage many diverse art forms and are often conducted in partnership with local performing and visual arts organizations, or their local arts agency.

Source: Americans for the Arts, 2008. Survey conducted by The Joint Commission, Americans for the Arts, and Society for the Arts in Healthcare.