



Making Art Work

Results from the Economic Study
of Professional Artists in Australia



Easy English Summary

This book was written by Australia Council for the Arts

When you see 'we' it means Australia Council for the Arts.

Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- look at page 5 to read what the hard word means.

What we did



- We asked Macquarie University to help us.



- People at Macquarie University spoke to 826 artists from all over Australia.



- Artists were asked about
 - their work
 - how they make money.
- We wanted to know how this had changed in Australia since 7 years ago.

What we learnt

There are 48,000 artists in Australia.



Some people are less likely to be artists than other people.

People who are less likely to be artists are

- from a non-English speaking background
- people with a disability.



It is hard for artists to earn enough money from their **art**.

We learnt

- Artists still earn less than other Australians
- Female artists make less money than male artists
- Artists with disability make a lot less money than artists without disability
- Most artists need to have other jobs to help them earn money.

What we learnt



Artists use **technology** a lot.

Artists use technology to

- create their art
- work with other people
- tell people about their art
- sell their art.

Artists can

- solve problems
- think differently
- have new ideas.

These are important skills for jobs in the future.



Artists need to be paid fairly for their work.

Hard words



Art

Art includes:

- theatre
- dance
- books
- music
- visual art.



Technology

Technology is things like

- computers
- computer programs
- cameras.

Technology can help you work in new ways.

More information



For more information go to
www.australiacouncil.gov.au/research/making-art-work/