



We reserved a field trip with the Abbe Museum and they did an excellent job. We were a group of 35 second graders and 35 third graders. The Abbe is coming up with programs for Maine students to comply with mandated curriculum... the program our kids received was excellent. Thank you Abbe, we will be back again next year with our students.

- TripAdvisor review

The Abbe Museum...

- Spends an average of \$487,000 each year on educational programming.
- Hosts schools participating in class trips and outreach programs, serving more than 50 schools.
- Educates more than 3,000 schoolchildren each year.
- Cooperates with school districts on curriculum topics that include: Social Studies, Geography, Economics, Science and Technology, English Language Arts.
- Hosts over 170 educators who have participated in our teacher training programs.

2016 Educational Institutions that participated in class trips:

Mount Desert Island YMCA, Coastal Studies for Girls, George B. Weatherbee School, Cobscook Experiential Program for High School Students, Miles Lane School, Pembroke Elementary School, Houlton Elementary School, Ellsworth Elementary Middle School, Trenton Elementary School, South Elementary School, Blue Hill Consolidated School, Mast Landing School, Bay School, Conners-Emerson School, Lincoln Academy, MDI High School, Bangor Public Schools, Swan's Island School, Athens Community School, Montello School, Wentworth School, Pemetic Elementary School, Maple Tree Community School, Washington County Gifted and Talented Program, Peninsula School, Kid's Corner, Maine Connections Academy, Maranacook Community Middle School, Bucksport Middle School, Brooksville Elementary School, Fort Fairfield High School, Aroostook Band of Micmacs Youth Group, College of the Atlantic, Southwest Harbor Library Story Camp, Washington Academy, Migrant Education Program Youth Summit, Mano en Mano, Eastern Maine Community College, Rangeley Lakes Regional School

I am excited that [the Abbe Museum has] been partnered up with us this year in the district. You are an incredibly relevant voice and one that teachers need to listen to.

-Michael Fournier, Grades 5 and 6 Social Studies teacher, Connors Emerson School, Bar Harbor

Programs offered at the museum and in classrooms:

Layers of Time (archaeology)
Trade Economies
Cultural Differences
Storytelling
Basket Comparisons
Deconstructing Stereotypes
Customized programs to meet curriculum needs

On a national scale, museums are essential partners in education:

- Museums spend more than \$2.2 billion a year on education, 3/4 of which is typically spent on K-12 students.
- Museums receive approximately 55 million visits each year from students in school groups.
- Each year, museums provide more than 18 million instructional hours for educational programs such as guided tours for students, staff visits to schools, school outreach through science vans and other traveling exhibits, and professional development for teachers (IMLS study).
- Museums tailor educational programs in math, science, art, literacy, language arts, history, civics and government, economics and financial literacy, geography, and social studies, often in coordination with state and local curriculum standards (IMLS study).
- At a time when elected leaders are trying to advance scientific literacy and compete globally in all sectors, museums are sparking the next generation of scientists, artists, political leaders, historians and entrepreneurs.
- Teachers, students, and researchers benefit from access to trustworthy information through online collections and exhibits, although most museums need more help in developing their digital collections to meet this need.
- Americans view museums as one of the most important resources for educating our children and as one of the most trustworthy sources of objective information. According to a study by Indiana University, museums are considered a more reliable source of historical information than books, teachers, or even personal accounts by grandparents or other relatives.



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ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT



Admission fee: \$8.00;
various discounts offered

The Abbe Museum...

- Employs six full-time and twelve part-time people in our community, which equals \$426,000 in payroll and benefits.
- Spends nearly \$443,000 each year on goods and services in our community.
- Serves 30,000 visitors each year, including 80% from out-of-town.
- Serves more than 3,000 schoolchildren each year through school visits to museums.

Throughout the United States, museums are economic engines:

- Museums employ more than 400,000 Americans.
- Museums directly contribute \$21 billion to the U.S. economy each year. They generate billions more through indirect spending by their visitors.
- 78% of all U.S. leisure travelers participate in cultural or heritage activities. These travelers—including visitors to museums—spend 63% more on average than other leisure travelers.
- The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis has found that arts and cultural production constitute 3.2 percent of the nation's entire economy, a \$504 billion industry.
- The nonprofit arts and culture industry annually generates over \$135 billion in economic activity, supports more than 4.1 million full-time jobs and returns over \$22 billion in local, state and federal tax revenues.
- Governments that support the arts see an average return on investment of over \$7 in taxes for every \$1 that the government appropriates.