

# Creative Economy Report Card 2011 (p 1 of 2)

Snapshot of Australian creative economy indicators, March 2011

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## CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Contribution to GDP <sup>ii</sup>	
<b>A\$31.1 billion</b> towards GDP (For 2007-08)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exceeds the industries of agriculture, forestry &amp; fishing; administrative &amp; support services; and supply of electricity-water-gas-waste services<sup>+</sup></li> </ul>
Growth (relative to GDP) <sup>ii</sup>	
<b>3 years growth = 3.4% pa</b> (Up to 2007-08)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On par with the broader economy; a sign of a maturing sector</li> </ul>
<b>Long-term growth = 5.8% pa</b> (11 years up to 2007-08)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>significantly higher growth rate than overall economy (average was 3.4% pa); a sign of rapid acceleration since the mid 1990s</li> </ul>
Trade <sup>iii</sup>	
Creative industries are a <b>net importer</b> Ratio of imports to exports of <b>over 2-to-1</b> (twice the imports as exports)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For 2007-2008, exports were \$1.73 billion with imports over \$3.8 billion</li> <li>Television royalties accounted for over half of Australia's \$163 million in cultural services royalties earned in 2008/2009</li> <li>Architectural services are a <b>net exporter</b> (2009 saw \$112 million in exports and \$63million in imports)*</li> </ul>

## CREATIVE EMPLOYMENT<sup>iv</sup>

Employment in the creative industries (creative and support occupations within the creative industries)	
<b>315,200 in employment</b> across the creative industries (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-year employment growth for advertising &amp; marketing (3.5% pa), and architecture, design &amp; visual arts (2.8% pa) above overall growth for the creative industries (1.7%) (2001 &amp; 2006 Census)</li> </ul>
<b>3.5% share</b> of Australian workforce (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-year shrinkage for music &amp; performing arts (-1% pa) (2001 &amp; 2006 Census)</li> <li>Occupations with the highest number of jobs: graphic designer, software designer and programmer, marketing specialist, architect, journalist, media producer, photographer, librarian, and musician (2001 &amp; 2006 Census)</li> </ul>
<b>84% to 89% of creative industries workers</b> employed within capital cities <sup>^</sup> (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Queensland, high concentration of employment found across South East Qld (Brisbane employs 62% of the state's creative industries workers)</li> </ul>
Creative occupations across the economy	
<b>141,800 'specialist' occupations</b> (creative occupations in the creative industries) (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The software development and interactive content segment employs almost 40% of 'specialist' creatives</li> </ul>
<b>171,500 'embedded' occupations</b> (creative occupations in other industries) (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finance, government, education and manufacturing industries predominantly employ 'embedded' creatives</li> </ul>
Support occupations (in the creative industries)	
<b>173,400 'support' occupations</b> (technical and administrative occupations in the creative industries) (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For every creative there is more than one support worker</li> </ul>
Total creative workforce (total creative industries plus creatives working in other industries)	
<b>486,700 people</b> in total (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Between 2001 and 2006, employment rose by almost 40,000 jobs</li> </ul>
<b>5.3% share</b> of Australian workforce (2006 Census data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employment growth due almost exclusively to 'embedded' creatives rather than 'specialist' creatives</li> </ul>
<b>5-year growth = 10% (2% pa)</b> (2001 & 2006 Census data)	
<b>Earnings = A\$27.8 billion pa</b> (2006 Census)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For workers employed within the creative workforce, average income is 30% higher than the national average of A\$43,540, as of 2006 Census</li> </ul>
<b>7% share</b> of all Australian earnings (2006 Census)	

## CREATIVE BUSINESSES<sup>v</sup>

Number of creative businesses	
<b>155,000 registered creative businesses</b> (2006 Aust. Business Register)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High proportion of sole traders within some creative industries sectors: arts, music and performance (60% sole traders), photography (37%), jewellery design (26%), and specialist design (25%)</li> </ul>
<b>6.6%</b> of all GST-registered businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative industries businesses are predominantly micro and small enterprises</li> </ul>
<b>10.8%</b> of all non-GST-registered businesses (2006 Aust. Business Register)	

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**Notes:** Employment figures rounded to nearest hundreds.

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## CREATIVE PARTICIPATION

Arts involvement <sup>vi</sup>	
<b>277,600 people</b> involved in both paid & unpaid performing arts roles (For 2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are predominantly second job and volunteer activities (the 2006 Census counted 38,800 people holding their main job in music and performing arts related occupations)</li> </ul>
<b>15.2 million attendances</b> per year at performing arts venues and events (2005/2006 period)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One quarter of Australians (15 years +) attended a popular music performance in 2005/2006</li> </ul>
Study <sup>vii</sup>	
<b>81,279 students</b> in creative arts disciplines in higher education (For 2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exceeds the number of students enrolled in natural &amp; physical sciences, engineering, and information technology</li> </ul>
Media Participation	
<b>2 hrs 20mins per person per day</b> (15 years +) viewing television and other audio/visual media <sup>viii</sup> (2006 data)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An increase of 10 minutes per day compared to 1997 data</li> <li>• Australians (15yrs +) spent slightly more time each day viewing television and other audio/visual media than they did on domestic household duties</li> </ul>
<b>91.1% of Australians per week</b> (15 years +) listen to the radio <sup>ix</sup> (2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Younger listeners (15-24yrs) prefer music content whilst older listeners prefer news, information content and talkback radio</li> </ul>
<b>4.4 million people</b> per week listen to community radio <sup>x</sup> (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 640,000 of these Australians (15yrs+) listen exclusively to community radio in an average week</li> </ul>
<b>57 hours spent online</b> at home per person in June quarter 2009 <sup>ix</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compared to 47 hours in the June quarter 2008</li> </ul>
Annual Entertainment and Cultural Spending	
<b>\$756 per capita and \$17 billion overall</b> spent on entertainment and media (For 2009, from PricewaterhouseCoopers 2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australia has the fifth highest E&amp;M spending per capita (\$756) after the USA (\$1,076), Japan (\$1,006), UK (\$921), and Germany (\$844)</li> </ul>
<b>\$1.88 billion</b> total revenue on live entertainment (For 2008, from Live Performance Australia 2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generated by box office income (56.2% of total revenue), Government funding (11.2%), and other income from orchestra hires, royalty receipts and merchandising, and catering (32.6%)</li> </ul>
<b>\$36.40 per week</b> average household spending on culture (For 2003/2004, from ABS 2010b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compared to \$26.74 per week five years earlier</li> </ul>

## EMERGING CREATIVE MARKETS<sup>xi</sup>

<b>Digital recorded music: \$64.7 million</b> (For 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased by over 8 fold, over 4 yrs (2005 figure = \$7.8 million)</li> </ul>
<b>Mobile Internet:</b> Number of subscribers: <b>380,000</b> Access spending: <b>\$48.4 million</b> (For 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subscribers and access spending more than doubled in 4 yrs (2005 figures = 150,000 subscribers + \$21 million access spending)</li> </ul>
<b>Internet advertising market: \$1.1 billion</b> (For 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tripled over 4 yrs (2005 figures = \$378.3 million)</li> </ul>
<b>Satellite TV penetration: 20.5% of households</b> (For 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Almost doubled over 4 yrs (2005 figures = 12.5%)</li> </ul>
<b>Online distribution of filmed entertainment:</b> Online subscription rental market: <b>\$53.8 million</b> Digital download market: <b>\$4.7 million</b> (For 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online subscriptions increased by 11 fold over 4 yrs (2005 figure = \$4.7 million)</li> <li>• Digital downloads increased by 6 fold over just 2 yrs (2007 figure = \$780,000)</li> </ul>
<b>Online and mobile game market:</b> Online game market: <b>\$128.7 million</b> Wireless game market: <b>\$145 million</b> (For 2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online game market doubled over 4 yrs (2005 figure = \$62.4 million)</li> <li>• Wireless game market tripled in just 2 yrs (2007 figure = \$51.5 million)</li> </ul>

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