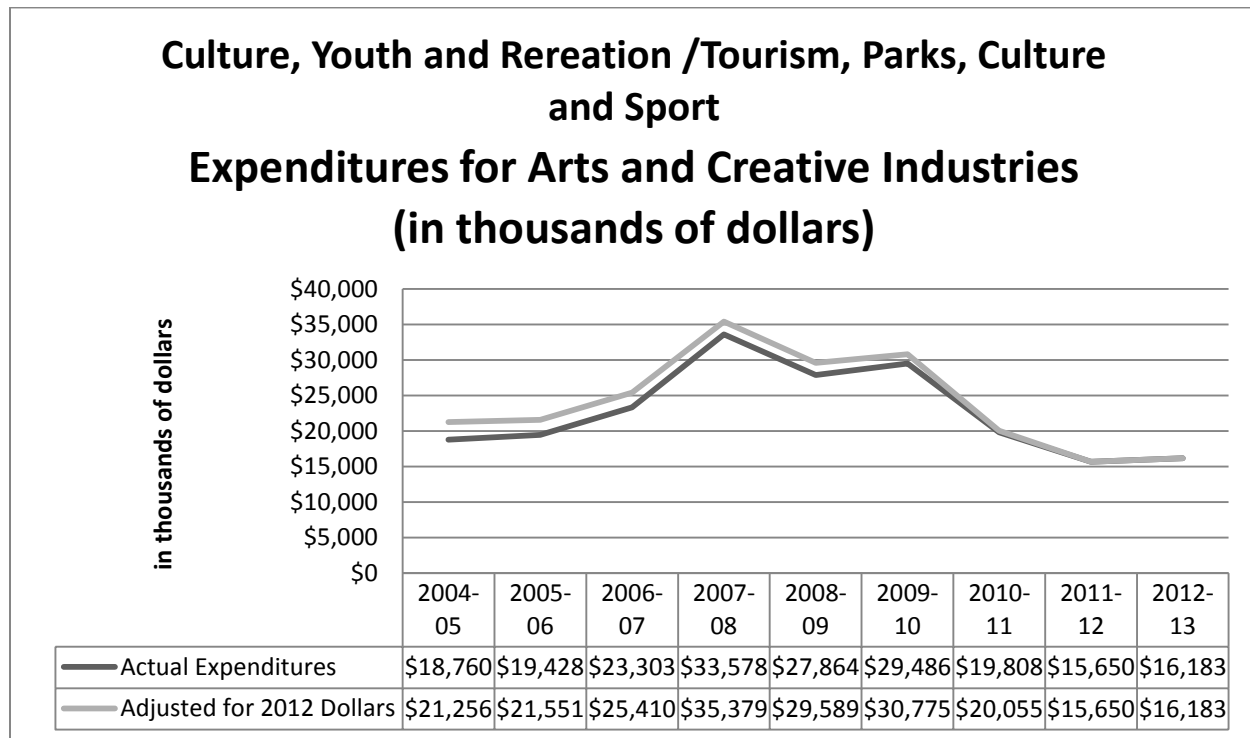


Parks, Culture and Sport Arts Spending

Parks, Culture and Sport (previously Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport - TPCS) is the Ministry responsible for "coordinating policy and delivering programs in partnership with SaskCulture Inc., the Saskatchewan Arts Board, the Saskatchewan Heritage Foundation and other stakeholders."¹ Using the expense data from the government's Public Accounts² (which contains details of actual expenses), the following is an analysis of arts related spending from the 2004/05 to the 2011/12 fiscal years. For the current 2012/13 fiscal year, the Budget Estimates are used.



\$18.76m (**\$21.256 in 2012 dollars** when adjusting for inflation) was the amount the provincial government spent on the arts in **2004/05** (to support the Sask. Arts Board, Cultural Industries Development, SaskFILM, Film Employment Tax Credit and SCN). This amounts to \$18.88 per capita³.

\$16.183m was budgeted for the arts in the current **2012/13** fiscal year for the line items: Saskatchewan Arts Board, Support for Provincial Arts and Cultural Organizations (introduced in 08/09), Cultural Industries Development, SaskFILM and the Film Employment Tax Credit.

\$33.578m (**\$35.379m in 2012 dollars**), the highest amount over the past 9 years, was spent in **2007/08**.

\$15.65m, the lowest amount over the past 9 years was spent in the last fiscal year, **2011/12** at a time when overall provincial government spending went up. This amounts to \$14.49 per capita, which represents a 23.25% decrease in the per capita allocation in 2004/05.

¹ Source: Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport Overview, <http://www.pcs.gov.sk.ca/ministry-overview>

² Source: Government of Sask. Public Accounts, <http://www.finance.gov.sk.ca/public-accounts/>

³ Source: Prepared by Sask. Bureau of Statistics, <http://www.stats.gov.sk.ca/stats/population/saskpopbyage.pdf>

Spending Details

(in thousands of dollars)									
	Public Accounts Actual Expense								Budget Estimates
Culture, Youth and Recreation / Tourism, Parks, Culture and Sport	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13 Estimates
Saskatchewan Arts Board	\$4,784	\$5,284	\$5,284	\$10,534	\$6,094	\$6,338	\$6,338	\$6,433	\$6,433
Support for Prov. Arts & Cultural Organizations	-	-	-	-	\$3,139	\$3,379	\$2,407	\$3,124	\$3,351
Cultural Industries Development	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SaskFILM	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$1,031	\$1,041	\$1,083	\$1,083	\$1,199	\$1,199
Sask. Communications Network	\$5,185	\$5,687	\$6,435	\$5,997	\$5,997	\$6,267	\$1,431	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$11,169	\$12,171	\$12,919	\$17,862	\$16,271	\$17,067	\$11,259	\$10,756	\$10,983
Film Employment Tax Credit	\$7,591	\$7,257	\$10,384	\$15,716	\$11,593	\$12,419	\$8,549	\$4,894	\$5,200
Total	\$18,760	\$19,428	\$23,303	\$33,578	\$27,864	\$29,486	\$19,808	\$15,650	\$16,183

The following recent budget cuts to the film, video and digital media industry impact the livelihood of artists in all disciplines:

- The Film Employment Tax Credit program was eliminated with June 30, 2012 the final day for registration. This line fluctuates according to demand.
- Sask. Communications Network was shut down in the 2010/11 fiscal year.

The allocation to the Arts Board is not keeping pace with overall government spending. In proportion to overall government budget expenditures, in 2012/13 the Arts Board allocation dropped to .057%, the lowest level in over 25 years.

Over the period documented in the table above, increases to the Arts Board allocation have been sporadic. Notably, no additional funding was provided following the release of the provincial cultural policy *Pride of Saskatchewan*, released in March 2010. Rather, the Arts Board has been constrained in its ability to meet provincial growth objectives and the organizational needs of its clients.

Support for Provincial Arts and Culture Organizations, a new line item, was introduced in 2008/09 so that the Ministry would have a bigger role in determining how funding is allocated. This line item supports programs such as the Main Street Project and artsVest. As well, the Ministry entered into contribution agreements with the Sask. Arts Board to administer the Culture on the Go, and Creative Industry Growth and Sustainability programs.