Public Art Survey Responses Overview November 2025

This survey had 58 respondents. The largest category 36% were ages 65+ followed with 22% identifying as ages 55-64 and 17% identifying as ages 35-44 and 45-54.

94% identified as living in the 42001-42003 zip codes. 69% identified as living here more than ten years with the 21% identifying as living her 1-5 years. For non residents who filled out the survey 44% identified work as the primary reason they come to Paducah.

Over two thirds said they were familiar or somewhat familiar with public art in Paducah.

Citing the benefits of public art Enhances beauty and character of the city ranked the highest with 93%, Supports local art and the economy ranked second with 86%, and Attracts visitors and boost tourism ranked third with 83%.

67% of respondents said they have interacted with public art with most citing the murals followed by going to see shows at the Market House Theatre, Carson Center, and the Paducah Symphony.

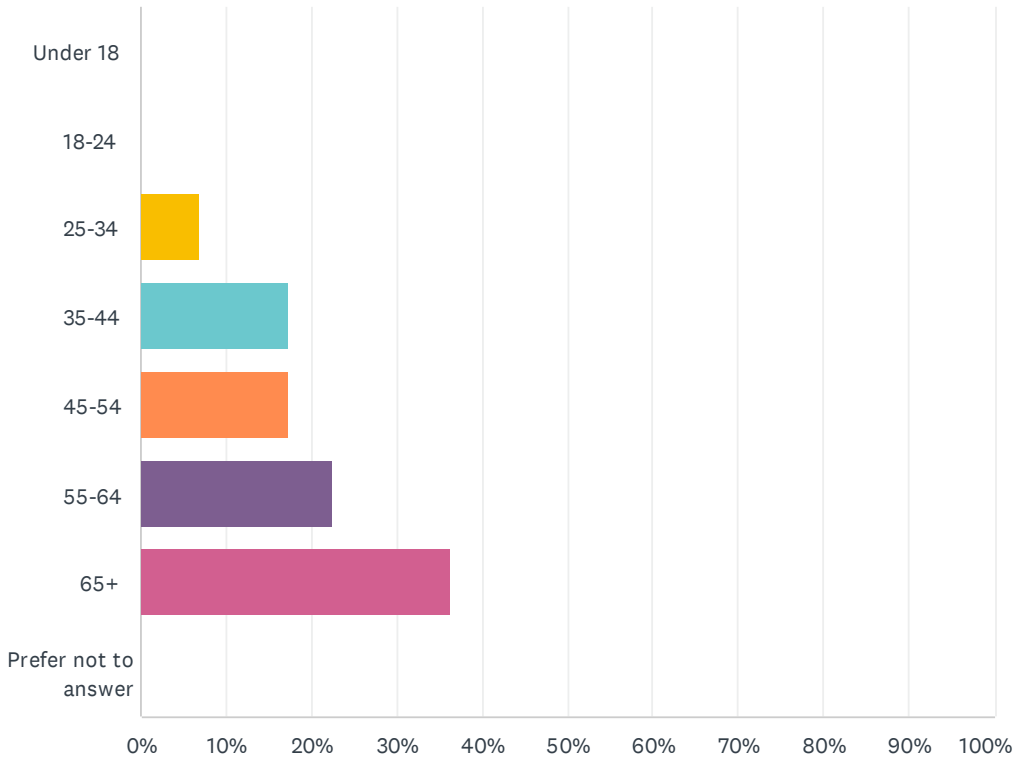
When asked about where to put new public art 83% said downtown/main streets
76% said parks or green spaces. Schools/libraries and neighborhoods/residential areas had 50%

When asked how should the city support public art 81% said partner with businesses for art in shared spaces, 79% said include art in city planning and development projects, 77% said commission local artists for projects, 65% equally said offer grants and funding and involve residents in city art projects

Additional thoughts
Several respondents named UNESCO as a driving force for the city to have public art.

Q1 What is your age?

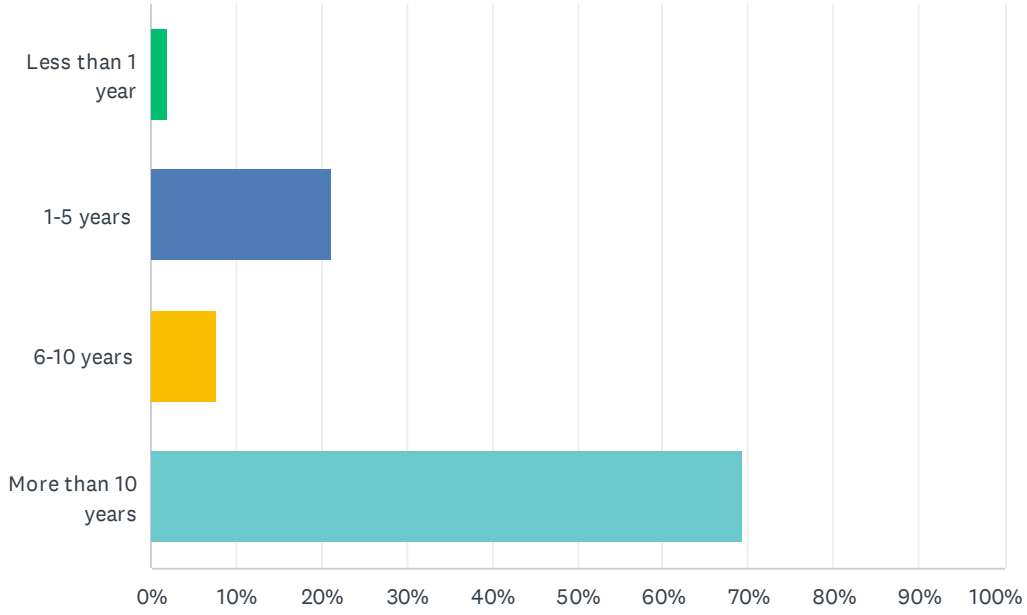
Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	0.00%	0
25-34	6.90%	4
35-44	17.24%	10
45-54	17.24%	10
55-64	22.41%	13
65+	36.21%	21
Prefer not to answer	0.00%	0
TOTAL		58

Q3 How long have you lived in the city of Paducah

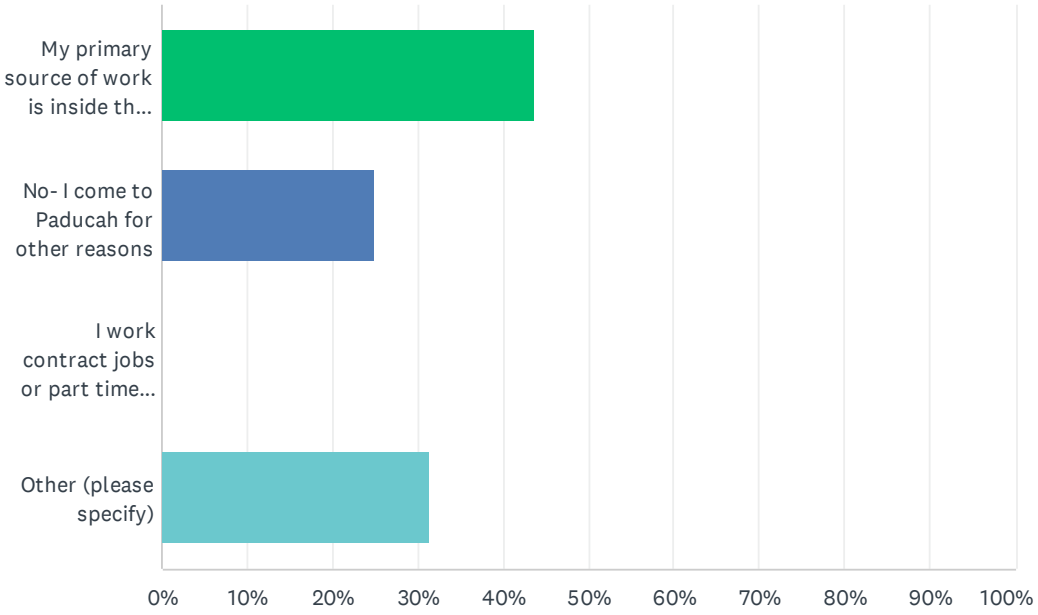
Answered: 52 Skipped: 6



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	1.92%	1
1-5 years	21.15%	11
6-10 years	7.69%	4
More than 10 years	69.23%	36
TOTAL		52

Q4 If you are not a resident what is your primary reason to come to the City of Paducah?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 42

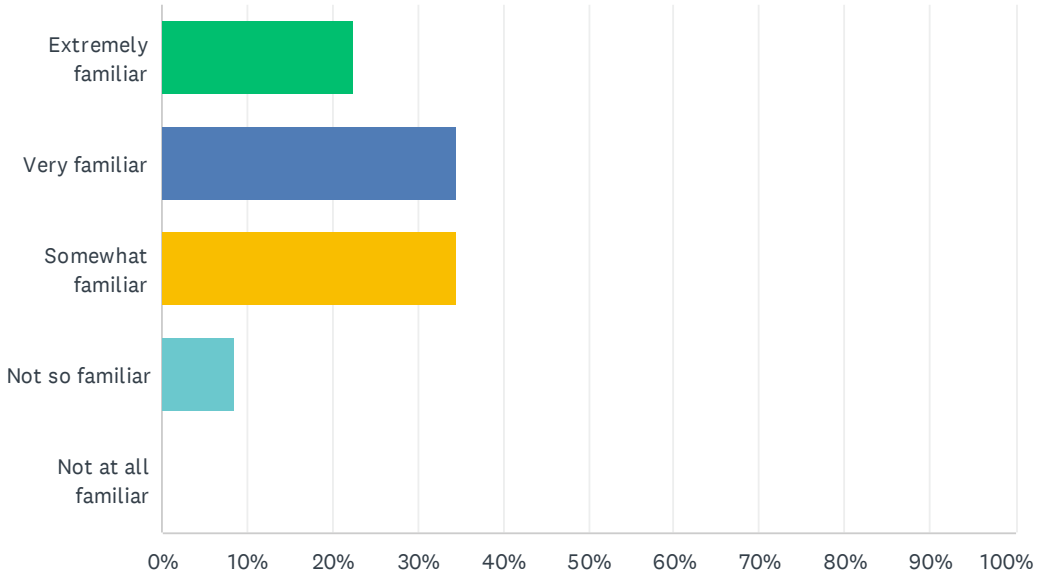


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My primary source of work is inside the City of Paducah	43.75%	7
No- I come to Paducah for other reasons	25.00%	4
I work contract jobs or part time jobs in the city of Paducah but am not a resident	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	31.25%	5
TOTAL		16

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Non-profit ministry.	10/27/2025 12:23 PM
2	I live in paducah	10/26/2025 2:26 PM
3	I live adjacent to city so downtown and midtown is where I eat, shop, exercise and socialize.	10/25/2025 6:49 AM
4	I live in Paducah	10/22/2025 8:39 PM
5	N/A	10/22/2025 5:24 PM

Q5 How familiar are you with public art projects in our city (murals, sculptures, installations, etc.)?

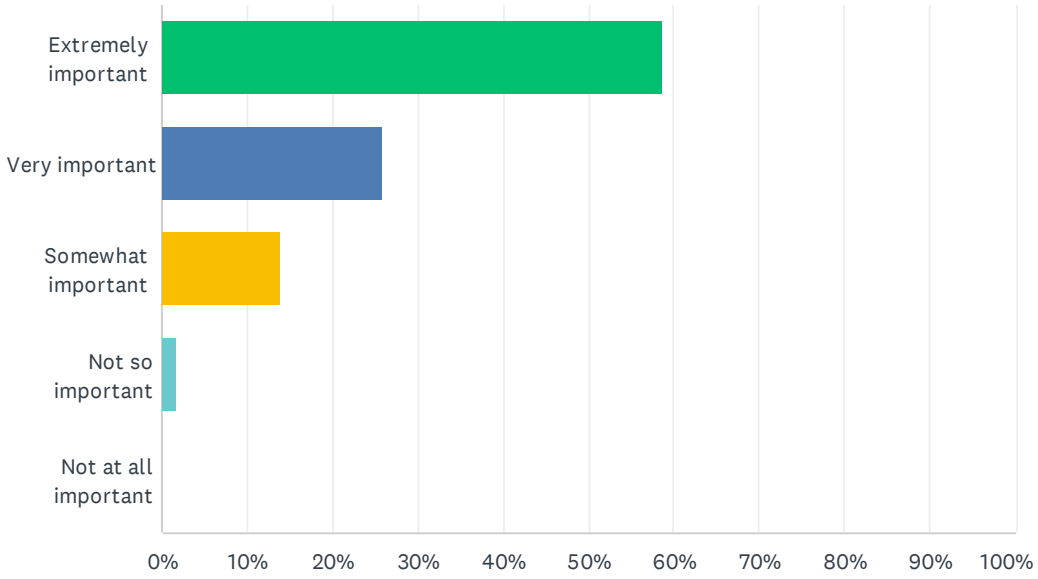
Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely familiar	22.41%	13
Very familiar	34.48%	20
Somewhat familiar	34.48%	20
Not so familiar	8.62%	5
Not at all familiar	0.00%	0
TOTAL		58

Q6 How important do you think public art is to the overall quality of life in our community?

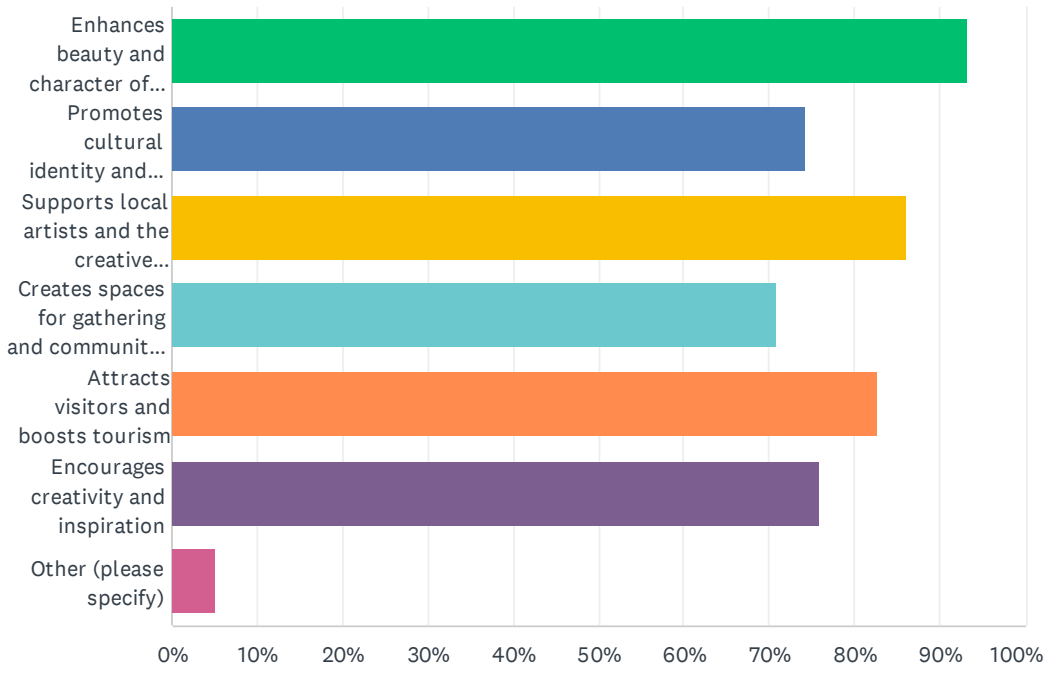
Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	58.62%	34
Very important	25.86%	15
Somewhat important	13.79%	8
Not so important	1.72%	1
Not at all important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		58

Q7 What benefits do you think public art provides? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0

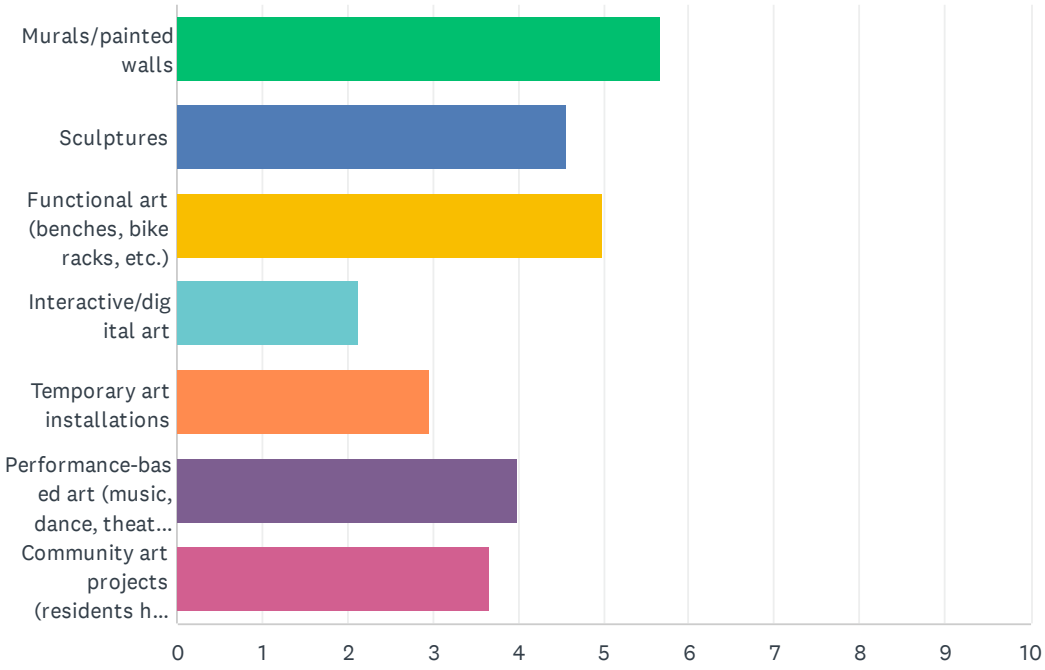


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Enhances beauty and character of the city	93.10%	54
Promotes cultural identity and diversity	74.14%	43
Supports local artists and the creative economy	86.21%	50
Creates spaces for gathering and community pride	70.69%	41
Attracts visitors and boosts tourism	82.76%	48
Encourages creativity and inspiration	75.86%	44
Other (please specify)	5.17%	3
Total Respondents: 58		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Makes me happy :-)	10/30/2025 11:37 AM
2	L	10/25/2025 9:59 AM
3	Can offer identity and pride for communities, economic development in terms of drawing people from different walks of life together by creating destination spots for locals and out of towners, not to mention foot traffic for local businesses, it makes art accessible to all, with public input it can create neighborhood identity without gentrification	10/23/2025 3:21 PM

Q8 Which types of public art would you most like to see more of in our city?

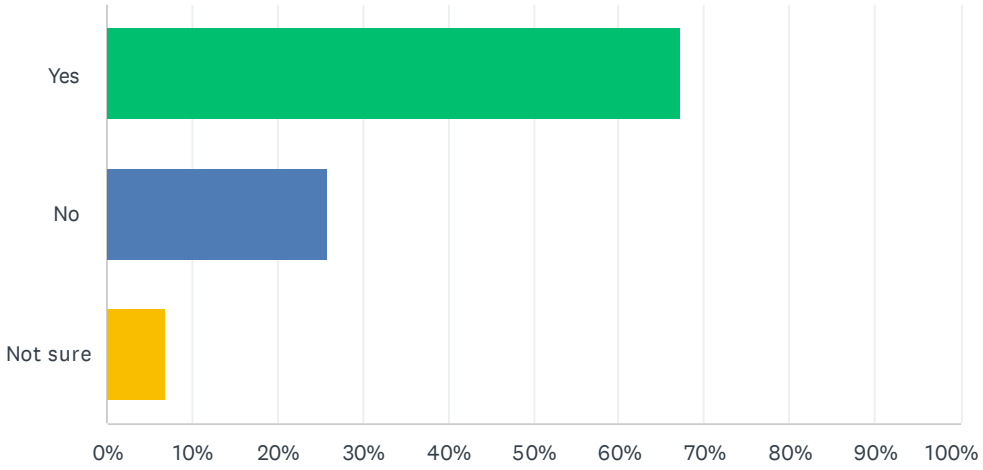
Answered: 57 Skipped: 1



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Murals/painted walls	45.61% 26	15.79% 9	15.79% 9	10.53% 6	10.53% 6	0.00% 0	1.75% 1	57	5.68
Sculptures	10.53% 6	21.05% 12	21.05% 12	21.05% 12	14.04% 8	12.28% 7	0.00% 0	57	4.56
Functional art (benches, bike racks, etc.)	15.79% 9	36.84% 21	10.53% 6	15.79% 9	14.04% 8	3.51% 2	3.51% 2	57	5.00
Interactive/digital art	0.00% 0	1.75% 1	3.51% 2	8.77% 5	19.30% 11	26.32% 15	40.35% 23	57	2.14
Temporary art installations	7.02% 4	1.75% 1	14.04% 8	10.53% 6	19.30% 11	19.30% 11	28.07% 16	57	2.96
Performance-based art (music, dance, theater in public spaces)	15.79% 9	8.77% 5	17.54% 10	15.79% 9	10.53% 6	21.05% 12	10.53% 6	57	3.98
Community art projects (residents help create)	5.26% 3	14.04% 8	17.54% 10	17.54% 10	12.28% 7	17.54% 10	15.79% 9	57	3.67

Q9 Have you ever attended or interacted with a public art project in our city?

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	67.24%	39
No	25.86%	15
Not sure	6.90%	4
TOTAL		58

Q10 If you answered yes to question 9, please share which one(s) and what your experience was like. (open-ended)

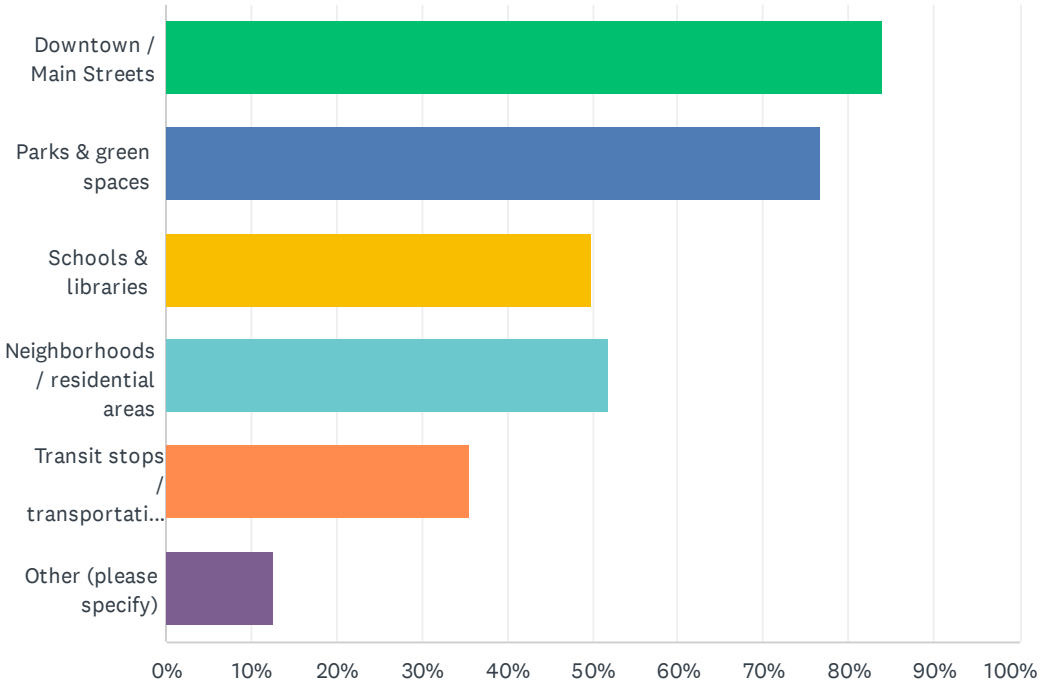
Answered: 32 Skipped: 26

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I participated in The Needle project on MLK & 5th ST. It was very satisfying to be part of a community of people that helped to install the piece. I participated in the LTNA intersection mural...it was a blast to work under the direction of the artists and create such a fun piece. I like to walk by the flood wall murals...it connects me to a sense of history to where I live. I just love all the murals! And I love seeing Niki May's art in the windows of a building on Broadway.	11/7/2025 11:55 AM
2	Many - always a great way to come together and enjoy the community	10/30/2025 11:37 AM
3	painted murals on a restaurant wall; painted hydrants ; Art Guild member; hung shows at Yeiser; painted store windows; made large sign for a play at Tilghman; held glazing parties at Michael's studio, in schools and at Senior Citizens; participated in Woman's Club art show	10/28/2025 2:04 PM
4	I am proudly involved with the Quilt City USA Murals. The murals showcase the talent and skill of local artists, convert the floodwall into a vibrant visual landmark, and serve as a powerful educational tool. The murals continue to prove their relevance and each one tells a story - reflecting historic, educational, humanitarian, or environmental relevance, or having an iconic provenance to their time in history.	10/27/2025 2:54 PM
5	Schools, and city led.	10/27/2025 12:23 PM
6	Purchased art downtown and participated in art open house at Yeser	10/26/2025 7:40 PM
7	I enjoyed the creativity and beauty of the art.	10/26/2025 2:26 PM
8	Excellent	10/24/2025 11:07 AM
9	Need crosswalk at the foot of Broadway at the floodwall murals.	10/24/2025 10:38 AM
10	Have been to almost all of the local museums, & attended shows at; Maiden Alley, Market House, & 4 Rivers Performance.	10/24/2025 9:19 AM
11	Riverfront murals- gazed at, contemplated them; read about them	10/24/2025 8:01 AM
12	Quilt murals, murals on the Greenway Trail, murals in downtown Paducah	10/23/2025 9:44 PM
13	Going to see murals and taking visitors to see them. Talking to local mural artists. Taking visitors to sculptures. Driving around to see fire dept plugs. Attending outdoor theatre and music shows.	10/23/2025 6:05 PM
14	Lead Artist for Ingram Barge River Mural, Lead Artist for Quilt City USA®Murals, Designed the 4 Quilt themed Corten Steel Panels for Pocket Park, Designed Propeller/Dogwood Blossom Bike Rack @ Gazebo, Designed/painted Street Mural at Texaco Intersection in Lower Town, Lead Artist for Lower Town fire hydrants, Contributing Artist for Bead Stalks in Lower Town. Designed & Painted 2 Utility Boxes in Noble Park, Contributing Artist for Umbutu Sculpture at Etcetera Public Art Park, Lead Artist for Lower Town Fence Mural, Designed Bronze Honor Portrait for Paducah Tilghman Library, Lead Artist for The Mayor's Christmas Card for Nobel Park display. Produced Art piece for Market House Theater's play "Art", Created art for performance art "happenings" in Lower Town, (and on and on for 20+years)	10/23/2025 5:58 PM
15	I painted the second quilt mural	10/23/2025 4:12 PM
16	Street mural located at 7th and Madison. Very positive	10/23/2025 3:21 PM
17	Flood wall murals, market house performances, local festivals, etc.	10/23/2025 3:16 PM
18	Theater and concerts. Nice experiences.	10/23/2025 2:20 PM
19	I've painted a few murals in the city and living downtown, I see public art daily. There's always	10/23/2025 2:17 PM

	a need for more.	
20	Visited the Flood Wall with out of town visitors	10/23/2025 2:11 PM
21	The empty bowls project. Great experience to feel like I was doing something to help others.	10/23/2025 2:08 PM
22	I've visited the flood wall murals many times and enjoy the colorful art on buildings downtown. Also attended some performance art events in the park, at the library, and downtown festivals. All are enjoyable.	10/23/2025 10:33 AM
23	Market House Theater, Paducah Symphony, Quilt Museum	10/23/2025 8:24 AM
24	It was fine just openings of art events.	10/23/2025 7:39 AM
25	New floodwaters murals	10/22/2025 10:09 PM
26	I have interacted with all the public art in Paducah.	10/22/2025 8:57 PM
27	Play at Market House, Art Galleries, Flood Wall Murals and the former Downtown After Dinner.I enjoyed them very much	10/22/2025 8:39 PM
28	Several Art in the Park projects, dance, music performances.	10/22/2025 7:25 PM
29	Murals	10/22/2025 6:20 PM
30	Fair	10/22/2025 5:37 PM
31	Hosted local music artists & displayed all manor of physical art media on a free or consignment basis	10/22/2025 5:24 PM
32	Murals, sculptures, seasonal decorations, music and dance downtown	10/22/2025 12:57 PM

Q11 Where would you most like to see new public art in the city? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 56 Skipped: 2

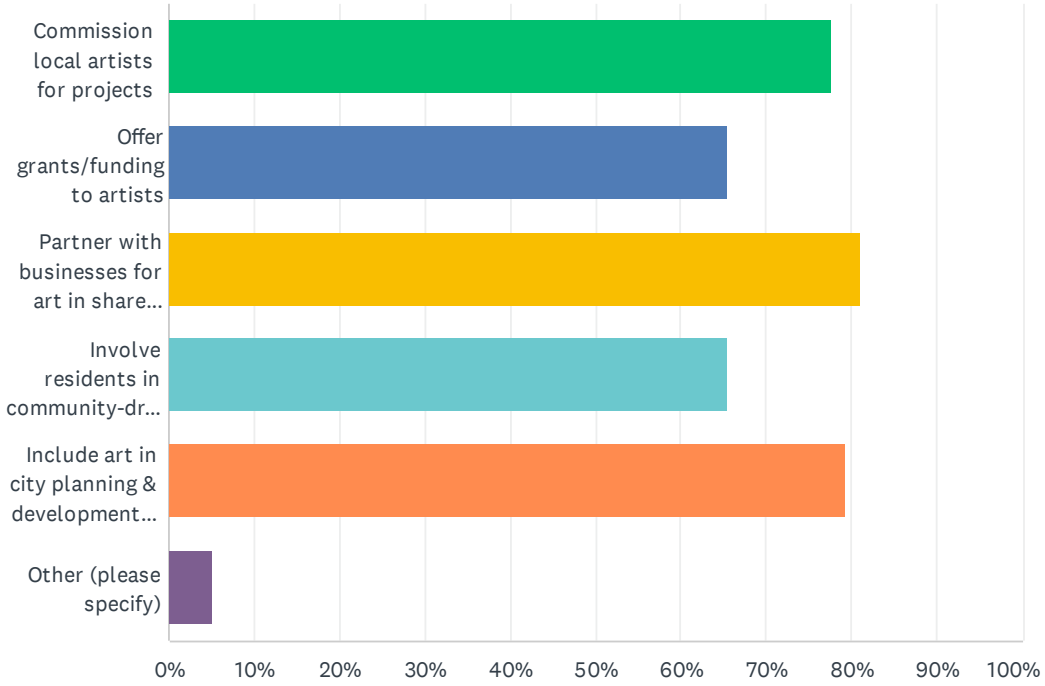


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Downtown / Main Streets	83.93%	47
Parks & green spaces	76.79%	43
Schools & libraries	50.00%	28
Neighborhoods / residential areas	51.79%	29
Transit stops / transportation hubs	35.71%	20
Other (please specify)	12.50%	7
Total Respondents: 56		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Eye sore spots where traffic is steady	10/30/2025 11:37 AM
2	Anywhere and everywhere!	10/27/2025 12:57 PM
3	Midtown- a connective tissue of Broadway between the Coke plant all the way to the Riverfront	10/24/2025 8:01 AM
4	In city-owned buildings (Convention/Expo Ctr, Carson Ctr, etc)	10/23/2025 5:58 PM
5	Hard to say that there's an inappropriate setting.	10/23/2025 2:17 PM
6	South side	10/22/2025 7:25 PM
7	Lighting	10/22/2025 5:37 PM

Q12 How should the city support public art? (Check all that apply)

Answered: 58 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Commission local artists for projects	77.59%	45
Offer grants/funding to artists	65.52%	38
Partner with businesses for art in shared spaces	81.03%	47
Involve residents in community-driven art projects	65.52%	38
Include art in city planning & development projects	79.31%	46
Other (please specify)	5.17%	3
Total Respondents: 58		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Percent of budget for new public buildings for Public Art	10/23/2025 5:58 PM
2	NOT get people from outside of paducah to work on projects	10/22/2025 7:25 PM
3	Involve PSAD and schools	10/22/2025 5:37 PM

Q13 Please share any additional thoughts or ideas about public art in our city. (open-ended)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 39

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It seems that the city always falls short on our public art projects...like changing the qualifications at the last minute. I would love the city to be transparent, fair, and consistent in their proposals.	11/7/2025 11:55 AM
2	Paducah is a city of murals and the styles vary from fine art (Wall to Wall & Quilt Murals) to pop art! Both are a reflection of how we embrace our past and our present.	10/27/2025 2:54 PM
3	We are a creative city and we need more art everywhere!	10/27/2025 12:57 PM
4	More active support of Maiden Alley, and various art opportunities hosted at the beautifully renovated Robert Cherry Civic Center.	10/27/2025 12:23 PM
5	Cant think of anything right now	10/26/2025 2:26 PM
6	translating how much $ the arts bring in for our community is so important during economic hardships. People can't eat art but artist need to eat too.	10/25/2025 6:49 AM
7	Create traffic circle at 16th and Broadway (Paducah Power parking spaces) with signature art in the middle. It would align 16th St as well as introduce a better delineation of the one-way streets towards the river.	10/24/2025 10:38 AM
8	I'd love to see more surprise art in our city (small, unexpected moments of creativity that invite people to pause, look closer, and reconnect with where they are). Art can turn an ordinary walk into a small discovery. These kinds of pieces not only enrich the experience for visitors, especially on quieter days when local businesses may be closed, but they also offer residents a renewed sense of curiosity and pride. Public art can be a way to make the city feel alive and generous, even when nothing "special" is happening. Surprise art reminds people that beauty isn't something we have to schedule or pay for. It's something the city can gift us in passing.	10/24/2025 8:01 AM
9	Hire local-based (within McCracken County) artists for local public art. That way the funds stay here to further support local businesses. We have proved over the last 20+ years that there are professional artist throughout the county qualified to create public art for the people. There is an opportunity for the community/neighborhoods to come together in fellowship and creative joy when working on a public art project for their location. Pride in ownership and creation that is made personal with artists who live and work in our community working with those they have an understanding with due to the shared experience of living where we work.	10/23/2025 5:58 PM
10	Public art should be a priority since we are a UNESCO city and art is a major tourism driver.	10/23/2025 4:12 PM
11	Considering Paducah's UNESCO designation, the city might consider for an initial project working with the Quilt Museum and fiber arts. A community maker space/photography darkroom space. Fort Huston in Nashville is a godd example of this type of space.	10/23/2025 3:21 PM
12	Take care of what you have. I have requested by phone and online to have the figure at broadway and Walter Jetton cleared so it can be seen and nothing but mowing happens. Make the community proud and it will attract the tourism itself because the residents will be happier and don't divide them by anything offer projects that all can benefit from...such as summer festival verse block parties or high earning events like BBQ on the River. Why not a fall festival of events for all to enjoy regardless of spending or where they are located.	10/23/2025 2:25 PM
13	The more art the better! When we have visitors to Paducah they ALWAYS comment on our beautiful murals and the flood wall. Would love to have more art downtown, including sculptures. We are an arts and crafts town after all.	10/23/2025 2:08 PM
14	Paducah	10/23/2025 7:39 AM
15	How has Marion IL out done Paducah with public murals with their painted downtown?? It's	10/22/2025 8:57 PM

	embarrassing to be a UNESCO art city with hardly any art downtown. Those cruise ship passengers must be so disappointed with just the floodwall. There's so many buildings that can be painted. Go see what Marion Il did. We should be embarrassed.	
16	Include classic art. Traveling displays would be good. Not too much modern art. Public art should be compatible with existing venues or it would look out of place.	10/22/2025 8:52 PM
17	There needs to be true collaboration between the arts community and City. The Southside renovation went off the rail when the City hired someone from Louisville to do the murals. This damaged relationships within the arts community and Paducah. It was very political. Not a good choice. choice. Do better	10/22/2025 7:25 PM
18	Paducah	10/22/2025 6:25 PM
19	Check out Vivid Sydney and do something similar with lights all over the city during Christmas	10/22/2025 5:37 PM