

## Appendix table 7-6

**Visitors to informal science and other cultural institutions: 1981–2012**

(Percent)

Institution	1981 (n = 1,235)	1983 (n = 1,631)	1985 (n = 2,003)	1988 (n = 2,041)	1990 (n = 2,005)	1992 (n = 1,995)	1995 (n = 2,006)	1997 (n = 2,000)	1999 (n = 1,882)	2001 (n = 1,574)	2008 (n = 2,021)	2012 (n = 2,256)
Informal science institution												
Zoo/aquarium	64	49	48	51	51	54	52	51	51	58	52	47
Natural history museum	37	29	29	30	30	31	29	30	27	30	28	28
Science/technology museum	39	26	24	26	25	21	28	27	30	30	27	25
Any informal science institution <sup>a</sup>	72	61	58	59	59	62	61	60	61	66	61	58
Public library	NA	NA	67	68	65	69	69	70	72	75	64	60
Art museum	43	32	31	33	31	29	31	30	30	32	34	33

NA = not available, question not asked.

<sup>a</sup> Visited zoo/aquarium, natural history museum, or science/technology museum at least once.

NOTES: Responses to *I am going to read you a short list of places and ask you to tell me how many times you visited each type of place during the last year, that is, the last 12 months*. Percentages indicate individuals who visited an institution at least once. Percentages are based on total in the sample, including those who responded "don't know" or refused to respond.

SOURCES: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Public Attitudes Toward and Understanding of Science and Technology (1981–2001); University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2008, 2012).

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