

Appendix table 7-7

Visitors to informal science and other cultural institutions, by respondent characteristic: 2012

(Percent)

Characteristic	Informal science institution				Public library	Art museum
	Zoo/aquarium	Natural history museum	Science/technology museum	Any informal science institution ^a		
All adults (<i>n</i> = 2,256)	47	28	25	58	60	33
Sex						
Male (<i>n</i> = 1,011)	48	28	26	58	52	31
Female (<i>n</i> = 1,245)	46	29	24	57	67	35
Formal education						
< High school (<i>n</i> = 308)	27	15	8	35	42	16
High school diploma (<i>n</i> = 671)	42	21	16	50	51	18
Some college (<i>n</i> = 608)	49	28	26	60	67	32
Bachelor's degree (<i>n</i> = 429)	61	42	40	73	66	52
Graduate/professional degree (<i>n</i> = 240)	57	42	40	75	74	66
Science/mathematics education ^b						
Low (<i>n</i> = 1,248)	38	19	14	46	51	20
Middle (<i>n</i> = 398)	58	40	36	72	73	47
High (<i>n</i> = 484)	61	43	44	76	72	55
Family income (quartile) ^c						
Top (<i>n</i> = 446)	57	40	36	70	60	48
Second (<i>n</i> = 494)	52	34	30	62	62	34
Third (<i>n</i> = 521)	43	25	21	53	60	30
Bottom (<i>n</i> = 563)	37	19	15	46	61	22
Age (years) ^c						
18–24 (<i>n</i> = 140)	52	28	30	63	62	38
25–34 (<i>n</i> = 357)	57	30	29	69	66	30
35–44 (<i>n</i> = 385)	63	36	33	71	67	33
45–54 (<i>n</i> = 423)	42	32	26	54	57	36
55–64 (<i>n</i> = 420)	42	23	17	52	54	31
≥ 65 (<i>n</i> = 504)	30	21	17	41	55	31
Minor children at home ^c						
Yes (<i>n</i> = 683)	59	33	29	69	69	31
No (<i>n</i> = 1,539)	41	26	23	52	55	34

^a Visited zoo/aquarium, natural history museum, or science/technology museum at least once.^b Low = ≤ 5 high school and college science/mathematics courses; middle = 6–8 courses; high = ≥ 9 courses. Categories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.^c Categories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.

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 the *n* in each row, including those who responded "don't know" or refused to respond.

SOURCE: University of Chicago, National Opinion Research Center, General Social Survey (2012).