Southeast Minnesota stood out in many ways. It had the second lowest percentage of artists indicating they work full-time in the arts (14 percent) and the second highest percentage of its artists indicating that they worked part-time in the arts (63 percent). Perhaps as a result of this part-time status, artistic income fell in the middle range ($7,375) as did income from non-artistic sources ($23,990). A whopping 45 percent of artists in this area indicated that their health insurance is provided by family members, the highest in the state. Artists in this area are also most likely to have their own individual or family-provided retirement account, as opposed to having a retirement account provided by an employer. This area’s artists are very civically engaged, as 89 percent reported that they “always” vote, the second highest in the state.
Artistic employment status in Southeast Minnesota

- Full-Time (i.e., support themselves entirely through their artwork): 14%
- Part-Time (i.e., work outside of their art to support themselves): 63%
- Other (e.g., retired, art is my hobby): 23%

Income and revenue to Southeast Minnesota's individual artists totaled $21.7 million during 2005

- Income from artistic work only: 24%
- Income not related to artistic work: 76%
- Total income: $23,990
- Artistic income: $7,375

Source of health insurance for Southeast Minnesota's individual artists

- Through an Employer: 45%
- Individual Plan: 18%
- Through Spouse, Partner, or Family: 23%
- No Health Insurance: 14%

Source of retirement plan for Southeast Minnesota's individual artists

- Individual Plan: 34%
- Through an Employer: 27%
- Through Spouse, Partner, or Family: 27%
- No Retirement Plan: 32%

Monthly volunteerism of Southeast Minnesota's individual artists

- 0 Hours: 18%
- 1-5 Hours: 30%
- 6-10 Hours: 18%
- 11-20 Hours: 20%
- More than 20 Hours: 14%

Southeast Minnesota’s individual artists averaged $31,365 in income during 2005

- Always: 89%
- Sometimes: 11%
- Never: 0%