

The Creative Industries in NH Merrimack District 3

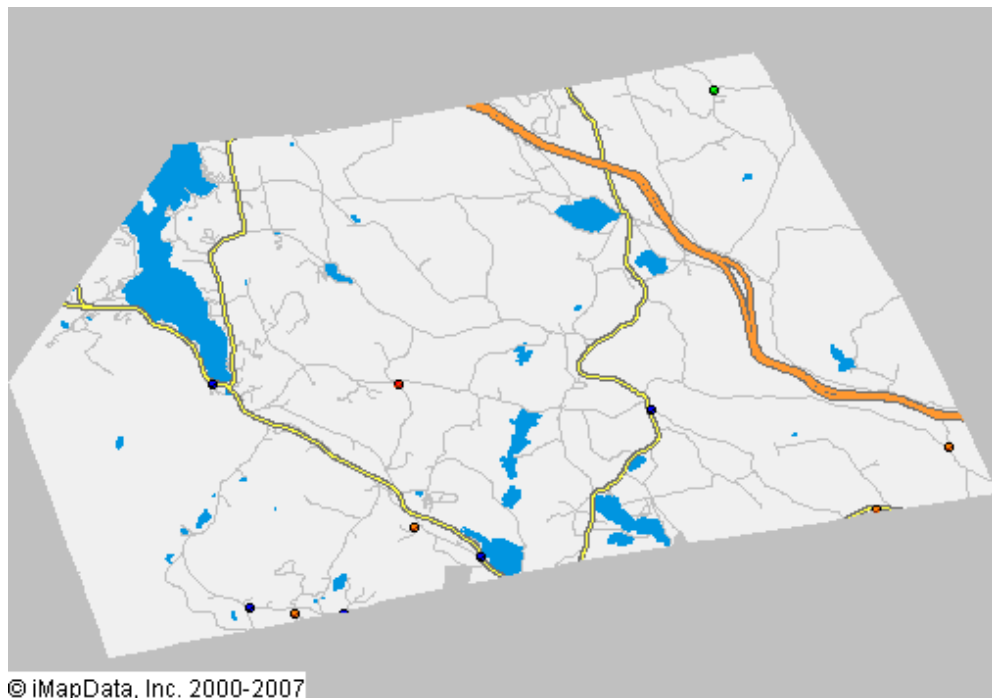
This *Creative Industries* report offers a research-based approach to understanding the scope and economic importance of the arts in **NH Merrimack District 3**. The creative industries are composed of arts-centric businesses that range from nonprofit museums, symphonies, and theaters to for-profit film, architecture, and advertising companies. The creative industries are the high-octane fuel that drives the "information economy," the fastest growing segment of the nation's economy.

Nationally, there are 612,095 businesses in the U.S. involved in the creation or distribution of the arts that employ 2.98 million people, which is 4.3 percent of all businesses and 2.2 percent of all employees. Between 2007 and 2008, the number of arts businesses and employees grew 12 percent. The source for these data is Dun & Bradstreet, the most comprehensive and trusted source for business information in the U.S. Growth of the businesses that comprise the creative industries was greater than the increase among the 14.3 million businesses tracked by Dun & Bradstreet.

As of January 2008, NH Merrimack District 3 is home to 9 arts-related businesses that employ 17 people. These arts-centric businesses play an important role in building and sustaining economic vibrancy. They employ people, spend money locally, generate government revenue, and are a cornerstone of tourism and economic development. The map below provides a clear picture of the creative industries in **NH Merrimack District 3**, with each dot representing an arts-centric business.

9 Arts-Related Businesses in NH Merrimack District 3 Employ 17 People

- Arts-Related Business**
- Museum/Collections
 - Performing Arts
 - Visual/Photography
 - Film, Radio, TV
 - Design/Publishing
 - Arts Schools/Services





Arts-Related Business and Employment in NH Merrimack District 3 January 2008

CATEGORY	BUSINESSES	EMPLOYEES
Visual Arts/Photography	4	10
Visual Arts	1	7
Photography	2	2
Services	1	1
Film, Radio and TV	1	2
Motion Pictures	1	2
Design and Publishing	4	5
Architecture	1	1
Design	3	4
GRAND TOTAL	9	17

Note: As the source of these data is based solely on businesses that have registered with Dun & Bradstreet, our analyses indicate an under-representation of nonprofit arts organizations and individual artists. Therefore, this Creative Industries report should be considered a conservative estimate. For more information, maps, and to make sure you are included in our Creative Industries research, visit www.AmericansForTheArts.org/CreativeIndustries

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Arts-Related Business and Employment in NH Merrimack District 3 2007 to 2008

CATEGORY	BUSINESSES			EMPLOYEES		
	2007	2008	% Change	2007	2008	% Change
Visual Arts/Photography	4	4	0.00%	10	10	0.00%
Visual Arts	1	1	0.00%	7	7	0.00%
Photography	2	2	0.00%	2	2	0.00%
Services	1	1	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Film, Radio and TV	1	1	0.00%	2	2	0.00%
Motion Pictures	1	1	0.00%	2	2	0.00%
Design and Publishing	2	4	100.00%	3	5	66.67%
Architecture	1	1	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Design	1	3	200.00%	2	4	100.00%
GRAND TOTAL	7	9	28.57%	15	17	13.33%

Data Source: D&B January 2008 & January 2007

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