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Kootenai County is a haven for the arts

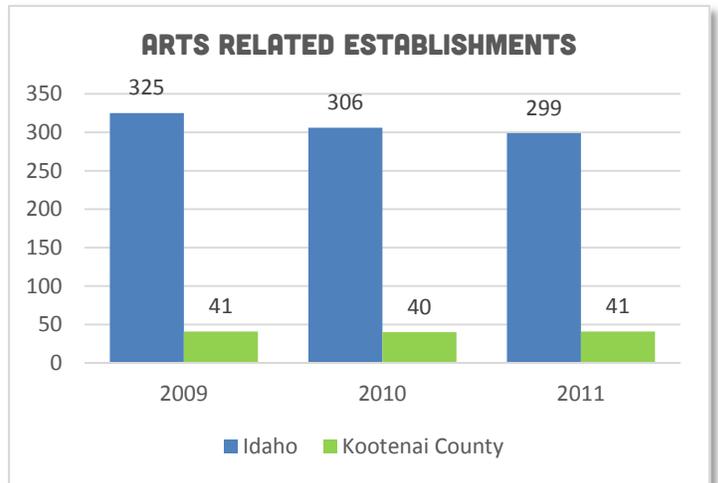
A growing number of arts-related businesses also provide opportunities for individuals to learn about and participate in a rich array of arts and culture activities. They are also essential to supplying arts and cultural organizations with products and services. Consequently, their number reflects, in part, the strength of the arts sector in a regional economy.

Arts Related Establishments is defined by: art dealers; camera and photograph stores; bookstores; performing arts companies; performing arts promoters; independent artists, writers, and performers; musical instrument and supply stores; prerecorded CD and record stores; and museums.

Community engagement

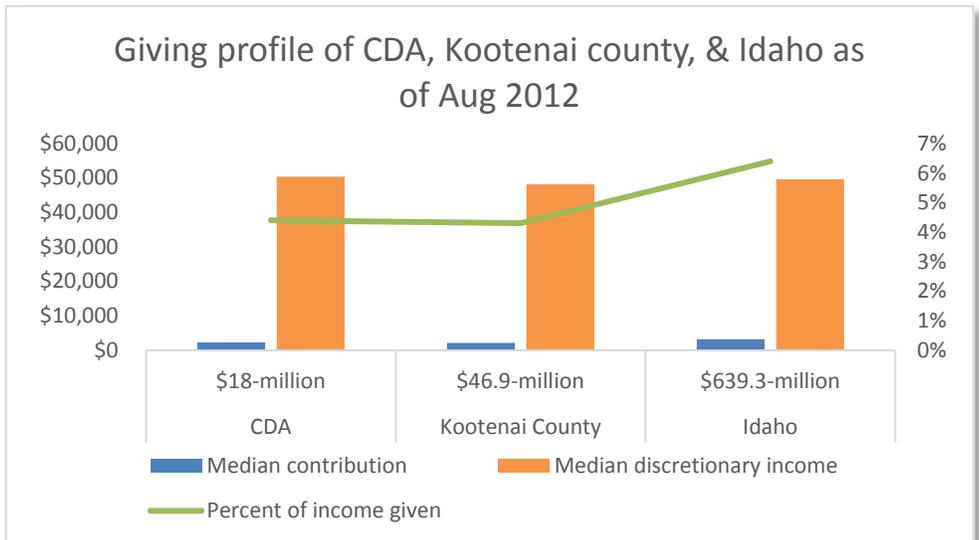
According to GuideStar (a public charity that collects, organizes, and presents information about every IRS-registered nonprofit organization) in the greater CDA area there are 397 nonprofits.

The National Center for Charitable Statics reports that in Kootenai County there are 140 public charities.



IN 2011, 9.6 OF EVERY 1,000 BUSINESSES WERE ARTS-RELATED IN KOOTENAI COUNTY, A 31% INCREASE FROM 1998. THIS RATE IS HIGHER THAN THE STATE OF IDAHO RATE OF ABOUT 7.1 PER 1,000, WHICH IS ABOUT THE SAME AS ITS 1998 LEVEL.

(US Census Bureau's County Business Patterns)



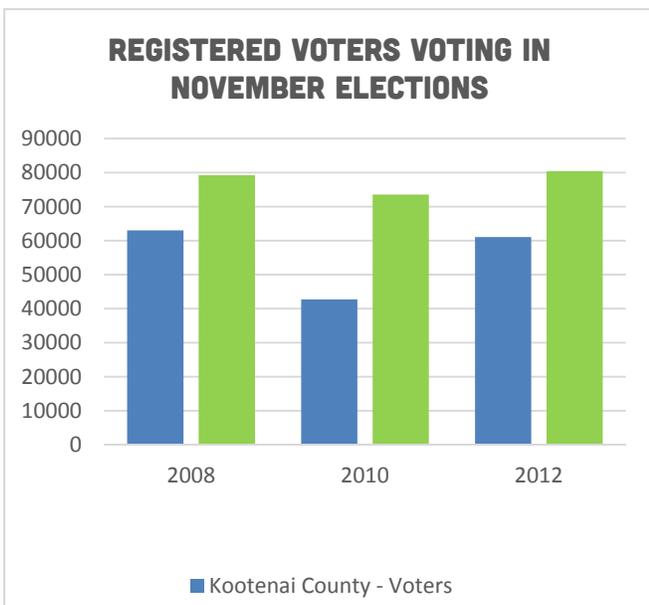
Source: How America Gives, 2012D



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High voter participation

A high rate of voter registration is usually viewed as a sign of an engaged community. Since 2000 the share of those registered to vote in the county has generally matched the state share. Voter registration shares have been higher during presidential election years (Kootenai County Indicators).



Diversity brings benefits to a community

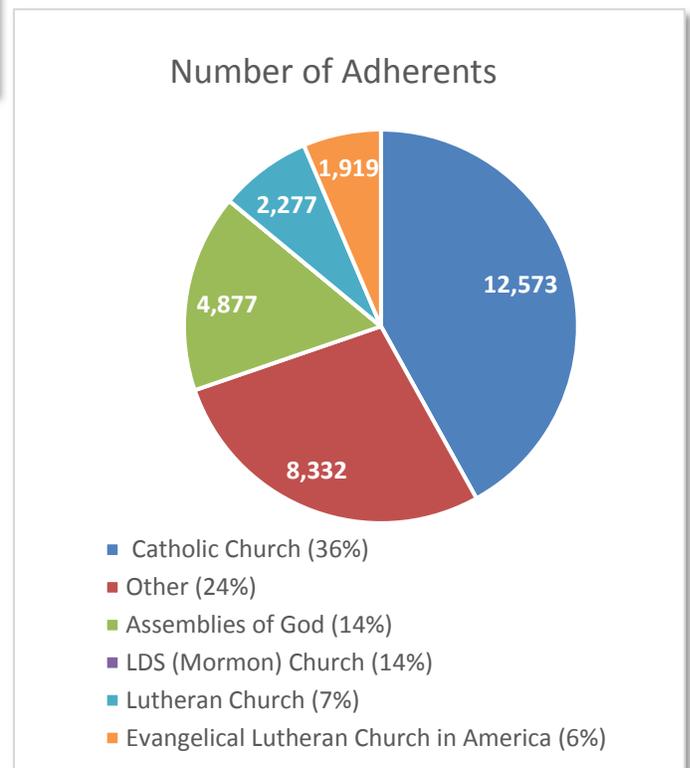
Since the U.S. has witnessed a large jump in immigration over the past 20 years and since native-born, non-white fertility rates are higher than whites, the national share of non-whites has increased (Kootenai County Indicators).

In Kootenai County, people who identified themselves as being a race other than white made up 5.5 percent of the population in 2010, compared to 10.9 percent in Idaho. The non-white population has changed from 1.7 percent in 1980, to 1.9 percent in 1990, to 4.2 percent in 2000, to 5.5 percent in 2010.

Religious diversity in Kootenai County

The concerns surrounding the definition of religion extend to each classification used in the statistical analysis of religious adherents in the U.S. Individuals may not fit well into such categorization, instead fitting into multiple groups or none quite precisely (Geographies of Religions and Belief Systems, Pg. 4).

In the county 32.01% of the population is affiliated with a religious congregation, and the national rate is 50.2%. Total adherents in this county is 34,786 and in Idaho it totals 627,262. There are 76 total congregations in Kootenai County and 1,855 in the state.



Source: Jones, Dale E., et al. 2002. Congregations and Membership in the United States