

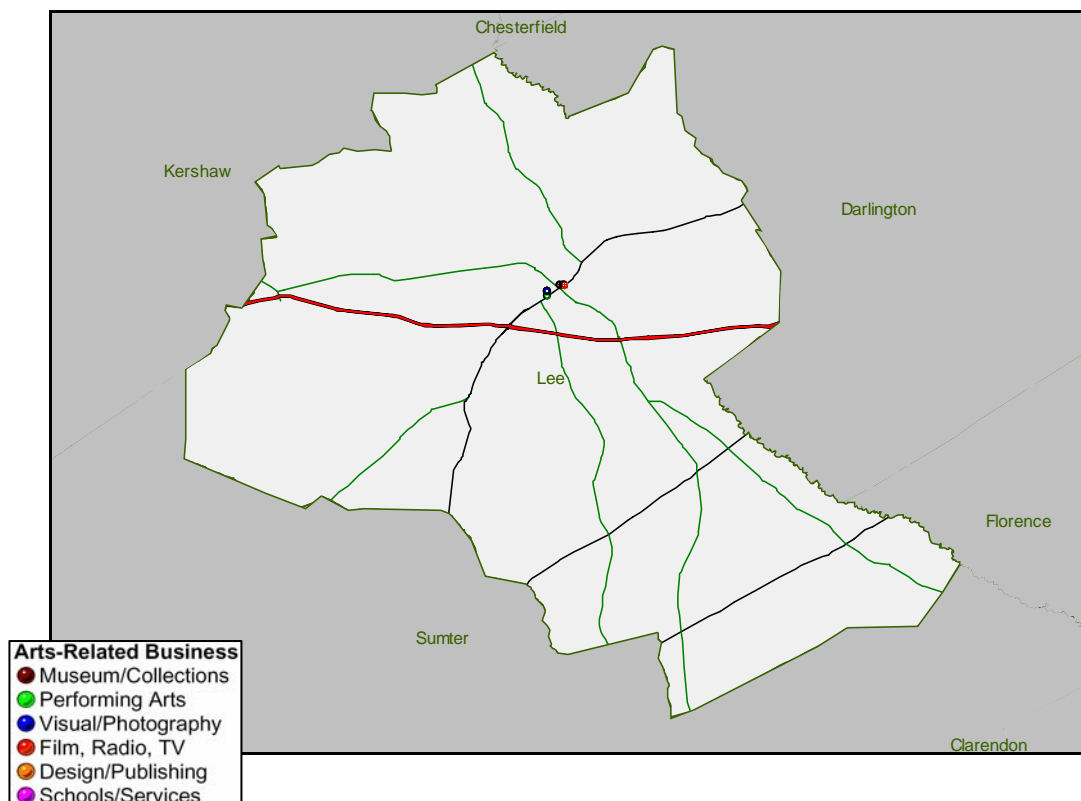
The Creative Industries in Lee County, SC

This *Creative Industries* report offers a research-based approach to understanding the scope and economic importance of the arts in **Lee County, SC**. 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 548,000 businesses in the U.S. involved in the creation or distribution of the arts that employ 2.9 million people—4.3 percent of all businesses and 2.2 percent of all employees. The creative industries have remained strong in comparison to business trends nationally. Between 2004 and 2006, a time when total number of U.S. businesses dropped 0.2 percent, arts businesses decreased just 0.12 percent. Similarly, while employment nationally fell 5.6 percent during the same time period, arts employment dipped just 3.7 percent. The source for these data is Dun & Bradstreet, the most comprehensive and trusted source for business information in the U.S.

As of January 2006, Lee County, SC is home to 8 arts-related businesses that employ 19 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 **Lee County, SC**, with each dot representing an arts-centric business.

8 Arts-Related Businesses in Lee County, SC Employ 19 People





Arts-Related Businesses and Employment in Lee County, SC: 2006

CATEGORY	BUSINESSES	EMPLOYEES
Museums and Collections	2	8
Museums	1	6
Historical Society	1	2
Performing Arts	3	9
Music	2	5
Theater	1	4
Visual Arts/Photography	1	1
Photography	1	1
Film, Radio and TV	1	0
Motion Pictures	1	0
Design and Publishing	1	1
Design	1	1
GRAND TOTAL	8	19

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.



Trends in Lee County, SC Arts-Related Businesses and Employment: 2004 to 2006

CATEGORY	BUSINESSES			EMPLOYEES		
	2004	2006	% Change	2004	2006	% Change
Museums and Collections	2	2	0.00%	8	8	0.00%
Museums	1	1	0.00%	6	6	0.00%
Historical Society	1	1	0.00%	2	2	0.00%
Performing Arts	1	3	200.00%	4	9	125.00%
Music	0	2	200.00%	0	5	500.00%
Theater	1	1	0.00%	4	4	0.00%
Visual Arts/Photography	0	1	100.00%	0	1	100.00%
Photography	0	1	100.00%	0	1	100.00%
Film, Radio and TV	1	1	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Motion Pictures	1	1	0.00%	0	0	0.00%
Design and Publishing	1	1	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
Design	1	1	0.00%	1	1	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL	5	8	60.00%	13	19	46.15%