

Table 1203. Adult Participation in Selected Leisure Activities by Frequency: 2008

[In thousands (14,166 represents 14,466,000), except percent. For fall 2008. Percent is based on total projected population of 223,672,000. Based on sample and subject to sampling error; see source]

Activity	Participated in the last 12 months ¹		Frequency of participation							
			Two or more times a week		Once a week		Two to three times a month		Once a month	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Adult education courses	14,166	6.3	2,435	1.1	2,430	1.1	862	0.4	871	0.4
Attend auto shows	19,405	8.7	196	0.1	293	0.1	489	0.2	885	0.4
Attend art galleries or shows	18,669	8.4	204	0.1	236	0.1	684	0.3	2,151	1.0
Attend classical music/opera performances	9,900	4.4	35	(Z)	117	0.1	321	0.1	1,265	0.6
Attend country music performances	10,898	4.9	102	0.1	134	0.1	179	0.1	533	0.2
Attend dance performances	9,423	4.2	160	0.1	138	0.1	253	0.1	664	0.3
Attend horse races	6,277	2.8	215	0.1	71	(Z)	319	0.1	256	0.1
Attend other music performances ²	24,679	11.0	208	0.1	407	0.2	1,258	0.6	2,095	0.9
Attend rock music performances	24,278	10.9	193	0.1	226	0.1	913	0.4	1,257	0.6
Backgammon	3,948	1.8	340	0.2	431	0.2	445	0.2	279	0.1
Baking	52,228	23.4	8,947	4.0	8,048	3.6	11,991	5.4	7,473	3.3
Barbecuing	75,735	33.9	12,411	5.6	12,571	5.6	16,847	7.5	9,955	4.5
Billiards/pool	21,273	9.5	1,502	0.7	1,744	0.8	2,463	1.1	2,442	1.1
Bird watching	14,377	6.4	5,953	2.7	1,253	0.6	1,373	0.6	1,262	0.6
Board games	35,190	15.7	3,020	1.4	2,890	1.3	5,857	2.6	6,667	3.0
Book clubs	6,720	3.0	254	0.1	423	0.2	421	0.2	2,841	1.3
Chess	7,936	3.6	965	0.4	592	0.3	997	0.5	959	0.4
Concerts on radio	7,966	3.6	1,349	0.6	1,339	0.6	990	0.4	791	0.4
Cooking for fun	46,205	20.7	15,977	7.1	7,156	3.2	7,688	3.4	4,307	1.9
Crossword puzzles	32,209	14.4	13,766	6.2	3,895	1.7	2,680	1.2	2,427	1.1
Dance/go dancing	20,203	9.0	1,211	0.5	2,266	1.0	2,760	1.2	2,863	1.3
Dining out	112,248	50.2	22,103	9.9	25,976	11.6	25,833	11.6	13,893	6.2
Electronic games (not TV)	20,377	9.1	6,593	3.0	2,074	0.9	2,585	1.2	1,880	0.8
Entertain friends or relatives at home	89,645	40.1	8,381	3.8	11,712	5.2	20,095	9.0	17,252	7.7
Fantasy sports league	6,477	2.9	2,371	1.1	1,303	0.6	305	0.1	405	0.2
Fly kites	5,843	2.6	160	0.1	127	0.1	198	0.1	497	0.2
Furniture refinishing	6,928	3.1	174	0.1	231	0.1	325	0.2	616	0.3
Go to bars/night clubs	42,092	18.8	3,349	1.5	4,033	2.0	7,506	3.4	6,529	2.9
Go to beach	57,082	25.5	2,825	1.3	2,992	1.3	5,648	2.5	5,057	2.3
Go to live theater	27,625	12.4	411	0.2	259	0.1	1,124	0.5	2,766	1.2
Go to museums	27,874	12.5	212	0.1	320	0.1	813	0.4	2,558	1.1
Home decoration and furnishing	26,424	11.8	1,059	0.5	1,410	0.6	2,876	1.3	4,741	2.1
Karaoke	9,194	4.1	308	0.1	546	0.2	756	0.3	943	0.4
Painting, drawing	14,245	6.4	2,481	1.1	1,530	0.7	1,865	0.8	2,217	1.0
PC/Computer Games	42,884	19.2	20,182	9.0	5,278	2.4	4,254	1.9	2,656	1.2
Photo Album/scrap book	18,142	8.1	1,242	0.6	1,417	0.6	2,635	1.2	2,939	1.3
Photography	28,445	12.7	4,802	2.2	3,470	1.6	5,961	2.7	3,878	1.7
Picnic	24,491	11.0	446	0.2	695	0.3	1,846	0.8	3,283	1.5
Play bingo	8,861	4.0	471	0.2	1,062	0.5	493	0.2	917	0.4
Play cards	45,677	20.4	4,998	2.2	5,504	2.5	6,254	2.8	7,669	3.4
Play musical instrument	16,526	7.4	6,301	2.8	1,823	0.8	1,583	0.7	1,297	0.6
Reading books	91,372	40.9	48,492	21.7	9,491	4.2	7,820	3.5	6,483	2.9
Reading comic books	5,069	2.3	1,185	0.5	564	0.3	432	0.2	573	0.3
Trivia games	12,601	5.6	2,025	0.9	1,143	0.5	1,410	0.6	1,716	0.8
Video games	28,950	12.9	9,785	4.4	3,786	1.7	3,462	1.6	2,347	1.1
Woodworking	9,724	4.4	1,648	0.7	842	0.4	1,316	0.6	1,258	0.6
Word games	19,741	8.8	6,763	3.0	2,643	1.2	2,261	1.0	1,986	0.9
Zoo attendance	29,337	13.1	171	0.1	194	0.1	579	0.3	2,172	1.0

Z represents less than 0.05. ¹ Includes those participating less than once a month not shown separately. ² Excluding country and rock.

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