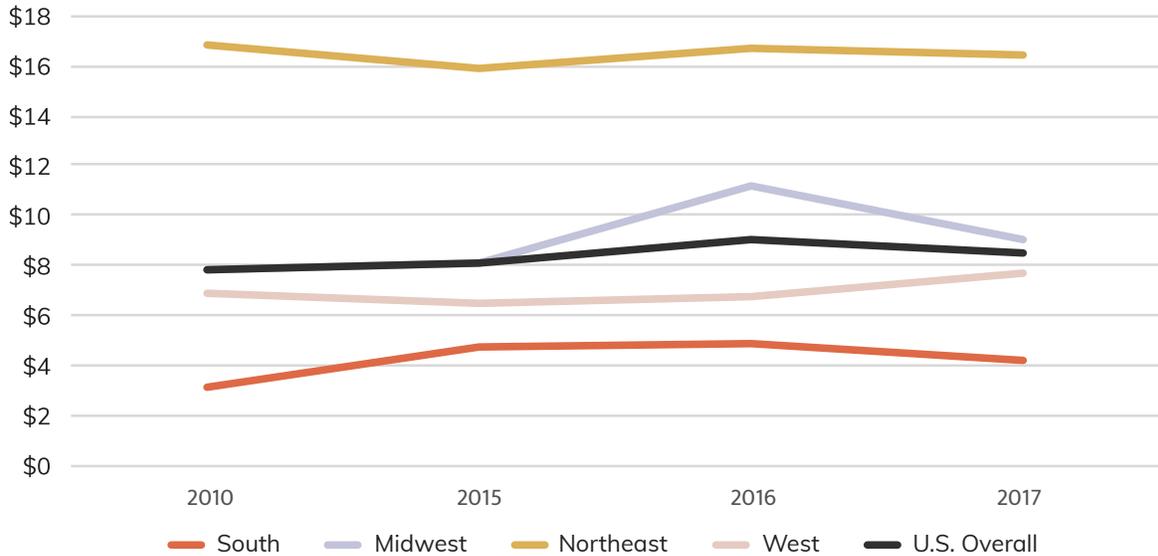


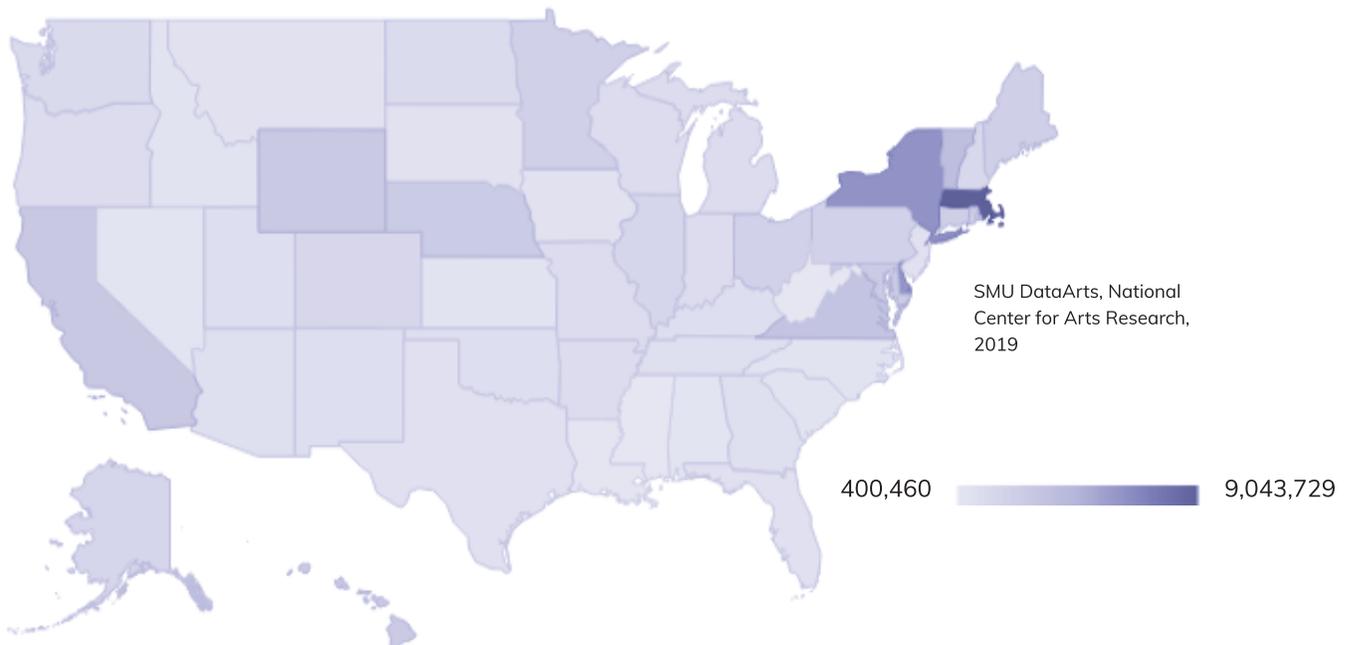
In 2017, a person living in the South received only \$4.21 in arts and culture funding from private philanthropy compared to the national average of \$8.60 per person.

Per Capita Philanthropic Support for Arts and Culture by Region



There are also many variations between Southern states. In 2017, all states fell below the national average of \$8.60 per person, except Arkansas. That same year, Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, and West Virginia all received less than \$2 per person in philanthropic support to arts and culture nonprofit organizations, as they also did in most years prior.

Per Capita Philanthropic Support for Arts and Culture by State



There are limited opportunities for Southern artists and cultural workers to operate in the resourced economy. In our interviews with artists, several factors that influence how work is made arose consistently.

Contextual Factors for Arts and Cultural Practice	Count
Racism	33
Economic Injustice	32
Rural-Urban Resource Gap	16
Space for Arts and Cultural Practice	16
Burnout of Cultural Workers	12
Criminalization	11
Environmental Degradation	10
LGBTQIA Marginalization	10
Transportation	7
Migrant Justice	4
Opioid Crisis	3
Lack of Political Support for Arts and Culture	2

*36 respondents; 34 mentioned multiple challenges

Each person we encountered, in their own words, voice, language, and storytelling sensibility, shared a similar desire:

**"I WANT TO
TELL MY OWN STORY."**

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