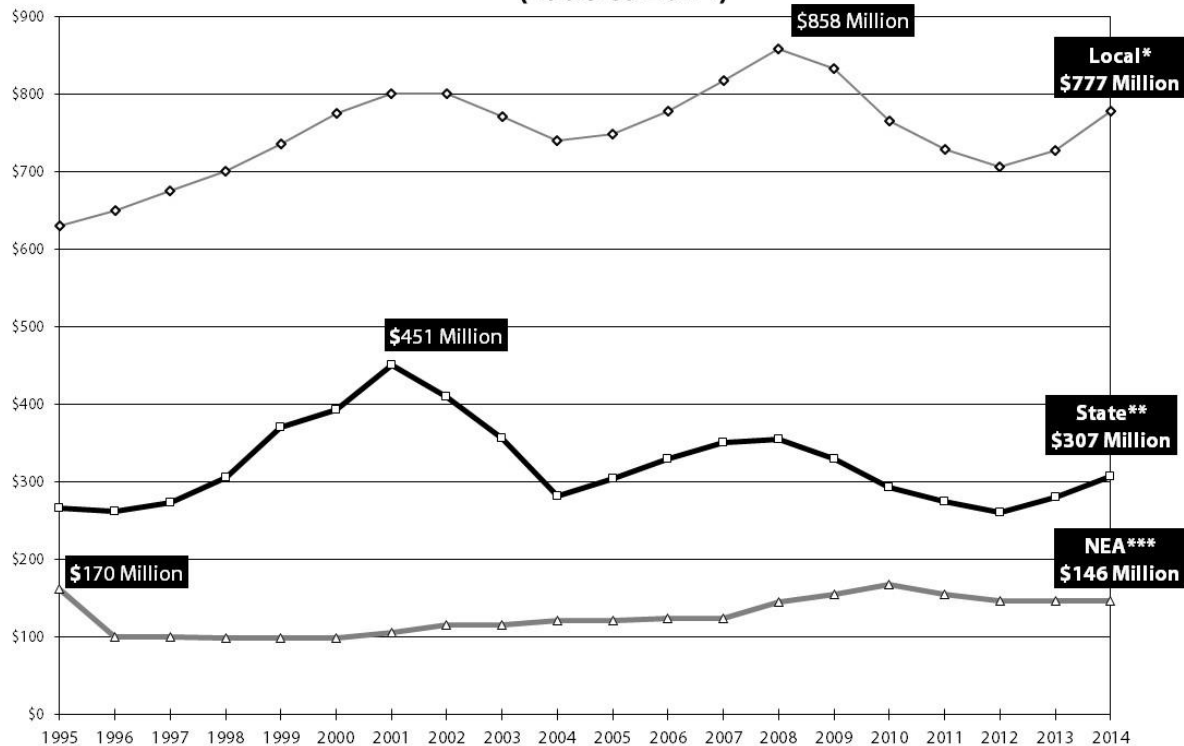




Arts Facts . . . Government Arts Funding

After four years of decline, local and state government arts funding both show solid growth in 2014, following modest increases in 2013. NEA funding remains flat at the \$146.0 million appropriation level.

Twenty Years of Government Support for the Arts Federal, State and Local (1995 to 2014)



- Local** government arts funding continues to grow steadily after a four-year decline during the Great Recession. The 2013 figures showed a modest increase, and 2014 continues the trend, with an estimated \$777 million in 2014—up 7 percent from \$727 million in 2013. 2008 was a high-water mark for local government arts funding, reaching \$858 million before a recession-driven decline. The Local number is very conservative, as the top 60 US Cities by population alone received \$478 million from their local governments. *

(\$777 million = \$2.45 per capita)
- State** legislative arts appropriations also continued their solid increase—rising from \$279 million in 2013 to \$307 million in 2014 (10 percent increase). State arts funding, which tracks closely with the economy, had record growth in the late 1990s—reaching a high of \$451 million in 2001. That was followed by a precipitous drop to \$281 million by 2004 (38 percent decrease). **

(\$307 million = 97 cents per capita)
- Federal** appropriations to the National Endowment for the Arts have remained stable at \$146 million since 2012, when there was a 6 percent decrease from \$155 million in 2011. The NEA’s 2013 budget was \$138 million after sequestration, but appropriations have remained at the \$146 million level.

(\$146 million = 46 cents per capita)

*Estimated; **Includes line item appropriations; *** In FY 2013, this total was reduced to \$138.4 million through sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act as amended by PL 112-240.

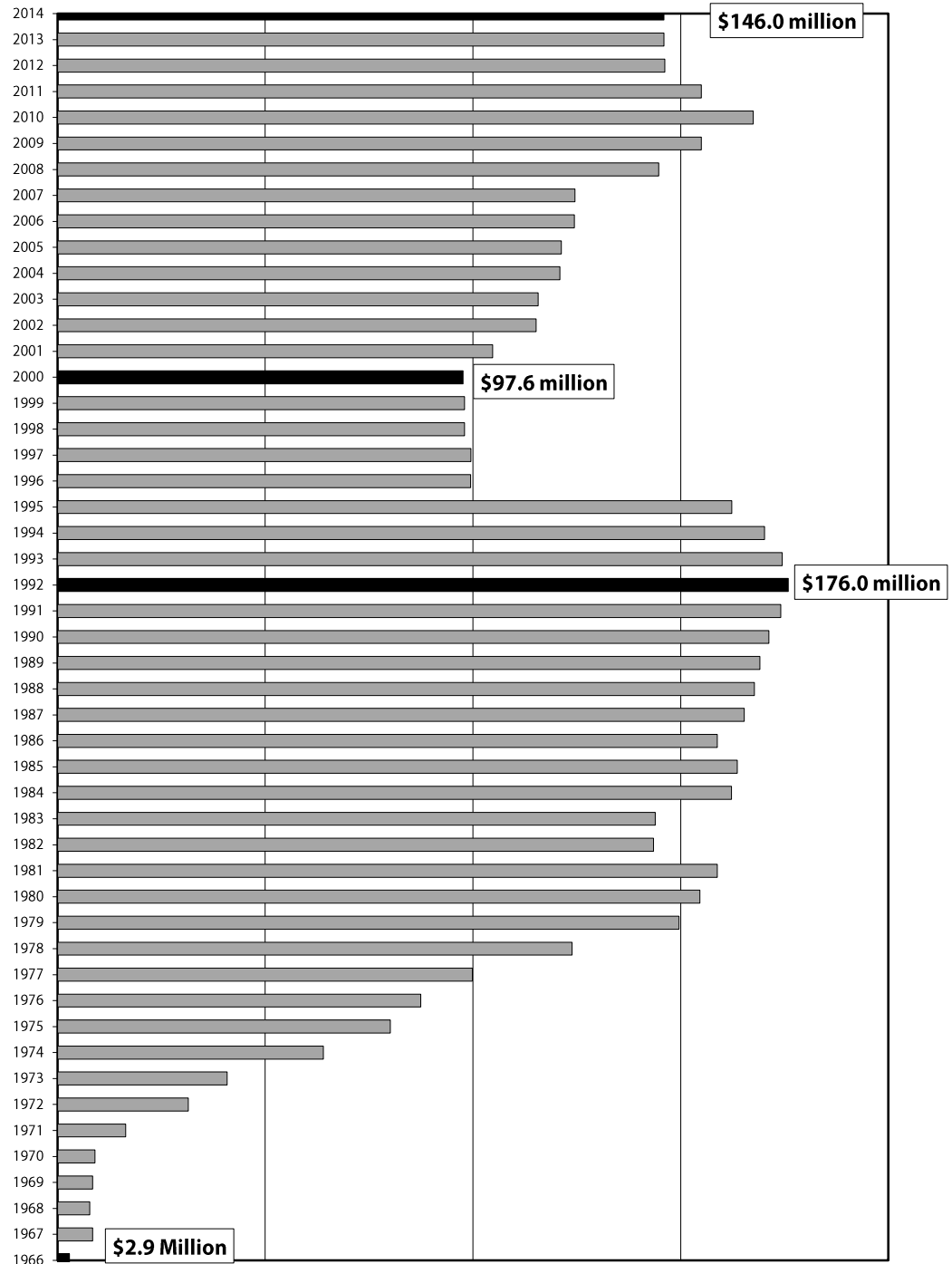
Sources: Americans for the Arts, National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, 2014.



Arts Facts . . . National Endowment for the Arts
 The NEA supports the creation, preservation, and presentation of the arts in America—a profound responsibility, yet funded by Congress at a per capita rate of just 46 cents.

Fiscal Year	Total Funds
2014	\$ 146,020,000
2013*	\$ 146,020,000
2012	\$ 146,020,992
2011	\$ 154,690,000
2010	\$ 167,500,000
2009	\$ 155,000,000
2008	\$ 144,706,800
2007	\$ 124,561,844
2006	\$ 124,406,355
2005	\$ 121,263,614
2004	\$ 120,970,000
2003	\$ 115,731,000
2002	\$ 115,234,000
2001	\$ 104,769,000
2000	\$ 97,627,600
1999	\$ 97,966,000
1998	\$ 98,000,000
1997	\$ 99,494,000
1996	\$ 99,470,000
1995	\$ 162,311,000
1994	\$ 170,228,000
1993	\$ 174,459,382
1992	\$ 175,954,680
1991	\$ 174,080,737
1990	\$ 171,255,000
1989	\$ 169,090,000
1988	\$ 167,731,000
1987	\$ 165,281,000
1986	\$ 158,822,040
1985	\$ 163,660,000
1984	\$ 162,223,000
1983	\$ 143,875,000
1982	\$ 143,456,000
1981	\$ 158,795,000
1980	\$ 154,610,000
1979	\$ 149,585,000
1978	\$ 123,850,000
1977	\$ 99,872,000
1976	\$ 87,455,000
1975	\$ 80,142,000
1974	\$ 64,025,000
1973	\$ 40,857,000
1972	\$ 31,480,000
1971	\$ 16,420,000
1970	\$ 9,055,000
1969	\$ 8,456,875
1968	\$ 7,774,291
1967	\$ 8,475,000
1966	\$ 2,900,000

NEA Appropriations History Fiscal Years 1966 to 2014



*2013 budget figure is listed at the pre-sequestration appropriations level approved by Congress. In FY 2013, this total was reduced to \$138.4 million through sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act as amended by PL 112-240

Source: National Endowment for the Arts, U.S. Census Bureau, 2013

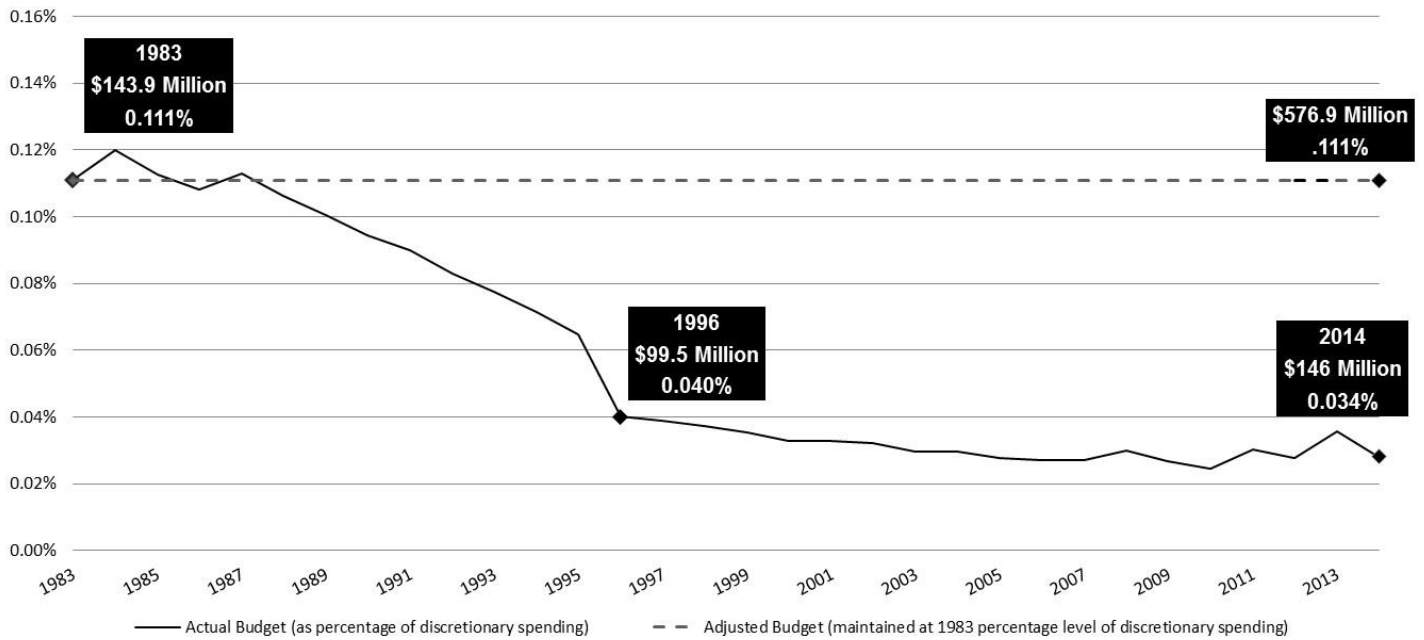


Arts Facts . . . NEA Funding Fails to Keep Pace

The NEA budget has been losing its share of federal discretionary spending and failing to keep pace with inflation.

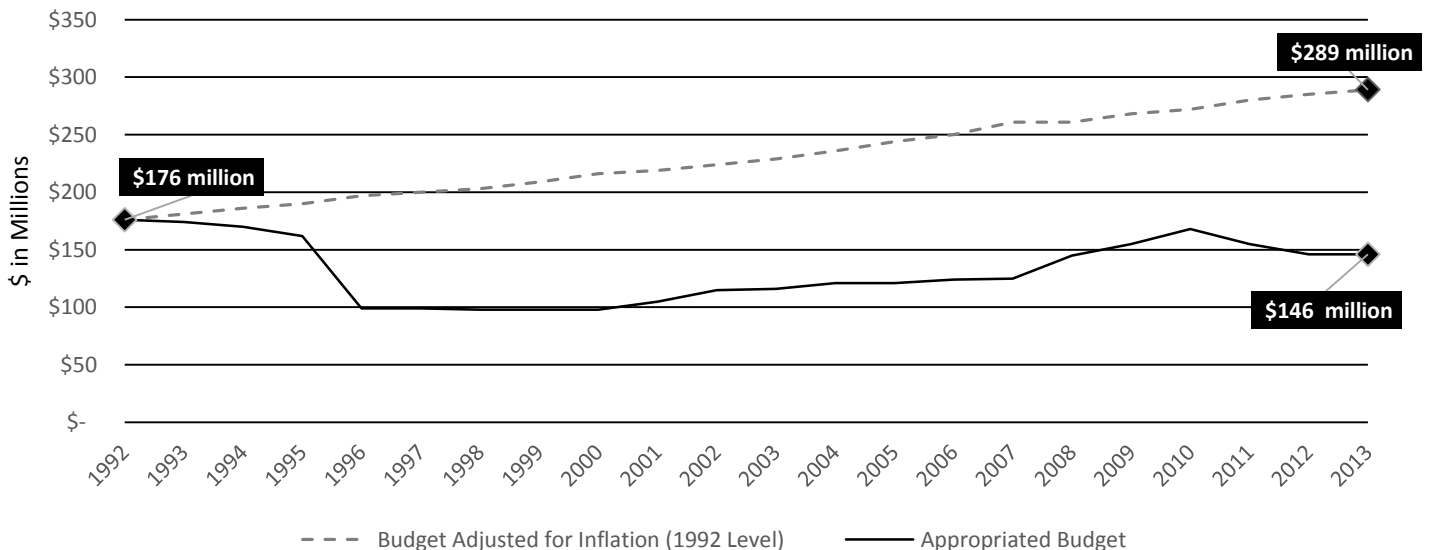
If the NEA had simply maintained its 1983 percentage of discretionary funding (0.111 percent, or 11 cents per \$100 of spending), its 2014 budget would be \$576.9 million.

NEA Budget Loses Share of (Non-Defense) Discretionary Federal Spending



If the NEA's 1992 budget remained constant and was only adjusted for inflation, it would be \$289 million in 2013, instead of \$146 million. Raising the NEA budget to \$200 million would bring it to 70 percent of its 1992 inflation-adjusted level.

NEA Funding Fails to Keep Pace with Inflation: 1992-2013



Source: NEA Office of Management & Budget; US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Analysis by Americans for the Arts, 2014.