

2024 Meander Economic Impacts

\$125,718 Total reported Meander art sales to customers during the Meander weekend.

(42 surveys reported)

2023 reported \$124,506 with 42 surveys returned

\$2,993 Average reported art sales per artist

\$2,895 reported in 2023

\$14,007 Amount spent in the five-county area to implement the Meander including printing, paper,

advertising and contracted services. Does not include UMVRDC staff time.

100-900 Reported total number of customers at individual studios for the entire weekend.

355 Average customers per artist reporting

11 studios Average number of studios customers visited. (11 in 2023)

2.7 people per travel party (on average)

81% of customers said the quality of the art was excellent (78% in 2023) **88%** of customers said their overall experience was excellent (82% in 2023)

50% did NOT attend Meander last year (43% in 2023)

95% plan to attend again next year (86% in 2023)

0% maybe plan to attend next year (13% in 2023)

36% first time they attended the Meander (27% in 2023)

36% came from within 5-county area (42% in 2023)

26% came from greater Minnesota (outside 5-county area) (23% in 2023)

21% came from the metro area (19% in 2023)

17% came from out of state – 9 different states (15% in 2023)

Average Expenditures per Customer

(243 in 2023 vs 298 in 2023)

\$139 on Meander Art (\$139 in 2023)

\$49 on Food/Gas (\$45 in 2023)

\$18 on Shopping, other than art (\$19 in 2023)

\$29 on Lodging (\$17 in 2023)