

APPENDIX TABLE 7-7 
**Visitors to informal science institutions: 2016**

(Percent)

Characteristic	Informal science institution			
	Zoo or aquarium	Natural history museum	Science or technology museum	Any informal science institution <sup>a</sup>
All adults ( <i>n</i> = 1,390)	48	30	26	58
Sex				
Male ( <i>n</i> = 571)	49	30	28	60
Female ( <i>n</i> = 819)	47	29	25	57
Formal education				
Less than high school diploma ( <i>n</i> = 169)	41	20	13	45
High school diploma ( <i>n</i> = 415)	44	23	18	53
Some college ( <i>n</i> = 388)	52	31	30	62
Bachelor's degree ( <i>n</i> = 263)	49	37	37	64
Graduate or professional degree ( <i>n</i> = 151)	51	46	36	70
Science and mathematics education <sup>b</sup>				
Low ( <i>n</i> = 776)	41	24	18	51
Middle ( <i>n</i> = 262)	54	31	29	66
High ( <i>n</i> = 275)	61	43	47	74
Family income (quartile) <sup>c</sup>				
Bottom ( <i>n</i> = 336)	35	18	16	43
Third ( <i>n</i> = 281)	49	26	18	58
Second ( <i>n</i> = 324)	54	30	27	65
Top ( <i>n</i> = 318)	55	42	42	71
Age (years) <sup>c</sup>				
18-24 ( <i>n</i> = 115)	60	32	36	68
25-34 ( <i>n</i> = 269)	62	33	31	71



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35-44 ( <i>n</i> = 206)	63	36	33	73
45-54 ( <i>n</i> = 223)	44	30	25	58
55-64 ( <i>n</i> = 264)	39	27	22	51
65 or older ( <i>n</i> = 310)	25	22	14	35
Trend factual knowledge of science scale (quartile) <sup>d</sup>				
Bottom ( <i>n</i> = 250)	41	24	15	45
Third ( <i>n</i> = 387)	42	23	18	50
Second ( <i>n</i> = 437)	50	32	30	62
Top ( <i>n</i> = 316)	56	39	39	73

<sup>a</sup> Visited zoo or aquarium, natural history museum, or science or technology museum at least once.

<sup>b</sup> For science and mathematics education, "low" equates to five or fewer high school and college science or mathematics courses, "middle" is six through eight courses, and "high" means nine or more courses. Categories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.

<sup>c</sup> Categories do not add to total *n* because "don't know" responses and refusals to respond are not shown.

<sup>d</sup> See notes to Appendix Table 7-2 for an explanation of the trend factual knowledge of science scale.

**Note(s)**

Responses to *I am going to read you a short list of places and ask you to tell me how many times you visited each type of place during the last year, that is, the last 12 months.* Percentages indicate individuals who visited an institution at least once. Percentages are based on the *n* in each row, including those who responded "don't know" or refused to respond.

**Source(s)**

NORC at the University of Chicago, General Social Survey (2016).

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