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## PLANS AND CHANGES TO FINISH THE YEAR STRONG

DEIA Remains Top Objective; Audience Loyalty Even More Important for Rest of Year


Confidence In Full Capacity Crowds Growing
Confidence in Ability to Welcome Pre-Pandemic Capacity Crowds Indoors in 2021

\% of "Extremely Confident" or
"Confident" in Previous Surveys
July 41\% April 30\% February 11\%
$\square$ Extremely confident
Confident
$\square$ Somewhat confident
Not so confident
. Not at all confident


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## THE STATE OF TICKET SALES AND AUDIENCE RETURN

## Satisfaction with Ticket and Subscription <br> Sales Relatively High Despite Challenges; 17\% Still Not Yet Selling

Satisfaction with Current Ticket/Subscription/Membership Sales


## Too Soon to Tell if Digital Attendees Will Convert to $\ln$-Person

New Digital Audiences During Pandemic Buying Tickets for In-Person


# For Majority, Ticket Sales Down Compared to a Typical Year <br> State of Current Sales Compared to Typical Year (Among Those Selling Tickets for In-Person) <br> Down a lot Down a little Matching previous years Up a little $\square$ Up a lot 



Arts Orgs Most Worried About Older Audiences Not Coming Back


