

## FAST FACTS



# The North American Choral Music Community

### Choral singing by the numbers.

- There are approximately **270,000 choruses** in the U.S.: 41,000 K–12 school choirs, 216,000 church choirs, 12,000 independent professional and community choruses.
- An estimated **32.5 million adults** and **10.1 million children** sing in choirs—that's a total of **42.6 million singers overall**, or more people than live in California.
- Nearly 23% of households have one or more choral singers.
- Research from the National Endowment for the Arts corroborates Chorus America's research showing that choral singing is the most popular form of performing arts participation in the U.S.

### Choral singers and their attributes.

- Choral singers are more philanthropic, civic-minded, and supportive of the arts than the general public. They volunteer in their communities more frequently, participate in politics, and attend more arts performances.
- Choral singers are better team players, have enhanced social skills, and are reliable group participants.

### The impact of choral singing on children.

- Children who sing in choruses have greater academic success and gain valuable life skills, such as self-discipline, self-confidence, creativity, focus, responsibility, responsiveness, memory, and motivation.
- Student choir participation enhances social skills such as reading and managing emotions, listening, and making friends.
- Choral singing can keep some students engaged in school who might otherwise be lost.

### Singing in a chorus bridges social gaps, raises awareness, and increases tolerance.

- Singing regularly in a choral group brings people together from different socio-economic, racial, cultural, and religious backgrounds.

- Choral singing engenders cooperation with and tolerance for people of varying lifestyles and political points of view.
- Choral repertoire from different countries and cultures promotes greater understanding and appreciation of other traditions, time-periods, and languages.

### Choruses enrich communities.

- Choruses offer countless concerts of great beauty and emotional impact.
- Choruses take music into schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and community centers to people without access to music.
- Choral singing provides lifelong learning opportunities, and involves people in working together to create something of beauty that they could not do alone.

Read more at [www.chorusamerica.org](http://www.chorusamerica.org)

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