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### Chicago museum attendance dips 1 percent

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Attendance at Chicago's major museums only dipped slightly in 2008, despite a financial slowdown.

A Museums in the Park report released Tuesday says 7.7 million people went to 10 museums, including the Art Institute of Chicago and The Museum of Science and Industry. That's a 1 percent drop from the 2007 total of 7.8 million.

The most-visited museum was Shedd Aquarium, with nearly 1.9 million visitors. That's a drop of 7 percent.

Attendance at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum increased to nearly 305,000, or 46 percent. And almost 202,000, or 32 percent more visitors, went to the Chicago History Museum.

The other museums are the Adler Planetarium, DuSable Museum of African American History, Field Museum, The National Museum of Mexican Art, and Museum of Contemporary Art.

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