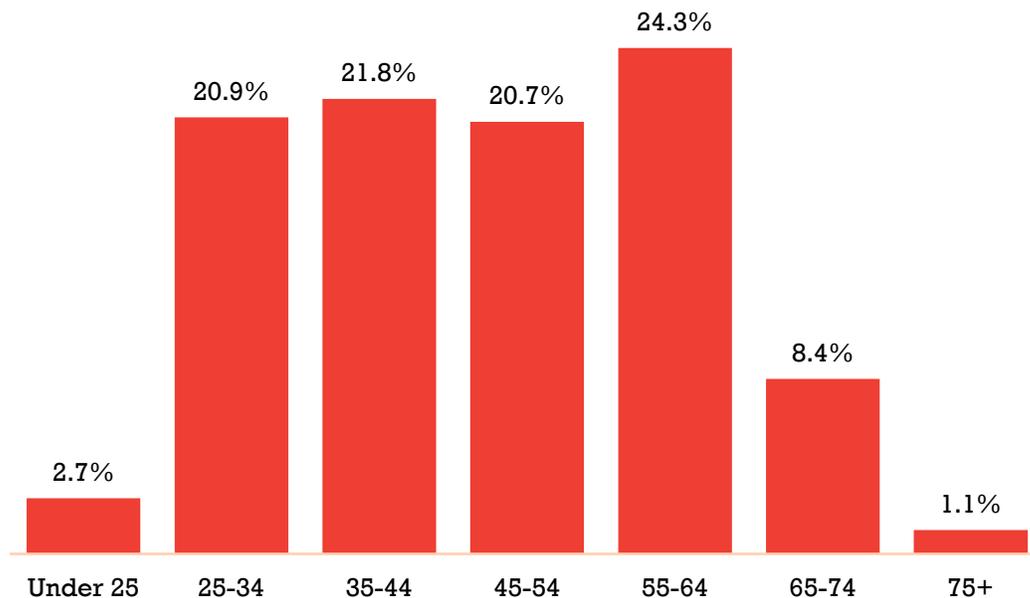


**Beginning in May 2005**, ALA invited members to participate in a brief demographic survey. As of September 17, 2014, 40,582 current members have participated in this voluntary, self-selected survey.

The percentage of baby boomers – born between 1946 and 1964 – as a percentage of members who have responded to the ongoing survey have decreased – from 40.6% of the responding membership to 38.6% of the membership in this survey.

The percentage of members already at retirement age (over age 65) has decreased from 10.6% last year to 9.5% this year. The percentage of members under 25 years of age increased from 1.4% to 2.7%. If we estimate retirement age as beginning at age 62, then about 13.9% percent of members reporting their date of birth fall into that range as opposed to 15.6% of members last year.

## ALA Membership Age Breakdown



**Membership remains largely unchanged since ALA began collecting these characteristics. Not dissimilar from the library profession overall, ALA members are:**

- Predominantly white (87.1%). 3.9% of the membership listed their ethnicity as Hispanic or Latino. In describing their race/family origin, members selected the following responses:
  - 87.1% White
  - 4.3% Black or African American
  - 3.7% Other
  - 3.5% Asian
  - 1.1% American Indian or Alaska Native
  - 0.3% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  
- Hold an MLS or other Master's degrees (63.7% and 26.4%, respectively). 4.4% of the membership holds a PhD.

Respondents reporting multiple race/ family origins: 1.9%

Respondents reporting having a disability: 2.8%

The membership is predominantly female (81.0% female to 19.0% male).

### ALA Gender Distribution

