



# *2017 ALA Demographic Study*

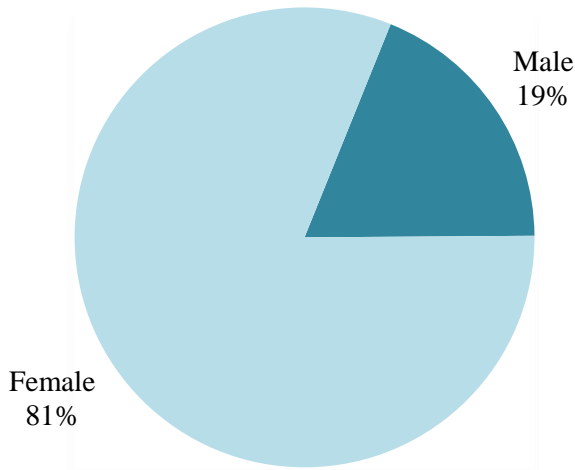
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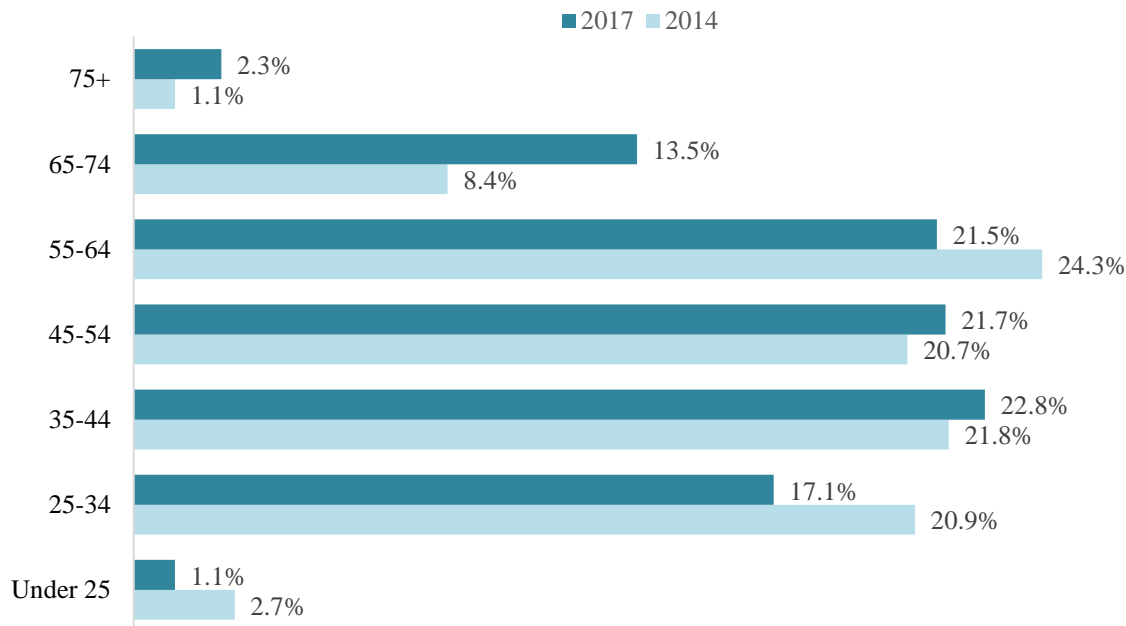
Beginning in May 2005, ALA invited members to participate in a brief demographic survey. As of January 9, 2017, 37,666 current members have participated in this voluntary, self-selected survey. 74% of current members have participated in the survey.

**ALA Members by Gender**  
*% of members self-identifying*



In 2014, 81% of ALA Members participating in the survey, selected “Female” in response to the question “What is your gender?” and 19% selected “Male.” In 2017, these numbers remain unchanged.

**ALA Members by Age**  
*% of members self-identifying*



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**ALA Members by Race or Family Origin**  
*% of members self-identifying*

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2017</b>
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.1	1.2
Asian	3.5	3.6
Black or African American	4.3	4.4
Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2
White	87.1	86.7
Other	3.7	4.0

When asked “**How do you describe your ethnicity?**” in 2014, 3.9% responded “Hispanic or Latino.” In 2017, 4.7% responded “Hispanic or Latino.”

**ALA Members by Degrees Awarded**  
*% of members self-identifying*

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2017</b>
Associate		6.7
Bachelor's		58.1
MLS	63.7	61.7
Master's degree (other than MLS)	26.4	25.8
PhD	4.4	4.5

In 2014, 2.8% of members responded “Yes” to “**Do you have a disability?**” In 2017, 2.91% of members responded “Yes.”