



Preservation Statistics Survey - FY2015

Count what you do and show preservation counts!

The Preservation Statistics Survey is an effort coordinated by the Preservation and Reformatting Section (PARS) of the American Library Association (ALA) and the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS).

Any library or archives in the United States conducting preservation activities may complete this survey, which will be open from Tuesday, January 19, 2016 through Friday, March 4, 2016.

Questions focus on **production-based** preservation activities for fiscal year 2014, documenting your institution's conservation treatment, general preservation activities, preservation reformatting and digitization, and digital preservation and digital asset management activities.

The goal of the Preservation Statistics Survey, now in its third year, is to document the state of preservation activities in this digital era via quantitative data that facilitates peer comparison and tracking changes in the preservation and conservation fields over time. For more information about this project, please refer to the [Preservation Statistics Survey website](#).

Preview the Survey Questionnaire (.pdf) and use this Instructions and Definitions document (.pdf) to guide your responses. Finally, visit the FY2015 Preservation Statistics Survey on SurveyMonkey

We recommend that you first read the accompanying [Instructions and Definitions document](#) (.pdf) then download this [preview of this survey questionnaire](#) (.pdf) to collect your responses. Finally, return to this online survey to enter your data and complete the survey.

Please send any questions or comments to survey coordinators Holly Robertson, Annie Peterson, and Nick Szydlowski at preservationstatistics@gmail.com.

NOTE: The numbering for the questions in this downloadable survey question and the Instructions and Definitions document may not match the numbering that you see in the online SurveyMonkey questionnaire. The skip logic employed in the online survey facilitates navigation but renumbers questions if they're skipped, thus causing the difference in question numbering.



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General Information

1. Institution Name

2. City and State:

City/Town:

State:

3. Prepared by (name):

4. Title:

5. Email address:

6. For the purpose of comparing you with your peers, which of the following most closely describes your institution?

- Academic library
- Independent research library
- Public library
- Special library
- National library
- State library
- Archives

Other (please specify)

7. Total institutional operating expenditures for FY2014:



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1: Conservation Treatment

In this section, you will be asked to detail your institution's conservation treatment activities, including contract conservation services.

Please respond to every question.

8. Does your institution outsource conservation treatment and/or protective enclosures for collections to contract vendors?

- yes
- no (skip to Conservation Treatment: In-House)
- don't know (skip to Conservation Treatment: In-House)



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1: Conservation Treatment (Contract)

Please respond to every question.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

9. Number of items given conservation treatment by a contract vendor:

Books and Bound Volumes	<input type="text"/>
Unbound Sheets	<input type="text"/>
Photographic Materials	<input type="text"/>
Moving Image Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Sound Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Art Objects	<input type="text"/>
Historic and Ethnographic Objects	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

10. Number of custom-fitted protective enclosures constructed by a contract vendor:

Books and Bound Volumes

Unbound Sheets

Photographic Materials

Moving Image Recordings

Sound Recordings

Art Objects

Historic and Ethnographic Objects

Other



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1: Conservation Treatment (In-house)

11. Does your institution track in-house conservation treatments by item format OR by format AND treatment time intervals?

- My institution does not have an in-house conservation treatment program (skip to Conservation Assessment, Digitization Prep, & Exhibition Prep)
- My institution tracks conservation treatments by item format, e.g., 55 bound volumes; 215 photographic materials, 15 paintings, etc.
- My institution tracks treatments by item format AND treatment time intervals, e.g., 25 bound books given Level I (less than 15 minutes) treatment; 95 photographic items given Level 3 (more than two hours) treatment.



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1: Conservation Treatment (In-house, by format)

Please respond to every question.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

12. Number of items given conservation treatment by in-house staff:

Books and Bound Volumes	<input type="text"/>
Unbound Sheets	<input type="text"/>
Photographic Materials	<input type="text"/>
Moving Image Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Sound Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Art Objects	<input type="text"/>
Historic and Ethnographic Objects	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>

13. Number of custom-fitted protective enclosures constructed by in-house staff:

Books and Bound Volumes

Unbound Sheets

Photographic Materials

Moving Image Recordings

Sound Recordings

Art Objects

Historic and Ethnographic Objects

Other

14. Notes

Enter any notes related to the data entered in Section 1: Conservation Treatment.



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1: Conservation Treatment (In-house - by format / time interval)

Please respond to every question.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

15. Number of items given Level I (15 minutes or less)
conservation treatment by in-house staff:

Books and Bound Volumes

Unbound Sheets

Photographic Materials

Moving Image Recordings

Sound Recordings

Art Objects

Historic and Ethnographic Objects

Other

16. Number of items given Level II (more than 15 minutes, less than 2 hours) conservation treatment by in-house staff:

Books and Bound Volumes

Unbound Sheets

Photographic Materials

Moving Image Recordings

Sound Recordings

Art Objects

Historic and Ethnographic Objects

Other

17. Number of items given Level III (2+ hours)
conservation treatment by in-house staff:

Books and Bound Volumes

Unbound Sheets

Photographic Materials

Moving Image Recordings

Sound Recordings

Art Objects

Historic and Ethnographic Objects

Other

18. Number of custom-fitted protective enclosures constructed:

Books and Bound Volumes

Unbound Sheets

Photographic Materials

Moving Image Recordings

Sound Recordings

Art Objects

Historic and Ethnographic Objects

Other

19. Notes

Enter any notes related to the data entered in Section 1: Conservation Treatment.



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2: Conservation Assessment, Digitization Prep, & Exhibition Prep

This section is optional. Digitization and exhibition are increasingly driving factors in prioritizing items or collections for conservation. In this section, you will be asked to detail the number of items conserved in preparation for digitization or exhibition in FY2015. If the data for these activities were included in the conservation treatment statistics you reported on previous pages -- that's ok.

Additionally, you will be asked how many items were assessed or surveyed in FY2015.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

20. OPTIONAL: Number of items surveyed for condition or assessed for conservation:

Books and Bound Volumes	<input type="text"/>
Unbound Sheets	<input type="text"/>
Photographic Materials	<input type="text"/>
Moving Image Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Sound Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Art Objects	<input type="text"/>
Historic and Ethnographic Objects	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>
Total number of items surveyed for condition or assessed for conservation (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)	<input type="text"/>

21. OPTIONAL: Number of items prepared for digitization:

Books and Bound Volumes	<input type="text"/>
Unbound Sheets	<input type="text"/>
Photographic Materials	<input type="text"/>
Moving Image Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Sound Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Art Objects	<input type="text"/>
Historic and Ethnographic Objects	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>
Total number of items prepared for digitization (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)	<input type="text"/>

22. OPTIONAL: Number of items prepared for exhibition:

Books and Bound Volumes	<input type="text"/>
Unbound Sheets	<input type="text"/>
Photographic Materials	<input type="text"/>
Moving Image Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Sound Recordings	<input type="text"/>
Art Objects	<input type="text"/>
Historic and Ethnographic Objects	<input type="text"/>
Other	<input type="text"/>
Total number of items prepared for exhibition ((sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)	<input type="text"/>

23. OPTIONAL: Notes

Enter any notes related to the data entered in Section 2: Conservation Assessment, Digitization Prep, Exhibit Prep.



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3: General Preservation Activities

Please respond to every question.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

24. Commercial / Library Binding:

Number of monograph volumes commercially bound

Number of serial volumes commercially bound

Total number of volumes commercially bound
(sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

25. Mass Deacidification:

Number of bound volumes / pamphlets mass deacidified

Number of linear feet of unbound papers mass deacidified

26. Notes

Enter any notes related to the data entered in Section 3: Preservation Activities.



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4. Reformatting and Digitization

In this section, you will be asked to detail your institution's reformatting and digitization activities, including contract services, in FY2014.

27. Does your institution outsource reformatting and/or digitization to contract vendors?

- yes
- no (skip to section 4: Reformatting and Digitization: In-house)
- don't know (skip to section 4: Reformatting and Digitization: In-House)



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4. Reformatting and Digitization: Contract

In this section, you will be asked to detail reformatting and digitization activities outsourced to a contract vendor in FY2015.

Please respond to every question.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

28. How many of the following formats were microfilmed by a contract vendor in FY2015?

books / bound volumes

unbound sheets

photographic materials

other formats

total number of items microfilmed (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

29. How many of the following formats were reformatted to a new analog format (e.g. books preservation photocopied, new photographic negatives made from photographic prints; film to film duplication) by a contract vendor in FY2015?

books / bound volumes

unbound sheets

photographic materials

microfilm

sound recording: analog disc or cylinder

sound recording: magnetic tape

sound recording: other

moving image: film

moving image: magnetic tape

moving image: other

total number of items reformatted (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

30. How many of the following collection formats were digitized by a contract vendor in FY2015? (Sound and moving image recordings will be detailed in the next two questions.)

books / bound volumes

unbound sheets

photographic materials

microfilm

art objects

historic and ethnographic objects

other

total number of items digitized for preservation (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

31. How many of the following sound recording formats were digitized by a contract vendor in FY2015?

analog disc or cylinder (e.g., phonograph cylinder, lacquer disc, vinyl disc)

magnetic tape (e.g., open reel tape, cassette tape)

digital tape (e.g., DAT)

optical media (e.g., CDs)

other (e.g., wire recordings)

total number of sound recording items digitized (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

32. How many of the following moving image formats were digitized by a contract vendor in FY2015?

film (e.g., 8mm, Super 8, 16mm, 35mm)

magnetic media (e.g., videocassette, U-Matic, Quad videotape)

digital tape (e.g., digital Betacam, DV)

optical media (e.g., DVDs)

other

total number of moving image items digitized (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

33. Notes

Enter any notes related to the data entered in Section 4: Reformatting and Digitization: Contract.



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4. Reformatting and Digitization: In-house

34. Does your institution reformat and/or digitize materials in-house?

- yes
- no (skip to Section 5: Digital Preservation and Digital Asset Management)
- don't know (skip to Section 5: Digital Preservation and Digital Asset Management)



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4. Reformatting and Digitization: In-house

In this section, you will be asked to detail reformatting and digitization activities conducted in-house in FY2015.

Please respond to every question.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

35. How many of the following formats were microfilmed in-house in FY2015?

books / bound volumes

unbound sheets

photographic materials

other formats

total number of items microfilmed (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

36. How many of the following formats were reformatted to a new analog format (e.g. books preservation photocopied, new photographic negatives made from photographic prints; film to film duplication) in-house in FY2015?

books / bound volumes

unbound sheets

photographic materials

microfilm

sound recording: analog disc or cylinder

sound recording: magnetic tape

sound recording: other

moving image: film

moving image: magnetic tape

moving image: other

total number of items reformatted (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

37. How many of the following collection formats were digitized in-house in FY2015?
(Sound and moving image recordings will be detailed in the next two questions.)

books / bound volumes

unbound sheets

photographic materials

microfilm

art objects

historic and ethnographic objects

other

total number of items digitized for preservation (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

38. How many of the following sound recording formats were digitized in-house in FY2015?

analog disc or cylinder (e.g., phonograph cylinder, lacquer disc, vinyl disc)

magnetic tape (e.g., open reel tape, cassette tape)

digital tape (e.g., DAT)

optical media (e.g., CDs)

other (e.g., wire recordings)

total number of sound recording items digitized (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

39. How many of the following moving image formats were digitized in-house in FY2015?

film (e.g., 8mm, Super 8, 16mm, 35mm)

magnetic media (e.g., videocassette, U-Matic, Quad videotape)

digital tape (e.g., digital Betacam, DV)

optical media (e.g., DVDs)

other

total number of moving image items digitized (sum of above entries or total if you do not track by format)

40. Notes

Enter any notes related to the data entered in Section 4: Reformatting and Digitization: In-house.



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5: Digital Preservation and Digital Asset Management

In this section, you will be asked to detail the activities of your digital preservation and digital asset management in FY2015. If your institution does have a digital preservation program, but it is outside of the preservation unit, you are encouraged to partner with that unit to respond to Section 5. If your institution does have a digital repository, but it is not defined as a digital preservation repository, you are also encouraged to answer questions in Section 5.

Please respond to every question.

If the appropriate answer is zero or none, use 0 (i.e., this activity is conducted by your institution but was not conducted this year). If you don't know, don't track it, or don't do it, skip the question.

41. What department administers digital preservation responsibilities at your institution?

- The preservation unit
- A digital initiatives (or similarly titled) unit within the organization
- An IT / Systems unit within the organization
- A collections development / collections management unit within the organization
- A group or committee with representatives of multiple units in the organization
- A unit outside the immediate organization but within the institution (for example, an academic library's digital preservation activities are handled by a digital projects team outside the library but within the University)
- Other - digital preservation responsibilities report to ____ (please specify):

42. How many digital files were reformatted from one file format to another for the purpose of preservation? (i.e., Word Perfect to PDF/A, MP3 to WAV)

43.

How much unique digital content (i.e., not including redundant/backup copies) is your institution currently managing? Please provide a numerical response in GB (gigabytes).

If necessary, use an [online byte converter](#) to calculate your total in GB (gigabytes).

44. How many items in the following categories were added to the digital repository during FY2015:

books

manuscripts

theses / dissertations

other textual documents

still images

audio

video

web archives

emails

data sets

other

total (sum of above entries
or total if you do not track
by format)

45. Notes

Enter any notes related to the data entered in Section 5: Digital Preservation and Digital Asset Management.



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Confirmation of completion and feedback

46. Please confirm that your survey response is complete, and you have answered each question to the best of your ability.

- Yes, this survey is complete.
- No, this survey is incomplete, and I will return later to finish it. (*TIP: Don't click on the "DONE" button below -- doing so will finalize your response to this survey and you will not be able to edit your response again. *If* your browser is set up to accept cookies, you can close this page (without clicking "DONE") and return to the survey later to enter additional responses).*)
- No, this survey is incomplete, and I will not be completing the survey.

47. Please share any comments about this survey:

48. Please estimate how long it took to complete this survey:

Thank you for completing this survey.

If you'd like a copy of your responses for your records, please email preservationstatistics@gmail.com.

Results will be shared in Summer 2016. For more information about the survey, please contact coordinators Holly Robertson and Annie Peterson at preservationstatistics@gmail.com.