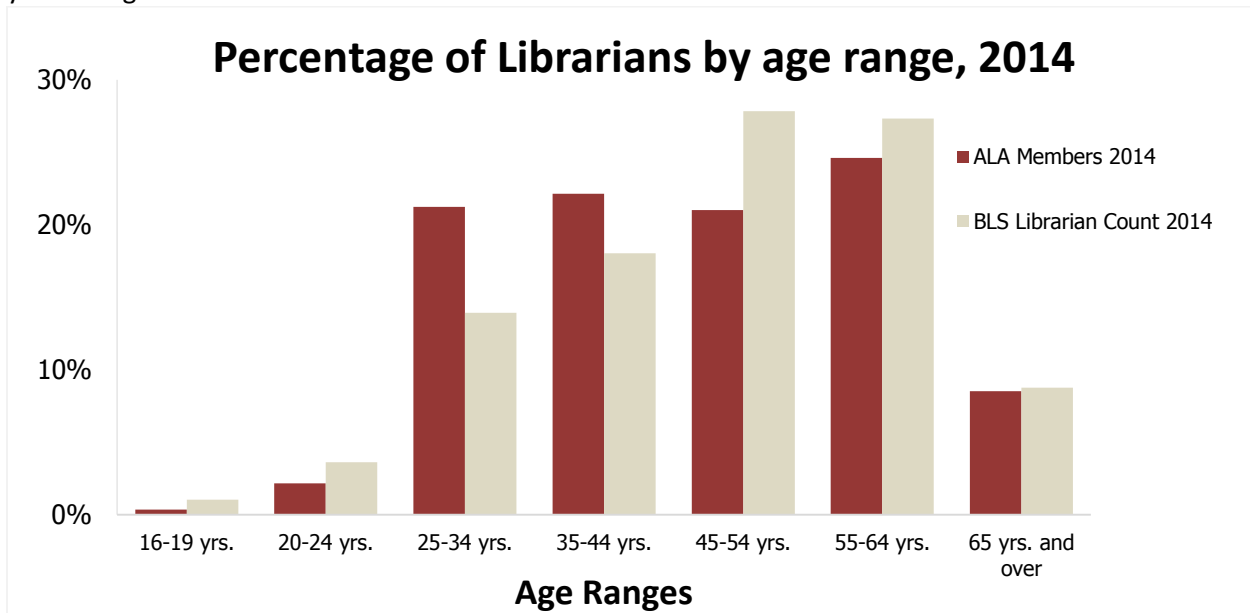


Comparison of ALA Members to National Count of Librarians by Age Category

The figure and table below represent a comparison of the number of ALA members by age category from the ongoing member Demographic Survey to the number of librarians by age category as reported by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The ratio of ALA members to all librarians is higher in the 25-34 and 35-44 years of age categories and also in the 65-74 years of age category. The ratio of ALA members to all librarians is lower in the 24 and under years of age categories and in both the 45-54 and the 55-64 years of age categories.

The estimated median age of all librarians is 50.5 as of 2013; ALA members are slightly younger at 48 years of age.



Age	Total, 16 years and over	16 to 19 years	20 to 24 years	25 to 34 years	35 to 44 years	45 to 54 years	55 to 64 years	65 years and over	Median age
ALA Members 2013 ⁱ	39,513	113	451	8,083	8,306	8,065	10,300	4,195	48.0
ALA Members 2014 ⁱⁱ	38,998	130	837	8,281	8,636	8,196	9,601	3,317	48.0
BLS Librarian Count 2013 ⁱⁱⁱ	181,000	1,000	7,000	24,000	31,000	46,000	57,000	15,000	51.1
BLS Librarian Count 2014 ^{iv}	194,000	2,000	7,000	27,000	35,000	54,000	53,000	17,000	50.3

ⁱ The number of ALA members by age category (39,513) is based on results of the ongoing member demographic survey. Responses represent 69.3% of the total ALA membership. American Library Association Member Demographic Survey data retrieved July 17, 2013 from <http://www.ala.org/research/initiatives/membershipsurveys>.

ⁱⁱ The number of ALA members by age category (38,998) is based on results of the ongoing member demographic survey. Responses represent 73.9% of the total ALA membership. American Library Association Member Demographic Survey data retrieved September 18, 2014 from <http://www.ala.org/research/initiatives/membershipsurveys>.

ⁱⁱⁱ The total number of librarians (181,000) as reported by the BLS Current Population Survey (CPS) is based on responses from a probability sample from 60,000 households. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) *Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey* data retrieved July 19, 2013 from http://www.bls.gov/cps/occupation_age.htm.

^{iv} The total number of librarians (194,000) as reported by the BLS Current Population Survey (CPS) is based on responses from a probability sample from 60,000 households. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) *Labor Force Statistics from the Current Population Survey* data retrieved September 24, 2014 http://www.bls.gov/cps/occupation_age.htm.