Survey collected data on religious archives and archivists including on demography, collections, facilities, governance, outreach, reference services, technology, and needs. **

Most respondents from the USA (87%) compared to Canada (13%), with high percentage Catholic (72%), followed by Protestant (17%).

Most respondents from archives of a religious community (49%), followed by diocesan or archdiocesan archives (23%), and academic archives (12%).

** Raw data will be uploaded to the SAA Dataverse.
Staffing

There was a nearly equal split between having no full-time staff (33%) and having one full-time staff (36%).

Most had no part-time staff (58%), followed by archives with one part-time staff (31%). The remainder had between two to more than five part-time staff (11%).

Q4: How many full-time paid dedicated archives staff (at least 37.5 hours per week) do you have in your archives? (Do not include other staff such as I/T staff or non-archives administrative staff.)

Q5: How many part-time paid dedicated archives staff (20 hours or less per week) do you have in your archives? (Do not include other staff such as I/T or non-archives administrative staff.)
The highest number of American respondents (32%) indicated that their annual archives budget excluding salaries was less than $5,000 per year. A number of archivists had a budget of more than $50,000 per year (16%).

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Q13 annual budget excluding salaries for archives in the USA.

Top training needs

- The top key training needs identified by respondents were:
  - Overview of digital preservation software options (48%)
  - Free and open-source software options for digital preservation (47%)
  - Digital preservation workflows (45%)
  - Software and hardware options for digitization (40%)
  - Copyright law and public domain (40%)
  - Privacy law and access restrictions (40%)
Collections and access

The extent of religious archive holdings spanned a low of 500 linear feet (11%) to a high of from 2,001 to more than 5,000 linear feet (31%).

Most religious archives provided public access to either all or some of their finding aids, inventories and/or catalogs (62%), although a significant number did not (38%).

Q16: Approximately, what is the linear footage of your archival collections?

Q80: Do you provide public access to your finding aids, inventories, and/or catalogs?
Digital preservation and technology

Digital preservation strategies included keeping an inventory and backing up on an external drive or server (43%). Few used a proprietary or hosted open-source digital preservation system (13%), or an in-house digital preservation system built with open-source software (9%).

Top technology training needs
- How to choose a digital asset management system (45%)
- How to archive websites (41%)
- How to digitize audiovisual materials (34%)

Q57: How do you preserve both digitized and born-digital records?
Perceptions and needs

52% felt that religious archivists were only respected a moderate amount within the wider information management field, followed by those who felt religious archivists were respected a little (24%).

Q78: How respected do you feel religious archivists are within the wider information management field?

Top needs

- A bigger archives budget for equipment and supplies
- An improved storage facility in terms of either space, environmental control, or both
- Better salary compensation
- Increased staffing