

Trends in Preservation Activities

ARL Preservation Statistics 1994-95 is the newly released addition to this long-standing series that describes preservation activities in research libraries. Library activities documented are those that aim to secure the survival of important collections in North American research libraries. Data collected for the last seven years tracks the substantial growth of preservation activities during the late 1980s followed by a leveling off during the last two years. The only exception is a continued increase in preservation microfilming. External funding, especially from the National Endowment for the Humanities, continues to play a pivotal role in sustaining preservation programs, accounting for about 13% of the total preservation expenditures of \$79,164,226. Fifty-four percent of these expenditures is spent on salaries and wages, the largest cost center for preservation, and 31% is spent on contract binding. Please consult [ARL's online Publications Catalog](http://pubscat/index.html) at </pubscat/index.html> for complete ordering information for the most recent edition of [ARL Preservation Statistics](#).

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SUMMARY OF PRESERVATION DATA 1988-89 to 1994-95

Category	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
No. of Institutions Reporting	107	115	117	119	114	115	115
No. of Preservation Administrators *	66	77	77	76	77	80	81
Total Staff Library-wide Engaged in Preservation Activities	1,620.52	1,760.73	1,744.34	1,867	1,841.99	1,900.20	1,912.08
Total Preservation Expenditures	\$60,714,802	\$66,045,392	\$70,705,449	\$76,550,655	\$76,793,364	\$77,674,363	\$79,164,226
Conservation Treatment (volumes)	Contract: Minor: 2,336 Interim: 8,393 Major: 4,623 In-house: Minor: 658,711 Interim: 176,901 Major: 17,113 Total contract:16,801 Total in-house: 888,868	Contract: Level 1: 5,162 Level 2: 4,906 Level 3: 3,090 In-house: Level 1: 682,735 Level 2: 272,464 Level 3: 32,233 Total contract: 15,697 Total in-house: 987,432	Contract: Level 1: 3,970 Level 2: 2,317 Level 3: 2,376 In-house: Level 1: 668,597 Level 2: 271,508 Level 3: 16,253 Total contract: 8,717 Total in-house: 956,358	Contract: Level 1: 2,979 Level 2: 7,957 Level 3: 2,794 In-house: Level 1: 1,035,955 Level 2: 257,934 Level 3: 21,665 Total contract:18,029 Total in-house: 1,316,757	Contract: Level 1: 4,756 Level 2: 3,826 Level 3: 3,208 In-house: Level 1: 664,860 Level 2: 262,022 Level 3: 21,033 Total contract:12,278 Total in-house: 952,097	Contract: Level 1: 2,703 Level 2: 3,054 Level 3: 3,028 In-house: Level 1: 680,602 Level 2: 243,421 Level 3: 20,701 Total contract: 8,424 Total in-house: 982,830	Contract: Level 1: 2,513 Level 2: 2,927 Level 3: 1,511 In-house: Level 1: 664,110 Level 2: 231,019 Level 3: 24,303 Total contract: 6,951 Total in-house: 950,140

Microfilming	Titles: 75,198 Volumes: 60,502 Exposures: 18,254,133	Titles: 68,904 Volumes: 92,093 Exposures: 23,687,873	Titles: 77,740 Volumes: 123,233 Exposures: 28,264,637	Titles: 93,052 Volumes: 204,934 Exposures: 28,892,445	Titles: 104,818 Volumes: 124,455 Exposures: 32,844,044	Titles: 106,733 Volumes: 127,650 Exposures: 29,900,149	Titles: 133,290 Volumes: 173,646 Exposures: 28,474,292
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*** Figures revised to accommodate the new definition of preservation administrator, defined as one who "spends at least 25% of his or her time managing a partial or comprehensive preservation program."**

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