Vermont's Cultural Heritage Institutions

The VHRP Survey 2021



Over half of survey respondents are non-profit, non-governmental entities.









Archives

Two-thirds of respondents manage archival materials

Historic Sites

Over half of respondents are responsible for historic sites or buildings

Historical Societies

Just under half of respondents are historical societies

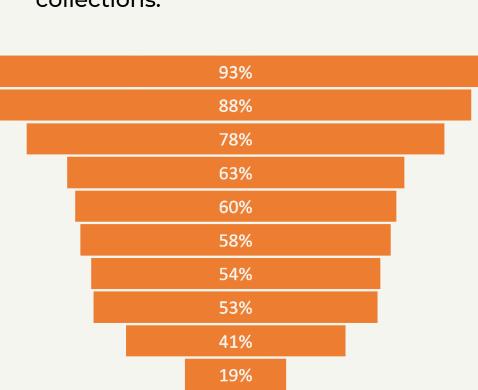


Nearly two-thirds of respondents rely on volunteers for some function.

Types of Collections

Vermont's historical records repositories hold varied collections, with over three-quarters of institutions holding books and bound volumes, unbound sheets (such as archives and manuscripts), and photograph collections.





10%



Had less than half of their holdings cataloged or didn't know how much



59%

2021

Have less than half of their holdings cataloged or don't know how much

The need for cataloging, finding aids, and intellectual control has remained at essentially the same level for over the past decade.







Online Access

Nearly half of respondents offer online access to some of their content

Social Media

Over half of respondents engage on social media

Website Visitors

Two-thirds of respondents get online visitors through websites or online exhibits



Over half of respondents have the responsibility of caring for digital collections, up 30% from over a decade ago.



"We are limited on active members/volunteers and feel we have accomplished great strides with what we have to work with."

-- survey respondent

Read more: https://bit.ly/VHRPSurvey

In spring of 2021, the Vermont Historical Records Program (VHRP) undertook a survey of Vermont's historical records repositories to:

- Identify repositories' needs and how to best deliver support
- Better publicize the VHRP and its services
- Get a snapshot of the state of Vermont's cultural heritage in 2021 and compare to a similar survey conducted in 2008

The Vermont Historical Records Program is a program of the Vermont State Historical Records Advisory Board, based at the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration. It serves to improve public access to and engagement with Vermont historical records and to encourage and facilitate collaboration among Vermont historical records repositories.