

**Documentation of statistics for
Archives 2015**

1 Introduction

The purpose of the statistics is to provide a comprehensive overview of the Danish archives. Initially, only the activities of the National Archives were included. However, from 2017, the statistics have been augmented by data on the activities of town and local archives. Time series concerning the National Archives dating back to 1980 can be found in the Statistical Yearbook.

2 Statistical presentation

The statistics contain data on the Danish archives' conventional collections' size and the accession of records, number of visitors in the reading rooms and number of queries via letters or email. Additionally, manpower is listed by the number of full-time employees, distributed by regular employees, voluntary employees and subsidized employees. For the national archives, the electronic collections' size and homepage visits are also included.

2.1 Data description

The statistics contain data on the collections' size and the accession of records (conventional and electronic), number of visitors in the reading rooms and number of queries via letters or email. Additionally, manpower is listed by the number of full-time employees, distributed by regular employees, voluntary employees and subsidized employees.

2.2 Classification system

Key figures are distributed geographically by different units.

2.3 Sector coverage

The archives are primarily in the public administration and management sector.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Visits to the National Archives' homepage: Visits to the National Archives' homepage

Total Size of Electronic Holdings: Total size of electronic holdings; digital holdings measured in gigabytes by the end of the year.

Employees, Regular: Number of full-time equivalents (FTE) calculated based on the total number of hours that the archive's permanent staff worked during the year.

Employees, Volunteers: Number of FTE calculated based on the total number of hours worked by volunteers during the year.

Number of Physical Visitors: The number of physical visitors to the archive's reading room during the year.

Employees, Subsidized: Number of FTE calculated based on the total number of hours that employees in employment schemes (job training, etc.) have worked during the year.

Accessed Records: Conventional records that the archive has included in its collections during the year - measured in meters.

Size of holdings: Total size of holdings measured in meters at the end of the year (documents, pictures, books etc.).

Accessed Electronic Records: Digital records that archive has included in its collection during the year - measured in gigabytes.

2.5 Statistical unit

Statistics are prepared for holding, accessed records, visitors, homepage visitors, and employees. Selected results are shown for individual state archives. For town and local archives results are aggregated to the provincial level.

2.6 Statistical population

The statistics cover the National Archives, member of the organizations ODA (Danish Archives Organization) and SLA (Federation of Local Archives), as well as a number of significant archives that are not members of ODA or SLA.

2.7 Reference area

Denmark.

2.8 Time coverage

The statistics cover the period from 2007 and onwards; for town and local archives, the time series start in 2011.

2.9 Base period

Not relevant for this statistic.

2.10 Unit of measure

Size of holdings and accessed records are measured in meters shelf space. Electronic records are measured in gigabytes. Guests, enquiries and visitors are measured in numbers. Employees are measured in full time equivalents.

2.11 Reference period

The variable "Size of holdings" is a status number, which is determined by December 31 of the respective year. All other variables include the activity or the use that has taken place during the year in question.

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

Annual.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

Data collection is not conducted on the basis of EU Regulation or other regulation. Data is supplied voluntarily according to agreement from another public authority and through the main archive organizations.

2.14 Cost and burden

Response burden for the National Archives is zero, since all information is derived from registers. Data collection for the town and local archives is performed by ODA/SLA. No estimates of response burden have been made, but the data collection involves around 500 archives reporting around 10 values each.

2.15 Comment

Please refer to the subject page of [Archives](#).

3 Statistical processing

Data is collected from a spreadsheet with data on individual archives sent from the National Archives. Data validation is performed by comparing values with previous years' data collection for individual archives as well as on an aggregated level. Finally, data tables are produced for publication in Statbank Denmark. Data from the other archives is reported by ODA and SLA thorough the National Archives in spreadsheets with data from individual archives. Double entries are deleted and missing or obviously false values are imputed from previous reports.

3.1 Source data

Data is collected from the National Archives and ODA/SLA as a joint data report collected by the National Archives.

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Annual.

3.3 Data collection

Data is collected from a spreadsheet with data on individual archives sent from the National Archives and ODA/SLA.

3.4 Data validation

Data validation is performed by comparing values with previous years' data collection for individual archives as well as on an aggregated level.

3.5 Data compilation

Data is collected from a spreadsheet with data on individual archives sent from the National Archives. Data validation is performed by comparing values with previous years' data collection for individual archives as well as on an aggregated level. Double entries are deleted and missing or obviously false values are imputed from previous reports. For 2015, 13 per cent of the ODA/SLA archives' values have been imputed. Some individual archives are contacted for data verification/editing. Validated data are aggregated to provincial and national levels. Finally, data tables are produced for publication in Statbank Denmark.

3.6 Adjustment

No corrections are made beyond what has already been described in the sections on data validation and compilation.

4 Relevance

The statistics is developed in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and may be used for a broad overview of Danish archives' level of activities and staffing. The statistics are assumed to meet the needs of several user groups as to a comprehensive an accessible account of Danish archives.

4.1 User Needs

The statistics are available for all: Local authorities and regions, ministries, organizations, the press, politicians, private companies and individuals. The statistics can be used for determining the Danish archives' level of activity and size.

4.2 User Satisfaction

The statistics is developed in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture. Suggested changes are discussed in a joint Ministry of Culture/Statistics Denmark committee that oversees the culture statistics.

4.3 Data completeness rate

Not relevant for this statistic.

5 Accuracy and reliability

The statistics are compiled on data obtained from a full-scale census. This statistics is assessed to be relatively reliable and accurate because the data are drawn from the National Archives' information systems for activity management. For the town and local archives, the quality of the reports is less dependable because of the many, minor units that may be handled by volunteers and not professionals. No figures for inaccuracy have been estimated.

5.1 Overall accuracy

This statistics is assessed to be relatively reliable and accurate because the data are drawn from the National Archives' information systems for activity management. For the town and local archives, the quality of the reports is less dependable because of the many, minor units that may be handled by volunteers and not professionals. No figures for inaccuracy have been estimated.

5.2 Sampling error

Not relevant for this statistic.

5.3 Non-sampling error

As data are drawn from management information systems, occurrences of measuring errors are negligible for data concerning the National Archives. Data from town and local archives are assessed to be influenced by differences in reporting and measurement methods.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

No genuine overall assessment of data quality has been performed. The statistics are compiled on data obtained from a full-scale census. This statistics is assessed to be relatively reliable and accurate because the data are drawn from the National Archives' information systems for activity management. For the town and local archives, the quality of the reports is less dependable because of the many, minor units that may be handled by volunteers and not professionals. No figures for inaccuracy have been estimated.

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

Only final statistics are published.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

Given a reporting and processing period of approximately four and a half months, the annual statistics are expected to be available in May. The statistics are expected to be published without delay.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

The statistics is published annually at mid-May, approximately four and a half months after the end of the reference period.

6.2 Punctuality

The statistics is usually published in accordance with the scheduled date.

7 Comparability

There are no data breaks in the individual tables. No comparison with similar statistics from other countries has been made.

7.1 Comparability - geographical

No comparison to international sources has been made but information on the archive sectors in the other Nordic countries can be found in the periodical [Nordisk Arkivnyt](#).

7.2 Comparability over time

There are no data breaks in the tables for the National Archives and the time series begins in 2007. However, the electronic holdings are only accounted for since 2011. The time series for town and local archives begins in 2011. There may be inconsistency between the changes in collection size between the two years and growth in the form of accessed records for the same period. This may be due to the remediation of the archives and discarding of material (if deviation is negative) or result from delays in the processing of incoming material (if deviation is positive). From 2014, data on size of holdings, accessed records and written enquiries are not specified by individual national archives but are presented in aggregate under the National Archive in Copenhagen. Also from 2014, the Provincial Archives, Danish Business Archive and Danish Data Archive have changed their names to National Archives.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

Parts of the statistics are comparable to the statistics that are published about the Nordic countries' archive sectors in Nordic Archive News [Nordisk Arkivnyt](#).

7.4 Coherence - internal

Not relevant for this statistic.

8 Accessibility and clarity

The statistics are disseminated through Statistical Yearbook, the annual Culture publication and in the database [StatBank Denmark](<http://www.statistikbanken.dk>) under the headings Culture and Church, Museums and Cultural Heritage, Archives in tables ARKIVO1, ARKIVO2 and ARKIVO3. Furthermore, refer to subject page on [Archives](#).

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

8.4 News release

From 2015 and onwards, no News from Statistics Denmark on Archives are published. Links to tables are accessible from [the subject page for Archives](#).

8.5 Publications

Selected results are published in [Statistical Yearbook](#) and in the annual Culture publication.

8.6 On-line database

Detailed data are published annually in StatBank Denmark under the headings Culture and Church, Museums and Cultural Heritage, Archives in the following online database tables:

- [ARKIV01](#): Activity and staffing of the Danish National State Archives by archive and key figures
- [ARKIV02](#): Activity and staffing of the city and local archives by archive and key figures
- [ARKIV03](#): Activity and staffing of the Danish National (State Archives) by key figures

8.7 Micro-data access

Presently, access to micro-data is not permitted through Statistics Denmark's micro-data access solution for researchers.

8.8 Other

Not relevant for this statistic.

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

The statistics adhere to [Statistics Denmark's general guidelines for data confidentiality](#) (in Danish only).

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

No processing of data is performed to enhance data confidentiality as the statistics do not comprise any sensitive data, but results from the town and local archives are only published at provincial levels leaving individual archives unidentified.

8.11 Documentation on methodology

No additional documentation on methodology exists for this statistic.

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

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