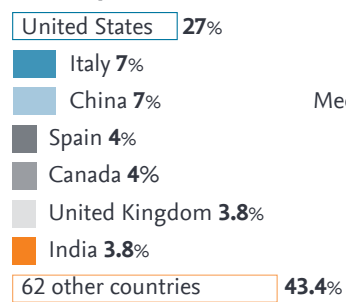


# Beyond Downloads: How scholars save & share articles

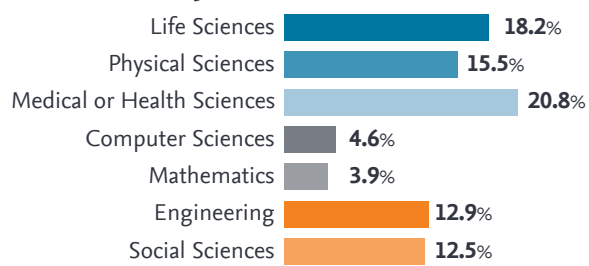
Sharing of scholarly articles is widespread and increasing. The Beyond Downloads project looks at scholars' sharing behavior and what download counts are missing to better measure the reach — and impact — of a library's resources.

## RESPONDENT DEMOGRAPHICS

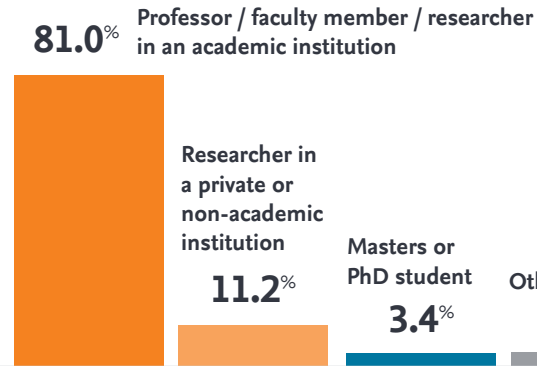
### Country breakdown



### Subject area of interest



## Rank or position

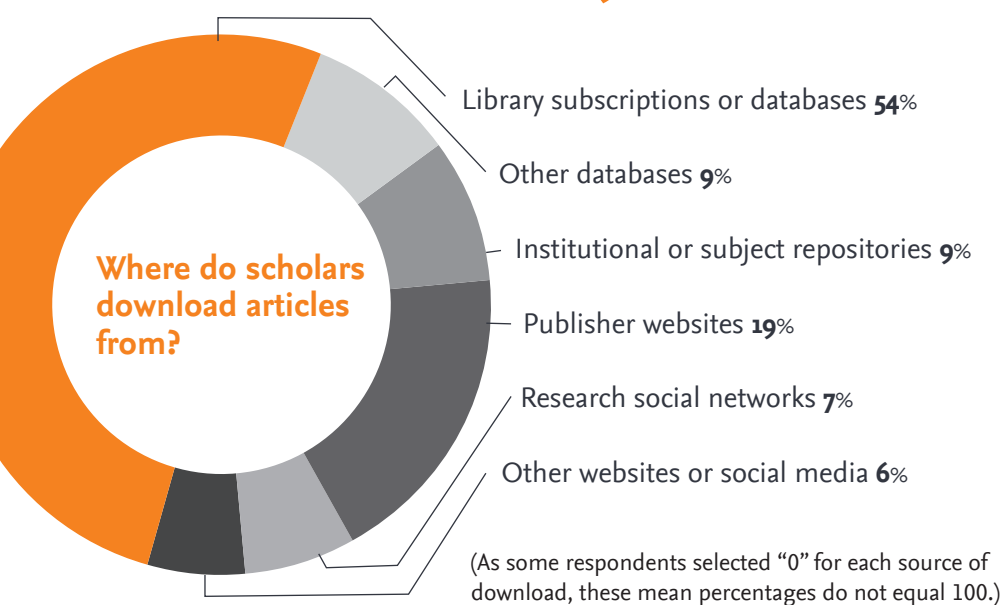


**82%**  
of respondents hold a PhD

**48**  
Average respondent age

## DOWNLOAD

**98%** of respondents downloaded articles



**65** Average number of scholarly articles downloaded per research project



**26** Average number of scholarly articles downloaded for teaching in their last academic term



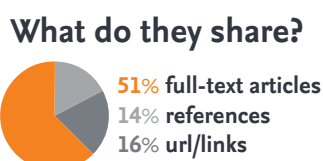
## DEFINITIONS

**Scholarly articles** — articles found in print or electronic journal issues, websites, or separate copies such as preprints, reprints, and other electronic copies downloaded for the purposes of researching or teaching

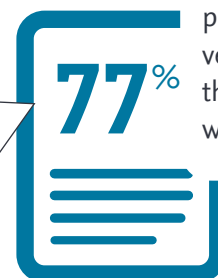
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## SAVE & SHARE

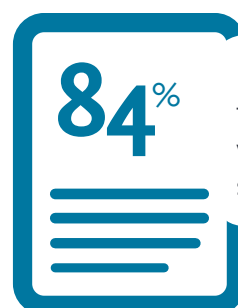
### Which version of the article do they want to share?



“The main point should be that I share a version that is essentially the peer-reviewed version (with the publisher and the journal stamp on it).”

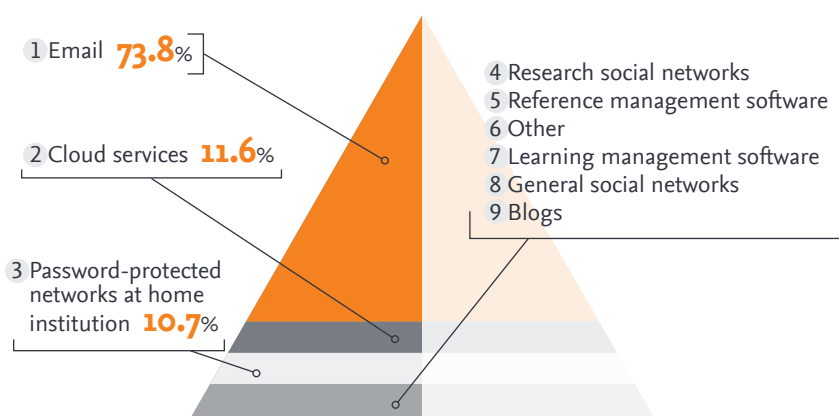


prefer to share the published version of their own work



prefer sharing the published version of other scholars' work

### How do scholars share for research?

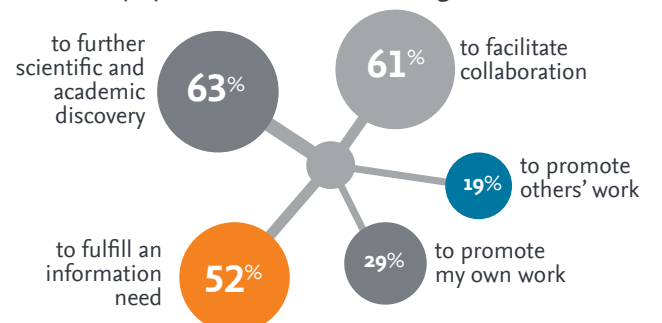


Their most recent link or reference is shared by email an average of **8.2 TIMES** (excluding outliers)

Their most recent full-text download is shared by email an average of **8.4 TIMES** (excluding outliers)

### Why do scholars share?

The most popular reasons for sharing are:



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### About the survey and the Beyond Downloads project

Results reflect feedback from 1,000 respondents. The online survey was hosted at the University of Tennessee and distributed by Elsevier as part of the Beyond Downloads project, whose purpose is to ascertain a more complete picture of the use and value of scholarly articles. Sponsored by Elsevier, Beyond Downloads is an international collaboration among the University of Tennessee, CIBER Research Ltd., Project COUNTER and Elsevier.

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