



Electronic Government Records

... Touch Everyone's Lives

From correspondence via email to the most complex geo-spatial database to vital statistics, electronic records touch all aspects of our lives. The volume and complexity of electronic government records and information continues to increase. All levels of government must work together to ensure that electronic records created today are available in the future to protect citizens' rights, document government, and preserve history.

1,693% growth in state and territorial e-records, 2006-2016

... Ensure Government Transparency

Government records contain public information. Government decisions and policy are being made and announced electronically. Records are key to the documentation of government policies, actions, and intent. Government data often are used at multiple levels of decision making, whether local, state, or federal. We must capture and preserve these records to be accountable to our citizens.

1,371TB of electronic government records held by state and territorial archives

... Need Immediate Attention

Electronic records require immediate attention to ensure that they are preserved and accessible. Preservation of electronic records is more complex than preservation of paper records. Sustained resources are needed to ensure the long-term management and accessibility of our nation's electronic records.

445% growth in electronic over paper records in state and territorial archives

... Need Sustained Funding

Increased investment in collaborative research is the key to finding best practices and sustainable models for the long-term preservation of electronic records. Federal grant programs from IMLS, NHPRC, and NEH play a critical role in supporting this vital research funding.

0.007% average annual amount of total budget that states/territories spend on archives