

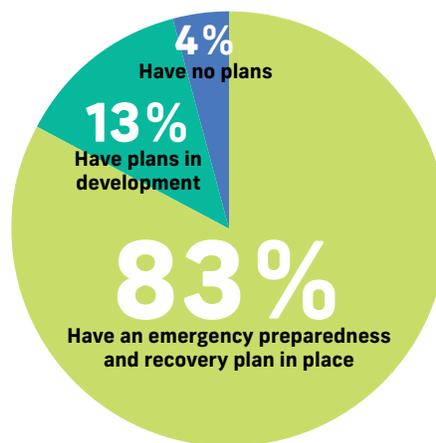
# By the Numbers

Emergency preparedness continues as a focal point of state archives activities. With increased risk of natural and man-made disasters, the importance of responding quickly and efficiently to protect staff and collections is crucial.

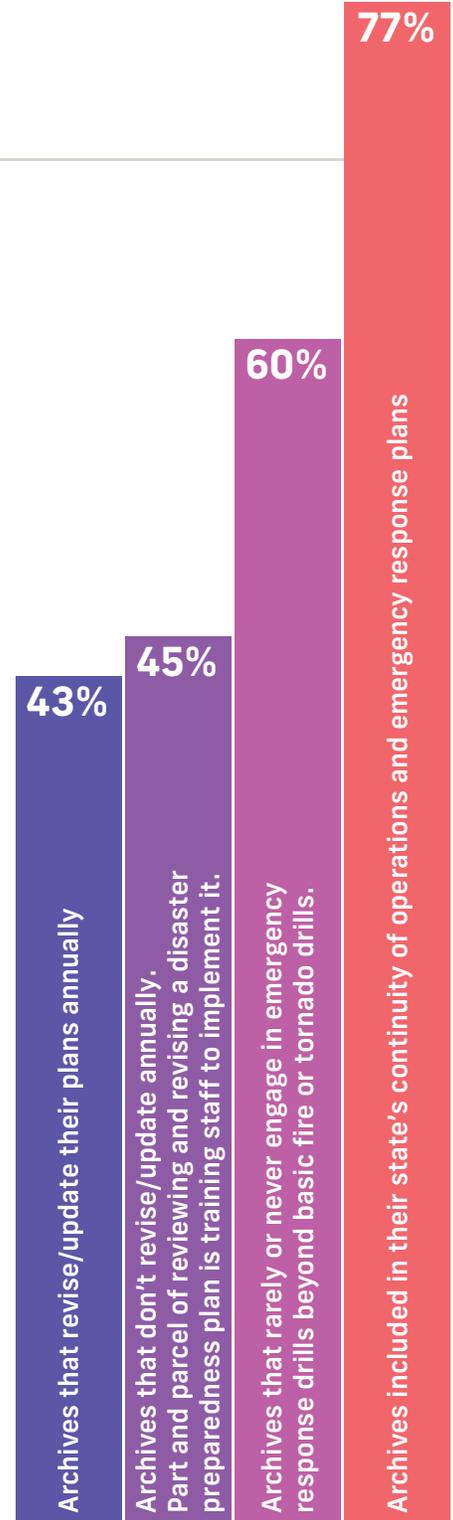
U.S. News reports Mother Nature wreaked havoc on almost every U.S. state between 2010 and 2019. From droughts, floods and tornado outbreaks to hurricanes, winter storms and wildfires, communities across the United States weathered significant storm damage in the past decade



Number of billion-dollar disasters in the U.S. between 2015–2019, a 25% increase from the 1980s



Of the 56 State, Territorial and District of Columbia Archives responding to the 2019 State of State Records survey.



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**About CoSA**

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**About Polygon Group**

Polygon is a disaster recovery company that provides emergency response and restoration services for damaged archives. Polygon specializes in water and mold damage restoration, archival cleanings and pest eradication. [www.polygongroup.com](http://www.polygongroup.com)

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