

# Industry 101 MUSEUMS

Archivists appraise, process, catalog, and preserve permanent records and historically valuable documents. Curators oversee collections of artwork and historic items, and may conduct public service activities for an institution. Museum technicians and conservators prepare and restore objects and documents in museum collections and exhibits.



## TRENDS & INDUSTRY INFO

Most archivist, curator, and conservator positions require a master's degree related to the position's field. Museum technicians must have a bachelor's degree. People often gain experience through an internship or by volunteering in archives and museums.

Employment of archivists, curators, museum technicians, and conservators is projected to grow 7 percent from 2014 to 2024, about as fast as the average for all occupations. The need to store information in archives and public interest in science, art, and history, will continue to spur demand for archivists, curators, museum technicians, and conservators. Applicants should expect very strong competition for jobs.



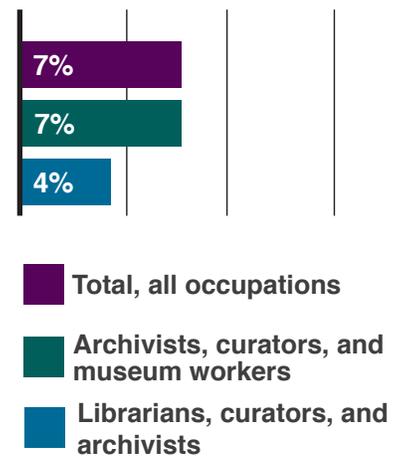
## WORK ENVIRONMENT

Most archivists, curators, museum technicians, and conservators work full time. Archivists in government agencies and corporations generally work during regular business hours.

Curators in large institutions may travel extensively to evaluate potential additions to the collection, organize exhibits, and conduct research. However, for curators in small institutions, travel may be rare. Museum technicians may need to work evenings and weekends, when institutions are open to the public.

## FACTS & STATS

### Projected Percent Change in Employment, 2014-24 Archivists, Curators, and Museum Workers



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.  
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections Program

# A Career in MUSEUMS

## SKILLS & EXPERIENCE NEEDED

### Resume

Demonstrate your strong writing abilities. It should be clear, concise, and grammatically flawless. It should showcase your interest in this field through volunteering, internships and any part time job you may have had.

### Skills Required

- Analytical skills
- Organizational skills
- Computer skills
- Technical skills
- Customer-service skills

### Experience

People often gain experience through an internship or by volunteering in archives and museums. If you are any multimedia or digital experience, that should be listed. These are becoming more important to museum careers.

## SAMPLE JOB TITLES

- Business manager
- Event Coordinator
- Curator
- Membership Coordinator
- Educator
- Museum Operations
- Conservator
- Historian
- Gallery Assistant
- Anthropologist
- Development

## CAMPUS RESOURCES

- [Volunteer or intern at the on campus gallery](#)

## OTHER RESOURCES

- [Smithsonian Internship Information](#)
- [The Phillips Collection](#)
- [Baltimore Museum of Art Internship information](#)

## WHERE ARE UMD ALUMS?



LIBRARY OF  
CONGRESS

UNITED STATES  
MEMORIAL  
**HOLOCAUST  
MUSEUM**



**ART  
WALTERS  
MUSEUM**



Smithsonian