

TNA Survey of Record Offices

Until 2010, the National Archives carried out a survey every two years to assess all record repositories in England and Wales against a number of criteria, grouped into categories.

In 2010, the Record Office produced its best results ever and was graded a 2-star service.

This table shows the results for Bath Record Office for 2010, with the 2008 results given in brackets.

	Score for your service		Average score in South West		Average score of comparable services		Average score in the UK	
	2010	2008	2010	2008	2010	2008	2010	2008
Section 1: governance	59%	45%	72.5%	69%	58%	57%	66%	62%
Section 2: documentation of collections	49%	34%	69%	63%	61%	56%	64%	59%
Section 3: access and outreach services	40%	36%	63%	57%	54%	48%	62.5%	57%
Section 4: preservation and conservation	51%	39%	76%	72%	65%	60%	69%	65%
Section 5: buildings, security and environment	59%	50%	74.5%	69%	63%	57%	68%	64%
Overall score	50%	41%	69%	65%	59%	54%	65%	61%

The relatively low scores for the Bath Record Office reflect the limitations of its accommodation and the low level of its staffing compared to other similar offices. However, there was improvement in all areas between 2008 and 2010.

You can find out more about the National Archives self-assessment survey by visiting the National Archives website at: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/key-sector-statistics.htm>. The self-assessment system will be replaced by Archives Accreditation over the next few years.