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| United States | | | | |
| National Archives | The physical archives hold enough sheets of paper to circle the Earth over 57 times. The archives grow at about 1.4 billion pages per year ¹ . | Open to the public. | 30 years in general. More than 95 percent of the records in the National Archives are declassified, and are available to all researchers. | www.archives.gov The National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001 |
| United Nations Archives and Record Management Section ("ARMS") | ARMS is responsible for all aspects of UN record-keeping ² . | Open to the public. | 20 years in general. | archives.un.org/ARMS FF-109, New York, NY 10017 |
| United Kingdom | | | | |
| National Archives | Over 167 km of shelving of records; one of the largest in the world. | Open to the public. | Currently 30 years, incrementally reducing to 20 years over the next decade. ³ | www.nationalarchives.gov.uk The National Archives, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU |
| France | | | | |
| <i>Archives nationales</i> | The National Archives of the French state, excluding those of the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which have separate archives ⁴ . | Open to the public. | 25 years. | www.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr Located in Paris, Pierrefitte-sur-Seine, and Fontainebleau. www.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/anom/en/index.html |
| | <i>Archives Nationales d'Outre-Mer</i> The archives of the Secretariats of State and the Ministries responsible for the French colonies from the 18 th to the 20 th Century ⁵ . | | | Archives nationales 59, rue Guynemer, 90001, 93383 Pierrefitte-sur-Seine cedex, France |

¹ <http://www.archives.gov/research/start/>

² <http://archives.un.org/ARMS/overview-arms>

³ See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/about/20-year-rule.htm

⁴ <http://www.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/>

⁵ <http://www.archivesnationales.culture.gouv.fr/anom/fr/index.html>

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| Germany | | | | |
| <i>Bundesarchiv</i> | Civil and military archives of the Federal Republic of Germany and its predecessors ⁶ ; over 110 km of archives. | Open to the public. | The Federal Archives Act provides for a classification period of 30 years. | www.bundesarchiv.de/index.html.en Various locations across Germany: main hubs in Koblenz and Berlin. Berlin-Lichterfelde Bundesarchiv, Finckensteinallee 63, 12205 Berlin Koblenz Bundesarchiv, Potsdamer Straße 1, 56075 Koblenz |
| Italy | | | | |
| <i>Archivio centrale dello Stato</i> | No reliable information available as to the size of the collection. | Open to the public. | Classification period ranges from 40 to 70 years, depending of the type of documentation ⁷ . | www.archivi.beniculturali.it (In Italian only) Located in Rome. Direzione Generale per gli Archivi Via Gaeta 8a, 00185 Roma |
| Spain | | | | |
| <i>Archivo Histórico Nacional</i> | Contains 43,500 million documents ⁸ . | Open to the public. | 25 years ⁹ . | en.www.mcu.es/archivos/MC/AHN/index.html Madrid. C/ Serrano, 115, 28006 MADRID Salamanca: C/ Gibraltar, 2, 37008 Salamanca |
| Portugal | | | | |
| <i>Arquivo Nacional da Torre do Tombo</i> | No reliable information available as to the size of the collection. | Open to the public. | No reliable information available. | antt.dgarq.gov.pt (In Portuguese only) |

⁶ <http://www.bundesarchiv.de/bundesarchiv/organisation/index.html.en>

⁷ <http://www.archivi.beniculturali.it/index.php/abc-degli-archivi/consultabilita>

⁸ <http://en.www.mcu.es/archivos/MC/AHN/FondosDocumentales/Introduccion.html>

⁹ <http://www.calameo.com/read/00007533523c486877891>

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| | | | | Located in Lisbon. Alameda da Universidade 1649-010 LISBOA |
| Russia | | | | |
| <p><i>Государственный архив Российской Федерации</i></p> <p>(State Archive of the Russian Federation)</p> | The State Archive was established in 1992 and contains over 5.5 million file units dating from 1800. | Reference inquiries should be addressed to the Federal Archival Agency (<i>Rosarkhiv</i>) ¹⁰ . | No reliable information available in English. | <p>statearchive.ru (In Russian only)</p> <p>English language information available at: www.iisg.nl/abb/index.php</p> <p>Located in Moscow and St Petersburg.</p> <p>119435, Moscow, Bolshaya Pirogovskaya, 17</p> |
| Turkey | | | | |
| Devlet Arsivleri | Contains around 150 million archival documents of the Ottoman period. | Open to the public. | No reliable information available in English. | <p>www.devletarsivleri.gov.tr/Forms/pgArchiveMain.aspx (In Turkish only)</p> <p>English language information available at: www.turkishculture.org/general/museums/ottoman-archives/general-directorate-of-632.htm</p> <p>General Directorate of State archives, G District 95. Sokak No: 3 06180 Yenimahalle/ANKARA</p> <p>General Directorate Of State Archives, Ottoman Archive Of La Quinta Inns. No: 12 34410 Sultanahmet/İSTANBUL</p> |

¹⁰ <http://www.iisg.nl/abb/index.php>