

Researchers on open practices

The growth of open access continues to accelerate within the research community, transforming how knowledge is disseminated and accessed worldwide.

To understand what researchers truly think about open research, we conducted an extensive survey with over 600 authors from 125 countries participating. Our findings demonstrate the evolving attitudes towards open access practices.

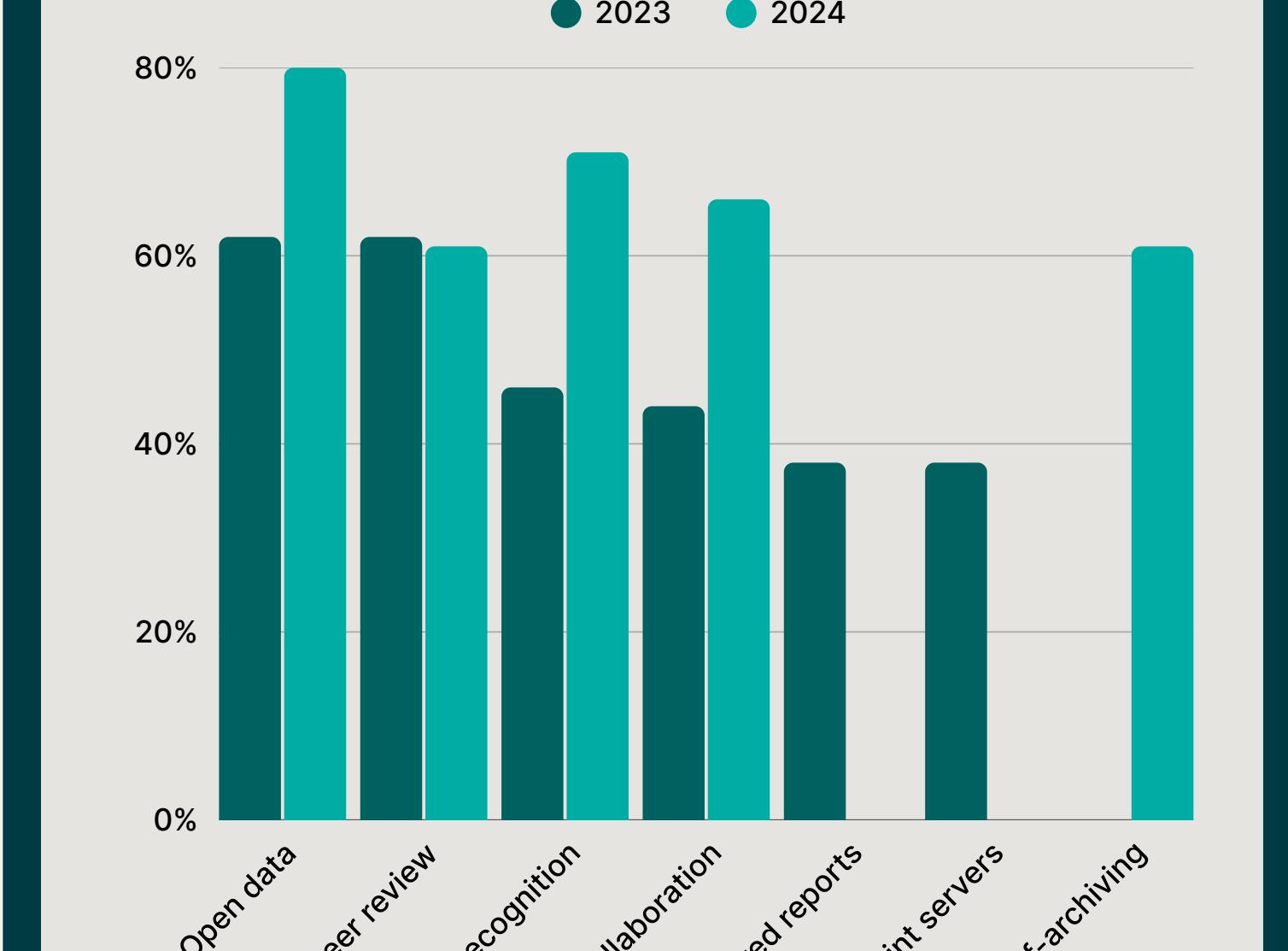
Open access

72% **87%**

72% of respondents had published their work open access in the past three years.

87% agree that publishing an article open access increases the impact of their work. That's compared to 77% who agreed in 2021.

TAs, institutions and funding



78% of researchers would submit their research open access if the APC was paid by their institution or funder.

Are transformational agreements the solution? **78%** (3% increase compared to 2023) of researchers consider transformational agreements the right solution to making research findings more openly available.

68% of researchers cite lack of funds for publishing fees as an obstacle to open access publishing. This has decreased significantly by **13%** compared to 2023.

Each year we're seeing a significantly lower percentage of TA-affiliated researchers indicating issues with accessing articles as a result of the rate of article transition to fully open access.

Impact of open practices



86% of researchers felt it's important or very important to have the final Version of Record published in a peer-reviewed journal.

'Benefits-based' reasons are more important motivators than 'requirements' in driving open research behaviours. The most commonly cited reasons researchers choose to publish open access are the impact and visibility it provides, for public benefit, and for transparency and reuse of their work.

Supporting the transition to open research

As of July 2024, we have over **100** transformational agreements in place.

These agreements give researchers from **2,800+** institutions the opportunity to publish open access and benefit from their research being made publicly available to all.

That's over **82,000** articles that will be open access thanks to transformational agreements.

Research4Life

We partner with Research4Life, making the benefits of open access publishing available to authors in low and lower-middle-income countries. The Article Publication Charges on publishing in our fully open access portfolio are:



Waived for **86** countries

Discounted for **41** countries

In 2023, Wiley waived the APCs for **3,250** articles. That's **38%** more than 2022.

Our survey findings show that authors in Research4Life countries engage in open practices at about the same rate as authors globally.

