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Forging the Future

Connecting Research to Communities

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Research for Practical Policy Solutions

COVID-19 and Minority Health Disparities in NYS Engaged Researchers Working Group

- Partnerships (NYSDOH, Northwell, other community orgs)
- Issue brief published
- Final report published
- White paper collection in Scholars Archive
- Other original research

Connecting Scholarship with Non-Academic Readers

Forthcoming book chapter (2023)

- “Connecting research to policy and practice: A case study of a white paper collection in an institutional repository” In J. Cromwell (Ed.), *Rethinking Institutional Repositories*, Association of College and Research Libraries.

ENY/ACRL poster (2022)

- *Beyond the academy: Readership and impact of a white paper collection*

ALA poster (2022)

- *Beyond the academy: Connecting research and policy*

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Survey

Information Users in State Government
& Nonprofit Organizations (NYS)

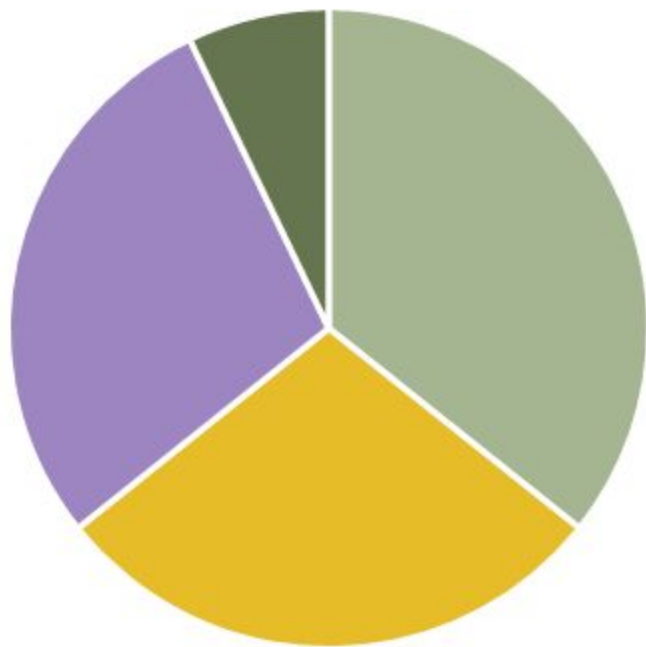
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What information sources are most important?

Where do they look for information?

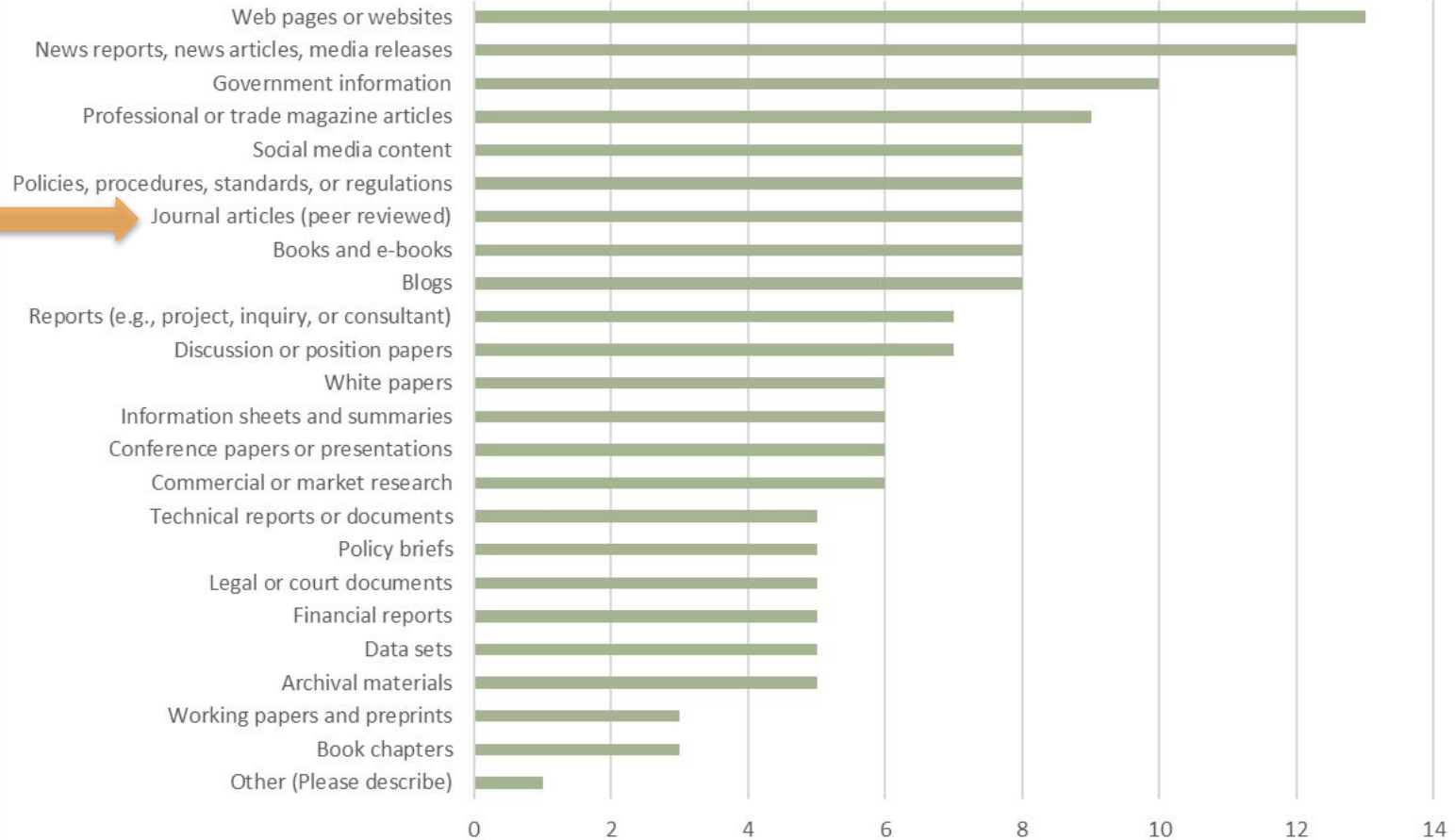
What factors affect how they look for information?

Type of Organization

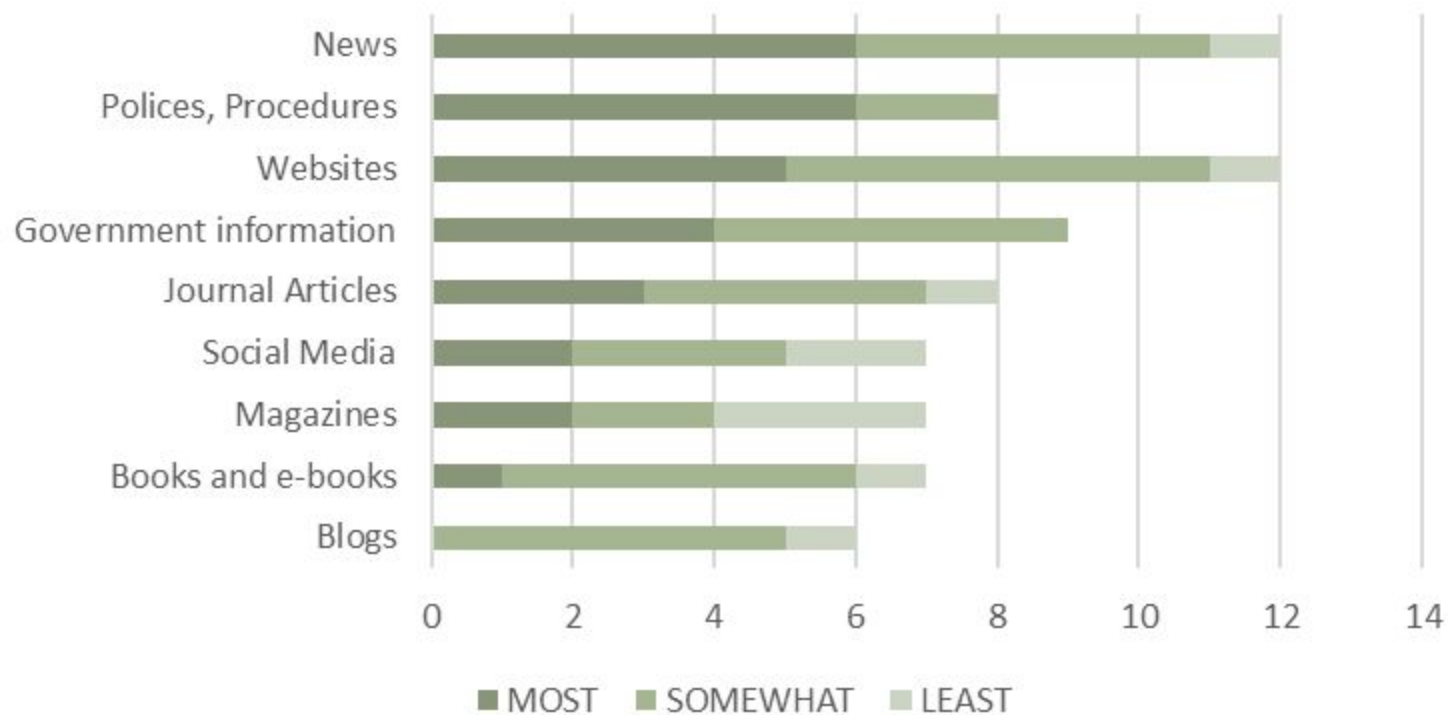


■ Government ■ Advocacy or Lobby Group ■ Other ■ Charity

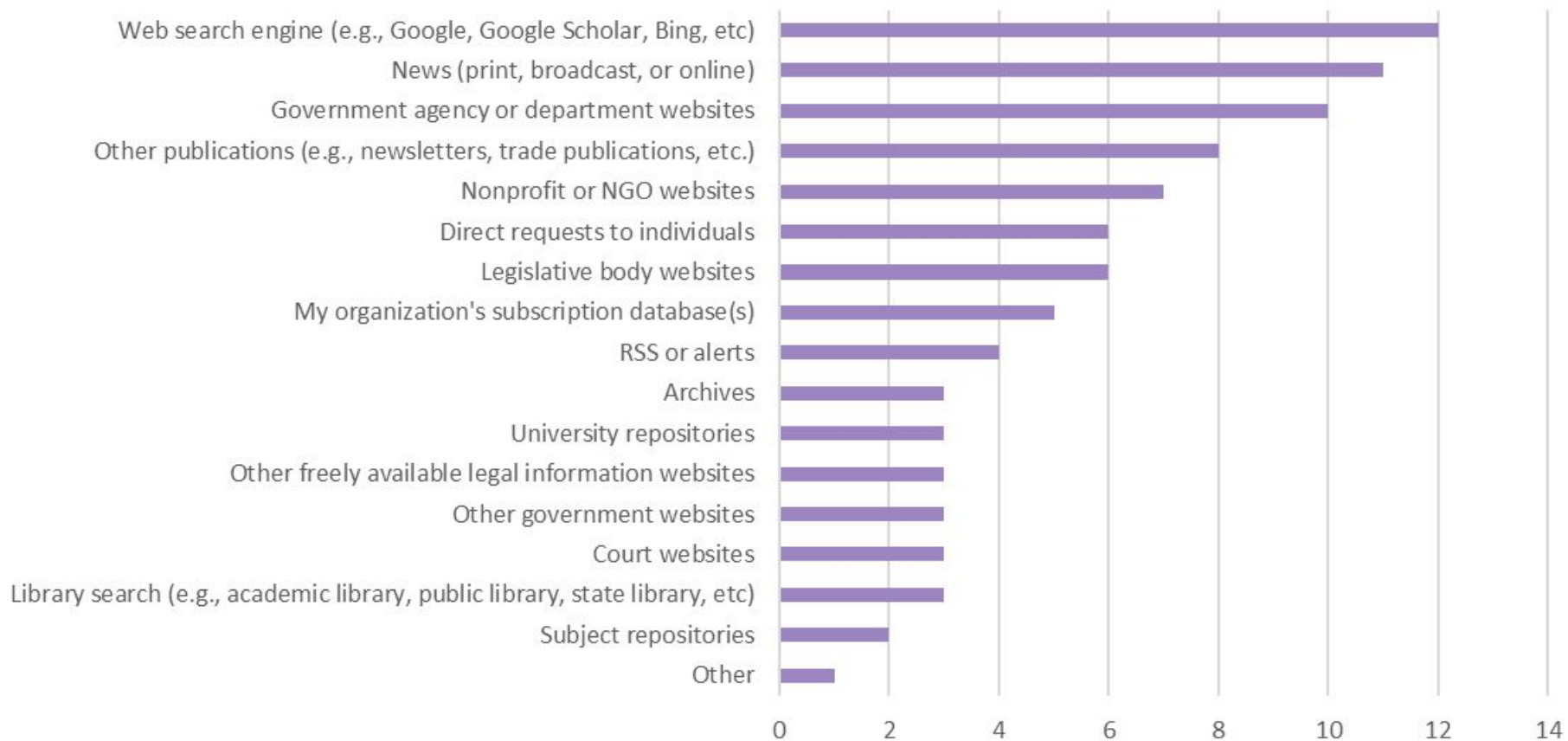
Sources Used



Importance of Information Sources



How Users Find Information for Their Work



Most Important Qualities

1. Available free online
2. Contains the most current information available
3. Produced by an author or institution I trust
4. Easy for me to read and understand
5. Published in a peer-reviewed journal
6. Includes visual aids, such as graphs or photos
7. Short enough for me to read quickly

When I encounter a Paywall I...



Future Research

- Repeat survey
 - Qualitative content analysis
 - Alternative formats
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