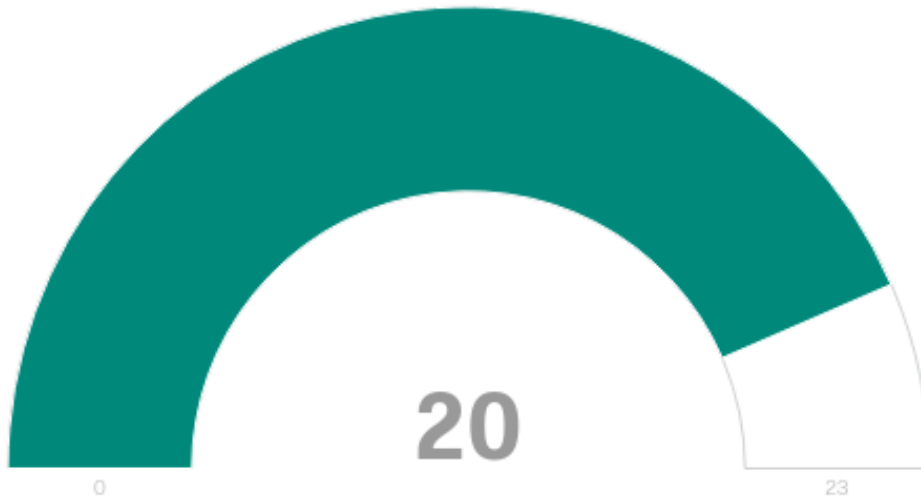


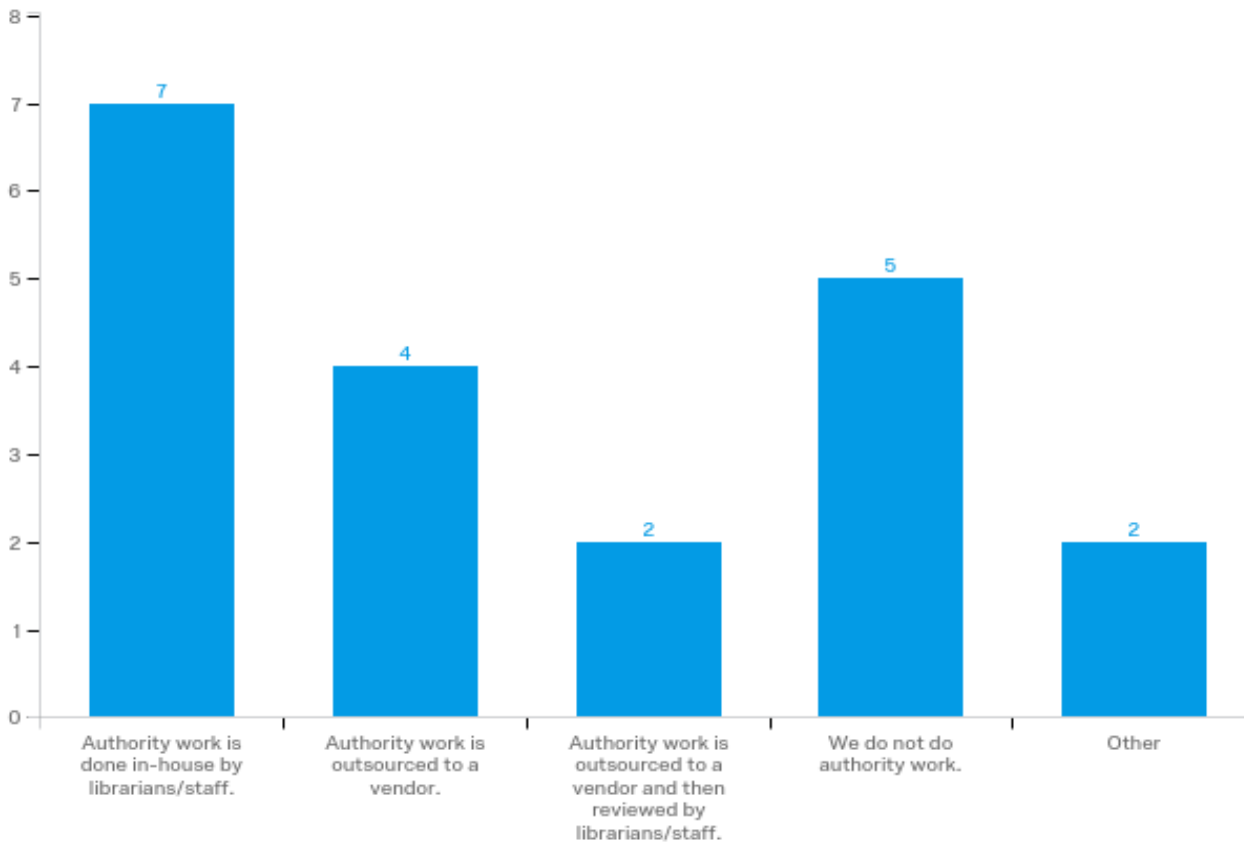
Authority Control Task Force Survey of Current Practices

Q1 - What campus are you from?



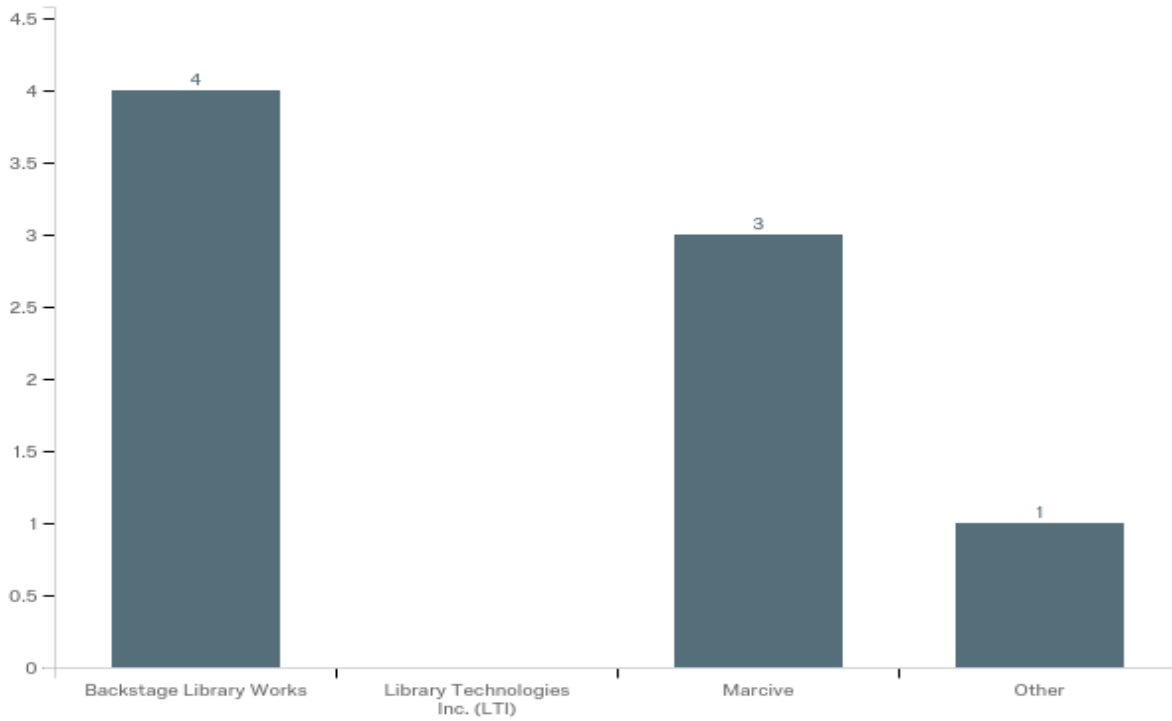
We received 20 responses out of 23 campuses or an approximate 87% response rate.

Q2 - How is authority control handled by your institution currently?



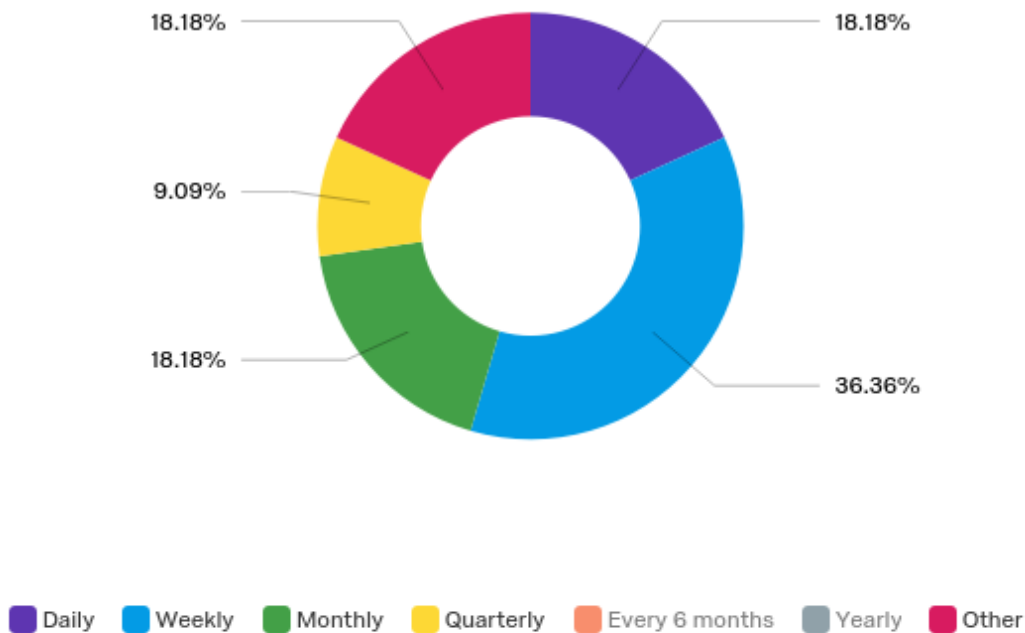
“Other” responses included different combinations of in-house and vendor supplied work such as recent transitions from vendor to in-house only and use of Headings Reports.

Q3 - Which vendor do you use for authority control work?



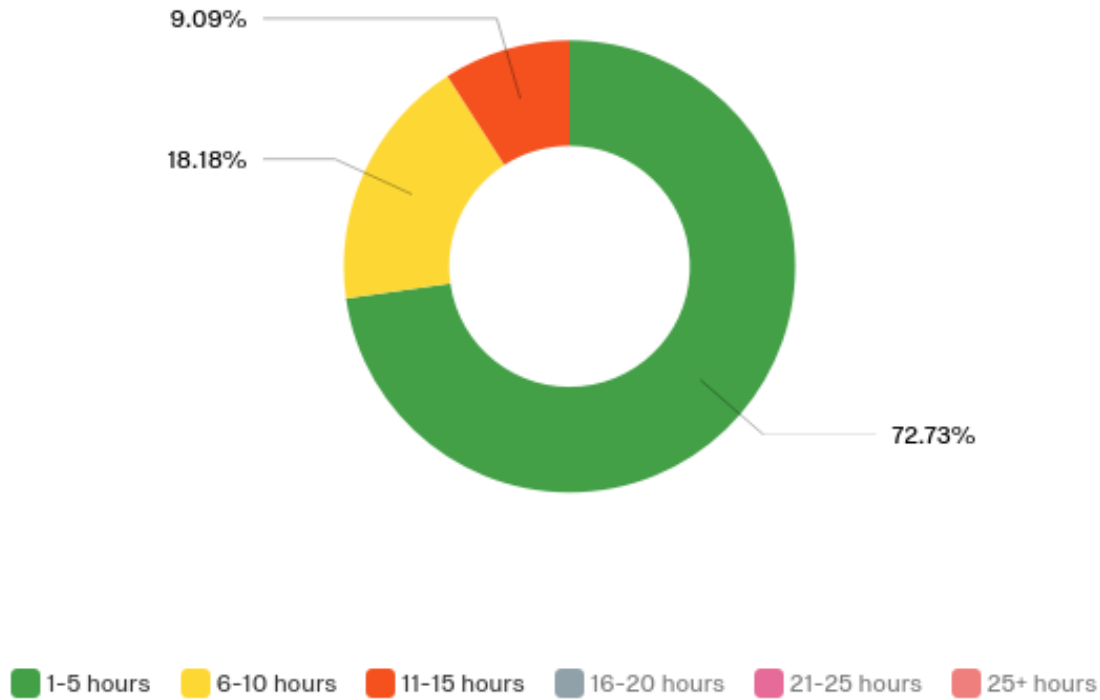
OCLC was also indicated as a vendor of authority control work.

Q4 - How often is authority work (including review) done by librarians/staff?



“Other” responses indicated authority work was done as needed or time permitting.

Q5 - How many hours are devoted to authority control work (including review) during the specified time frame?



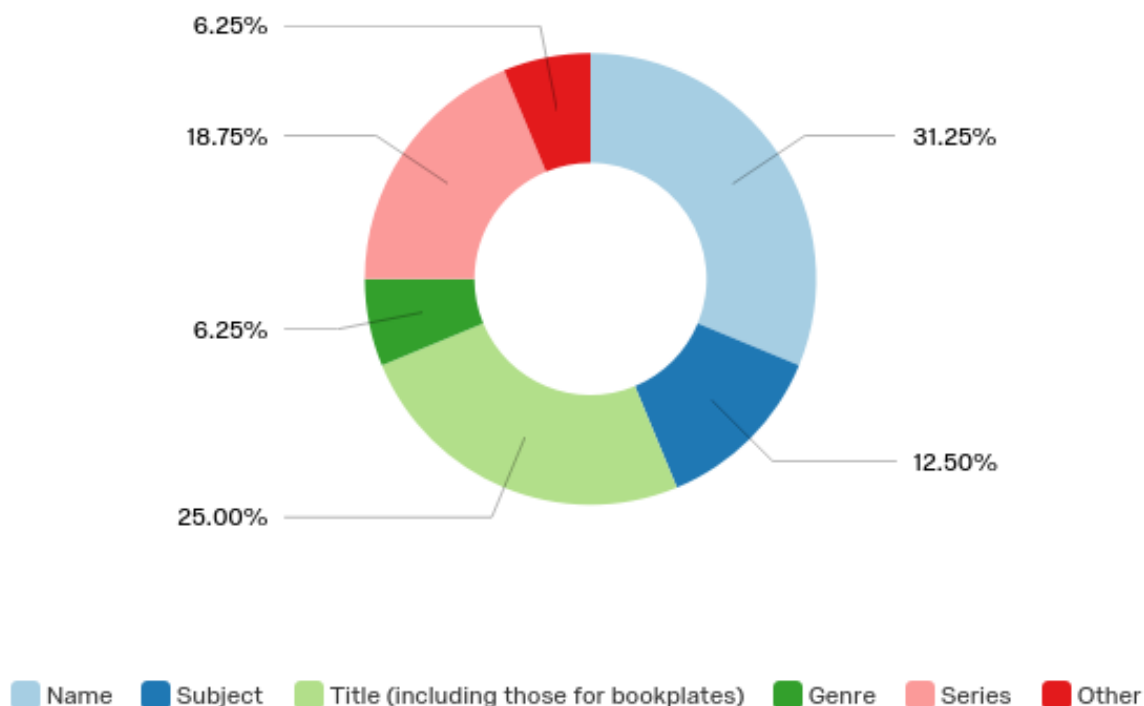
Combined with question 4 responses, the most common response was that librarians or staff spent 1-5 hours weekly on authority control tasks.

Q6 - Do you have local authority records?



13/20 campuses do not have local authority records.

Q7 - What types of local authorities do you have?



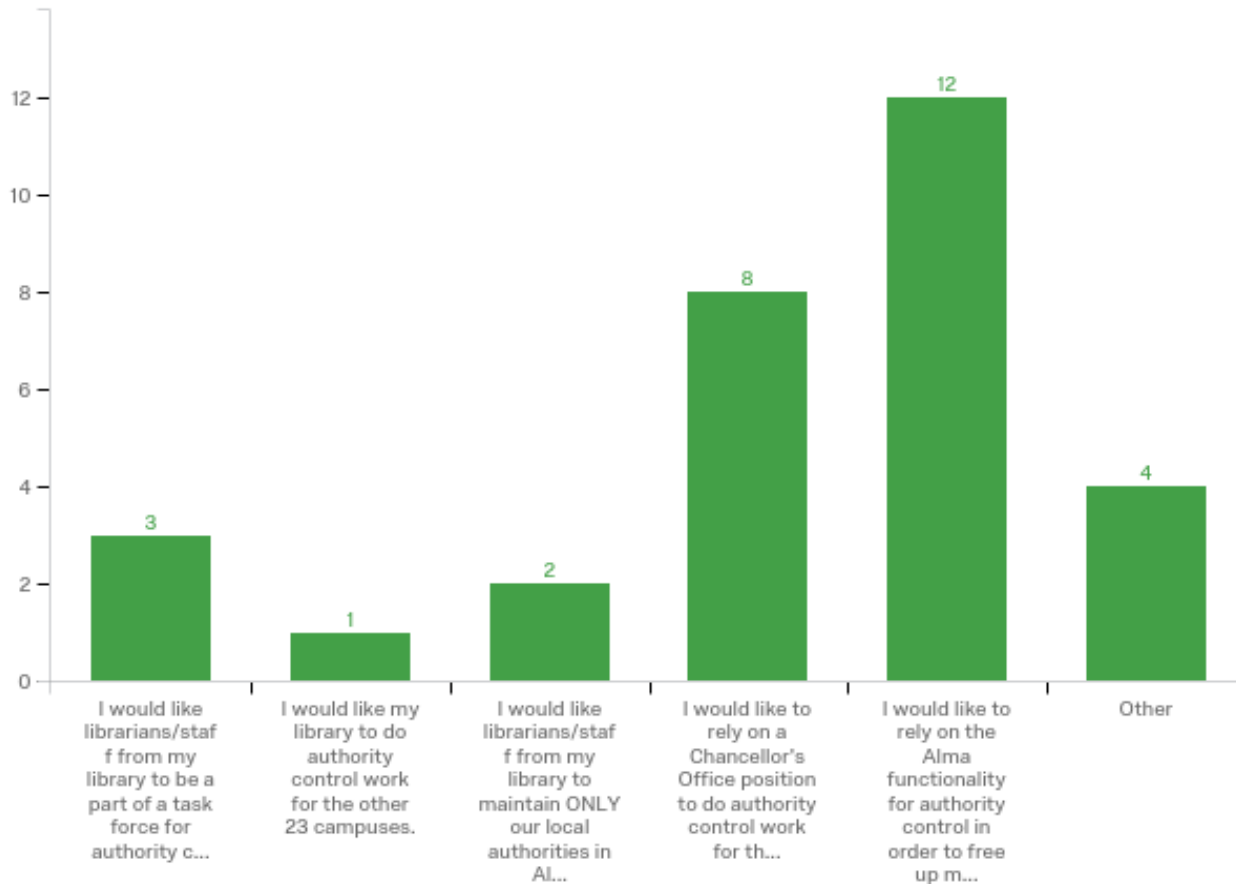
The most common types of local authority records include name and title records. “Other” responses included past practices that may or may not be current.

Q8 - What concerns do you have with using Alma’s authority control in the future?

A majority of responses indicated concerns about accuracy of the Alma authority control software including concerns about overwriting fields, deleting subdivisions, and mishandling of local authority data. Other concerns were centered on staffing or learning of the new system as it relates to authority control processes. Few said they did not know enough to comment or had no concerns at the time.

One response indicated that a detailed report of authority control problems in Alma would be sent to the Authority Control Task Force. No such report was ever received though it is still welcome.

Q9 - What role would you like your library to have in authority control processes in Alma?



Full question options included:

- I would like librarians/staff from my library to be a part of a task force for authority control work in Alma.
- I would like my library to do authority control work for the other 23 campuses.
- I would like librarians/staff from my library to maintain ONLY our local authorities in Alma.
- I would like to rely on a Chancellor's Office position to do authority control work for the 23 campuses
- I would like to rely on the Alma functionality for authority control in order to free up my librarians/staff from this work.

“Other” responses suggested combinations of a few campuses and the Chancellor’s Office dividing the work or outsourcing the work to a vendor. Some campuses offered to be part of the few who do the work.

Q10 - Would your library be interested in joining a CSU-wide Name/Subject Authority Cooperative Program (NACO/SACO funnel) in order to contribute authorities to an international database (OCLC)?



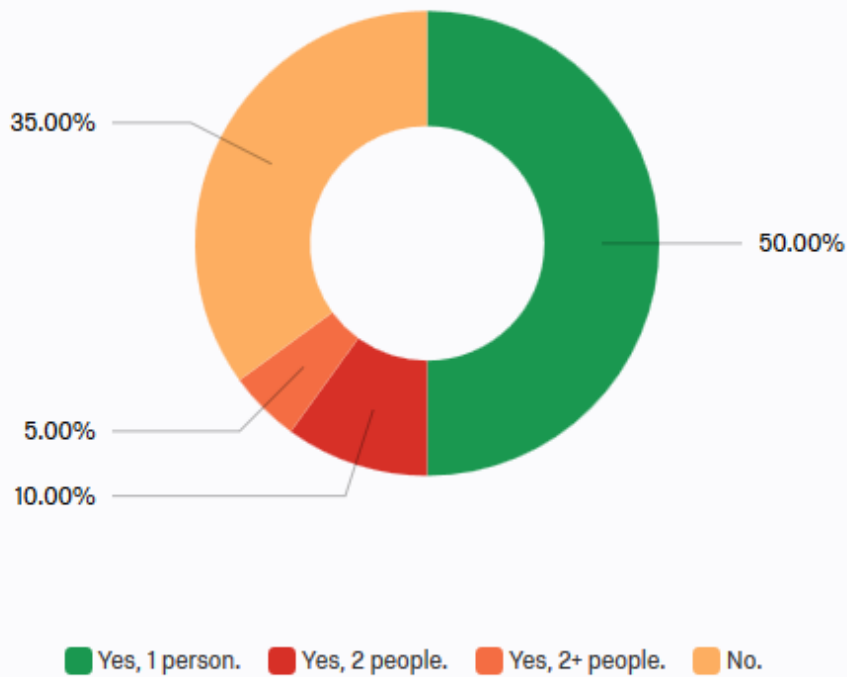
3 in 5 campuses would be interested in joining a CSU-wide Authority Cooperative Program.

Q11 - Would your library be more interested in joining a CSU-wide NACO or SACO funnel?



A Name Authority Cooperative Program was heavily preferred overall.

Q12 - If a CSU-wide NACO/SACO funnel was started, are there librarians/staff in your library that would contribute to such an effort? (Including attending training, contributing records, and helping coordinate the funnel)



65% of respondents indicated there was at least one person at their library who would contribute to a CSU-wide funnel effort.

In conclusion, the Authority Control Task Force thanks all who contributed to this survey as it along with extensive testing of Alma's authority control functionality will guide the final report and recommendations made by the Task Force.