Each year, The Makers Nation conducts a survey to assess the operational successes and challenges of makerspaces. We ask about their business models, what they need help with most, and what their membership looks like. Below is a snapshot of the findings from our 2015 survey.

To complete the 2016 survey and access the full anonymous results from 2015 and 2014 visit www.themakersnation.com/makerspaces

**FUNDING**

The number one issue makerspace owners need help with is funding for the space, 66% are not profitable yet and of those who are profitable 62% say they are volunteer run.

**OUTREACH**

Many of the business models hinge on memberships and workshops - we asked, how do you get new people in the door and get those numbers up?

**OPERATIONS**

Job recruiting, making spaces accessible and design and fabrication in a way that is both a comfortable and creative environment are the number one issue.

The Makers Nation focuses on connecting the arts, tech, design, and maker communities in cities around the world. So of course we had to ask how many makerspaces felt like they were integrated in the greater creative community of their city.

As makerspaces continue to open up around the world, serving as hubs for aspiring makers to explore new technology and develop their skills, there is an increasing need to define new models of operation and share best practices in order for these spaces to be a sustainable part of their cities’ ecosystems.

The Makers Nation is dedicated to continually tracking this progress through our Annual State of Makerspaces Survey. If you run a makerspace or Fab Lab please consider participating in this year’s survey.

**TAKE THE 2016 SURVEY:** www.themakersnation.com/makerspaces