

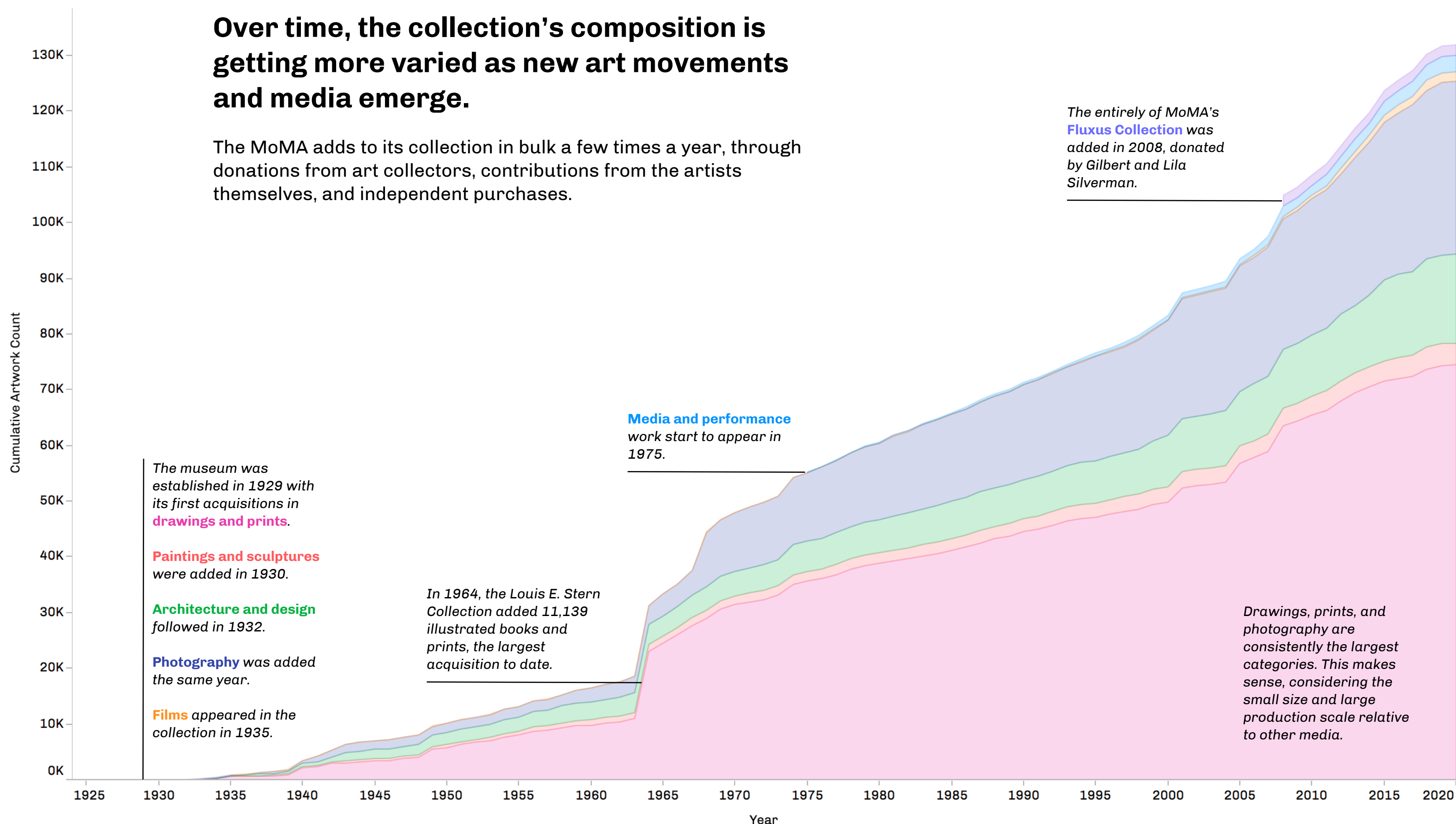
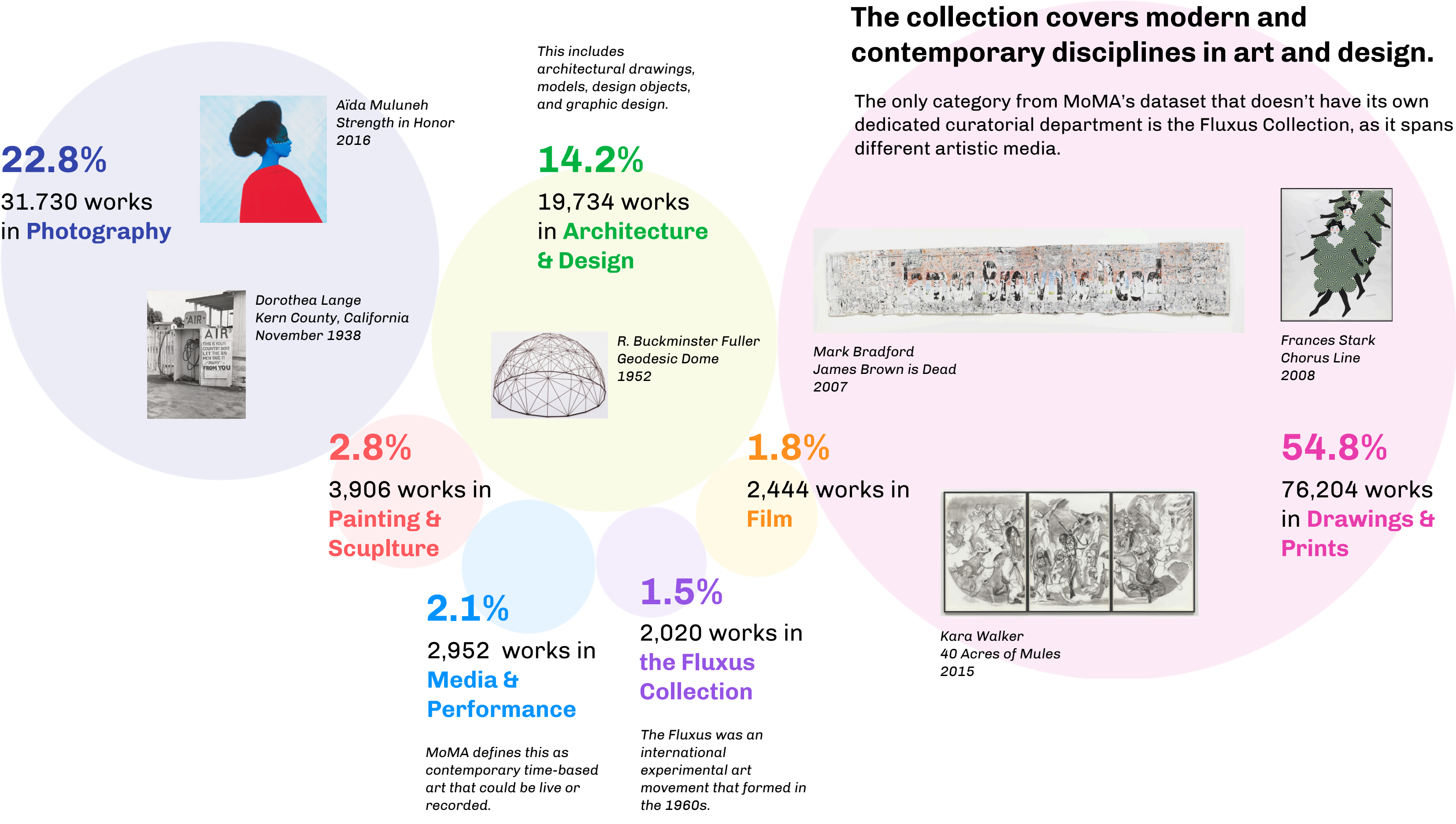
# How Modern Is the MoMA?

The Museum of Modern Art's mission is to be the foremost museum of modern art in the world, and one way it does that is continuously expanding its permanent collection. Recently, the institution released a [research dataset](#) on Github with works that have been officially added to its collection and cataloged in its database.

Let's see what's in the MoMA!

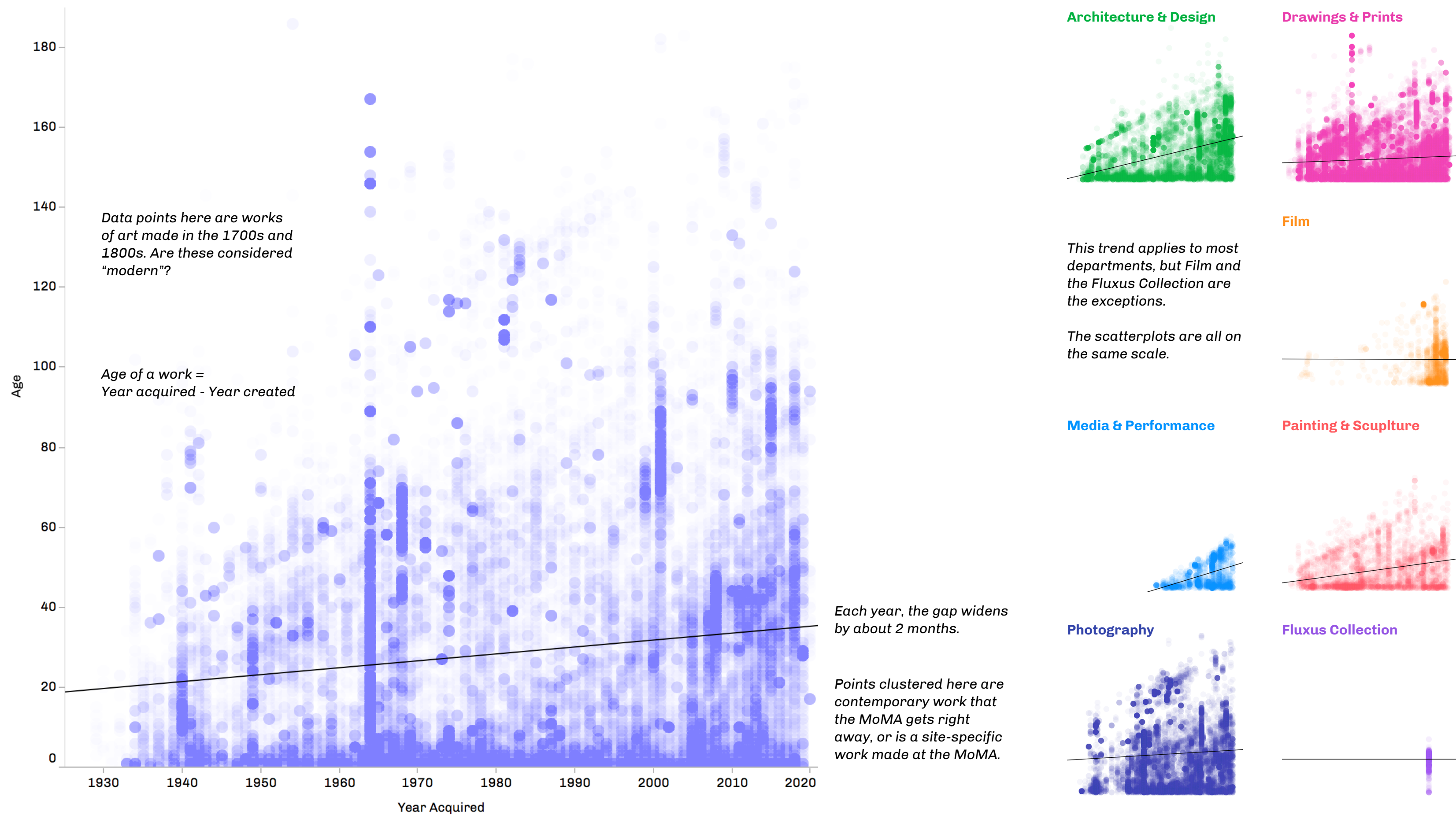
Almost	Over	Over
200,000	138,000	2,100
Works of art in MoMA's collection	Works represented in MoMA's public dataset	Works on display as of August 2020
Median Year	Median Year	Median Gap
1962	1982	21 Years
When a work was created	When MoMA acquires it	From when a piece was created to its acquisition

Not all works in the dataset have dates for both creation and acquisition. 129,000 records have both - about 93% of the dataset.



## At the same time, the collection is gradually becoming less modern.

The gap between when a piece is created and acquired is widening — the MoMA's adding older works to its collection over time.



## Links to Sources

Data: [MoMA Dataset on Github](#)  
Data and images: [MoMA's website](#)