

Quick Stats

Population Size Served	5,472,922
Number of Public Library Systems	148
Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets)	388
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians	824
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff	3,153

Public Library Outlets by Locale



Operating Expenditures per Person





Public Library Collections¹ per Person



Expenditure Type

	FY 2017	FY 2016	Regional ²	National
Public Library Financial Health				
Total Operating Revenue ³ per Person	\$47.84	47.79	\$44.53	\$42.34
Total Operating Expenditures ³ per Person	\$43.26	44.86	\$42.14	\$39.59
Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage				
Collection Materials per Person	4.29	4.14	7.77	5.00
Circulation per Person	9.50	9.80	8.81	6.94
Library Visits per Person	4.77	4.94	4.79	4.21
Reference Transactions per Person	0.53	0.62	0.60	0.77
Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People	19.59	18.17	20.25	17.30
Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People	467.30	427.16	453.48	378.69
Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People	4.47	4.50	6.14	4.80
Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person	0.89	0.99	0.92	0.83
Public Library Staffing				
Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People	14.40	14.58	13.10	11.36
Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People	3.76	3.75	5.25	3.96

¹ The sum of books and e-books will not equal the total collections per person reported in the table. The total collections per person reported in the table includes books, e-books, and physical and downloadable audio and video materials.

³ All financial data are in constant FY 2017 dollars.



² The Plains region includes Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.