Massachusetts Public Libraries
FISCAL YEAR 2016

Quick Stats

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<td>Population Size Served</td>
<td>6,719,857</td>
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<td>Number of Public Library Systems</td>
<td>368</td>
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<td>Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets)</td>
<td>468</td>
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<td>Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians</td>
<td>1,905</td>
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<td>Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff</td>
<td>3,787</td>
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Public Library Outlets by Locale

- Rural: 23%
- Town: 6%
- Suburb: 58%
- City: 13%

Operating Expenditures per Person

- Staffing: $33.47
- Collections: $5.68
- Other: $7.66

Public Library Collections\(^1\) per Person

- Books: 4.54
- E-books: 4.29

Expenditure Type

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<th>Public Library Financial Health</th>
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<td>Total Operating Revenue(^3) per Person</td>
<td>$45.06</td>
<td>$44.39</td>
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<td>Total Operating Expenditures(^3) per Person</td>
<td>$46.81</td>
<td>$45.98</td>
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Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage

- Collection Materials per Person: 10.23
- Circulation per Person: 9.27
- Library Visits per Person: 6.06
- Reference Transactions per Person: 0.72
- Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People: 22.83
- Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People: 430.29
- Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People: 4.83
- Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person: 0.90

Public Library Staffing

- Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 14.19
- Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 7.14

\(^1\) 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.

\(^2\) The New England region includes Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

\(^3\) All financial data are in constant FY 2016 dollars.

NOTE: The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (www.bea.gov) and the U.S. Census Bureau (www.census.gov/acs) do not provide margins of error associated with these estimates. Readers should take this into consideration when comparing data across years.