

Rhode Island Public Libraries

FISCAL YEAR 2016



Quick Stats

Population Size Served	1,431,901
Number of Public Library Systems	48
Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets)	71
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians	272
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff	617

Public Library Outlets by Locale



Operating Expenditures per Person





\$3.41

\$9.12

Collections

Other

Expenditure Type

Public Library Collections¹ per Person



3.37 Books



1.87 E-books

	FY 2016	FY 2015	Regional ²	National
Public Library Financial Health				
Total Operating Revenue ³ per Person	\$47.84	\$47.00	\$47.80	\$41.04
Total Operating Expenditures ³ per Person	\$46.70	\$45.54	\$49.13	\$38.91
Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage				
Collection Materials per Person	6.31	6.47	9.41	4.69
Circulation per Person	6.13	6.36	8.41	7.19
Library Visits per Person	5.46	5.57	5.95	4.36
Reference Transactions per Person	0.60	0.63	0.75	0.79
Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People	27.90	27.38	29.07	16.66
Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People	448.31	398.14	519.80	363.99
Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People	7.08	6.64	5.86	4.74
Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person	1.00	1.17	0.95	0.89
Public Library Staffing				
Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People	14.57	14.71	14.99	11.27
Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People	6.43	6.37	7.60	3.92

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.