South Carolina Public Libraries

FISCAL YEAR 2016



Quick Stats

Population Size Served	4,652,360
Number of Public Library Systems	42
Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets)	222
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians	592
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff	1,910

Operating Expenditures per Person



Public Library Outlets by Locale



Public Library Collections¹ per Person



	FY 2016	FY 2015	Regional ²	National
Public Library Financial Health				
Total Operating Revenue ³ per Person	\$30.49	\$29.43	\$27.95	\$41.04
Total Operating Expenditures ³ per Person	\$28.11	\$27.69	\$26.14	\$38.91
Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage				
Collection Materials per Person	2.62	2.42	3.28	4.69
Circulation per Person	5.43	5.65	5.16	7.19
Library Visits per Person	3.40	3.70	3.47	4.36
Reference Transactions per Person	0.58	0.58	0.84	0.79
Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People	11.50	10.12	12.94	16.66
Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People	254.84	230.09	291.36	363.99
Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People	4.60	4.58	4.57	4.74
Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person	0.84	0.94	0.84	0.89
Public Library Staffing				
Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People	10.26	10.11	8.91	11.27
Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People	3.18	3.19	3.10	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 Southeast region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. ³ All financial data are in constant FY 2016 dollars.



NOTE: The U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis (<u>www.bea.gov</u>) and the U.S. Census Bureau (<u>www.census.gov/acs</u>) do not provide margins of error associated with these estimates. Readers should take this into consideration when comparing data across years. SOURCE: IMLS, Public Libraries Survey, FY 2015-2016.