Quick Stats

Population Size Served: 1,328,701
Number of Public Library Systems: 222
Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets): 227
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians: 493
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff: 845

Public Library Outlets by Locale

- Rural: 68%
- Town: 13%
- Suburb: 18%
- City: 1%

Operating Expenditures per Person

Staffing: $4.59
Collections: $7.50
Other: $34.67

Public Library Collections per Person

- Books: 4.29
- E-books: 3.59

Public Library Financial Health

- Total Operating Revenue per Person: $47.43 (FY 2017), $47.02 (FY 2016), $49.16 (Regional), $42.34 (National)
- Total Operating Expenditures per Person: $46.76 (FY 2017), $46.65 (FY 2016), $49.96 (Regional), $39.59 (National)

Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage

- Collection Materials per Person: 11.40 (FY 2017), 10.31 (FY 2016), 7.88 (Regional), 5.00 (National)
- Circulation per Person: 7.88 (FY 2017), 7.85 (FY 2016), 7.68 (Regional), 6.94 (National)
- Library Visits per Person: 5.28 (FY 2017), 5.45 (FY 2016), 5.84 (Regional), 4.21 (National)
- Reference Transactions per Person: 0.60 (FY 2017), 0.67 (FY 2016), 0.74 (Regional), 0.77 (National)
- Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People: 41.06 (FY 2017), 40.60 (FY 2016), 29.94 (Regional), 17.30 (National)
- Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People: 619.65 (FY 2017), 608.22 (FY 2016), 532.02 (Regional), 378.69 (National)
- Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People: 5.75 (FY 2017), 5.59 (FY 2016), 5.88 (Regional), 4.80 (National)
- Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person: 0.54 (FY 2017), 0.59 (FY 2016), 0.90 (Regional), 0.83 (National)

Public Library Staffing

- Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 15.89 (FY 2017), 16.23 (FY 2016), 15.03 (Regional), 11.36 (National)
- Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 9.28 (FY 2017), 9.81 (FY 2016), 7.51 (Regional), 3.96 (National)

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 2017 dollars.

NOTE: Per person indicators use the unduplicated population. Calculations are based on unrounded data; therefore, reported totals may differ due to rounding.