**Quick Stats**

- Population Size Served: 4,652,360
- Number of Public Library Systems: 42
- Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets): 225
- Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians: 588
- Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff: 1,952

**Public Library Outlets by Locale**

- 30% Rural
- 28% Town
- 24% Suburb
- 18% City

**Operating Expenditures per Person**

- $19.95 Total Operating Expenditures per Person
- $4.14 Collections
- $5.08 Other

**Public Library Collections\(^1\) per Person**

- 1.87 Books
- 0.37 E-books

**Public Library Financial Health**

- Total Operating Revenue\(^3\) per Person: $31.12 (FY 2017), $31.07 (FY 2016), $28.71 (Regional\(^2\)), $42.34 (National)
- Total Operating Expenditures\(^3\) per Person: $29.16 (FY 2017), $28.64 (FY 2016), $26.54 (Regional\(^2\)), $39.59 (National)

**Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage**

- Collection Materials per Person: 2.84 (FY 2017), 2.62 (FY 2016), 3.58 (Regional\(^2\)), 5.00 (National)
- Circulation per Person: 5.14 (FY 2017), 5.43 (FY 2016), 4.89 (Regional\(^2\)), 6.94 (National)
- Library Visits per Person: 3.13 (FY 2017), 3.40 (FY 2016), 3.31 (Regional\(^2\)), 4.21 (National)
- Reference Transactions per Person: 0.55 (FY 2017), 0.58 (FY 2016), 0.82 (Regional\(^2\)), 0.77 (National)
- Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People: 13.08 (FY 2017), 11.50 (FY 2016), 13.39 (Regional\(^2\)), 17.30 (National)
- Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People: 276.08 (FY 2017), 254.84 (FY 2016), 305.63 (Regional\(^2\)), 378.69 (National)
- Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People: 4.59 (FY 2017), 4.60 (FY 2016), 4.54 (Regional\(^2\)), 4.80 (National)
- Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person: 0.75 (FY 2017), 0.84 (FY 2016), 0.77 (Regional\(^2\)), 0.83 (National)

**Public Library Staffing**

- Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 10.49 (FY 2017), 10.26 (FY 2016), 9.04 (Regional\(^2\)), 11.36 (National)
- Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 3.16 (FY 2017), 3.18 (FY 2016), 3.12 (Regional\(^2\)), 3.96 (National)

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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 2017 dollars.

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