Quick Stats

Population Size Served: 8,317,328
Number of Public Library Systems: 92
Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets): 382
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians: 1,068
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff: 4,165

Public Library Outlets by Locale

- Rural: 35%
- Town: 16%
- Suburb: 27%
- City: 22%

Operating Expenditures per Person

- Staffing: $24.66
- Collections: $3.74
- Other: $6.51

Public Library Collections\(^1\) per Person

- Books: 1.96
- E-books: 1.18

Public Library Financial Health

- Total Operating Revenue\(^3\) per Person: $35.54 (FY 2017), $35.88 (FY 2016), $28.71 (Regional), $42.34 (National)
- Total Operating Expenditures\(^3\) per Person: $34.91 (FY 2017), $35.26 (FY 2016), $26.54 (Regional), $39.59 (National)

Public Library Resources, Services, and Usage

- Collection Materials per Person: 4.07 (FY 2017), 3.56 (FY 2016), 3.58 (Regional), 5.00 (National)
- Circulation per Person: 7.93 (FY 2017), 8.21 (FY 2016), 4.89 (Regional), 6.94 (National)
- Library Visits per Person: 4.16 (FY 2017), 4.32 (FY 2016), 3.31 (Regional), 4.21 (National)
- Reference Transactions per Person: 0.82 (FY 2017), 0.80 (FY 2016), 0.82 (Regional), 0.77 (National)
- Total Programs Offered per 1,000 People: 14.50 (FY 2017), 13.65 (FY 2016), 13.39 (Regional), 17.30 (National)
- Total Program Attendance per 1,000 People: 345.32 (FY 2017), 319.25 (FY 2016), 305.63 (Regional), 378.69 (National)
- Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People: 4.65 (FY 2017), 4.64 (FY 2016), 4.54 (Regional), 4.80 (National)
- Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person: 0.83 (FY 2017), 0.91 (FY 2016), 0.77 (Regional), 0.83 (National)

Public Library Staffing

- Staffing (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 12.52 (FY 2017), 11.72 (FY 2016), 9.04 (Regional), 11.36 (National)
- Librarians (FTEs) per 25,000 People: 3.21 (FY 2017), 3.07 (FY 2016), 3.12 (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 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.