

Quick Stats

Population Size Served	9,953,687
Number of Public Library Systems	80
Number of Public Library Branches and Bookmobiles (Outlets)	406
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Librarians	800
Number of Full-Time Equivalent Staff	2,966

Public Library Outlets by Locale



Operating Expenditures per Person





\$2.29

\$3.97 Other

Collections

Expenditure Type

Public Library Collections¹ per Person





1.66 E-books

	FY 2015	FY 2014	Regional ²	National
Public Library Financial Health				
Total Operating Revenue ³ per Person	\$21.93	\$21.79	\$27.13	\$39.94
Total Operating Expenditures ³ per Person	\$21.14	\$20.75	\$25.42	\$37.38
Public Library Resources, Services, and Usages				
Public Library Collections per Person	3.49	2.25	3.26	4.28
Circulation per Person	5.18	5.36	5.30	7.30
Visits per Person	3.58	3.56	3.63	4.48
Reference Transactions per Person	0.68	0.68	0.87	0.82
Public Library Programs per 1,000 People	12.72	12.17	11.71	15.21
Program Attendance per 1,000 People	271.03	264.20	274.99	341.25
Public-Access Internet Computers per 5,000 People	3.97	3.89	4.55	4.73
Public-Access Internet Computer User Sessions per Person	0.74	0.79	0.88	0.97
Public Library Staffing				
Staffing per 25,000 People	7.45	7.37	8.85	11.19
Librarians per 25,000 People	2.01	1.96	3.06	3.86

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 2015 dollars.