

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library

Comparison of Libraries Serving Populations Between 500,000 and 1,550,000

Across the country, library systems are structured and funded in different ways. Typically, independent library districts support operating and building ownership costs. Many other libraries function as a department of a city or county government where building ownership, maintenance and even landscaping may be expensed in another department (e.g., maintenance department, parks department).

In the B&ECPL, individual municipalities or free associations own the library buildings and Erie County owns the Central Library. The B&ECPL and suburban contracting libraries function as tenants. The building owner is responsible for:

- Building construction; and
- Major building component replacement (roof, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, parking lot, etc.)

The B&ECPL, through a combination of library property tax, state aid and fine/fee revenue, funds the following expenses:

- Salaries, wages and fringe benefits;
- Library materials and operating supplies;
- Utilities: electric, gas, phone, sewer, water;
- Shelving and furnishings;
- Computers, T-1 data lines and other library technology; and
- Routine facility cleaning/maintenance

Annually, the **P**ublic **L**ibrary **A**ssociation Division of the American Library Association surveys U.S. and Canadian public libraries and publishes a statistical report. This report provides comparative information on public library operations and finances. More information about the PLA report, including ordering information, may be found at www.pla.org.

The following schedules excerpt information from the 2004 report (which reports 2003 data). Libraries serving populations ranging from 500,000 to 1,550,000 are compared (B&ECPL's State chartered population is 950,265).

Recognizing the fact that other municipal departments perform maintenance and landscaping functions for some libraries, staffing cost information is separately reported only for professional and white-collar support staff. This can likewise impact total cost comparisons. Still, the comparative data can provide useful information that places B&ECPL's operations in context.

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Overview of Comparison Results

Data from PLA's 2004 report confirm the 1998 Aaron Cohen Associates observation that the B&ECPL offers the most branches per capita, with its libraries serving an average population of 18,274, while the median value of the 74 libraries in the comparison group (the value in which half of the libraries are higher and half lower) is 38,952. This is partially mitigated by Erie County's size (1,000+ square miles). Comparing the average square miles per library, the B&ECPL at 20.1 square miles ranks a lower 27 out of 72 reporting libraries, closer to the median value of 23.5 square miles. Further, circulation per capita and visits per capita, at 9.3 and 5.0 respectively, are well above the comparison group's median values of 7.1 and 4.3

Additional comparisons place these results in context and provide a greater understanding of why the Cohen study issued recommendations that essentially would have right-sized the System cross the county, replacing multiple smaller libraries with one larger modern library with a wider range of capabilities.

Excluding the Central Library, Erie County's public libraries are on average very small. B&ECPL's average of 8,612 is the 64th smallest of 72 reporting libraries in the group (excluding central libraries). This is 22% below the median value of 11,035. The largest in the group, the Las Vegas-Clark County Public Library, cites an average of 26,901 square feet per library. Even with central libraries included in the comparison, B&ECPL still ranks a low 42 with its average of 15,139 square feet well below the median of 17,585. The largest in this group, the Milwaukee Public Library, averages 49,233 per library.

The small size limits the ability of B&ECPL's libraries to offer full service to their patrons, particularly limiting the size of book collections and other library materials available within each building and increasing operating costs to maintain a larger number of "open doors." The System has compensated by emphasizing the online request system, which allows users throughout the county to have materials not available in their local library shipped to their library in a matter of a few days. B&ECPL also relies more heavily on the Central Library, at approximately 44% of the total square footage for the System, which houses by far the largest number of requested materials shipped to libraries throughout the county.

These cost factors are also reflected in the measures of operating and library materials expenditures per capita and the full-time equivalent (FTE) of professional/white-collar support positions per 1,000 population. B&ECPL's 2003 per capita cost, at \$36.68, ranked 22 out of the 74 systems reporting, well above the median value of \$29.05 per capita. Professional and white-collar support FTE, at 0.586 per 1,000 population, ranked 18 out of 74, also well above the median value of 0.447 per 1,000 population.

If the reduced 2005 figures were utilized, B&ECPL's results would fall closer, but still above the median value, with total per capita cost falling to \$30.82 (a rank of 33) and professional/white-collar support FTE falling to 0.481 (a rank of 30).

COMPARISON SCHEDULES

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AVERAGE POPULATION PER LIBRARY BUILDING			
	Total Buildings	Average Population Per Building	Rank out of 74
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	52	18,274	1
MEDIAN		38,952	
AVERAGE SQUARE MILES PER LIBRARY			
	Sq. miles in legal service area	Average Sq Miles Per Library	Rank out of 72
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	1045	20.1	27
MEDIAN		23.5	
AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE PER BUILDING (Library Outlets NOT INCLUDING Central Library)			
	Total Square Footage (Excluding Central Library)	Average Square Footage Per Building	Rank out of 72
MEDIAN		11,035	
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	439,206	8,612	64
AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE PER BUILDING (Library Outlets INCLUDING Central Library)			
	Total Square Footage (Including Central Library)	Average Square Footage Per Building	Rank out of 72
MEDIAN		17,585	
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	787,242	15,139	42
CIRCULATION PER CAPITA			
		Circulation Per Capita	Rank out of 74
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)		9.3	26
MEDIAN		7.1	
VISITS PER CAPITA			
		Visits Per Capita	Rank out of 74
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)		5.0	24
MEDIAN		4.3	

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OPERATING AND LIBRARY MATERIALS EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA			
	Fiscal Year Ending	Expend. Per capita. (\$)	Rank out of 74
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating; Grants; and Erie County Capital Budgets for Library Materials and Equipment]</i>	12/31/2003	\$36.68	22
MEDIAN - 2003		\$29.05	
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating; Grants; and one half of the Erie County Capital Budget for Library Materials and Equipment - per Library Request to stretch County Capital Dollars for Library Materials to cover BOTH 2005 and 2006]</i>	2005 Adopted Budget *	\$30.82	
MEDIAN Adjusted to 2005*		\$30.56	
PROFESSIONAL & WHITE COLLAR SUPPORT STAFF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PER 1,000 POPULATION			
	Fiscal Year Ending	Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Per 1,000 Population	Rank out of 74
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating; Grants; and Erie County Capital Budgets for Library Materials and Equipment]</i>	12/31/2003	0.586	18
MEDIAN - 2003		0.447	
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating; Grants; and one half of the Erie County Capital Budget for Library Materials and Equipment - per Library Request to stretch County Capital Dollars for Library Materials to cover BOTH 2005 and 2006]</i>	2005 Adopted Budget *	0.481	
MEDIAN Adjusted to 2005*		0.470	
*	Other library comparison data is from 2003. The "MEDIAN - 2005" amount adjusts the comparison median to reflect the growth of the consumer price index from May 2003 to May 2005 (5.2%) to approximate the amount of growth in other library system budgets, providing a better comparison to B&ECPL's 2005 budget. Clearly, the \$4.2 million 2005 budget reductions have lowered B&ECPL's figures much closer to the median.		

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950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	52	18,274	1
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	42	19,890	2
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	27	20,866	3
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	28	21,041	4
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	30	22,281	5
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	28	22,476	6
563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	25	22,532	7
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	24	23,829	8
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	33	23,939	9
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	51	24,327	10
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	23	24,675	11
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	34	24,877	12
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	22	25,474	13
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	22	25,838	14
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	20	26,853	15
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	21	26,922	16
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	26	27,035	17
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	42	27,141	18
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	55	27,592	19
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	26	28,776	20
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	32	28,826	21
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	23	28,951	22
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	22	29,286	23
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	27	29,393	24
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	20	30,016	25
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	22	30,654	26
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	17	32,746	27
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	23	33,622	28
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	15	35,646	29
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	17	35,750	30
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	23	36,204	31
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	35	36,429	32
660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	18	36,692	33
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	18	37,529	34
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	25	38,051	35
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	21	38,461	36
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	23	38,848	37
	MEDIAN		38,952	
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	18	39,055	38
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	29	39,203	39
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	23	39,377	40
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	17	39,426	41
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	22	40,471	42
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	17	40,800	43
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	22	41,045	44
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	16	41,632	45
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	20	43,675	46
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	15	45,333	47
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	18	45,377	48

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1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	32	45,519	49
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	13	45,808	50
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	16	47,788	51
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	26	47,915	52
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	25	48,033	53
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	21	49,038	54
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	22	49,072	55
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	13	49,111	56
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	11	51,242	57
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	18	51,386	58
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	10	51,470	59
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	12	51,521	60
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	23	51,677	61
1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	24	52,307	62
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	15	52,625	63
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	10	52,706	64
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	15	52,927	65
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	10	53,660	66
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	16	57,645	67
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	14	65,811	68
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	20	66,822	69
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY) *	11	66,849	70
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	20	76,545	71
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	10	104,832	72
1,397,500	Phoenix Public Library (AZ)	13	107,500	73
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	2	251,193	74
<p>The population reported by the Rochester Public Library is the total population of Monroe County in which Rochester (2000 census population of 219,773) is located as the Central * Library serves the entire county. However there are a total 15 independent suburban libraries not counted above. Including Monroe County's total number of libraries, 26, changes the results as shown below:</p>				
735,343	All libraries in Monroe County (including Rochester)	26	28,282	20

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		Buildings			
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	28	46.0	1.6	1
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	27	47.7	1.8	2
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	22	44.0	2.0	3
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	55	135.1	2.5	4
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	27	69.0	2.6	5
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	24	84.0	3.5	6
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	22	88.0	4.0	7
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	25	139.6	5.6	8
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	23	155.0	6.7	9
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	15	111.0	7.4	10
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	13	106.0	8.2	11
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	42	407.0	9.7	12
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	35	342.0	9.8	13
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	18	179.9	10.0	14
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	22	241.7	11.0	15
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	23	270.9	11.8	16
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	34	543.0	16.0	17
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	21	343.0	16.3	18
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	23	378.0	16.4	19
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	28	458.0	16.4	20
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	23	380.3	16.5	21
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	16	264.0	16.5	22
1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	32	556.0	17.4	23
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	16	279.0	17.4	24
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	21	413.0	19.7	25
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	17	340.2	20.0	26
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	52	1,045.0	20.1	27
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	15	308.9	20.6	28
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	22	462.0	21.0	29
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	26	548.0	21.1	30
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	22	495.0	22.5	31
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	17	385.0	22.6	32
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	11	250.9	22.8	33
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	23	526.0	22.9	34
563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	25	572.0	22.9	35
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	20	460.0	23.0	36
	MEDIAN			23.5	
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	21	502.3	23.9	37
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	18	488.0	27.1	38
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	17	465.0	27.4	39
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	23	681.0	29.6	40
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	20	637.0	31.9	41
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	33	1,072.0	32.5	42
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	23	755.0	32.8	43
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	20	727.0	36.4	44
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	12	437.0	36.4	45
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	26	974.9	37.5	46
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	16	612.0	38.3	47
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	18	701.0	38.9	48

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660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	18	718.0	39.9	50
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	30	1,345.8	44.9	51
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	18	858.0	47.7	52
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	22	1,062.0	48.3	53
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	15	840.1	56.0	54
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	10	572.0	57.2	55
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY) *	11	659.3	59.9	56
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	20	1,248.0	62.4	57
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	17	1,166.0	68.6	58
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	25	1,777.0	71.1	59
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	14	1,000.0	71.4	60
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	10	777.0	77.7	61
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	20	2,000.0	100.0	62
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	32	3,727.0	116.5	63
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	51	6,415.0	125.8	64
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	10	1,409.0	140.9	65
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	10	1,545.0	154.5	66
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	26	8,073.0	310.5	67
1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	24	7,810.0	325.4	68
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	22	9,240.0	420.0	69
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	29	20,000.0	689.7	70
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	13	9,226.0	709.7	71
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	2	2,010.0	1005.0	72
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	42	Not Provided		
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	15	Not Provided		
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1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	24	645,620	26,901	1	N
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	18	415,842	23,102	2	N
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	28	623,307	22,261	3	N
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	21	428,497	20,405	4	N
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	10	185,907	18,591	5	N
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	16	282,700	17,669	6	N
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	14	246,721	17,623	7	Y
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	26	454,998	17,500	8	N
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	19	324,988	17,105	9	Y
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	22	354,310	16,105	10	N
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	19	303,581	15,978	11	Y
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	26	415,384	15,976	12	Y
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	12	182,114	15,176	13	Y
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	14	207,603	14,829	14	Y
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	15	222,370	14,825	15	Y
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	20	278,497	13,925	16	Y
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	18	249,216	13,845	17	N
660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	18	244,442	13,580	18	N
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	42	558,476	13,297	19	N
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	1	13,144	13,144	20	Y
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	17	222,624	13,096	21	N
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	30	390,943	13,031	22	N
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	32	410,220	12,819	23	Y
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	14	178,858	12,776	24	Y
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	22	280,354	12,743	25	Y
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	14	178,201	12,729	26	Y
1,397,500	Phoenix Public Library (AZ)	12	150,732	12,561	27	Y
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	12	146,573	12,214	28	N
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	22	265,618	12,074	29	Y
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	13	155,102	11,931	30	N
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	50	594,052	11,881	31	Y
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	22	260,823	11,856	32	Y
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	21	240,815	11,467	33	Y
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	13	145,000	11,154	34	Y
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	16	177,104	11,069	35	Y
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	25	276,575	11,063	36	Y
	MEDIAN			11,035		
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	22	242,122	11,006	37	Y
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	33	357,078	10,821	38	Y
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	22	236,024	10,728	39	Y
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	27	285,814	10,586	40	Y
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	19	200,424	10,549	41	Y
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	15	157,469	10,498	42	Y
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	20	208,409	10,420	43	Y
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	25	259,890	10,396	44	N
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	10	103,849	10,385	45	Y
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	9	93,243	10,360	46	Y
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	34	350,544	10,310	47	Y

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563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	24	238,916	9,955	48	Y
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	20	196,868	9,843	49	N
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	19	182,559	9,608	50	Y
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	21	199,433	9,497	51	Y
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	22	207,667	9,439	52	Y
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	9	84,892	9,432	53	Y
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	24	224,773	9,366	54	Y
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	21	196,033	9,335	55	Y
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	9	84,000	9,333	56	Y
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	17	157,801	9,282	57	Y
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	21	191,589	9,123	58	Y
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	16	144,612	9,038	59	Y
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	41	362,101	8,832	60	Y
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	22	193,665	8,803	61	Y
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	25	218,081	8,723	62	Y
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	21	181,150	8,626	63	Y
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	51	439,206	8,612	64	Y
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	16	129,762	8,110	65	Y
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY)	10	81,014	8,101	66	Y
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	32	242,627	7,582	67	N
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	54	408,084	7,557	68	Y
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	16	116,102	7,256	69	Y
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	26	180,653	6,948	70	Y
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	21	133,658	6,365	71	Y
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	23	142,740	6,206	72	Y
1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	32	Not Provided			N
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	29	Not Provided			N

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AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE PER BUILDING (Library Outlets INCLUDING Central Library)						
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Total Buildings (Including Central Library)	Total Square Footage (Including Central Library)	Average Square Footage Per Building	Rank out of 72	Does System Have a Central Library?
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	13	640,033	49,233	1	Y
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	28	1,185,814	42,351	2	Y
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	23	927,087	40,308	3	Y
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	23	782,437	34,019	4	Y
1,397,500	Phoenix Public Library (AZ)	13	430,732	33,133	5	Y
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	27	855,384	31,681	6	Y
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	14	435,000	31,071	7	Y
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	15	463,201	30,880	8	Y
1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	24	645,620	26,901	9	N
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	25	644,773	25,791	10	Y
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY)	11	281,014	25,547	11	Y
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	21	533,897	25,424	12	Y
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	2	49,818	24,909	13	Y
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	23	566,024	24,610	14	Y
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	22	541,302	24,605	15	Y
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	16	387,955	24,247	16	Y
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	21	508,409	24,210	17	Y
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	15	356,721	23,781	18	Y
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	15	354,892	23,659	19	Y
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	18	415,842	23,102	20	N
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	16	369,480	23,093	21	Y
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	20	453,581	22,679	22	Y
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	20	445,988	22,299	23	Y
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	28	623,307	22,261	24	N
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	22	483,488	21,977	25	Y
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	20	438,424	21,921	26	Y
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	42	904,628	21,539	27	Y
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	24	505,740	21,073	28	Y
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	27	556,653	20,617	29	Y
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	21	428,497	20,405	30	N
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	10	199,000	19,900	31	Y
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	10	185,907	18,591	32	N
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	17	311,643	18,332	33	Y
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	23	417,823	18,166	34	Y
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	34	612,078	18,002	35	Y
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	16	282,700	17,669	36	N
	MEDIAN			17,585		
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	26	454,998	17,500	37	N
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	22	383,375	17,426	38	Y
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	15	254,083	16,939	39	Y
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	23	385,618	16,766	40	Y
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	17	281,681	16,569	41	Y
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	10	161,595	16,160	43	Y
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	22	354,310	16,105	44	N
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	26	404,740	15,567	45	Y
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	10	154,892	15,489	46	Y
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	18	277,920	15,440	47	Y
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	11	168,849	15,350	48	Y
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	33	500,638	15,171	49	Y
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	52	787,242	15,139	42	Y

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AVERAGE SQUARE FOOTAGE PER BUILDING (Library Outlets INCLUDING Central Library)						
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Total Buildings (Including Central Library)	Total Square Footage (Including Central Library)	Average Square Footage Per Building	Rank out of 72	Does System Have a Central Library?
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	17	254,762	14,986	50	Y
563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	25	373,916	14,957	51	Y
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	22	328,776	14,944	52	Y
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	26	378,081	14,542	53	Y
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	35	495,104	14,146	54	Y
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	22	306,666	13,939	55	Y
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	18	249,216	13,845	56	N
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	51	699,052	13,707	57	Y
660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	18	244,442	13,580	58	N
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	42	558,476	13,297	59	N
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	30	390,943	13,031	60	N
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	22	277,150	12,598	61	Y
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	18	222,624	12,368	62	N
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	12	146,573	12,214	63	N
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	20	243,824	12,191	64	Y
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	55	664,640	12,084	65	Y
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	13	155,102	11,931	66	N
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	23	261,023	11,349	67	Y
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	17	180,102	10,594	68	Y
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	25	259,890	10,396	69	N
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	23	232,641	10,115	70	Y
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	20	196,868	9,843	71	N
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	32	242,627	7,582	72	N
1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	32	Not Provided			N
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	29	Not Provided			N

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CIRCULATION PER CAPITA			
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Circulation Per Capita	Rank out of 74
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	26.6	1
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	19.1	2
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	19.0	3
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	17.8	4
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	16.4	5
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	16.2	6
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	16.2	7
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	15.8	8
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	15.5	9
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	14.6	10
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	14.0	11
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	13.3	12
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	12.9	13
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	12.6	14
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	12.2	15
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	11.3	16
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	11.2	17
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	11.2	18
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	11.0	19
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	10.4	20
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	10.3	21
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	10.1	22
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	10.1	23
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	9.9	24
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	9.5	25
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	9.3	26
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	8.8	27
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	8.6	28
1,397,500	Phoenix Public Library (AZ)	8.4	29
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	8.4	30
660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	8.2	31
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	8.0	32
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	7.4	33
563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	7.4	34
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	7.3	35
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	7.3	36
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	7.1	37
	MEDIAN	7.05	
1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	7.0	38
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	6.9	39
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	6.8	40
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	6.6	41
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	6.5	42
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	6.2	43
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	5.9	44
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	5.9	45
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	5.5	46
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	5.4	47
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	5.3	48

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CIRCULATION PER CAPITA			
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Circulation Per Capita	Rank out of 74
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	5.2	49
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	5.2	50
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	4.9	51
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	4.9	52
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	4.8	53
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	4.8	54
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	4.8	55
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	4.7	56
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	4.5	57
1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	4.5	58
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	4.3	59
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	4.1	60
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	4.0	61
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	3.8	62
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	3.6	63
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	3.3	64
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	2.7	65
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	2.6	66
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	2.5	67
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY)	2.3	68
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	2.2	69
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	2.2	70
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	2.1	71
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	1.2	72
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	1.1	73
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	0.8	74
<p>The population reported by the Rochester Public Library is the total population of Monroe County in which Rochester (2000 census population of 219,773) is located as the Central Library serves the entire county. However circulation per capita data does not include the visits to the 15 independent suburban libraries located outside the City of Rochester. This understates the</p> <p>* circulation per capita when comparing to the B&ECPL (where both city and suburban library figures ARE included). The figures below show how much the circulation per capita increases when only the City of Rochester population is applied not counted above. Since the Central Library does indeed serve residents beyond the City, the resulting circulation per capita would be well below the City only population based figure, but substantially higher than the total county population based figure.</p>			
735,343	Monroe County (including Rochester) population	2.3	68
219,773	City of Rochester population	7.7	33

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VISITS PER CAPITA			
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Visits Per Capita	Rank out of 68
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	11.0	1
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	9.8	2
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	9.3	3
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	8.9	4
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	8.5	5
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	7.9	6
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	7.8	7
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	7.1	8
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	6.6	9
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	6.6	10
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	6.2	11
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	6.1	12
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	6.0	13
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	5.9	14
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	5.8	15
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	5.7	16
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	5.6	17
563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	5.4	18
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	5.3	19
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	5.2	20
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	5.1	21
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	5.1	22
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	5.1	23
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY)	5.0	24
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	5.0	25
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	4.9	26
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	4.9	27
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	4.9	28
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	4.7	29
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	4.7	30
1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	4.6	31
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	4.5	32
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	4.4	33
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	4.3	34
	MEDIAN	4.3	
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	4.3	35
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	4.2	36
1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	4.2	37
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	4.1	38
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	3.9	39
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	3.9	40
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	3.9	41
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	3.9	42
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	3.8	43
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	3.7	44
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	3.6	45
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	3.5	46
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	3.5	47
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	3.3	48

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VISITS PER CAPITA			
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Visits Per Capita	Rank out of 68
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	3.3	49
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	3.3	50
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	3.2	51
1,397,500	Phoenix Public Library (AZ)	3.1	52
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	3.1	53
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	3.1	54
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	3.0	55
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	3.0	56
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	2.9	57
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	2.9	58
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	2.9	59
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	2.4	60
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	2.3	61
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	2.3	62
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	2.1	63
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY) *	1.9	64
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	1.4	65
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	1.2	66
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	1.1	67
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	1.0	68
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	Not Provided	
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	Not Provided	
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	Not Provided	
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	Not Provided	
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	Not Provided	
660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	Not Provided	
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735,343	Monroe County (including Rochester) population	1.9	64
219,773	City of Rochester population	6.5	11

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OPERATING AND LIBRARY MATERIALS EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA						
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Fiscal year end	Expenditures Per Capita			
			Expend. Per capita. (\$)	Rank out of 74	Materials as % of Expend.	Materials Expend. per capita (\$)
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	12/31/03	81.83	1	11.10	9.06
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	12/31/03	77.34	2	13.30	10.27
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	06/30/03	65.28	3	15.60	10.20
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	63.87	4	10.80	6.88
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	06/30/03	61.65	5	13.50	8.34
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	12/31/03	60.44	6	18.10	10.93
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	12/31/03	57.64	7	13.30	7.66
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	12/31/03	56.38	8	18.10	10.20
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	12/31/03	55.63	9	17.60	9.81
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	06/30/03	50.64	10	11.30	5.73
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	12/31/03	49.67	11	13.50	6.72
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	12/31/03	48.35	12	12.40	6.01
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	09/30/03	48.03	13	8.50	4.07
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	12/31/03	45.93	14	12.90	5.92
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	06/30/03	44.62	15	26.70	11.93
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	06/30/03	40.36	16	13.70	5.54
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	06/30/03	40.20	17	16.80	6.76
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	06/30/03	40.11	18	19.30	7.75
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	12/31/03	39.90	19	15.30	6.09
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	12/31/03	39.68	20	11.00	4.37
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	12/31/03	38.49	21	15.80	6.10
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating; Grants; and Erie County Capital Budgets for Library Materials and Equipment]</i>	12/31/03	36.68	22	14.60	5.36
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	06/30/03	35.96	23	5.80	2.08
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	06/30/03	35.84	24	13.80	4.94
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	12/31/03	35.48	25	17.10	6.07
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	06/30/03	35.26	26	12.40	4.39
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	12/31/03	34.74	27	18.60	6.46
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	12/31/03	33.59	28	12.30	4.13
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	09/30/03	33.17	29	17.70	5.85
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	06/30/03	33.11	30	16.90	5.58
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	12/31/03	32.89	31	22.90	7.52
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	31.51	32	13.50	4.24
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating; Grants; and one half of the Erie County Capital Budget for Library Materials and Equipment - per Library Request to stretch County Capital Dollars for Library Materials to cover BOTH 2005 and 2006]</i>	2005 Adopted Budget	30.82	33	8.85	2.73
563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	06/30/03	30.64	33	24.30	7.46
1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	06/30/03	29.93	34	21.30	6.38
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	12/31/03	29.46	35	18.00	5.31
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	29.37	36	11.50	3.37
660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	06/30/03	29.06	37	15.00	4.36
	MEDIAN		29.05			
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	12/31/03	29.03	38	18.60	5.40
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	09/30/03	29.02	39	20.00	5.79
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	09/30/03	26.72	40	16.00	4.28
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	26.53	41	13.50	3.57

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Comparison of Libraries Serving Populations Between 500,000 and 1,550,000

OPERATING AND LIBRARY MATERIALS EXPENDITURES PER CAPITA						
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Fiscal year end	Expenditures Per Capita			
			Expend. Per capita. (\$)	Rank out of 74	Materials as % of Expend.	Materials Expend. per capita (\$)
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	06/30/03	26.45	42	12.30	3.27
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	06/30/03	26.42	43	22.60	5.96
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	06/30/03	25.83	44	20.10	5.19
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	12/31/03	25.56	45	18.20	4.66
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	01/31/03	25.26	46	9.90	2.51
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	06/30/03	24.73	47	14.40	3.56
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	06/30/03	23.33	48	8.20	1.92
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	06/30/03	23.23	49	14.60	3.38
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	12/31/03	23.08	50	18.70	4.33
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	21.87	51	15.90	3.49
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	09/30/03	21.87	52	17.40	3.81
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	06/30/03	21.33	53	15.60	3.32
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	03/30/03	20.42	54	9.40	1.91
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	06/30/03	20.33	55	11.60	2.35
1,397,500	Phoenix Public Library (AZ)	06/30/03	19.90	56	17.20	3.42
1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	19.70	57	11.10	2.19
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	19.54	58	15.00	2.94
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	06/30/03	19.36	59	13.70	2.65
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	19.23	60	11.60	2.23
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	19.12	61	11.50	2.20
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	06/30/03	18.51	62	15.00	2.77
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	06/30/03	18.27	63	19.60	3.59
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY) *	06/30/03	17.81	64	11.10	1.98
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	09/30/03	17.40	65	17.40	3.03
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	06/30/03	16.40	66	18.90	3.10
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	12/31/03	16.02	67	13.60	2.17
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	02/28/03	15.44	68	15.90	2.45
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	08/31/03	14.13	69	14.10	1.99
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	06/30/03	13.88	70	17.10	2.38
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	13.34	71	16.60	2.21
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	06/30/03	10.22	72	9.80	1.00
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	06/30/03	8.45	73	9.00	0.76
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	09/30/03	4.82	74	15.80	0.76
<p>The population reported by the Rochester Public Library is the total population of Monroe County in which Rochester (2000 census population of 219,773) is located as the Central Library serves the entire county. However the Expenditures Per Capita data does not include the expenditures of the 15 independent suburban libraries located outside the City of Rochester. This understates the cost per capita when</p> <p>* comparing to the B&ECPL (where both city and suburban library expenditures ARE included). The figures below show how much the per capita costs increase when only the City of Rochester population is applied not counted above. Since the Central Library does indeed serve residents beyond the City, the resulting cost per capita would be somewhat below the City only population based figure, but substantially higher than the total county population based figure.</p>						
735,343	Monroe County (including Rochester) population		17.81	64	11.10	1.98
219,773	City of Rochester population		59.59	7		6.61

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PROFESSIONAL & WHITE COLLAR SUPPORT STAFF FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT PER 1,000 POPULATION					
Population of legal service area	Library Name (State)	Fiscal year end	Professional & White Collar Support Staff Full-time Equivalent (FTE)	Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Per 1,000 Population	Rank: Exp Per Cap of 74
629,334	Cuyahoga County Public Library (OH)	12/31/03	655.6	1.0417	1
568,442	Vancouver Public Library (BC)	12/31/03	489.0	0.8602	2
589,141	Boston Public Library (MA)	06/30/03	471.0	0.7995	3
807,685	Columbus Metropolitan Library (OH)	12/31/03	638.4	0.7904	4
537,065	Ocean County Library (NJ)	12/31/03	420.4	0.7828	5
668,428	Mid-Continent Public Library (MO)	06/30/03	521.0	0.7794	6
835,362	Cincinnati and Hamilton County, The P.L. of (OH)	12/31/03	646.0	0.7733	7
571,900	Seattle Public Library, The (WA)	12/31/03	432.0	0.7554	8
567,526	Denver Public Library (CO)	12/31/03	415.0	0.7312	9
793,600	San Francisco Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	558.5	0.7038	10
670,250	Multnomah County Library (OR)	06/30/03	448.0	0.6684	11
595,508	Milwaukee Public Library (WI)	12/31/03	379.0	0.6364	12
748,180	Hennepin County Library (MN)	12/31/03	475.5	0.6355	13
563,384	District of Columbia Public Library (DC)	09/30/03	351.0	0.6230	14
644,300	Enoch Pratt Free Library (MD)	06/30/03	391.5	0.6076	15
1,139,915	King County Library System (WA)	12/31/03	688.0	0.6036	16
764,600	Baltimore County Public Library (MD)	06/30/03	448.2	0.5862	17
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating and grant supported positions]</i>	12/31/03	557.0	0.5862	18
873,490	Saint Louis County Library District (MO)	12/31/03	495.0	0.5667	19
773,299	Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, Pub. Lib of (NC)	06/30/03	436.0	0.5638	20
832,693	Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (IN)	12/31/03	458.0	0.5500	21
793,898	Jacksonville Public Library (FL)	09/30/03	431.0	0.5429	22
666,104	Edmonton Public Library (AB)	12/31/03	355.4	0.5336	23
565,352	Nashville Public Library (TN)	06/30/03	299.5	0.5298	24
680,000	Mississauga Library System (ON)	01/31/03	356.0	0.5235	25
1,517,550	Philadelphia, The Free Library of (PA)	06/30/03	791.5	0.5216	26
534,694	Fort Worth Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	273.0	0.5106	27
789,370	Palm Beach County Library System (FL)	09/30/03	402.0	0.5093	28
903,000	Montgomery County Dept. of Public Libraries (MD)	06/30/03	434.6	0.4813	29
563,299	Tulsa City-County Library (OK)	06/30/03	271.0	0.4811	30
950,265	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library (NY) <i>[Includes Library Fund Operating and grant supported positions]</i>	2005 Adopted Budget	456.8	0.4808	30
560,428	Dayton Metro Library (OH)	12/31/03	264.3	0.4716	31
922,315	Calgary Public Library (AB)	12/31/03	432.6	0.4690	32
1,029,800	Fairfax County Public Library (VA)	06/30/03	480.1	0.4662	33
951,270	Detroit Public Library (MI)	06/30/03	436.7	0.4591	34
600,320	Sno-Isle Regional Library (WA)	12/31/03	273.2	0.4551	35
618,250	Gwinnett County Public Library (GA)	06/30/03	277.6	0.4490	36
693,604	Louisville Free Public Library (KY)	06/30/03	310.0	0.4469	37
	MEDIAN			0.4465	
905,678	Memphis/Shelby County Pub. Lib & Info Ctr. (TN)	06/30/03	404.0	0.4461	38
1,240,663	Hawaii State Public Library System (HI)	03/30/03	543.0	0.4377	39
674,382	Austin Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	294.8	0.4371	40
790,000	Ottawa Public Library (ON)	12/31/03	331.4	0.4195	41
702,987	Salt Lake County Library System (UT)	12/31/03	293.3	0.4172	42

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660,448	Metropolitan Library System (OK)	06/30/03	275.5	0.4171	43
514,700	Alameda County Library (CA)	06/30/03	212.0	0.4119	44
845,807	Atlanta-Fulton Public Library (GA)	12/31/03	336.0	0.3973	45
924,950	San Jose Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	353.7	0.3824	46
1,275,000	San Diego Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	471.5	0.3698	47
1,255,364	Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (NV)	06/30/03	461.2	0.3674	48
665,865	DeKalb County Public Library (GA)	06/30/03	233.0	0.3499	49
527,056	Jefferson County Public Library (CO)	12/31/03	179.0	0.3396	50
1,188,580	Dallas Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	402.7	0.3388	51
922,417	San Diego County Library (CA)	06/30/03	304.0	0.3296	52
607,751	Cobb County Public Library System (GA)	09/30/03	196.7	0.3237	53
816,791	Prince George's County Memorial Lib. Sys. (MD)	06/30/03	261.8	0.3205	54
890,356	Tucson-Pima Public Library (AZ)	06/30/03	285.0	0.3201	55
1,079,587	Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library (FL)	09/30/03	324.0	0.3001	56
563,662	El Paso Public Library (TX)	08/31/03	163.8	0.2906	57
1,456,600	Orange County Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	422.0	0.2897	58
556,678	Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Library System (NM)	06/30/03	157.2	0.2824	59
1,397,500	Phoenix Public Library (AZ)	06/30/03	383.8	0.2746	60
735,343	Rochester Public Library (NY) *	06/30/03	193.5	0.2631	61
638,443	Maricopa County Library District (AZ)	06/30/03	168.0	0.2631	62
1,200,817	Harris County Public Library (TX)	02/28/03	310.3	0.2584	63
1,530,900	San Antonio Public Library (TX)	09/30/03	391.5	0.2557	64
1,245,800	Sacramento Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	314.0	0.2520	65
1,336,449	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh (PA)	12/31/03	327.6	0.2451	66
675,518	Wake County Public Libraries (NC)	06/30/03	165.5	0.2450	67
921,359	Orange County Library System (FL)	09/30/03	207.0	0.2247	68
536,600	Stockton-San Joaquin County Public Library (CA)	06/30/03	109.0	0.2031	69
1,136,900	San Bernardino County Library (CA)	06/30/03	213.0	0.1874	70
893,500	Contra Costa County Library (CA)	06/30/03	164.4	0.1840	71
702,900	Kern County Library (CA)	06/30/03	124.2	0.1767	72
1,048,319	Providence Public Library (RI)	06/30/03	152.5	0.1455	73
502,385	Lakeland Public Library (FL)	09/30/03	57.0	0.1135	74
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735,343 Monroe County (including Rochester) population			193.5	0.2631	61
219,773 City of Rochester population			193.5	0.8805	2