

Table 422.—Public libraries, books and serial volumes, library visits, and reference transactions, by state: Fiscal year 1997

State	Number of public libraries	Number of books and serial volumes ¹ (in thousands)	Number of books and serial volumes per capita	Library visits per capita ²	Circulation per capita	Public library reference transactions per capita ³	State	Number of public libraries	Number of books and serial volumes ¹ (in thousands)	Number of books and serial volumes per capita	Library visits per capita ²	Circulation per capita	Public library reference transactions per capita ³
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
United States	8,967	723,309	2.8	4.1	6.6	1.1							
Alabama	208	8,161	2.1	3.4	4.0	0.6	Missouri	150	19,518	4.1	4.4	8.4	0.9
Alaska	85	2,034	3.3	5.0	6.1	0.8	Montana	79	2,526	3.0	3.6	5.9	0.6
Arizona	40	7,796	1.8	4.0	6.3	0.9	Nebraska	230	5,161	3.7	5.0	8.0	0.7
Arkansas	38	4,990	2.2	2.7	4.3	0.4	Nevada	23	3,725	2.2	2.6	5.1	1.1
California	172	63,437	1.9	3.8	4.9	1.1	New Hampshire	230	5,237	4.5	4.9	7.6	0.7
Colorado	108	10,112	2.6	5.1	8.8	1.4	New Jersey	307	30,297	3.8	4.9	6.1	1.0
Connecticut	195	14,352	4.4	6.2	8.6	1.3	New Mexico	72	4,188	2.9	5.4	5.4	0.7
Delaware	30	1,449	2.2	3.6	5.3	0.7	New York	744	74,494	4.5	5.8	7.4	2.1
District of Columbia ...	1	2,863	5.3	3.2	2.7	2.3	North Carolina	75	14,438	2.0	3.6	5.8	0.9
Florida	91	26,259	1.8	3.6	5.1	1.8	North Dakota	80	2,092	3.8	4.1	7.2	0.7
Georgia	56	13,788	1.9	2.8	4.6	0.7	Ohio	250	45,171	4.0	5.2	12.6	1.4
Hawaii	1	3,077	2.6	4.7	6.4	2.2	Oklahoma	115	5,773	2.1	4.1	6.0	0.7
Idaho	105	3,271	3.2	5.2	7.9	0.8	Oregon	126	7,481	2.5	(⁴)	10.2	0.8
Illinois	622	40,138	3.8	5.4	7.9	1.5	Pennsylvania	461	25,211	2.2	3.2	4.7	0.6
Indiana	238	21,642	4.3	6.0	11.0	1.3	Rhode Island	49	4,175	4.2	5.2	6.6	0.9
Iowa	529	11,356	4.0	5.1	9.0	0.7	South Carolina	40	7,096	1.9	3.0	4.5	1.1
Kansas	324	9,683	4.6	5.3	9.8	1.4	South Dakota	111	2,539	4.9	5.1	9.3	(⁴)
Kentucky	116	7,493	2.1	3.0	5.4	0.4	Tennessee	142	8,186	1.6	2.8	4.0	0.8
Louisiana	65	10,088	2.3	2.8	4.4	0.8	Texas	511	35,182	2.0	2.8	4.4	1.0
Maine	269	5,475	5.3	4.9	7.8	0.8	Utah	70	5,301	2.6	4.3	9.0	(⁴)
Maryland	24	13,711	2.7	(⁴)	9.2	1.2	Vermont	196	2,820	5.4	(⁴)	7.4	(⁴)
Massachusetts	371	29,474	4.8	(⁴)	7.4	(⁴)	Virginia	90	16,893	2.5	4.6	7.6	1.0
Michigan	384	26,047	2.8	3.9	5.5	0.9	Washington	67	15,602	2.9	(⁴)	10.2	(⁴)
Minnesota	130	13,543	2.9	4.7	9.5	1.2	West Virginia	96	4,841	2.7	3.2	5.3	0.8
Mississippi	47	5,265	2.0	2.5	3.3	0.4	Wisconsin	381	17,558	3.4	5.4	9.2	1.2
							Wyoming	23	2,300	4.7	4.8	7.7	0.8

¹ Some data are different from other tables due to a different population base.

² The total number of persons entering the library for whatever purpose during the year.

³ A reference transaction is an information contact which involves the knowledge, use, recommendations, interpretation or instructions in the use of one or more information sources by a member of the library staff.

⁴ Response rate less than 70 percent.

NOTE: Totals may be underestimated due to nonresponse.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Public Libraries in the United States: FY 1997*. (This table was prepared July 2000.)