

Table 423.—Public libraries, books and serial volumes, library visits, and reference transactions, by state: Fiscal year 2000

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	9,074	760,513	2.9	4.3	6.4	1.1							
Alabama	206	8,600	2.0	2.8	3.5	0.6	Missouri	147	22,697	4.8	4.9	8.1	1.3
Alaska	87	2,224	3.5	4.6	5.8	0.6	Montana	79	2,638	3.0	3.9	5.5	0.6
Arizona	39	8,723	1.8	4.3	6.4	0.9	Nebraska	240	5,605	4.0	4.5	8.0	0.8
Arkansas	43	5,408	2.2	2.9	4.3	0.6	Nevada	23	4,136	2.2	3.6	4.9	0.7
California	179	66,193	1.9	3.9	4.8	1.1	New Hampshire	228	5,506	4.5	4.8	7.2	0.7
Colorado	113	10,863	2.6	5.5	9.5	1.4	New Jersey	303	30,593	3.7	4.7	5.5	0.8
Connecticut	194	14,238	4.3	6.2	8.5	1.2	New Mexico	78	4,108	2.7	5.1	5.2	0.7
Delaware	37	1,445	2.2	4.2	6.4	0.9	New York	750	77,571	4.6	6.1	7.3	1.9
District of Columbia ...	1	2,385	4.2	(⁴)	1.9	(⁴)	North Carolina	76	15,609	2.0	3.8	5.6	0.9
Florida	72	29,222	1.8	3.5	4.8	1.5	North Dakota	81	2,145	3.9	4.4	7.2	0.7
Georgia	57	14,869	1.9	3.1	4.4	0.8	Ohio	250	47,122	4.2	5.8	12.8	1.6
Hawaii	1	3,194	2.7	5.3	5.8	1.0	Oklahoma	115	6,110	2.2	4.4	6.0	0.8
Idaho	106	3,506	3.2	5.0	7.5	0.8	Oregon	125	8,346	2.7	(⁴)	11.1	0.8
Illinois	628	41,014	3.8	5.5	7.8	1.5	Pennsylvania	457	26,351	2.3	3.3	4.7	0.8
Indiana	239	21,730	4.2	6.2	11.1	1.4	Rhode Island	48	4,345	4.1	5.2	6.2	0.9
Iowa	535	11,595	4.0	5.1	8.6	0.7	South Carolina	41	8,055	2.1	3.4	4.5	1.1
Kansas	321	10,207	4.7	5.2	9.6	1.3	South Dakota	120	2,703	4.3	4.7	7.4	(⁴)
Kentucky	116	7,856	2.0	3.3	5.1	0.5	Tennessee	183	9,747	1.8	2.8	3.8	0.7
Louisiana	65	10,608	2.4	2.9	4.0	1.1	Texas	538	35,040	1.9	2.9	4.3	0.9
Maine	271	5,683	4.9	4.8	7.0	0.8	Utah	70	5,756	2.6	4.9	10.0	(⁴)
Maryland	24	15,387	3.0	5.1	8.9	1.3	Vermont	190	2,772	5.1	5.7	7.2	0.7
Massachusetts	371	30,238	4.9	(⁴)	7.4	0.9	Virginia	90	18,378	2.7	4.2	7.8	1.0
Michigan	384	26,753	2.9	4.3	5.5	0.8	Washington	66	16,561	2.9	4.6	9.4	1.4
Minnesota	140	15,599	3.2	4.6	9.0	1.1	West Virginia	97	4,814	2.7	3.6	4.6	0.9
Mississippi	49	5,602	2.0	2.7	3.1	0.5	Wisconsin	378	18,294	3.4	5.5	8.7	1.1
							Wyoming	23	2,375	5.0	5.6	7.7	0.9

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 Data not shown because response rate is less than 70 percent.

NOTE: Data include imputations for nonresponse.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Public Libraries in the United States: FY 2000*. (This table was prepared August 2002.)