

Table 419.—General statistics of college and university libraries: 1975–76 to 1996–97

Item	1975–76 ¹	1976–77 ¹	1978–79 ¹	1981–82	1984–85	1987–88	1991–92	1994–95	1996–97
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number of libraries	2,987	3,058	3,122	3,104	3,322	3,438	3,274	3,303	3,408
General collection transactions, in thousands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	183,123	186,545
Reserve collection transactions, in thousands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	48,380	44,189
Total enrollment, in thousands ²	11,291	11,121	11,392	12,372	12,242	12,767	14,359	14,279	14,300
Full-time-equivalent enrollment, in thousands ²	8,480	8,313	8,348	9,015	8,952	9,230	10,361	10,348	10,402
Collections, thousands of units									
Number of volumes at end of year ...	468,033	481,442	519,895	567,826	631,727	718,504	749,429	776,447	806,717
Number of volumes added during year	22,977	22,367	21,608	19,507	20,658	21,907	20,982	21,544	21,346
Number of serial subscriptions ³	4,618	4,670	4,775	4,890	6,317	6,416	6,966	6,212	5,709
Microform titles at end of year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	158,345	181,203
Computer files at end of year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	465	983
Library staff, in full-time equivalents									
Total staff in regular positions ⁴	56,852	57,087	58,416	58,476	58,476	67,251	67,166	67,433	67,581
FTE student enrollment per FTE staff	149.2	145.6	142.9	154.2	153.1	137.2	154.3	153.5	153.9
Librarians and professional staff ..	23,104	23,308	23,676	23,816	21,822	25,115	26,341	26,726	27,268
Other paid staff	33,748	33,779	34,740	34,660	38,026	40,733	40,421	40,381	40,022
Contributed services	—	—	—	—	—	1,403	404	326	291
Student assistants	—	—	—	—	—	33,821	29,075	28,411	27,998
Hours of student and other assistance, in thousands	36,725	39,950	39,552	40,068	28,360	—	—	—	—
Library operating expenditures (excluding capital outlay)									
Operating expenditures, total, in thousands	\$1,180,128	\$1,259,637	\$1,502,158	\$1,943,769	\$2,404,524	\$2,770,075	\$3,648,654	\$4,013,333	\$4,301,815
Salaries ⁵	649,374	698,090	824,438	1,081,894	1,156,138	1,451,551	1,889,368	2,021,233	2,147,842
Hourly wages	66,175	68,683	79,535	100,847	—	—	—	—	—
Fringe benefits	—	—	—	—	231,209	—	—	—	—
Preservation	22,375	22,521	25,274	30,351	32,939	34,144	43,126	46,554	45,610
Furniture/equipment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55,915	56,128
Computer hardware/software	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	128,128	157,949
Utilities/networks/consortia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	81,106	85,113
Information resources	357,544	373,699	450,180	561,199	750,282	891,281	1,197,293	1,348,933	1,499,249
Print materials	—	—	—	—	—	—	420,930	442,495	472,592
Serial subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—	639,128	690,410	780,830
Microforms	—	—	—	—	—	—	43,666	62,421	61,577
Audiovisual materials	—	—	—	—	—	—	23,879	28,753	28,879
Computer files/search serv- ices ⁶	—	—	—	—	—	—	29,093	70,792	103,539
Document delivery/interlibrary loan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,238	17,645
Other collection expenditures ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	40,596	41,823	34,186
Other library operating expenditures	84,660	96,643	122,731	169,478	233,957	393,099	518,867	331,463	309,925
Operating expenditures per FTE student	139	152	180	216	269	300	352	388	414
Operating expenditures per FTE student in constant 1996–97 dol- lars	399	410	417	364	404	412	405	410	414
Operating expenditures, total, in percents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Salaries ⁵	55.0	55.4	54.9	55.7	48.1	52.4	51.8	50.4	49.9
Hourly wages	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.2	—	—	—	—	—
Fringe benefits	—	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	—	—
Preservation	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1
Information resources	30.3	29.7	30.0	28.9	31.2	32.2	32.8	33.6	34.9
Other library operating expenditures ⁷	7.2	7.7	8.2	8.7	9.7	14.2	14.2	14.9	14.2
Library operating expenditures as percent of total institutional expenditures for educational and general purposes	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.8	—

—Not available.

¹ Includes data for U.S. territories.

² Fall enrollment for the academic year specified.

³ Data are for end of year.

⁴ Excludes student assistants.

⁵ Includes expenditures for fringe benefits (except for 1984–85 and 1987–88), salary equivalents of contributed services staff, and hourly wages for 1996–97.

⁶ Computer files/search services was formerly labeled "Machine readable materials."

⁷ Includes furniture/equipment, computer hardware/software, and utilities/networks/consortia as well as expenditures classified above as "other library operating expenditures."

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Library Statistics of Colleges and Universities*, various years; and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, "Academic Library Survey." (This table was prepared July 2000.)