

**Table 420.—Collections, staff, and operating expenditures of college and university libraries: 1976–77 to 1997–98**

Item	1976–77 <sup>1</sup>	1978–79 <sup>1</sup>	1981–82	1984–85	1987–88	1991–92	1994–95	1996–97	1997–98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number of libraries .....	3,058	3,122	3,104	3,322	3,438	3,274	3,303	3,408	3,658
General collection transactions, in thousands .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	183,123	186,545	175,409
Reserve collection transactions, in thousands .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	48,380	44,189	40,658
Total enrollment, in thousands <sup>2</sup> .....	11,121	11,392	12,372	12,242	12,767	14,359	14,279	14,300	14,502
Full-time-equivalent enrollment, in thousands <sup>2</sup> .....	8,313	8,348	9,015	8,952	9,230	10,361	10,348	10,402	10,217
<b>Collections, thousands of units</b>									
Number of volumes at end of year .....	481,442	519,895	567,826	631,727	718,504	749,429	776,447	806,717	<sup>3</sup> 878,906
Number of volumes added during year .....	22,367	21,608	19,507	20,658	21,907	20,982	21,544	21,346	24,551
Number of serial subscriptions at end of year .....	4,670	4,775	4,890	6,317	6,416	6,966	6,212	5,709	<sup>4</sup> 10,908
Microform units at end of year .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,062,082
Electronic units at end of year <sup>5</sup> .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	465	983	3,473
<b>Library staff, in full-time equivalents (FTE)</b>									
Total staff in regular positions <sup>6</sup> .....	57,087	58,416	58,476	58,476	67,251	67,166	67,433	67,581	68,337
FTE student enrollment per FTE staff	145.6	142.9	154.2	153.1	137.2	154.3	153.5	153.9	149.5
Librarians and professional staff .....	23,308	23,676	23,816	21,822	25,115	26,341	26,726	27,268	30,041
Other paid staff .....	33,779	34,740	34,660	38,026	40,733	40,421	40,381	40,022	38,026
Contributed services .....	—	—	—	—	1,403	404	326	291	270
Student assistants .....	—	—	—	—	33,821	29,075	28,411	27,998	28,373
Hours of student and other assistance, in thousands .....	39,950	39,552	40,068	28,360	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Library operating expenditures (excluding capital outlay)</b>									
Operating expenditures, total, in thousands .....	\$1,259,637	\$1,502,158	\$1,943,769	\$2,404,524	\$2,770,075	\$3,648,654	\$4,013,333	\$4,301,815	\$4,592,657
Salaries <sup>7</sup> .....	698,090	824,438	1,081,894	1,156,138	1,451,551	1,889,368	2,021,233	2,147,842	2,314,380
Hourly wages .....	68,683	79,535	100,847	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fringe benefits .....	—	—	—	231,209	—	—	—	—	—
Preservation .....	22,521	25,274	30,351	32,939	34,144	43,126	46,554	45,610	42,919
Furniture/equipment .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	55,915	56,128	57,013
Computer hardware/software .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	128,128	157,949	164,379
Utilities/networks/consortia .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	81,106	85,113	89,618
Information resources .....	373,699	450,180	561,199	750,282	891,281	1,197,293	1,348,933	1,499,249	1,600,995
Books and serial backfiles-paper .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	514,048
Books and serial backfiles-electronic .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28,061
Current serials- paper .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	849,399
Current serials- electronic .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	125,470
Audiovisual materials .....	—	—	—	—	—	23,879	28,753	28,879	30,623
Document delivery/interlibrary loan .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,238	17,645	19,309
Other collection expenditures .....	373,699	450,180	561,199	750,282	891,281	1,173,414	1,307,942	1,452,725	34,086
Other library operating expenditures .....	96,643	122,731	169,478	233,957	393,099	518,867	331,463	309,925	323,354
Operating expenditures per FTE student .....	152	180	216	269	300	352	388	414	450
Operating expenditures per FTE student in constant 1997–98 dollars .....	418	425	371	411	419	412	417	421	450
Operating expenditures, total, in percents .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Salaries <sup>7</sup> .....	55.4	54.9	55.7	48.1	52.4	51.8	50.4	49.9	50.4
Hourly wages .....	5.5	5.3	5.2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fringe benefits .....	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	—	—	—
Preservation .....	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.9
Information resources .....	29.7	30.0	28.9	31.2	32.2	32.8	33.6	34.9	34.9
Other library operating expenditures <sup>8</sup> .....	7.7	8.2	8.7	9.7	14.2	14.2	14.9	14.2	13.8
Library operating expenditures as percent of total institutional expenditures for educational and general purposes .....	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.8	—	—

—Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Includes data for U.S. territories.<sup>2</sup> Fall enrollment for the academic year specified.<sup>3</sup> Includes data for schools newly added to the survey system, so end of year figure exceeds total of additions plus end of year value from previous year.<sup>4</sup> Includes microform and electronic serials.<sup>5</sup> Electronic files, formerly labeled "Computer files."<sup>6</sup> Excludes student assistants.<sup>7</sup> Includes expenditures for fringe benefits (except for 1984–85 and 1987–88), salary equivalents of contributed services staff, and hourly wages for 1996–97 and 1997–98.<sup>8</sup> 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," various years, and "Fall Enrollment Survey 1997." (This table was prepared July 2001.)