

**Table 424.—General statistics of public libraries, by population of legal service area: 1998**

Item	Population of legal service area						
	Total	Under 10,000	10,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 249,999	250,000 to 499,999	500,000 and over
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Number of public library service outlets</b> .....	<b>17,113</b>	<b>5,690</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>2,144</b>
Central libraries .....	8,887	5,370	2,548	493	330	82	64
Branch libraries .....	7,293	248	1,317	1,108	1,662	980	1,978
Bookmobiles .....	933	72	314	189	185	71	102
<b>Collections, in thousands</b>							
Books and serial volumes <sup>1</sup> .....	739,168	97,416	180,593	88,086	108,978	73,215	190,880
Audio and video materials and films .....	45,394	4,448	10,769	5,466	7,100	4,581	13,030
Serial subscriptions .....	1,913	268	483	219	261	178	503
<b>Paid staff, in full-time equivalents</b>							
Librarians .....	40,689	5,727	10,659	4,831	5,856	4,093	9,522
Librarians with ALA-MLS <sup>2</sup> .....	28,178	1,182	6,639	3,566	4,642	3,290	8,859
Other staff .....	82,755	4,955	19,688	11,130	14,566	9,101	23,315
<b>Income, in thousands</b>							
Total operating income .....	\$6,737,820	\$435,326	\$1,548,994	\$842,681	\$1,116,459	\$765,433	\$2,028,927
	Percentage distribution						
<b>Source of operating income</b>							
Total .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Federal <sup>3</sup> .....	0.8	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.7	0.9
State .....	12.6	8.1	12.5	14.1	11.3	12.9	13.2
Local .....	77.6	70.4	77.4	76.8	80.9	79.8	76.5
Other .....	9.0	20.2	9.6	8.3	7.0	6.5	9.5

<sup>1</sup> Some data are different from other tables due to a different population base.

<sup>2</sup> ALA-MLS=A master's degree from a graduate library education program accredited by the American Library Association (ALA).

<sup>3</sup> Excludes some federal funds received through state library agencies.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Totals may be underestimated due to nonresponse on item or legal service area. In three states (Michigan, Pennsyl-

vania, and Texas), some public libraries reported data for fiscal year 1997. Most of West Virginia's data are for fiscal year 1997.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Public Libraries in the United States: FY 1998*. (This table was prepared June 2001.)