

Table 425.—Public libraries, books and serial volumes, library visits, and reference transactions, by state: Fiscal year 1998

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	8,964	739,168	2.9	4.2	6.6	1.1							
Alabama	207	8,285	2.1	3.4	4.0	0.6	Missouri	154	22,409	4.7	4.6	8.6	1.0
Alaska	83	2,026	3.3	4.9	6.1	0.7	Montana	79	2,565	3.0	3.8	5.8	0.5
Arizona	40	8,289	1.8	4.3	6.2	1.1	Nebraska	235	5,391	3.8	4.6	8.1	0.8
Arkansas	38	5,080	2.1	2.4	4.0	0.4	Nevada	23	4,046	2.3	3.4	5.0	1.1
California	176	64,554	1.9	3.8	5.0	1.1	New Hampshire	228	5,267	4.5	4.6	7.5	0.8
Colorado	111	10,501	2.7	5.3	9.2	1.4	New Jersey	307	30,096	3.7	4.8	5.9	1.0
Connecticut	194	14,413	4.4	6.2	8.5	1.3	New Mexico	72	4,138	2.9	5.1	5.6	0.8
Delaware	30	1,302	2.0	3.8	5.5	0.8	New York	746	77,121	4.6	6.2	7.4	1.9
District of Columbia ...	1	2,951	5.7	3.4	2.7	(⁴)	North Carolina	75	14,892	2.0	3.7	5.7	1.0
Florida	76	26,787	1.8	3.5	4.9	1.7	North Dakota	79	2,098	3.8	4.3	7.3	0.7
Georgia	57	14,556	1.9	3.0	4.5	0.8	Ohio	250	44,766	4.0	5.5	12.5	1.4
Hawaii	1	3,036	2.5	4.8	6.5	2.0	Oklahoma	115	5,916	2.2	4.1	5.9	0.7
Idaho	103	3,299	3.2	5.4	7.8	0.8	Oregon	127	7,752	2.5	(⁴)	10.2	0.7
Illinois	626	40,720	3.8	5.4	7.9	1.5	Pennsylvania ⁵	458	25,734	2.2	3.3	4.8	0.7
Indiana	238	22,213	4.4	5.8	10.9	1.4	Rhode Island	48	4,126	4.1	5.1	6.6	0.8
Iowa	530	11,518	4.0	5.1	9.0	0.7	South Carolina	40	7,415	1.9	3.0	4.5	1.2
Kansas	316	9,855	4.7	5.4	9.7	1.3	South Dakota	111	2,572	5.0	5.0	8.9	(⁴)
Kentucky	116	7,507	2.1	3.1	5.5	0.5	Tennessee	142	8,611	1.6	2.9	4.0	0.9
Louisiana	65	10,372	2.4	2.9	4.3	0.8	Texas ⁵	522	35,737	2.0	2.9	4.3	1.0
Maine	269	5,543	5.4	5.0	7.9	0.8	Utah	70	5,454	2.7	5.1	9.7	(⁴)
Maryland	24	14,657	2.9	(⁴)	8.9	1.5	Vermont	193	2,705	5.0	5.0	6.9	(⁴)
Massachusetts	371	29,711	4.9	(⁴)	7.7	(⁴)	Virginia	90	17,327	2.6	4.5	7.6	1.1
Michigan ⁵	379	25,622	2.8	4.1	5.5	0.9	Washington	66	14,634	2.7	(⁴)	9.7	(⁴)
Minnesota	134	15,024	3.2	4.6	9.1	1.2	West Virginia ⁶	97	4,939	2.8	3.2	5.1	0.9
Mississippi	48	5,524	2.0	2.6	3.3	0.4	Wisconsin	381	17,822	3.4	5.5	9.0	1.2
							Wyoming	23	2,287	4.7	5.1	7.8	1.0

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.

⁵ Some public libraries reported data for fiscal year 1997.

⁶ Most data are for fiscal year 1997.

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 1998*. (This table was prepared July 2001.)