

Core Services Review Project - Library Jurisdictional Examples

Canadian Libraries Serving a Population Over 500,000

sorted by population

	Library Systems	Population Served		# of Branches		Population Served/Branch		Square Footage*		Sq. Ft./ Capita		Collection Size		Collection Size/ Capita*		Total Circulation		Circulation/ Capita		Total Visits		Visits/ Capita	
		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank		Rank	
1	Toronto Public Library	1	2,755,800	1	98	4	28,120	1	1,849,766	2	0.67	1	11,124,279	1	4.04	1	31,271,072	6	11.35	1	17,554,470	4	6.37
2	Montréal – Réseau des bibliothèques publiques de Montréal	2	1,620,693	2	44	6	36,834	2	685,573	8	0.42	2	3,918,077	5	2.42	6	9,834,250	9	6.07	3	6,284,226	9	3.88
3	Calgary Public Library	3	1,042,892	8	17	9	61,347	5	428,361	9	0.41	3	2,408,110	7	2.31	2	16,012,748	3	15.35	5	5,554,980	7	5.33
4	Ottawa Public Library	4	908,390	3	33	2	27,527	6	424,582	7	0.47	5	2,245,266	4	2.47	4	10,692,133	4	11.77	6	5,005,050	6	5.51
5	Edmonton Public Library	5	782,439	8	17	8	46,026	4	428,420	5	0.55	6	2,020,998	3	2.58	3	12,014,589	2	15.36	4	5,923,814	2	7.57
6	Mississauga Library System	6	730,000	7	18	7	40,556	7	406,666	4	0.56	8	1,333,243	9	1.83	7	8,235,708	7	11.28	7	4,449,550	5	6.10
7	Winnipeg Public Library	7	675,100	6	20	5	33,755	8	343,774	6	0.51	7	1,611,936	6	2.39	9	5,728,921	8	8.49	9	2,771,358	8	4.11
8	Vancouver Public Library	8	615,473	5	22	3	27,976	3	494,314	1	0.80	4	2,254,154	2	3.66	5	9,886,149	1	16.06	2	6,439,349	1	10.46
9	Hamilton Public Library	9	519,109	4	24	1	21,630	9	318,683	3	0.61	9	1,126,463	8	2.17	8	6,025,560	5	11.61	8	3,488,343	3	6.72

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10	Toronto Public Library	1	7,959,072	3	2.89	1	2,422,015	5	0.879	1	750,200	2	0.272	1	259,554	1	0.094	4	2,649	6	0.313
11	Montréal – Réseau des bibliothèques publiques de Montréal	5	2,295,230	8	1.42	5	811,740	8	0.501	3	257,640	8	0.159	2	125,138	5	0.077	2	2,844	9	0.182
12	Calgary Public Library	2	3,498,768	2	3.35	2	1,658,540	1	1.590	2	260,795	3	0.250	5	48,973	9	0.047	1	2,881	2	0.430
13	Ottawa Public Library	3	2,415,200	4	2.66	6	631,600	6	0.695	5	195,317	5	0.215	3	73,651	4	0.081	7	2,232	4	0.368
14	Edmonton Public Library	6	1,985,541	5	2.54	3	1,124,100	3	1.437	6	169,210	4	0.216	7	44,320	8	0.057	5	2,607	1	0.476
15	Mississauga Library System	7	1,806,450	6	2.47	9	322,350	9	0.442	7	118,057	7	0.162	6	48,500	6	0.066	3	2,694	5	0.314
16	Winnipeg Public Library	-	-	-	-	8	344,560	7	0.510	9	72,176	9	0.107	8	43,775	7	0.065	8	2,189	8	0.299
17	Vancouver Public Library	4	2,333,760	1	3.79	4	887,570	2	1.442	4	210,769	1	0.342	4	52,596	2	0.085	6	2,391	7	0.306
18	Hamilton Public Library	8	1,250,668	7	2.41	7	467,050	4	0.900	8	90,211	6	0.174	9	43,500	3	0.084	9	1,813	3	0.421

Source: Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC) 2009.

* TPL (excluding TRL) ranks 5th in square foot per capita and 3rd in collection size per capita.

North American Libraries Serving a Population Over 2 million

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20	New York City, New York (NY)	1	3,313,573	2	87	4	38,087	3	1,367,328	3	0.41	3	7,375,201	3	2.23	3	21,402,082	4	6.46	2	15,508,120	4	4.68
21	Chicago Public Library (IL)	2	2,896,016	3	78	2	37,128	2	1,755,467	2	0.61	4	5,743,002	4	1.98	5	9,983,590	6	3.45	-	-	-	-
22	Toronto Public Library	3	2,503,281	1	98	1	25,544	1	1,763,257	1	0.70	1	8,706,953	1	3.48	1	31,271,072	1	12.49	1	17,554,470	1	7.01
23	Brooklyn, New York, (NY)	4	2,465,326	5	58	5	42,506	4	1,014,431	3	0.41	5	4,407,843	6	1.79	4	17,310,876	3	7.02	4	12,913,748	3	5.24
24	Queens, New York (NY)	5	2,293,007	4	61	3	37,590	5	860,710	4	0.38	2	7,384,276	2	3.22	2	23,492,195	2	10.25	3	14,260,202	2	6.22
25	Houston Public Library (TX)	6	2,245,108	7	37	7	60,679	6	813,068	5	0.36	7	3,809,224	7	1.70	7	6,885,709	7	3.07	6	5,302,920	6	2.36
26	Miami-Dade Public Library System (FL)	7	2,121,798	6	46	6	46,126	7	723,177	7	0.34	6	4,086,243	5	1.93	6	8,900,065	5	4.19	5	7,890,048	5	3.72

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27	New York City, New York (NY)	-	-	-	-	1	8,058,050	1	2.432	2	772,630	5	0.233	3	227,500	3	0.069	4	2,615	-	-
28	Chicago Public Library (IL)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	243,256	2	0.084	1	3,119	-	-
29	Toronto Public Library	1	7,959,072	1	3.18	5	2,422,015	5	0.968	3	750,200	2	0.300	1	259,161	1	0.104	3	2,645	-	-
30	Brooklyn, New York, (NY)	-	-	-	-	3	3,436,060	3	1.394	1	873,497	1	0.354	5	135,512	5	0.055	6	2,336	-	-
31	Queens, New York (NY)	2	3,788,629	2	1.65	2	3,563,417	2	1.554	4	584,091	4	0.255	4	136,178	4	0.059	7	2,232	-	-
32	Houston Public Library (TX)	3	2,617,366	3	1.17	6	917,096	6	0.408	6	210,489	6	0.094	7	99,228	7	0.044	2	2,682	-	-
33	Miami-Dade Public Library System (FL)	4	2,000,416	4	0.94	4	2,860,352	4	1.348	5	556,380	3	0.26	6	113,352	6	0.053	5	2,464	-	-

Source: Public Library Data Survey (PLDS) 2010 (based on 2009 data). Los Angeles Public Library did not participate.

Note:
CULC and PLDS use slightly different definitions for some measures.