

How We Compare 2015: Canadian Libraries Serving a Population Over 500,000

Library Systems	Population Served	# of Branches	Square Footage	Sq. Ft./Capita	Total Visits	Visits/Capita	Total Circulation	Circ/Capita
Toronto Public Library	2,826,498	100	1,884,785	0.67	18,153,058	6.42	32,505,963	11.50
Montréal, Bibliothèque de	1,731,245	45	692,976	0.40	7,857,747	4.54	11,611,309	6.71
Ottawa Public Library	951,727	33	449,536	0.47	4,800,900	5.04	11,425,711	12.01
Edmonton Public Library	877,926	18	473,814	0.54				
Mississauga Library System	766,000	18	347,252	0.45	4,758,400	6.21	6,385,679	8.34
Winnipeg Public Library	704,800	20	342,701	0.49				
Vancouver Public Library	618,500	21	499,953	0.81	6,811,877	11.01	10,422,942	16.85
Brampton Library	571,700	7	123,636	0.22	2,061,872	3.61	4,940,235	8.64
Hamilton Public Library	545,850	23	318,683	0.58				
Surrey Libraries	526,004	9	188,246	0.36	2,457,384	4.67	3,758,563	7.15
Average	1,012,025	29	532,158	0.50	6,700,177	5.93	11,578,629	10.17
Maximum	2,826,498	100	1,884,785	0.81	18,153,058	11.01	32,505,963	16.85
Minimum	526,004	7	123,636	0.22	2,061,872	3.61	3,758,563	6.71
Median	735,400	21	398,394	0.48	4,800,900	5.04	10,422,942	8.64

Source: Canadian Public Library Statistics 2015 (Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC)) sorted by population served.

* Population adjusted for under coverage. Data provided by the City of Toronto.