

How We Compare 2013 – North American Libraries serving a population over 2 million

Library Systems	Population Served	# of Branches	Square Footage	Sq. Ft./Capita	Total Visits	Visits/Capita	Total Circulation	Circ/Capita
Los Angeles Public Library	3,819,702	72	858,572	0.22			14,983,699	3.92
County of Los Angeles Public Library	3,337,421	85	1,152,272	0.35	11,783,492	3.53	15,326,309	4.59
New York Public Library	3,239,253	87	1,443,683	0.45	14,185,099	4.38	25,864,673	7.98
Chicago Public Library	2,695,598	77	1,809,272	0.67	10,942,852	4.06	9,771,892	3.63
Toronto Public Library	2,615,060	98	1,754,567	0.67	18,485,372	7.07	32,145,020	12.29
Miami-Dade Public Library System	2,591,035	48	769,052	0.30	6,730,940	2.60	5,232,604	2.02
Brooklyn Public Library	2,504,700	59	714,431	0.29	10,066,773	4.02	17,461,499	6.97
Queens Borough Public Library	2,230,722	61	701,490	0.31	12,355,015	5.54	16,723,930	7.50
Houston Public Library	2,151,475	41	667,432	0.31	4,052,860	1.88	6,379,124	2.97
Average	2,798,330	70	1,096,752	0.40	9,844,711	3.68	15,987,639	5.76
Maximum	3,819,702	98	1,809,272	0.67	18,485,372	7.07	32,145,020	12.29
Minimum	2,151,475	41	667,432	0.22	4,052,860	1.88	5,232,604	2.02
Median	2,615,060	72	858,572	0.31	10,942,852	4.02	15,326,309	4.59

Source: Public Library Data Service (PLDS) 2014 (based on 2013 data) sorted by population served.