

How We Compare 2013 – 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	2,771,770*	98	1,857,610	0.67	18,485,372	6.67	32,145,021	11.60
Montréal, Bibliothèque de	1,717,767	45	685,552	0.40	6,712,019	3.91	11,464,590	6.67
Calgary Public Library	1,149,552	18	460,630	0.40	5,315,248	4.62	16,055,563	13.97
Ottawa Public Library	943,260	33	449,536	0.48	4,812,608	5.10	11,011,617	11.67
Edmonton Public Library	817,498	17	429,358	0.53	5,218,136	6.38	10,142,357	12.41
Mississauga Library System	752,000	18	395,166	0.53	4,576,700	6.09	6,611,526	8.79
Vancouver Public Library	613,500	22	499,953	0.81	6,904,136	11.25	9,519,785	15.52
Brampton Library	557,800	7	123,636	0.22	2,111,450	3.79	6,139,914	11.01
Hamilton Public Library	540,000	23	318,683	0.59	3,727,950	6.90	6,887,602	12.75
Average	1,095,905	31	580,014	0.51	6,429,291	6.08	12,219,775	11.60
Maximum	2,771,770	98	1,857,610	0.81	18,485,372	11.25	32,145,021	15.52
Minimum	540,000	7	123,636	0.22	2,111,450	3.79	6,139,914	6.67
Median	817,498	22	449,536	0.53	5,218,136	6.09	10,142,357	11.67

Source: Canadian Public Library Statistics 2013 (Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC)) sorted by population served.

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