

How We Compare 2014 – 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	3,904,657	72	858,572	0.22	14,584,162	3.74	15,086,605	3.86
New York Public Library	3,239,253	87	1,443,683	0.45	13,971,459	4.31	24,721,963	7.63
Chicago Public Library	2,700,000	80	1,815,272	0.67	9,968,256	3.69	10,022,785	3.71
Toronto Public Library	2,615,060	99	1,775,363	0.68	18,335,910	7.01	32,034,795	12.25
Brooklyn Public Library	2,504,700	59	714,431	0.29	8,432,208	3.37	15,730,736	6.28
Miami-Dade Public Library System	2,496,435	48	746,902	0.30	5,876,853	2.35	5,623,046	2.25
Queens Borough Public Library	2,230,722	62	630,000	0.28	11,191,274	5.02	15,759,276	7.06
Houston Public Library	2,151,475	41	562,321	0.26	4,080,220	1.90	4,748,013	2.21
Average	2,730,288	69	1,068,318	0.39	10,805,043	3.92	15,465,902	5.66
Maximum	3,904,657	99	1,815,272	0.68	18,335,910	7.01	32,034,795	12.25
Minimum	2,151,475	41	562,321	0.22	4,080,220	1.90	4,748,013	2.21
Median	2,559,880	67	802,737	0.29	10,579,765	3.71	15,408,671	5.07

Source: Public Library Data Service (PLDS) 2015 (based on 2014 data) sorted by population served.