

How We Compare 2014 – 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	2,808,503*	99	1,870,285	0.67	18,335,910	6.53	32,034,795	11.41
Montréal, Bibliothèque de	1,744,323	45	687,177	0.39	7,038,214	4.03	11,864,083	6.80
Calgary Public Library	1,195,194	18	469,800	0.39	5,188,552	4.34	16,484,024	13.79
Ottawa Public Library	951,727	33	449,536	0.47	4,806,932	5.05	10,990,234	11.55
Edmonton Public Library	877,926	18	473,814	0.54	5,332,337	6.07	10,049,019	11.45
Mississauga Library System	757,000	18	347,252	0.46	4,530,200	5.98	6,071,321	8.02
Vancouver Public Library	613,500	22	499,953	0.81	6,804,418	11.09	9,010,176	14.69
Brampton Library	571,700	7	123,636	0.22	2,153,890	3.77	5,120,911	8.96
Hamilton Public Library	545,850	23	318,683	0.58	3,548,100	6.50	6,632,308	12.15
Surrey Public Library	504,661	9	188,246	0.37	2,382,471	4.72	4,095,005	8.11
Average	1,057,038	29	542,838	0.49	6,012,102	5.81	11,235,188	10.69
Maximum	2,808,503	99	1,870,285	0.81	18,335,910	11.09	32,034,795	14.69
Minimum	504,661	7	123,636	0.22	2,153,890	3.77	4,095,005	6.80
Median	817,463	20	459,668	0.47	4,997,742	5.52	9,529,598	11.43

Source: Canadian Public Library Statistics 2014 (Canadian Urban Libraries Council (CULC)) sorted by population served.

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