

**Table 423.—Public libraries, books and serial volumes, library visits, and reference transactions, by state: 1995**

State	Number of public libraries	Number of books and serial volumes <sup>1</sup> (in thousands)	Number of books and serial volumes per capita	Library visits per capita <sup>2</sup>	Circulation per capita	Public library reference transactions per capita <sup>3</sup>	State	Number of public libraries	Number of books and serial volumes <sup>1</sup> (in thousands)	Number of books and serial volumes per capita	Library visits per capita <sup>2</sup>	Circulation per capita	Public library reference transactions per capita <sup>3</sup>
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>United States .....</b>	<b>8,981</b>	<b>695,331</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>							
Alabama .....	207	8,133	2.1	3.2	3.9	0.5	Missouri .....	148	20,137	4.1	4.3	7.9	0.9
Alaska .....	84	1,926	3.1	4.6	5.8	0.8	Montana .....	82	2,567	3.1	3.6	6.2	0.8
Arizona .....	39	7,946	2.0	4.5	6.3	1.2	Nebraska .....	269	5,159	4.0	4.7	8.0	1.1
Arkansas .....	35	4,883	2.2	2.6	4.0	0.4	Nevada .....	23	3,296	2.1	2.9	4.8	0.7
California .....	171	59,847	1.9	3.4	4.5	1.1	New Hampshire .....	229	5,004	4.5	4.9	7.6	0.7
Colorado .....	120	9,471	2.5	4.5	8.3	1.4	New Jersey .....	308	30,052	3.8	4.9	5.9	0.9
Connecticut .....	195	14,202	4.3	6.1	8.3	1.2	New Mexico .....	72	3,910	3.4	4.1	6.5	—
Delaware .....	30	1,320	2.0	3.4	4.4	0.5	New York .....	741	72,347	4.4	5.3	7.3	1.9
District of Columbia ..	1	2,662	4.4	3.4	3.0	2.2	North Carolina .....	74	13,956	2.0	3.2	5.7	0.8
Florida .....	97	23,673	1.8	—	5.3	2.1	North Dakota .....	79	1,950	3.6	5.1	7.5	0.7
Georgia .....	54	13,290	1.8	2.8	4.5	0.7	Ohio .....	250	41,974	3.8	4.8	12.0	1.5
Hawaii .....	1	3,502	3.0	2.7	6.4	1.8	Oklahoma .....	112	5,786	2.3	—	6.4	0.7
Idaho .....	106	3,145	3.3	4.9	7.8	0.9	Oregon .....	124	7,130	2.4	—	9.7	0.7
Illinois .....	613	36,803	3.6	5.3	7.7	1.4	Pennsylvania .....	455	25,053	2.2	3.1	4.6	0.7
Indiana .....	238	21,069	4.1	5.3	10.2	1.0	Rhode Island .....	51	4,228	4.2	5.3	6.6	0.9
Iowa .....	527	11,407	4.0	4.9	8.9	—	South Carolina .....	40	6,448	1.8	2.8	4.3	1.1
Kansas .....	324	9,276	4.5	5.1	9.3	1.3	South Dakota .....	112	2,431	4.6	4.5	8.7	—
Kentucky .....	116	7,384	2.0	2.8	5.3	0.4	Tennessee .....	140	7,931	1.6	2.6	4.1	1.0
Louisiana .....	65	9,951	2.3	2.5	4.3	0.7	Texas .....	499	32,206	2.0	2.9	4.3	1.0
Maine .....	266	5,472	5.3	—	7.8	—	Utah .....	69	4,969	2.6	—	9.0	—
Maryland .....	24	12,916	2.6	4.3	9.1	1.1	Vermont .....	200	2,626	5.0	4.4	7.0	—
Massachusetts .....	372	28,747	4.8	—	7.2	—	Virginia .....	90	16,248	2.5	4.2	7.4	1.1
Michigan .....	382	25,767	2.8	3.8	5.3	0.9	Washington .....	69	14,957	2.8	—	10.0	—
Minnesota .....	130	13,138	2.9	4.0	9.4	1.6	West Virginia .....	97	4,744	2.6	3.6	4.7	0.9
Mississippi .....	47	5,084	1.9	2.4	3.0	0.4	Wisconsin .....	381	16,864	3.3	5.3	8.9	1.2
							Wyoming .....	23	2,344	4.9	4.9	7.9	0.9

<sup>1</sup> Some data are different from other tables due to a different population base.

<sup>2</sup> The total number of persons entering the library for whatever purpose during the year.

<sup>3</sup> A reference transaction is an information contact which involves the knowledge, use, recommendations, interpretation or instructions in the use of one or more information sources by a member of the library staff.

—Response rate less than 70 percent.

NOTE.—Totals may be underestimated due to nonresponse.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Public Libraries in the United States: FY 1995*. (This table was prepared October 1998.)