

Table 421.—General statistics of public libraries, by population of legal service area: 1997

Item	Population of legal service area						
	Total	Under 10,000	10,000 to 49,999	50,000 to 99,999	100,000 to 249,999	250,000 to 499,999	500,000 and over
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number of public library service outlets	17,037	5,731	4,129	1,800	2,140	1,114	2,123
Central libraries	8,943	5,405	2,540	501	334	80	83
Branch libraries	7,147	256	1,270	1,103	1,620	967	1,931
Bookmobiles	947	70	319	196	186	67	109
Collections, in thousands							
Books and serial volumes ¹	723,309	97,502	176,600	85,611	105,871	72,411	185,313
Audio and video materials and films	41,793	4,187	9,804	5,004	6,388	4,040	12,371
Serial subscriptions	1,919	276	491	220	256	159	517
Paid staff, in full-time equivalents							
Librarians	40,161	5,738	10,385	4,647	5,747	4,092	9,551
Librarians with ALA-MLS ²	27,946	1,175	6,424	3,478	4,644	3,322	8,903
Other staff	80,589	5,117	19,176	10,739	13,978	8,878	22,701
Income, in thousands							
Total operating income	\$6,267,247	\$423,983	\$1,441,892	\$780,544	\$1,030,671	\$729,007	\$1,861,149
	Percentage distribution						
Source of operating income							
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Federal ³	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
State	12.1	8.7	11.2	13.3	10.2	11.0	14.0
Local	77.6	70.9	78.6	77.8	81.6	82.0	74.0
Other	9.3	19.0	9.7	7.9	7.1	6.0	11.0

¹ Some data are different from other tables due to a different population base.

² ALA-MLS=A master's degree from a graduate library education program accredited by the American Library Association (ALA).

³ Excludes some federal funds received through state library agencies.

NOTE: Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Totals may be underestimated due to nonresponse on item or legal service area.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Public Libraries in the United States: FY 1997*. (This table was prepared July 2000.)