

**Table 428.—General statistics of public libraries, by population of legal service area: 1996**

| 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                |
| <b>Number of public library service outlets</b> ..... | <b>17,013</b>                    | <b>5,728</b> | <b>4,153</b>     | <b>1,772</b>     | <b>2,149</b>       | <b>1,110</b>       | <b>2,101</b>     |
| Central libraries .....                               | 8,923                            | 5,402        | 2,532            | 496              | 334                | 82                 | 77               |
| Branch libraries .....                                | 7,124                            | 253          | 1,292            | 1,077            | 1,626              | 957                | 1,919            |
| Bookmobiles .....                                     | 966                              | 73           | 329              | 199              | 189                | 71                 | 105              |
| <b>Collections, in thousands</b>                      |                                  |              |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |
| Books and serial volumes <sup>1</sup> .....           | 711,013                          | 96,938       | 173,756          | 84,758           | 103,325            | 72,649             | 179,585          |
| Audio and video materials and films .....             | 38,258                           | 3,806        | 8,971            | 4,497            | 5,916              | 3,540              | 11,527           |
| Serial subscriptions .....                            | 1,857                            | 272          | 482              | 218              | 242                | 161                | 481              |
| <b>Paid staff, in full-time equivalents</b>           |                                  |              |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |
| Librarians .....                                      | 39,096                           | 5,475        | 10,100           | 4,550            | 5,568              | 3,987              | 9,417            |
| Librarians with ALA-MLS <sup>2</sup> .....            | 27,353                           | 1,118        | 6,279            | 3,420            | 4,516              | 3,241              | 8,779            |
| Other staff .....                                     | 78,717                           | 4,898        | 18,891           | 10,546           | 13,774             | 8,539              | 22,069           |
| <b>Income, in thousands</b>                           |                                  |              |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |
| Total operating income .....                          | \$5,904,967                      | \$397,530    | \$1,361,167      | \$729,251        | \$958,946          | \$688,360          | \$1,769,713      |
|   | Percentage distribution          |              |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |
| <b>Source of operating income</b>                     |                                  |              |                  |                  |                    |                    |                  |
| Total .....   | 100.0                            | 100.0        | 100.0            | 100.0            | 100.0              | 100.0              | 100.0            |
| Federal <sup>3</sup> .....                            | 1.0                              | 1.4          | 0.6              | 0.9              | 1.1                | 0.9                | 1.2              |
| State .....   | 12.2                             | 9.7          | 11.3             | 13.5             | 10.1               | 10.7               | 14.5             |
| Local .....   | 78.1                             | 73.5         | 78.8             | 78.5             | 81.9               | 82.6               | 74.9             |
| Other .....   | 8.7                              | 15.4         | 9.3              | 7.1              | 6.9                | 5.8                | 9.5              |

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

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

<sup>3</sup> Excludes some federal funds received through state library agencies.

NOTE.—Because of rounding, details may not add to totals. 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 1996*. (This table was prepared August 1999.)