

Table 426.—General statistics of college and university libraries: 1974–75 to 1994–95

Item	1974–75 ¹	1975–76 ¹	1976–77 ¹	1978–79 ¹	1981–82	1984–85	1987–88	1991–92	1994–95
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Number of libraries	2,972	2,987	3,058	3,122	3,104	3,322	3,438	3,274	3,639
Transactions, general collection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	186,092
Transactions, reserve collection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	49,567
Total enrollment, in thousands ²	10,322	11,291	11,121	11,392	12,372	12,242	12,767	14,359	14,279
Full-time-equivalent enrollment, in thousands ²	7,805	8,480	8,313	8,348	9,015	8,952	9,230	10,361	10,348
Collections, thousands of units									
Number of volumes at end of year	447,059	468,033	481,442	519,895	567,826	631,727	718,504	749,429	792,707
Number of volumes added during year	23,242	22,977	22,367	21,608	19,507	20,658	21,907	20,982	22,460
Number of serial subscriptions ³	4,434	4,618	4,670	4,775	4,890	6,317	6,416	6,966	6,780
Microform titles at end of year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	160,188
Computer files at end of year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	480
Library staff, in full-time equivalents									
Total staff in regular positions ⁴	56,836	56,852	57,087	58,416	58,476	58,476	67,251	67,166	68,920
FTE student enrollment per FTE staff	137.3	149.2	145.6	142.9	154.2	153.1	137.2	154.3	150.1
Librarians and professional staff	23,530	23,104	23,308	23,676	23,816	21,822	25,115	26,341	27,376
Other paid staff	33,306	33,748	33,779	34,740	34,660	38,026	40,733	40,421	41,227
Contributed services	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,403	404	317
Student assistants	—	—	—	—	—	—	33,821	29,075	29,077
Hours of student and other assistance, in thousands	34,687	36,725	39,950	39,552	40,068	28,360	—	—	—
Library operating expenditures (excluding capital outlay)									
Operating expenditures, total, in thousands	\$1,091,784	\$1,180,128	\$1,259,637	\$1,502,158	\$1,943,769	\$2,404,524	\$2,770,075	\$3,648,654	\$4,317,847
Salaries ⁵	592,568	649,374	698,090	824,438	1,081,894	1,156,138	1,451,551	1,889,368	2,058,375
Hourly wages	61,474	66,175	68,683	79,535	100,847	—	—	—	—
Fringe benefits	—	—	—	—	—	231,209	—	—	238,984
Preservation	22,206	22,375	22,521	25,274	30,351	32,939	34,144	43,126	47,296
Furniture/equipment	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56,432
Computer hardware/software	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	126,936
Utilities/networks/consortia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	81,686
Collections	327,904	357,544	373,699	450,180	561,199	750,282	891,281	1,197,293	1,374,407
Print materials	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	451,988
Serial subscriptions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	703,463
Microforms	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	61,702
Audiovisual materials	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29,375
Machine readable materials	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	72,735
Collections, loans	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12,440
Other collection expenditures	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	42,704
Other library operating expenditures	87,632	84,660	96,643	122,731	169,478	233,957	393,099	518,867	333,732
Operating expenditures per FTE student	140	139	152	180	216	269	300	352	417
Operating expenditures per FTE student in constant 1994–95 dollars	406	377	388	395	345	382	390	383	417
Operating expenditures, total, in percents	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Salaries ⁵	54.3	55.0	55.4	54.9	55.7	48.1	52.4	51.8	47.7
Hourly wages	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.3	5.2	—	—	—	—
Fringe benefits	—	—	—	—	—	9.6	—	—	5.5
Preservation	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1
Collections	30.0	30.3	29.7	30.0	28.9	31.2	32.2	32.8	31.8
Other library operating expenditures	8.0	7.2	7.7	8.2	8.7	9.7	14.2	14.2	13.9
Library operating expenditures as percent of total institutional expenditures for educational and general purposes	3.9	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.0	2.9

¹ Includes data for U.S. territories.
² Fall enrollment for the academic year specified.
³ Data are for end of year.
⁴ Excludes student assistants.
⁵ Includes expenditures for fringe benefits (except for 1984–85 and 1987–88) and salary equivalents of contributed services staff.
 —Data not available.

NOTE.—Because of rounding, details may not add to totals.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Library Statistics of Colleges and Universities*, various years; and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, "Academic Library Survey." (This table was prepared July 1997.)