Colorado School Library Staffing, 2013-2014

How many endorsed school librarians and other library staff\(^1\) are in Colorado? How many Colorado public schools have any type of library staffing? These answers change depending on a variety of factors: position (endorsed librarian or other staff), grade level, school setting (Denver Metro, rural, etc.), and school size. Based on Colorado Department of Education school staffing data, there were a total of \textbf{404 FTE endorsed librarians} and \textbf{928 FTE library staff} in Colorado K-12 public schools in 2013-2014. Here we dig deeper into those numbers.

\textbf{1 in 4} of Colorado's 1,778 K-12 public schools had an endorsed librarian in 2013-14

\textbf{2 in 3} of Colorado K-12 public schools had some type of library staffing (endorsed librarians, non-endorsed librarians, and/or paraprofessionals) in 2013-14

In the \textbf{1,174 Colorado public schools} with any type of library staffing...

- 14\% had both endorsed librarians and other staff
- 24\% had endorsed librarians only
- 62\% had library staff only

About \textbf{1 in 3} middle schools had an \textbf{endorsed librarian}, compared with about \textbf{1 in 4} elementary and senior high schools.

Up to \textbf{9 in 10} larger schools and \textbf{4 in 5} in \textbf{urban-suburban settings} had some type of library staffing, compared with just \textbf{2 in 5} small schools (under 300 students) and less than half of \textbf{rural schools}:

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