

# BIG FACTS about Colorado Libraries

Statistic	College/University <sup>1</sup>	Public <sup>3</sup>	School <sup>4</sup>	Total
Libraries/branches	35, 29 branches	114 jurisdictions, 97 central libraries, 162 branches	1,185	1,334 1,508 outlets
ALA-MLS librarians (FTE)	n/a	728	356 <sup>5</sup>	1,084
Total staff (FTE)	472	3,324	1,352	5,148
Book volumes (print)	16 million	9.9 million	15.3 million	41.2 million
E-books	6.5 million	1.7 million	2.9 million	11.1 million
Collection expenditures	\$47.1 million	\$36.8 million	\$5.7 million <sup>6</sup>	\$89.6 million
Total operating expenditures	\$109 million	\$274.6 million	\$9.8 million	\$393.4 million
Population	396,475 <sup>2</sup>	5.3 million	604,197	--
Ratio - Staff:Population	1:840	1:1,602	1:447	--
Visits	n/a	32.3 million	20 million (individual), 4.6 million (group)	56.9 million
Circulation	5 million	63 million	86.8 million	154.8 million
Reference questions	n/a	3.9 million	n/a	3.9 million
Programs	n/a	113,371	n/a	113,371
Program attendance	n/a	2.7 million	n/a	2.7 million
Computers	n/a	6,481	436,682	443,163

1. College/university library and branch counts are based on 2014-15 data for non-profit higher education institutions with physical campuses in Colorado.

2. 12-month unduplicated headcount total for enrolled students.

3. Public library numbers are based on 2015 Colorado Public Library Annual Report data.

4. The number of school libraries and staffing counts are based on 2015 Colorado Department of Education public school staffing data. Population is based on the 2015 Colorado Department of Education October Count. All other school library numbers are estimated by weighting responses to the 2015-16 School Library Survey.

5. School librarians are those with a Colorado endorsement rather than ALA-MLS degrees.

6. School library data refers to budget figures for information resources and operations.

## Sources

College/university libraries: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/>

Public libraries: <http://www.lrs.org/data-tools/public-libraries/annual-statistics/>

School libraries: <http://www.lrs.org/data-tools/school-libraries/annual-statistics/>



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