Louisiana Public Library Statistics
Facts About Louisiana’s Public Libraries and Their Economic Impact on the State

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Quick Facts 2012

Public libraries provide citizens with the resources to expand their opportunities and enrich their lives. Libraries offer learning, knowledge and enjoyment in addition to a wide array of materials and services. Louisiana public libraries provide services to the citizens of the state in 68 systems, with 340 buildings and 28 bookmobiles. Quick Facts highlights key public library data and may be found in greater detail at:

www.state.lib.la.us/about-the-state-library/publications

The statistics shown in Quick Facts illustrate the standing of Louisiana’s public libraries and the challenge of achieving service goals. The data in this document are drawn from national and state surveys in uniform format to ensure consistency and accuracy. National data and data for other states are from 2011 and can be found on the Institute of Museum and Libraries Services’s website. Other national and state level data may be found at www.imls.gov/research/public_libraries_in_the_us_fy_2011_tables.aspx. Louisiana-specific data has been extracted from the national report for the year ending Dec. 31, 2011.
National Rankings: Library Holdings and Use

The Institute of Museum and Library Services ranks U. S. states and the District of Columbia for public library service. According to IMLS, Louisiana ranks as follows:

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<th>Category (per capita)</th>
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<th>LA Averages</th>
<th>National Averages</th>
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<tr>
<td>Books owned</td>
<td>28</td>
<td>2.60</td>
<td>2.64</td>
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<td>Audio materials owned*</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>83.91</td>
<td>160.38</td>
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<tr>
<td>Video materials owned*</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>171.89</td>
<td>183.90</td>
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<td>Circulation of materials</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>4.43</td>
<td>8.14</td>
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<td>Loans from other libraries*</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>26.19</td>
<td>225.65</td>
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<td>Library visits</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>3.58</td>
<td>5.09</td>
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<td>Periodical subscriptions*</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>8.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reference</td>
<td>23</td>
<td>0.88</td>
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* per thousand population
According to IMLS, Louisiana public libraries’ finances rank as follows:

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<th>LA Average</th>
<th>National Average</th>
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<tr>
<td>Local income</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>$40.12</td>
<td>$32.28</td>
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<td>State income</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>$1.25</td>
<td>$2.87</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total staff expenditures</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>$22.29</td>
<td>$24.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total collection expenditures</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>$4.32</td>
<td>$4.09</td>
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<td>Total operating expenditures</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>$38.01</td>
<td>$35.83</td>
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Library Materials

In 2012 Louisiana public libraries added 1,438,195 items to existing collections. Items totaling 829,621 were withdrawn from collections in the same year.

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<th>Materials owned include:</th>
<th>Cost per item (2012):</th>
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<tr>
<td>11,934,264 print volumes</td>
<td>$33.72 books</td>
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<tr>
<td>568,726 audio materials</td>
<td>$41.02 audio books</td>
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<td>891,096 video materials</td>
<td>$21.25 video materials</td>
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A conservative estimate of the value of the collections in Louisiana public libraries is $444,688,313.

Source: Library and Book Trade Almanac: The Bowker Annual, 2013
Library Materials (continued)

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<th>Louisiana 2012</th>
<th>Neighboring States* 2011</th>
<th>National 2011</th>
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<tr>
<td>Books/1000</td>
<td>2,510</td>
<td>1,860</td>
<td>2,640</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audio/1000</td>
<td>91.37</td>
<td>87.13</td>
<td>160.38</td>
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<tr>
<td>Videos/1000</td>
<td>188.20</td>
<td>105.97</td>
<td>183.80</td>
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<tr>
<td>Current Periodicals/1000</td>
<td>8.24</td>
<td>2.66</td>
<td>5.17</td>
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*Neighboring states: Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas
Louisiana public libraries house a total of 13.4 million items.

Books and serials account for 11.9 million items, or 89 percent of the collections.

The average Louisianian pays $45.17 for public library service each year while the average overall cost of an LSU football game ticket is more than $50.

Louisianians made 16,499,017 visits to public libraries in 2012, while only 1.2 million fans attended all LSU athletic events in 2012.

Nationally, Louisiana Ranks:

- 28th in books per capita
- 48th in audios per capita
- 33rd in videos per capita
Library Use

- The total number of items borrowed in 2012 in Louisiana public libraries was 20.7 million. Five million of these items were children’s materials.

- Requested items from other libraries were 120,590.

- Two point six million of the 4.6 million residents of the state are registered borrowers in Louisiana public libraries.

- In 2012, 920,825 children attended programs at Louisiana public libraries.

- In 2012, 324,920 adults attended programs at Louisiana public libraries.

- Louisianians asked 3,967,615 reference questions in 2012.
Electronic Resources Use

- In 2012, 6,390,819 people used Internet computers in Louisiana public libraries. Louisiana has an average of 15 public access computers per library building. The national average is 15.

- Public libraries are the No. 1 point of online access for people without Internet connections at home, school or work.

- America’s public libraries have an average of 4.36 public access computers per 5,000 people.

- Louisiana’s public libraries have an average of 5.5 public access computers per 5,000 people.
Staffing

Louisiana public libraries employ a total of 2,565 full-time equivalent staff of the 3,227 people working in libraries. [FTE is based on a 40-hour week.]

Louisiana public libraries employ 424 FTE employees who have a Master’s degree in Library Science (MLS).

Louisiana ranks 28th in the nation in the number of MLS librarians per capita.

Louisiana libraries spend $79.7 million annually for staff salaries and an additional $27.4 million for employee benefits.
Income

Louisiana public libraries reported $220,834,801 million in income in 2012, an increase of 12.6 percent.

### Income for public libraries includes:

- $208.9 million (94.6 percent) from cities and parishes*
- $5.0 million (2.3 percent) from state sources
- $0.7 million (0.3 percent) from federal sources
- $6.1 million (2.8 percent) from fines, fees, gifts and other resources

*Does not include indirect local support
Expenditures

Nationally, 8,951 public libraries spend an average of $35.83 per capita, while Louisiana spends an average of $38.01 per capita.

Louisiana public libraries report operating expenditures of 182.9 million in 2012, compared with $173.9 million in 2011.

Louisiana public libraries spend the following amounts:
- $107.1 million (58.59 percent) for staffing
- $21.0 million (11.48 percent) for materials
- $54.7 million (29.93 percent) for other expenses

In addition, Louisiana public libraries expended $38.7 million on capital improvements in 2012.
Louisiana Public Libraries

Acadia Parish Library
Allen Parish Libraries
Ascension Parish Library
Assumption Parish Library
Audubon Regional Library
Avoyelles Parish Library
Beauregard Parish Library
Bienville Parish Library
Bossier Parish Library
Calcasieu Parish Library
Caldwell Parish Library
Cameron Parish Library
Catahoula Parish Library
Claiborne Parish Library
Concordia Parish Library
DeSoto Parish Library
East Baton Rouge Parish Library
East Carroll Parish Library
Evangeline Parish Library
Franklin Parish Library
Grant Parish Library
Iberia Parish Library
Iberville Parish Library
Jackson Parish Library
Jefferson Parish Library
Jefferson Davis Parish Library
Jennings Carnegie Public Library
Krotz Springs Public Library
Lafayette Public Library
Lafourche Parish Public Library
LaSalle Parish Library
Lincoln Parish Library
Livingston Parish Library
Madison Parish Library
Morehouse Parish Library
Morgan City Public Library
Natchitoches Public Library
New Orleans Public Library
Opelousas-Eunice Public Library
Ouachita Parish Library
Plaquemines Parish Library
Pointe Coupee Parish Library
Rapides Parish Library
Red River Parish Library
Richland Parish Library
Sabine Parish Library
Shreve Memorial Library
(Caddo)
South St. Landry Community Library
St. Bernard Parish Library
St. Charles Parish Library
St. James Parish Library
St. John the Baptist Parish Library
St. Martin Parish Library
St. Mary Parish Library
St. Tammany Parish Library
Tangipahoa Parish Library
Tensas Parish Library
Terrebonne Parish Library
Union Parish Library
Vermilion Parish Library
Vernon Parish Library
Washington Municipal Library
Washington Parish Library
Webster Parish Library
West Baton Rouge Parish Library
West Carroll Parish Library
West Feliciana Parish Library
Winn Parish Library