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Statistics  
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## Introduction and Summary of FY2004 Statistics

The 2003-2004 edition of Iowa Public Library Statistics includes information on income, expenditures, collections, circulation, and other measures, including staff. Each section is arranged by size code, then alphabetically by city. The totals and percentiles for each size code grouping are given immediately following the alphabetical listings. Totals for all reporting libraries are given at the end of each section.

There are 524 libraries included in this publication; 19 did not report. The *Table of Cities and Size Codes* lists the libraries alphabetically and gives their size codes. The table allows a user of this publication to locate information about a specific library.

The following table lists the size code designations, the population range in each size code, the number of libraries reporting in each size code, and the total population of the reporting libraries in each size code. The total population of the 524 libraries is 2,190,418. Population data is used to determine per capita figures used throughout the publication.

Size	Population Range	Number	Total Population
A	Less than 500	130	42,876
B	500-999	136	101,888
C	1,000-2,499	133	208,490
D	2,500-4,999	45	156,939
E	5,000-9,999	43	291,953
F	10,000-24,999	14	194,880
G	25,000-49,999	11	332,390
H	More than 50,000	9	800,624
I	County library	3	60,378

Public library statistics are used at the local, regional, state, and national levels to compare library performance, justify budget requests, track library data over time, assist in planning and evaluation, and provide valuable information for grants and other library programs. Each of the 50 states collects information according to guidelines established by the Federal State Cooperative System for public library data (FSCS). The information contained in the Iowa Public Library Statistics is based on definitions approved by FSCS. Iowa received the Kepple award from FSCS for timely and accurate data collection in FY04.

FSCS also provides state-by-state rankings for public libraries. According to the most recent data, Iowa public libraries rank as follows in comparison with other states:

Income-28	Visits-18	Reference Questions-39
Books/Serials-23	Circulation-11	ILL/Borrowed-20
State Aid to Libraries-32		

The following table compares FY2003 and FY2004 data for Iowa libraries. (FY 2003 income and expenditures include \$3.7 million from Gates Foundation computer grants)

Category	FY2003	FY2004	% change
Total Income	89,708,482	88,704,248	-1.1
Governmental Income	73,833,379	75,151,445	1.7
Total Expenditures	76,567,038	77,252,019	0.8
Collections	12,997,903	13,258,972	2.0
Circulation	26,767,247	26,418,999	-1.3

