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## Introduction and Summary of FY2003 Statistics

The 2002-2003 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, 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 527 libraries included in this publication (16 non-reporting). The *Table of Cities and Size Codes* lists the libraries alphabetically and gives their size codes. The purpose of the table is to allow 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 527 libraries is 2,188,823. Population data is used to determine per capita figures used throughout the publication.

Size	Population Range	Number	Total Population
A	Less than 500	131	43,456
B	500-999	138	103,527
C	1,000-2,499	133	209,190
D	2,500-4,999	45	156,993
E	5,000-9,999	43	290,053
F	10,000-24,999	14	192,738
G	25,000-49,999	11	331,217
H	More than 50,000	9	801,271
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 in FY03.

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:

The following table compares FY2002 and FY2003 data for Iowa libraries. (FY 2003 income and expenditures include \$3.7 million from Gates Foundation computer grants)

Category	FY2002	FY2003	% change
Total Income	81,420,900	89,708,482	9.2
Governmental Income	71,478,629	73,833,379	3.1
Total Expenditures	74,212,541	76,567,038	3.0
Collections	12,865,915	12,997,903	.1
Circulation	26,358,337	26,767,247	1.5

