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Introduction and Summary of FY2005 Statistics

The 2004-2005 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 533 libraries included in this publication; 10 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 533 libraries is 2,207,300. Population data is used to determine per capita figures used throughout the publication.

Size	Population Range	Number	Total Population
A	Less than 500	134	44,054
B	500-999	138	102,998
C	1,000-2,499	134	209,050
D	2,500-4,999	47	162,707
E	5,000-9,999	43	296,048
F	10,000-24,999	14	194,880
G	25,000-49,999	10	285,987
H	More than 50,000	10	852,368
I	County library	3	59,208

Library size codes are based on the jurisdiction population of the city, i.e. the population of the city which the library was established to serve. Population figures are from the 2000 U.S. Census or special census.

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 FY05.

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-29	Visits-16	Reference Questions-40
Books/Serials-15	Circulation-12	ILL/Borrowed-20
State Aid to Libraries-29		

The following table compares FY2004 and FY2005 data for Iowa libraries.

Category	FY2004	FY2005	% increase
Total Income	88,704,248	94,977,993	7.1
Governmental Income	75,151,445	79,477,378	5.8
Total Expenditures	77,252,019	82,041,841	6.2
Collections	13,258,972	13,480,917	1.7
Circulation	26,418,999	27,379,143	3.6

The data elements and definitions used to collect the information included in the Iowa Public Library Statistics are included in the *Public Library General Information Survey* section at the end of the document.