

FACTS ABOUT VERMONT PUBLIC LIBRARIES, FY2015

There are 183 public libraries. 152 libraries submitted data this year.

- Vermont ranks first in the nation in the number of public libraries per capita.
- There is also an independent bookmobile that serves Franklin and Grand Isle counties.
- Three public libraries have both “main” and “branch” libraries: Aldrich Public (Barre), Ilsley Public (Middlebury) and Quechee; four libraries have either year-round or seasonal bookmobiles: Cobleigh Public (Lyndon), Dorothy Alling (Williston), Milton Public, and South Burlington Community Library. Fletcher Free Library (Burlington) uses a van for outreach services.
- 605,296 Vermont citizens have access to public library service, available locally or by contract (formal or informal) with another town’s library, 96.59% of Vermont’s total estimated population of 626,630¹

FY2015 Service Statistics²

- Collections:
 - Total book/serial volumes 2,637,182 (4.21 per capita¹)
FY2012 National average = 2.64 volumes per capita. (In FY2012, Vermont ranked 2nd in nation.)
 - Audio materials 121,811
 - Video materials 199,092
 - Periodical subscriptions 9,390
- Total public library attendance (visits) 3,139,692 (5.01 per capita)
FY2012 National average = 4.95. (In FY2012, Vermont ranked 7th in nation.)
- Total circulation 4,126,018 (6.58 per capita)
FY2012 National average = 8.00 per capita. (In FY2012, Vermont ranked 26th in circ. per capita.)
- Total interlibrary loans received 47,861
In FY2012, Vermont ranked 24th in interlibrary loans received per 1,000 persons/population.
- Total program attendance 365,190 at 24,191 programs for adults & children
- Total full time equivalent (FTE) staff:
 - Librarians holding MLS degrees 64.49
 - Total librarians 200.54
 - Other paid employees 134.82
 - Total paid FTE employees 335.29
- Total deliveries to:
 - individual homes 5,247
 - child day care providers 5,032
 - others (senior meal sites, pools, etc.) 1,555

¹ Source: *Annual Estimates of the Resident Population: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2014: 2014 Population Estimates.* United States Census Bureau, U.S. Department of Commerce.

<http://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/PEP/2014/PEPANNRES/0400000US50.06100>

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² Sources: *Public Libraries in the U.S. Survey, FY2012.* Institute of Museum and Library Services, December, 2014:

<https://www.ims.gov/publications/public-libraries-united-states-survey-fiscal-year-2012> and FY 2014 *Vermont*

Public Library Statistics, Vermont Department of Libraries, March, 2015.

- Number of libraries with subscriptions to electronic databases: 152
- Total number of computers available for public use: 1,036
- Total number of libraries offering public access to the Internet: 152

Public Library Finances, FY2015

Operating income received

-Local government appropriations	\$18,387,483	(\$30.38 per capita ³)
-Endowment interest, fundraising, & other local sources	\$4,348,982	
-State grants	\$13,319 ⁴	
Total operating revenue	\$22,737,211	(\$36.28 per capita)

- Vermont public libraries also reported \$311,414 received from grant sources and \$119,292 from resident borrower fees.
- 80.87% of Vermont public library operating funds came from local taxes.
- 0.46% of operating funds came from state or federal sources.
- 19.13% came from other local sources, primarily interest on endowments and local fund-raising.
FY2012: Nationally 84.4% of public library funds came from local taxes, 6.9% from state sources, <1% from federal funds, and 8.3% from other sources.³

FY2012 National average per capita tax support⁶ = \$32.05.

In FY2012 Vermont's average per capita tax support was \$28.80.

In FY2012 Vermont ranked 6th in "other" income per capita (\$6.06).

FY2012 National average operating income per capita = \$37.98⁷

In FY2012 Vermont's average per capita operating income was \$34.92.

Operating expenses

- Total staff expenditures, including salaries, wages and benefits

\$15,885,951 (\$25.35 per capita)

FY2012 National average per capita staff expenditures = \$23.99.

In FY2012 Vermont's average per capita staff expenditure was \$25.05.

- Total collection expenditures

\$2,366,388 (\$3.91 per capita)

FY2012 National average = \$4.03 per capita.

In FY2012 Vermont's average per capita collection expenditure was \$3.98.

- Total operating expenditures

\$23,659,445 (\$39.09 per capita)

National average in FY2012 = \$35.47 per capita.

³ Calculated using estimated 2014 total state population of 626,630.

⁴ This was reported by public libraries. Department of Libraries' figures are greater, due to the fact that some libraries did not submit data for this report.

⁵ *Public Libraries in the U.S. Survey, FY2012.* Institute of Museum and Library Services, December, 2014.

⁶ Source for national data and rankings: *Public Libraries in the U.S. Survey, FY2012.* Institute of Museum and Library Services, December, 2014. <https://www.ims.gov/publications/public-libraries-united-states-survey-fiscal-year-2012>

⁷ Total operating revenue minus state grants