

Urban Library System Comparisons – 2010

(Source: PLA Public Library Data Service: Statistical Report 2010)

Library Name	Population	Annual Per Capita System Measures							Main Library Only Measures							System Materials Budget
		Circulation	Room Use	Reference Questions	Visits	Branches	Public Service Hours Per Week	Holdings	Square Feet	Circulation	Room Use	Reference Questions	Visits	Program Attendance	Age of Main	
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	446,308	7.99	2.29	3.25	5.08	17	735	2,180,485	204,048	1,123,112	883,012	531,091	601,270	22,033	1895/06`	3,008,706
Atlanta-Fulton	1,053,242	3.99	2.93	3.55	2.31	32	1,574	2,563,707	265,000	391,143	1,268,314	836,296	568,668	19,240	1980	3,683,808
Austin	765,957	5.48	-	0.22	4.81	21	1,113	1,455,793	110,633	720,251	-	86,570	514,330	4,367	1933/79/new 13-14	2,224,250
Baltimore (Enoch Pratt)	631,366	2.10	0.78	2.76	2.69	21	859	2,705,069	349,713	622,221	225,182	918,763	502,415	51,274	1933/02	4,739,622
Boston	589,141	5.77	1.51	1.90	6.33	26	1,282	16,341,122	930,000	1,416,670	546,955	40,000	1,598,887	45,000	1895/72	3,896,474
Brooklyn	2,465,326	7.02	-	1.39	5.24	58	2,606	4,407,843	300,000	2,469,127	-	365,150	907,859	60,507	1941	10,970,219
Buffalo-Erie	950,265	8.12	-	0.63	4.03	36	1,656	3,431,653	403,000	1,070,034	-	135,268	513,214	11,415	1963	3,438,727
Chicago	2,896,016	3.45	-	-	-	78	4,678	5,743,002	-	1,075,818	-	-	-	-	1991	17,800,000
Cincinnati	851,494	19.23	2.13	2.27	7.21	40	2,065	8,959,303	542,527	4,967,050	690,612	692,354	1,408,323	39,977	1955/82/95/07reo	7,954,031
Cleveland	427,393	16.08	-	2.54	9.75	28	1,577	4,565,137	529,204	2,553,856	-	443,573	709,628	17,802	1925/99	9,820,454
Columbus	847,376	19.50	-	1.68	9.61	20	1,177	2,185,192	255,400	1,783,950	-	525,928	896,273	46,493	1907/91	5,356,540
Dallas	1,306,350	6.80	1.41	0.56	4.32	26	1,357	4,511,524	646,733	884,007	517,897	151,231	1,796,513	62,242	2001/(reorg)	2,162,383
Denver	598,707	16.17	-	0.94	6.71	22	980	2,165,258	539,424	1,187,847	-	186,602	1,199,800	34,912	1995	4,201,916
District of Columbia	599,657	3.90	-	-	4.91	23	1,158	2,403,245	440,000	523,726	-	-	633,498	-	1972	4,416,088
Houston (open floor plan)	2,245,108	3.07	1.17	0.41	2.36	37	1,934	3,809,224	268,663	1,155,196	511,956	265,246	547,883	26,610	1976/2009 reno	7,432,075
Indianapolis-Marion County	832,693	20.64	0.55	1.14	7.19	22	1,420	1,919,059	476,000	1,692,252	46,561	371,277	984,508	58,980	1917/2007 add	6,209,168
Jacksonville	891,192	10.27	-	1.36	5.90	20	1,155	3,147,971	297,510	1,076,478	-	270,633	958,597	72,995	2005	3,975,012
Kansas City	213,209	11.45	-	3.55	12.45	9	588	1,110,992	175,000	537,996	-	325,568	555,571	50,432	1889/1960/2004	2,246,021
Louisville	713,877	5.81	-	1.34	5.04	16	1,002	1,178,441	167,031	561,561	-	266,571	671,645	38,404	1908/1969/09ren	1,881,261
Miami-Dade	2,121,798	4.19	0.94	1.35	3.72	46	2,250	4,086,243	200,000	528,643	215,564	398,634	787,294	32,004	1985	6,050,000
Milwaukee	604,477	5.02	-	0.96	4.07	12	644	2,698,733	457,919	659,175	-	154,585	563,402	18,420	1898	2,005,404
Minneapolis (Hennepin Co.)	1,140,988	14.52	-	0.75	4.95	39	1,723	4,793,215	353,000	1,055,115	-	143,794	854,893	25,845	2008	6,910,200
Multnomah (Portland)	717,880	29.97	9.30	1.05	7.19	16	921	1,955,041	125,000	1,609,380	-	218,287	977,141	27,426	1913/1994/1997	6,640,792
Orlando-Orange County	1,078,755	12.16	-	1.86	5.30	14	883	1,860,374	290,000	5,216,661	-	621,680	1,663,712	49,967	1923	5,043,870
Philadelphia	1,447,395	5.13	-	2.28	4.42	52	2,046	4,970,401	286,556	2,035,383	-	508,871	1,004,774	111,613	1927 (reno soon)	7,599,303
Phoenix	1,563,058	9.05	-	0.72	3.33	15	1,080	2,201,930	280,000	2,310,193	-	313,786	786,531	23,693	1995	4,706,502
Queens	2,293,007	10.25	1.65	1.55	6.22	61	2,732	7,384,276	217,750	2,875,362	622,297	686,790	1,269,829	34,144	1966/1989 new	9,989,930
Sacramento	1,362,169	5.42	0.83	0.37	2.10	26	1,019	1,987,201	160,000	433,198	161,395	117,221	440,596	10,503	1918/1992 add	3,108,681
Saint Louis	356,730	6.85	1.53	1.36	6.54	16	925	3,396,219	190,870	490,943	172,723	105,673	395,406	53,428	1912/2010 reno	3,021,973
Salt Lake City	181,698	20.04	-	2.04	20.36	5	378	959,113	240,000	2,030,438	-	244,888	-	-	-	1,936,604
San Antonio	1,622,899	4.28	-	0.87	3.27	24	1,565	2,209,478	238,000	817,088	-	451,597	762,306	29,526	1995 new	3,544,228
San Diego	1,353,993	5.65	1.55	1.16	4.88	35	1,515	3,956,526	144,524	1,179,436	574,336	371,484	577,072	15,702	1954/new soon	4,288,384
San Jose/San Jose St. Univ.	1,006,892	15.22	-	0.68	8.07	18	931	2,296,658	475,000	1,901,389	-	210,726	2,717,284	29,484	2003	3,639,504
Seattle	602,000	19.79	-	1.87	12.09	26	1,437	2,294,601	362,987	1,767,597	-	511,873	2,045,904	50,480	2004 new	5,960,001
Tampa-Hillsborough	1,217,614	7.78	1.33	0.36	2.94	24	1,430	2,402,925	134,405	326,733	148,382	84,574	238,680	5,030	1968/76 add/10 ren	5,943,364
Toledo/Lucas County	440,456	15.87	0.17	1.25	8.17	18	857	2,548,402	271,000	1,094,005	20,176	178,620	688,264	-	1940/2001add	3,335,301
Tulsa City-County	591,982	8.82	-	0.83	6.22	24	1,351	1,740,123	135,000	492,823	-	175,930	452,863	28,358	1965/new prop	3,737,997

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