

# Library Benchmark Statistics and Model Libraries

plan for progress using comparative data



	Population	Operating Budget (Expense)	Total Public Funding	Per Capita Public Funding	Total FTE Staff	Staff per 10,000 Pop	Library Materials Expense	Per Capita Library Materials	Total Annual Borrowing	Per Capita Annual Borrowing	Annual Class/Event Attendance	Class/Event Attendance per 100 pop	Annual Total Visits	Per Cap Annual Visits
SCPL	154,727	\$5,465,583	\$4,873,254	\$31.50	47.18	3.05	\$481,724	\$3.11	1,132,246	7.32	29,656	19.17	1,008,000	6.51
Albany	97,839	\$8,817,657	\$8,354,377	\$85.39	115.00	11.75	\$660,543	\$6.75	1,022,420	10.45	57,249	58.51	861,524	8.81
Amsterdam	24,186	\$307,334	\$230,000	\$9.51	6.10	2.52	\$16,422	\$0.68	54,526	2.25	4,247	17.56	57,455	2.38
Gloversville	19,244	\$428,209	\$393,695	\$20.46	11.90	6.18	\$45,613	\$2.37	68,902	3.58	5,360	27.85	93,325	4.85
Oneida	15,411	\$430,602	\$348,555	\$22.62	13.13	8.52	\$51,384	\$3.33	63,331	4.11	8,330	54.05	83,419	5.41
Cobleskill	14,295	\$254,769	\$263,095	\$18.40	4.88	3.41	\$25,018	\$1.75	64,276	4.50	2,210	15.46	29,816	2.09
Catskill	12,473	\$679,960	\$630,867	\$50.58	10.25	8.22	\$51,820	\$4.15	88,315	7.08	3,569	28.61	71,000	5.69
Johnstown*	11,943	\$364,483	\$314,000	\$26.29	7.00	5.86	\$41,515	\$3.48	84,174	7.05	5,568	46.62	74,465	6.24
Fonda	6,808	\$71,126	\$27,716	\$4.07	1.21	1.78	\$5,487	\$0.81	26,451	3.89	1,419	20.84	13,024	1.91
Schoharie*	6,873	\$130,881	\$66,000	\$9.60	1.04	1.51	\$8,979	\$1.31	20,298	2.95	2,801	40.75	16,101	2.34
Kinderhook	6,486	\$240,014	\$217,353	\$33.51	3.88	5.98	\$26,659	\$4.11	55,547	8.56	7,234	111.53	68,882	10.62
Middleburgh	6,433	\$159,635	\$122,500	\$19.04	2.00	3.11	\$17,059	\$2.65	28,343	4.41	4,688	72.87	10,423	1.62
Canajoharie	6,320	\$223,181	\$950	\$0.15	5.5	8.70	\$9,645	\$1.53	32,807	5.19	1,560	24.68	29,782	4.71
Fort Plain	5,592	\$130,968	\$82,750	\$14.80	2.50	4.47	\$8,839	\$1.58	21,546	3.85	5,142	91.95	52,000	9.30
Cuba	4,575	\$203,957	\$157,175	\$34.36	4.72	10.32	\$14,405	\$3.15	39,189	8.57	4,162	90.97	29,900	6.54
Fort Hunter	3,699	\$23,630	\$26,500	\$7.16	0.63	1.70	\$2,262	\$0.61	2,493	0.67	107	2.89	1,460	0.39
St. Johnsville*	3,110	\$112,771	\$70,000	\$22.51	2.40	7.72	\$4,625	\$1.49	8,839	2.84	1,595	51.29	8,663	2.79
Northville	2,981	\$130,258	\$139,329	\$46.74	1.40	4.70	\$10,249	\$3.44	22,665	7.60	1,833	61.49	17,869	5.99
Lyme	2,185	\$82,092	\$61,819	\$28.29	1.75	8.01	\$13,935	\$6.38	18,708	8.56	2,804	128.33	12,561	5.75
Sharon Springs	1,846	\$48,573	\$43,860	\$23.76	0.73	3.95	\$4,448	\$2.41	12,671	6.86	713	38.62	7,640	4.14
MVLS w/o SCP	138,499			\$10.77		3.30		\$2.35		3.23		27.00		2.97
MVLS Totals	293,226			\$22.36		3.40		\$2.73		6.30		24.00		6.07
Capital District	1,048,398			\$37.21		6.70		\$4.43		9.22		39.00		6.69
New York State	19,378,244			\$55.88		6.59		\$5.43		7.27		40.00		5.50

All Data is from the 2015 State Annual Reports with 2 exceptions:

Four libraries - Amsterdam, Fort Hunter, Gloversville and Schoharie - had significant increases in local public funding approved in 2016. For those libraries, the local public funding data includes the amounts approved via 2016 votes.

The most recent NYS data is for 2014. This information is from the DLD website at: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/libs/palstats.htm>

Library population data is chartered service area population with 3 exceptions. For Johnstown, Schoharie and St. Johnsville this chart includes the school district population. Total population data for MVLS w/o SCP, MVLS, Capital District and NYS, is total geographic population, including served and unserved areas.

## Using Comparative Statistics

1. Compare your library to similar MVLS libraries—coded by color based on population
2. Compare your library to the MVLS, Capital District and NYS averages at the bottom of the chart
3. Compare you library to the model library(s) in your population group—indicated with darker highlighting of the same color

**How can your library become a Model 21st Century Library? What areas can you target for change, emphasis and improvement?**