

Academic Libraries 2015-16

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Overview

Academic Libraries Overview

Welcome to the IPEDS Academic Libraries (AL) survey component. The purpose of the AL component of IPEDS is to collect information on library collections, library expenses, and library services for libraries in degree-granting postsecondary institutions.

Recent changes

There are a few changes to the 2015-16 Academic Libraries component from the 2014-15 collection. Visit the [Academic Libraries Resource](#) page for a list of the changes and additional reporting resources.

Data Reporting Reminders

Report all data for fiscal year (FY) 2015. Fiscal year 2015 is defined as the most recent 12-month period that ends before October 1, 2015, that corresponds to the institution's fiscal year.

Coverage:

Include data for the main or central academic library and all branch and independent libraries that were open all or part of the fiscal year 2015. Branch and independent libraries are defined as auxiliary library service outlets with quarters separate from the central library that houses the basic collection. The central library administers the branches. Libraries on branch campuses that have separate IPEDS unit identification numbers are reported as separate libraries.

Resources:

To download the survey materials for this component: [Survey Materials](#)

To access your prior year data submission for this component: [Reported Data](#)

For more information about the previous survey: [Academic Libraries Survey](#)

If you have questions about completing this survey, please contact the **IPEDS Help Desk at 1-877-225-2568**.

Screening Questions

Were your annual total library expenses for Fiscal Year 2015:

Less than \$100,000

Greater than or equal to \$100,000

Is the library collection entirely electronic?

No

Yes

Library Collections/Circulation

Section I:
 For all degree-granting institutions with
 library expenses >0

**NOTE - This section of the survey collects data on selected types of material. It does not cover all materials.
 Report the total number of each category held at the END of Fiscal Year 2015.**

Library Collections	Physical		Digital/Electronic		Total
		Prior Year Amount		Prior Year Amount	
Books	599,280	612,233	792,145	47,294	
Databases			249	163	
Media	27,247	13,245	23,646	4,521	
Total	626,527	625,478	816,040	51,978	1,442,567
Library Circulation	18,735	69,052	87,889	12,336	106,624

You may use the space below to provide context for the data you've reported above.

Expenses and Interlibrary Services

Section II: For degree-granting institutions with library expenses >= \$100,000

Library expenses should be reported for the most recent 12-month period that corresponds to your institution's fiscal year that ends before October 1, 2015.

		Prior Year Amount
? Indicate the number of branch and independent libraries (exclude the main or central library).	0	0
? Expenses	Amount	
Total salaries and wages for the library staff	2,289,183	2,033,677
Are staff fringe benefits paid out of the library budget?		
<input type="radio"/> No		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	Total Fringe benefits	708,279
Materials/services expenses		
One-time purchases of <u>books</u> , <u>serial backfiles</u> , and other materials	786,024	
Ongoing commitments to subscriptions	1,557,873	
All other materials/service cost	92	
Total materials/services expenses	2,343,989	2,286,590
Operations and maintenance expenses		
Preservation services	3,605	
All other operations and maintenance expenses	308,531	
Total operations and maintenance expenses	312,136	305,005
Total Expenses	5,652,650	5,333,551
Total Expenses (minus Fringe Benefits)	4,945,308	4,625,272

Interlibrary Services	Number	
Total interlibrary loans and documents provided to other libraries	3,773	4,970
Total interlibrary loans and documents received	6,860	8,243

Does your library support virtual reference services?

No Yes

You may use the space below to provide context for the data you've reported above.

Summary**Academic Libraries Component Summary**

IPEDS collects important information regarding your institution. All data reported in IPEDS survey components become available in the IPEDS Data Center and appear as aggregated data in various Department of Education reports. Additionally, some of the reported data appears in your institution's Data Feedback Report (DFR). The purpose of this summary is to provide you an opportunity to view some of the data that, when accepted through the IPEDS quality control process, will appear on your DFR. Data Feedback Reports will be available through the [Data Center](#) and sent to your institution's CEO in November 2016.

Please review your data for accuracy. If you have questions about the data displayed below after reviewing the data reported on the survey screens, please contact the IPEDS Help Desk at: 1-877-225-2568 or ipedshelp@rti.org.

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Databases		249
Media	27,247	23,646
Total Collection	626,527	816,040
Total Circulation	18,735	87,889

Expenses	Amount
Salaries and wages	\$2,289,183
Fringe benefits	\$707,342
Materials/services expenses	\$2,343,989
Operations and maintenance expenses	\$312,136
Total expenses	\$5,652,650

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Source	Description	Severity	Resolved	Options
Screen: Collections/Circulation				
Screen Entry	The number entered (27,247) is outside the expected range of between 9,272 and 17,218 compared to the prior year value. Please correct your data or explain. (Error #15015)	Explanation	Yes	
Reason:	The definition of media was expanded this year to include microforms and maps.			
Screen Entry	The number entered (792,145) is outside the expected range of between 33,106 and 61,482 compared to the prior year value. Please correct your data or explain. (Error #15015)	Explanation	Yes	
Reason:	The 2014 definition specified "Do not include e-books that are available as part of a database" whereas the 2015 definition did not have this specification. Most of our e-books are part of databases.			
Screen Entry	The calculated value (816,040) is outside the expected range of between 36,385 and 67,571 compared to the prior year value. Please correct your data or explain. (Error #15027)	Explanation	Yes	
Reason:	Changes to the definitions account for the vast majority of the difference.			