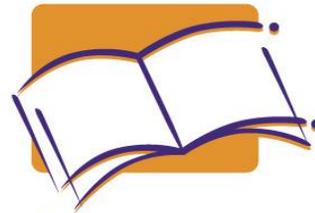


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Georgia's 63 Public Library Systems



February 11, 2016

The Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) is pleased to present the 2016 edition of "A Current Look at Georgia's Public Libraries and GPLS", offering a detailed examination of the statistical data that describes the operations, funding and usage of the 403 public library facilities throughout our state. Once again, this report clearly demonstrates the value of each of these libraries and the services and programs they offer in every county in Georgia.

This report offers statistical data and analysis of Fiscal Year 2015, which began July 1, 2014 and ended June 30, 2015. Annual reports submitted by each of the 63 public library system to GPLS are used to gather the numbers used herein. Our aggregate data will be submitted, as required, to the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services in spring 2016 for inclusion in the national Public Library Survey, which provides a national view of public library services. Therefore, this data is still subject to IMLS review in 2016.

"A Current Look" provides timely, detailed analysis in ways that we hope are useful to those who fund, support and use public libraries in Georgia. This year, our libraries continued to add patrons, resources and services to meet the needs of residents across the state. This year's report shows increases statewide in the percentage of the population with library cards, circulation per capita, and summer reading attendance. We are delighted to see continuing growth in the demand for and use of electronic and digital services and an increase in overall public service hours for libraries, for the first time in several years. The state of Georgia's libraries is strong.

Public libraries remain essential at every level of education throughout the state. They deliver valuable support for children and parents by providing preschool and pre-literacy programs as well as resources for K-12 and higher education. Libraries are playing an increasingly crucial role in the state's workforce development, providing resources to adults pursuing new career paths or re-training programs, and to those who need access to online services from local, state and federal government agencies. Our public libraries are being recognized as statewide leaders in technology and educational support; as vital contributors to workforce and community development; as civic and cultural hubs in Georgia communities large and small.

To the community leaders, trustees, administrators and funders at the state and local level, whose support make the services we deliver to every community possible, we are grateful. You are our partners in making Georgia's public libraries successful, and your commitment to maintaining excellence is appreciated.

This year's and previous editions of "A Current Look" may be accessed on our website at <http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/publiclibinfo/>.

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Effective FY 2015, Burke County joined the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library System and the East Central Georgia Regional Library System was renamed the Augusta-Richmond Public Library System

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Georgia's Library Laws

- By statutory authority, Georgia Public Library Service, as a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, gives aid, counsel and advice to all libraries in Georgia and works in a limited supervisory capacity with the 63 public library systems
- **OCGA § 20-5-2 (a)** states that the agency "... shall give aid, advice and counsel to all libraries" and "shall exercise supervision over all public libraries and endeavor to improve libraries already established."
- **OCGA § 20-2-305 (a)** states that the agency "... shall annually determine and request of the General Assembly the amount of funds needed for county and regional public libraries" and that "Public Library funds shall be apportioned to county and regional public libraries in proportion to the area and population to be served by such libraries . . ."
- Public library systems in Georgia are either single-county or multiple-county, based on the individual participating agreements. There are currently 34 multiple-county (regional) public library systems and 29 single-county public library systems. **OCGA § 20-5-41** places authority of single-county library systems with the county board of trustees and places authority of multiple-county library systems with the regional board of trustees.
- While GPLS strongly supports efficiency and economy in the operation of public library systems, it realizes that local preferences, history and political realities drive the decisions of how public libraries are configured and aligned. It is the role of GPLS to advocate for strong, fiscally sound and viable public libraries.
- Georgia statutes related to public libraries may be found at www.georgialibraries.org/lib/library_laws/

Return on Investment

The value of public libraries' services to the people of Georgia

- **37,350,547** books and other materials were borrowed from Georgia's public libraries in FY2015.
 - The average book costs \$25.00.
 - This saved the people of Georgia a total of **\$933,763,675**.
- **2,335,886** children and young adults attended programs at Georgia's public libraries in FY2015.
 - The average cost of a movie theater ticket was \$8.61. (<http://www.fandango.com/>)
 - This was equivalent to Georgia parents spending **\$20,111,978**.
- **11,628,980** public-access Internet computers sessions were used at Georgia's public libraries in FY2015.
 - The average cost of a computer workstation rental with Internet access at a cybercafé (<http://www.cybercafes.com>) and similar business centers is an average of \$7 hour session.
 - This saved the people of Georgia a total of **\$81,402,860**.

The value of **just** these three public library services was **\$1,035,278,513** (\$101.00 per capita) in FY2015. Total Georgia public libraries operating expenditures were only **\$184,992,478** (\$18.05 per capita) in FY2015.

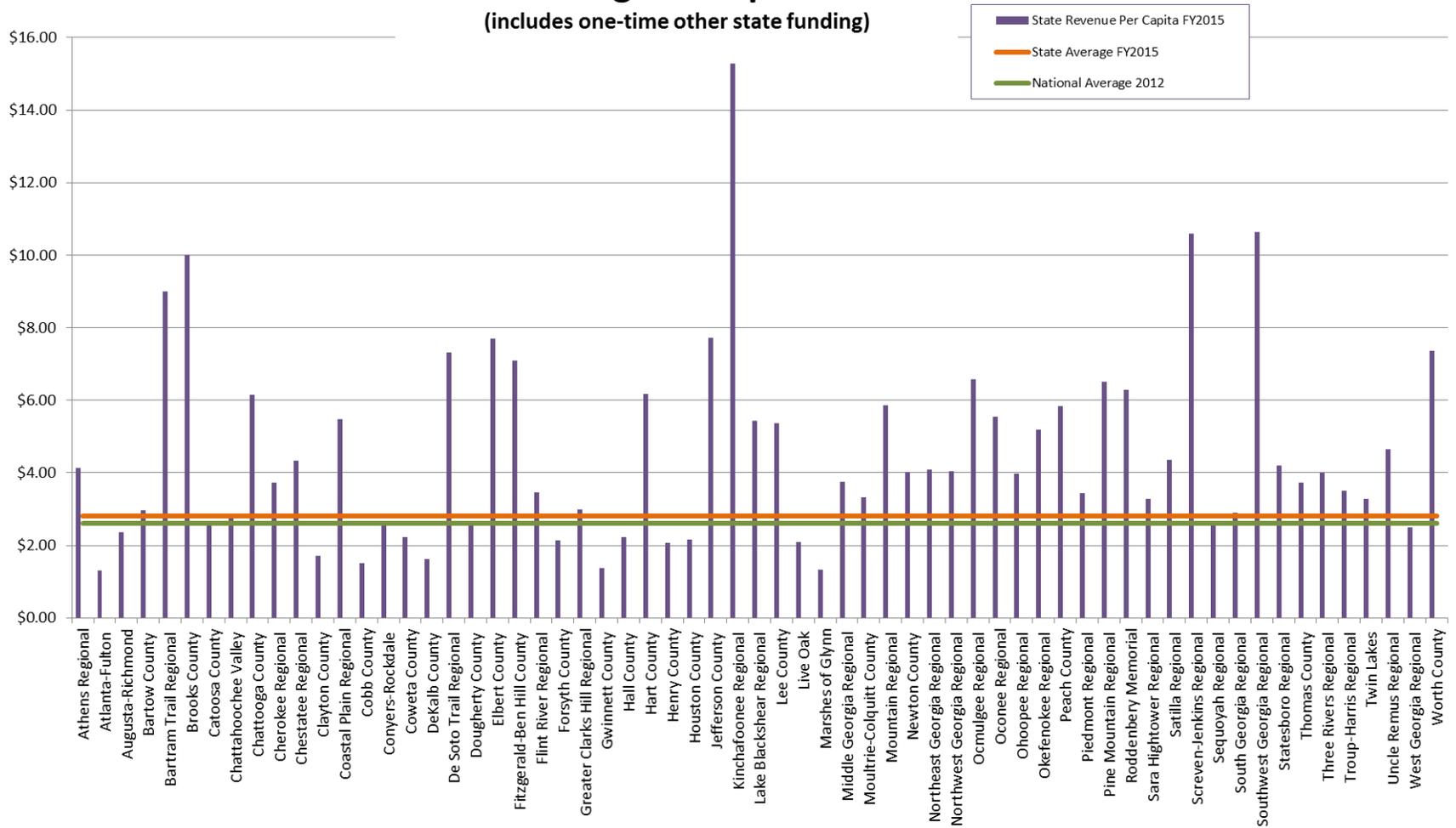
Return on investment = \$5.60 to \$1.00

State Funding for Georgia's Public Libraries

- By state law OCGA § 20-5-3, state funding is apportioned by formula to the library systems on the basis of population and geography (http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/library_laws/OCGA - 20-5-3.pdf).
- State funding is provided for professional salaries, library materials, operational support, libraries for the blind and physically handicapped, and, by grant award, for capital improvement.
- Georgia is the only state that provides grants that are specifically designated for the salaries of professional librarians, thus ensuring that each system is administered and led by licensed librarians.
- In FY2012, Georgia ranked 12th in the nation in terms of state funding per capita for public libraries, at \$2.51 while the national average was \$2.60. Even with the significant funding provided by the state, in FY2012 Georgia ranked 47th in the nation in terms of **total** per capita funding of public libraries at \$19.35. Note: FY2012 is the most recent year for which IMLS has published national data tables.
- In FY2015, Georgia's per capita state funding was \$2.81.

State Funding Per Capita FY 2015

(includes one-time other state funding)



Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Year 2015 and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey for Fiscal Year 2012

State Per Capita Funding for Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013 - 2015									
Library System	2013			2014			2015		
	Population	Total State Funding	Per Capita	Population	Total State Funding	Per Capita	Population	Total State Funding	Per Capita
Athens Regional	230,121	\$ 793,209.36	\$ 3.45	225,833	\$ 994,273.00	\$ 4.40	224,115	\$ 926,910.30	\$ 4.14
Atlanta-Fulton	1,085,024	\$ 1,205,352.00	\$ 1.11	995,984	\$ 1,091,898.00	\$ 1.10	1,018,601	\$ 1,319,351.00	\$ 1.30
Augusta-Richmond							203,625	\$ 480,617.00	\$ 2.36
Bartow County	110,632	\$ 262,116.00	\$ 2.37	108,201	\$ 280,040.00	\$ 2.59	103,438	\$ 305,738.70	\$ 2.96
Bartram Trail Regional	36,056	\$ 255,469.36	\$ 7.09	34,725	\$ 280,762.34	\$ 8.09	33,371	\$ 300,348.28	\$ 9.00
Brooks County	16,982	\$ 170,643.62	\$ 10.05	16,570	\$ 162,794.95	\$ 9.82	15,464	\$ 154,776.92	\$ 10.01
Catoosa County	70,780	\$ 147,739.90	\$ 2.09	67,318	\$ 141,222.61	\$ 2.10	66,522	\$ 178,377.41	\$ 2.68
Chattahoochee Valley	230,822	\$ 717,221.55	\$ 3.11	225,186	\$ 670,825.75	\$ 2.98	233,503	\$ 646,510.08	\$ 2.77
Chattanooga County	28,333	\$ 135,615.44	\$ 4.79	26,579	\$ 148,496.67	\$ 5.59	25,171	\$ 154,581.51	\$ 6.14
Cherokee Regional	85,896	\$ 276,307.87	\$ 3.22	87,589	\$ 287,604.39	\$ 3.28	85,272	\$ 317,339.18	\$ 3.72
Chestatee Regional	56,985	\$ 211,271.98	\$ 3.71	57,167	\$ 223,788.01	\$ 3.91	55,252	\$ 239,181.30	\$ 4.33
Clayton County	285,734	\$ 505,302.66	\$ 1.77	272,197	\$ 452,635.42	\$ 1.66	269,649	\$ 460,700.07	\$ 1.71
Coastal Plain Regional	100,109	\$ 451,783.42	\$ 4.51	98,774	\$ 493,545.20	\$ 5.00	94,637	\$ 519,019.49	\$ 5.48
Cobb County	755,207	\$ 971,860.87	\$ 1.29	732,504	\$ 1,055,486.86	\$ 1.44	735,825	\$ 1,113,451.90	\$ 1.51
Conyers-Rockdale	93,431	\$ 203,784.53	\$ 2.18	91,500	\$ 151,214.04	\$ 1.65	89,299	\$ 226,469.23	\$ 2.54
Coweta County	143,680	\$ 262,531.52	\$ 1.83	140,969	\$ 260,861.31	\$ 1.85	138,639	\$ 307,807.10	\$ 2.22
DeKalb County	794,820	\$ 1,011,353.29	\$ 1.27	721,520	\$ 1,046,694.90	\$ 1.45	726,171	\$ 1,170,845.91	\$ 1.61
De Soto Trail Regional	40,772	\$ 287,921.96	\$ 7.06	38,051	\$ 314,276.65	\$ 8.26	36,809	\$ 269,219.96	\$ 7.31
Dougherty County	96,401	\$ 190,444.00	\$ 1.98	97,331	\$ 134,643.67	\$ 1.38	93,142	\$ 244,341.58	\$ 2.62
East Central Georgia Regional	374,200	\$ 861,881.86	\$ 2.30	234,310	\$ 602,105.19	\$ 2.57			
Elbert County	20,799	\$ 145,587.83	\$ 7.00	20,247	\$ 140,337.13	\$ 6.93	19,537	\$ 150,577.75	\$ 7.71
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	18,581	\$ 115,272.75	\$ 6.20	18,092	\$ 123,615.45	\$ 6.83	17,691	\$ 125,557.98	\$ 7.10
Flint River Regional	290,657	\$ 823,387.46	\$ 2.83	269,759	\$ 970,977.26	\$ 3.60	262,435	\$ 906,128.13	\$ 3.45
Forsyth County	205,178	\$ 402,804.44	\$ 1.96	204,585	\$ 408,108.91	\$ 1.99	209,023	\$ 445,706.38	\$ 2.13
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				147,943	\$ 364,844.33	\$ 2.47	178,529	\$ 534,007.87	\$ 2.99
Gwinnett County	874,489	\$ 1,106,391.33	\$ 1.27	891,721	\$ 1,107,808.19	\$ 1.24	894,928	\$ 1,224,707.91	\$ 1.37
Hall County	217,616	\$ 381,294.00	\$ 1.75	196,993	\$ 392,266.00	\$ 1.99	194,153	\$ 430,537.00	\$ 2.22
Hart County	26,431	\$ 138,406.60	\$ 5.24	25,723	\$ 147,364.25	\$ 5.73	25,628	\$ 158,098.87	\$ 6.17
Henry County	230,273	\$ 366,281.18	\$ 1.59	230,973	\$ 397,674.00	\$ 1.72	219,654	\$ 452,687.25	\$ 2.06
Houston County	144,980	\$ 273,892.46	\$ 1.89	151,582	\$ 258,833.36	\$ 1.71	152,213	\$ 328,891.43	\$ 2.16
Jefferson County	16,430	\$ 129,628.41	\$ 7.89	17,256	\$ 138,905.43	\$ 8.05	16,286	\$ 125,711.08	\$ 7.72
Kinchafoonee Regional	32,010	\$ 396,048.50	\$ 12.37	32,515	\$ 391,646.48	\$ 12.05	30,517	\$ 466,521.57	\$ 15.29
Lake Blackshear Regional	74,208	\$ 332,342.29	\$ 4.48	78,425	\$ 376,111.80	\$ 4.80	73,963	\$ 401,021.97	\$ 5.42
Lee County	39,765	\$ 150,035.59	\$ 3.77	30,127	\$ 149,973.78	\$ 4.98	30,113	\$ 161,242.98	\$ 5.35
Live Oak	398,879	\$ 898,707.00	\$ 2.25	406,815	\$ 895,908.00	\$ 2.20	408,098	\$ 848,534.00	\$ 2.08
Marshes of Glynn				83,648	\$ 110,705.30	\$ 1.32	83,355	\$ 110,627.00	\$ 1.33
Middle Georgia Regional	239,410	\$ 932,323.00	\$ 3.89	236,235	\$ 955,082.00	\$ 4.04	228,846	\$ 857,957.20	\$ 3.75
Moultrie-Colquitt County	49,320	\$ 260,019.34	\$ 5.27	47,638	\$ 145,270.05	\$ 3.05	47,235	\$ 156,807.53	\$ 3.32
Mountain Regional	62,848	\$ 303,705.02	\$ 4.83	57,920	\$ 316,787.46	\$ 5.47	56,748	\$ 332,058.01	\$ 5.85
Newton County	120,070	\$ 244,379.27	\$ 2.04	110,140	\$ 373,811.00	\$ 3.39	106,470	\$ 428,044.46	\$ 4.02
Northeast Georgia Regional	120,015	\$ 428,708.62	\$ 3.57	117,598	\$ 413,812.85	\$ 3.52	114,553	\$ 467,082.22	\$ 4.08
Northwest Georgia Regional	206,052	\$ 475,359.22	\$ 2.31	207,400	\$ 722,188.81	\$ 3.48	200,915	\$ 810,849.66	\$ 4.04
Ocmulgee Regional	75,052	\$ 467,366.88	\$ 6.23	83,071	\$ 525,530.30	\$ 6.33	79,019	\$ 519,476.68	\$ 6.57
Oconee Regional	93,654	\$ 570,052.82	\$ 6.09	92,264	\$ 620,427.15	\$ 6.72	88,844	\$ 493,099.31	\$ 5.55
Ohoopsee Regional	79,034	\$ 404,298.74	\$ 5.12	80,456	\$ 362,547.96	\$ 4.51	77,844	\$ 309,360.68	\$ 3.97
Okfeenokee Regional	92,560	\$ 449,530.23	\$ 4.86	94,635	\$ 463,879.26	\$ 4.90	92,273	\$ 477,934.76	\$ 5.18
Peach County	28,999	\$ 91,729.51	\$ 3.16	29,740	\$ 168,634.00	\$ 5.67	27,214	\$ 158,908.16	\$ 5.84
Piedmont Regional	175,640	\$ 491,672.76	\$ 2.80	162,220	\$ 483,360.24	\$ 2.98	157,947	\$ 541,576.50	\$ 3.43
Pine Mountain Regional	68,411	\$ 359,802.51	\$ 5.26	65,369	\$ 383,982.14	\$ 5.87	62,548	\$ 406,611.57	\$ 6.50
Roddenberry Memorial	27,273	\$ 172,424.48	\$ 6.32	25,865	\$ 174,834.81	\$ 6.76	25,694	\$ 161,249.80	\$ 6.28
Sara Hightower Regional	145,862	\$ 377,016.22	\$ 2.58	141,598	\$ 400,910.91	\$ 2.83	138,420	\$ 453,885.74	\$ 3.28
Satilla Regional	53,772	\$ 181,557.45	\$ 3.38	53,298	\$ 194,651.34	\$ 3.65	52,247	\$ 227,277.52	\$ 4.35
Screven-Jenkins Regional	24,777	\$ 209,943.56	\$ 8.47	23,186	\$ 218,717.64	\$ 9.43	23,559	\$ 249,708.64	\$ 10.60
Sequoyah Regional	316,534	\$ 620,598.93	\$ 1.96	295,779	\$ 713,909.78	\$ 2.41	295,353	\$ 767,466.71	\$ 2.60
South Georgia Regional	128,061	\$ 371,024.30	\$ 2.90	134,337	\$ 374,772.77	\$ 2.79	130,825	\$ 378,109.35	\$ 2.89
Southwest Georgia Regional	46,169	\$ 382,519.48	\$ 8.29	43,433	\$ 426,752.04	\$ 9.83	42,444	\$ 451,758.51	\$ 10.64
Statesboro Regional	160,419	\$ 551,707.64	\$ 3.44	155,811	\$ 573,764.34	\$ 3.68	153,599	\$ 645,360.04	\$ 4.20
Thomas County	49,221	\$ 147,888.53	\$ 3.00	45,590	\$ 157,236.69	\$ 3.45	45,517	\$ 169,276.94	\$ 3.72
Three Rivers Regional	225,507	\$ 706,239.95	\$ 3.13	151,031	\$ 510,961.10	\$ 3.38	146,426	\$ 586,785.77	\$ 4.01
Troup-Harris Regional	104,663	\$ 318,862.08	\$ 3.05	104,875	\$ 321,051.46	\$ 3.06	104,020	\$ 365,219.54	\$ 3.51
Twin Lakes	49,844	\$ 143,450.58	\$ 2.88	47,336	\$ 101,887.89	\$ 2.15	46,457	\$ 152,165.58	\$ 3.28
Uncle Remus Regional	185,488	\$ 616,136.03	\$ 3.32	171,890	\$ 617,670.55	\$ 3.59	167,575	\$ 778,938.27	\$ 4.65
West Georgia Regional	483,111	\$ 827,979.63	\$ 1.71	465,338	\$ 863,230.08	\$ 1.86	451,656	\$ 1,129,705.57	\$ 2.50
Worth County	22,930	\$ 136,918.27	\$ 5.97	22,142	\$ 146,306.84	\$ 6.61	21,236	\$ 156,128.88	\$ 7.35
Georgia State Totals	10,660,977	\$ 25,825,106	\$ 2.42	10,344,907	\$ 26,900,220	\$ 2.60	10,250,112	\$ 28,838,949.69	\$ 2.81

Note: FY2014 totals have been restated to include Technology MR&R

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2013 - 2015

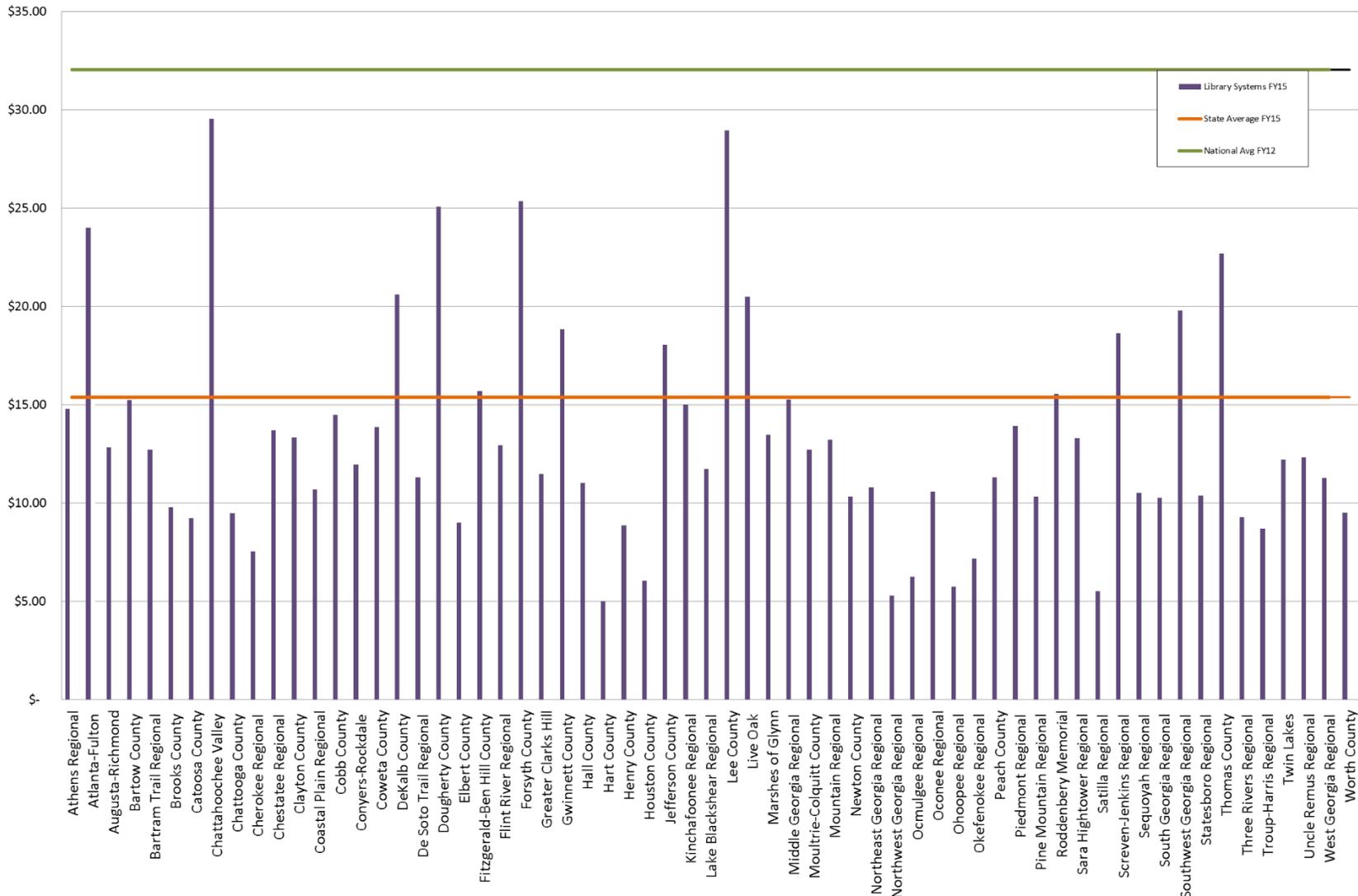
State Funding by Category for Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013 - 2015						2014 - % Change from FY13 = 0.9%					2015 - % Change from FY14 = 7.2%				
Library System	2013 - % Change from FY12 = 3.4%					2014 - % Change from FY13 = 0.9%					2015 - % Change from FY14 = 7.2%				
	State Funds Used for Salaries and Wages	State Funds Used for Salaries Benefits	State Funds Used for Purchases of Books and Materials	State Funds Used for Other Regular Operating Costs	Total State Funded Operations	State Funds Used for Salaries and Wages	State Funds Used for Salaries Benefits	State Funds Used for Purchases of Books and Materials	State Funds Used for Other Regular Operating Costs	Total State Funded Operations	State Funds Used for Salaries and Wages	State Funds Used for Salaries Benefits	State Funds Used for Purchases of Books and Materials	State Funds Used for Other Regular Operating Costs	Total State Funded Operations
Athens Regional	\$ 528,889	\$ 153,382	\$ 26,664	\$ 10,000	\$ 718,905	\$ 572,595	\$ 158,602	\$ 26,664	\$ 10,161	\$ 768,022	\$ 594,621	\$ 167,285	\$ 37,924	\$ 23,197	\$ 823,027
Atlanta-Fulton	619,107	8,977	283,894	233,392	1,145,370	617,457	8,953	265,488	200,000	1,091,898	611,851	8,872	325,502	373,126	1,319,351
Augusta-Richmond															
Barrow County	181,306	49,965	11,956	18,889	262,116	181,306	55,127	11,816	31,791	280,040	181,306	56,723	22,741	44,968	305,739
Bartram Trail Regional	182,022	40,796	11,829	9,078	243,725	182,126	44,822	16,883	36,931	280,762	183,029	46,347	30,263	40,629	300,268
Brooks County	113,457	39,787	-	-	153,244	116,737	38,167	-	7,891	162,795	97,719	32,402	15,389	182	145,692
Catoosa County	59,897	14,422	375	73,046	147,740	44,984	12,539	20,666	63,032	141,222	44,984	12,827	67,599	52,917	178,327
Chattahoochee Valley	490,973	118,810	41,523	65,916	717,222	448,982	112,580	41,620	67,644	670,826	373,947	103,490	74,412	85,411	637,260
Chattooga County	66,308	17,163	22,102	29,592	135,165	66,308	18,944	16,966	46,279	148,497	66,308	19,532	19,725	49,016	154,582
Cherokee Regional	166,358	60,772	19,569	29,608	276,308	168,534	55,790	17,175	46,105	287,604	180,336	59,489	28,181	49,332	317,339
Chestatee Regional	166,876	31,207	6,691	-	204,774	170,299	35,384	-	18,105	223,788	178,801	36,099	8,487	24,281	247,669
Clayton County	328,549	40,607	50,007	49,223	468,387	271,028	40,030	44,998	49,979	406,035	337,083	28,837	89,892	40,000	495,812
Coastal Plain Regional	176,674	48,634	408,027	23,738	158,981	180,518	55,133	41,171	216,723	493,545	180,518	56,704	59,496	221,962	518,679
Cobb County	500,305	63,636	323,920	84,000	971,861	491,599	64,504	259,994	162,299	978,389	532,259	76,012	375,350	149,832	1,133,453
Conyers-Rockdale	102,643	29,473	-	71,668	203,785	48,184	16,732	-	71,642	136,557	86,846	30,616	0	86,196	203,669
Coweta County	136,115	15,969	50,288	46,410	248,783	139,681	19,178	49,339	52,663	260,861	139,681	20,393	61,378	63,842	285,294
DeKalb County	519,329	66,786	200,000	225,239	1,011,353	518,438	71,182	200,000	257,075	1,046,695	514,771	75,156	240,617	340,247	1,170,846
De Soto Trail Regional	207,651	44,536	-	35,736	287,922	207,651	48,742	-	35,345	291,738	154,412	40,856	11,974	44,993	252,235
Dougherty County	139,052	35,714	15,679	-	190,445	76,914	26,577	15,900	-	119,392	139,353	49,850	38,510	0	227,713
East Central Georgia Regional	390,358	106,339	12,305	341,823	850,824	265,278	75,201	-	215,238	555,716	-	-	-	-	-
Elbert County	96,927	29,361	1,987	17,312	145,588	97,371	34,726	-	8,240	140,337	102,684	35,670	5,464	6,760	150,578
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	49,834	19,293	8,922	37,223	115,273	49,834	20,048	13,072	40,661	123,615	49,834	22,177	15,384	38,163	125,558
Flint River Regional	526,780	138,066	82,526	76,015	823,387	527,380	152,331	55,246	82,022	458,093	139,740	89,285	119,913	807,032	
Forsyth County	244,680	62,672	69,203	26,250	402,804	237,701	73,100	65,435	31,873	408,109	190,473	74,733	98,348	82,152	445,706
Greater Clarks Hill Regional						168,702	-	162,973	-	331,675	246,291	2,411	70,175	176,296	495,173
Gwinnett County	555,815	151,722	308,907	89,948	1,106,391	548,702	160,480	312,102	86,524	1,107,808	560,985	162,831	366,201	134,690	1,224,708
Hall County	244,519	61,909	34,897	39,969	381,294	244,520	63,921	30,496	53,329	392,266	241,247	71,085	70,642	447,361	
Hart County	70,290	17,955	4,800	45,361	138,407	70,290	19,767	4,800	43,731	138,588	70,290	20,378	9,323	58,107	158,099
Henry County	227,431	55,877	28,504	54,469	366,281	232,133	62,220	37,550	37,716	369,619	235,914	67,321	35,937	113,515	452,687
Houston County	176,624	46,679	-	50,589	273,892	164,773	44,792	-	49,268	258,833	183,915	56,090	32,951	55,935	328,891
Jefferson County	102,321	23,089	-	4,218	129,628	106,249	24,704	-	130,953	96,899	16,939	5,481	6,392	125,711	
Kinchafoonee Regional	246,957	80,904	19,505	35,463	382,828	225,919	68,934	21,088	35,218	351,160	218,357	70,781	38,752	109,347	437,237
Lake Blackshear Regional	213,769	67,407	32,774	129,960	443,910	219,960	74,106	28,453	53,592	376,112	222,385	76,572	45,514	29,757	374,228
Lee County	113,338	31,725	4,973	-	150,036	70,290	19,740	22,842	27,900	140,772	97,385	21,159	19,833	22,866	161,243
Live Oak	556,270	168,936	144,208	29,293	898,707	441,771	107,101	146,985	200,051	895,908	383,025	114,935	169,051	181,523	848,534
Marshes of Glynn						49,111	-	8,007	28,112	85,229	49,111	0	18,332	43,184	110,627
Middle Georgia Regional	634,023	153,793	-	144,507	932,323	565,562	149,985	23,083	216,452	955,082	625,078	203,235	80,104	55,790	964,207
Moultrie-Colquitt County	93,750	29,888	-	9,880	133,518	93,750	33,104	-	18,416	145,270	93,750	33,920	5,566	13,268	146,504
Mountain Regional	228,915	68,954	-	5,836	303,705	207,248	73,968	-	35,572	316,787	196,187	55,186	11,666	12,578	275,617
Newton County	166,617	44,353	-	33,408	244,379	173,380	54,153	-	136,129	363,662	173,380	65,736	10,688	30,991	280,774
Northeast Georgia Regional	248,632	73,943	31,863	74,271	428,709	231,874	76,221	38,254	67,465	413,813	163,140	54,166	16,536	201,390	435,233
Northern Georgia Regional	189,095	66,363	67,077	113,207	435,741	209,496	71,064	76,822	76,999	434,381	245,573	99,422	73,502	48,997	467,493
Ocmulgee Regional	310,518	78,219	10,000	77,679	476,416	311,791	83,273	10,000	74,750	479,814	265,666	75,036	30,038	148,737	519,477
Oconee Regional	326,328	105,579	30,955	107,191	570,053	328,724	119,021	39,084	133,598	620,427	250,342	96,077	57,973	88,707	493,099
Ochoppee Regional	287,438	76,628	30,383	9,849	404,299	228,678	80,665	20,671	32,534	362,548	193,184	58,553	12,789	44,835	309,361
Okfevonee Regional	308,006	88,307	9,432	43,785	449,530	275,478	99,695	7,426	41,568	424,167	194,431	59,636	24,756	202,195	481,017
Peach County	61,760	22,964	1,436	5,569	91,730	96,213	33,907	500	38,014	168,634	99,746	28,894	6,710	23,559	158,910
Piedmont Regional	329,754	115,855	17,688	28,376	491,673	342,676	111,221	17,688	11,775	483,360	253,014	77,404	51,699	125,856	507,972
Pine Mountain Regional	246,843	67,232	19,544	26,184	359,803	240,973	70,897	20,770	51,633	384,273	243,443	71,536	36,298	51,517	402,793
Roddenberry Memorial	129,669	27,771	984	14,000	172,424	129,779	29,267	-	15,789	174,835	70,567	13,892	9,593	47,934	141,987
Sara Hightower Regional	190,177	52,884	38,202	95,754	377,016	175,822	60,050	41,855	123,184	400,911	212,116	74,238	72,105	95,426	453,886
Satilla Regional	110,454	32,045	31,155	7,903	181,557	111,674	39,751	25,545	17,681	194,651	111,009	40,606	37,909	37,754	227,278
Screven-Jenkins Regional	161,135	39,961	7,806	1,041	209,944	123,826	38,247	56,645	218,718	123,309	38,235	8,304	79,860	249,709	
Sequoyah Regional	372,902	77,562	35,671	134,464	620,599	356,334	83,507	38,009	236,060	713,910	319,208	85,142	76,411	286,705	767,467
South Georgia Regional	209,053	62,933	18,665	80,373	371,024	209,524	66,184	20,975	37,889	195,236	61,646	36,022	85,205	378,109	
Southwest Georgia Regional	201,289	69,520	20,682	91,029	382,519	250,065	84,757	3,105	88,825	426,752	218,857	80,171	17,027	131,904	447,958
Statesboro Regional	430,527	101,536	19,644	-	551,708	421,606	105,650	-	527,256	437,095	97,298	21,818	89,149	645,360	
Thomas County	68,270	34,354	17,889	8,147	127,460	68,270	24,096	13,228	51,643	127,460	68,270	20,083	9,051	71,873	169,277
Three Rivers Regional	394,241	152,002	18,737	227,423	792,403	151,884	39,400	-	295,388	486,672	262,281	106,992	68,308	149,205	586,786
Troup-Harris Regional	187,412	50,849	30,673	49,928	318,862	187,412	56,080	27,887	49,673	321,051	233,537	74,560	0	57,122	365,220
Twin Lakes	104,046	31,069	-	8,335	143,451	76,044	20,363	-	5,481	101,888	45,331	4,598	5,807	67,030	122,766
Uncle Remus Regional	397,483	129,467	-	45,305	572,254	378,15									

Local Funding for Georgia's Public Libraries

- Local funding (including one-time funding but not capital funding) for Georgia's public libraries varied widely across the state in FY2015, from \$5.02 to \$29.54. In FY2014, local funding ranged from \$4.82 to \$34.36 per capita.
- The majority of the public library systems in Georgia (over 75%) received local funding that was below the statewide average of \$15.40.
- Local funding for all 63 of Georgia's library systems was below the FY2012 national average of \$32.05.
- Georgia ranked 47th in the nation in local funding per capita for public libraries in FY 2012.
- Four public library systems (Brooks County Public Library, Hart County Library System, Kinchafoonee Regional Library, and Ocmulgee Regional Library System) received less local funding than state funding.
- 15% of total funding for public libraries in Georgia came from the state.
- 85% of funding for public libraries in Georgia came from local sources.

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2015 and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey for Fiscal Year 2012

Local Funding Per Capita FY 2015



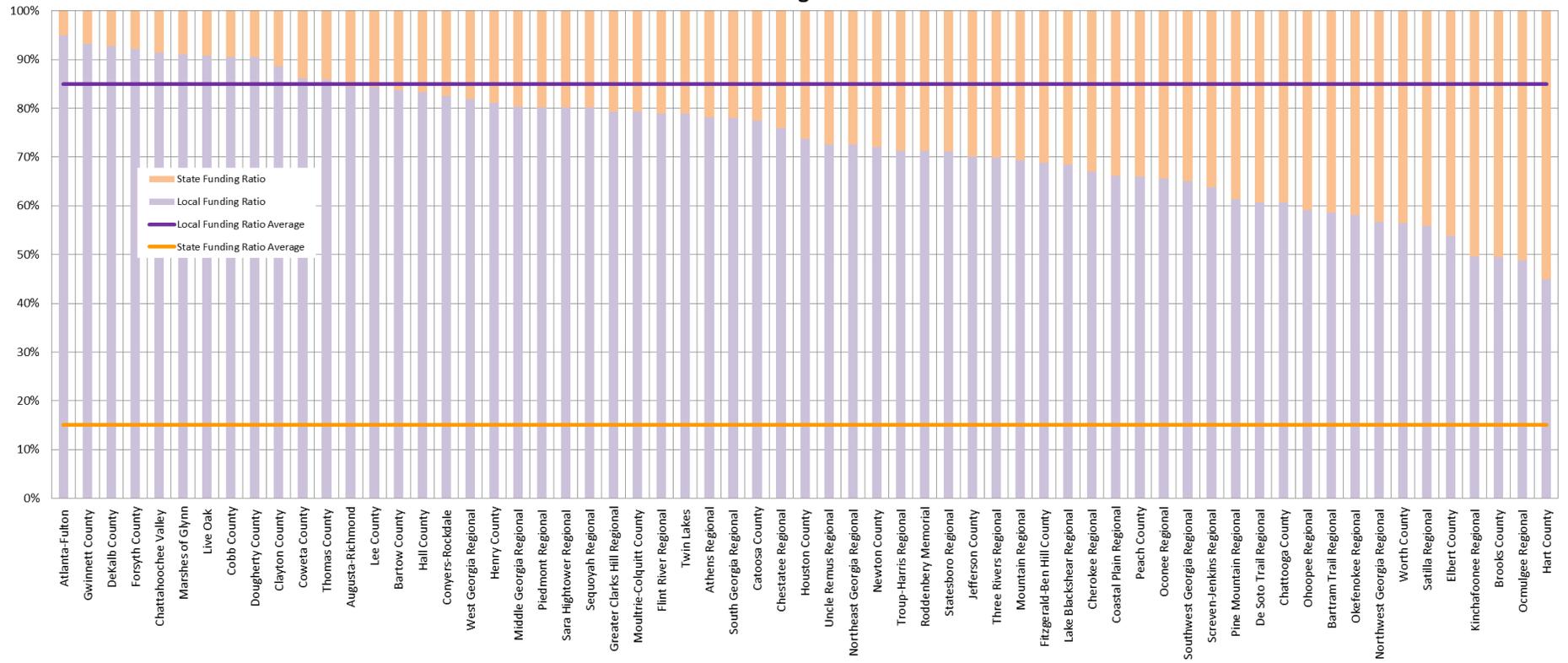
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Local Funding Per Capita for Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013 - 2015

Library System	2013			2014			2015		
	Population	Total Local Funding	Per Capita	Population	Total Local Funding	Per Capita	Population	Total Local Funding	Per Capita
Athens Regional	230,121	\$ 3,222,667	\$ 14.00	225,833	\$ 3,347,686	\$ 14.82	224,115	\$ 3,315,364	\$ 14.79
Atlanta-Fulton	1,085,024	29,871,542	27.53	995,984	27,856,015	27.97	1,018,601	24,452,668	24.01
Augusta-Richmond							203,625	2,611,931	12.83
Bartow County	110,632	1,537,141	13.89	108,201	1,575,864	14.56	103,438	1,575,909	15.24
Bartram Trail Regional	36,056	414,768	11.50	34,725	412,228	11.87	33,371	424,768	12.73
Brooks County	16,982	205,113	12.08	16,570	150,696	9.09	15,464	151,429	9.79
Catoosa County	70,780	641,596	9.06	67,318	545,191	8.10	66,522	615,157	9.25
Chattahoochee Valley	230,822	6,678,982	28.94	225,186	7,023,586	31.19	233,503	6,896,566	29.54
Chattooga County	28,333	240,065	8.47	26,579	263,149	9.90	25,171	238,514	9.48
Cherokee Regional	85,896	618,555	7.20	87,589	615,346	7.03	85,272	644,291	7.56
Chestatee Regional	56,985	751,489	13.19	57,167	751,882	13.15	55,252	756,449	13.69
Clayton County	285,734	2,982,443	10.44	272,197	3,446,313	12.66	269,649	3,595,800	13.34
Coastal Plain Regional	100,109	1,012,983	10.12	98,774	1,025,076	10.38	94,637	1,011,599	10.69
Cobb County	755,207	9,517,952	12.60	732,504	10,653,071	14.54	735,825	10,657,416	14.48
Conyers-Rockdale	93,431	1,029,750	11.02	91,500	1,080,729	11.81	89,299	1,068,866	11.97
Coweta County	143,680	1,974,204	13.74	140,969	1,933,800	13.72	138,639	1,922,492	13.87
DeKalb County	794,820	14,468,683	18.20	721,520	14,516,320	20.12	726,171	14,960,047	20.60
De Soto Trail Regional	40,772	285,105	6.99	38,051	297,587	7.82	36,809	416,422	11.31
Dougherty County	96,401	1,842,057	19.11	97,331	1,866,621	19.18	93,142	2,335,310	25.07
East Central Georgia Regional	374,200	4,706,745	12.58	234,310	3,129,256	13.36			
Elbert County	20,799	163,527	7.86	20,247	159,156	7.86	19,537	175,906	9.00
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	18,581	293,816	15.81	18,092	278,590	15.40	17,691	277,736	15.70
Flint River Regional	290,657	3,082,591	10.61	269,759	3,446,681	12.78	262,435	3,400,083	12.96
Forsyth County	205,178	7,928,266	38.64	204,585	7,030,399	34.36	209,023	5,301,268	25.36
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				147,943	1,775,018	12.00	178,529	2,049,014	11.48
Gwinnett County	874,489	17,045,206	19.49	891,721	16,588,807	18.60	894,928	16,874,931	18.86
Hall County	217,616	2,098,946	9.65	196,993	2,131,374	10.82	194,153	2,140,529	11.02
Hart County	26,431	134,007	5.07	25,723	131,314	5.10	25,628	128,688	5.02
Henry County	230,273	1,477,642	6.42	230,973	1,535,493	6.65	219,654	1,949,516	8.88
Houston County	144,980	899,564	6.20	151,582	912,620	6.02	152,213	920,845	6.05
Jefferson County	16,430	310,236	18.88	17,256	286,490	16.60	16,286	294,165	18.06
Kinchafoonee Regional	32,010	450,404	14.07	32,515	456,234	14.03	30,517	458,547	15.03
Lake Blackshear Regional	74,208	757,431	10.21	78,425	730,622	9.32	73,963	867,642	11.73
Lee County	39,765	836,663	21.04	30,127	872,779	28.97	30,113	872,166	28.96
Live Oak	398,879	7,852,728	19.69	406,815	8,009,088	19.69	408,098	8,364,421	20.50
Marshes of Glynn				83,648	647,483	7.74	83,355	1,123,302	13.48
Middle Georgia Regional	239,410	3,841,741	16.05	236,235	3,951,570	16.73	228,846	3,493,543	15.27
Moultrie-Colquitt County	49,320	623,414	12.64	47,638	617,226	12.96	47,235	600,654	12.72
Mountain Regional	62,848	686,848	10.93	57,920	691,918	11.95	56,748	750,703	13.23
Newton County	120,070	1,113,841	9.28	110,140	1,087,337	9.87	106,470	1,100,857	10.34
Northeast Georgia Regional	120,015	1,246,433	10.39	117,598	1,247,847	10.61	114,553	1,236,652	10.80
Northwest Georgia Regional	206,052	994,892	4.83	207,400	998,792	4.82	200,915	1,063,195	5.29
Ocmulgee Regional	75,052	486,063	6.48	83,071	475,729	5.73	79,019	495,235	6.27
Oconee Regional	93,654	1,004,412	10.72	92,264	909,275	9.86	88,844	940,911	10.59
Ochoppee Regional	79,034	332,456	4.21	80,456	784,020	9.74	77,844	448,525	5.76
Okfeenokee Regional	92,560	483,948	5.23	94,635	528,136	5.58	92,273	663,441	7.19
Peach County	28,999	320,241	11.04	29,740	303,410	10.20	27,214	308,196	11.32
Piedmont Regional	175,640	1,727,285	9.83	162,220	2,046,198	12.61	157,947	2,201,858	13.94
Pine Mountain Regional	68,411	562,806	8.23	65,369	566,786	8.67	62,548	645,394	10.32
Roddenberry Memorial	27,273	466,476	17.10	25,865	481,088	18.60	25,694	399,676	15.56
Sara Hightower Regional	145,862	1,945,970	13.34	141,598	1,838,477	12.98	138,420	1,841,216	13.30
Satilla Regional	53,772	269,599	5.01	53,298	272,316	5.11	52,247	288,521	5.52
Screven-Jenkins Regional	24,777	463,353	18.70	23,186	415,338	17.91	23,559	439,427	18.65
Sequoyah Regional	316,534	2,907,437	9.19	295,779	3,074,567	10.39	295,353	3,110,326	10.53
South Georgia Regional	128,061	1,165,622	9.10	134,337	1,165,741	8.68	130,825	1,344,758	10.28
Southwest Georgia Regional	46,169	782,443	16.95	43,433	791,189	18.22	42,444	840,278	19.80
Statesboro Regional	160,419	1,528,221	9.53	155,811	1,553,396	9.97	153,599	1,594,638	10.38
Thomas County	49,221	993,849	20.19	45,590	1,045,248	22.93	45,517	1,033,070	22.70
Three Rivers Regional	225,507	1,642,539	7.28	151,031	1,453,158	9.62	146,426	1,360,666	9.29
Troup-Harris Regional	104,663	913,400	8.73	104,875	1,134,232	10.82	104,020	905,295	8.70
Twin Lakes	49,844	553,715	11.11	47,336	555,349	11.73	46,457	568,077	12.23
Uncle Remus Regional	185,488	1,806,501	9.74	171,890	2,029,444	11.81	167,575	2,067,566	12.34
West Georgia Regional	483,111	4,257,616	8.81	465,338	4,262,473	9.16	451,656	5,099,296	11.29
Worth County	22,930	217,709	9.49	22,142	220,998	9.98	21,236	202,384	9.53
Georgia State Totals	10,660,977	\$ 158,671,693	\$ 14.88	10,344,907	\$ 159,983,820	\$ 15.46	10,250,112	\$ 157,894,114	\$ 15.40

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2013 – 2015

Local and State Funding Ratios - FY 2015



Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Year 2015

Local and State Governmental Funding Ratios for Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2015				
Library System	Total Local Funding	% Local	Total State Funding	% State
Athens Regional	\$ 3,315,364	78.15%	\$ 926,910	21.85%
Atlanta-Fulton	24,452,668	94.88%	1,319,351	5.12%
Augusta-Richmond	2,611,931	84.46%	480,617	15.54%
Bartow County	1,575,909	83.75%	305,739	16.25%
Bartram Trail Regional	424,768	58.58%	300,348	41.42%
Brooks County	151,429	49.45%	154,777	50.55%
Catoosa County	615,157	77.52%	178,377	22.48%
Chattahoochee Valley	6,896,566	91.43%	646,510	8.57%
Chattooga County	238,514	60.68%	154,582	39.32%
Cherokee Regional	644,291	67.00%	317,339	33.00%
Chestatee Regional	756,449	75.98%	239,181	24.02%
Clayton County	3,595,800	88.64%	460,700	11.36%
Coastal Plain Regional	1,011,599	66.09%	519,019	33.91%
Cobb County	10,657,416	90.54%	1,113,452	9.46%
Conyers-Rockdale	1,068,866	82.52%	226,469	17.48%
Coweta County	1,922,492	86.20%	307,807	13.80%
DeKalb County	14,960,047	92.74%	1,170,846	7.26%
De Soto Trail Regional	416,422	60.73%	269,220	39.27%
Dougherty County	2,335,310	90.53%	244,342	9.47%
Elbert County	175,906	53.88%	150,578	46.12%
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	277,736	68.87%	125,558	31.13%
Flint River Regional	3,400,083	78.96%	906,128	21.04%
Forsyth County	5,301,268	92.24%	445,706	7.76%
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	2,049,014	79.33%	534,008	20.67%
Gwinnett County	16,874,931	93.23%	1,224,708	6.77%
Hall County	2,140,529	83.25%	430,537	16.75%
Hart County	128,688	44.87%	158,099	55.13%
Henry County	1,949,516	81.16%	452,687	18.84%
Houston County	920,845	73.68%	328,891	26.32%
Jefferson County	294,165	70.06%	125,711	29.94%
Kinchafoonee Regional	458,547	49.57%	466,522	50.43%
Lake Blackshear Regional	867,642	68.39%	401,022	31.61%
Lee County	872,166	84.40%	161,243	15.60%
Live Oak	8,364,421	90.79%	848,534	9.21%
Marshes of Glynn	1,123,302	91.03%	110,627	8.97%
Middle Georgia Regional	3,493,543	80.28%	857,957	19.72%
Moultrie-Colquitt County	600,654	79.30%	156,808	20.70%
Mountain Regional	750,703	69.33%	332,058	30.67%
Newton County	1,100,857	72.00%	428,044	28.00%
Northeast Georgia Regional	1,236,652	72.58%	467,082	27.42%
Northwest Georgia Regional	1,063,195	56.73%	810,850	43.27%
Ocmulgee Regional	495,235	48.81%	519,477	51.19%
Oconee Regional	940,911	65.61%	493,099	34.39%
Ohoopee Regional	448,525	59.18%	309,361	40.82%
Okfeenokee Regional	663,441	58.13%	477,935	41.87%
Peach County	308,196	65.98%	158,908	34.02%
Piedmont Regional	2,201,858	80.26%	541,577	19.74%
Pine Mountain Regional	645,394	61.35%	406,612	38.65%
Roddenbery Memorial	399,676	71.25%	161,250	28.75%
Sara Hightower Regional	1,841,216	80.22%	453,886	19.78%
Satilla Regional	288,521	55.94%	227,278	44.06%
Screven-Jenkins Regional	439,427	63.76%	249,709	36.24%
Sequoyah Regional	3,110,326	80.21%	767,467	19.79%
South Georgia Regional	1,344,758	78.05%	378,109	21.95%
Southwest Georgia Regional	840,278	65.04%	451,759	34.96%
Statesboro Regional	1,594,638	71.19%	645,360	28.81%
Thomas County	1,033,070	85.92%	169,277	14.08%
Three Rivers Regional	1,360,666	69.87%	586,786	30.13%
Troup-Harris Regional	905,295	71.25%	365,220	28.75%
Twin Lakes	568,077	78.87%	152,166	21.13%
Uncle Remus Regional	2,067,566	72.64%	778,938	27.36%
West Georgia Regional	5,099,296	81.86%	1,129,706	18.14%
Worth County	202,384	56.45%	156,129	43.55%
Georgia Totals	\$ 157,894,114	84.56%	\$ 28,838,950	15.44%

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Year 2015

State and Local Funding for Library Facilities

Georgia's Public Library Planning and Construction Program

- A match program assisting in new library construction as well as renovations and additions sponsored by Georgia State Financing and Investing Commission in funding for construction of public libraries and implementation of capital outlay programs
- Completed over 60 projects in 50 counties since 2005 with an additional 25 projects in the planning process awaiting awards
 - 13 central libraries and 51 branch libraries
 - 34 new libraries and 30 additions and/or renovated libraries
- Total grant funding between FY 2005 and FY 2016 has been approximately \$104 million
- Total local match funding between FY2005 and FY 2016 has been approximately \$125 million
- Total Project costs have been over \$220 million

Maintenance Repair and Renovation (MR&R) program

- FY2016 – Granted \$1.885 million matched with \$1.715 million in local contributions and currently assisting over 48 libraries
 - 71 individual projects in 34 counties
- FY2015--Granted \$1.675 million matched with \$2.35 million in local contributions and assisted over 35 libraries
 - 45 individual projects in 29 counties
- FY2014--Granted \$1.995M matched with \$2.39M in local contributions, assisted over 45 libraries
 - 56 individual projects in 32 counties

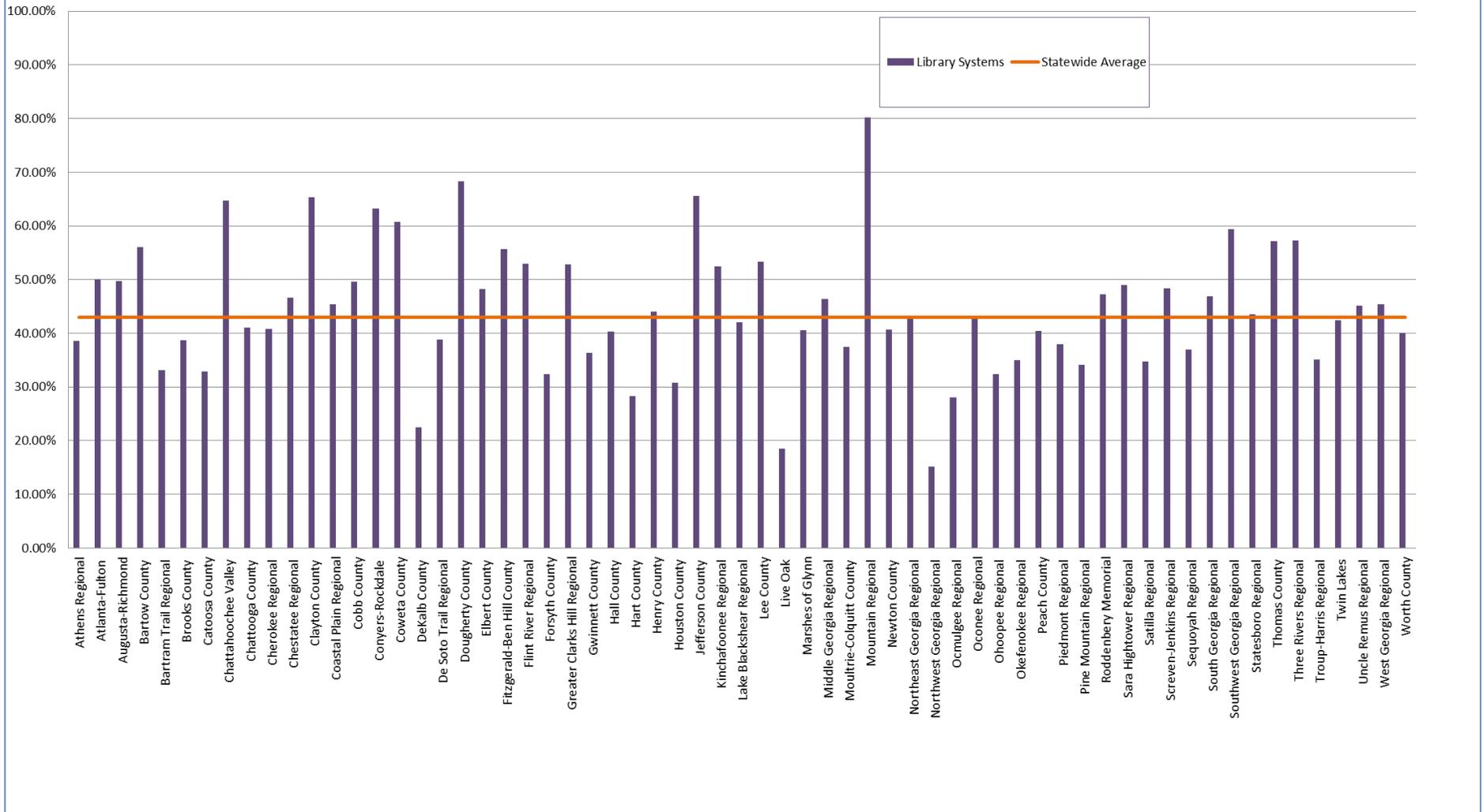
GPLS Library Construction Data Sheet 2016

Library System	Project Name	C=Central B=Branch	N=New A=Add.	City	County	State Share	Local Share	Total Project Cost
1 Athens Regional	Madison County Library	B	N	Danielsville	Madison	\$1,500,000	\$424,669	\$1,924,669
2 Athens Regional	Athens-Clarke County Library	C	A	Athens	Clarke	\$2,000,000	\$8,215,240	\$10,215,240
3 Athens Regional	Royston Public Library	B	A	Royston	Franklin	\$1,268,214	\$468,224	\$1,736,439
4 Bartow County	Euharlee Branch Library	B	N	Euharlee	Bartow	\$840,000	\$250,000	\$1,090,000
5 Chattahoochee Valley Regional	Mildred L. Terry Branch Library	B	N	Columbus	Muscogee	\$500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000
6 Cherokee Regional	LaFayette-Walker County Public	C	A	La Fayette	Walker	\$2,000,000	\$1,898,571	\$3,898,571
7 Cherokee Regional	Chickamauga	B	A	Chickamauga	Walker	\$590,000	\$257,525	\$847,525
8 Cherokee Regional	Dade County Public Library	B	A	Trenton	Dade	\$675,000	\$163,333	\$838,333
9 Clayton County	Forest Park Branch Library	B	A	Forest Park	Clayton	\$2,000,000	\$2,571,429	\$4,571,429
10 Coastal Plain Regional	Tifton-Tift County Public Library	B	A	Tifton	Tift	\$1,765,000	\$1,500,000	\$3,265,000
11 Cobb County Public	East Marietta Branch	B	N	Marietta	Cobb	\$2,000,000	\$6,640,000	\$8,640,000
12 Cobb County Public	Mountain View Regional Library	B	A	Marietta	Cobb	\$325,000	\$67,000	\$392,000
13 Conyers-Rockdale	Conyers Rockdale Central Library	C	A	Conyers	Rockdale	\$2,000,000	\$3,294,715	\$5,294,715
14 Coweta County Public	East Coweta County Library	C	N	Newnan	Coweta	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,000,000
15 Coweta County Public	Grantville Public Library	B	N	Grantville	Coweta	\$665,714	\$500,000	\$1,165,714
16 Coweta County Public	Senoia Public Library	B	N	Senoia	Coweta	\$1,228,571	\$500,000	\$1,728,571
17 DeKalb County Public	DeKalb County Central Library Annex	C	N	Unincorporated Area	DeKalb	\$2,000,000	\$4,002,857	\$6,002,857
18 East Central Georgia Regional	Central Library	C	N	Augusta	Richmond	\$2,000,000	\$15,600,000	\$17,600,000
19 Flint River Regional	Tyrone Public Library	B	N	Tyrone	Fayette	\$1,270,000	\$950,000	\$2,220,000
20 Flint River Regional	Miner Public Library	B	N	Miner	Lamar	\$780,000	\$216,667	\$996,667
21 Flint River Regional Library	Barnesville-Lamar County Library	B	A	Barnesville	Lamar	\$1,385,000	\$583,000	\$1,968,000
22 Forsyth County Public	Sharon Forks Public Library	B	A	Cumming	Forsyth	\$2,000,000	\$3,477,000	\$5,477,000
23 Forsyth County Public	Post Road Branch Library	B	N	Cumming	Forsyth	\$2,000,000	\$2,851,667	\$4,851,667
24 Forsyth County Public	West Forsyth Library	B	N	Cumming	Forsyth	\$2,000,000	\$4,795,750	\$6,795,750
25 Forsyth County Public	Forsyth County Central Expansion	C	A	Cumming	Forsyth	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
26 Greater Clarks-Hill	Harlem Public Library	B	N	Harlem	Columbia	\$2,000,000	\$1,750,000	\$3,750,000
27 Gwinnett County Public	Hamilton Mill Branch (Dacula)	B	N	Dacula	Gwinnett	\$2,000,000	\$9,122,000	\$11,122,000
28 Hall County Public	Flowery Branch	B	N	Flowery Branch	Hall	\$2,000,000	\$3,028,572	\$5,028,572
29 Henry County	Henry County Public Library	C	A	McDonough	Henry	\$1,035,000	\$850,000	\$1,885,000
30 Houston County Public	Perry Public	C	A	Perry	Houston	\$1,600,000	\$800,535	\$2,400,535
31 Houston County Public	Centerville Branch Library	B	A	Centerville	Houston	\$2,000,000	\$1,450,000	\$3,450,000
32 Lee County	Oakland Library	B	N	Leesburg	Lee	\$2,000,000	\$1,964,286	\$3,964,286
33 Live Oak Public	New South Chatham County Library	B	N	Savannah	Chatham	\$2,000,000	\$11,030,526	\$13,030,526
34 Middle Georgia Regional	Twiggs County Public	B	N	Jeffersonville	Twiggs	\$1,150,000	\$350,000	\$1,500,000
35 Middle Georgia Regional	South Bibb County Branch	B	N	Macon	Bibb	\$2,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,500,000
36 Mountain Regional	Mountain Regional Library	C	A	Young Harris	Towns	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
37 Mountain Regional	Union County Public	B	A	Blairsville	Union	\$1,665,000	\$865,357	\$2,530,357
38 Mountain Regional	Towns County Public Library	B	A	Hiawassee	Towns	\$900,000	\$100,000	\$1,000,000
39 Newton County	Porter Memorial Branch Library	B	N	Unincorporated Area	Newton	\$2,000,000	\$3,014,286	\$5,014,286
40 Northeast Georgia Regional	Rabun County Public Library	B	A	Clayton	Rabun	\$450,000	\$54,588	\$504,588
41 Okfeenokee Regional	Pierce County Public Library	B	N	Blackshear	Pierce	\$1,650,000	\$750,000	\$2,400,000
42 Piedmont Regional	Auburn Public Library	B	N	Auburn	Barrow	\$810,000	\$600,000	\$1,410,000
43 Piedmont Regional	Commerce Public Library	B	A	Commerce	Jackson	\$1,516,071	\$583,036	\$2,099,107
44 Piedmont Regional Library	Jefferson Library	B	N	Jefferson	Jackson	\$2,000,000	\$2,821,000	\$4,821,000
45 Sara Hightower Regional	Rockmart Library	B	A	Rockmart	Polk	\$1,850,000	\$774,750	\$2,624,750
46 Satilla Regional	Jeff Davis Public Library	B	N	Hazlehurst	Jeff Davis	\$1,145,000	\$2,000,000	\$3,145,000
47 Sequoyah Regional	Gilmer County Public Library	B	N	Ellijay	Gilmer	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000
48 Sequoyah Regional	R. T. Jones Memorial Library	C	A	Canton	Cherokee	\$1,052,207	\$352,007	\$1,404,214
49 Thomas County Public	Thomas County Central Library	C	A	Thomasville	Thomas	\$2,000,000	\$2,882,714	\$4,882,714
50 Three Rivers Regional	Charlton County Public Library	B	A	Folkston	Charlton	\$565,000	\$107,000	\$672,000
51 Three Rivers Regional	St. Mary's Public Library	B	A	St. Mary's	Camden	\$863,367	\$256,683	\$1,120,050
52 Troup Harris Regional	Hogansville Public Library	B	N	Hogansville	Troup	\$2,000,000	\$1,215,000	\$3,215,000
53 Troup Harris Regional	Harris County Public Library	B	N	Hamilton	Harris	\$2,000,000	\$2,825,000	\$4,825,000
54 Uncle Remus Regional	Walnut Grove Library	B	N	Walnut Grove	Walton	\$1,250,500	\$450,500	\$1,701,000
55 Uncle Remus Regional	Morgan County Library	C	A	Madison	Morgan	\$2,000,000	\$825,147	\$2,825,147
56 Uncle Remus Regional	Greene County Library	B	A	Greensboro	Greene	\$1,810,050	\$1,005,050	\$2,815,100
57 Uncle Remus Regional	Jasper County Library	B	A	Monticello	Jasper	\$1,031,619	\$340,809	\$1,372,428
58 West Georgia Regional	Ephesus Public Library	B	N	Ephesus	Heard	\$652,095	\$151,048	\$803,143
59 West Georgia Regional	Fairplay Public Library	B	N	Unincorporated Area	Douglas	\$2,000,000	\$1,857,143	\$3,857,143
60 West Georgia Regional	North Paulding Public Library	B	N	Unincorporated Area	Paulding	\$1,545,239	\$597,618	\$2,142,857
61 West Georgia Regional	Villa Rica Library	B	N	Villa Rica	Carroll	\$500,000	\$1,215,000	\$1,715,000
62 West Georgia Regional	Villa Rica Library	B	N	Villa Rica	Carroll	\$1,500,000	\$1,215,000	\$2,715,000
63 West Georgia Regional	Tallapoosa Public Library	B	A	Tallapoosa	Haralson	\$400,000	\$42,857	\$442,857
64 West Georgia Regional	Warren P Sewell	B	A	Bremen	Haralson	\$1,355,000	\$400,000	\$1,755,000
FY 15						\$94,488,647	\$128,975,160	\$223,463,807
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Library Cards and Circulation

- In FY2015, 4,368,280 individuals in Georgia held public library cards, a 5% increase over FY 2014. The latest Georgia QuickFacts from the U.S. Census reported a total of 3,540,690 Georgia households resulting in an average of 1.23 registered public library patrons per Georgia household.
- 43% of all Georgians are registered public library patrons.
- Library systems that participate in Georgia Public Library Service's PINES automation and lending network counted 2,457,438 active PINES library cards as of June 30, 2015.
- More than half of all registered public library patrons in Georgia live in a county that is part of a library system that participates in PINES.
- Georgia libraries circulated over 37 million library items or 3.64 items per capita in FY2015.
- Georgia ranked 48th among states in circulation per capita in FY2012.

Percentage of Library System Population with Library Cards - FY 2015

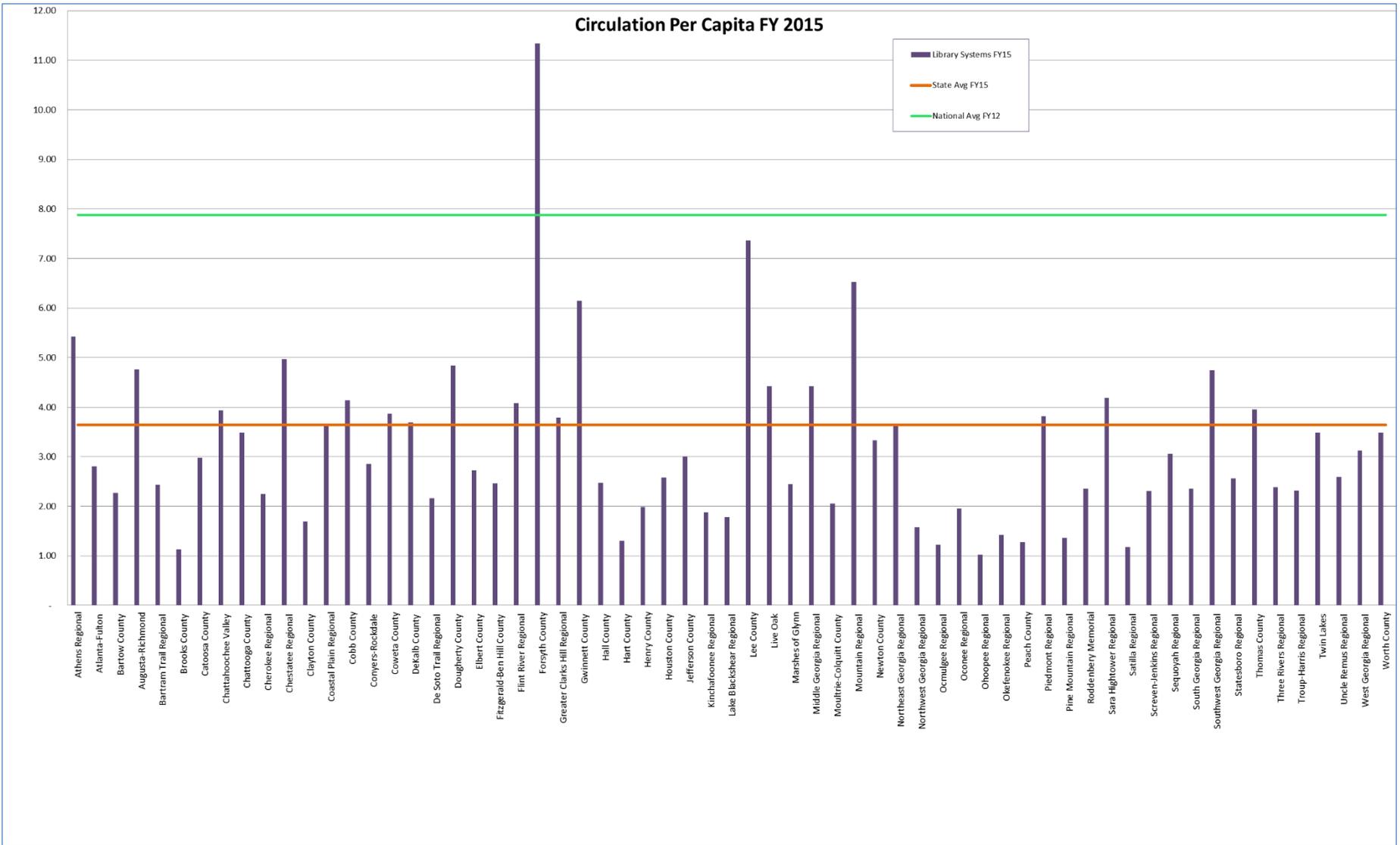


*Northwest Georgia Regional Library System began reregistering users and issuing new library cards when it migrated to PINES in 2010.

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Year 2015

Population with Library Cards in Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013-2015										
Library System	2013			2014			2015			Percentage Change in Card Holders from 2014 to 2015
	Card Holders	Population	%	Card Holders	Population	%	Card Holders	Population	%	
Athens Regional	110,977	230,121	48%	83,730	225,833	37%	86,561	224,115	39%	3%
Atlanta-Fulton	517,031	1,085,024	48%	458,307	995,984	46%	508,980	1,018,601	50%	11%
Augusta-Richmond							101,259	203,625	50%	
Bartow County	52,008	110,632	47%	54,532	108,201	50%	58,009	103,438	56%	6%
Bartram Trail Regional	18,612	36,056	52%	14,475	34,725	42%	11,033	33,371	33%	-24%
Brooks County	7,874	16,982	46%	5,743	16,570	35%	5,982	15,464	39%	4%
Catoosa County	19,743	70,780	28%	20,992	67,318	31%	21,884	66,522	33%	4%
Chattahoochee Valley	144,837	230,822	63%	155,615	225,186	69%	151,097	233,503	65%	-3%
Chattooga County	13,596	28,333	48%	9,742	26,579	37%	10,341	25,171	41%	6%
Cherokee Regional	44,441	85,896	52%	33,150	87,589	38%	34,777	85,272	41%	5%
Chestatee Regional	33,272	56,985	58%	24,280	57,167	42%	25,748	55,252	47%	6%
Clayton County	214,928	285,734	75%	160,841	272,197	59%	176,304	269,649	65%	10%
Coastal Plain Regional	49,701	100,109	50%	40,531	98,774	41%	43,007	94,637	45%	6%
Cobb County	344,389	755,207	46%	344,170	732,504	47%	364,534	735,825	50%	6%
Conyers-Rockdale	67,680	93,431	72%	53,049	91,500	58%	56,474	89,299	63%	6%
Coweta County	75,901	143,680	53%	84,771	140,969	60%	84,209	138,639	61%	-1%
DeKalb County	164,565	794,820	21%	164,520	721,520	23%	163,243	726,171	22%	-1%
De Soto Trail Regional	18,317	40,772	45%	18,572	38,051	49%	14,275	36,809	39%	-23%
Dougherty County	72,031	96,401	75%	55,939	97,331	57%	63,593	93,142	68%	14%
East Central Georgia Regional	230,769	374,200	62%	106,609	234,310	45%				
Elbert County	10,867	20,799	52%	8,902	20,247	44%	9,428	19,537	48%	6%
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	13,235	18,581	71%	9,333	18,092	52%	9,848	17,691	56%	6%
Flint River Regional	189,936	290,657	65%	130,032	269,759	48%	138,969	262,435	53%	7%
Forsyth County	69,893	205,178	34%	70,363	204,585	34%	67,769	209,023	32%	-4%
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				70,822	147,943	48%	94,355	178,529	53%	33%
Gwinnett County	289,538	874,489	33%	308,474	891,721	35%	325,078	894,928	36%	5%
Hall County	103,853	217,616	48%	72,567	196,993	37%	78,249	194,153	40%	8%
Hart County	9,850	26,431	37%	6,922	25,723	27%	7,252	25,628	28%	5%
Henry County	116,894	230,273	51%	91,272	230,973	40%	96,731	219,654	44%	6%
Houston County	86,082	144,980	59%	62,153	151,582	41%	46,870	152,213	31%	-25%
Jefferson County	9,814	16,430	60%	10,271	17,256	60%	10,680	16,286	66%	4%
Kincaid Regional	20,643	32,010	64%	15,480	32,515	48%	16,017	30,517	52%	3%
Lake Blackshear Regional	28,113	74,208	38%	29,403	78,425	37%	31,064	73,963	42%	6%
Lee County	13,561	39,765	34%	15,100	30,127	50%	16,062	30,113	53%	6%
Live Oak	65,858	398,879	17%	63,711	406,815	16%	75,654	408,098	19%	19%
Marshes of Glynn				31,741	83,648	38%	33,831	83,355	41%	7%
Middle Georgia Regional	130,291	239,410	54%	99,333	236,235	42%	106,184	228,846	46%	7%
Moultrie-Colquitt County	22,447	49,320	46%	16,699	47,638	35%	17,687	47,235	37%	6%
Mountain Regional	32,303	62,848	51%	35,716	57,920	62%	45,533	56,748	80%	27%
Newton County	67,984	120,070	57%	55,818	110,140	51%	43,254	106,470	41%	-23%
Northeast Georgia Regional	62,432	120,015	52%	46,247	117,598	39%	48,994	114,553	43%	6%
Northwest Georgia Regional	28,698	206,052	14%	35,382	207,400	17%	30,359	200,915	15%	-14%
Ocmulgee Regional	21,654	75,052	29%	20,795	83,071	25%	22,199	79,019	28%	7%
Oconee Regional	34,109	93,654	36%	36,300	92,264	39%	37,925	88,844	43%	4%
Ohoopie Regional	33,422	79,034	42%	23,760	80,456	30%	25,237	77,844	32%	6%
Okefenokee Regional	36,886	92,560	40%	29,844	94,635	32%	32,329	92,273	35%	8%
Peach County	14,509	28,999	50%	10,599	29,740	36%	11,014	27,214	40%	4%
Piedmont Regional	64,950	175,640	37%	55,416	162,220	34%	59,927	157,947	38%	8%
Pine Mountain Regional	29,297	68,411	43%	20,024	65,369	31%	21,307	62,548	34%	6%
Roddenberry Memorial	12,020	27,273	44%	12,837	25,865	50%	12,146	25,694	47%	-5%
Sara Hightower Regional	60,716	145,862	42%	64,591	141,598	46%	67,752	138,420	49%	5%
Satilla Regional	24,008	53,772	45%	17,097	53,298	32%	18,136	52,247	35%	6%
Screven-Jenkins Regional	14,977	24,777	60%	10,916	23,186	47%	11,385	23,559	48%	4%
Sequoyah Regional	112,432	316,534	36%	114,669	295,779	39%	109,351	295,353	37%	-5%
South Georgia Regional	60,896	128,061	48%	57,899	134,337	43%	61,393	130,825	47%	6%
Southwest Georgia Regional	31,866	46,169	69%	24,028	43,433	55%	25,210	42,444	59%	5%
Statesboro Regional	83,646	160,419	52%	62,837	155,811	40%	66,791	153,599	43%	6%
Thomas County	24,846	49,221	50%	24,279	45,590	53%	25,995	45,517	57%	7%
Three Rivers Regional	121,879	225,507	54%	79,415	151,031	53%	83,812	146,426	57%	6%
Troup-Harris Regional	33,409	104,663	32%	34,029	104,875	32%	36,550	104,020	35%	7%
Twin Lakes	25,328	49,844	51%	18,670	47,336	39%	19,679	46,457	42%	5%
Uncle Remus Regional	86,590	185,488	47%	71,257	171,890	41%	75,697	167,575	45%	6%
West Georgia Regional	246,480	483,111	51%	192,060	465,338	41%	204,747	451,656	45%	7%
Worth County	10,065	22,930	44%	8,104	22,142	37%	8,520	21,236	40%	5%
Statewide	4,756,949	10,660,977	45%	4,164,735	10,344,907	40%	4,368,280	10,250,112	43%	5%

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Circulation per Capita in Georgia Libraries - FY 2013-2015

Library System	2013			2014			2015			
	Circulation	System Population	Per Capita	Circulation	System Population	Per Capita	Circulation	System Population	Per Capita	
Athens Regional	1,437,580	230,121	6.25	1,844,163	225,833	8.17	1,215,173	224,115	5.42	
Atlanta-Fulton	3,754,534	1,085,024	3.46	3,227,841	995,984	3.24	2,855,142	1,018,601	2.80	
Augusta-Richmond							463,064		203,625	2.27
Bartow County	523,580	110,632	4.73	494,962	108,201	4.57	493,154	103,438	4.77	
Bartram Trail Regional	80,601	36,056	2.24	80,003	34,725	2.30	81,094	33,371	2.43	
Brooks County	25,433	16,982	1.50	26,978	16,570	1.63	17,421	15,464	1.13	
Catoosa County	220,505	70,780	3.12	219,627	67,318	3.26	198,102	66,522	2.98	
Chattahoochee Valley	1,021,832	230,822	4.43	923,117	225,186	4.10	919,239	233,503	3.94	
Chattooga County	81,930	28,333	2.89	93,458	26,579	3.52	87,769	25,171	3.49	
Cherokee Regional	199,140	85,896	2.32	190,108	87,589	2.17	191,619	85,272	2.25	
Chestatee Regional	312,251	56,985	5.48	295,244	57,167	5.16	274,734	55,252	4.97	
Clayton County	512,741	285,734	1.79	492,920	272,197	1.81	456,081	269,649	1.69	
Coastal Plain Regional	411,176	100,109	4.11	351,587	98,774	3.56	341,872	94,637	3.61	
Cobb County	3,231,914	755,207	4.28	3,133,644	732,504	4.28	3,045,796	735,825	4.14	
Conyers-Rockdale	313,236	93,431	3.35	279,639	91,500	3.06	254,527	89,299	2.85	
Coweta County	475,095	143,680	3.31	497,746	140,969	3.53	535,535	138,639	3.86	
DeKalb County	3,244,790	794,820	4.08	2,916,460	721,520	4.04	2,680,976	726,171	3.69	
De Soto Trail Regional	102,541	40,772	2.51	82,813	38,051	2.18	79,578	36,809	2.16	
Dougherty County	415,625	96,401	4.31	409,644	97,331	4.21	450,740	93,142	4.84	
East Central Georgia Regional	1,276,742	374,200	3.41	594,281	234,310	2.54				
Elbert County	41,849	20,799	2.01	42,552	20,247	2.10	53,216	19,537	2.72	
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	44,831	18,581	2.41	42,951	18,092	2.37	43,569	17,691	2.46	
Flint River Regional	1,165,582	290,657	4.01	1,123,007	269,759	4.16	1,071,130	262,435	4.08	
Forsyth County	1,893,906	205,178	9.23	2,194,840	204,585	10.73	2,369,260	209,023	11.33	
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				619,260	147,943	4.19	677,288	178,529	3.79	
Gwinnett County	6,729,770	874,489	7.70	6,039,784	891,721	6.77	5,500,332	894,928	6.15	
Hall County	712,077	217,616	3.27	621,540	196,993	3.16	481,202	194,153	2.48	
Hart County	27,921	26,431	1.06	53,048	25,723	2.06	33,464	25,628	1.31	
Henry County	466,902	230,273	2.03	462,553	230,973	2.00	436,265	219,654	1.99	
Houston County	381,557	144,980	2.63	304,116	151,582	2.01	392,526	152,213	2.58	
Jefferson County	40,251	16,430	2.45	44,426	17,256	2.57	48,827	16,286	3.00	
Kinchafoonee Regional	76,594	32,010	2.39	65,504	32,515	2.01	57,460	30,517	1.88	
Lake Blackshear Regional	131,497	74,208	1.77	120,206	78,425	1.53	131,862	73,963	1.78	
Lee County	196,239	39,765	4.93	217,684	30,127	7.23	221,808	30,113	7.37	
Live Oak	1,727,196	398,879	4.33	1,772,063	406,815	4.36	1,803,039	408,098	4.42	
Marshes of Glynn				203,714	83,648	2.44	203,569	83,355	2.44	
Middle Georgia Regional	1,806,643	239,410	7.55	1,245,229	236,235	5.27	1,010,936	228,846	4.42	
Moultrie-Colquitt County	99,910	49,320	2.03	94,465	47,638	1.98	96,867	47,235	2.05	
Mountain Regional	365,913	62,848	5.82	349,040	57,920	6.03	370,418	56,748	6.53	
Newton County	403,553	120,070	3.36	373,256	110,140	3.39	354,999	106,470	3.33	
Northeast Georgia Regional	576,795	120,015	4.81	416,939	117,598	3.55	414,753	114,553	3.62	
Northwest Georgia Regional	349,238	206,052	1.69	316,300	207,400	1.53	317,573	200,915	1.58	
Ocmulgee Regional	112,581	75,052	1.50	102,642	83,071	1.24	97,297	79,019	1.23	
Oconee Regional	186,952	93,654	2.00	182,476	92,264	1.98	173,948	88,844	1.96	
Ohoopsee Regional	125,126	79,034	1.58	79,402	80,456	0.99	79,768	77,844	1.02	
Okfeenokee Regional	162,888	92,560	1.76	145,794	94,635	1.54	131,236	92,273	1.42	
Peach County	40,651	28,999	1.40	32,338	29,740	1.09	34,826	27,214	1.28	
Piedmont Regional	572,894	175,640	3.26	556,270	162,220	3.43	602,434	157,947	3.81	
Pine Mountain Regional	104,088	68,411	1.52	108,871	65,369	1.67	85,407	62,548	1.37	
Roddenberry Memorial	81,278	27,273	2.98	80,401	25,865	3.11	60,603	25,694	2.36	
Sara Hightower Regional	579,095	145,862	3.97	577,477	141,598	4.08	579,367	138,420	4.19	
Satilla Regional	63,026	53,772	1.17	61,957	53,298	1.16	61,780	52,247	1.18	
Screven-Jenkins Regional	72,665	24,777	2.93	62,269	23,186	2.69	54,449	23,559	2.31	
Sequoyah Regional	984,071	316,534	3.11	928,824	295,779	3.14	902,173	295,353	3.05	
South Georgia Regional	300,683	128,061	2.35	281,196	134,337	2.09	308,008	130,825	2.35	
Southwest Georgia Regional	194,293	46,169	4.21	198,212	43,433	4.56	201,193	42,444	4.74	
Statesboro Regional	402,354	160,419	2.51	398,093	155,811	2.55	392,726	153,599	2.56	
Thomas County	208,327	49,221	4.23	180,682	45,590	3.96	180,208	45,517	3.96	
Three Rivers Regional	673,393	225,507	2.99	375,369	151,031	2.49	348,736	146,426	2.38	
Troup-Harris Regional	228,427	104,663	2.18	256,375	104,875	2.44	240,623	104,020	2.31	
Twin Lakes	171,870	49,844	3.45	158,678	47,336	3.35	162,073	46,457	3.49	
Uncle Remus Regional	433,094	185,488	2.33	452,184	171,890	2.63	433,847	167,575	2.59	
West Georgia Regional	834,120	483,111	1.73	832,935	465,338	1.79	1,413,916	451,656	3.13	
Worth County	71,100	22,930	3.10	72,669	22,142	3.28	73,950	21,236	3.48	
Statewide	41,482,446	10,660,977	3.89	39,001,826	10,344,907	3.77	37,350,547	10,250,112	3.64	

Resource Sharing – Interlibrary Loans and Courier Service

- Public libraries provide lending services to their card holders. These are defined as circulations. Each item of library material going out of the library is considered a circulation. Another type of circulation, which requires at least three times the manual processes of a circulation, is Interlibrary Loan. This is a service whereby a user of one library can borrow books that are owned by another library. The user makes a request with their local library, which, acting as an intermediary, identifies owners of the desired item, places the request, receives the item, makes it available to the user, and arranges for its return.
- Georgia On-Line Database (GOLD) – GPLS coordinates the inter-library loaning of books and other materials between libraries of all types including academic, public, technical schools and special libraries. Over 200 institutions loaned and borrowed over 40,000 items between each other in FY2015.
- Both Interlibrary Loan and PINES system to system loans require the librarian to receive the request, pull the book from the shelves, check it out of the on-line library catalog, and prepare a mailing package or a PINES courier package to send the item to the requesting library. This work is overlooked when using only circulation as a statistic for workload of the library staff, but it accounted for 679,255 items sent to other library systems for patron use. Of these loans, 632,540 were processed through the Georgia Library PINES network.
- The contracted state-supported library **courier-service** transported **1,450,764** library materials in FY 2015, visiting every headquarters library, five (5) days per week. This includes loans and items returned at libraries other than the owning/circulating library.

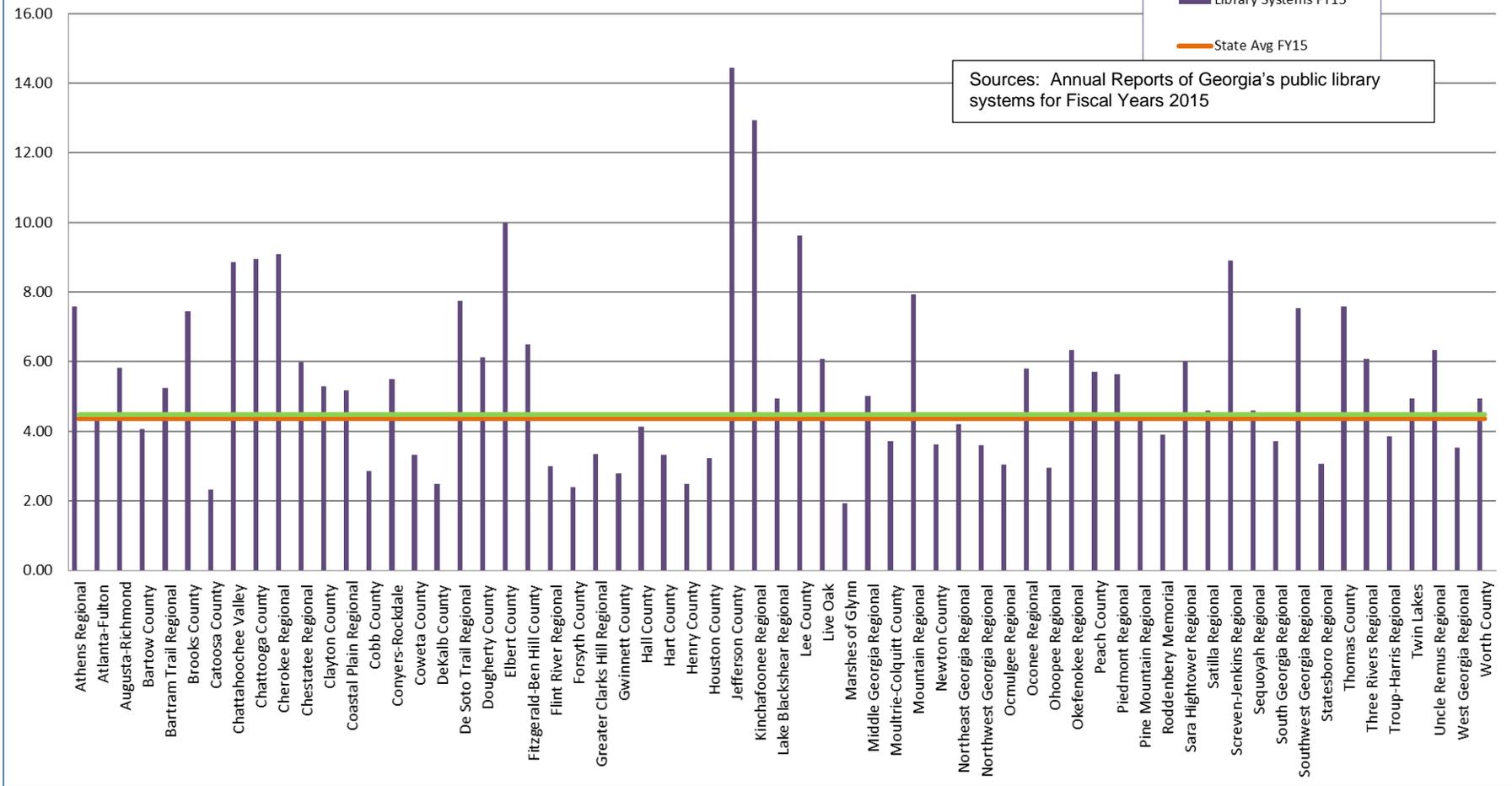
Public Library Materials Loaned to Local Card Holders and to Interlibrary Lending FY2015				
Library System	To Local Card Holders	To Interlibrary Lending	Total Lending 2015	Total Lending 2014
Athens Regional	1,215,173	23,308	1,238,481	1,867,082
Atlanta-Fulton	2,855,142	1,392	2,856,534	3,229,355
Augusta-Richmond	463,064	23,291	486,355	
Bartow County	493,154	374	493,528	495,389
Bartram Trail Regional	81,094	692	81,786	82,818
Brooks County	17,421	4,214	21,635	31,319
Catoosa County	198,102	7,008	205,110	227,266
Chattahoochee Valley	919,239	563	919,802	923,735
Chattooga County	87,769	4,641	92,410	97,997
Cherokee Regional	191,619	10,847	202,466	202,250
Chestatee Regional	274,734	11,541	286,275	306,689
Clayton County	456,081	27,751	483,832	525,325
Coastal Plain Regional	341,872	15,558	357,430	367,578
Cobb County	3,045,796	213	3,046,009	3,133,953
Conyers-Rockdale	254,527	7,605	262,132	287,866
Coweta County	535,535	245	535,780	497,746
DeKalb County	2,680,976	1,271	2,682,247	2,917,480
De Soto Trail Regional	79,578	6,582	86,160	89,947
Dougherty County	450,740	24,578	475,318	431,582
Elbert County	53,216	2,258	55,474	44,796
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	43,569	3,681	47,250	46,594
Flint River Regional	1,071,130	29,535	1,100,665	1,152,002
Forsyth County	2,369,260	1,016	2,370,276	2,195,810
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	677,288	17,826	695,114	644,226
Gwinnett County	5,500,332	480	5,500,812	6,040,400
Hall County	481,202	31,694	512,896	657,722
Hart County	33,464	1,077	34,541	54,318
Henry County	436,265	14,203	450,468	476,577
Houston County	392,526	11,251	403,777	322,746
Jefferson County	48,827	3,706	52,533	48,512
Kinchafoonee Regional	57,460	4,431	61,891	70,884
Lake Blackshear Regional	131,862	9,179	141,041	129,690
Lee County	221,808	11,206	233,014	227,561
Live Oak	1,803,039	852	1,803,891	1,772,930
Marshes of Glynn	203,569	6,845	210,414	211,065
Middle Georgia Regional	1,010,936	35,683	1,046,619	1,283,542
Moultrie-Colquitt County	96,867	4,123	100,990	98,586
Mountain Regional	370,418	11,862	382,280	361,076
Newton County	354,999	5,141	360,140	379,218
Northeast Georgia Regional	414,753	16,432	431,185	433,316
Northwest Georgia Regional	317,573	14,293	331,866	329,167
Ocmulgee Regional	97,297	4,168	101,465	107,039
Oconee Regional	173,948	11,632	185,580	194,490
Ochoopee Regional	79,768	6,809	86,577	86,602
Okefenokee Regional	131,236	5,250	136,486	151,293
Peach County	34,826	4,092	38,918	35,911
Piedmont Regional	602,434	22,603	625,037	576,835
Pine Mountain Regional	85,407	6,226	91,633	116,795
Roddenbery Memorial	60,603	3,439	64,042	84,634
Sara Hightower Regional	579,367	30,679	610,046	608,289
Satilla Regional	61,780	4,306	66,086	66,649
Screven-Jenkins Regional	54,449	4,042	58,491	66,505
Sequoyah Regional	902,173	650	902,823	929,410
South Georgia Regional	308,008	19,135	327,143	302,255
Southwest Georgia Regional	201,193	10,798	211,991	206,196
Statesboro Regional	392,726	20,305	413,031	419,660
Thomas County	180,208	10,608	190,816	191,544
Three Rivers Regional	348,736	22,822	371,558	398,931
Troup-Harris Regional	240,623	8,247	248,870	266,317
Twin Lakes	162,073	5,727	167,800	164,862
Uncle Remus Regional	433,847	25,293	459,140	476,467
West Georgia Regional	1,413,916	41,092	1,455,008	871,607
Worth County	73,950	2,884	76,834	75,842
Statewide	37,350,547	679,255	38,029,802	39,717,124

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2014 – 2015

Public Access Computers in Georgia's Public Libraries

- Public Library Internet computers were used over 11.6 million times in FY2015.
- There were 8,935 public computer workstations with high-speed internet access in Georgia public libraries at the close of FY2015.
- Coordinated by GPLS in Georgia, the federal E-rate program -- the national Universal Service Discount Program for Schools and Libraries -- provides over 75% of the funds for Georgia's statewide public library data network.
- All public-access Internet computers have access to GALILEO databases.
- GALILEO databases searches numbered almost 1.3 million through public library access in FY2015.
- 377 library facilities (93.5%) provide wireless services for library users.
- The following Charts and Spreadsheets on “Public Access Computers” use do not include use made by patrons’ wireless devices.

Public Access Computers per 5,000 Population



Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Year 2015 and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey for Fiscal Year 2012

Public Access Computers per 5,000 Population in Georgia Libraries - FY 2013-15

Library System	2012			2013			2014			2015		
	Public Computers	System Population	Per 5,000 Population	Public Computers	System Population	Per 5,000 Population	Public Computers	System Population	Per 5,000 Population	Public Computers	System Population	Per 5,000 Population
Athens Regional	329	226,120	7.27	385	230,121	8.37	455	225,833	10.07	340	224,115	7.59
Atlanta-Fulton	642	1,071,635	3.00	645	1,085,024	2.97	674	995,984	3.38	897	1,018,601	4.40
Augusta-Richmond										237	203,625	5.82
Bartow County	84	107,257	3.92	84	110,632	3.80	84	108,201	3.88	84	103,438	4.06
Bartram Trail Regional	31	35,597	4.35	26	36,056	3.61	34	34,725	4.90	35	33,371	5.24
Brooks County	20	16,872	5.93	20	16,982	5.89	17	16,570	5.13	23	15,464	7.44
Catoosa County	27	69,096	1.95	27	70,780	1.91	31	67,318	2.30	31	66,522	2.33
Chattahoochee Valley	244	227,076	5.37	330	230,822	7.15	416	225,186	9.24	414	233,503	8.86
Chattooga County	26	28,000	4.64	36	28,333	6.35	33	26,579	6.21	45	25,171	8.94
Cherokee Regional	81	84,865	4.77	96	85,896	5.59	91	87,589	5.19	155	85,272	9.09
Chestate Regional	40	55,336	3.61	38	56,985	3.33	46	57,167	4.02	66	55,252	5.97
Clayton County	152	283,305	2.68	314	285,734	5.49	314	272,197	5.77	285	269,649	5.28
Coastal Plain Regional	61	99,204	3.07	69	100,109	3.45	98	98,774	4.96	98	94,637	5.18
Cobb County	382	743,357	2.57	552	755,207	3.65	510	732,504	3.48	420	735,825	2.85
Conyers-Rockdale	68	91,314	3.72	90	93,431	4.82	99	91,500	5.41	98	89,299	5.49
Coweta County	92	139,388	3.30	92	143,680	3.20	92	140,969	3.26	92	138,639	3.32
DeKalb County	431	783,118	2.75	358	794,820	2.25	360	721,520	2.49	361	726,171	2.49
De Soto Trail Regional	59	40,516	7.28	53	40,772	6.50	56	38,051	7.36	57	36,809	7.74
Dougherty County	149	96,268	7.74	90	96,401	4.67	112	97,331	5.75	114	93,142	6.12
East Central Georgia Regional	246	368,402	3.34	290	374,200	3.87	293	234,310	6.25			
Elbert County	44	20,735	10.61	44	20,799	10.58	46	20,247	11.36	39	19,537	9.98
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	21	18,385	5.71	22	18,581	5.92	26	18,092	7.19	23	17,691	6.50
Flint River Regional	176	282,945	3.11	157	290,657	2.70	158	269,759	2.93	157	262,435	2.99
Forsyth County	79	197,609	2.00	79	205,178	1.93	97	204,585	2.37	100	209,023	2.39
Greater Clarks Hill Regional							69	147,943	2.33	119	178,529	3.33
Gwinnett County	334	857,586	1.95	413	874,489	2.36	411	891,721	2.30	498	894,928	2.78
Hall County	177	210,629	4.20	220	217,616	5.05	180	196,993	4.57	160	194,153	4.12
Hart County	14	25,978	2.69	14	26,431	2.65	16	25,723	3.11	17	25,628	3.32
Henry County	99	222,226	2.23	99	230,273	2.15	99	230,973	2.14	109	219,654	2.48
Houston County	44	142,599	1.54	44	144,980	1.52	105	151,582	3.46	98	152,213	3.22
Jefferson County	34	16,432	10.35	47	16,430	14.30	47	17,256	13.62	47	16,286	14.43
Kinchafoonee Regional	69	31,972	10.79	76	32,010	11.87	74	32,515	11.38	79	30,517	12.94
Lake Blackshear Regional	84	73,380	5.72	83	74,208	5.59	81	78,425	5.16	73	73,963	4.93
Lee County	33	38,496	4.29	46	39,765	5.78	47	30,127	7.80	58	30,113	9.63
Live Oak	398	391,279	5.09	398	398,879	4.99	403	406,815	4.95	495	408,098	6.06
Marshes of Glynn							29	83,648	1.73	32	83,355	1.92
Middle Georgia Regional	250	237,174	5.27	250	239,410	5.22	263	236,235	5.57	229	228,846	5.00
Moultrie-Colquitt County	36	48,479	3.71	31	49,320	3.14	31	47,638	3.25	35	47,235	3.70
Mountain Regional	76	61,173	6.21	85	62,848	6.76	83	57,920	7.17	90	56,748	7.93
Newton County	111	115,520	4.80	114	120,070	4.75	68	110,140	3.09	77	106,470	3.62
Northeast Georgia Regional	75	118,023	3.18	88	120,015	3.67	81	117,598	3.44	96	114,553	4.19
Northwest Georgia Regional	63	202,016	1.56	62	206,052	1.50	63	207,400	1.52	145	200,915	3.61
Ocmulgee Regional	71	74,340	4.78	70	75,052	4.66	83	83,071	5.00	48	79,019	3.04
Oconee Regional	76	92,542	4.11	76	93,654	4.06	88	92,264	4.77	103	88,844	5.80
Ochoppee Regional	52	78,015	3.33	51	79,034	3.23	44	80,456	2.73	46	77,844	2.95
Okfeenokee Regional	60	91,967	3.26	77	92,560	4.16	76	94,635	4.02	117	92,273	6.34
Peach County	35	28,534	6.13	27	28,999	4.66	35	29,740	5.88	31	27,214	5.70
Piedmont Regional	135	170,027	3.97	141	175,640	4.01	166	162,220	5.12	178	157,947	5.63
Pine Mountain Regional	72	67,793	5.31	70	68,411	5.12	71	65,369	5.43	57	62,548	4.56
Roddenberry Memorial	28	26,827	5.22	25	27,273	4.58	21	25,865	4.06	20	25,694	3.89
Sara Hightower Regional	123	144,226	4.26	122	145,862	4.18	121	141,598	4.27	166	138,420	6.00
Satilla Regional	49	52,680	4.65	48	53,772	4.46	48	53,298	4.50	48	52,247	4.59
Scriven-Jenkins Regional	42	24,536	8.56	42	24,777	8.48	40	23,186	8.63	42	23,559	8.91
Sequoyah Regional	268	306,966	4.37	277	316,534	4.38	285	295,779	4.82	272	296,353	4.60
South Georgia Regional	100	125,756	3.98	95	128,061	3.71	95	134,337	3.54	97	130,825	3.71
Southwest Georgia Regional	61	45,744	6.67	62	46,169	6.71	64	43,433	7.37	64	42,444	7.54
Statesboro Regional	78	157,017	2.48	82	160,419	2.56	83	155,811	2.66	94	153,599	3.06
Thomas County	81	48,497	8.35	58	49,221	5.89	81	45,590	8.88	69	45,517	7.58
Three Rivers Regional	176	220,545	3.99	172	225,507	3.81	147	151,031	4.87	178	146,426	6.08
Troup-Harris Regional	65	102,339	3.18	70	104,663	3.34	80	104,875	3.81	80	104,020	3.85
Twin Lakes	42	49,189	4.27	42	49,844	4.21	42	47,336	4.44	46	46,457	4.95
Uncle Remus Regional	209	180,971	5.77	216	185,488	5.82	211	171,890	6.14	212	167,575	6.33
West Georgia Regional	287	469,101	3.06	271	483,111	2.80	296	465,338	3.18	318	451,656	3.52
Worth County	25	22,572	5.54	24	22,930	5.23	23	22,142	5.19	21	21,236	4.94
Statewide	7,516	10,459,546	3.59	8,085	10,660,977	3.79	8,492	10,344,907	4.10	8,935	10,250,112	4.36

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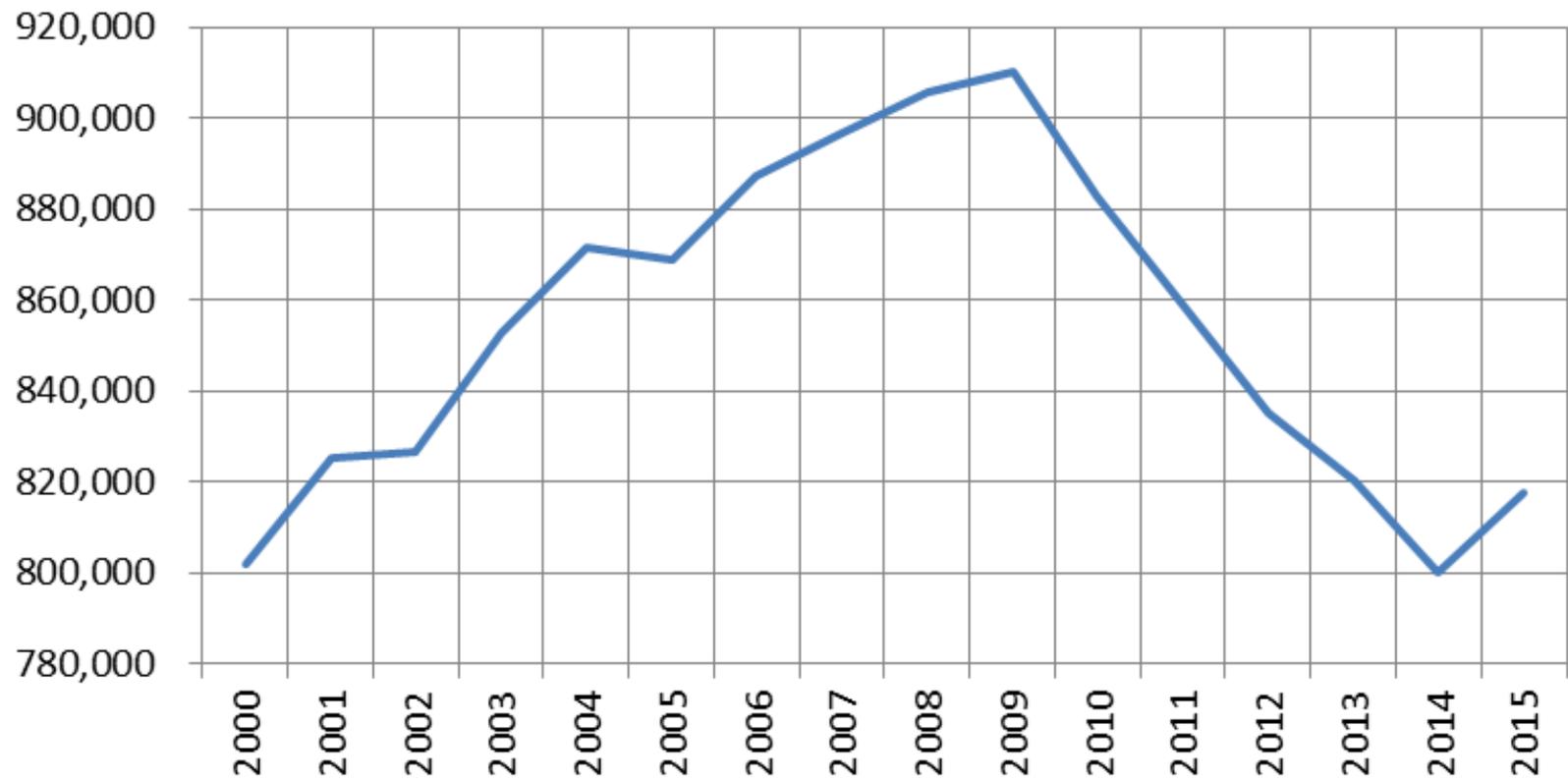
User Sessions of Public Computers										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Athens Regional	339,617	394,119	384,083	440,505	477,091	639,325	504,132	385,156	425,987	409,136
Atlanta-Fulton	1,151,094	1,208,846	1,330,063	1,456,153	1,444,728	1,553,667	1,305,666	1,523,695	1,674,536	736,535
Augusta-Richmond										288,431
Bartow County	85,389	421,644	269,783	302,256	139,081	131,420	180,352	168,924	167,080	158,743
Bartram Trail Regional	30,084	32,926	43,621	19,526	25,600	32,339	32,168	35,056	29,472	28,381
Brooks County	36,442	9,646	11,121	11,232	14,636	18,753	13,853	12,527	16,773	9,200
Catoosa County				103,412	101,333	102,802	95,404	96,633	96,633	12,212
Chattahoochee Valley	413,816	439,917	481,966	440,356	453,726	372,521	331,712	339,814	407,105	386,527
Chattooga County	15,896	16,018	15,931	16,494	15,869	13,454	14,100	14,430	12,662	11,708
Cherokee Regional	72,278	81,524	99,082	114,516	120,725	105,210	89,367	75,940	48,418	32,465
Chestatee Regional	35,235	34,270	40,875	51,423	45,468	41,413	34,603	27,378	25,127	15,567
Clayton County	388,729	438,424	453,833	445,553	453,145	394,464	370,803	356,071	565,652	277,488
Coastal Plain Regional	96,131	64,178	84,098	102,506	101,489	127,286	103,523	95,612	92,659	84,368
Cobb County	1,247,444	1,523,058	1,617,437	1,678,439	1,659,525	1,276,126	1,056,550	893,035	1,118,065	1,142,445
Conyers-Rockdale	96,456	91,337	97,924	90,089	91,000	93,838	95,295	97,384	100,281	103,271
Coweta County			33,310	70,069	137,920	0	796,667	887,355	975,000	1,020,000
DeKalb County	1,146,064	1,139,543	1,201,614	1,410,404	961,592	997,638	1,066,295	1,055,082	962,546	941,203
De Soto Trail Regional	39,898	43,100	87,459	41,590	45,678	50,808	55,605	67,882	71,927	71,783
Dougherty County	99,755	125,372	349,983	210,194	229,209	204,495	223,083	155,039	155,345	119,539
East Central Georgia Regional	1,006,844	686,352	330,971	356,412	301,038	396,439	341,073	376,844	280,340	
Elbert County	18,509	22,158	31,760	26,887	26,521	25,137	22,852	18,378	17,161	13,300
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	16,859	20,999	20,044	23,125	25,251	27,498	28,188	21,636	18,308	18,630
Flint River Regional	292,147	281,793	425,030	407,048	333,441	396,446	437,770	445,015	335,964	340,981
Forsyth County	165,704	150,124	173,503	182,778	232,151	129,498	117,972	95,451	90,349	91,378
Greater Clarks Hill Regional									89,438	157,852
Gwinnett County	1,164,160	1,303,920	1,194,195	1,162,583	807,742	1,048,283	890,505	772,262	959,988	657,679
Hall County	173,184	165,500	201,000	197,431	176,190	139,008	93,741	83,254	77,942	102,844
Hart County	5,314	5,006	9,810	14,771	15,109	15,186	11,185	11,411	11,108	12,966
Henry County	95,672	119,818	126,641	155,030	113,000	300,300	300,500	266,482	167,281	69,417
Houston County	194,354	201,147	198,378	184,805	112,113	96,000	256,000	258,000	63,501	75,989
Jefferson County	16,900	24,120	26,323	38,358	42,967	44,665	41,638	40,981	35,508	32,260
Kinchafoonee Regional	40,355	34,919	37,474	50,556	60,638	59,413	53,418	41,056	38,200	43,698
Lake Blackshear Regional	122,822	161,067	174,016	177,459	204,956	197,699	165,074	157,218	193,864	206,103
Lee County	43,230	19,848	41,659	39,991	39,999	41,251	30,815	30,560	30,621	33,142
Live Oak	584,830	645,798	707,118	764,009	728,224	678,537	504,082	642,715	575,544	817,354
Marshes of Glynn									48,648	51,890
Middle Georgia Regional	378,317	475,941	473,626	483,494	472,617	463,051	480,140	521,868	528,450	312,642
Moultrie-Colquitt County	23,448	28,930	31,713	35,063	35,795	35,267	30,702	28,738	29,252	33,649
Mountain Regional	195,692	88,352	61,430	97,722	99,524	144,208	149,746	152,081	162,638	63,094
Newton County	264,298	269,552	291,552	308,382	339,413	26,381	139,014	56,494	115,260	97,445
Northeast Georgia Regional	70,928	86,026	103,757	137,600	92,261	116,099	155,915	132,725	88,556	71,552
Northwest Georgia Regional	88,065	82,561	130,498	111,814	81,155	57,686	49,014	44,072	39,400	48,400
Ocmulgee Regional	35,700	41,330	50,682	56,131	61,828	60,499	58,886	52,845	54,389	45,554
Oconee Regional	88,850	100,166	120,191	116,932	115,093	109,006	109,269	99,343	92,040	85,039
Ochopee Regional	38,496	45,899	48,252	50,752	51,605	76,519	35,818	63,850	26,163	23,624
Okfeenokee Regional	45,302	40,614	40,732	46,735	50,500	48,446	45,640	45,262	39,459	33,004
Peach County	36,760	40,436	47,683	55,966	51,385	72,914	70,456	69,364	68,827	73,523
Piedmont Regional	84,968	89,594	99,463	161,149	142,958	156,899	168,458	163,313	157,788	187,441
Pine Mountain Regional	44,954	50,956	69,216	64,372	63,949	71,359	72,326	58,991	50,424	48,781
Roddenbery Memorial	16,336	17,898	27,188	34,401	27,928	25,558	23,980	18,605	25,314	24,405
Sara Hightower Regional	210,654	179,497	282,671	300,046	304,272	292,545	229,025	190,488	178,593	178,580
Satilla Regional	34,867	52,188	59,804	71,959	69,167	48,710	62,524	54,631	38,602	39,353
Screven-Jenkins Regional	27,387	30,083	33,479	36,196	45,856	38,013	40,188	33,161	31,737	23,104
Sequoyah Regional	218,491	224,992	235,579	257,179	256,517	210,767	176,806	153,142	146,998	154,209
South Georgia Regional	315,594	94,565	113,230	133,628	140,363	141,215	126,287	107,421	111,357	123,280
Southwest Georgia Regional	129,719	114,217	120,794	121,166	128,371	128,752	124,481	119,564	142,236	147,323
Statesboro Regional	105,580	123,920	249,593	295,663	140,526	136,578	77,219	120,698	108,742	96,664
Thomas County	35,023	38,519	50,245	47,936	47,378	43,332	28,856	107,280	113,229	121,964
Three Rivers Regional	102,305	111,671	126,411	144,577	129,074	226,699	235,912	191,397	143,483	135,472
Troup-Harris Regional	148,325	160,195	81,413	137,076	145,126	180,842	205,702	206,131	118,444	83,496
Twin Lakes	34,860	40,089	35,987	34,454	37,830	36,363	33,065	36,930	43,430	37,353
Uncle Remus Regional	342,112	297,640	217,313	282,028	189,065	155,957	126,846	171,646	171,627	164,516
West Georgia Regional	1,040,000	528,380	552,075	592,066	425,986	464,947	432,807	423,440	405,486	580,335
Worth County				17,658	26,154	27,044	23,155	22,041	13,408	20,693
Statewide Total	13,392,243	13,360,702	14,054,682	15,018,105	13,508,851	13,346,575	13,176,228	12,993,797	13,224,365	11,628,980

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2006 – 2015

Public Library Service Hours

- In FY2015, public library service hours in Georgia increased 2% over FY2014. This is the first increase in hours since FY2009 due to reduced local and state funding in the last five years. Despite the increase, FY2015 hours are still 10% lower than in FY2009.
- 22 of the 63 public library systems now show increased hours over FY2009. Of those, three systems (Forsyth County, Newton County, and Uncle Remus) were able to increase their public service hours by more than 20%.
- 41 of the systems have been forced to reduce public service hours since FY2009, with 16 of them reducing hours more than 20%.

Public Service Hours - FY 2000 - 2015



Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2000 – 2015

Public Service Hours by System									
Library System	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	% Change	Hours Reduced
Athens Regional	22,220	24,508	23,220	23,220	23,399	23,919	23,832	-6.76%	(1,612)
Atlanta-Fulton	57,577	62,372	78,682	76,902	80,114	75,482	82,460	-30.18%	(24,883)
Augusta-Richmond	14,358								
Bartow County	6,874	6,707	6,831	6,824	6,773	6,821	6,956	-1.18%	(82)
Bartram Trail Regional	7,340	7,340	7,218	6,854	6,854	6,767	6,767	8.47%	573
Brooks County	2,581	2,581	2,527	2,560	2,753	2,755	2,723	-5.21%	(142)
Catoosa County	2,266	5,034	3,000	3,000	2,916	2,893	2,944	-23.03%	(678)
Chattahoochee Valley	17,047	16,839	16,328	16,890	20,464	21,988	24,598	-30.70%	(7,551)
Chattooga County	3,883	3,836	3,908	3,905	3,848	3,848	3,957	-1.87%	(74)
Cherokee Regional	10,181	9,724	6,004	12,533	7,636	9,050	9,050	12.50%	1,131
Chestatee Regional	4,166	4,166	3,516	3,947	3,980	4,058	4,098	1.66%	68
Clayton County	18,193	18,233	21,543	18,294	18,210	18,360	17,718	2.68%	475
Coastal Plain Regional	13,922	13,785	13,631	14,097	14,236	13,976	14,458	-3.71%	(536)
Cobb County	42,099	35,744	37,447	37,080	46,108	55,088	47,521	-11.41%	(5,422)
Conyers-Rockdale	2,687	2,522	2,697	2,467	2,683	2,563	2,690	-0.11%	(3)
Coweta County	9,960	9,960	9,604	8,792	8,332	9,028	9,736	2.30%	224
DeKalb County	47,183	47,185	48,180	48,121	46,432	47,090	44,447	6.16%	2,736
De Soto Trail Regional	9,349	8,047	9,090	9,103	8,980	8,432	8,964	4.29%	385
Dougherty County	7,495	5,884	5,560	10,868	10,988	13,636	14,144	-47.01%	(6,649)
East Central Georgia Regional		20,962	32,065	33,689	32,380	33,900	35,754		
Elbert County	3,716	3,528	3,683	3,483	4,356	4,420	4,452	-16.53%	(736)
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	2,612	2,636	2,822	3,105	3,097	3,084	3,091	-15.50%	(479)
Flint River Regional	20,509	15,850	21,296	22,215	21,313	21,489	21,307	-3.75%	(798)
Forsyth County	11,722	10,417	7,884	8,018	6,489	5,488	6,112	91.79%	5,610
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	15,441	11,443							
Gwinnett County	37,164	39,130	43,305	43,635	48,375	44,462	58,979	-36.99%	(21,815)
Hall County	10,364	10,327	9,745	8,616	13,833	13,962	14,505	-28.55%	(4,141)
Hart County	2,098	2,106	2,106	2,108	2,048	2,092	2,080	0.87%	18
Henry County	8,016	4,864	8,056	8,040	8,692	14,040	14,315	-44.00%	(6,299)
Houston County	7,384	6,888	6,716	7,028	6,994	7,029	9,123	-19.06%	(1,739)
Jefferson County	5,760	6,971	7,164	7,327	7,245	7,304	7,105	-18.93%	(1,345)
Kinchafoonee Regional	9,472	10,702	10,221	11,163	11,078	11,278	12,403	-23.63%	(2,931)
Lake Blackshear Regional	12,730	10,362	10,564	10,575	10,631	10,639	10,688	19.11%	2,042
Lee County	8,415	8,376	7,395	5,724	5,711	5,634	7,421	13.39%	994
Live Oak	36,999	34,727	33,223	34,727	34,727	36,226	34,681	6.68%	2,318
Marshes of Glynn	4,424	4,444							
Middle Georgia Regional	32,148	33,266	33,664	31,533	32,556	30,109	31,745	1.27%	403
Moultrie-Colquitt County	3,465	3,426	3,448	3,459	3,463	3,524	3,461	0.12%	4
Mountain Regional	7,957	8,110	8,849	8,892	8,612	8,260	8,859	-10.18%	(902)
Newton County	4,218	4,144	4,244	3,988	3,237	3,035	3,239	30.23%	979
Northeast Georgia Regional	13,122	12,987	13,065	13,221	13,261	13,843	14,059	-6.66%	(937)
Northwest Georgia Regional	6,547	6,410	6,747	7,182	7,534	9,319	8,957	-26.91%	(2,410)
Ocmulgee Regional	10,401	11,098	11,140	11,439	11,246	11,292	11,292	-7.89%	(891)
Oconee Regional	7,907	5,000	8,053	9,189	9,037	9,629	10,188	-22.39%	(2,281)
Ochopee Regional	11,421	8,961	8,187	8,425	11,162	13,004	11,523	-0.89%	(102)
Okefenokee Regional	9,323	8,808	8,087	12,661	16,491	16,325	10,311	-9.58%	(988)
Peach County	3,955	3,446	3,711	3,822	3,851	3,904	3,900	1.41%	55
Piedmont Regional	23,117	20,817	22,569	24,351	22,613	22,590	25,355	-8.83%	(2,238)
Pine Mountain Regional	10,087	10,949	11,267	12,007	11,911	12,951	12,857	-21.54%	(2,770)
Roddenbery Memorial	2,104	2,104	2,044	2,062	2,063	2,716	2,715	-22.50%	(611)
Sara Hightower Regional	9,258	9,171	9,151	9,678	9,766	9,886	10,323	-10.32%	(1,065)
Satilla Regional	7,667	7,452	7,548	7,605	8,741	9,695	12,961	-40.85%	(5,294)
Screven-Jenkins Regional	4,212	4,228	4,913	4,847	5,348	5,131	5,198	-18.97%	(986)
Sequoyah Regional	19,202	19,065	19,517	19,300	21,793	24,744	24,681	-22.20%	(5,479)
South Georgia Regional	11,900	11,965	11,407	13,503	13,551	7,080	10,188	16.80%	1,712
Southwest Georgia Regional	7,168	7,036	6,818	6,678	6,620	6,709	6,421	11.63%	747
Statesboro Regional	13,594	13,748	13,246	13,518	13,391	13,370	14,157	-3.98%	(563)
Thomas County	6,919	7,182	7,472	6,133	6,362	7,506	7,500	-7.75%	(581)
Three Rivers Regional	15,838	15,526	19,293	19,504	17,436	19,730	21,003	-24.59%	(5,165)
Troup-Harris Regional	7,230	7,308	7,318	6,524	6,980	7,612	7,633	-5.28%	(403)
Twin Lakes	3,149	3,149	3,149	3,532	4,291	5,196	4,838	-34.91%	(1,689)
Uncle Remus Regional	25,762	22,976	20,910	17,628	18,075	19,672	20,274	27.07%	5,488
West Georgia Regional	39,183	38,890	36,991	37,309	35,840	37,060	34,898	12.28%	4,285
Worth County	2,509	2,489	2,222	2,244	2,136	2,122	2,436	3.00%	73
Statewide	817,585	799,925	820,261	835,144	859,042	882,815	910,051	-10.16%	(92,466)

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2009 – 2015

Collections Owned by Georgia's Public Libraries

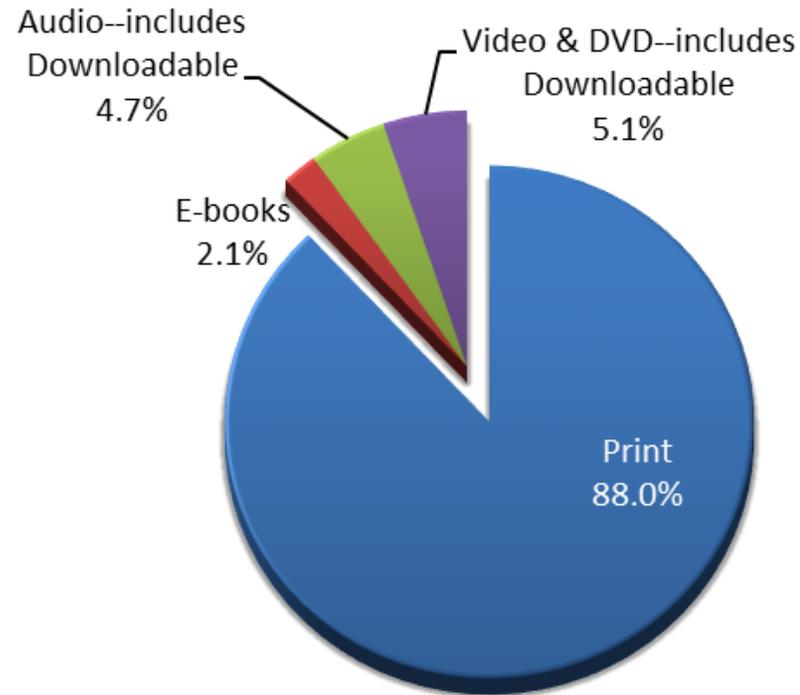
- At the end of FY2015, there were 18,775,188 (1.83 per capita) print, electronic, audio, and video items in the collections of Georgia's public libraries.
- Twenty-six of Georgia's public library systems fell below the state average of 1.83 physical items per capita.
- As the population of Georgia has grown, the state's ranking in print materials per capita has remained near the bottom; Georgia ranked 49th in the nation in this category in FY2012.

Per Capita Expenditures for Books and Other Library Materials

- Georgia public libraries spent an average of \$1.69 per capita for materials in FY2015.
- The per capita expenditure for materials in Georgia public libraries has historically been below the national average which in FY2012 was \$4.03 per capita; the only Georgia public library to exceed this national average is Lee County Public Library with an average of \$4.10 per capita spent on materials.
- The majority of Georgia public library systems (over 60%) fell below the state average of \$1.69 per capita from FY2015.

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2015 and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey for Fiscal Year 2012

Library Materials by Category FY 2015



Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Year 2015

Library Materials Per Capita in Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2015							
Library System	Materials 2015				Total	Population	Per Capita
	Print	E-books	Audio (includes downloadable)	Video & DVD (includes downloadable)			
Athens Regional	371,780	8,906	15,994	24,963	421,643	224,115	1.88
Atlanta-Fulton	2,372,648	40,079	74,839	33,379	2,520,945	1,018,601	2.47
Augusta-Richmond	313,846	8,484	9,858	26,441	358,629	203,625	1.76
Bartow County	131,566	12,366	10,234	12,314	166,480	103,438	1.61
Bartram Trail Regional	112,664	8484	14,150	2,909	138,207	33,371	4.14
Brooks County	73,157	0	1,702	5,382	80,241	15,464	5.19
Catoosa County	114,571	8484	10,510	8,368	141,933	66,522	2.13
Chattahoochee Valley	342,030	3,710	26,184	35,364	407,288	233,503	1.74
Chattooga County	44,097	8454	7,195	3,073	62,819	25,171	2.50
Cherokee Regional	135,833	8,493	8,624	9,248	162,198	85,272	1.90
Chestatee Regional	99,730	8,619	12,635	9,201	130,185	55,252	2.36
Clayton County	482,847	1,872	8,535	9,056	502,310	269,649	1.86
Coastal Plain Regional	265,043	8,462	11,444	24,601	309,550	94,637	3.27
Cobb County	914,272	14,978	50,182	68,216	1,047,648	735,825	1.42
Conyers-Rockdale	121,338	1,904	4,683	6,974	134,899	89,299	1.51
Coweta County	175,403	1141	5,985	9,845	192,374	138,639	1.39
DeKalb County	805,709	4,801	45,108	33,300	888,918	726,171	1.22
De Soto Trail Regional	113,418	6,653	2,951	8,105	131,127	36,809	3.56
Dougherty County	286,051	8,808	10,984	31,806	337,649	93,142	3.63
Elbert County	50,295	7,354	8,410	2,631	68,690	19,537	3.52
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	56,629	0	542	2,396	59,567	17,691	3.37
Flint River Regional	480,645	6,321	28,966	16,001	531,933	262,435	2.03
Forsyth County	313,022	7,550	18,812	21,450	360,834	209,023	1.73
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	271,355	5,299	10,171	36,927	323,752	178,529	1.81
Gwinnett County	686,752	20,272	75,257	57,447	839,728	894,928	0.94
Hall County	254,585	528	11,531	16,115	282,759	194,153	1.46
Hart County	34,027	0	527	1,269	35,823	25,628	1.40
Henry County	235,510	8,484	18,329	5,786	268,109	219,654	1.22
Houston County	178,847	8,484	9,651	6,813	203,795	152,213	1.34
Jefferson County	43,837	0	960	3,040	47,837	16,286	2.94
Kincaid Regional	102,679	65	5,258	10,948	118,950	30,517	3.90
Lake Blackshear Regional	190,553	8,526	9,413	6,258	214,750	73,963	2.90
Lee County	66,486	8,646	9,224	12,470	96,826	30,113	3.22
Live Oak	472,489	7,125	51,727	83,804	615,145	408,098	1.51
Marshes of Glynn	87,587	368	3,633	5,597	97,185	83,355	1.17
Middle Georgia Regional	563,978	1,210	20,903	14,666	600,757	228,846	2.63
Moultrie-Colquitt County	120,323	8,462	7,502	920	137,207	47,235	2.90
Mountain Regional	148,289	8484	12,236	7,355	176,364	56,748	3.11
Newton County	117,999	8484	15,977	8,871	151,331	106,470	1.42
Northeast Georgia Regional	186,759	581	8,338	14,681	210,359	114,553	1.84
Northwest Georgia Regional	217,441	602	11,635	14,656	244,334	200,915	1.22
Ocmulgee Regional	126,424	0	1,587	1,079	129,090	79,019	1.63
Oconee Regional	166,870	8,064	8,924	4,793	188,651	88,844	2.12
Ochoppee Regional	158,631	7,582	8,205	6,593	181,011	77,844	2.33
Okfenokee Regional	113,926	0	1,799	6,644	122,369	92,273	1.33
Peach County	76,958	7,555	7,905	2,266	94,684	27,214	3.48
Piedmont Regional	219,173	4,422	10,268	17,355	251,218	157,947	1.59
Pine Mountain Regional	119,457	0	1,315	7,230	128,002	62,548	2.05
Roddenberry Memorial	66,287	8484	7,310	1,877	83,958	25,694	3.27
Sara Hightower Regional	454,064	9,600	13,635	28,099	505,398	138,420	3.65
Satilla Regional	92,368	0	735	1,770	94,873	52,247	1.82
Screven-Jenkins Regional	83,880	8484	7,594	4,572	104,530	23,559	4.44
Sequoyah Regional	312,600	2,890	16,936	7,682	340,108	295,353	1.15
South Georgia Regional	331,923	8,066	4,521	14,800	359,310	130,825	2.75
Southwest Georgia Regional	173,671	8,586	10,040	9,385	201,682	42,444	4.75
Statesboro Regional	208,377	8,462	10,527	8,893	236,259	153,599	1.54
Thomas County	116,630	8,462	8,620	6,265	139,977	45,517	3.08
Three Rivers Regional	246,739	308	11,659	19,519	278,225	146,426	1.90
Troup-Harris Regional	145,108	8,546	13,662	8,528	175,844	104,020	1.69
Twin Lakes	73,934	8484	7,563	6,636	96,617	46,457	2.08
Uncle Remus Regional	304,259	509	13,857	17,869	336,494	167,575	2.01
West Georgia Regional	739,059	5,025	42,433	66,256	852,773	451,656	1.89
Worth County	33,232	8,484	6,522	4,799	53,037	21,236	2.50
Statewide	16,519,660	403,556	886,416	965,556	18,775,188	10,250,112	1.83
Statewide (Print Books Only) FY 2015		1.61			National (Print Books Only) FY 2012		2.59
Statewide (Print Books Only) FY 2012		1.59			Georgia State Ranking FY 2012		49

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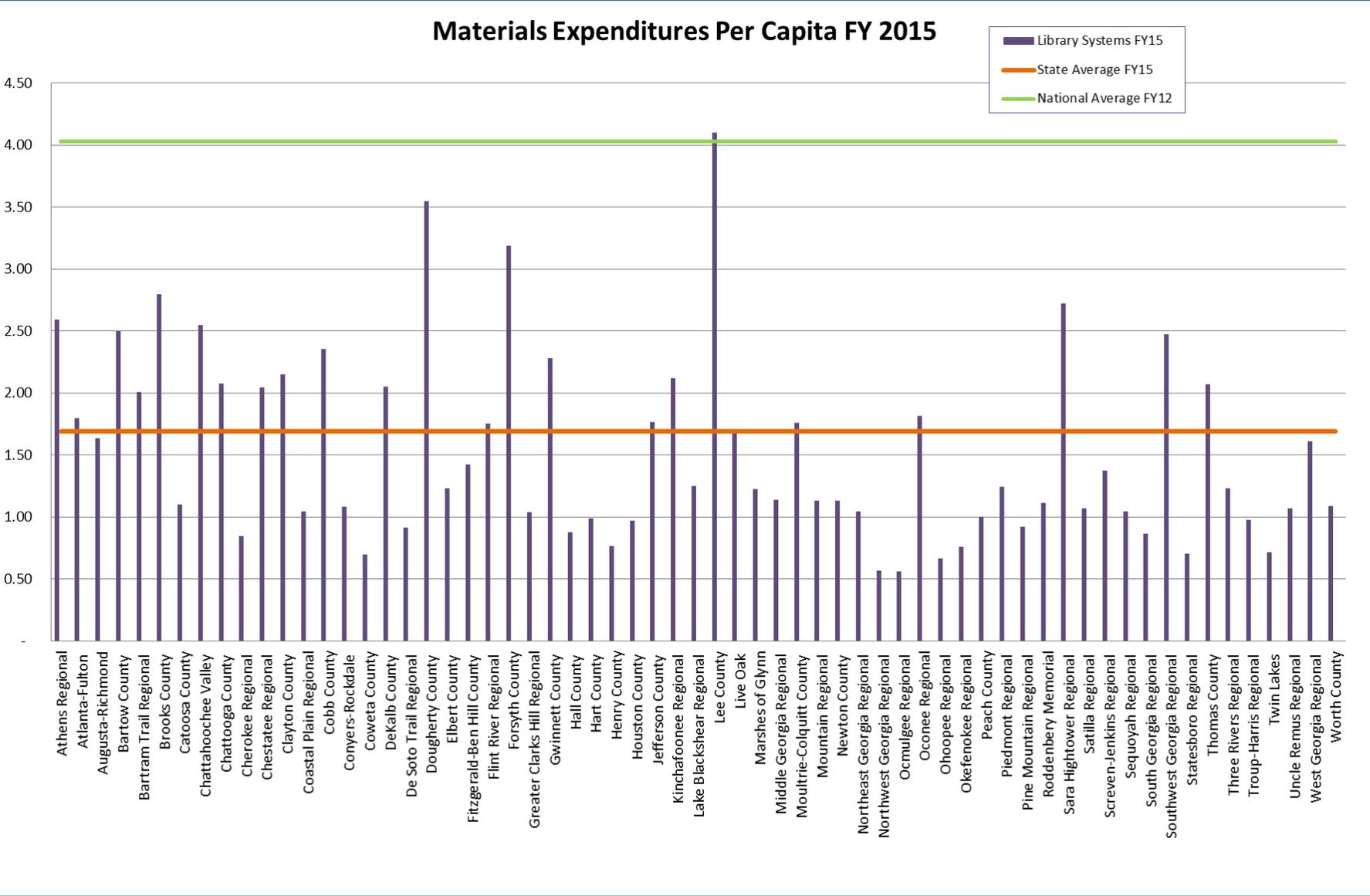
Print Books Owned by Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013 - 2015									
Library System	2013			2014			2015		
	Books	Population	Per Capita	Books	Population	Per Capita	Books	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	354,945	230,121	1.54	363,477	225,833	1.61	371,780	224,115	1.66
Atlanta-Fulton	1,867,802	1,085,024	1.72	2,424,453	995,984	2.43	2,372,648	1,018,601	2.33
Augusta-Richmond							313,846	203,625	
Bartow County	126,106	110,632	1.14	129,385	108,201	1.20	131,566	103,438	1.27
Bartram Trail Regional	117,037	36,056	3.25	110,994	34,725	3.20	112,664	33,371	3.38
Brooks County	63,063	16,982	3.71	63,332	16,570	3.82	73,157	15,464	4.73
Catoosa County	120,046	70,780	1.70	134,019	67,318	1.99	114,571	66,522	1.72
Chattahoochee Valley	337,310	230,822	1.46	368,740	225,186	1.64	342,030	233,503	1.46
Chattanooga County	45,196	28,333	1.60	44,233	26,579	1.66	44,097	25,171	1.75
Cherokee Regional	152,703	85,896	1.78	157,019	87,589	1.79	135,833	85,272	1.59
Chestatee Regional	106,115	56,985	1.86	102,296	57,167	1.79	99,730	55,252	1.81
Clayton County	501,321	285,734	1.75	510,069	272,197	1.87	482,847	269,649	1.79
Coastal Plain Regional	261,857	100,109	2.62	235,106	98,774	2.38	265,043	94,637	2.80
Cobb County	903,152	755,207	1.20	902,532	732,504	1.23	914,272	735,825	1.24
Conyers-Rockdale	117,221	93,431	1.25	106,212	91,500	1.16	121,338	89,299	1.36
Coweta County	188,036	143,680	1.31	181,773	140,969	1.29	175,403	138,639	1.27
DeKalb County	825,828	794,820	1.04	812,792	721,520	1.13	805,709	726,171	1.11
De Soto Trail Regional	119,304	40,772	2.93	121,933	38,051	3.20	113,418	36,809	3.08
Dougherty County	226,934	96,401	2.35	279,104	97,331	2.87	286,051	93,142	3.07
East Central Georgia Regional	575,963	374,200	1.54	348,983	234,310	1.49			
Elbert County	48,734	20,799	2.34				50,295	19,537	2.57
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	54,469	18,581	2.93	55,280	18,092	3.06	56,629	17,691	3.20
Flint River Regional	522,899	290,657	1.80	447,844	269,759	1.66	480,645	262,435	1.83
Forsyth County	261,153	205,178	1.27	313,491	204,585	1.53	313,022	209,023	1.50
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				224,217	147,943	1.52	271,355	178,529	1.52
Gwinnett County	817,471	874,489	0.93	756,530	891,721	0.85	686,752	894,928	0.77
Hall County	269,880	217,616	1.24	254,716	196,993	1.29	254,585	194,153	1.31
Hart County	33,537	26,431	1.27	34,065	25,723	1.32	34,027	25,628	1.33
Henry County	246,591	230,273	1.07	247,853	230,973	1.07	235,510	219,654	1.07
Houston County	184,043	144,980	1.27	177,923	151,582	1.17	178,847	152,213	1.17
Jefferson County	49,803	16,430	3.03	42,937	17,256	2.49	43,837	16,286	2.69
Kinchafoonee Regional	99,546	32,010	3.11	100,129	32,515	3.08	102,679	30,517	3.36
Lake Blackshear Regional	195,525	74,208	2.63	196,282	78,425	2.50	190,553	73,963	2.58
Lee County	58,847	39,765	1.48	63,522	30,127	2.11	66,486	30,113	2.21
Live Oak	503,094	398,879	1.26	418,732	406,815	1.03	472,489	408,098	1.16
Marshes of Glynn				95,205	83,648	1.14	87,587	83,355	1.05
Middle Georgia Regional	533,686	239,410	2.23	543,328	236,235	2.30	563,978	228,846	2.46
Moultrie-Colquitt County	123,687	49,320	2.51	123,924	47,638	2.60	120,323	47,235	2.55
Mountain Regional	138,121	62,848	2.20	143,749	57,920	2.48	148,289	56,748	2.61
Newton County	116,969	120,070	0.97	126,769	110,140	1.15	117,999	106,470	1.11
Northeast Georgia Regional	192,212	120,015	1.60	184,242	117,598	1.57	186,759	114,553	1.63
Northwest Georgia Regional	217,737	206,052	1.06	268,096	207,400	1.29	217,441	200,915	1.08
Ocmulgee Regional	122,017	75,052	1.63	121,465	83,071	1.46	126,424	79,019	1.60
Oconee Regional	178,898	93,654	1.91	177,966	92,264	1.93	166,870	88,844	1.88
Ochopee Regional	175,038	79,034	2.21	164,831	80,456	2.05	158,631	77,844	2.04
Okfenokee Regional	133,998	92,560	1.45	125,192	94,635	1.32	113,926	92,273	1.23
Peach County	73,629	28,999	2.54	75,624	29,740	2.54	76,958	27,214	2.83
Piedmont Regional	211,970	175,640	1.21	224,165	162,220	1.38	219,173	157,947	1.39
Pine Mountain Regional	123,981	68,411	1.81	120,859	65,369	1.85	119,457	62,548	1.91
Roddenberry Memorial	66,280	27,273	2.43	63,139	25,865	2.44	66,287	25,694	2.58
Sara Hightower Regional	495,813	145,862	3.40	492,369	141,598	3.48	454,064	138,420	3.28
Satilla Regional	92,082	53,772	1.71	89,732	53,298	1.68	92,368	52,247	1.77
Screven-Jenkins Regional	80,651	24,777	3.26	80,115	23,186	3.46	83,880	23,559	3.56
Sequoyah Regional	309,387	316,534	0.98	310,555	295,779	1.05	312,600	295,353	1.06
South Georgia Regional	259,033	128,061	2.02	263,130	134,337	1.96	331,923	130,825	2.54
Southwest Georgia Regional	175,547	46,169	3.80	171,593	43,433	3.95	173,671	42,444	4.09
Statesboro Regional	210,280	160,419	1.31	206,552	155,811	1.33	208,377	153,599	1.36
Thomas County	115,167	49,221	2.34	113,796	45,590	2.50	116,630	45,517	2.56
Three Rivers Regional	331,712	225,507	1.47	240,058	151,031	1.59	246,739	146,426	1.69
Troup-Harris Regional	188,240	104,663	1.80	165,645	104,875	1.58	145,108	104,020	1.40
Twin Lakes	75,096	49,844	1.51	73,013	47,336	1.54	73,934	46,457	1.59
Uncle Remus Regional	286,727	185,488	1.55	299,435	171,890	1.74	304,259	167,575	1.82
West Georgia Regional	667,146	483,111	1.38	728,243	465,338	1.56	739,059	451,656	1.64
Worth County	38,675	22,930	1.69	33,053	22,142	1.49	33,232	21,236	1.56
Statewide	16,089,310	10,660,977	1.51	16,555,816	10,324,660	1.60	16,519,660	10,250,112	1.61
Statewide (Print Books Only) FY 2012			1.59				National (Print Books Only) FY 2012		2.52
							Georgia State Ranking FY 2012		49

E-books Available at Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013 - 2015									
Library System	2013			2014			2015		
	E-books	Population	Per Capita	E-books	Population	Per Capita	E-books	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	59,064	230,121	0.26	70,213	225,833	0.31	8,906	224,116	0.04
Atlanta-Fulton	6,262	1,085,024	0.01	7,892	995,984	0.01	40,079	1,018,601	0.04
Augusta-Richmond							8,484	203,625	
Bartow County	6,561	110,632	0.06	6,709	108,201	0.06	12,366	103,438	0.12
Bartram Trail Regional	0	36,056	-	24588	34,725	0.71	8484	33,371	0.25
Brooks County	0	16,982	-	0	16,570	-	0	15,464	-
Catoosa County	206	70,780	0.00	206	67,318	0.00	8484	66,522	0.13
Chattahoochee Valley	3,710	230,822	0.02	4,530	225,186	0.02	3,710	233,503	0.02
Chattooga County	165	28,333	0.01	224	26,579	0.01	8454	25,171	0.34
Cherokee Regional	19,980	85,896	0.23	23,496	87,589	0.27	8,493	85,272	0.10
Chestatee Regional	10,127	56,985	0.18	12,438	57,167	0.22	8,619	55,252	0.16
Clayton County	1,118	285,734	0.00	1,457	272,197	0.01	1,872	269,649	0.01
Coastal Plain Regional	37,331	100,109	0.37	39,008	98,774	0.39	8,462	94,637	0.09
Cobb County	5,289	755,207	0.01	791	732,504	0.00	14,978	735,825	0.02
Conyers-Rockdale	1,094	93,431	0.01	1,789	91,500	0.02	1,904	89,299	0.02
Coweta County	483	143,680	0.00	990	140,969	0.01	1141	138,639	0.01
DeKalb County	2,274	794,820	0.00	3,756	721,520	0.01	4,801	726,171	0.01
De Soto Trail Regional	4,995	40,772	0.12	6,653	38,051	0.17	6,653	36,809	0.18
Dougherty County	4,930	96,401	0.05	6,614	97,331	0.07	8,808	93,142	0.09
East Central Georgia Regional	6	374,200	0.00	0	234,310	-			
Elbert County	4,995	20,799	0.24	6,183	20,247	0.31	7,354	19,537	0.38
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	0	18,581	-	0	18,092	-	0	17,691	-
Flint River Regional	37,584	290,657	0.13	49,904	269,759	0.18	6,321	262,435	0.02
Forsyth County	5,123	205,178	0.02	6,121	204,585	0.03	7,550	209,023	0.04
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				3,677	147,943		5,299	178,529	
Gwinnett County	15,514	874,489	0.02	18,255	891,721	0.02	20,272	894,928	0.02
Hall County	236	217,616	0.00	235	196,993	0.00	528	194,153	0.00
Hart County	0	26,431	-	0	25,723	-	0	25,628	-
Henry County	0	230,273	-	0	230,973	-	8,484	219,654	0.04
Houston County	0	144,980	-	3850	151,582	0.03	8,484	152,213	0.06
Jefferson County	0	16,430	-	0	17,256	-	0	16,286	-
Kinchafoonee Regional	35	32,010	0.00	35	32,515	0.00	65	30,517	0.00
Lake Blackshear Regional	34,454	74,208	0.46	43,561	78,425	0.56	8,526	73,963	0.12
Lee County	20,752	39,765	0.52	27,112	30,127	0.90	8,646	30,113	0.29
Live Oak	6,541	398,879	0.02	7,128	406,815	0.02	7,125	408,098	0.02
Marshes of Glynn				264	83,648		368	83,355	
Middle Georgia Regional	972	239,410	0.00	1370	236,235	0.01	1,210	228,846	0.01
Moultrie-Colquitt County	0	49,320	-	5811	47,638	0.12	8,462	47,235	0.18
Mountain Regional	4,922	62,848	0.08	5,862	57,920	0.10	8484	56,748	0.15
Newton County	414,177	120,070	3.45	30	110,140	0.00	8484	106,470	0.08
Northeast Georgia Regional	0	120,015	-	333	117,598	0.00	581	114,553	0.01
Northwest Georgia Regional	0	206,052	-	330	207,400	0.00	602	200,915	0.00
Ocmulgee Regional	0	75,052	-	0	83,071	-	0	79,019	-
Oconee Regional	5,752	93,654	0.06	6,223	92,264	0.07	8,064	88,844	0.09
Ochoppee Regional	4,922	79,034	0.06	6,223	80,456	0.08	7,582	77,844	0.10
Okfefenokee Regional	0	92,560	-	0	94,635	-	0	92,273	-
Peach County	4,995	28,999	0.17	6,223	29,740	0.21	7,555	27,214	0.28
Piedmont Regional	2,072	175,640	0.01	1,960	162,220	0.01	4,422	157,947	0.03
Pine Mountain Regional	0	68,411	-	0	65,369	-	0	62,548	-
Roddenbery Memorial	12	27,273	0.00	28	25,865	0.00	8484	25,694	0.33
Sara Hightower Regional	3,200	145,862	0.02	3,711	141,598	0.03	9,600	138,420	0.07
Satilla Regional	0	53,772	-	0	53,298	-	0	52,247	-
Screven-Jenkins Regional	0	24,777	-	0	23,186	-	8484	23,559	0.36
Sequoyah Regional	1,047	316,534	0.00	1,908	295,779	0.01	2,890	295,353	0.01
South Georgia Regional	0	128,061	-	8056	134,337	0.06	8,066	130,825	0.06
Southwest Georgia Regional	5,095	46,169	0.11	6,183	43,433	0.14	8,586	42,444	0.20
Statesboro Regional	30,000	160,419	0.19	33,000	155,811	0.21	8,462	153,599	0.06
Thomas County	29,532	49,221	0.60	37,338	45,590	0.82	8,462	45,517	0.19
Three Rivers Regional	0	225,507	-	85	151,031	0.00	308	146,426	0.00
Troup-Harris Regional	0	104,663	-	0	104,875	-	8,546	104,020	0.08
Twin Lakes	0	49,844	-	0	47,336	-	8484	46,457	0.18
Uncle Remus Regional	0	185,488	-	0	171,890	-	509	167,575	0.00
West Georgia Regional	2,099	483,111	0.00	3,502	465,338	0.01	5,025	451,656	0.01
Worth County	4,922	22,930	0.21	6,111	22,142	0.28	8,484	21,236	0.40
Statewide	802,548	10,660,977	0.08	511,966	10,344,907	0.05	403,556	10,250,112	0.04

Different methods of counting e-books have created an uncertain statistic, but this should improve as vendors create uniform policies in the future.

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2013 – 2015

Materials Expenditures Per Capita FY 2015



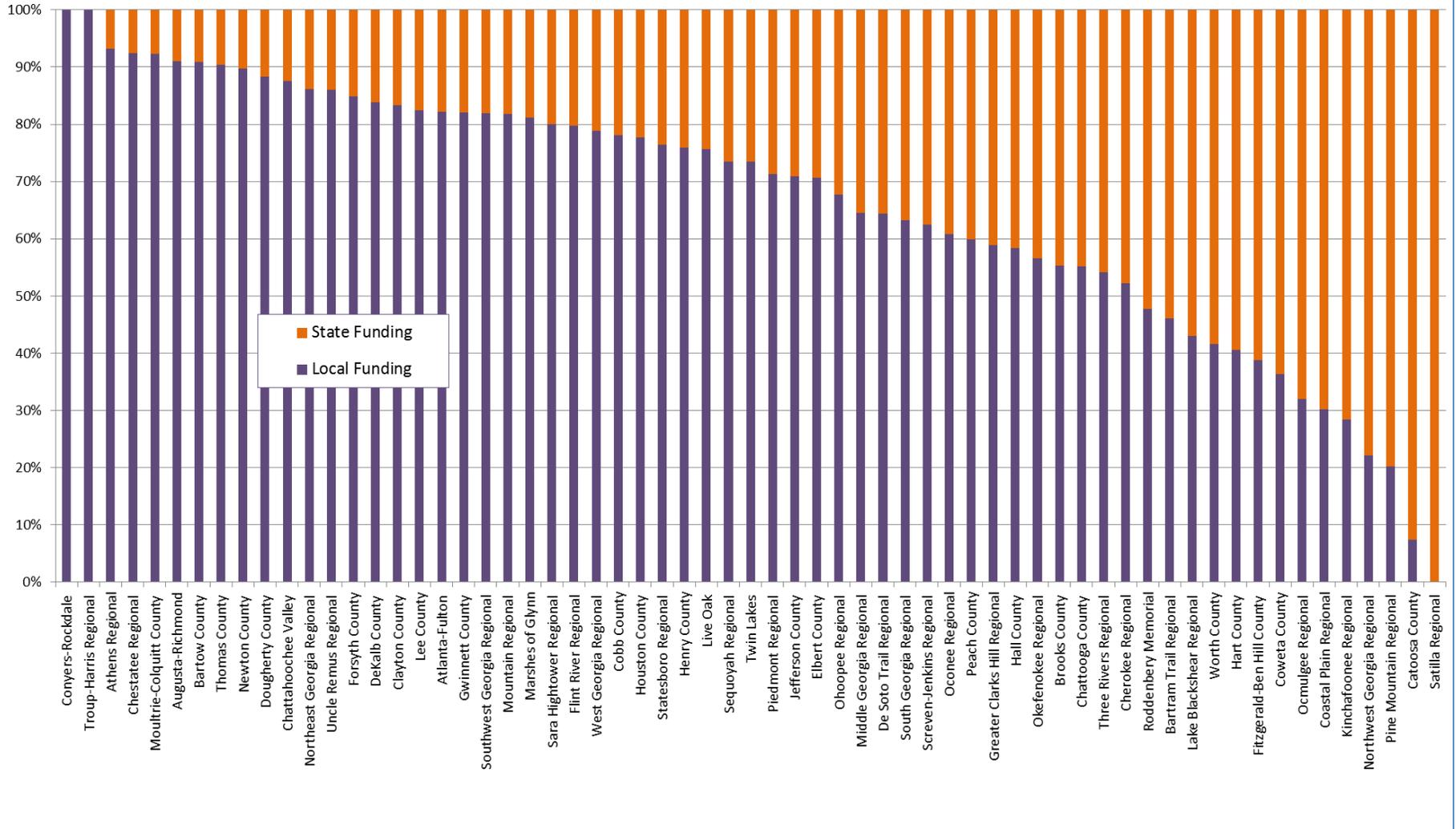
Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2015 and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey for Fiscal Year 2012

Total Collection Expenditures Per Capita in Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013 - 2015

Library System	2013			2014			2015		
	Material Exp	Population	Per Capita	Material Exp	Population	Per Capita	Material Exp	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	\$ 457,473	230,121	1.99	\$ 692,041	225,833	3.06	\$580,045.02	224,115	2.59
Atlanta-Fulton	2,296,521	1,085,024	2.12	1,440,747	995,984	1.45	\$1,830,612.00	1,018,601	1.80
Augusta-Richmond							\$332,850.00	203,625	1.63
Bartow County	154,200	110,632	1.39	210,400	108,201	1.94	\$258,549.26	103,438	2.50
Bartram Trail Regional	40,543	36,056	1.12	60,848	34,725	1.75	\$66,982.20	33,371	2.01
Brooks County	15,515	16,982	0.91	30,363	16,570	1.83	\$43,203.81	15,464	2.79
Catoosa County	1,825	70,780	0.03	21,319	67,318	0.32	\$73,006.40	66,522	1.10
Chattahoochee Valley	553,692	230,822	2.40	711,174	225,186	3.16	\$595,526.00	233,503	2.55
Chattooga County	37,460	28,333	1.32	39,300	26,579	1.48	\$52,237.02	25,171	2.08
Cherokee Regional	48,135	85,896	0.56	40,224	87,589	0.46	\$71,841.37	85,272	0.84
Chestatee Regional	109,650	56,985	1.92	141,177	57,167	2.47	\$113,025.67	55,252	2.05
Clayton County	480,007	285,734	1.68	481,578	272,197	1.77	\$579,891.79	269,649	2.15
Coastal Plain Regional	77,957	100,109	0.78	85,362	98,774	0.86	\$98,646.41	94,637	1.04
Cobb County	1,505,153	755,207	1.99	1,800,892	732,504	2.46	\$1,734,928.94	735,825	2.36
Conyers-Rockdale	109,380	93,431	1.17	115,800	91,500	1.27	\$96,558.17	89,299	1.08
Coweta County	73,288	143,680	0.51	84,339	140,969	0.60	\$96,378.42	138,639	0.70
DeKalb County	939,448	794,820	1.18	930,804	721,520	1.29	\$1,489,056.96	726,171	2.05
De Soto Trail Regional	46,060	40,772	1.13	44,042	38,051	1.16	\$33,649.35	36,809	0.91
Dougherty County	308,658	96,401	3.20	347,865	97,331	3.57	\$330,222.23	93,142	3.55
East Central Georgia Regional	536,271	374,200	1.43	148,520	234,310	0.63			
Elbert County	14,504	20,799	0.70	14,735	20,247	0.73	\$24,078.02	19,537	1.23
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	10,832	18,581	0.58	14,660	18,092	0.81	\$25,144.23	17,691	1.42
Flint River Regional	421,731	290,657	1.45	403,512	269,759	1.50	\$460,014.88	262,435	1.75
Forsyth County	510,754	205,178	2.49	582,113	204,585	2.85	\$666,233.01	209,023	3.19
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				302,633	147,943	2.05	\$184,996.36	178,529	1.04
Gwinnett County	2,755,732	874,489	3.15	1,976,299	891,721	2.22	\$2,038,199.95	894,928	2.28
Hall County	172,811	217,616	0.79	133,667	196,993	0.68	\$170,773.00	194,153	0.88
Hart County	20,584	26,431	0.78	11,372	25,723	0.44	\$25,344.87	25,628	0.99
Henry County	75,600	230,273	0.33	173,491	230,973	0.75	\$168,178.60	219,654	0.77
Houston County	88,246	144,980	0.61	124,315	151,582	0.82	\$147,872.13	152,213	0.97
Jefferson County	18,540	16,430	1.13	18,649	17,256	1.08	\$28,759.86	16,286	1.77
Kinchafoonee Regional	36,616	32,010	1.14	34,556	32,515	1.06	\$64,717.50	30,517	2.12
Lake Blackshear Regional	66,147	74,208	0.89	57,131	78,425	0.73	\$92,452.50	73,963	1.25
Lee County	124,423	39,765	3.13	136,342	30,127	4.53	\$123,454.01	30,113	4.10
Live Oak	660,870	398,879	1.66	638,137	406,815	1.57	\$694,144.00	408,098	1.70
Marshes of Glynn				72,807	83,648	0.87	\$101,989.23	83,355	1.22
Middle Georgia Regional	245,952	239,410	1.03	223,606	236,235	0.95	\$259,619.98	228,846	1.13
Moultrie-Colquitt County	60,488	49,320	1.23	55,875	47,638	1.17	\$83,134.41	47,235	1.76
Mountain Regional	55,008	62,848	0.88	38,979	57,920	0.67	\$64,160.00	56,748	1.13
Newton County	56,617	120,070	0.47	79,514	110,140	0.72	\$120,714.71	106,470	1.13
Northeast Georgia Regional	105,015	120,015	0.88	121,336	117,598	1.03	\$119,327.90	114,553	1.04
Northwest Georgia Regional	82,476	206,052	0.40	117,130	207,400	0.56	\$113,794.67	200,915	0.57
Ocmulgee Regional	22,728	75,052	0.30	20,102	83,071	0.24	\$44,205.91	79,019	0.56
Oconee Regional	130,747	93,654	1.40	166,433	92,264	1.80	\$160,985.18	88,844	1.81
Ochopee Regional	33,384	79,034	0.42	29,136	80,456	0.36	\$51,728.84	77,844	0.66
Okfeenokee Regional	27,999	92,560	0.30	48,956	94,635	0.52	\$70,198.56	92,273	0.76
Peach County	19,379	28,999	0.67	12,407	29,740	0.42	\$27,161.39	27,214	1.00
Piedmont Regional	188,124	175,640	1.07	184,472	162,220	1.14	\$196,304.37	157,947	1.24
Pine Mountain Regional	23,162	68,411	0.34	26,404	65,369	0.40	\$57,474.85	62,548	0.92
Roddenbery Memorial	26,090	27,273	0.96	33,020	25,865	1.28	\$28,612.56	25,694	1.11
Sara Hightower Regional	271,556	145,862	1.86	271,921	141,598	1.92	\$376,560.32	138,420	2.72
Satilla Regional	31,212	53,772	0.58	25,545	53,298	0.48	\$55,880.94	52,247	1.07
Screven-Jenkins Regional	43,896	24,777	1.77	15,550	23,186	0.67	\$32,289.27	23,559	1.37
Sequoyah Regional	282,075	316,534	0.89	282,433	295,779	0.95	\$308,148.00	295,353	1.04
South Georgia Regional	69,703	128,061	0.54	70,790	134,337	0.53	\$112,932.50	130,825	0.86
Southwest Georgia Regional	93,684	46,169	2.03	74,775	43,433	1.72	\$105,044.90	42,444	2.47
Statesboro Regional	106,213	160,419	0.66	87,426	155,811	0.56	\$107,888.80	153,599	0.70
Thomas County	98,658	49,221	2.00	102,206	45,590	2.24	\$94,218.43	45,517	2.07
Three Rivers Regional	128,365	225,507	0.57	143,986	151,031	0.95	\$180,142.56	146,426	1.23
Troup-Harris Regional	51,119	104,663	0.49	90,989	104,875	0.87	\$101,635.97	104,020	0.98
Twin Lakes	19,913	49,844	0.40	22,126	47,336	0.47	\$33,079.08	46,457	0.71
Uncle Remus Regional	258,834	185,488	1.40	355,813	171,890	2.07	\$179,492.25	167,575	1.07
West Georgia Regional	690,608	483,111	1.43	726,933	465,338	1.56	\$728,301.17	451,656	1.61
Worth County	20,755	22,930	0.91	11,669	22,142	0.53	\$23,044.35	21,236	1.09
Statewide	\$ 16,012,383.93	10,660,977	1.50	\$ 15,560,744.68	10,344,907	1.50	\$ 17,329,645.04	10,250,112	1.69

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Ratio of Local to State Funds Used to Purchase Library Materials in FY 2015



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Ratio of Local to State Funds Used to Purchase Library Materials in FY 2015					
Library System	Local Funds for Library Materials	% Local Exp of Materials	State Funds for Library Materials	% State Exp of Materials	
Athens Regional	\$ 523,267.02	93.24%	\$ 37,924.00	6.76%	
Atlanta-Fulton	1,505,110.00	82.22%	325,502.00	17.78%	
Augusta-Richmond	302,843.00	90.98%	30,007.00	9.02%	
Bartow County	227,111.75	90.90%	22,741.48	9.10%	
Bartram Trail Regional	25,802.07	46.02%	30,263.17	53.98%	
Brooks County	19,043.52	55.31%	15,389.21	44.69%	
Catoosa County	5,407.75	7.41%	67,598.65	92.59%	
Chattahoochee Valley	521,113.71	87.50%	74,412.29	12.50%	
Chattooga County	24,335.37	55.23%	19,725.47	44.77%	
Cherokee Regional	30,735.98	52.17%	28,181.38	47.83%	
Chestatee Regional	104,538.30	92.49%	8,487.37	7.51%	
Clayton County	450,000.00	83.35%	89,891.79	16.65%	
Coastal Plain Regional	25,731.99	30.19%	59,496.23	69.81%	
Cobb County	1,339,578.64	78.11%	375,350.30	21.89%	
Conyers-Rockdale	96,558.17	100.00%	-	0.00%	
Coweta County	35,000.00	36.32%	61,378.42	63.68%	
DeKalb County	1,248,385.60	83.84%	240,671.36	16.16%	
De Soto Trail Regional	21,674.93	64.41%	11,974.42	35.59%	
Dougherty County	291,712.44	88.34%	38,509.79	11.66%	
Elbert County	13,189.92	70.71%	5,464.20	29.29%	
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	9,760.63	38.82%	15,383.60	61.18%	
Flint River Regional	350,742.43	79.71%	89,285.14	20.29%	
Forsyth County	549,664.40	84.82%	98,347.90	15.18%	
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	100,650.00	58.92%	70,175.00	41.08%	
Gwinnett County	1,671,431.31	82.03%	366,201.47	17.97%	
Hall County	99,688.00	58.37%	71,085.00	41.63%	
Hart County	6,357.73	40.54%	9,323.04	59.46%	
Henry County	112,910.79	75.86%	35,937.45	24.14%	
Houston County	114,921.54	77.72%	32,950.59	22.28%	
Jefferson County	13,386.97	70.95%	5,481.14	29.05%	
Kinchafoonee Regional	15,420.55	28.47%	38,752.03	71.53%	
Lake Blackshear Regional	34,406.74	43.05%	45,513.57	56.95%	
Lee County	93,161.57	82.45%	19,833.34	17.55%	
Live Oak	525,093.00	75.65%	169,051.00	24.35%	
Marshes of Glynn	79,314.59	81.23%	18,332.25	18.77%	
Middle Georgia Regional	146,007.39	64.57%	80,104.28	35.43%	
Moultrie-Colquitt County	66,356.28	92.26%	5,566.27	7.74%	
Mountain Regional	52,494.00	81.82%	11,666.00	18.18%	
Newton County	93,003.32	89.71%	10,667.72	10.29%	
Northeast Georgia Regional	102,791.69	86.14%	16,536.21	13.86%	
Northwest Georgia Regional	20,934.64	22.17%	73,501.89	77.83%	
Ocmulgee Regional	14,168.33	32.05%	30,037.58	67.95%	
Oconee Regional	89,956.97	60.81%	57,973.07	39.19%	
Ohoopee Regional	26,760.68	67.66%	12,789.12	32.34%	
Okefenokee Regional	32,203.78	56.54%	24,755.99	43.46%	
Peach County	10,007.17	59.86%	6,709.89	40.14%	
Piedmont Regional	128,531.55	71.32%	51,698.58	28.68%	
Pine Mountain Regional	9,224.02	20.26%	36,297.72	79.74%	
Roddenbery Memorial	8,753.06	47.71%	9,593.21	52.29%	
Sara Hightower Regional	289,202.39	80.04%	72,104.95	19.96%	
Satilla Regional	-	0.00%	37,908.54	100.00%	
Scriven-Jenkins Regional	13,840.15	62.50%	8,304.27	37.50%	
Sequoyah Regional	211,736.84	73.48%	76,411.16	26.52%	
South Georgia Regional	61,891.00	63.21%	36,022.27	36.79%	
Southwest Georgia Regional	77,001.91	81.89%	17,026.56	18.11%	
Statesboro Regional	70,892.29	76.47%	21,817.71	23.53%	
Thomas County	85,167.06	90.39%	9,051.37	9.61%	
Three Rivers Regional	80,650.33	54.14%	68,308.21	45.86%	
Troup-Harris Regional	101,635.97	100.00%	-	0.00%	
Twin Lakes	16,079.22	73.47%	5,806.86	26.53%	
Uncle Remus Regional	140,339.83	86.00%	22,840.90	14.00%	
West Georgia Regional	556,182.36	78.92%	148,595.57	21.08%	
Worth County	9,593.82	41.63%	13,450.53	58.37%	
Statewide	\$ 13,103,456	78.47%	\$ 3,594,167	21.53%	

Expenditures of Georgia's Public Libraries

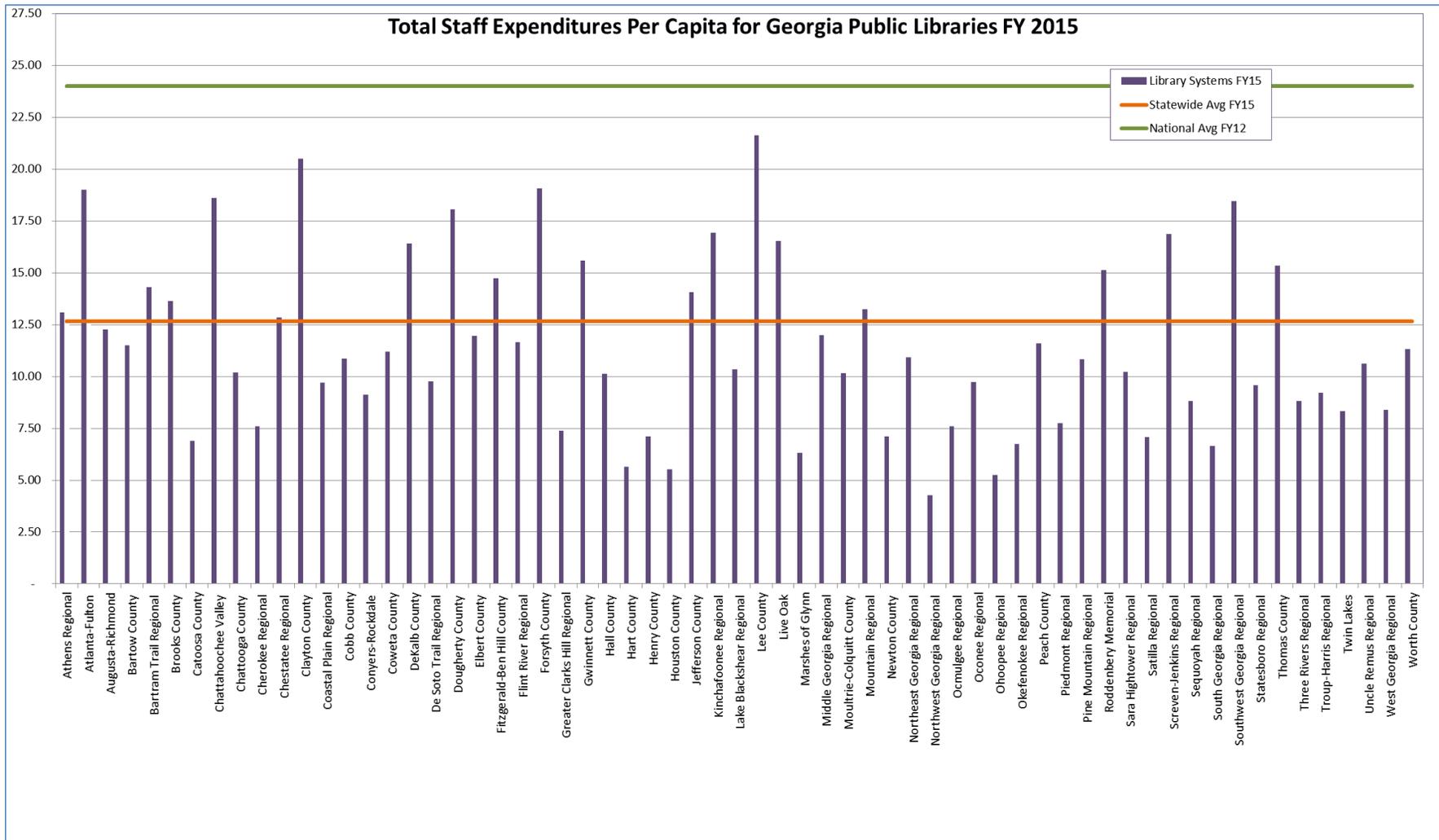
Per Capita Expenditures for Staff in Georgia Public Libraries

- Georgia public libraries spent an average of \$12.64 per capita for staff in FY2015.
- All 63 library systems in Georgia spent less than the FY12 national average per capita of \$23.99 for staff.
- The majority (43) of Georgia public library systems spent less than the state average per capita of \$12.64 for staff.

Total Public Library Expenditures

- Georgia public libraries spent an average of \$18.05 per capita on operating expenditures in FY2015.
- On a per capita basis, all public library systems spent less in FY2015 than the FY2012 national average of \$35.47.
- 33% of Georgia's public library systems spent more per capita than the state average of \$18.05 in FY 2015.
- Georgia ranked 48th out of the United States for public library total operating expenditures in FY2012.

Sources: Annual Reports of Georgia's public library systems for Fiscal Years 2015 and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Public Library Survey for Fiscal Year 2012



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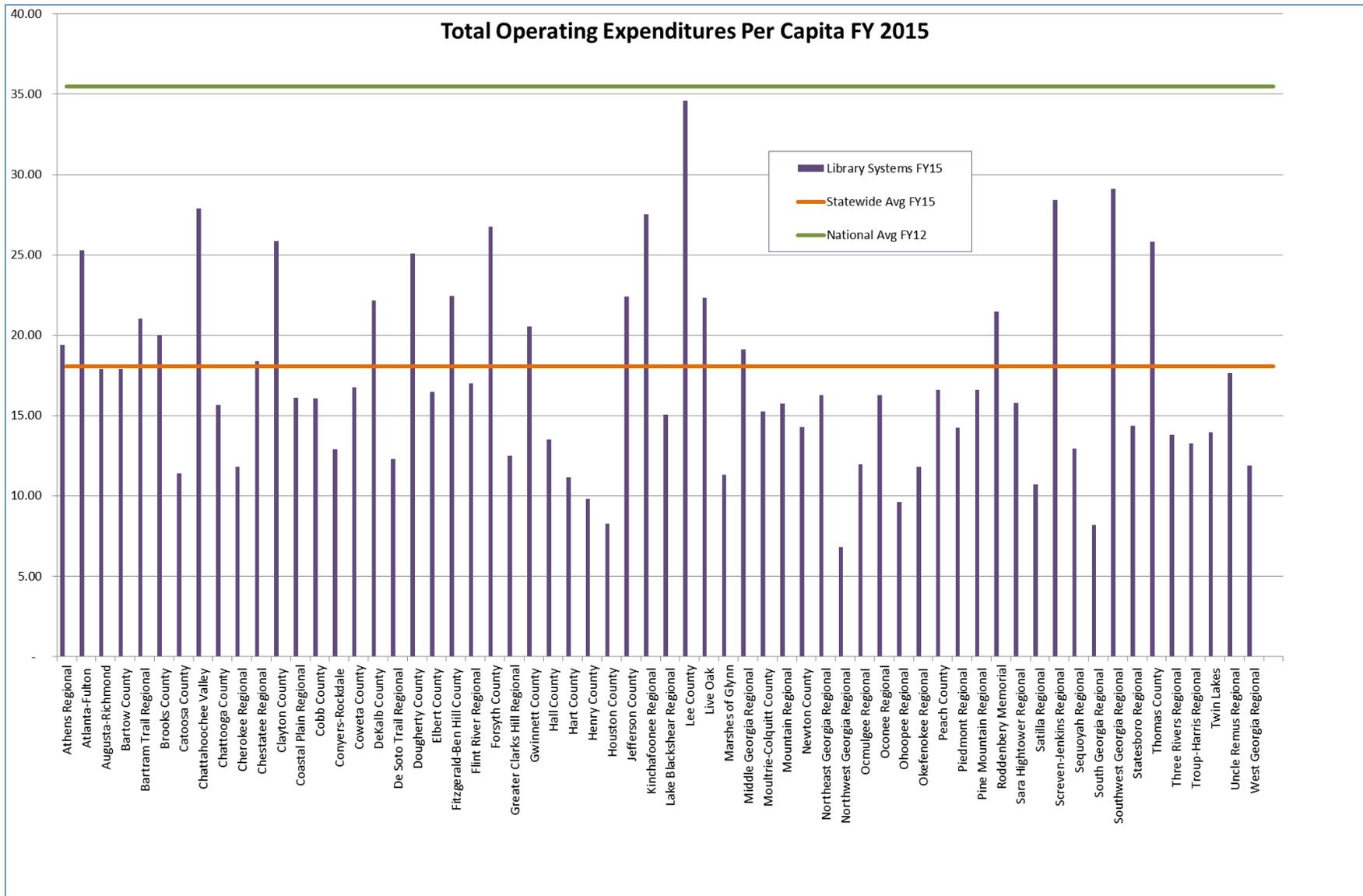
Staff Expenditure Per Capita in Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013-2015

Library System	2013			2014			2015		
	Staff Exp	Population	Per Capita	Staff Exp	Population	Per Capita	Staff Exp	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	\$ 2,797,129	230,121	12.16	\$ 2,854,578	225,833	12.64	\$ 2,931,256	224,115	13.08
Atlanta-Fulton	23,419,794	1,085,024	21.58	21,353,133	995,984	21.44	19,361,172	1,018,601	19.01
Augusta-Richmond							2,496,286	203,625	12.26
Bartow County	1,233,238	110,632	11.15	1,197,357	108,201	11.07	1,189,117	103,438	11.50
Bartram Trail Regional	460,955	36,056	12.78	469,558	34,725	13.52	477,217	33,371	14.30
Brooks County	237,457	16,982	13.98	240,298	16,570	14.50	210,933	15,464	13.64
Catoosa County	430,562	70,780	6.08	406,109	67,318	6.03	457,949	66,522	6.88
Chattahoochee Valley	4,648,907	230,822	20.14	4,646,079	225,186	20.63	4,341,035	233,503	18.59
Chattooga County	247,193	28,333	8.72	249,991	26,579	9.41	256,718	25,171	10.20
Cherokee Regional	652,516	85,896	7.60	643,559	87,589	7.35	646,867	85,272	7.59
Chestatee Regional	661,417	56,985	11.61	671,224	57,167	11.74	709,458	55,252	12.84
Clayton County	3,043,119	285,734	10.65	4,246,801	272,197	15.60	5,526,452	269,649	20.49
Coastal Plain Regional	889,956	100,109	8.89	926,404	98,774	9.38	919,038	94,637	9.71
Cobb County	7,237,912	755,207	9.58	8,152,078	732,504	11.13	7,981,783	735,825	10.85
Conyers-Rockdale	853,177	93,431	9.13	765,814	91,500	8.37	815,292	89,299	9.13
Coweta County	1,763,081	143,680	12.27	1,498,330	140,969	10.63	1,552,010	138,639	11.19
DeKalb County	12,103,571	794,820	15.23	11,743,698	721,520	16.28	11,918,641	726,171	16.41
De Soto Trail Regional	433,922	40,772	10.64	492,419	38,051	12.94	358,756	36,809	9.75
Dougherty County	1,333,375	96,401	13.83	1,275,053	97,331	13.10	1,682,587	93,142	18.06
East Central Georgia Regional	3,300,727	374,200	8.82	2,422,705	234,310	10.34			
Elbert County	219,861	20,799	10.57	227,496	20,247	11.24	233,738	19,537	11.96
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	344,355	18,581	18.53	307,748	18,092	17.01	260,552	17,691	14.73
Flint River Regional	2,882,822	290,657	9.92	3,018,892	269,759	11.19	3,057,967	262,435	11.65
Forsyth County	3,486,797	205,178	16.99	3,911,999	204,585	19.12	3,980,717	209,023	19.04
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				1,278,680	147,943	8.64	1,314,969	178,529	7.37
Gwinnett County	13,011,862	874,489	14.88	13,332,710	891,721	14.95	13,939,615	894,928	15.58
Hall County	1,944,331	217,616	8.93	2,005,642	196,993	10.18	1,966,270	194,153	10.13
Hart County	131,451	26,431	4.97	141,399	25,723	5.50	144,199	25,628	5.63
Henry County	1,445,558	230,273	6.28	1,565,547	230,973	6.78	1,561,106	219,654	7.11
Houston County	850,357	144,980	5.87	816,150	151,582	5.38	841,796	152,213	5.53
Jefferson County	291,434	16,430	17.74	313,551	17,256	18.17	228,912	16,286	14.06
Kinchafoonee Regional	539,421	32,010	16.85	508,476	32,515	15.64	516,891	30,517	16.94
Lake Blackshear Regional	726,141	74,208	9.79	745,607	78,425	9.51	764,578	73,963	10.34
Lee County	608,243	39,765	15.30	643,801	30,127	21.37	651,410	30,113	21.63
Live Oak	6,378,719	398,879	15.99	6,626,368	406,815	16.29	6,751,040	408,098	16.54
Marshes of Glynn				461,961	83,648	5.52	527,010	83,355	6.32
Middle Georgia Regional	3,101,521	239,410	12.95	2,940,073	236,235	12.45	2,745,032	228,846	12.00
Moultrie-Colquitt County	502,140	49,320	10.18	505,939	47,638	10.62	479,895	47,235	10.16
Mountain Regional	804,043	62,848	12.79	790,539	57,920	13.65	750,595	56,748	13.23
Newton County	784,722	120,070	6.54	746,133	110,140	6.77	757,649	106,470	7.12
Northeast Georgia Regional	1,415,237	120,015	11.79	1,411,557	117,598	12.00	1,250,312	114,553	10.91
Northwest Georgia Regional	701,266	206,052	3.40	758,036	207,400	3.65	860,413	200,915	4.28
Ocmulgee Regional	663,965	75,052	8.85	670,043	83,071	8.07	599,347	79,019	7.58
Oconee Regional	926,634	93,654	9.89	965,460	92,264	10.46	865,494	88,844	9.74
Ochopree Regional	547,134	79,034	6.92	475,034	80,456	5.90	409,400	77,844	5.26
Okfenokee Regional	666,320	92,560	7.20	644,617	94,635	6.81	622,339	92,273	6.74
Peach County	341,962	28,999	11.79	348,173	29,740	11.71	315,182	27,214	11.58
Piedmont Regional	1,533,629	175,640	8.73	1,666,807	162,220	10.27	1,222,903	157,947	7.74
Pine Mountain Regional	664,554	68,411	9.71	664,335	65,369	10.16	676,507	62,548	10.82
Roddenbery Memorial	412,653	27,273	15.13	415,374	25,865	16.06	388,575	25,694	15.12
Sara Hightower Regional	1,492,401	145,862	10.23	1,459,289	141,598	10.31	1,415,032	138,420	10.22
Satilla Regional	334,061	53,772	6.21	354,370	53,298	6.65	369,736	52,247	7.08
Screven-Jenkins Regional	489,764	24,777	19.77	424,198	23,186	18.30	397,436	23,559	16.87
Sequoyah Regional	2,654,003	316,534	8.38	2,643,983	295,779	8.94	2,606,629	295,353	8.83
South Georgia Regional	1,058,888	128,061	8.27	1,040,596	134,337	7.75	870,738	130,825	6.66
Southwest Georgia Regional	713,255	46,169	15.45	813,000	43,433	18.72	783,688	42,444	18.46
Statesboro Regional	1,394,340	160,419	8.69	1,421,279	155,811	9.12	1,471,118	153,599	9.58
Thomas County	739,710	49,221	15.03	695,013	45,590	15.24	698,058	45,517	15.34
Three Rivers Regional	1,524,617	225,507	6.76	1,084,674	151,031	7.18	1,290,922	146,426	8.82
Troup-Harris Regional	780,016	104,663	7.45	1,032,673	104,875	9.85	958,041	104,020	9.21
Twin Lakes	474,413	49,844	9.52	407,012	47,336	8.60	386,080	46,457	8.31
Uncle Remus Regional	1,541,935	185,488	8.31	1,638,227	171,890	9.53	1,776,163	167,575	10.60
West Georgia Regional	3,337,678	483,111	6.91	3,520,453	465,338	7.57	3,782,541	451,656	8.37
Worth County	239,907	22,930	10.46	239,833	22,142	10.83	240,502	21,236	11.33
Statewide	\$ 128,450,126	10,660,977	12.05	\$ 129,937,933	10,344,907	12.56	\$ 129,563,664	10,250,112	12.64
Statewide FY 2015	12.64			National FY 2012		23.99			
Statewide FY 2012	12.36			Georgia State Ranking		48			

Note: FY2013 totals have been restated to include Benefits Expense

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Expenditure Per Capita in Georgia Public Libraries - FY 2013-2015										
Library System	2013			2014			2015			
	All Lib Exp	Population	Per Capita	All Lib Exp	Population	Per Capita	All Lib Exp	Population	Per Capita	
Athens Regional	\$ 4,129,844	230,121	17.95	\$ 4,578,182	225,833	20.27	\$ 4,343,122	224,115	19.38	
Atlanta-Fulton	30,938,653	1,085,024	28.51	28,942,020	995,984	29.06	25,777,219	1,018,601	25.31	
Augusta-Richmond							3,647,511	203,625	17.91	
Bartow County	1,779,153	110,632	16.08	1,779,729	108,201	16.45	1,852,843	103,438	17.91	
Bartram Trail Regional	618,573	36,056	17.16	697,685	34,725	20.09	701,202	33,371	21.01	
Brooks County	296,926	16,982	17.48	325,912	16,570	19.67	309,186	15,464	19.99	
Catoosa County	636,091	70,780	8.99	685,213	67,318	10.18	759,236	66,522	11.41	
Chattahoochee Valley	6,595,195	230,822	28.57	6,505,339	225,186	28.89	6,515,473	233,503	27.90	
Chattooga County	382,937	28,333	13.52	408,717	26,579	15.38	393,736	25,171	15.64	
Cherokee Regional	890,874	85,896	10.37	977,894	87,589	11.16	1,007,329	85,272	11.81	
Chestatee Regional	967,857	56,985	16.98	1,014,334	57,167	17.74	1,015,762	55,252	18.38	
Clayton County	3,944,371	285,734	13.80	5,093,767	272,197	18.71	6,974,802	269,649	25.87	
Coastal Plain Regional	1,456,401	100,109	14.55	1,533,126	98,774	15.52	1,525,695	94,637	16.12	
Cobb County	10,488,862	755,207	13.89	11,631,461	732,504	15.88	11,810,869	735,825	16.05	
Conyers-Rockdale	1,227,051	93,431	13.13	1,122,994	91,500	12.27	1,150,498	89,299	12.88	
Coweta County	2,380,176	143,680	16.57	2,341,576	140,969	16.61	2,325,181	138,639	16.77	
DeKalb County	15,158,716	794,820	19.07	14,825,324	721,520	20.55	16,092,608	726,171	22.16	
De Soto Trail Regional	574,742	40,772	14.10	710,937	38,051	18.68	452,548	36,809	12.29	
Dougherty County	1,843,317	96,401	19.12	1,802,614	97,331	18.52	2,335,310	93,142	25.07	
East Central Georgia Regional	5,447,517	374,200	14.56	3,616,018	234,310	15.43				
Elbert County	305,821	20,799	14.70	293,336	20,247	14.49	321,628	19,537	16.46	
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	440,909	18,581	23.73	392,890	18,092	21.72	397,359	17,691	22.46	
Flint River Regional	4,154,125	290,657	14.29	4,511,757	269,759	16.73	4,463,296	262,435	17.01	
Forsyth County	4,777,710	205,178	23.29	5,417,902	204,585	26.48	5,593,357	209,023	26.76	
Greater Clarks Hill Regional				2,057,620	147,943	13.91	2,226,575	178,529	12.47	
Gwinnett County	18,058,778	874,489	20.65	17,830,498	891,721	20.00	18,378,803	894,928	20.54	
Hall County	2,532,975	217,616	11.64	2,601,585	196,993	13.21	2,625,695	194,153	13.52	
Hart County	262,943	26,431	9.95	262,138	25,723	10.19	285,424	25,628	11.14	
Henry County	1,911,476	230,273	8.30	2,070,150	230,973	8.96	2,150,349	219,654	9.79	
Houston County	1,215,710	144,980	8.39	1,211,458	151,582	7.99	1,256,640	152,213	8.26	
Jefferson County	397,554	16,430	24.20	427,649	17,256	24.78	364,542	16,286	22.38	
Kinchafoonee Regional	771,452	32,010	24.10	740,993	32,515	22.79	839,888	30,517	27.52	
Lake Blackshear Regional	1,067,613	74,208	14.39	1,073,077	78,425	13.68	1,113,734	73,963	15.06	
Lee County	918,659	39,765	23.10	1,071,314	30,127	35.56	1,041,967	30,113	34.60	
Live Oak	8,550,165	398,879	21.44	8,955,943	406,815	22.01	9,111,389	408,098	22.33	
Marshes of Glynn				734,792	83,648	8.78	942,127	83,355	11.30	
Middle Georgia Regional	4,560,262	239,410	19.05	4,533,425	236,235	19.19	4,378,140	228,846	19.13	
Moultrie-Colquitt County	704,348	49,320	14.28	726,638	47,638	15.25	720,922	47,235	15.26	
Mountain Regional	1,050,438	62,848	16.71	1,091,791	57,920	18.85	892,375	56,748	15.73	
Newton County	1,219,033	120,070	10.15	1,566,629	110,140	14.22	1,521,243	106,470	14.29	
Northeast Georgia Regional	1,880,219	120,015	15.67	1,853,079	117,598	15.76	1,864,496	114,553	16.28	
Northwest Georgia Regional	1,082,577	206,052	5.25	1,173,964	207,400	5.66	1,367,717	200,915	6.81	
Ocmulgee Regional	950,803	75,052	12.67	975,169	83,071	11.74	945,430	79,019	11.96	
Oconee Regional	1,532,268	93,654	16.36	1,548,779	92,264	16.79	1,445,805	88,844	16.27	
Ohoopsee Regional	788,389	79,034	9.98	713,283	80,456	8.87	748,455	77,844	9.61	
Okfenokee Regional	986,977	92,560	10.66	944,596	94,635	9.98	1,090,612	92,273	11.82	
Peach County	460,304	28,999	15.87	483,290	29,740	16.25	451,810	27,214	16.60	
Piedmont Regional	2,251,622	175,640	12.82	2,535,486	162,220	15.63	2,248,856	157,947	14.24	
Pine Mountain Regional	774,903	68,411	11.33	856,533	65,369	13.10	1,037,683	62,548	16.59	
Roddenberry Memorial	553,032	27,273	20.28	581,800	25,865	22.49	551,929	25,694	21.48	
Sara Hightower Regional	2,330,193	145,862	15.98	2,192,291	141,598	15.48	2,184,555	138,420	15.78	
Satilla Regional	455,774	53,772	8.48	478,104	53,298	8.97	560,085	52,247	10.72	
Screven-Jenkins Regional	714,442	24,777	28.83	634,056	23,186	27.35	669,447	23,559	28.42	
Sequoyah Regional	3,586,991	316,534	11.33	3,869,362	295,779	13.08	3,815,427	295,353	12.92	
South Georgia Regional	1,455,527	128,061	11.37	1,399,649	134,337	10.42	1,069,150	130,825	8.17	
Southwest Georgia Regional	1,070,561	46,169	23.19	1,173,637	43,433	27.02	1,235,936	42,444	29.12	
Statesboro Regional	1,928,249	160,419	12.02	1,980,854	155,811	12.71	2,204,876	153,599	14.35	
Thomas County	1,128,820	49,221	22.93	1,164,018	45,590	25.53	1,174,592	45,517	25.81	
Three Rivers Regional	2,299,329	225,507	10.20	1,770,675	151,031	11.72	2,021,996	146,426	13.81	
Troup-Harris Regional	1,232,262	104,663	11.77	1,419,360	104,875	13.53	1,380,846	104,020	13.27	
Twin Lakes	679,394	49,844	13.63	596,166	47,336	12.59	648,068	46,457	13.95	
Uncle Remus Regional	2,657,683	185,488	14.33	2,899,051	171,890	16.87	2,959,319	167,575	17.66	
West Georgia Regional	4,872,075	483,111	10.08	5,246,806	465,338	11.28	5,373,326	451,656	11.90	
Worth County	323,750	22,930	14.12	330,620	22,142	14.93	326,483	21,236	15.37	
Statewide	\$ 178,653,368	10,660,977	16.76	\$ 182,985,052.78	10,344,907	17.69	\$ 184,992,477.97	10,250,112	18.05	
Statewide FY 2015	18.05			National FY 2012		35.47				
Statewide FY 2012	17.25			Georgia State Ranking		48				

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Key Services of GPLS for Georgia's Public Libraries

- Represent and advocate for public libraries at the state and national levels
- Administer state and federal grants
- Administer the capital construction and MRR grant programs
- Provide consulting services through phone and email correspondence and on-site visits
- Provide training for library staff and trustees
- Promote and facilitate resource sharing and strategic partnerships
- Coordinate statewide programs that promote family literacy for children and parents
- Coordinate statewide library statistics
- Provide funding, support, and management of broadband networks statewide
- Provide centralized support and hosting for cloud computing for public access computers
- Provide web-hosting and e-mail hosting
- Administer and support PINES -- The **P**ublic **I**nformation **N**etwork for **E**lectronic **S**ervices, the Georgia public library automation and lending network
- Provide Help Desk support for PINES and technology needs, available via online access and toll-free phone number
- Provide access to GALILEO, both on-site at all libraries and at home for validated patrons
- Administer GLASS which provides library services and accessible technology for readers whose physical abilities require the use of books and magazines in audio or braille formats
- Provide a professional materials collection for practicing librarians and for library school students

Expenditures and Staffing of GPLS - FY 2015

- In Fiscal Year 2015, total state funding for Georgia Public Library Service was approximately \$32.3 million, 80.5% of which was distributed directly to public libraries under the grants program.

- Georgia Public Library Service used 8.6% of its budget for agency operations while 10.9% was spent on on-behalf services to libraries, including the costs of coordinating the statewide public library initiatives of PINES, GALILEO and Internet services.

- A total of **52** positions are allocated for the Georgia Public Library Service. Only **47** of these are currently filled.
 - GLASS – 17 FTE
 - PINES and IT – 14 FTE
 - Library Development – 5 FTE
 - Administration and Business Services – 11 FTE

GPLS – FY2015 Benchmarks and Milestones

PINES

- Continued to facilitate resource sharing, with IntraPINES loans of 632,540.
- Circulated 15,472,156 items as of FY15.
- Over 2.4 million PINES library cards in use during FY15.
- Extended and continued to maintain the PINES integrated library computer system in 53 public library systems and served patrons in all 159 Georgia counties
- Contracted with a courier (book delivery) service among all public library system central facilities and University System of Georgia (USG) academic libraries, making the collections of these libraries truly a statewide resource.
- Participated in the wider Evergreen community by mentoring new Evergreen libraries and by continuing cooperative software development efforts.
- Provided quarterly scheduled training and customized on-demand sessions for the PINES member library systems.

General Public Library Support

- Continued to work with libraries and local funding agencies to maintain excellence in services through challenging economic times.
- Provided continuing support to Friends of Georgia Libraries.
- Continued to provide training for library staff and trustees through both instructor-led training on demand and through scholarships to training offered by outside vendors.
- Provided local strategic planning assistance to public library systems.
- Continued to administer and utilize funds provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act toward the

improvement and enhancement of library services in Georgia.

- Continued to coordinate, gather, and publish public library statistics for information, decision-making, and advocacy.

Planning and Construction

- Consulted with public library stakeholders in the development and implementation of public library design standards.
- Continued to work with the Georgia State Financing and Investing Commission in funding for construction and with public libraries in implementation of capital outlay programs.
- Coordinated Georgia's public library planning and construction program, a match program assisting in new library construction as well as renovations and additions
- Completed over 60 state funded projects since 2005 with an additional 25 projects in the planning process awaiting awards
- Total grant funding between FY05 and FY15 has approximately been \$104 million

Youth Services

- In FY2015, helped public libraries strengthen local partnerships with agencies, institutions, businesses, and groups by coordinating LSTA funded PRIME TIME Family Reading Time® programs at 11 sites in nine library systems (Athens Regional Library System, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System, Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, DeKalb County Public Library, Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County Library

System, Gwinnett County Public Library, Marshes of Glynn Libraries, Roddenbery Memorial Library, Three Rivers Regional Library System)

- 2,970 children and caregivers attended these PRIME TIME programs in FY15
- In FY15, Georgia's statewide Summer Reading Program enjoyed attendance of 524,524, an increase of almost 20% over FY14
- GPLS was awarded and then coordinated a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services for B4: Birth to 4, Georgia's Early Literacy Initiative
- Partnered with other agencies such as Georgia Humanities, Voices for Georgia's Children, Bright From the Start, Get Georgia Reading Campaign, and the Path2College 529 College Savings Plan, to help strengthen Georgia libraries' youth services programs

Services for the Blind and Others Requiring Books and Magazines in Audio Formats or in Braille

- Provided library services for the blind and others whose physical abilities require the use of books and magazines in audio format or in braille, through Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS), a network of libraries and a central distribution center
- GLASS provided materials to 15,593 registered users across Georgia in FY15
- GLASS circulated (mailed) 328,640 items to eligible enrolled readers in Georgia
- GLASS provided access to digital titles that were downloaded 102,991 times in FY15.
- Promoted emphasis on outreach and patron services at the local level
- Hosted the 2015 Georgia Accessibility Conference where librarians from public libraries across the state learned about

ways to provide library services to people with special needs.

- Continued to assist readers with the transition from audio cassette to a digital book and magazine collection.
- Recorded books by Georgia authors to be added to the BARD digital download catalog.
- Developed a partnership with PINES libraries to enhance service delivery for GLASS patrons

Strategic Partnerships

- Georgia Public Library Service partners with a number of state and private organizations to provide an additional layer of support and awareness for the state's public libraries. These partnership programs have educated and entertained thousands of Georgia residents while saving more than \$12 million in direct expenditures and providing hundreds of hours of free programming for public libraries.
- Strategic partnership programs were renewed with Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites, the Atlanta Braves, the Atlanta Hawks, Zoo Atlanta, the Center for Puppetry Arts, the Georgia Center for the Book, Georgia's Path2College 529 Plan, the Go Fish Education Center, Georgia Council for the Arts, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and VSA Arts of Georgia's Arts for All Gallery.
- Public library system websites hosted by GPLS experienced a 79% increase in traffic between 2014 and 2015, reaching a total of 2,839,771 individual visits. The number of hits on those websites' pages topped 121 million — up 12% from 2014. GPLS also saw social media interest in public libraries increase between 2014 and 2015, with Facebook followers increasing by 41% and Twitter followers by 23%.

Technology-based Support

- Provided a centralized resource for broadband network management and E-Rate application support, assisting the libraries with vendor management, contract negotiation, and fiscal and billing reconciliation.
- Provided maintenance and support for servers hosting centralized email and SPAM filtering for 47 library systems
- Provided technical support, maintenance, and hosting of websites for 30 library systems
- Circulated 5 Technology Loaner Kits, consisting of over 25 pieces of hardware, allowing staff and patron access to emerging and innovative technologies, including Virtual Reality and 3D Printing.
- In the form of workshops, presentations and individual talks, provided outreach featuring technology related services and programming in order to raise awareness of technology trends and adoptions in public libraries.
- In FY15, hosted a Technology Boot Camp, an initiative of GPLS to bring together IT professionals from libraries to share experiences and ideas and to explore opportunities made possible by emerging technologies, resulting in a clearinghouse of current IT trends and practices: <http://galibtech.org/>
- Provision of a help desk for library technology – closed over 670 IT inquiries.
- Hosted and supported cloud-based public access computers for the majority of Georgia public libraries

Continuing Education and Training

- In FY15, GPLS hosted 25 live continuing education and training events for library staff, accounting for 115 hours of instruction and reaching 1,218 staff members.
- Administered Georgia Library Education Network (GLEAN) access for over 2,500 public, school and academic library employees
- Provided 5000+ on-demand e-learning courses through GLEAN to a diverse audience of eligible employees
- Collaborated with other state library agencies to provide Georgia libraries with monthly, comprehensive listings of free webinars covering a range of industry-related competencies and subject areas.
- Promoted flexible training and continuing education programs in individual library systems by providing public libraries free access to WebEx Enterprise Edition.

Resource Sharing

- Administered the reciprocal borrowing and lending activity of more than 200 GOLD multi-type member libraries resulting in lending 152,282 items and borrowing 120,589 through interlibrary loans during FY15.
- Purchased group access to OCLC Services for all public libraries, including a group catalog, that allows patrons access to resources beyond their library's holdings.
- Paid GALILEO Resource Fees for all 63 public library systems to provide patron access to the statewide virtual library.
- Purchased group access to the RDA Toolkit for all public libraries
- Continued to support Georgia HomePLACE as a component of the Digital Library of Georgia.

Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) – History

- A state library agency has existed in Georgia since the late 19th century.
- From 1943-1996, the agency was a unit of the Georgia Department of Education.
- From 1996-2000, the agency was a unit of the Georgia Department of Technical and Adult Education, now Technical College System of Georgia.
- Since 2000, GPLS has been a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia.

Data Sources

Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) produced this current picture of the 63 public library systems of Georgia using statistical data from a variety of sources:

- Annual Reports of public library systems for Fiscal Years 2000-2015;
- The Institute of Museum and Library Services report, Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2012 (<http://harvester.census.gov/imls/publib.asp>).

Other information contained in this document came from records of projects initiated and completed by the staff of Georgia Public Library Service.

NOTE: Data in this report is subject to IMLS review in 2016 during the Public Library Survey collection process.

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