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Introduction

The *Peer Group Medians, FY2006*, is a featured report published intermittently in the public library *Data for Massachusetts* series. The last *Peer Group Medians* report compiled FY2004 data.

The purpose of the report is to help readers identify similar, peer libraries based on the population and per capita equalized property valuation (EQV) of the municipality in which the library is located. The peer group designations for each municipality are listed on pages 7 -11. In a cross-tabulation format using population and EQV ranges, the *Peer Group Medians* report displays the median values for various service and support indicators reported by Massachusetts public libraries in municipalities within those ranges.

Medians are provided for these indicators of library service: annual hours open, adult and children's programs held, computers accessing the Internet, and per capita direct circulation, reference and attendance. Medians are displayed for these indicators of library support: per capita total appropriated municipal income, materials expenditure and total operating expenditures, and MLS full-time equivalency (FTE).

Table 1 on page 6 displays in the first column ranges of the 2005 population figures and the header row displays ranges of the 2006 equalized valuation (EQV) per capita. Each cell in the table shows the number of municipalities falling within each peer group, excluding three municipalities that do not have public libraries. For this report, the municipalities of Hamilton and Wenham are treated as one because they closed their individual libraries and opened a joint library located in Hamilton during FY2002.

Using the Report

To locate a peer group and its median value for an indicator:

1. find the population and the per capita EQV values of the municipality of interest from the list on pages 1-5 or the corresponding peer group designations from pages 7-11,
2. select from Tables 2 - 11 a library service or support indicator of interest,
3. on the selected table using the population and per capita EQV values or the peer group designations, locate the intersecting cell for the municipality of interest. This cell contains the median value of all the values reported by libraries within the specified population and EQV ranges.

For example, using Table 2, (Annual Hours Open Medians), a municipality with a population

of 5,500 and a per capita EQV of \$50,000 would look at the intersection of row C (5,000 - 9,999 population) and column 1 (less than \$100,827 per cap EQV) to locate peer municipalities. The cell at that intersection shows a median of 1,924 hours open to the public during FY2006 reported by libraries in those population and EQV groupings.

To find the indicator value for a particular library (including its branches and bookmobiles) or totaled for all multiple independent libraries in a municipality, consult the list arranged by municipality on pages 22 through 32.

The 2006 library data was submitted on the FY2007 Annual Report Information Survey and the FY2007 Financial Report form. The EQV data is from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

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Public Library List - 2005 Population and 2006 Equalized Valuations per Capita

Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita	Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita
Abington	16,351	127,206	Boxborough	5,062	216,835
Acton	20,562	190,119	Boxford	8,177	237,338
Acushnet	10,544	115,129	Boylston	4,259	170,402
Adams	8,455	55,093	Braintree	33,681	174,539
Agawam	28,599	96,387	Brewster	10,242	380,086
Alford	400	510,134	Bridgewater	25,720	109,122
Amesbury	16,643	130,639	Brimfield	3,639	111,663
Amherst	34,047	63,187	Brockton	94,632	82,296
Andover	33,042	222,553	Brookfield	3,096	91,908
Aquinnah	356	1,678,031	Brookline	55,590	266,716
Arlington	41,224	174,391	Buckland	1,995	96,666
Ashburnham	5,981	111,251	Burlington	23,299	195,867
Ashby	2,930	123,424	Cambridge	100,135	244,964
Ashfield	1,825	125,851	Canton	21,571	203,251
Ashland	15,551	161,446	Carlisle	4,829	316,996
Athol	11,697	68,123	Carver	11,562	109,484
Attleboro	43,382	101,919	Charlemont	1,388	83,964
Auburn	16,400	129,058	Charlton	12,475	117,039
Avon	4,340	202,473	Chatham	6,832	897,961
Ayer	7,228	139,440	Chelmsford	33,759	158,903
Barnstable	47,826	313,110	Chelsea	32,518	81,251
Barre	5,380	85,905	Cheshire	3,357	76,485
Becket	1,786	235,421	Chester	1,321	80,858
Bedford	12,462	236,475	Chesterfield	1,272	107,276
Belchertown	13,958	93,545	Chicopee	54,680	58,741
Bellingham	15,784	158,963	Chilmark	945	3,077,539
Belmont	23,371	236,985	Clarksburg	1,663	63,014
Berkley	6,375	132,955	Clinton	13,995	90,315
Berlin	2,689	208,476	Cohasset	7,222	329,966
Bernardston	2,238	87,606	Colrain	1,859	75,012
Beverly	39,876	150,678	Concord	16,833	319,957
Billerica	39,963	148,352	Conway	1,905	120,274
Blackstone	9,057	114,038	Cummington	988	116,681
Blandford	1,267	118,785	Dalton	6,700	85,807
Bolton	4,435	230,230	Danvers	26,045	174,306
Boston	559,034	156,966	Dartmouth	31,389	185,351
Bourne	19,356	238,344	Dedham	23,736	179,589

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Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita	Municipality	2005 Population	2006 EQV per Capita
Deerfield	4,786	140,162	Granville	1,647	104,661
Dennis	15,891	426,202	Great Barrington	7,441	149,816
Dighton	6,665	140,355	Greenfield	17,834	74,051
Douglas	7,885	130,074	Groton	10,437	159,049
Dover	5,641	434,270	Groveland	6,608	145,329
Dracut	28,892	114,640	Hadley	4,822	182,979
Dudley	10,812	91,680	Halifax	7,809	121,808
Dunstable	3,154	165,205	Hamilton-Wenham	12,999	186,164
Duxbury	14,660	261,747	Hampden	5,318	100,398
East Bridgewater	13,859	118,571	Hancock	1,026	273,565
East Brookfield	2,111	119,243	Hanover	14,101	183,752
East Longmeadow	14,886	119,436	Hanson	9,926	132,747
Eastham	5,551	553,997	Hardwick	2,655	93,325
Easthampton	16,004	82,333	Harvard	6,074	203,027
Easton	23,028	139,028	Harwich	12,675	420,425
Edgartown	3,935	1,567,720	Hatfield	3,282	139,638
Egremont	1,356	308,129	Haverhill	60,242	102,902
Erving	1,544	382,899	Heath	805	100,827
Essex	3,346	248,162	Hingham	21,507	254,774
Everett	36,837	128,960	Hinsdale	1,811	127,503
Fairhaven	16,222	130,176	Holbrook	10,775	119,377
Fall River	91,802	70,062	Holden	16,592	126,415
Falmouth	33,644	364,041	Holland	2,536	140,619
Fitchburg	40,045	66,703	Holliston	13,847	156,677
Florida	667	177,387	Holyoke	39,958	52,078
Foxborough	16,313	166,326	Hopedale	6,243	125,813
Framingham	65,060	143,285	Hopkinton	14,112	224,238
Franklin	30,893	159,461	Hubbardston	4,352	106,675
Freetown	8,979	147,849	Hudson	18,943	134,811
Gardner	20,908	63,926	Hull	11,280	195,500
Georgetown	8,041	165,094	Huntington	2,182	82,465
Gill	1,393	82,123	Ipswich	13,302	207,552
Gloucester	30,713	198,392	Kingston	12,457	168,372
Goshen	957	126,544	Lakeville	10,639	153,737
Gosnold	86	2,856,193	Lancaster	6,845	130,077
Grafton	16,890	137,505	Lanesborough	2,953	131,033
Granby	6,344	90,277	Lawrence	71,314	53,698

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Lee	5,885	130,466	Millis	7,964	141,374
Leicester	10,967	90,409	Millville	2,943	106,041
Lenox	5,156	217,129	Milton	26,034	188,940
Leominster	41,804	95,287	Monroe	100	182,803
Leverett	1,772	148,578	Monson	8,763	80,730
Lexington	30,266	272,013	Montague	8,408	79,860
Leyden	816	87,786	Monterey	961	479,310
Lincoln	7,931	256,991	Montgomery	745	130,412
Littleton	8,589	180,604	Mount Washington	135	494,433
Longmeadow	15,569	136,442	Nahant	3,591	234,234
Lowell	103,111	70,944	Nantucket	10,168	1,727,189
Ludlow	21,946	79,424	Natick	31,943	204,190
Lunenburg	10,024	134,172	Needham	28,418	257,151
Lynn	88,792	81,749	New Bedford	93,102	68,116
Lynnfield	11,546	219,994	New Braintree	1,092	100,880
Malden	55,871	104,879	New Marlborough	1,525	299,563
Manchester-by-the-Sea	5,335	398,240	New Salem	988	109,946
Mansfield	22,977	153,680	Newbury	7,002	200,669
Marblehead	20,297	275,059	Newburyport	17,414	203,805
Marion	5,319	339,405	Newton	83,158	259,802
Marlborough	37,444	140,022	Norfolk	10,490	147,382
Marshfield	24,890	192,327	North Adams	14,010	45,891
Mashpee	14,280	354,895	North Andover	27,155	171,201
Mattapoissett	6,479	264,936	North Attleborough	28,133	142,687
Maynard	10,230	132,265	North Brookfield	4,814	86,257
Medfield	12,343	197,298	North Reading	13,949	192,647
Medford	53,523	139,577	Northampton	28,715	103,604
Medway	12,812	147,550	Northborough	14,675	168,013
Melrose	26,365	147,992	Northbridge	14,216	119,230
Mendon	5,754	164,235	Northfield	3,230	114,110
Merrimac	6,360	124,946	Norton	19,169	124,719
Methuen	44,609	115,746	Norwell	10,396	237,191
Middleborough	21,198	122,101	Norwood	28,478	161,392
Middlefield	549	100,433	Oak Bluffs	3,787	739,150
Middleton	9,273	181,488	Oakham	1,897	112,266
Milford	27,519	124,600	Orange	7,667	66,836
Millbury	13,459	114,476	Orleans	6,458	616,568

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Otis	1,393	397,125	Saugus	26,915	160,837
Oxford	13,718	99,953	Savoy	725	84,994
Palmer	12,925	75,789	Scituate	18,120	238,852
Paxton	4,558	120,423	Seekonk	13,668	156,577
Peabody	51,239	151,414	Sharon	17,207	176,003
Pelham	1,416	105,603	Sheffield	3,366	164,234
Pembroke	18,095	142,956	Shelburne	2,054	106,873
Pepperell	11,408	115,923	Sherborn	4,223	297,386
Peru	837	88,681	Shirley	7,612	86,511
Petersham	1,285	122,879	Shrewsbury	33,174	151,986
Phillipston	1,755	114,442	Shutesbury	1,846	116,859
Pittsfield	43,860	70,422	Somerset	18,570	152,013
Plainfield	600	140,371	Somerville	74,963	116,862
Plainville	8,022	145,841	South Hadley	17,063	84,056
Plymouth	54,923	181,373	Southampton	5,841	96,927
Plympton	2,781	155,028	Southborough	9,559	245,584
Princeton	3,523	146,923	Southbridge	17,234	65,873
Provincetown	3,426	746,148	Southwick	9,548	97,398
Quincy	90,250	138,358	Spencer	12,092	95,610
Randolph	30,468	115,678	Springfield	151,732	46,918
Raynham	13,498	151,835	Sterling	7,770	147,589
Reading	23,164	170,632	Stockbridge	2,256	346,893
Rehoboth	11,256	153,202	Stoneham	21,582	155,053
Revere	45,807	110,234	Stoughton	26,692	140,739
Richmond	1,620	248,127	Stow	6,179	196,319
Rochester	5,310	156,383	Sturbridge	8,860	147,669
Rockland	17,839	114,560	Sudbury	17,066	249,672
Rockport	7,763	251,479	Sunderland	3,803	92,437
Rowe	350	874,956	Sutton	8,989	148,199
Rowley	5,845	165,385	Swampscott	14,288	192,465
Royalston	1,368	101,863	Swansea	16,250	139,177
Russell	1,727	70,082	Taunton	56,251	108,012
Rutland	7,446	104,514	Templeton	7,491	86,166
Salem	41,756	117,907	Tewksbury	29,043	150,300
Salisbury	8,284	179,764	Tisbury	3,812	717,198
Sandisfield	831	256,392	Tolland	447	365,687
Sandwich	20,726	220,966	Topsfield	6,183	210,414

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Townsend	9,285	101,766	Whitman	14,439	106,527
Truro	2,164	1,041,118	Wilbraham	14,003	117,979
Tyngsborough	11,338	134,101	Williamsburg	2,434	119,035
Tyringham	352	429,140	Williamstown	8,238	122,713
Upton	6,397	175,873	Wilmington	21,472	173,897
Uxbridge	12,409	129,068	Winchendon	10,104	75,076
Wakefield	24,575	169,358	Winchester	21,181	265,146
Wales	1,821	86,921	Windsor	858	107,897
Walpole	23,112	176,240	Winthrop	17,069	125,465
Waltham	59,556	155,558	Woburn	37,147	165,838
Ware	10,005	75,005	Worcester	175,898	71,943
Wareham	21,296	185,978	Worthington	1,292	109,812
Warren	5,045	72,072	Wrentham	11,093	175,016
Warwick	763	100,704	Yarmouth	24,621	265,682
Watertown	32,303	178,097			
Wayland	13,002	261,786			
Webster	16,851	98,892			
Wellesley	26,978	353,012			
Wellfleet	2,822	868,207			
Wendell	1,036	77,861			
West Boylston	7,699	118,366			
West Bridgewater	6,821	167,563			
West Brookfield	3,895	104,778			
West Newbury	4,306	202,985			
West Springfield	27,989	85,273			
West Stockbridge	1,452	241,659			
West Tisbury	2,671	955,753			
Westborough	18,732	199,672			
Westfield	40,525	74,203			
Westford	21,461	182,844			
Westhampton	1,568	134,541			
Westminster	7,370	137,379			
Weston	11,581	449,374			
Westport	15,071	213,893			
Westwood	13,900	275,828			
Weymouth	53,788	132,198			
Whately	1,584	118,624			

Public Library FY2006 Peer Group Medians Tables

**Table 1
Number of Municipalities**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	14	20	4	3	17	58
B	2,000 -4,999	7	10	6	9	11	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	13	9	17	14	12	65
D	10,000 - 14,999	11	11	12	13	9	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	7	6	13	18	10	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	9	10	11	12	5	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	6	4	6	1	2	19
H	100,000 or more	3		1		1	5
Total Reporting		70	70	70	70	67	347

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Population Groups and EQV Columns Listing

Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column		Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
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Buckland	A	1
Charlemont	A	1
Chester	A	1
Clarksburg	A	1
Colrain	A	1
Gill	A	1
Leyden	A	1
Middlefield	A	1
Peru	A	1
Russell	A	1
Savoy	A	1
Wales	A	1
Warwick	A	1
Wendell	A	1
Ashfield	A	2
Blandford	A	2
Chesterfield	A	2
Conway	A	2
Cumington	A	2
Goshen	A	2
Granville	A	2
Heath	A	2
Hinsdale	A	2
New Braintree	A	2
New Salem	A	2
Oakham	A	2
Pelham	A	2
Petersham	A	2
Phillipston	A	2
Royalston	A	2
Shutesbury	A	2
Whately	A	2
Windsor	A	2
Worthington	A	2
Leverett	A	3
Montgomery	A	3
Plainfield	A	3

Westhampton	A	3
Becket	A	4
Florida	A	4
Monroe	A	4
Alford	A	5
Aquinnah	A	5
Chilmark	A	5
Egremont	A	5
Erving	A	5
Gosnold	A	5
Hancock	A	5
Monterey	A	5
Mount Washington	A	5
New Marlborough	A	5
Otis	A	5
Richmond	A	5
Rowe	A	5
Sandisfield	A	5
Tolland	A	5
Tyringham	A	5
West Stockbridge	A	5
Bernardston	B	1
Brookfield	B	1
Cheshire	B	1
Hardwick	B	1
Huntington	B	1
North Brookfield	B	1
Sunderland	B	1
Ashby	B	2
Brimfield	B	2
East Brookfield	B	2
Hubbardston	B	2
Millville	B	2
Northfield	B	2
Paxton	B	2
Shelburne	B	2
West Brookfield	B	2

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Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column		Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
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Williamsburg	B	2
Deerfield	B	3
Hatfield	B	3
Holland	B	3
Lanesborough	B	3
Plympton	B	3
Princeton	B	3
Avon	B	4
Berlin	B	4
Bolton	B	4
Boylston	B	4
Dunstable	B	4
Hadley	B	4
Nahant	B	4
Sheffield	B	4
West Newbury	B	4
Carlisle	B	5
Edgartown	B	5
Essex	B	5
Oak Bluffs	B	5
Provincetown	B	5
Sherborn	B	5
Stockbridge	B	5
Tisbury	B	5
Truro	B	5
Wellfleet	B	5
West Tisbury	B	5
Adams	C	1
Barre	C	1
Dalton	C	1
Granby	C	1
Hampden	C	1
Monson	C	1
Montague	C	1
Orange	C	1
Shirley	C	1
Southampton	C	1

Southwick	C	1
Templeton	C	1
Warren	C	1
Ashburnham	C	2
Blackstone	C	2
Halifax	C	2
Hopedale	C	2
Merrimac	C	2
Rutland	C	2
Townsend	C	2
West Boylston	C	2
Williamstown	C	2
Ayer	C	3
Berkley	C	3
Dighton	C	3
Douglas	C	3
Freetown	C	3
Great Barrington	C	3
Groveland	C	3
Hanson	C	3
Lancaster	C	3
Lee	C	3
Millis	C	3
Plainville	C	3
Rochester	C	3
Sterling	C	3
Sturbridge	C	3
Sutton	C	3
Westminster	C	3
Boxborough	C	4
Georgetown	C	4
Harvard	C	4
Lenox	C	4
Littleton	C	4
Mendon	C	4
Middleton	C	4
Newbury	C	4

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Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column	Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
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Rowley	C	4
Salisbury	C	4
Stow	C	4
Topsfield	C	4
Upton	C	4
West Bridgewater	C	4
Boxford	C	5
Chatham	C	5
Cohasset	C	5
Dover	C	5
Eastham	C	5
Lincoln	C	5
Manchester-by-the-Sea	C	5
Marion	C	5
Mattapoissett	C	5
Orleans	C	5
Rockport	C	5
Southborough	C	5
Athol	D	1
Belchertown	D	1
Clinton	D	1
Dudley	D	1
Leicester	D	1
North Adams	D	1
Oxford	D	1
Palmer	D	1
Spencer	D	1
Ware	D	1
Winchendon	D	1
Acushnet	D	2
Carver	D	2
Charlton	D	2
East Bridgewater	D	2
East Longmeadow	D	2
Holbrook	D	2
Millbury	D	2
Northbridge	D	2

Pepperell	D	2
Whitman	D	2
Wilbraham	D	2
Groton	D	3
Holliston	D	3
Lakeville	D	3
Lunenburg	D	3
Maynard	D	3
Medway	D	3
Norfolk	D	3
Raynham	D	3
Rehoboth	D	3
Seekonk	D	3
Tyngsborough	D	3
Uxbridge	D	3
Bedford	D	4
Hamilton-Wenham	D	4
Hanover	D	4
Hopkinton	D	4
Hull	D	4
Ipswich	D	4
Kingston	D	4
Lynnfield	D	4
Medfield	D	4
North Reading	D	4
Northborough	D	4
Swampscott	D	4
Wrentham	D	4
Brewster	D	5
Duxbury	D	5
Harwich	D	5
Mashpee	D	5
Nantucket	D	5
Norwell	D	5
Wayland	D	5
Weston	D	5
Westwood	D	5

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Population Groups and EQV Columns Listing

Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column	Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
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Easthampton	E	1
Gardner	E	1
Greenfield	E	1
Ludlow	E	1
South Hadley	E	1
Southbridge	E	1
Webster	E	1
Abington	E	2
Holden	E	2
Middleborough	E	2
Norton	E	2
Rockland	E	2
Winthrop	E	2
Amesbury	E	3
Auburn	E	3
Bellingham	E	3
Easton	E	3
Fairhaven	E	3
Grafton	E	3
Hudson	E	3
Longmeadow	E	3
Mansfield	E	3
Pembroke	E	3
Somerset	E	3
Stoneham	E	3
Swansea	E	3
Acton	E	4
Ashland	E	4
Burlington	E	4
Canton	E	4
Dedham	E	4
Foxborough	E	4
Marshfield	E	4
Newburyport	E	4
Reading	E	4
Sandwich	E	4
Sharon	E	4

Wakefield	E	4
Walpole	E	4
Wareham	E	4
Westborough	E	4
Westford	E	4
Westport	E	4
Wilmington	E	4
Belmont	E	5
Bourne	E	5
Concord	E	5
Dennis	E	5
Hingham	E	5
Marblehead	E	5
Scituate	E	5
Sudbury	E	5
Winchester	E	5
Yarmouth	E	5
Agawam	F	1
Amherst	F	1
Chelsea	F	1
Fitchburg	F	1
Holyoke	F	1
Leominster	F	1
Pittsfield	F	1
West Springfield	F	1
Westfield	F	1
Attleboro	F	2
Bridgewater	F	2
Dracut	F	2
Everett	F	2
Methuen	F	2
Milford	F	2
Northampton	F	2
Randolph	F	2
Revere	F	2
Salem	F	2
Beverly	F	3

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Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column		Municipality	Population Group	EQV Column
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Billerica	F	3
Chelmsford	F	3
Franklin	F	3
Marlborough	F	3
Melrose	F	3
North Attleborough	F	3
Saugus	F	3
Shrewsbury	F	3
Stoughton	F	3
Tewksbury	F	3
Andover	F	4
Arlington	F	4
Braintree	F	4
Danvers	F	4
Dartmouth	F	4
Gloucester	F	4
Milton	F	4
Natick	F	4
North Andover	F	4
Norwood	F	4
Watertown	F	4
Woburn	F	4
Barnstable	F	5
Falmouth	F	5
Lexington	F	5
Needham	F	5
Wellesley	F	5
Brockton	G	1
Chicopee	G	1
Fall River	G	1
Lawrence	G	1
Lynn	G	1
New Bedford	G	1
Haverhill	G	2
Malden	G	2
Somerville	G	2
Taunton	G	2

Framingham	G	3
Medford	G	3
Peabody	G	3
Quincy	G	3
Waltham	G	3
Weymouth	G	3
Plymouth	G	4
Brookline	G	5
Newton	G	5
Lowell	H	1
Springfield	H	1
Worcester	H	1
Boston	H	3
Cambridge	H	5

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**Table 2
Annual Hours Open Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	766.0	818.0	843.0	736.0	830.0	54
B	2,000 -4,999	1,264.0	1,435.0	1,262.5	1,966.0	2,151.0	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	1,924.0	2,022.0	2,032.0	2,042.5	2,555.5	64
D	10,000 - 14,999	2,112.0	2,304.0	2,225.5	2,590.0	2,644.0	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	2,457.0	2,415.0	2,780.0	2,855.5	3,209.5	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	3,066.0	3,070.5	3,118.0	3,266.5	5,624.0	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	6,387.5	3,842.5	5,613.0	5,189.0	7,234.5	19
H	100,000 or more	5,511.0		62,756.0		16,214.0	5
Total Reporting		68	70	70	69	65	342

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**Table 3
Direct Circulation Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	6.69	6.39	14.43	15.31	5.92	54
B	2,000 -4,999	6.21	7.35	6.29	6.64	19.22	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	7.24	6.92	6.18	10.12	14.77	64
D	10,000 - 14,999	5.26	6.12	8.93	10.53	13.96	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	6.49	5.83	6.96	11.32	14.88	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	6.06	5.84	7.50	8.24	14.14	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	2.24	4.21	6.51	5.83	19.91	19
H	100,000 or more	3.40		4.66		9.36	5
Total Reporting		68	70	70	69	65	342

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**Table 4
Reference Transactions Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	0.34	0.18	0.50	1.16	0.25	31
B	2,000 -4,999	0.27	0.22	0.13	0.41	1.60	31
C	5,000 - 9,999	0.36	0.62	0.22	0.62	0.91	51
D	10,000 - 14,999	0.29	0.51	0.25	0.44	0.83	43
E	15,000 - 24,999	0.59	0.47	0.48	0.79	1.09	46
F	25,000 - 49,999	0.52	0.69	0.58	0.73	1.19	44
G	50,000 - 99,999	0.22	1.01	0.63	0.93	1.50	18
H	100,000 or more	0.65		1.80		2.91	5
Total Reporting		52	49	55	57	56	269

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**Table 5
Attendance Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	2.54	3.94	5.81	8.13	3.48	44
B	2,000 -4,999	4.35	4.38	2.18	4.99	25.46	31
C	5,000 - 9,999	4.63	6.92	3.75	6.03	8.85	43
D	10,000 - 14,999	4.77	6.55	5.84	4.54	8.71	34
E	15,000 - 24,999	5.72	4.16	6.25	8.05	10.61	31
F	25,000 - 49,999	5.23	4.15	6.09	6.42	10.30	39
G	50,000 - 99,999	3.64	4.62	5.97	4.05	9.91	14
H	100,000 or more	7.31		6.28			3
Total Reporting		48	47	42	47	55	239

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**Table 6
Adult and Children's Programs Held Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	33.0	25.0	40.0	39.0	35.5	47
B	2,000 -4,999	73.0	110.5	70.0	120.0	200.0	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	174.0	161.0	150.0	199.5	227.5	64
D	10,000 - 14,999	194.0	215.0	166.0	267.0	313.0	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	172.0	174.0	242.0	248.5	282.0	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	281.0	304.0	317.0	216.0	423.0	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	361.0	347.0	615.0	820.0	1,068.5	19
H	100,000 or more	810.0		9,694.0		3,761.0	5
Total Reporting		66	69	70	68	62	335

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**Table 7
Computers Accessing the Internet**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	52
B	2,000 -4,999	4.0	2.5	2.5	3.5	9.0	42
C	5,000 - 9,999	5.5	8.0	5.0	8.0	8.5	64
D	10,000 - 14,999	7.0	5.0	9.0	11.0	11.0	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	8.0	8.5	8.0	14.0	18.0	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	15.0	19.0	18.0	18.5	29.0	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	37.5	28.0	23.0	28.0	56.5	19
H	100,000 or more	92.0		559.0		38.0	5
Total Reporting		68	70	70	68	63	339

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**Table 8
MLS Full-Time Equivalencies Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	54
B	2,000 -4,999	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	1.1	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.1	2.9	64
D	10,000 - 14,999	1.1	2.0	1.1	3.4	4.9	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	2.5	3.0	3.2	5.1	5.2	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	5.9	4.8	5.7	7.4	11.3	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	3.4	8.5	8.0	9.1	26.4	19
H	100,000 or more	27.9		155.0		40.7	5
Total Reporting		68	70	70	69	65	342

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**Table 9
Total Operating Expenditures Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	20.27	23.42	29.81	26.42	31.57	52
B	2,000 -4,999	20.90	30.57	24.59	39.10	90.05	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	28.36	31.90	26.64	39.01	58.28	63
D	10,000 - 14,999	25.11	26.93	26.76	38.11	56.21	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	25.19	26.68	31.54	42.07	47.22	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	26.57	24.54	31.88	38.48	58.21	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	15.67	24.91	28.87	27.91	61.35	19
H	100,000 or more	25.30		62.97		56.53	5
Total Reporting		67	70	70	69	63	339

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**Table 10
Total Materials Expenditures Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	4.86	5.81	8.78	11.83	7.17	52
B	2,000 -4,999	4.90	6.53	5.52	8.41	17.27	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	5.43	6.62	6.04	7.29	12.45	63
D	10,000 - 14,999	3.82	4.58	5.49	7.03	10.96	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	4.45	4.06	5.03	6.15	8.26	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	3.85	3.11	4.28	6.28	7.15	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	2.17	3.25	4.01	3.88	10.06	19
H	100,000 or more	3.20		7.43		5.32	5
Total Reporting		67	70	70	69	63	339

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**Table 11
Total Appropriated Municipal Income Per Capita Medians**

	EQV Column 1	EQV Column 2	EQV Column 3	EQV Column 4	EQV Column 5	Total Reporting
	Less than \$100,827	\$100,827 - \$128,960	\$129,058 - \$160,837	\$161,392 - \$236,475	\$236,985 and over	

Population Group							
A	Less than 2,000	18.16	15.57	28.34	21.65	29.54	52
B	2,000 -4,999	20.14	24.93	23.77	38.36	90.96	43
C	5,000 - 9,999	24.40	31.89	29.57	37.77	51.70	63
D	10,000 - 14,999	21.82	27.39	25.56	36.32	55.57	56
E	15,000 - 24,999	22.30	24.41	27.95	40.17	46.09	54
F	25,000 - 49,999	21.21	20.66	28.19	37.10	43.05	47
G	50,000 - 99,999	14.94	21.68	28.22	23.67	57.39	19
H	100,000 or more	23.10		49.57		56.53	5
Total Reporting		67	70	70	69	63	339

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Abington	2,403.0	5.36	0.77	4.07	164	1.0	13.0	23.32	4.13	23.16
Acton	4,788.0	24.50	0.90	11.47	313	7.7	12.0	42.93	7.74	41.33
Acushnet	2,066.0	3.40		2.15	64	0.0	2.0	15.22	3.09	15.71
Adams	2,158.0	7.13	0.18		153	1.0	2.0	32.94	5.84	30.71
Agawam	3,042.0	11.12	0.53	10.69	212	4.0	22.0	33.93	5.88	31.06
Alford	102.0	0.25		0.75	2	0.0	0.0			
Amesbury	2,772.0	8.36	0.68	3.82	152	4.0	4.0	34.21	5.37	32.86
Amherst	5,098.0	15.43	1.16	11.75	496	10.2	43.0	57.47	7.10	40.28
Andover	3,312.0	15.48	1.98	12.90	467	14.9	38.0	71.07	10.26	68.12
Aquinnah	830.0	32.49	0.34	10.21	69	0.0	3.0	160.71	53.65	164.79
Arlington	4,121.0	12.74	1.66		335	12.4	20.0	45.90	6.69	42.07
Ashburnham	2,473.0	3.72	0.84	6.77	38	0.0	5.0	27.34	6.62	25.58
Ashby	1,047.0	8.08	0.18	2.91	60	0.0	1.0	13.31	2.46	9.60
Ashfield	806.0	12.02		12.33	13	0.0	1.0	22.95	5.17	15.49
Ashland	2,303.0	7.77	0.19		231	2.3	14.0	18.29	3.47	18.24
Athol	2,150.0	10.58	0.24		370	3.2	25.0	30.07	5.33	30.48
Attleboro	2,988.0	5.48	0.14	4.15	313	5.5	12.0	23.81	3.09	20.55
Auburn	2,773.0	12.46	0.52		180	3.2	2.0	32.76	5.30	29.62
Avon	1,966.0	5.71	0.33	10.97	60	0.0	4.0	72.29	16.13	74.81
Ayer	2,032.0	7.93	2.70	10.38	115	2.1	5.0	53.62	10.38	53.62
Barnstable	13,390.0	10.03	0.75	6.17	1,256	11.3	53.0	58.21	6.25	29.78
Barre	1,680.0	8.24	1.30	4.09	140	1.0	6.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Becket	660.0	8.58	1.16	2.76	39	0.0	2.0	22.68	4.63	13.30
Bedford	3,353.0	22.82	0.94		237	6.8	10.0	82.56	16.18	84.27
Belchertown	2,077.0	8.99	0.70	5.14	488	1.1	7.0	26.48	3.82	23.22
Bellingham	2,780.0	5.98	0.07	5.80	263	3.2	8.0	27.12	4.16	27.51
Belmont	4,064.0	22.70	1.75	14.01	366	11.6	18.0	68.72	11.32	68.59
Berkley	1,446.0	4.75			117	1.0	1.0	15.77	2.55	14.38
Berlin	1,641.0	6.64			128	0.3	3.0	33.85	6.41	30.58
Bernardston	780.0	6.21	0.26	4.24	57	0.0	1.0	20.90	4.90	20.01
Beverly	6,835.0	8.32	0.30		440	13.3	17.0	37.40	6.16	38.23
Billerica	3,128.0	7.35	0.73	5.56	317	7.4	25.0	28.20	3.96	27.69

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Blackstone	1,976.0	6.79	0.59	8.32	253	0.0	15.0	34.37	7.26	33.72
Blandford	1,056.0	7.86	0.09		25	0.0	2.0	25.57	6.23	27.94
Bolton	2,050.0	10.39		5.28	102	1.1	2.0	39.10	8.41	39.59
Boston	62,756.0	4.66	1.80	6.28	9,694	155.0	559.0	62.97	7.43	49.57
Bourne	2,853.0	6.49	0.10	4.80	497	2.1	9.0	26.15	4.02	26.72
Boxborough	2,087.0	15.15	0.81	11.12	207	1.1	12.0	48.12	14.55	40.85
Boxford	4,125.0	8.92	1.57	4.43	182	3.2	9.0	45.56	10.36	43.81
Boylston	1,651.0	5.61		2.62	120	0.8	2.0	33.66	7.18	33.22
Braintree	3,050.0	9.01	0.69	6.65	185	6.0	15.0	33.84	6.32	33.67
Brewster	1,951.0	13.35	0.21	10.15	215	1.0	9.0	53.27	8.82	42.42
Bridgewater	2,987.0	7.08	0.47	5.11	321	7.0	15.0	31.74	4.09	29.29
Brimfield	1,134.0	4.79	0.26	1.43	41	0.0	2.0	21.73	4.35	21.73
Brockton	6,224.0	2.71			1,022	9.7	49.0	20.64	2.58	19.09
Brookfield	1,264.0	7.18	0.57	4.46	131	0.0	5.0	25.89	5.34	25.89
Brookline	7,903.0	17.41	0.86	11.63	423	22.5	65.0	57.73	9.28	55.47
Buckland	762.0	6.84	0.03	2.30	55	0.0	1.0	14.28	3.35	12.14
Burlington	3,017.0	15.56	0.79	6.30	353	6.4	16.0	44.48	6.47	44.50
Cambridge	16,214.0	9.36	2.91		3,761	40.7	38.0	56.53	5.32	56.53
Canton	2,658.0	10.75	0.44	6.94	141	6.0	29.0	44.03	5.62	41.48
Carlisle	2,669.0	24.68	0.38		200	3.6	7.0	93.23	21.43	91.50
Carver	2,304.0	7.49			386	2.1	17.0	29.85	5.46	28.38
Charlemont	508.0	8.03	0.42	6.02	40	0.0	1.0	14.36	5.24	10.56
Charlton	2,064.0	3.50			58	1.0	1.0	10.13	2.78	13.77
Chatham	2,562.0	16.54	0.72	26.67	706	2.2	16.0	89.86	15.16	50.51
Chelmsford	4,915.0	17.24	0.58	6.99	712	7.5	46.0	41.59	5.48	41.44
Chelsea	2,567.0	1.39	0.01		45	1.0	12.0	9.65	1.45	8.52
Cheshire	733.0	2.05			8	0.0	1.0	5.87	1.27	5.84
Chester	712.0	6.21	0.26	1.91	8	0.0	1.0	20.27	4.68	17.22
Chesterfield	735.0	6.22			105	0.0	1.0	14.06	3.04	13.06
Chicopee	6,551.0	5.31	0.32	4.06	372	3.0	57.0	21.02	2.52	20.88
Chilmark	1,375.0	55.73	1.69	47.39	235	0.2	5.0	226.81	45.54	199.74
Clarksburg	1,796.0	8.11	0.48	5.26	376	0.0	7.0	30.59	7.46	26.49

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Clinton	2,112.0	5.26	0.64	6.09	194	1.0	9.0	22.02	4.08	21.82
Cohasset	2,569.0	16.57	0.84	17.41	148	2.9	29.0	68.15	13.82	63.13
Colrain	1,155.0	7.54		4.52	48	0.0	4.0	21.70	4.37	18.16
Concord	5,660.0	20.22	1.21	14.78	215	12.9	22.0	91.36	13.78	91.46
Conway	735.0	6.05	0.16	3.54	14	0.0	1.0	26.99	5.86	0.79
Cummington	496.0	5.54	0.21	2.25	7	0.0	1.0	7.62	3.13	6.52
Dalton	1,872.0	7.34			53	1.1	5.0	24.04	4.95	23.30
Danvers	3,156.0	7.57	0.92		193	6.5	20.0	41.03	6.77	39.65
Dartmouth	6,097.0	7.33	2.00	5.13	457	6.1	17.0	35.33	5.73	33.77
Dedham	5,439.0	6.04	2.37		75	7.5	14.0	37.42	5.24	36.79
Deerfield	1,300.0	6.31			164	1.0	3.0	24.74	5.66	22.55
Dennis	6,293.0	8.03	1.04	8.11	599	2.8	29.0	32.71	5.36	25.00
Dighton	2,012.0	5.23	0.24	2.05	235	0.7	5.0	19.50	3.55	19.97
Douglas	1,688.0	2.96	0.16		131	1.0	2.0	20.64	4.35	20.97
Dover	2,554.0	26.66	2.56	14.16	245	3.8	8.0	68.27	13.45	65.84
Dracut	2,733.0	3.85		0.67	118	0.0	20.0	17.70	2.91	17.35
Dudley	2,028.0	3.39		4.35	58	1.1	5.0	14.04	2.50	12.76
Dunstable	1,500.0	9.17	0.41	4.69	176	0.0	3.0	40.19	8.53	38.36
Duxbury	2,644.0	14.07	0.68		415	8.3	11.0	72.81	11.49	68.88
East Bridgewater	2,306.0	7.20	0.51		275	2.0	3.0	26.93	4.58	26.69
East Brookfield	1,383.0	5.09	0.44	2.89	108	0.0	2.0	27.05	6.43	28.10
East Longmeadow	2,436.0	10.37	0.11		215	3.2	13.0	35.37	5.86	35.37
Eastham	1,962.0	16.14	0.88		203	3.1	11.0	41.88	10.76	38.53
Easthampton	2,604.0	6.49			152	1.0	5.0	16.63	2.38	10.50
Easton	4,182.0	4.08			219	4.6	10.0	34.62	4.69	16.77
Edgartown	2,005.0	15.18	1.92	16.41	75	1.0	10.0	84.72	15.27	93.50
Egremont	748.0	5.84	0.05	2.94	25	0.0	2.0	24.86	4.35	16.33
Erving	880.0	5.07	0.15	3.07	9	0.0	3.0	18.10	5.25	19.13
Essex	1,292.0	7.17			67	0.0	3.0	22.20	4.52	22.09
Everett	5,430.0	3.00	0.42		295	8.2	18.0	21.66	2.85	20.76
Fairhaven	2,731.0	6.96			169	3.2	4.0	34.84	6.28	31.41
Fall River	7,530.0	1.73	0.30	1.95	262	3.2	32.0	10.91	1.86	10.99

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Falmouth	7,644.0	14.14	1.50	10.30	852	9.5	25.0	48.38	7.15	43.05
Fitchburg	3,066.0	3.52			394	9.0	12.0	30.28	4.06	25.96
Florida	812.0	22.03		13.49	0	0.0	2.0	30.16	19.03	29.99
Foxborough	2,655.0	11.83	0.30	8.05	176	5.1	12.0	50.89	8.81	49.58
Framingham	6,353.0	14.12	1.77	5.97	569	14.0	20.0	38.55	5.66	35.18
Franklin	2,963.0	7.50	0.63	8.17	250	3.0	11.0	24.73	4.28	28.16
Freetown	2,021.0	3.30	0.11	1.55	86	0.0	6.0	12.40	1.98	11.17
Gardner	2,437.0	6.51	0.86		114	2.5	6.0	27.18	4.45	23.82
Georgetown	1,481.0	4.10			108	1.0	2.0	25.86	5.84	25.46
Gill	766.0	3.21		1.86	51	0.0	1.0	12.29	3.33	11.27
Gloucester	3,219.0	5.63	0.47	6.19	387	4.9	20.0	30.51	5.52	24.65
Goshen	488.0	1.83		1.08	11	0.0	2.0	5.31	1.10	3.00
Gosnold	520.0	34.99	1.30	20.14	46	0.0	0.0	33.40	14.07	34.13
Grafton	4,092.0	4.74	0.43		144	2.0	5.0	23.18	3.84	26.05
Granby	1,373.0	6.51	0.95	4.63	165	0.0	4.0	18.66	4.37	16.62
Granville	816.0	6.55		3.94	85	0.0	3.0	20.85	5.42	17.07
Great Barrington	2,155.0	5.16	0.72		67	0.0	5.0	41.52	8.63	44.30
Greenfield	2,048.0	12.37	0.59	9.63	219	4.5	12.0	32.94	5.37	28.95
Groton	2,191.0	23.58	0.70	7.77	284	4.6	10.0	61.10	10.80	61.52
Groveland	1,671.0	4.41			217	0.9	2.0	24.94	5.72	24.05
Hadley	1,648.0	3.92	0.32	2.58	101	1.1	7.0	17.39	3.60	17.73
Halifax	2,132.0	6.92	0.03	8.14	579	0.0	4.0	31.90	6.74	31.89
Hamilton-Wenham	2,651.0	16.69	1.08		367	2.0	16.0	48.10	8.86	46.30
Hampden										
Hancock										
Hanover	2,263.0	10.21	0.02		186	2.6	15.0	33.71	5.46	33.87
Hanson	2,250.0	6.18	0.05		204	1.4	9.0	17.60	6.29	16.87
Hardwick	1,439.0	5.07		0.74	57	0.0	4.0	19.99	4.24	20.14
Harvard	2,646.0	12.44	1.21	12.96	199	3.0	8.0	62.34	11.32	60.42
Harwich	2,964.0	13.96	0.98	6.85	887	4.9	17.0	48.48	9.40	43.65
Hatfield	1,022.0	6.38	0.08	2.36	59	0.7	2.0	24.43	5.38	24.98
Haverhill	2,628.0	7.23	1.12	5.70	344	5.7	48.0	25.19	3.31	22.05

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Heath	760.0	13.71	0.84	5.56	23	0.0	1.0	38.75	7.63	33.99
Hingham	2,695.0	20.67	0.26	13.10	261	7.0	17.0	66.93	10.04	56.86
Hinsdale	1,180.0	4.65	0.11		21	0.5	3.0	28.36	6.24	30.51
Holbrook	2,309.0	6.12			120	2.3	8.0	32.57	5.27	32.76
Holden	2,704.0	19.33	0.89		140	3.0	8.0	39.17	6.72	35.46
Holland	796.0	2.28		1.30	4	0.0	1.0	8.82	1.79	8.93
Holliston	2,433.0	11.43	0.31	10.47	200	4.0	13.0	32.35	5.38	28.40
Holyoke	2,838.0	1.80	0.51	1.83	258	4.8	15.0	16.47	2.76	9.94
Hopedale	1,692.0	4.32	0.15	2.67	125	2.0	2.0	35.80	6.62	32.94
Hopkinton	2,240.0	7.20	0.05	4.24	108	2.3	3.0	22.61	3.99	21.79
Hubbardston	1,018.0	2.60	0.18		101	0.0	1.0	10.82	2.54	11.61
Hudson	3,110.0	9.43	0.36	3.72	328	3.0	14.0	31.54	4.98	30.31
Hull	2,197.0	4.00	0.18	4.27	75	1.0	9.0	26.41	4.23	25.05
Huntington	1,216.0	8.04	0.62	5.96	73	0.0	4.0	25.42	5.66	26.83
Ipswich	2,590.0	10.05	0.39	7.14	199	3.9	14.0	35.66	7.04	34.63
Kingston	2,371.0	10.68	0.59	6.29	282	4.0	13.0	51.91	9.07	41.66
Lakeville	1,834.0	8.17	0.22	5.84	115	1.1	12.0	21.79	3.62	21.97
Lancaster	1,852.0	10.69	0.22		126	1.1	4.0	40.22	8.30	34.28
Lanesborough	1,235.0	5.66	0.15	2.00	17	0.0	2.0	9.95	2.48	9.77
Lawrence	3,905.0	2.07	0.19	2.73	482	3.6	32.0	18.02	2.36	18.67
Lee	2,342.0	4.75	0.22		111	1.0	1.0	25.22	5.75	32.33
Leicester	2,075.0	3.34	0.63		76	0.0	7.0	14.35	2.67	12.69
Lenox	1,913.0	14.92	4.89	9.80	1,083	4.6	8.0	104.08	14.33	47.84
Leominster	3,276.0	6.06	0.50	3.30	333	5.9	10.0	22.47	3.57	21.21
Leverett	1,189.0	16.09			107	0.7	6.0	35.96	8.71	34.52
Lexington	4,588.0	20.39	1.51	14.64	333	13.2	16.0	66.71	7.94	61.30
Leyden	640.0	6.69	0.58	2.77	22	0.0	1.0	21.40	5.50	18.86
Lincoln	2,703.0	19.37	0.52	8.51	285	6.5	10.0	88.99	13.64	87.53
Littleton	2,203.0	18.50	0.36	6.03	200	1.6	10.0	48.99	8.27	44.51
Longmeadow	2,407.0	12.33	0.89	6.25	325	3.9	18.0	41.93	6.33	39.47
Lowell	4,424.0	2.23	0.49		326	9.5	50.0	10.63	1.76	9.95
Ludlow	2,457.0	5.57	0.18		418	2.3	9.0	14.96	2.60	14.94

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Lunenburg	2,016.0	9.41		7.98	217	0.0	14.0	25.35	5.60	26.09
Lynn	2,552.0	1.45	0.09	3.64	184	1.0	17.0	12.82	1.76	11.08
Lynnfield	3,005.0	11.26	2.17	9.61	317	6.0	11.0	49.72	9.03	49.30
Malden	4,652.0	3.61	0.21	2.55	350	11.3	17.0	25.97	3.44	21.30
Manchester-by-the-Sea	2,340.0	8.12	0.46	8.13	226	2.9	6.0	59.32	11.89	60.10
Mansfield	2,803.0	9.56	0.26		333	3.1	11.0	24.38	5.38	23.89
Marblehead	3,015.0	10.29	1.10		174	4.6	14.0	42.15	6.51	41.03
Marion	2,557.0	7.28	3.20	8.85	232	1.0	6.0	32.76	6.23	21.96
Marlborough	3,118.0	6.33	0.17	4.45	452	4.9	18.0	20.38	2.78	20.38
Marshfield	2,952.0	11.27	0.87		220	5.8	13.0	28.31	4.88	25.53
Mashpee	2,124.0	8.11	0.23	7.37	219	2.0	5.0	17.14	3.91	17.05
Mattapoisett	1,498.0	6.39	0.35	3.49	95	1.0	7.0	31.89	6.04	30.59
Maynard	1,924.0	9.17	0.18		90	2.3	5.0	36.03	6.72	34.35
Medfield	2,628.0	17.43			267	2.7	10.0	43.20	7.08	41.72
Medford	3,300.0	6.35	1.23		669	8.0	9.0	21.78	3.24	21.58
Medway	2,001.0	9.79	0.23		140	1.0	6.0	27.92	4.43	25.03
Melrose	2,926.0	9.36	1.10	8.86	245	4.2	26.0	31.88	4.22	28.19
Mendon	2,850.0	4.89	0.32	3.43	165	0.0	4.0	31.23	6.00	34.83
Merrimac	2,134.0	8.50	0.58	9.15	124	0.0	13.0	31.32	6.05	31.32
Methuen	3,200.0	4.81	0.98	2.53	375	6.8	22.0	25.27	3.13	17.93
Middleborough	2,397.0	7.46	0.24	5.15	209	4.3	15.0	29.40	4.77	25.35
Middlefield	561.0	4.12	0.01	1.80	0	0.0	1.0	7.48	5.66	3.62
Middleton	2,341.0	6.62		3.68	177	1.1	7.0	33.21	5.69	34.23
Milford	3,089.0	6.99	1.11	5.70	592	4.0	24.0	35.50	5.22	33.47
Millbury	2,132.0	4.28			243	1.1	4.0	26.62	4.31	27.39
Millis	2,096.0	7.14	0.25	3.75	49	1.1	6.0	30.13	6.04	30.31
Millville	774.0	0.85			50	0.0	4.0	8.66	2.03	10.32
Milton	4,320.0	8.03	0.32	8.25	190	5.4	16.0	35.93	4.94	34.55
Monroe										
Monson	2,555.0	5.53	0.36		220	0.0	8.0	36.13	6.60	28.78
Montague	2,738.0	12.07	0.38	5.32	271	2.0	8.0	31.72	6.51	30.63
Monterey	550.0	10.28		3.85	21	0.0	1.0	37.93	10.87	33.40

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Montgomery	683.0	9.84	0.50	5.81	19	0.0	1.0	22.42	6.38	22.15
Mount Washington	1,510.0	9.84	0.08	3.11	0	0.0	1.0	10.53	2.85	7.44
Nahant	2,140.0	6.50	0.81	3.60	49	1.1	0.0	42.23	10.42	42.58
Nantucket	2,320.0	12.47	0.83	8.75	822	4.3	14.0	56.21	13.24	55.57
Natick	5,156.0	17.56	0.88		470	12.3	23.0	60.76	9.23	55.43
Needham	2,959.0	13.57	1.03	8.49	61	9.1	29.0	37.21	5.98	36.94
New Bedford	10,293.0	2.40	0.22	4.36	350	7.0	43.0	13.32	1.97	11.21
New Braintree	570.0	8.16		3.44	0	0.0	1.0	14.88	6.04	9.39
New Marlborough	1,566.0	17.29		4.92	80	0.0	3.0	36.88	7.17	42.95
New Salem	977.0	10.32	0.24	4.15	6	0.0	2.0	29.98	6.16	27.82
Newbury	1,713.0	10.99		9.65	168	1.9	13.0	49.51	8.83	40.70
Newburyport	3,593.0	16.26	0.85	15.18	266	3.8	20.0	66.18	10.01	66.01
Newton	6,566.0	22.41	2.13	8.18	1,714	30.3	48.0	64.97	10.83	59.30
Norfolk	2,349.0	8.69	0.29	2.61	262	3.0	16.0	48.55	7.95	49.05
North Adams	2,677.0	7.58	0.29	5.63	314	2.5	6.0	29.18	4.19	29.04
North Andover	3,196.0	8.12	0.75	5.46	108	4.1	12.0	25.99	4.06	25.85
North Attleborough	3,178.0	5.01	0.18	5.33	197	5.7	3.0	19.83	2.84	19.07
North Brookfield	1,391.0	5.80	0.27	3.76	98	0.0	3.0	18.30	4.22	16.97
North Reading	2,151.0	6.82	0.40	2.68	228	4.0	11.0	30.28	5.33	29.41
Northampton	4,083.0	12.60	1.38	8.92	1,629	9.8	21.0	45.39	6.11	39.11
Northborough	2,928.0	10.53	0.66	3.41	452	3.4	5.0	44.22	6.73	42.56
Northbridge	1,964.0	3.60			145	1.1	5.0	20.02	3.65	14.31
Northfield	1,738.0	15.31	0.12	7.96	289	1.1	4.0	38.08	7.33	37.10
Norton	2,372.0	6.30	0.47	4.25	352	3.4	4.0	26.93	3.99	22.02
Norwell	2,332.0	11.28	0.46	4.91	301	4.3	9.0	49.99	10.96	49.11
Norwood	3,221.0	8.35	0.70	7.15	192	8.2	13.0	45.94	6.23	44.70
Oak Bluffs	1,740.0	19.22	1.60	18.56	134	2.1	24.0	85.86	17.27	89.39
Oakham	989.0	3.47	0.18	0.98	48	0.0	2.0	18.37	3.83	18.64
Orange	1,976.0	8.03	0.36	4.22	306	2.0	10.0	29.19	5.88	29.24
Orleans	2,397.0	25.73	1.18	23.81	420	2.3	6.0	74.65	15.49	66.67
Otis										
Oxford	2,506.0	7.85			299	2.1	16.0	32.03	5.43	31.12

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Palmer	3,003.0	9.98	0.18	4.39	141	1.0	46.0	55.85	10.40	54.84
Paxton	1,530.0	13.00	0.08		179	0.0	6.0	34.09	6.63	31.26
Peabody	7,060.0	4.91	0.58	5.26	661	6.5	29.0	28.55	4.02	27.80
Pelham	1,335.0	21.93	1.59	9.92	81	0.6	8.0	36.81	8.32	23.71
Pembroke	2,658.0	7.51	0.68	6.62	285	2.1	7.0	26.06	5.22	26.05
Pepperell	2,182.0	11.64			299	3.0	5.0	36.74	6.91	33.60
Peru	508.0	3.33		1.80	0	0.0	1.0	11.20	2.02	8.15
Petersham	971.0	7.11	0.27	7.01	7	0.6	2.0	39.40	8.79	5.04
Phillipston	520.0	4.67			80	0.0	1.0	9.86	3.09	7.55
Pittsfield	3,064.0	6.02	1.42	5.23	203	7.0	12.0	21.68	3.46	18.35
Plainfield	564.0	16.24			29	0.0	2.0	23.65	9.30	19.97
Plainville	1,878.0	9.58			150	1.7	6.0	26.64	6.19	24.03
Plymouth	5,189.0	5.83	0.93	4.05	820	9.1	28.0	27.91	3.88	23.67
Plympton	1,290.0	6.26	0.19	2.99	81	0.0	3.0	31.31	6.72	29.17
Princeton	1,813.0	9.77	0.10		211	0.0	6.0	42.02	7.81	33.92
Provincetown	2,435.0	13.63	3.55	43.63	232	2.3	14.0	90.05	25.08	80.83
Quincy	7,327.0	6.67	0.67	6.92	720	15.0	91.0	29.19	4.00	28.64
Randolph	2,078.0	6.19	0.49	2.64	146	2.0	14.0	18.97	2.59	18.04
Raynham	2,549.0	6.02	0.06	2.37	110	0.9	5.0	17.32	3.08	18.79
Reading	2,759.0	15.28	2.54		465	12.3	21.0	44.46	7.40	41.07
Rehoboth	2,272.0	4.35			170	0.7	4.0	17.95	3.09	15.55
Revere	3,052.0	0.60		0.56	103	1.1	24.0	8.16	1.57	8.24
Richmond	1,234.0	5.92	0.02	3.05	84	0.0	1.0	27.28	5.79	27.28
Rochester	2,132.0	11.33	0.40	5.15	253	1.1	5.0	29.48	5.79	29.57
Rockland	2,427.0	5.03	0.34	4.04	184	2.0	9.0	22.84	3.58	23.47
Rockport	1,792.0	9.06	1.66	12.82	201	1.3	12.0	57.24	13.00	52.89
Rowe	1,231.0	15.33	0.45	7.61	19	0.0	2.0	142.39	36.85	148.28
Rowley	1,644.0	5.62	0.68	5.32	187	1.0	14.0	27.22	6.12	27.53
Royalston	877.0	9.19	0.76	7.34	130	0.0	2.0	29.86	8.23	27.61
Russell	905.0	2.85			33	0.0	1.0	14.71	3.39	18.26
Rutland	1,803.0	9.49	0.65		161	0.0	8.0	19.39	3.77	18.62
Salem	3,368.0	12.18	0.88	5.75	208	3.7	10.0	26.75	4.50	24.23

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Salisbury	1,646.0	3.08	0.16		55	0.0	2.0	17.56	3.84	17.10
Sandisfield	780.0	3.89		1.74	7	0.0	1.0	11.71	2.66	9.39
Sandwich	2,460.0	11.50	0.38	8.02	316	3.9	23.0	46.34	6.32	35.61
Saugus	2,444.0	4.67	1.06	4.11	104	4.6	34.0	18.63	2.91	17.32
Savoy										
Scituate	3,239.0	11.90	1.07	5.58	150	3.0	7.0	37.89	6.12	35.83
Seekonk	2,648.0	16.62	0.64	11.08	243	5.6	28.0	46.02	8.39	46.66
Sharon	2,451.0	11.37			123	5.0	11.0	41.20	6.07	41.61
Sheffield	2,132.0	11.00		7.23	234	1.1	5.0	34.96	7.83	34.18
Shelburne	1,594.0	16.02	0.43	5.84	113	0.4	2.0	41.65	10.16	21.75
Sherborn	2,609.0	18.96	0.72		78	4.1	4.0	77.58	12.48	76.55
Shirley	1,793.0	13.93		9.30	240	0.0	7.0	26.27	5.43	22.24
Shrewsbury	2,825.0	10.32	0.70	6.61	344	6.4	11.0	32.24	4.58	31.27
Shutesbury	994.0	10.74	0.04	5.13	58	0.0	2.0	17.15	5.53	15.65
Somerset	2,794.0	5.68	0.32	7.82	242	3.0	13.0	28.97	4.46	27.95
Somerville	6,802.0	4.80	0.93	4.62	571	18.0	36.0	24.62	3.18	23.51
South Hadley	3,295.0	8.54	1.09		411	3.6	16.0	32.78	6.54	30.07
Southampton	1,261.0	6.74			183	0.0	2.0	15.32	3.60	14.64
Southborough	2,738.0	13.40	0.94	4.48	229	2.9	4.0	36.08	5.99	36.88
Southbridge	2,407.0	4.88		5.72	172	2.4	8.0	25.19	4.62	22.30
Southwick	2,121.0	9.53	0.38	5.47	103	0.0	7.0	32.43	8.00	31.01
Spencer	2,249.0	5.25	0.01		312	2.0	8.0	20.62	3.44	21.29
Springfield	13,902.0	3.54	0.72	10.24	1,469	28.7	92.0	35.17	4.02	29.07
Sterling	2,167.0	9.34	0.03	8.27	210	0.0	9.0	40.22	6.56	34.97
Stockbridge	2,151.0	23.95	0.81	13.44	98	0.9	2.0	80.65	12.20	41.04
Stoneham	2,787.0	4.32	1.03	7.41	330	4.8	13.0	35.96	5.03	34.04
Stoughton	3,104.0	5.81	0.11	5.50	244	5.0	5.0	34.03	4.56	32.68
Stow	2,027.0	17.28			233	1.0	3.0	33.39	6.56	27.45
Sturbridge	2,542.0	13.72			261	3.1	8.0	37.08	7.51	37.68
Sudbury	3,180.0	17.86	1.26		303	5.7	18.0	52.28	10.00	51.14
Sunderland	1,986.0	13.96	0.11	11.46	138	1.1	11.0	30.57	8.10	25.23
Sutton	1,691.0	4.22	0.07	2.34	163	1.0	4.0	16.56	3.58	15.71

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Swampscott	2,688.0	12.06	0.47	4.81	430	4.2	14.0	38.11	7.03	36.32
Swansea	2,496.0	2.93			62	1.0	8.0	13.25	2.30	11.98
Taunton	3,033.0	2.86	1.08		213	3.9	20.0	18.10	2.68	17.99
Templeton	1,334.0	2.88	0.05		241	0.0	2.0	7.76	1.54	6.56
Tewksbury	3,265.0	8.47	0.41	8.61	323	6.6	24.0	38.05	5.14	38.47
Tisbury	2,444.0	32.43	2.92	25.46	356	1.1	13.0	129.21	21.10	111.88
Tolland	634.0	4.79		2.81	0	0.0	1.0	31.57	8.20	29.54
Topsfield	2,450.0	25.04	0.56	21.79	230	1.1	18.0	84.61	16.24	72.51
Townsend	2,022.0	5.12		2.65	68	0.9	3.0	17.13	2.74	17.13
Truro	2,053.0	12.65			217	1.0	5.0	91.54	16.89	90.96
Tyngsborough	2,260.0	6.83	0.27	4.53	162	1.0	8.0	24.76	5.61	23.29
Tyringham	196.0	3.64		4.04	0	0.0	1.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upton	2,044.0	9.25	0.44	5.13	243	1.1	3.0	27.62	6.31	26.86
Uxbridge	1,965.0	5.76	0.12	2.93	52	0.0	3.0	25.59	4.43	24.23
Wakefield	3,176.0	12.28	1.21	12.48	295	9.9	24.0	47.60	7.06	42.26
Wales	792.0	2.95	0.13	1.40	33	0.0	3.0	22.21	4.86	19.88
Walpole	2,583.0	8.39	0.33		250	3.8	14.0	27.14	4.21	26.64
Waltham	3,313.0	10.75	0.49		229	8.0	18.0	33.34	4.62	32.51
Ware	1,576.0	3.28	0.28	2.41	102	0.0	5.0	25.11	3.60	19.76
Wareham	2,583.0	8.77	0.31		335	2.8	27.0	31.99	5.35	32.83
Warren	2,343.0	6.67	0.14	1.24	127	0.0	5.0	28.36	5.32	24.40
Warwick	932.0	11.02	0.53	5.91	30	0.0	2.0	29.63	5.95	23.47
Watertown	5,379.0	10.76	0.31		239	11.7	20.0	51.74	7.14	55.44
Wayland	3,235.0	17.35	1.56	9.66	182	5.9	11.0	78.30	13.35	65.83
Webster	2,600.0	2.44	0.46	1.91	172	3.0	7.0	16.53	3.11	15.48
Wellesley	5,624.0	20.84	1.19	14.50	423	13.4	53.0	75.67	10.72	74.63
Wellfleet	2,106.0	32.88	2.24	28.80	437	1.0	15.0	108.67	23.52	99.81
Wendell	770.0	9.16		4.27	7	0.0	2.0	22.61	5.38	20.77
West Boylston	1,448.0	9.25	1.10	6.92	213	0.0	12.0	41.66	8.02	39.87
West Bridgewater	2,041.0	9.00	1.19	5.55	301	1.1	10.0	44.63	8.02	43.87
West Brookfield	1,599.0	6.61			122	0.0	3.0	36.65	8.23	38.31
West Newbury	2,421.0	21.73	0.50	9.42	162	0.0	6.0	56.35	11.90	58.08

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West Springfield	3,213.0	8.43	1.82	7.78	415	6.5	17.0	26.57	4.60	26.95
West Stockbridge	869.0	5.01			90	0.0	2.0	12.09	3.13	10.49
West Tisbury	2,293.0	38.18	0.36	28.26	210	1.4	9.0	110.90	25.52	114.72
Westborough	3,818.0	9.93	0.78		142	5.0	9.0	40.94	6.22	39.26
Westfield	3,200.0	6.07	0.37	5.06	281	5.3	25.0	26.57	3.85	17.61
Westford	3,140.0	15.48	3.46	12.07	247	9.6	10.0	58.81	8.84	57.16
Westhampton	1,003.0	12.77			51	0.0	2.0	41.49	8.85	34.76
Westminster	2,211.0	10.22			218	1.0	3.0	42.17	7.62	38.28
Weston	2,791.0	25.50	1.80	17.89	313	7.6	10.0	87.55	15.87	82.21
Westport	1,883.0	3.76			140	1.1	8.0	14.62	1.97	12.26
Westwood	3,937.0	16.84	0.86	8.66	411	6.1	15.0	61.53	10.27	62.41
Weymouth	4,873.0	5.25	0.34		408	4.0	26.0	24.28	3.44	22.94
Whately	1,224.0	4.84	0.16		60	0.0	1.0	28.95	9.22	22.65
Whitman	2,417.0	5.03		6.55	82	2.0	9.0	20.27	3.33	19.00
Wilbraham	2,758.0	13.82	1.27	9.01	338	4.6	11.0	46.71	8.16	46.36
Williamsburg	1,487.0	29.71	1.71	16.02	130	0.0	10.0	48.68	10.06	39.56
Williamstown	2,392.0	18.29	1.44		241	2.1	13.0	47.35	7.78	48.86
Wilmington	3,079.0	10.19	0.37	6.38	323	4.6	9.0	35.36	5.54	35.48
Winchendon	1,881.0	3.40	0.34		128	1.1	4.0	17.13	3.38	13.43
Winchester	2,581.0	22.52	2.67	13.32	860	10.3	21.0	66.64	10.16	64.40
Windsor	549.0	3.97	0.09	2.14	1	0.1	1.0	5.34	4.35	2.68
Winthrop	2,477.0	4.29			112	3.0	8.0	26.43	3.80	26.06
Woburn	3,158.0	4.43	0.16	2.31	140	8.6	12.0	27.10	3.49	27.12
Worcester	5,511.0	3.40	0.65	4.38	810	27.9	107.0	25.30	3.20	23.10
Worthington	820.0	5.84		2.72	57	0.0	2.0	23.89	5.76	7.81
Wrentham	2,164.0	8.80	0.32		313	1.0	11.0	29.82	5.38	27.61
Yarmouth	4,580.0	6.69	0.27	6.04	228	3.2	23.0	30.65	4.87	29.20

Appendix - Definitions

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Term	Definition
2005 Population	2005 population estimate for the municipality.
2006 EQV Per Capita	2006 equalized valuation divided by the municipality's population. EQV's are the determinations of the fair cash value of all property in each municipality that is subject to local taxation. The Commissioner of Revenue, in accordance with Chapter 58, Section 10C, is charged with the responsibility of biannually determining an equalized valuation for all municipalities. For the joint Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, the total EQV & population of both communities is used.
Appropriated Municipal Income	The sum of the municipal revenue sources appropriated to the library for operating during FY2006. Excludes State Aid to Public Libraries monies.
Annual Hours Open	The sum of the annual hours the main and branch library/libraries and bookmobile(s) were open during FY2006.
Attendance	Also called library visits, the total number of persons entering the library for whatever purpose during FY2006.
Direct Circulation	Total circulation of all library materials of all types, including renewals during FY2006. Note: Count all materials in all formats that are charged out for use outside the library. Interlibrary loan transactions included are only items borrowed for users. Do not include items checked out to another library.
MLS FTE	Full-time equivalency for all positions paid from the library budget with a Master's from an ALA accredited program and reported in the Library Director, Assistant Director, Senior Librarian, Branch Librarian and all the Staff Librarian(Reference, Children's etc) position classifications. This is computed by totaling the funded hours for those positions per week and dividing by 35. MLS FTE data is as of 7/1/06, rounded to the nearest 10 th and excludes temporarily vacant positions.
Materials Expenditures	The sum of operating expenditures from the library's budget for library materials including print, non print, and electronic resources during FY2006.
Median	The median figures for this report were calculated by ranking the values from lowest to highest and selecting the mid-point value.
Municipality	Name of the Municipality. In the case of the Hamilton-Wenham joint library, the name of the library is used.

Term	Definition
Per Capita	This is calculated by dividing the value of the indicator by the municipality's 2005 population. For the joint Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, the total population of both communities is used.
Programs	Number of library sponsored programs held for adults/young adults and children during FY2006. A program is any planned event which introduces those attending to any of the broad range of library services or activities, or which directly provides information through the presentation of talks, films, dramas, etc. Programs need not take place in the library, but the library must be the primary contributor of time, money, or people in the planning or presentation.
Reference Transactions	A reference transaction is an information contact which involves the knowledge, use, recommendations, interpretation or instruction in the use of one or more information sources by a member of the library staff. It includes information and referral services. Information sources include printed and non-printed materials, machine-readable databases, catalogs and other holdings records, and, through communication or referral, other libraries and institutions and people inside and outside the library. The request may come in person, by phone, by fax, mail, or electronic-mail from an adult, a young adult, or a child. Does not include directional transactions or questions of rules or policies.
Total Operating Expenditures	The sum of the operating expenditures from the library's budget for personnel (salaries and benefits), library materials, and other operating expenditures (e.g., building maintenance, energy and utilities, network membership, supplies, etc.) during FY2006.

Massachusetts Public Library Data Reports

- **Children's Services, xxxx Data** (available in February)
Selected statistics related to children's services including staffing, programming, holdings and circulation.
- **Circulation and Holdings Report, FYxxxx** (available in January)
Various public library circulation and holdings raw data. Also includes circulation per FTE, per hour open and per capita and holdings per capita data.
- **Education & Staffing Report, 7-1-xxxx** (available in January)
Public library staffing levels and distribution of the staff's highest educational level. Staffing level data includes: total full-time equivalencies (FTE), number full time and part time, and FTE for MLS, librarian, children's librarian and non-custodian positions as well as total hours open per non-custodian FTE. Director's education level and length of work week are displayed.
- **Electronic Services, FYxxxx Data** (available in May)
Selected statistics related to electronic services including: website hits, number of users of public Internet computers, electronic subscriptions and materials in electronic format.
- **Featured Reports, FYxxxx Data** (available in the spring)
Reports on changing topics present public library data not displayed in other reports.
- **Financial Statistics Report, FYxxxx Data** (available in February)
Raw and per capita figures for each reporting public library's (including branches) total municipal appropriation, operating income, and salary, materials, other and total operating expenditures. Also included are percent of total operating expenditures spent for salaries, materials and other expenditures.
- **The FYxxxx Municipal Pie...What's Your Share?** (available in January)
Relates the amount expended from the general fund by each city and town on public library service, to the amount expended to operate the entire municipality.
- **Public Library Outlets, FYxxxx Data** (available in May)
Selected statistics relating to public library outlets including: staffing, holdings and circulation.
- **Rankings Report, xxxx Data** (available in March)
Each municipality's rank within its population group and within the entire state based on its library's per capita values for certain income and expenditure data. For services, the indicators are: FTE per 10,000 population, MLS FTE per 10,000, hours open per week, direct and total circulation per capita and holdings per capita.
- **Salaries Report, 7-1-xxxx** (available in January)
Hourly minimum and maximum salaries for up to 17 public library position classifications from Library Director to Custodian. Annual salary for the Library Director is also displayed.
- **Services Report, FYxxxx** (available in January)
Services data includes number of terminals with Internet, average weekly visits, reference questions and hours open. Counts are provided for weekend days open, branches, adult and children's programs and attendance. Average hours open on weekends is also shown.
- **Summary Tables and Graphs, xxxx Data** (available in March)
Statewide, population group and regional totals of various incomes, expenditures, holdings, circulation, services and staffing data. Subject index provided.

Massachusetts Academic Library Data, Fall xxxx, Selected Statistics (available biennially)

Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing Networks Report, FYxxxx (available in the winter)

Massachusetts School Library Media Center Report, Fall xxxx (available in May)

Massachusetts Special Library Statistics Report, FYxxxx Data (available in November)

The reports are available in PDF format and the related spreadsheet and database files are available for downloading from the Board's web site (<http://mblic.state.ma.us/advisory/statistics/index.php>)