

Kentucky Rankings: Comparison of Kentucky Public Libraries with Other States *

↑ indicates an increased ranking, ↓ indicates a decreased ranking, ↔ indicates unchanged ranking

| | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|---|
| Local Income per capita | 32 | 29 | 29 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | ↔ |
| State Income per capita | 23 | 20 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 21 | 21 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 23 | ↔ |
| Other Income per capita | 33 | 38 | 25 | 22 | 23 | 26 | 24 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 29 | 29 | 35 | 33 | ↑ |
| Total Income per capita | 35 | 35 | 32 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 20 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 24 | 23 | ↑ |
| Salary, % of All Expenditures | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 38 | |
| Collection Expenditures per capita | 37 | 37 | 35 | 32 | 36 | 33 | 29 | 33 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 20 | ↓ |
| Operating Expenditures per capita | 40 | 41 | 37 | 36 | 38 | 37 | 35 | 34 | 32 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 32 | ↑ |
| Print Materials per capita | 43 | 44 | 42 | 42 | 42 | 41 | 42 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 37 | 35 | 35 | 32 | ↑ |
| Audio Physical Materials per capita | | | | | | new | 34 | 40 | 39 | 37 | 37 | 35 | 32 | 31 | ↑ |
| Audio Downloadable Materials per capita | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 19 | |
| Video Physical Units per capita | | | | | | new | 36 | 38 | 36 | 36 | 32 | 30 | 31 | 28 | ↑ |
| Video Downloadable Materials per capita | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 8 | |
| Number of ebooks per capita | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 7 | |
| Library Visits per capita | 39 | 40 | 37 | 35 | 37 | 38 | 36 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 35 | 34 | 34 | ↔ |
| Reference Transactions per capita | 48 | 41 | 37 | 33 | 27 | 36 | 29 | unreported | | | | 7 | 7 | 7 | ↔ |
| Children's Material Circulation per capita | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 31 | |
| Circulation/per capita | 35 | 36 | 33 | 32 | 32 | 34 | 35 | 32 | 34 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 28 | 27 | ↑ |
| Total Programs Offered per 1,000 population | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 15 | |
| Total Program Attendance per 1,000 population | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 10 | |
| Children's Programs Offered per 1,000 population | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 20 | |
| Children's Program Attendance per 1,000 pop. | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 24 | |
| YA Programs Offered per 1,000 population | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 26 | |
| YA Program Attendance per 1,000 population | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 11 | |
| ALA-MLS Librarians, % of Total Librarians | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 47 | |
| Paid FTE Librarians/25,000 Population | 16 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 | ↔ |
| Total Paid FTE Staff/25,000 Population | 33 | 32 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 25 | 27 | 26 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 23 | ↑ |
| Public-Use Internet Computers per Outlet | 16 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | ↔ |
| Internet computer user sessions per capita | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 19 | |
| Internet computer user sessions per computer | | | | | | | | | | | | | new | 23 | |
| Internet terminals/5,000 Population | 41 | 37 | 36 | 31 | 28 | 28 | 24 | 24 | 27 | 24 | 23 | 25 | 22 | 22 | ↔ |
| Registered Borrowers per capita | | | | new | 32 | 21 | 23 | 28 | 25 | 19 | 18 | 19 | 16 | 14 | ↑ |

* Includes all fifty states plus the District of Columbia

Source: **Public Libraries in the United States: FY 2017** (IMLS: June 2019)