

2010 IFLA Ranking Report

Library Name in English	Cost per Use
1,000,000 and over	
1 Hong Kong Public Libraries (CN)	€0.27
2 Harris County Public Library (US)	€0.45
3 Los Angeles Public Library (US)	€0.46
4 Prague, The Municipal Library of (MLP) (CZ)	€0.85
5 Metropolitan Ervin Szabó Library (HU)	€1.12
6 Brisbane City Council Library Services (AU)	€1.18
7 Bucharest, Metropolitan Library of (RO)	€1.24
8 New York Public Library (US)	€1.38
9 Singapore, The National Library Board of (SG)	€1.51
10 Berlin Public Library (DE)	€1.56
11 Queens Borough Public Library (US)	€1.66
12 Toronto Public Library (CA)	€1.71
13 Free Library Of Philadelphia (US)	€1.79
14 Brooklyn Public Library (US)	€1.94
15 Barcelona Libraries Consortium (ES)	€1.96
16 Vienna Public Library (AT)	€2.14
17 Montréal Public Library (CA)	€2.99
Average	€1.28
Selected Total	€24.24
Median	€1.38

Library Name in English Cost per U	
999,999 - 750,000	
1 Charlotte Mecklenburg Library (US)	€0.38
2 Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library (US)	€0.39
3 San Jose Public Library (US)	€0.94
4 Ottawa Public Library (CA)	€0.99
5 Columbus Metropolitan Library (US)	€1.01
6 Edmonton Public Library (CA)	€1.13
7 Memphis Public Library & Info Center (US)	€1.17
8 Zagreb City Libraries (HR)	€1.77
9 Stockholm Public Library (SE)	€2.30
10 San Francisco Public Library (US)	€2.34
11 Jacksonville Public Library (US)	€2.90
12 Amsterdam Public Library (NL)	€3.38
Average	€1.56
Selected Total	€18.68
Median	€1.15



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Library Name in English	Cost per Use
749,999 - 500,000	
1 Vilnius City Library (LT)	€0.52
2 Riga Central Library (LV)	€0.72
3 Dresden Public Libraries (DE)	€1.22
4 Gold Coast City Council Library Services (AU)	€1.27
5 Seattle Public Library (US)	€1.37
6 Vancouver Public Library (CA)	€1.45
7 Düsseldorf Public Libraries (DE)	€1.53
8 Helsinki City Library (FI)	€1.61
9 Bremen Public Library (DE)	€1.87
10 Boston Public Library (US)	€1.94
11 Hannover Public Library (DE)	€2.21
12 Oklahoma, Metropolitan Library System (US)	€2.25
13 Milwaukee Public Library (US)	€2.37
14 Copenhagen Public Libraries (DK)	€2.43
15 Oslo Public Library (NO)	€2.90
16 Rotterdam Library (NL)	€3.07
17 Dublin City Libraries (IE)	€4.48
18 District of Columbia Public Library (US)	€14.96
Average	€2.68
Selected Total	€48.17
Median	€1.90

Library Name in English	Cost per Use
under 500,000	
1 Tallinn Central Library (EE)	€0.82
2 Yarra Plenty Regional Library Service (AU)	€1.48
3 Halifax Public Libraries (CA)	€1.48
4 Lyons Public Library (FR)	€1.94
5 Manchester City Council Libraries (GB)	€2.18
6 Zurich Pestalozzi Library (CH)	€2.19
7 Toledo-Lucas County Public Library (US)	€2.24
8 Utrecht Public Library (NL)	€2.46
9 Cleveland Public Library (US)	€2.91
10 Toulouse Public Library (FR)	€3.99
Average	€2.17
Selected Total	€21.68
Median	€2.18

Cost per Use

Summary values for all population groupings

Average	€1.91
Median	€1.61
Lower Quartile - 25%	€2.25
Upper Quartile - 75%	€1.12
Variance - 25% above average	€2.39
Variance - 25% below average	€1.43

^{**} Cost per use is calculated from four output measures: circulation, visits, information requests, virtual visits.