

## ANALYSIS OF SELECTED VARIABLES OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, 2006–2007

The percentages and ratios below are select indicators that describe the condition of ARL university libraries. The high and low figures indicate the range, while the mean and median indicate the central tendency of the distributions for ARL university libraries. Note that a distribution is normal when the mean and the median figures are identical. If the mean is larger than the median then the distribution is positively skewed, and if the opposite is true the distribution is negatively skewed.

Category	High	Mean	Median	Low	Number of Libraries Reporting
Professional Staff as a percent of Total Staff	59.35	32.18	30.82	19.86	113
Support Staff as a percent of Total Staff	69.31	46.63	47.37	12.77	113
Student Assistant Staff as a percent of Total Staff	67.38	21.19	20.65	3.32	113
Ratio of Professional to Support Staff (excluding Student Assistant Staff)	3.54	0.77	0.66	0.34	113
Ratio of Items Loaned to Items Borrowed	5.89	1.45	1.28	0.22	113
Serials Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Materials Expenditures	88.14	68.37	70.13	19.07	112
Monograph Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Materials Expenditures	42.21	22.28	20.87	5.97	112
Total Library Materials Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	62.21	42.70	42.75	26.17	113
Contract Binding as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	1.95	0.61	0.56	0.16	113
Salary & Wages Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	60.29	44.78	45.12	30.08	113
Other Operating Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	28.50	11.90	10.86	2.54	113
Unit costs of Monographs (per volume)	122.59	55.82	54.51	5.58	101
Unit costs of Serials (per title)	543.42	192.29	171.70	73.61	101
Library Expenditures per Faculty	50,560.77	17,632.13	15,234.74	7,055.29	113
Library Expenditures per Full-Time Student	6,893.22	1,315.76	995.85	444.87	113
Library Expenditures per Full-Time Graduate Student	18,030.94	5,614.00	5,108.62	2,252.82	113
Library Expenditures per Full-Time User	5,949.11	1,208.48	931.32	423.47	113
Library Expenditures per User	5,865.27	1,045.54	789.90	355.46	113