Out of 113 ARL university libraries, 74 responded to this survey.1

Law libraries reported median values of 345,935 volumes held and 8,033 gross volumes added. Also, these libraries employed the full-time equivalent of 2,129 staff members in the fiscal year 2007–2008.

Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $215,630,657.2 As seen in the graph below, materials expenditures made up the largest portion of the total, with 47% of aggregated expenses falling under a materials-related category.

Law libraries reported a total of $20,345,053 on electronic materials, or a median of 22% of their total materials budgets. This includes a total of $17,200,532 on electronic serials.

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1 80 ARL university libraries included data for a Law library in the 2007–2008 ARL Statistics; among them, Alberta, British Columbia, Laval, Louisville, Manitoba, Toronto and Wayne State did not complete this survey. Alberta, Louisville and Toronto completed this survey in the past, but chose not to complete this survey in 2007-08. Colorado completed this survey but did not include a law library in the ARL Statistics. Rutgers has two administratively independent Law libraries, which respond separately to this survey; they are aggregated together in the ARL Statistics.

2 This figure includes Canadian universities, whose expenditures were converted to U.S. dollars at the rate of 1.0101 Can$ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2007–June 2008.