Out of 114 ARL university libraries, 62 responded to this survey.¹

Health Sciences libraries reported median values of 230,011 volumes held and 2,249 gross volumes added. Also, these libraries employed the full-time equivalent of 2,131 staff members in the fiscal year 2008–2009.

Responding libraries reported total expenditures of $235,821,026.² As seen in the graph below, materials expenditures made up the largest portion of the total, with approximately 50% of aggregated expenses falling under a materials-related category.

Health sciences libraries reported a total of $83,986,222 in electronic materials expenditures, or a median of almost 79% of their total materials budgets. This includes a total of $78,539,253 in electronic serials expenditures.

¹ Seventy-four ARL university libraries included data for a health sciences library in the 2008–2009 ARL Statistics. Among them, Alberta, British Columbia, Brown, Calgary, Johns Hopkins, Laval, Louisville, Manitoba, Missouri, Ohio, Pittsburgh, SUNY-Buffalo, Toronto, and Wayne State did not complete this survey. Pittsburgh and SUNY-Buffalo completed this survey last year, but chose not to complete this survey in 2008–2009. Cornell and Indiana completed this survey but did not include health sciences library data in the ARL Statistics.

² This figure includes Canadian universities, whose expenditures were converted to US dollars at the rate of 1.1667Can $ = 1 US$, the average monthly noon exchange rate published in the Bank of Canada Review for the period July 2008 to June 2009.