ANALYSIS OF SELECTED VARIABLES OF UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES, 2008–2009

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	59.72	33.64	32.45	20.12	114
Support Staff as a percent of Total Staff	71.30	45.86	45.94	14.97	114
Student Assistant Staff as a percent of Total Staff	53.05	20.50	20.91	0.46	114
Ratio of Professional to Support Staff (excluding Student Assistant Staff)	3.31	0.81	0.70	0.38	114
Ratio of Items Loaned to Items Borrowed	5.18	1.38	1.18	0.23	114
Serials Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Materials Expenditures	91.83	69.58	72.49	14.50	113
Monograph Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Materials Expenditures	40.54	19.78	18.74	4.34	113
Total Library Materials Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	64.39	43.54	43.69	26.78	114
Contract Binding as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	2.04	0.48	0.44	0.04	114
Salary & Wages Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	59.01	45.07	45.24	29.34	114
Other Operating Expenditures as a percent of Total Library Expenditures	23.46	10.91	10.59	2.86	114
Unit costs of Monographs (per volume)	125.87	56.51	54.70	3.07	106
Unit costs of Serials (per title)	443.38	161.95	141.90	49.75	108
Library Expenditures per Faculty	56,699.00	17,907.26	15,562.90	6,325.90	114
Library Expenditures per Full-Time Student	7,872.43	1,349.38	981.81	381.48	114
Library Expenditures per Full-Time Graduate Student	19,239.39	5,525.60	4,787.41	2,012.81	114
Library Expenditures per Full-Time User	6,525.51	1,236.12	921.35	360.36	114
Library Expenditures per User	6,455.89	1,078.40	766.17	317.31	114
Library Expenditures per PhD Awarded	349,926.38	91,501.96	79,932.78	24,839.20	111
Library Staff per PhD Awarded	5.32	0.98	0.84	0.25	111
Professional Library Staff per PhD Awarded	1.70	0.33	0.28	0.09	111