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How Massachusetts Ranks FY2002, May 2005 (v.8,n.3)

Massachusetts was in the top half for most of the state rankings included in *Public Libraries in the United States FY2002* by the National Center for Education Statistics.

- Massachusetts public libraries maintain a high level of resources for their residents:
 - 3rd in the number of book and serial volumes per capita (same as FY2001).
 - 2nd in the number of current serial subscriptions per 1,000 population (up from 4th in FY2001).
- Massachusetts residents benefit from the high level of library professionals:
 - 6th in the number of paid FTE librarians per 25,000 population (same as FY2001).
 - 5th in the number of paid FTE librarians with ALA-accredited MLS degrees per 25,000 population (up from 6th in FY2001).
- Funding still does not quite match the resource and staffing ranks:
 - 12th for total income per capita (up from 13th in FY2001).
 - 13th for local income per capita (same as FY2001).
- Audio and video resources lag:
 - 14th in the number of video materials per 1,000 population (down from 13th in FY2001).
 - 20th in the number of audio materials per 1,000 population (up from 22nd in FY2001).
- Circulation up's and down's:
 - 4th in the number of interlibrary loans received per 1,000 population (same as FY2001).
 - 20th in the number of direct circulation transactions per capita (same as FY2001).
- Reference transactions:
 - 28th in the number of reference transactions per capita (down from 25th in FY2001).
- Visits:
 - 14th in the number library visits per capita (same as FY2001).

Selected Rankings for Massachusetts, FY2002

	MA	MA	highest ranking		lowest ranking state	
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statistic	value (2001 value)	rank *	state and number of main libraries	value	and number of main libraries	value
ILL's received per 1,000	338.21 (259.05)	4	Rhode Island 48	629.95	Hawaii 1	0.12
circulation per capita	7.59 (7.22)	20	Ohio 250	14.63	District of Columbia 1	2.14
book and serial volumes per capita	4.85 (4.80)	3	Maine 274	5.05	Arizona 35	1.72
audio materials per 1,000	147.38 (135.10)	20	Ohio 250	317.53	Arkansas 47	48.90
video materials per 1,000	135.09 (116.92)	14	Ohio 250	262.16	District of Columbia 1	33.70
current serial subscriptions per 1,000	13.67 (13.76)	2	Vermont 189	14.15	Georgia 58	3.37
paid FTE librarians per 25,000	6.96 (7.10)	6	New Hampshire 230	8.49	North Carolina 76	1.95
paid FTE ALA- MLS librarians per 25,000	4.47 (4.35)	5	Connecticut 194	5.49	Arkansas 47	0.85
total operating income per capita	\$37.64 (\$34.74)	12	Ohio 250	\$56.85	Mississippi 49	\$13.72
local operating income per capita	\$29.96 (\$28.13)	13	District of Columbia 1	\$46.11	West Virginia 97 (Hawaii reported zero local income)	\$8.72
reference transactions per capita	0.88 (0.87)	28	District of Columbia 1	1.87	Montana 79	0.49
library visits per capita	5.49 (5.24)	14	Ohio 250	6.90	Mississippi 49	2.77

* Massachusetts has 370 independent main libraries.

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