Fiscal Year 2018

A Current Look at Georgia Public Libraries and GPLS

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Georgia's 63 Public Library Systems

Effective FY 2015, Burke County joined the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library System and the East Central Georgia Regional Library System was renamed the Augusta-Richmond Public Library System

The 2018 edition of "A Current Look at Georgia's Public Libraries and GPLS" is now available, offering a detailed examination of the statistical data that describes the operations, funding, and usage of the over 400 public library facilities throughout our state. This report highlights the value of each of these libraries and the services and programs they offer in every county in Georgia through the 63 public library systems.

This report offers statistical data and analysis of Fiscal Year 2018, which began July 1, 2017, and ended June 30, 2018. Each of the 63 public library systems submits an annual report to GPLS; these annual reports provide the data utilized in the preparation of "A Current Look." Our aggregate data was submitted, as required, to the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in spring 2019 for inclusion in the national Public Libraries Survey, which provides a national view of public library facilities, services, and funding.

"A Current Look" provides detailed data in ways we hope are useful to those who fund, support, and use public libraries in Georgia. This year, our libraries continued to add patrons as well as the resources and services to meet the needs of residents across the state. For the second year in a row, in FY2018, the state provided 25 cent per capita materials grant to public libraries. These funds allowed libraries to purchase the materials that resulted in Georgia libraries circulating over 35 million items, with 13% more of the high demand e-books being offered at libraries in FY2018 than in FY2017. Live Oak Public Libraries joined the PINES system during FY2018, which increased both the number of patrons and materials within the PINES network.

Public libraries remain essential to the success of education at every level throughout the state. They support students and parents by providing preschool and pre-literacy programs as well as resources for K-12 and higher education. Libraries play a vital role in the state's workforce development, providing resources to adults pursuing new career paths or re-training programs, and to those who need access to online services from local, state and federal government agencies. Offering free Wi-Fi at each of our public libraries helps ensure this need is met.

To the community leaders, trustees, administrators, and funders at the state and local level, whose support makes the services we deliver to every community possible, we are grateful. Together we make Georgia's public libraries successful and meaningful places for Georgians.

This report and previous editions of "A Current Look" may be accessed on our website at www.georgialibraries.org/statistics/.

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Empowering libraries to improve the lives of all Georgians

Georgia Library Laws

- By statutory authority, Georgia Public Library Service, as a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, gives aid, counsel and advice to all libraries in Georgia and works in a limited supervisory capacity with the 63 public library systems.

- **OCGA § 20-5-2 (a)** states that the agency "… shall give aid, advice and counsel to all libraries" and "shall exercise supervision over all public libraries and endeavor to improve libraries already established."

- **OCGA § 20-2-305 (a)** states that the agency "… shall annually determine and request of the General Assembly the amount of funds needed for county and regional public libraries" and that "Public Library funds shall be apportioned to county and regional public libraries in proportion to the area and population to be served by such libraries . .."

- Public library systems in Georgia are either single-county or multiple-county, based on the individual participating agreements. There are currently 34 multiple-county (regional) public library systems and 29 single-county public library systems. **OCGA § 20-5-41** places authority of single-county library systems with the county board of trustees and places authority of multiple-county library systems with the regional board of trustees.

- While GPLS strongly supports efficiency and economy in the operation of public library systems, it realizes that local preferences, history and political realities drive the decisions of how public libraries are configured and aligned. It is the role of GPLS to advocate for strong, fiscally sound and viable public libraries.

- Georgia statutes related to public libraries may be found at www.georgialibraries.org/library-laws/

Value of Public Library Services

If a **family of four** borrows two hardcover books, two e-books, and two DVDs each month, attends one program per quarter, and annually takes advantage of the museum and attraction passes available at every public library in the state, that family would **save almost $1,800 every year** over the cost of buying those materials and tickets individually. *In addition, there is the value of public-access Internet, job skills training, homework help, and dozens of other services that Georgia libraries routinely provide free of charge!*

- **2 hardcover books per month for a year**
  - The average book costs $26.00.
  - This saved the family of four a total of **$624**.

- **2 e-books per month for a year**
  - The average eBook consumer cost is $12.77.
  - This saved the family of four a total of **$306**.

- **2 DVDs per month for a year**
  - The average DVD costs $15.00.
  - This saved the family of four a total of **$360**.

- **1 library program per quarter**
  - The average cost of a movie ticket is $9.16.
  - This saved the family of four a total of **$147**.

- **1 time per year using the Passes from the Breman Museum, Center for Puppetry Arts, Chattahoochee Nature Center, Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, Go Fish Education Center, and the Michael C. Carlos Museum.** This saved the family of four a total of **$352**.

In 2018, the value of public library services is almost $1800 for just these services!

State Grant Funding for Public Libraries

- By state law OCGA § 20-5-3, state grant funding is apportioned by formula to the library systems on the basis of population and geography (http://www.georgialibraries.org/lib/library_laws/OCGA - 20-5-3.pdf).

- State grant funding is provided for professional salaries, library materials, operational support, libraries for the blind and physically handicapped, and, by grant award, for capital improvement.

- Georgia is the only state that provides grants that are specifically designated for the salaries of professional librarians, thus ensuring that each system is administered and led by licensed librarians.

- In FY2017, Georgia ranked 11th in the nation in terms of state funding per capita for public libraries, at $2.99 while the national average was $2.82.

- Even with the significant funding provided by the state, in FY2017, Georgia ranked 49th in the nation in terms of **total** per capita funding of public libraries at $19.12. The national average for **total** per capita funding was $42.34. Note that FY2017 is the most recent year for which IMLS has published national data tables.

- In FY2018, Georgia's per capita state funding was $3.12. This included a $0.25 per capita materials grant.

State Grant Funding Per Capita FY2018 (Formula based)
(includes one-time other state funding)
Descending Order
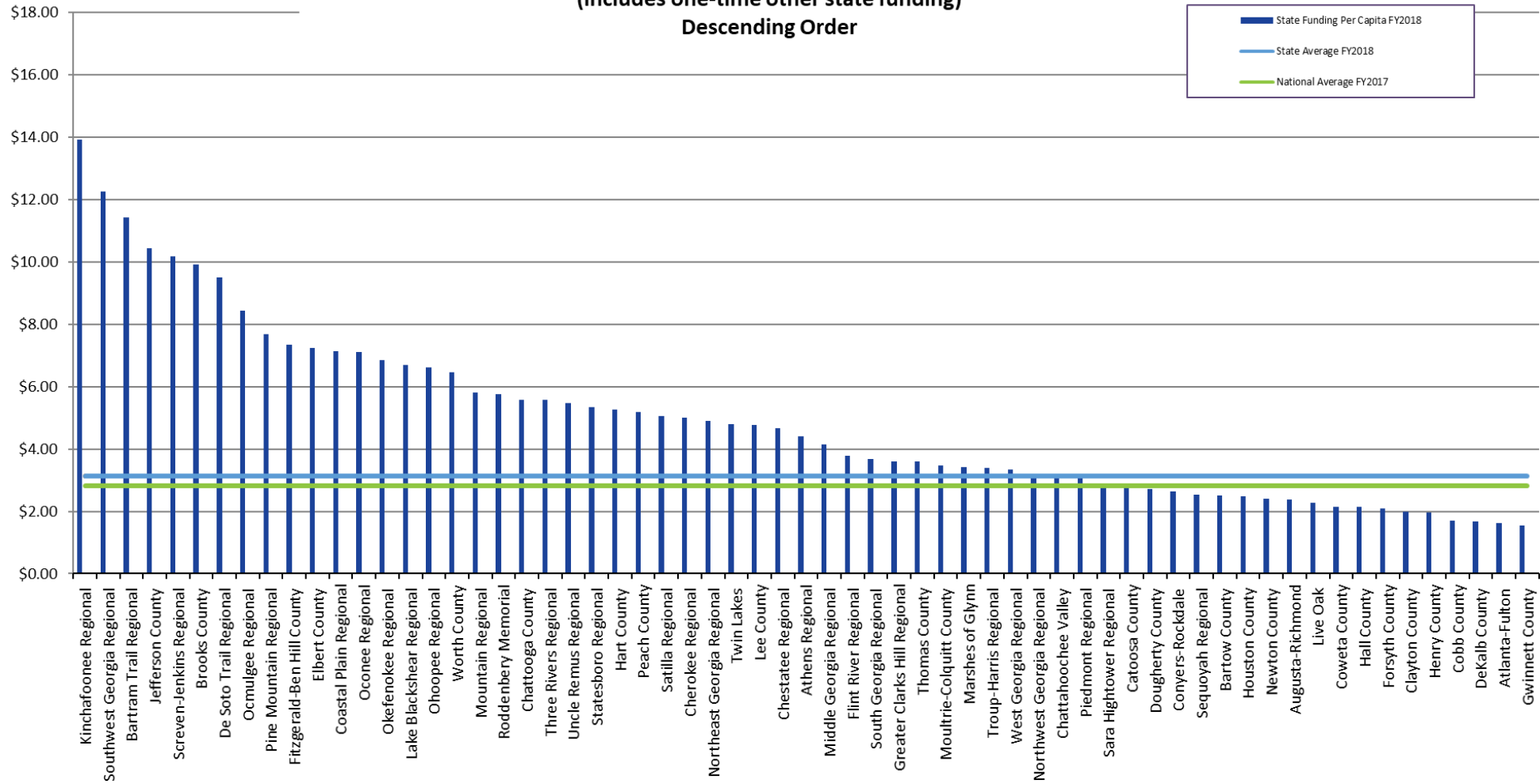
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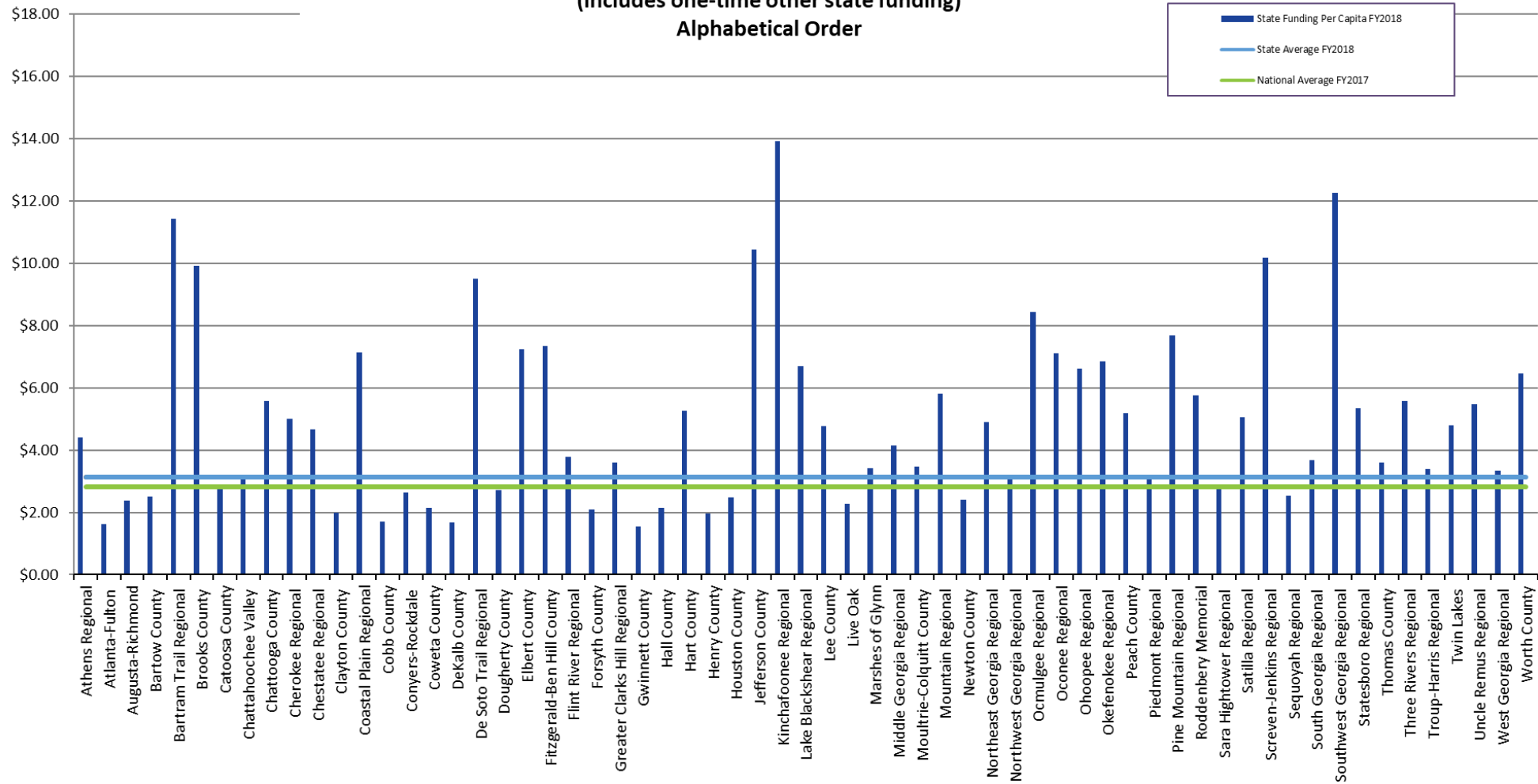| | State Per Capita Funding for Georgia Public Libraries - FY2016 - 2018 | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | |
| Library System | Population | Total State Funding | Per Capita | Population | Total State Funding | Per Capita | Population | Total State Funding | Per Capita |
| Athens Regional | 226,216 | $ 832,153 | $ 3.68 | 228,317 | $ 946,126 | $ 4.14 | 230,417 | $ 1,016,173 | $ 4.41 |
| Atlanta-Fulton | 1,035,754 | 1,316,325 | 1.27 | 1,052,908 | 1,639,230 | 1.56 | 1,070,062 | 1,747,051 | 1.63 |
| Augusta-Richmond | 204,435 | 422,345 | 2.07 | 205,246 | 521,323 | 2.54 | 206,057 | 489,951 | 2.38 |
| Bartow County | 104,521 | 218,090 | 2.09 | 105,603 | 259,272 | 2.46 | 106,686 | 267,862 | 2.51 |
| Bartram Trail Regional | 33,417 | 320,247 | 9.58 | 33,464 | 333,615 | 9.97 | 33,510 | 383,014 | 11.43 |
| Brooks County | 15,439 | 123,237 | 7.98 | 15,413 | 122,803 | 7.97 | 15,387 | 152,689 | 9.92 |
| Catoosa County | 67,127 | 155,735 | 2.32 | 67,733 | 183,849 | 2.71 | 68,338 | 192,864 | 2.82 |
| Chattahoochee Valley | 235,168 | 672,186 | 2.86 | 236,833 | 726,793 | 3.07 | 238,497 | 759,662 | 3.19 |
| Chattooga County | 25,187 | 127,644 | 5.07 | 25,204 | 133,828 | 5.31 | 25,220 | 140,729 | 5.58 |
| Cherokee Regional | 85,555 | 293,077 | 3.43 | 85,839 | 324,715 | 3.78 | 86,122 | 430,331 | 5.00 |
| Chestatee Regional | 56,075 | 236,175 | 4.21 | 56,899 | 271,543 | 4.77 | 57,723 | 269,850 | 4.67 |
| Clayton County | 272,364 | 450,488 | 1.65 | 275,079 | 548,840 | 2.00 | 277,793 | 554,338 | 2.00 |
| Coastal Plain Regional | 94,976 | 569,030 | 5.99 | 95,314 | 634,175 | 6.65 | 95,652 | 681,466 | 7.12 |
| Cobb County | 745,143 | 984,213 | 1.32 | 754,461 | 1,236,600 | 1.64 | 763,778 | 1,300,797 | 1.70 |
| Conyers-Rockdale | 90,489 | 209,694 | 2.32 | 91,679 | 238,564 | 2.60 | 92,869 | 244,763 | 2.64 |
| Coweta County | 141,369 | 257,538 | 1.82 | 144,098 | 301,592 | 2.09 | 146,828 | 315,506 | 2.15 |
| DeKalb County | 732,586 | 943,084 | 1.29 | 739,002 | 1,115,656 | 1.51 | 745,417 | 1,252,547 | 1.68 |
| De Soto Trail Regional | 36,749 | 306,029 | 8.33 | 36,690 | 374,770 | 10.21 | 36,630 | 347,772 | 9.49 |
| Dougherty County | 93,228 | 205,433 | 2.20 | 93,315 | 243,830 | 2.61 | 93,401 | 254,178 | 2.72 |
| Elbert County | 19,505 | 115,269 | 5.91 | 19,474 | 127,220 | 6.53 | 19,443 | 140,475 | 7.22 |
| Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County | 17,780 | 112,634 | 6.34 | 17,868 | 123,708 | 6.92 | 17,956 | 131,836 | 7.34 |
| Flint River Regional | 264,506 | 935,991 | 3.54 | 266,576 | 1,010,407 | 3.79 | 268,647 | 1,016,471 | 3.78 |
| Forsyth County | 215,831 | 333,823 | 1.55 | 222,640 | 419,603 | 1.88 | 229,449 | 478,280 | 2.08 |
| Greater Clarks Hill Regional | 181,970 | 561,953 | 3.09 | 185,410 | 635,898 | 3.43 | 188,851 | 681,078 | 3.61 |
| Gwinnett County | 912,741 | 1,207,122 | 1.32 | 930,553 | 1,405,230 | 1.51 | 948,365 | 1,462,920 | 1.54 |
| Hall County | 197,356 | 321,522 | 1.63 | 200,560 | 394,819 | 1.97 | 203,764 | 435,796 | 2.14 |
| Hart County | 25,718 | 119,483 | 4.65 | 25,809 | 143,674 | 5.57 | 25,900 | 136,576 | 5.27 |
| Henry County | 223,916 | 389,057 | 1.74 | 228,179 | 475,357 | 2.08 | 232,442 | 453,034 | 1.95 |
| Houston County | 154,491 | 281,139 | 1.82 | 156,768 | 336,984 | 2.15 | 159,046 | 394,914 | 2.48 |
| Jefferson County | 16,268 | 111,862 | 6.88 | 16,251 | 122,630 | 7.55 | 16,234 | 169,240 | 10.43 |
| Kinchafoonee Regional | 30,339 | 402,256 | 13.26 | 30,161 | 430,220 | 14.26 | 29,983 | 417,539 | 13.93 |
| Lake Blackshear Regional | 73,898 | 459,045 | 6.21 | 73,833 | 500,512 | 6.78 | 73,768 | 494,296 | 6.70 |
| Lee County | 30,634 | 123,475 | 4.03 | 31,155 | 138,834 | 4.46 | 31,676 | 150,632 | 4.76 |
| Live Oak | 413,636 | 775,029 | 1.87 | 419,173 | 849,145 | 2.03 | 424,710 | 962,736 | 2.27 |
| Marshes of Glynn | 84,279 | 211,470 | 2.51 | 85,202 | 229,829 | 2.70 | 86,126 | 294,178 | 3.42 |
| Middle Georgia Regional | 229,412 | 815,313 | 3.55 | 229,977 | 925,309 | 4.02 | 230,542 | 957,010 | 4.15 |
| Moultrie-Colquitt County | 47,715 | 355,949 | 7.46 | 48,195 | 159,641 | 3.31 | 48,675 | 169,444 | 3.48 |
| Mountain Regional | 57,074 | 323,973 | 5.68 | 57,399 | 359,278 | 6.26 | 57,725 | 334,896 | 5.80 |
| Newton County | 108,481 | 319,707 | 2.95 | 110,493 | 262,932 | 2.38 | 112,505 | 270,487 | 2.40 |
| Northeast Georgia Regional | 115,322 | 488,539 | 4.24 | 116,091 | 549,042 | 4.73 | 116,860 | 572,950 | 4.90 |
| Northwest Georgia Regional | 202,387 | 692,844 | 3.42 | 203,860 | 617,711 | 3.03 | 205,333 | 655,130 | 3.19 |
| Ocmulgee Regional | 79,032 | 640,689 | 8.11 | 79,044 | 693,988 | 8.78 | 79,057 | 666,978 | 8.44 |
| Oconee Regional | 89,137 | 569,544 | 6.39 | 89,431 | 607,550 | 6.79 | 89,725 | 637,758 | 7.11 |
| Ohoopee Regional | 78,353 | 461,475 | 5.89 | 78,863 | 497,052 | 6.30 | 79,373 | 524,055 | 6.60 |
| Okefenokee Regional | 92,861 | 569,300 | 6.13 | 93,448 | 749,797 | 8.02 | 94,036 | 644,579 | 6.85 |
| Peach County | 27,313 | 123,226 | 4.51 | 27,413 | 120,316 | 4.39 | 27,513 | 142,577 | 5.18 |
| Piedmont Regional | 161,465 | 496,781 | 3.08 | 164,982 | 503,424 | 3.05 | 168,500 | 518,931 | 3.08 |
| Pine Mountain Regional | 62,463 | 417,625 | 6.69 | 62,378 | 460,652 | 7.38 | 62,293 | 478,196 | 7.68 |
| Roddenbery Memorial | 25,902 | 132,704 | 5.12 | 26,110 | 124,421 | 4.77 | 26,318 | 151,328 | 5.75 |
| Sara Hightower Regional | 139,127 | 431,507 | 3.10 | 139,835 | 410,922 | 2.94 | 140,543 | 402,857 | 2.87 |
| Satilla Regional | 52,615 | 256,909 | 4.88 | 52,984 | 261,598 | 4.94 | 53,352 | 270,214 | 5.06 |
| Screven-Jenkins Regional | 23,584 | 209,814 | 8.90 | 23,609 | 226,735 | 9.60 | 23,634 | 240,616 | 10.18 |
| Sequoyah Regional | 301,395 | 679,765 | 2.26 | 307,437 | 750,465 | 2.44 | 313,479 | 790,312 | 2.52 |
| South Georgia Regional | 132,547 | 427,068 | 3.22 | 134,269 | 479,207 | 3.57 | 135,991 | 498,270 | 3.66 |
| Southwest Georgia Regional | 42,549 | 515,203 | 12.11 | 42,653 | 454,063 | 10.65 | 42,757 | 523,966 | 12.25 |
| Statesboro Regional | 155,895 | 718,185 | 4.61 | 158,190 | 836,078 | 5.29 | 160,486 | 856,997 | 5.34 |
| Thomas County | 45,842 | 137,748 | 3.00 | 46,166 | 156,578 | 3.39 | 46,490 | 166,770 | 3.59 |
| Three Rivers Regional | 147,773 | 720,670 | 4.88 | 149,121 | 803,430 | 5.39 | 150,468 | 837,825 | 5.57 |
| Troup-Harris Regional | 105,172 | 301,550 | 2.87 | 106,324 | 347,153 | 3.27 | 107,476 | 364,724 | 3.39 |
| Twin Lakes | 46,666 | 142,967 | 3.06 | 46,875 | 158,581 | 3.38 | 47,084 | 225,216 | 4.78 |
| Uncle Remus Regional | 169,509 | 1,087,286 | 6.41 | 171,443 | 1,075,907 | 6.28 | 173,377 | 949,150 | 5.47 |
| West Georgia Regional | 459,617 | 1,313,845 | 2.86 | 467,577 | 1,196,657 | 2.56 | 475,537 | 1,593,101 | 3.35 |
| Worth County | 21,208 | 117,026 | 5.52 | 21,181 | 128,508 | 6.07 | 21,153 | 136,529 | 6.45 |
| **Georgia State Totals** | **10,379,084** | **$ 28,571,057** | **$ 2.75** | **10,508,057** | **$ 31,418,595** | **$ 2.99** | **10,637,029** | **$ 33,202,410** | **$ 3.12** |

State Grant Funding by Category
(Formula based)
System Detail
FY2016-18

| Library System	2016 - % Change from FY15 = 1.7%					2017 - % Change from FY16 = 9.8%					2018 - % Change from FY17 =5.0%				
	State Funds Used for Salaries and Wages	State Funds Used for Salary Benefits	State Funds Used for Purchases of Books and Materials	State Funds Used for Other Regular Operating Costs	Total State Funded Operations	State Funds Used for Salaries and Wages	State Funds Used for Salary Benefits	State Funds Used for Purchases of Books and Materials	State Funds Used for Other Regular Operating Costs	Total State Funded Operations	State Funds Used for Salaries and Wages	State Funds Used for Salary Benefits	State Funds Used for Purchases of Books and Materials	State Funds Used for Other Regular Operating Costs	Total State Funded Operations
Athens Regional	$596,711	$184,373	$ -	$34,577	$815,660	$602,545	$187,494	$57,931	$22,999	$870,970	$602,622	$206,180	$57,604	$145,168	$1,011,574
Atlanta-Fulton	869,460	330,358	0	92,711	1,292,529	899,392	330,358	257,774	151635	1,639,159	936,497	375,816	267,516	70,001	1,649,830
Augusta-Richmond	198,455	65,296	0	17,110	280,860	216,132	54,033	53,661	0	323,826	271,249	57,032	51,514	-	379,795
Bartow County	140,281	38,373	0	38,430	217,084	140,364	42,566	28,075	31456	242,461	143,469	46,173	26,671	51,549	267,862
Bartram Trail Regional	206,058	52,007	19,550	42,632	320,247	221,714	56,388	17,065	41898	337,065	226,657	62,044	15,819	78,494	383,014
Brooks County	68,439	25,118	2,625	27,055	123,237	80,273	15,422	4,174	22934	122,803	82,027	17,199	3,847	49,617	152,690
Catoosa County	68,965	24,292	25,717	36,761	155,735	76,453	25,402	31,291	50703	183,849	78,611	27,983	41,460	46,811	192,865
Chattahoochee Valley	522,238	81,901	0	26,476	630,615	530,608	88,497	57,373	3789	680,267	556,108	85,616	59,624	11,611	712,959
Chattooga County	68,439	24,663	6,638	20,149	119,889	70,669	25,026	8,751	29382	133,828	72,450	26,802	7,349	34,127	140,728
Cherokee Regional	197,780	67,048	7,316	20,932	293,077	201,919	68,246	22,318	32232	324,715	188,042	78,856	21,714	141,719	430,331
Chestatee Regional	116,569	45,784	0	73,821	236,175	179,810	53,502	14,934	0	248,246	178,048	61,250	14,431	-	253,729
Clayton County	258,500	90,348	0	43,640	392,488	259,955	97,445	69,555	44885	471,840	241,839	128,636	69,448	45,415	485,338
Coastal Plain Regional	386,274	153,696	20,248	0	560,218	397,867	155,528	25,132	55648	634,175	393,967	157,340	23,913	106,245	681,465
Cobb County	624,453	235,989	123,791	0	984,233	629,150	251,660	188,754	91467	1,161,031	691,993	311,393	190,944	11,853	1,206,187
Conyers-Rockdale	98,657	31,955	0	23,589	154,200	117,190	39,654	-	42829	199,673	136,079	49,064	23,217	19,871	228,231
Coweta County	131,160	47,493	68,885	0	247,538	136,549	46,378	37,023	61647	281,597	189,641	-	36,707	61,790	288,138
DeKalb County	859,430	0	0	83,654	943,084	727,635	-	183,863	204158	1,115,656	912,974	-	186,354	60,577	1,159,905
De Soto Trail Regional	226,310	37,441	0	42,278	306,029	216,995	53,170	9,517	32108	311,790	200,635	79,423	9,158	31,511	320,727
Dougherty County	129,939	48,715	26,779	0	205,433	133,447	49,483	60,900	0	243,830	136,116	53,526	24,072	40,465	254,179
Elbert County	82,421	26,695	1,833	3,337	114,287	87,085	25,666	5,060	15	117,827	88,243	27,580	4,861	128	120,812
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	66,768	13,072	6,244	26,551	112,634	77,538	18,157	4,575	15434	115,704	47,602	11,462	4,489	68,283	131,836
Flint River Regional	587,867	186,466	30,598	93,219	898,150	607,753	185,823	68,950	160885	1,023,410	619,256	203,301	67,162	126,752	1,016,471
Forsyth County	191,439	72,312	70,072	0	333,823	196,700	73,465	114,846	0	385,011	265,155	105,320	61,190	-	431,665
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	317,223	119,948	33,767	91,015	561,953	320,364	130,920	44,398	95363	591,045	353,230	152,869	47,213	78,630	631,942
Gwinnett County	683,712	235,557	206,366	81,487	1,207,122	829,242	313,273	233,624	29091	1,405,230	845,819	338,404	237,091	41,606	1,462,920
Hall County	214,963	64,009	0	42,549	321,522	205,291	64,874	51,571	73083	394,819	209,396	70,663	50,941	104,796	435,796
Hart County	94,290	23,963	0	894	119,148	96,566	21,021	6,490	19581	143,658	76,924	22,962	6,475	30,215	136,576
Henry County	259,518	96,103	0	33,436	389,057	273,882	83,518	61,311	17072	435,783	239,206	93,212	58,110	36,925	427,453
Houston County	202,044	61,707	0	17,388	281,139	211,166	58,999	39,368	27451	336,984	212,012	68,036	40,380	25,761	346,189
Jefferson County	73,773	19,784	0	18,305	111,862	75,636	20,031	4,347	14669	114,683	78,109	22,112	4,058	45,425	149,704
Kinchafoonee Regional	246,749	90,614	20,496	31,819	389,678	254,457	99,308	17,989	58465	430,220	261,969	108,451	12,888	34,176	417,484
Lake Blackshear Regional	314,189	124,569	15,854	4,433	459,045	320,288	128,142	19,876	32606	500,912	325,495	108,439	18,442	41,920	494,296
Lee County	70,290	25,524	0	27,660	123,475	70,193	25,502	10,313	32826	138,834	71,597	27,628	10,407	24,761	134,393
Live Oak	659,953	29,282	0	64,534	753,769	550,259	160,468	137,898	0	848,625	587,390	144,751	148,940	-	881,081
Marshes of Glynn	121,198	36,182	22,706	14,257	194,343	137,280	31,501	21,392	23061	213,234	137,073	43,620	21,531	18,520	220,744
Middle Georgia Regional	465,373	150,279	80,816	118,845	815,313	503,043	165,997	59,760	136376	865,176	548,267	202,856	57,636	148,251	957,010
Moultrie-Colquitt County	73,675	19,882	0	262,392	355,949	70,193	25,502	12,172	51774	159,641	71,597	27,629	12,169	58,050	169,445
Mountain Regional	221,616	65,121	0	37,247	323,984	227,864	67,211	14,794	24995	334,864	216,703	64,074	14,431	49,658	344,866
Newton County	138,212	40,442	0	141,053	319,707	132,524	50,406	28,846	51156	262,932	141,047	48,594	28,126	52,719	270,486
Northeast Georgia Regional	294,266	124,752	0	69,521	488,539	312,328	128,780	30,012	41518	512,637	320,974	138,600	29,215	37,327	526,116
Northwest Georgia Regional	319,721	129,993	6,000	47,635	503,348	355,415	141,892	53,114	0	550,421	354,751	153,740	51,333	-	559,824
Ocmulgee Regional	348,139	128,354	65,963	127,646	670,102	396,813	120,739	55,900	109631	683,083	439,508	160,440	34,935	45,490	680,373
Oconee Regional	308,801	117,086	53,846	89,811	569,544	325,031	120,602	77,893	84025	607,550	359,042	129,861	67,531	81,324	637,758
Ohoopee Regional	305,195	89,700	0	53,936	448,830	310,094	104,643	20,542	21405	456,685	319,863	127,974	19,843	16,816	484,496
Okefenokee Regional	365,406	148,024	0	43,202	556,632	372,976	156,337	24,078	20527	573,918	379,175	169,264	23,509	19,244	591,192
Peach County	68,439	25,118	0	29,669	123,226	70,193	25,502	7,687	25934	129,316	71,598	27,629	6,878	36,475	142,580
Piedmont Regional	320,588	119,408	0	26,785	466,781	314,913	129,722	42,368	16421	503,424	353,068	107,823	42,125	15,915	518,931
Pine Mountain Regional	280,590	91,497	0	45,538	417,625	293,476	99,912	16,367	19226	428,981	287,444	102,646	15,573	33,972	439,635
Roddenbery Memorial	94,406	20,694	4,316	0	119,416	96,664	21,189	6,568	0	124,421	97,915	23,951	6,580	-	128,446
Sara Hightower Regional	233,152	87,979	0	67,808	388,938	203,786	76,569	35,843	94724	410,922	213,645	68,921	35,136	52,788	370,490
Satilla Regional	129,676	42,335	23,813	0	195,824	140,299	42,631	13,643	46024	242,597	144,592	45,050	13,338	67,234	270,214
Screven-Jenkins Regional	142,656	47,813	0	14,683	205,152	149,036	43,660	5,818	9862	208,376	149,436	47,432	5,918	37,830	240,616
Sequoyah Regional	463,805	140,334	22,897	6,482	633,518	487,718	131,387	76,976	54384	750,465	489,621	157,031	78,370	65,290	790,312
South Georgia Regional	266,017	108,428	0	42,785	417,230	275,477	109,817	35,000	26928	447,222	284,070	111,233	33,998	27,640	456,941
Southwest Georgia Regional	255,053	112,463	0	143,989	511,504	262,551	113,844	12,992	60765	450,152	267,288	119,937	12,008	122,797	522,030
Statesboro Regional	463,010	143,697	16,427	13,369	636,504	479,364	149,368	40,353	166993	836,078	470,174	152,878	40,122	193,822	856,996
Thomas County	93,685	37,597	0	4,909	136,191	92,002	41,536	11,498	11542	156,578	98,473	40,746	11,623	15,928	166,770
Three Rivers Regional	417,475	163,880	25,091	114,224	720,670	428,222	171,790	12,966	98903	711,881	487,243	213,189	37,617	32,111	770,160
Troup-Harris Regional	212,185	76,385	0	12,981	301,550	196,700	73,465	34,451	20167	324,783	200,635	79,423	26,869	27,938	334,865
Twin Lakes	76,736	16,821	10,272	34,213	138,041	78,490	17,205	12,041	40622	148,358	79,725	19,500	11,771	40,504	151,500
Uncle Remus Regional	529,502	206,995	0	1,311	737,808	523,152	205,719	44,180	0	773,051	532,441	219,810	43,344	-	795,595
West Georgia Regional	658,025	281,303	0	77,077	1,016,405	671,817	296,246	121,451	28197	1,117,711	725,881	279,339	118,884	21,968	1,146,072
Worth County	72,346	22,048	4,310	18,321	117,026	74,163	22,215	5,587	28523	130,478	75,837	23,388	5,288	32,016	136,529
Georgia State Totals	$17,572,266	$5,569,044	$1,023,233	$2,820,128	$26,984,671	$17,996,659	$5,934,808	$2,882,999	$2,809,996	$29,624,462	$18,835,513	$6,436,105	$2,809,710	$3,017,829	$31,099,157

Local Funding for Public Libraries

- By statutory authority, Georgia Public Library Service, as a unit of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, gives aid, counsel and advice to all libraries in Georgia and works in a limited supervisory capacity with the 62 public library systems.

- Local funding (including one-time funding but not capital funding) for Georgia's public libraries varied widely across the state in FY2018, from Ohoopee Regional Library System at $4.73 per capita to Chattahoochee Valley Libraries at $30.71 per capita. In FY2017, local funding ranged from $4.59 to $28.92 per capita.

- The majority of the public library systems in Georgia (over 79%) received local funding that was below the statewide average of $15.61.

- For FY2018, local funding for **all** 63 of Georgia's library systems was below the FY2017 national average of $36.37.

- Georgia ranked 47th in the nation in local funding per capita for public libraries in FY2017.

- Five public library systems (Brooks County Public Library, De Soto Trail Regional Library System, Ocmulgee Regional Library System, Ohoopee Regional Library System, Okefenokee Regional Library System) received more state funding than local funding.

- When reviewing the amount of funding provided to all Georgia libraries by state and local sources, 16% came from the state while 84% came from local sources.

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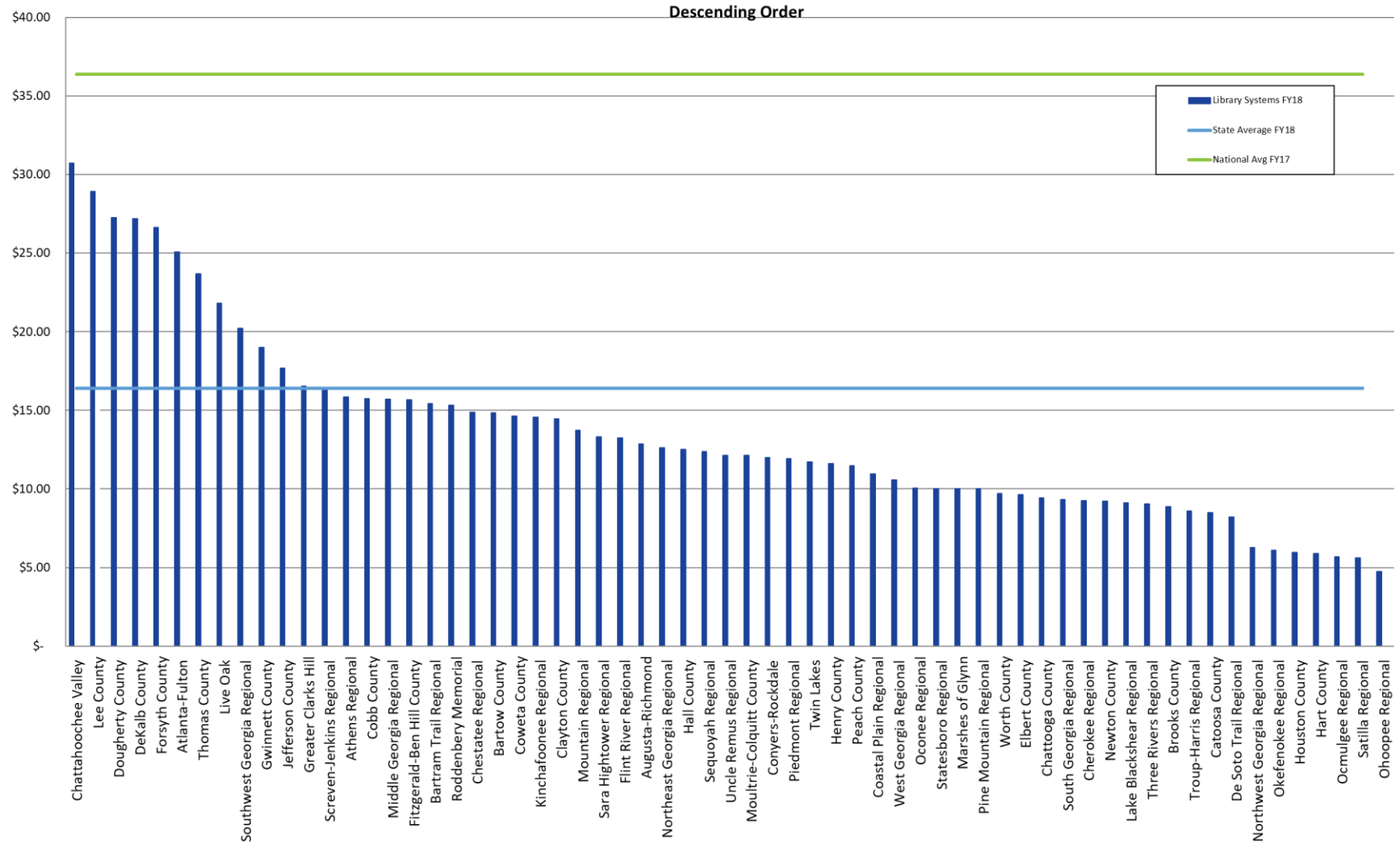
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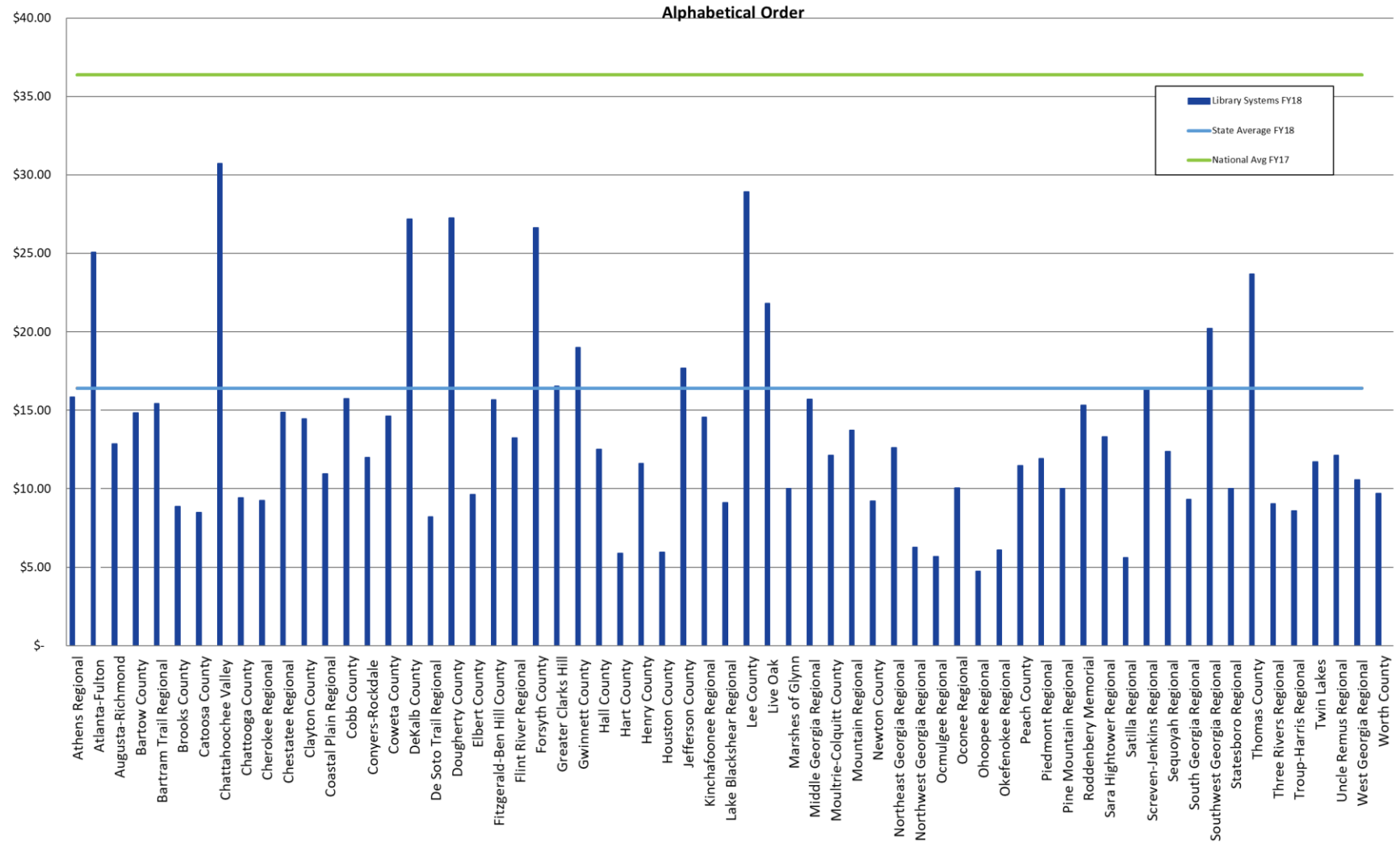
Local Funding per Capita
System Detail
FY2016-18

Local Funding Per Capita for Georgia Public Libraries - FY2016-2018									
	2016			**2017**			**2018**		
Library System	Population	Total Local Funding	Per Capita	Population	Total Local Funding	Per Capita	Population	Total Local Funding	Per Capita
Athens Regional	226,216	$ 3,508,666	$ 15.51	228,317	$ 3,619,348	$ 15.85	230,417	$ 3,653,748	$ 15.86
Atlanta-Fulton	1,035,754	26,049,955	25.15	1,052,908	25,457,188	24.18	1,070,062	26,843,758	25.09
Augusta-Richmond	204,435	2,760,061	13.50	205,246	2,688,285	13.10	206,057	2,649,595	12.86
Bartow County	104,521	1,590,520	15.22	105,603	1,564,748	14.82	106,686	1,581,698	14.83
Bartram Trail Regional	33,417	441,687	13.22	33,464	442,495	13.22	33,510	517,446	15.44
Brooks County	15,439	136,702	8.85	15,413	140,344	9.11	15,387	136,665	8.88
Catoosa County	67,127	621,312	9.26	67,733	543,564	8.03	68,338	580,836	8.50
Chattahoochee Valley	235,168	6,867,207	29.20	236,833	6,775,313	28.61	238,497	7,324,567	30.71
Chattooga County	25,187	227,808	9.04	25,204	246,138	9.77	25,220	237,371	9.41
Cherokee Regional	85,555	748,720	8.75	85,839	755,293	8.80	86,122	796,143	9.24
Chestatee Regional	56,075	793,415	14.15	56,899	830,593	14.60	57,723	858,516	14.87
Clayton County	272,364	3,758,457	13.80	275,079	3,922,575	14.26	277,793	4,012,624	14.44
Coastal Plain Regional	94,976	1,003,394	10.56	95,314	1,016,803	10.67	95,652	1,046,950	10.95
Cobb County	745,143	10,348,019	13.89	754,461	10,591,938	14.04	763,778	12,032,018	15.75
Conyers-Rockdale	90,489	980,684	10.84	91,679	975,713	10.64	92,869	1,114,485	12.00
Coweta County	141,369	2,091,991	14.80	144,098	2,162,991	15.01	146,828	2,147,026	14.62
DeKalb County	732,586	16,696,008	22.79	739,002	18,330,672	24.80	745,417	20,265,652	27.19
De Soto Trail Regional	36,749	214,769	5.84	36,690	257,157	7.01	36,630	300,189	8.20
Dougherty County	93,228	2,411,312	25.86	93,315	2,474,921	26.52	93,401	2,546,027	27.26
Elbert County	19,505	193,554	9.92	19,474	188,671	9.69	19,443	187,069	9.62
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	17,780	279,209	15.70	17,868	281,975	15.78	17,956	281,107	15.66
Flint River Regional	264,506	3,565,485	13.48	266,576	3,718,797	13.95	268,647	3,560,677	13.25
Forsyth County	215,831	5,739,381	26.59	222,640	6,348,700	28.52	229,449	6,109,735	26.63
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	181,970	2,312,057	12.71	185,410	2,262,350	12.20	188,851	3,120,217	16.52
Gwinnett County	912,741	16,724,474	18.32	930,553	18,514,952	19.90	948,365	18,016,006	19.00
Hall County	197,356	2,410,039	12.21	200,560	2,587,016	12.90	203,764	2,547,820	12.50
Hart County	25,718	158,045	6.15	25,809	130,196	5.04	25,900	152,752	5.90
Henry County	223,916	2,508,194	11.20	228,179	2,624,983	11.50	232,442	2,698,084	11.61
Houston County	154,491	930,255	6.02	156,768	919,598	5.87	159,046	947,469	5.96
Jefferson County	16,268	286,883	17.63	16,251	303,156	18.65	16,234	287,244	17.69
Kinchafoonee Regional	30,339	428,109	14.11	30,161	483,609	16.03	29,983	436,739	14.57
Lake Blackshear Regional	73,898	682,902	9.24	73,833	733,721	9.94	73,768	672,061	9.11
Lee County	30,634	897,801	29.31	31,155	901,151	28.92	31,676	916,310	28.93
Live Oak	413,636	8,808,147	21.29	419,173	9,401,599	22.43	424,710	9,258,644	21.80
Marshes of Glynn	84,279	807,880	9.59	85,202	814,552	9.56	86,126	862,493	10.01
Middle Georgia Regional	229,412	3,272,528	14.26	229,977	3,382,811	14.71	230,542	3,619,700	15.70
Moultrie-Colquitt County	47,715	584,337	12.25	48,195	562,355	11.67	48,675	589,953	12.12
Mountain Regional	57,074	776,379	13.60	57,399	762,852	13.29	57,725	793,101	13.74
Newton County	108,481	1,860,579	17.15	110,493	1,075,970	9.74	112,505	1,037,881	9.23
Northeast Georgia Regional	115,322	1,252,930	10.86	116,091	1,281,983	11.04	116,860	1,475,434	12.63
Northwest Georgia Regional	202,387	1,407,176	6.95	203,860	1,307,746	6.41	205,333	1,289,982	6.28
Ocmulgee Regional	79,032	564,840	7.15	79,044	469,655	5.94	79,057	449,739	5.69
Oconee Regional	89,137	928,684	10.42	89,431	907,167	10.14	89,725	900,625	10.04
Ohoopee Regional	78,353	372,627	4.76	78,863	361,899	4.59	79,373	375,224	4.73
Okefenokee Regional	92,861	635,156	6.84	93,448	792,901	8.48	94,036	571,814	6.08
Peach County	27,313	342,283	12.53	27,413	317,313	11.58	27,513	315,824	11.48
Piedmont Regional	161,465	2,103,811	13.03	164,982	2,304,499	13.97	168,500	2,011,025	11.93
Pine Mountain Regional	62,463	587,453	9.40	62,378	582,031	9.33	62,293	623,156	10.00
Roddenbery Memorial	25,902	405,101	15.64	26,110	411,314	15.75	26,318	402,834	15.31
Sara Hightower Regional	139,127	1,980,327	14.23	139,835	1,763,603	12.61	140,543	1,871,088	13.31
Satilla Regional	52,615	267,503	5.08	52,984	298,061	5.63	53,352	299,341	5.61
Screven-Jenkins Regional	23,584	399,747	16.95	23,609	412,380	17.47	23,634	385,499	16.31
Sequoyah Regional	301,395	3,296,477	10.94	307,437	3,626,858	11.80	313,479	3,875,460	12.36
South Georgia Regional	132,547	1,273,686	9.61	134,269	1,282,370	9.55	135,991	1,266,747	9.31
Southwest Georgia Regional	42,549	827,210	19.44	42,653	825,638	19.36	42,757	864,422	20.22
Statesboro Regional	155,895	1,675,751	10.75	158,190	1,608,830	10.17	160,486	1,609,783	10.03
Thomas County	45,842	1,081,652	23.60	46,166	1,034,707	22.41	46,490	1,100,543	23.67
Three Rivers Regional	147,773	1,470,501	9.95	149,121	1,403,619	9.41	150,468	1,358,598	9.03
Troup-Harris Regional	105,172	881,885	8.39	106,324	882,977	8.30	107,476	924,570	8.60
Twin Lakes	46,666	582,418	12.48	46,875	531,070	11.33	47,084	551,430	11.71
Uncle Remus Regional	169,509	2,318,945	13.68	171,443	2,064,237	12.04	173,377	2,102,028	12.12
West Georgia Regional	459,617	6,200,656	13.49	467,577	4,666,844	9.98	475,537	5,023,213	10.56
Worth County	21,208	192,117	9.06	21,181	200,214	9.45	21,153	204,915	9.69
Georgia State Totals	10,379,084	$ 165,525,858	$ 15.95	10,508,057	$ 168,132,872	$ 16.00	10,637,029	$ 174,593,670	$ 16.41

Local and State Funding Ratios - FY2018
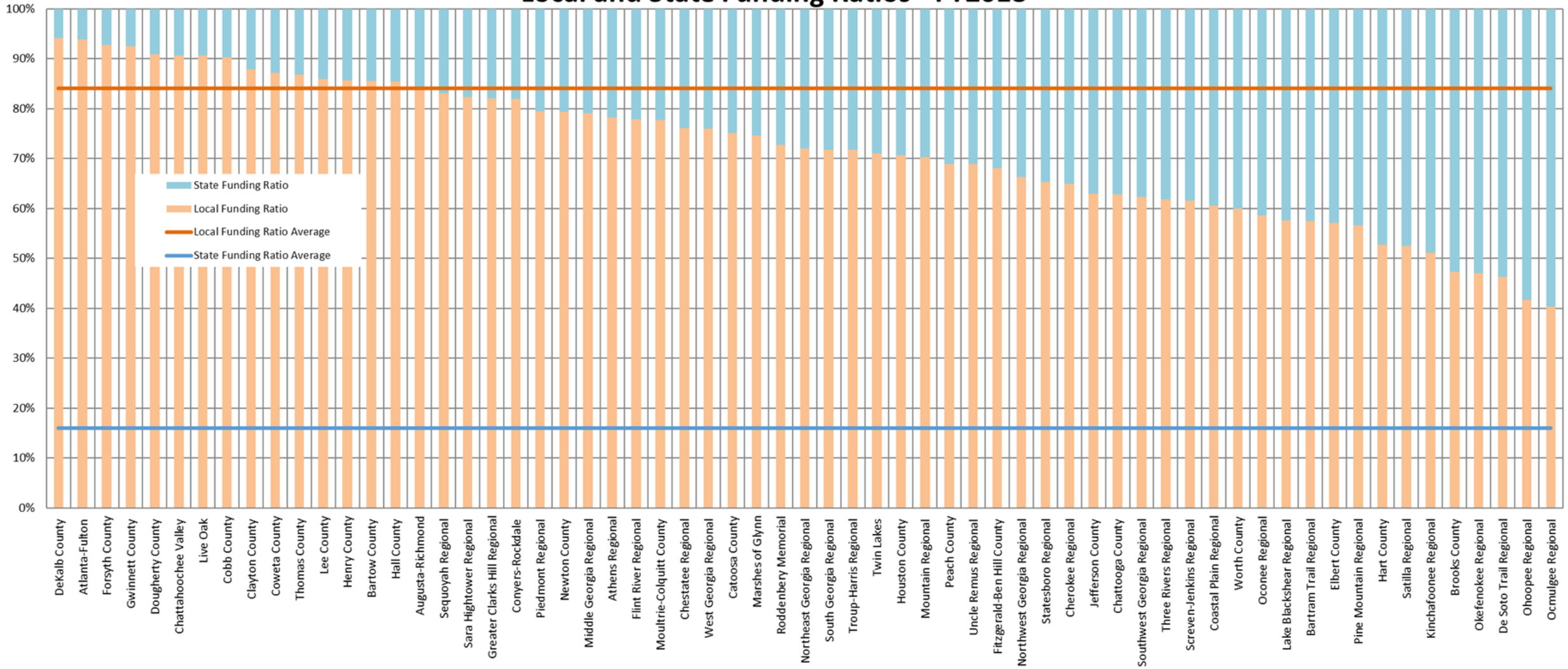
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Local and State Governmental Funding Ratios for Georgia Public Libraries - FY2018

Library System	Total Local Funding	% Local	Total State Funding	% State	Local + State Funding	% Sum
Athens Regional	$ 3,653,748	78.2%	$ 1,016,173	21.8%	$ 4,669,921	100%
Atlanta-Fulton	26,843,758	93.9%	1,747,051	6.1%	28,590,809	100%
Augusta-Richmond	2,649,595	84.4%	489,951	15.6%	3,139,546	100%
Bartow County	1,581,698	85.5%	267,862	14.5%	1,849,560	100%
Bartram Trail Regional	517,446	57.5%	383,014	42.5%	900,460	100%
Brooks County	136,665	47.2%	152,689	52.8%	289,354	100%
Catoosa County	580,836	75.1%	192,864	24.9%	773,700	100%
Chattahoochee Valley	7,324,567	90.6%	759,662	9.4%	8,084,229	100%
Chattooga County	237,371	62.8%	140,729	37.2%	378,100	100%
Cherokee Regional	796,143	64.9%	430,331	35.1%	1,226,474	100%
Chestatee Regional	858,516	76.1%	269,850	23.9%	1,128,366	100%
Clayton County	4,012,624	87.9%	554,338	12.1%	4,566,962	100%
Coastal Plain Regional	1,046,950	60.6%	681,466	39.4%	1,728,416	100%
Cobb County	12,032,018	90.2%	1,300,797	9.8%	13,332,815	100%
Conyers-Rockdale	1,114,485	82.0%	244,763	18.0%	1,359,248	100%
Coweta County	2,147,026	87.2%	315,506	12.8%	2,462,532	100%
DeKalb County	20,265,652	94.2%	1,252,547	5.8%	21,518,199	100%
De Soto Trail Regional	300,189	46.3%	347,772	53.7%	647,961	100%
Dougherty County	2,546,027	90.9%	254,178	9.1%	2,800,205	100%
Elbert County	187,069	57.1%	140,475	42.9%	327,544	100%
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	281,107	68.1%	131,836	31.9%	412,943	100%
Flint River Regional	3,560,677	77.8%	1,016,471	22.2%	4,577,148	100%
Forsyth County	6,109,735	92.7%	478,280	7.3%	6,588,015	100%
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	3,120,217	82.1%	681,078	17.9%	3,801,295	100%
Gwinnett County	18,016,006	92.5%	1,462,920	7.5%	19,478,926	100%
Hall County	2,547,820	85.4%	435,796	14.6%	2,983,616	100%
Hart County	152,752	52.8%	136,576	47.2%	289,328	100%
Henry County	2,698,084	85.6%	453,034	14.4%	3,151,118	100%
Houston County	947,469	70.6%	394,914	29.4%	1,342,383	100%
Jefferson County	287,244	62.9%	169,240	37.1%	456,484	100%
Kinchafoonee Regional	436,739	51.1%	417,539	48.9%	854,278	100%
Lake Blackshear Regional	672,061	57.6%	494,296	42.4%	1,166,357	100%
Lee County	916,310	85.9%	150,632	14.1%	1,066,942	100%
Live Oak	9,258,644	90.6%	962,736	9.4%	10,221,380	100%
Marshes of Glynn	862,493	74.6%	294,178	25.4%	1,156,671	100%
Middle Georgia Regional	3,619,700	79.1%	957,010	20.9%	4,576,710	100%
Moultrie-Colquitt County	589,953	77.7%	169,444	22.3%	759,397	100%
Mountain Regional	793,101	70.3%	334,896	29.7%	1,127,997	100%
Newton County	1,037,881	79.3%	270,487	20.7%	1,308,368	100%
Northeast Georgia Regional	1,475,434	72.0%	572,950	28.0%	2,048,384	100%
Northwest Georgia Regional	1,289,982	66.3%	655,130	33.7%	1,945,112	100%
Ocmulgee Regional	449,739	40.3%	666,978	59.7%	1,116,717	100%
Oconee Regional	900,625	58.5%	637,758	41.5%	1,538,383	100%
Ohoopee Regional	375,224	41.7%	524,055	58.3%	899,279	100%
Okefenokee Regional	571,814	47.0%	644,579	53.0%	1,216,393	100%
Peach County	315,824	68.9%	142,577	31.1%	458,401	100%
Piedmont Regional	2,011,025	79.5%	518,931	20.5%	2,529,956	100%
Pine Mountain Regional	623,156	56.6%	478,196	43.4%	1,101,352	100%
Roddenbery Memorial	402,834	72.7%	151,328	27.3%	554,162	100%
Sara Hightower Regional	1,871,088	82.3%	402,857	17.7%	2,273,945	100%
Satilla Regional	299,341	52.6%	270,214	47.4%	569,555	100%
Screven-Jenkins Regional	385,499	61.6%	240,616	38.4%	626,115	100%
Sequoyah Regional	3,875,460	83.1%	790,312	16.9%	4,665,772	100%
South Georgia Regional	1,266,747	71.8%	498,270	28.2%	1,765,017	100%
Southwest Georgia Regional	864,422	62.3%	523,966	37.7%	1,388,388	100%
Statesboro Regional	1,609,783	65.3%	856,997	34.7%	2,466,780	100%
Thomas County	1,100,543	86.8%	166,770	13.2%	1,267,313	100%
Three Rivers Regional	1,358,598	61.9%	837,825	38.1%	2,196,423	100%
Troup-Harris Regional	924,570	71.7%	364,724	28.3%	1,289,294	100%
Twin Lakes	551,430	71.0%	225,216	29.0%	776,646	100%
Uncle Remus Regional	2,102,028	68.9%	949,150	31.1%	3,051,178	100%
West Georgia Regional	5,023,213	75.9%	1,593,101	24.1%	6,616,314	100%
Worth County	204,915	60.0%	136,529	40.0%	341,444	100%
Georgia Totals	$ 174,593,670	84.0%	$ 33,202,410	16.0%	$ 207,796,080	100%

State and Local Funding for Library Facilities

Georgia's Public Library Planning and Construction Program

- A match program assisting in new library construction as well as renovations and additions sponsored by Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission in funding for construction of public libraries and implementation of capital outlay programs

- Funded or completed over 72 projects in 52 counties since FY2005 with 25 projects in the planning process, awaiting awards
  - 18 central libraries and 54 branch libraries
  - 34 new libraries and 38 additions and/or renovated libraries

- Total grant funding between FY2005 and FY2018 has been approximately $109 million

- Total local match funding between FY2005 and FY2018 has been approximately $141 million

- Total project costs have been over $250 million funded and completed

Maintenance Repair and Renovation (MR&R) Program

- FY2018 – Granted $4.0 million matched with $1.9 million in local contributions, currently assisting over 44 libraries
  - 54 individual projects in 38 counties

- FY2017 – Granted $2.0 million matched with $1.2 million in local contributions, currently assisting over 50 libraries
  - 54 individual projects in 33 counties

- FY2016 – Granted $1.885 million matched with $1.7 million in local contributions, currently assisting over 48 libraries
  - 71 individual projects in 34 counties

Library Planning and Construction Detail

Library Planning and Construction FY2015-2018

FY	Library System	Project Name	C=Central B=Branch	N=New A=Add.	City	County	State Share	Local Share	Total Project Cost
2015	Flint River Regional Library	Barnesville-Lamar County Library	B	A	Barnesville	Lamar	$1,385,000	$583,000	$1,968,000
2015	Mountain Regional	Mountain Regional Library	C	A	Young Harris	Towns	$900,000	$100,000	$1,000,000
2015	Troup Harris Regional	Hogansville Public Library	B	N	Hogansville	Troup	$2,000,000	$1,215,000	$3,215,000
2015	West Georgia Regional	Villa Rica Library	B	N	Villa Rica	Carroll	$500,000	$1,215,000	$1,715,000
2016	Cobb County Public	East Marietta Branch	B	N	Marietta	Cobb	$2,000,000	$6,640,000	$8,640,000
2016	Forsyth County Public	Sharon Forks Public Library	B	A	Cumming	Forsyth	$2,000,000	$3,477,000	$5,477,000
2016	Greater Clarks-Hill	Harlem Public Library	B	N	Harlem	Columbia	$2,000,000	$1,750,000	$3,750,000
2016	Three Rivers Regional	Charlton County Public Library	B	A	Folkston	Charlton	$565,000	$107,000	$672,000
2016	Troup Harris Regional	Harris County Public Library	B	N	Hamilton	Harris	$2,000,000	$2,825,000	$4,825,000
2016	West Georgia Regional	Villa Rica Library	B	N	Villa Rica	Carroll	$1,500,000	$1,215,000	$2,715,000
2017	Athens Regional	Bogart Public	B	A	Bogart	Oconee	$1,800,000	$950,000	$2,750,000
2017	Dougherty County Public	Northwest Public Library	B	A	Albany	Dougherty	$2,000,000	$4,610,000	$6,610,000
2017	South Georgia Regional	South Georgia Regional Library	C	A	Valdosta	Lowndes	$2,000,000	$1,100,000	$3,100,000
2017	West Georgia Regional	Neva Lomason Memorial Library	C	A	Carrollton	Carroll	$2,000,000	$1,500,000	$3,500,000
2018	Marshes of Glynn Libraries	Brunswick Central Library	C	A	Brunswick	Glynn	$2,000,000	$2,400,000	$4,400,000
2018	Middle Georgia Regional Library	Jones County Public Library	B	A	Gray	Jones	$1,300,000	$450,000	$1,750,000
2018	Moultrie-Colquitt County Library	Moultrie-Colquitt County Library	C	A	Moultrie	Colquitt	$1,386,000	$585,000	$1,971,000
2018	Roddenbery Memorial Library	Roddenbery Memorial Library	C	A	Cairo	Grady	$2,000,000	$960,000	$2,960,000
					Projects Funded FY2015-18		$29,336,000	$31,682,000	$61,018,000
					Projects Funded FY2005-18		$108,974,647	$141,530,160	$250,504,807

Projects completed or funded after June 30, 2005

	2018
Projects	72
Systems	31
Counties	52
Centrals	18
Branches	54
News	34
Adds	38
Local Share Total	$141,530,160
State Share Total	$108,974,647
Total Project Cost	$250,504,807

	FY 15
	FY 16
	FY 17
	FY 18

Library Cards and Circulation

- In FY2018, 4,276,595 individuals in Georgia held public library cards, a negligible decrease of less than two-tenths of a percent over FY2017. The latest Georgia QuickFacts from the U.S. Census (2015-2019) reported a total of 3,758,798 Georgia households, resulting in an average of 1.14 registered public library patrons per Georgia household.

- 40% of all Georgians are registered public library patrons. The actual number of cardholders is almost unchanged from FY2017.

- Library systems that participate in Georgia Public Library Service's PINES automation and lending network counted 1.92 million active PINES library cards as of June 30, 2018.

- More than half of all registered public library patrons in Georgia live in a county that is part of a library system that participates in PINES.

- Georgia libraries circulated almost 35.2 million library items or 3.31 items per capita in FY2018, which is a minimal decrease of less than 1% from FY2017.

- Georgia ranked 49th among states in circulation per capita in FY2017.

Percentage of Library System Population with Library Cards - FY2018

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Percentage of Library System Population with Library Cards - FY2018
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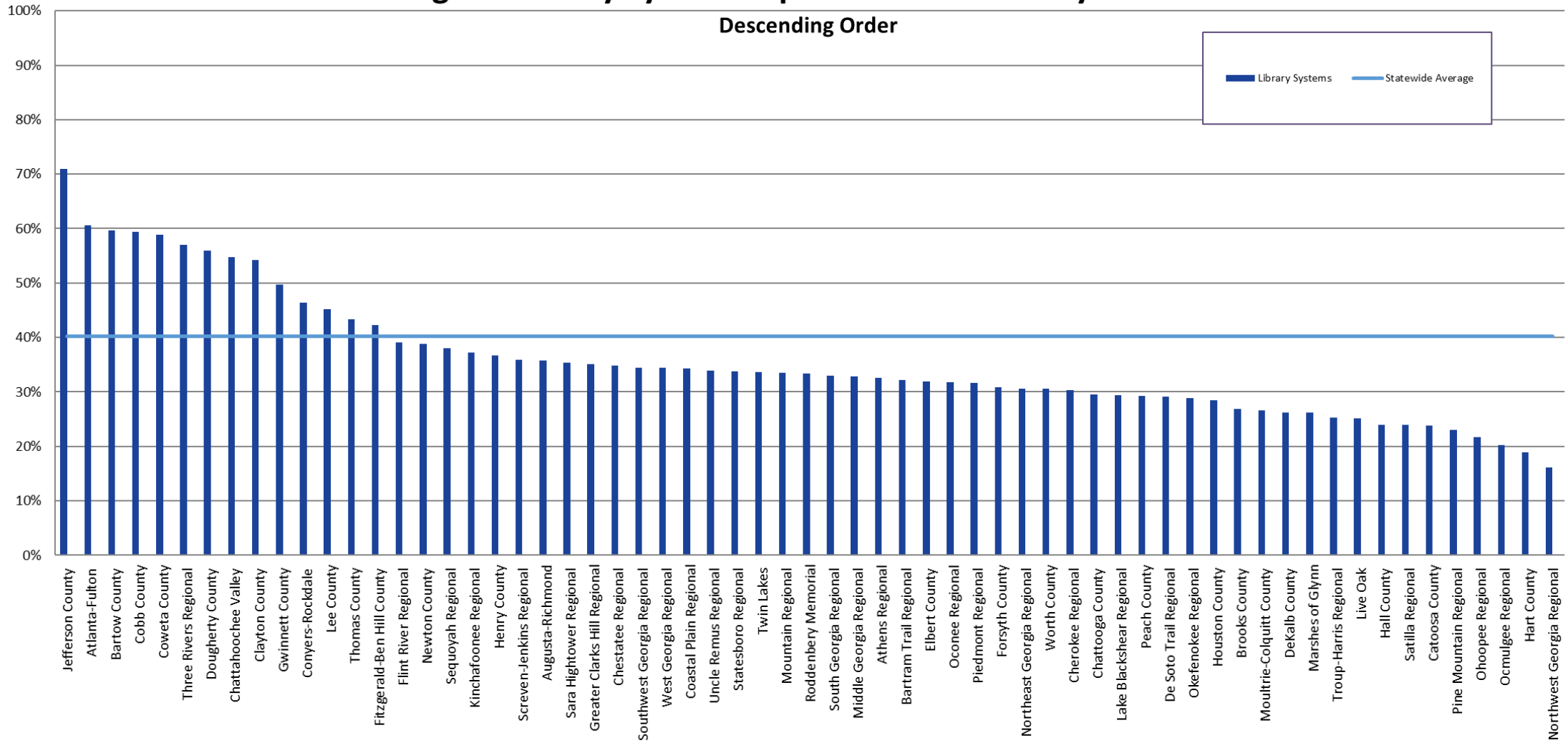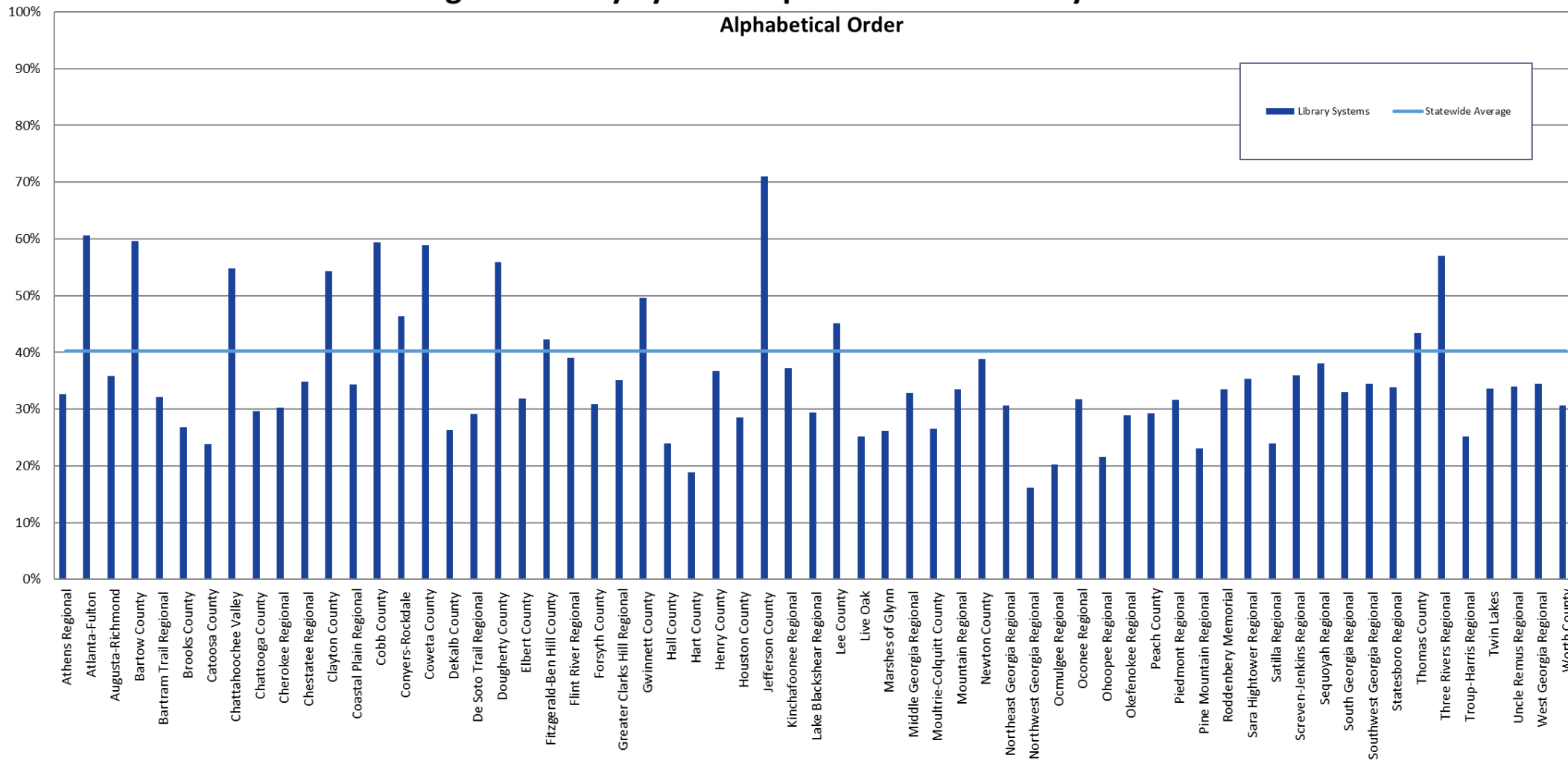
Population with Library Cards
System Detail
FY2016-18

|	Population with Library Cards in Georgia Public Libraries - FY2016-2018									
		2016			2017			2018		Percentage Change in Card Holders from 2017 to 2018
Library System		Card Holders	Population	% Population	Card Holders	Population	% Population	Card Holders	Population	% Population	
Athens Regional		70,165	226,216	31%	73,234	228,317	32%	75,099	230,417	33%	3%
Atlanta-Fulton		570,206	1,035,754	55%	628,650	1,052,908	60%	648,128	1,070,062	61%	3%
Augusta-Richmond		76,409	204,435	37%	75,188	205,246	37%	73,832	206,057	36%	-2%
Bartow County		59,841	104,521	57%	60,706	105,603	57%	63,622	106,686	60%	5%
Bartram Trail Regional		10,932	33,417	33%	10,931	33,464	33%	10,764	33,510	32%	-2%
Brooks County		4,345	15,439	28%	4,182	15,413	27%	4,128	15,387	27%	-1%
Catoosa County		15,337	67,127	23%	15,515	67,733	23%	16,253	68,338	24%	5%
Chattahoochee Valley		149,556	235,168	64%	146,996	236,833	62%	130,686	238,497	55%	-11%
Chattooga County		7,416	25,187	29%	7,345	25,204	29%	7,462	25,220	30%	2%
Cherokee Regional		24,846	85,555	29%	24,917	85,839	29%	26,071	86,122	30%	5%
Chestatee Regional		19,872	56,075	35%	19,650	56,899	35%	20,136	57,723	35%	2%
Clayton County		146,400	272,364	54%	151,253	275,079	55%	150,765	277,793	54%	0%
Coastal Plain Regional		33,246	94,976	35%	33,199	95,314	35%	32,842	95,652	34%	-1%
Cobb County		364,175	745,143	49%	327,918	754,461	43%	453,787	763,778	59%	38%
Conyers-Rockdale		43,234	90,489	48%	42,825	91,679	47%	43,018	92,869	46%	0%
Coweta County		87,507	141,369	62%	86,361	144,098	60%	86,484	146,828	59%	0%
DeKalb County		204,340	732,586	28%	200,806	739,002	27%	195,711	745,417	26%	-3%
De Soto Trail Regional		10,647	36,749	29%	10,705	36,690	29%	10,673	36,630	29%	0%
Dougherty County		50,744	93,228	54%	51,822	93,315	56%	52,192	93,401	56%	1%
Elbert County		6,495	19,505	33%	6,293	19,474	32%	6,206	19,443	32%	-1%
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County		7,470	17,780	42%	7,610	17,868	43%	7,582	17,956	42%	0%
Flint River Regional		105,070	264,506	40%	104,859	266,576	39%	105,074	268,647	39%	0%
Forsyth County		68,143	215,831	32%	78,662	222,640	35%	70,934	229,449	31%	-10%
Greater Clarks Hill Regional		65,581	181,970	36%	65,595	185,410	35%	66,372	188,851	35%	1%
Gwinnett County		353,122	912,741	39%	493,881	930,553	53%	470,770	948,365	50%	-5%
Hall County		52,771	197,356	27%	49,533	200,560	25%	48,753	203,764	24%	-2%
Hart County		4,887	25,718	19%	4,879	25,809	19%	4,879	25,900	19%	0%
Henry County		70,793	223,916	32%	71,548	228,179	31%	85,287	232,442	37%	19%
Houston County		48,772	154,491	32%	45,634	156,768	29%	45,278	159,046	28%	-1%
Jefferson County		10,942	16,268	67%	11,272	16,251	69%	11,520	16,234	71%	2%
Kinchafoonee Regional		11,816	30,339	39%	11,483	30,161	38%	11,144	29,983	37%	-3%
Lake Blackshear Regional		22,146	73,898	30%	22,046	73,833	30%	21,653	73,768	29%	-2%
Lee County		13,605	30,634	44%	13,963	31,155	45%	14,311	31,676	45%	2%
Live Oak		69,959	413,636	17%	214,673	419,173	51%	106,695	424,710	25%	-50%
Marshes of Glynn		23,244	84,279	28%	22,703	85,202	27%	22,567	86,126	26%	-1%
Middle Georgia Regional		84,478	229,412	37%	83,304	229,977	36%	75,832	230,542	33%	-9%
Moultrie-Colquitt County		13,248	47,715	28%	13,245	48,195	27%	12,931	48,675	27%	-2%
Mountain Regional		18,993	57,074	33%	18,690	57,399	33%	19,339	57,725	34%	3%
Newton County		44,128	108,481	41%	43,992	110,493	40%	43,710	112,505	39%	-1%
Northeast Georgia Regional		35,743	115,322	31%	35,774	116,091	31%	35,821	116,860	31%	0%
Northwest Georgia Regional		30,363	202,387	15%	31,298	203,860	15%	33,126	205,333	16%	6%
Ocmulgee Regional		16,786	79,032	21%	16,417	79,044	21%	15,979	79,057	20%	-3%
Oconee Regional		28,829	89,137	32%	28,635	89,431	32%	28,508	89,725	32%	0%
Ohoopee Regional		16,479	78,353	21%	17,278	78,863	22%	17,168	79,373	22%	-1%
Okefenokee Regional		25,067	92,861	27%	25,820	93,448	28%	27,122	94,036	29%	5%
Peach County		8,209	27,313	30%	8,111	27,413	30%	8,035	27,513	29%	-1%
Piedmont Regional		50,309	161,465	31%	51,917	164,982	31%	53,224	168,500	32%	3%
Pine Mountain Regional		14,949	62,463	24%	14,640	62,378	23%	14,364	62,293	23%	-2%
Roddenbery Memorial		9,118	25,902	35%	9,046	26,110	35%	8,797	26,318	33%	-3%
Sara Hightower Regional		52,123	139,127	37%	51,172	139,835	37%	49,654	140,543	35%	-3%
Satilla Regional		12,767	52,615	24%	12,639	52,984	24%	12,763	53,352	24%	1%
Screven-Jenkins Regional		8,630	23,584	37%	8,642	23,609	37%	8,496	23,634	36%	-2%
Sequoyah Regional		108,817	301,395	36%	110,976	307,437	36%	119,326	313,479	38%	8%
South Georgia Regional		45,219	132,547	34%	45,282	134,269	34%	44,771	135,991	33%	-1%
Southwest Georgia Regional		16,440	42,549	39%	15,498	42,653	36%	14,736	42,757	34%	-5%
Statesboro Regional		50,923	155,895	33%	52,714	158,190	33%	54,287	160,486	34%	3%
Thomas County		20,474	45,842	45%	20,313	46,166	44%	20,154	46,490	43%	-1%
Three Rivers Regional		86,176	147,773	58%	88,762	149,121	60%	85,765	150,468	57%	-3%
Troup-Harris Regional		27,351	105,172	26%	27,058	106,324	25%	27,127	107,476	25%	0%
Twin Lakes		15,083	46,666	32%	15,122	46,875	32%	15,809	47,084	34%	5%
Uncle Remus Regional		58,639	169,509	35%	58,672	171,443	34%	58,831	173,377	34%	0%
West Georgia Regional		158,599	459,617	35%	162,486	467,577	35%	163,774	475,537	34%	1%
Worth County		6,502	21,208	31%	6,545	21,181	31%	6,468	21,153	31%	-1%
Statewide		3,948,476	10,379,084	38%	4,268,885	10,508,057	41%	4,276,595	10,637,029	40%	0%

Circulation Per Capita FY2018

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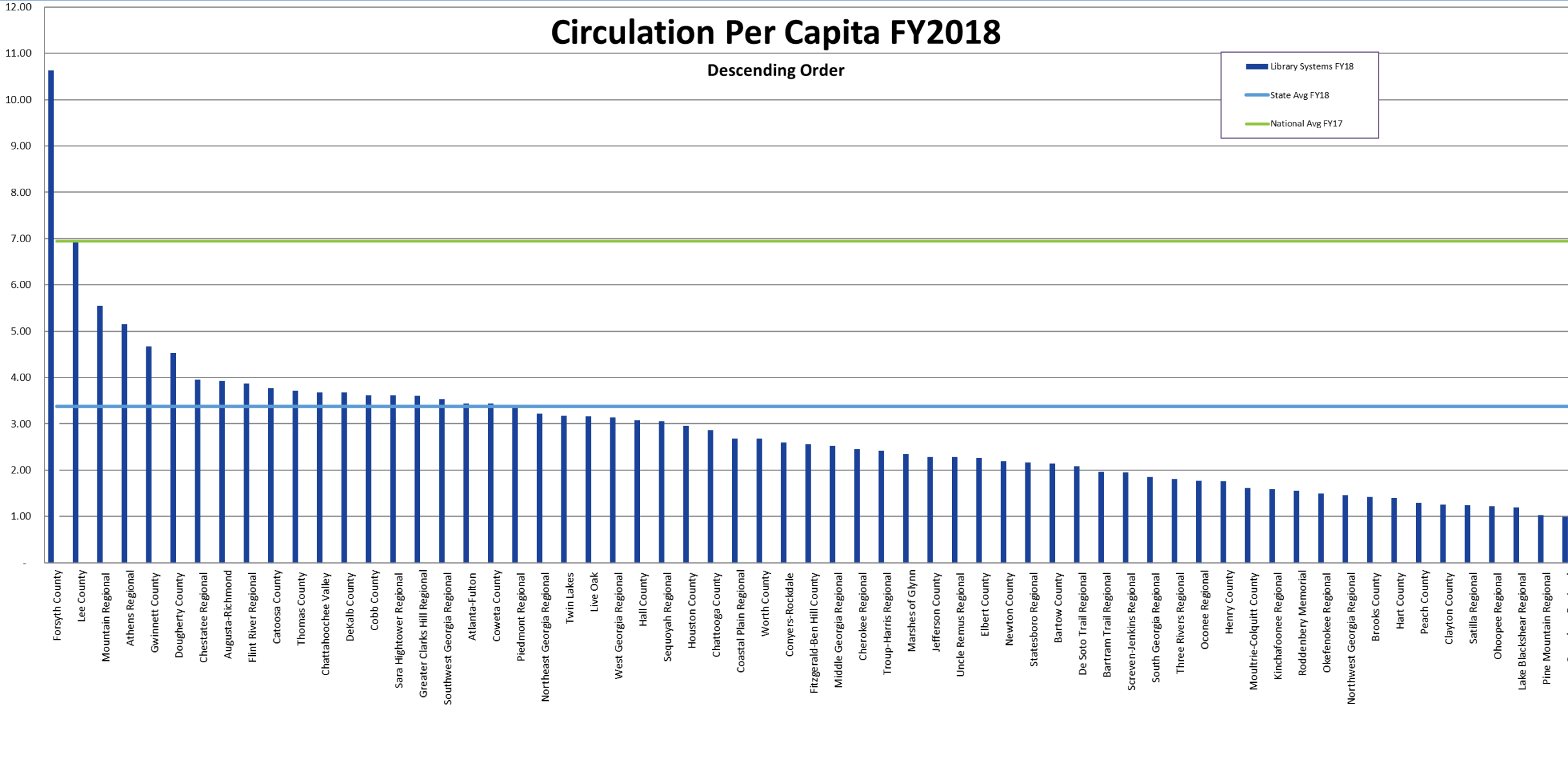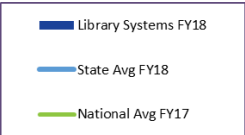
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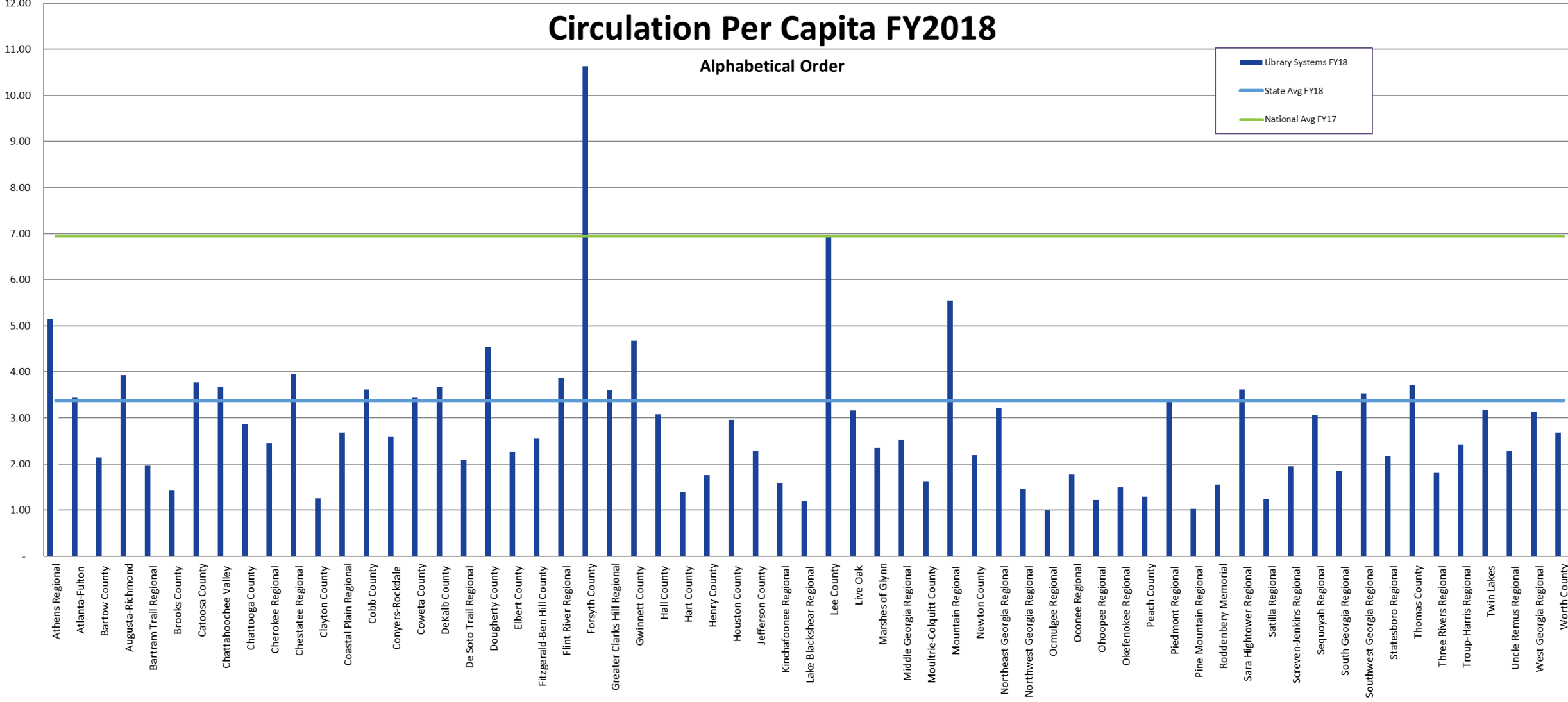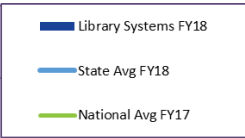
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Circulation per Capita
System Detail
FY2016-18

Library System	2016 Circulation	2016 System Population	2016 Per Capita	2017 Circulation	2017 System Population	2017 Per Capita	2018 Circulation	2018 System Population	2018 Per Capita
Athens Regional	1,216,578	226,216	5.38	1,196,025	228,317	5.24	1,187,749	230,417	5.15
Atlanta-Fulton	3,220,156	1,035,754	3.11	2,977,441	1,052,908	2.83	3,681,185	1,070,062	3.44
Augusta-Richmond	478,362	204,435	2.34	452,092	205,246	2.20	442,307	206,057	2.15
Bartow County	460,400	104,521	4.40	422,308	105,603	4.00	419,599	106,686	3.93
Bartram Trail Regional	67,601	33,417	2.02	123,807	33,464	3.70	65,881	33,510	1.97
Brooks County	14,458	15,439	0.94	16,128	15,413	1.05	21,839	15,387	1.42
Catoosa County	238,119	67,127	3.55	260,764	67,733	3.85	257,818	68,338	3.77
Chattahoochee Valley	925,797	235,168	3.94	860,687	236,833	3.63	876,552	238,497	3.68
Chattooga County	81,015	25,187	3.22	86,322	25,204	3.42	72,174	25,220	2.86
Cherokee Regional	210,871	85,555	2.46	209,999	85,839	2.45	211,330	86,122	2.45
Chestatee Regional	247,237	56,075	4.41	230,103	56,899	4.04	227,826	57,723	3.95
Clayton County	421,509	272,364	1.55	454,004	275,079	1.65	347,430	277,793	1.25
Coastal Plain Regional	306,724	94,976	3.23	275,882	95,314	2.89	256,895	95,652	2.69
Cobb County	3,026,037	745,143	4.06	2,924,985	754,461	3.88	2,763,003	763,778	3.62
Conyers-Rockdale	243,045	90,489	2.69	388,087	91,679	4.23	241,232	92,869	2.60
Coweta County	515,819	141,369	3.65	507,131	144,098	3.52	504,464	146,828	3.44
DeKalb County	2,701,962	732,586	3.69	2,700,268	739,002	3.65	2,738,730	745,417	3.67
De Soto Trail Regional	84,464	36,749	2.30	78,919	36,690	2.15	76,462	36,630	2.09
Dougherty County	461,408	93,228	4.95	428,135	93,315	4.59	422,859	93,401	4.53
Elbert County	48,566	19,505	2.49	39,159	19,474	2.01	43,924	19,443	2.26
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	47,251	17,780	2.66	54,358	17,868	3.04	46,064	17,956	2.57
Flint River Regional	1,076,342	264,506	4.07	1,013,370	266,576	3.80	1,038,111	268,647	3.86
Forsyth County	2,432,581	215,831	11.27	2,436,854	222,640	10.95	2,439,727	229,449	10.63
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	661,413	181,970	3.63	677,871	185,410	3.66	680,715	188,851	3.60
Gwinnett County	5,532,032	912,741	6.06	4,679,154	930,553	5.03	4,426,409	948,365	4.67
Hall County	606,188	197,356	3.07	524,867	200,560	2.62	626,911	203,764	3.08
Hart County	29,788	25,718	1.16	34,828	25,809	1.35	36,195	25,900	1.40
Henry County	413,004	223,916	1.84	403,367	228,179	1.77	409,546	232,442	1.76
Houston County	468,331	154,491	3.03	461,120	156,768	2.94	470,010	159,046	2.96
Jefferson County	60,604	16,268	3.73	65,601	16,251	4.04	37,092	16,234	2.28
Kinchafonee Regional	55,469	30,339	1.83	78,263	30,161	2.59	47,634	29,983	1.59
Lake Blackshear Regional	103,433	73,898	1.40	98,605	73,833	1.34	88,097	73,768	1.19
Lee County	231,701	30,634	7.56	236,788	31,155	7.60	218,953	31,676	6.91
Live Oak	2,457,871	413,636	5.94	1,492,386	419,173	3.56	1,342,497	424,710	3.16
Marshes of Glynn	209,833	84,279	2.49	203,586	85,202	2.39	202,363	86,126	2.35
Middle Georgia Regional	864,669	229,412	3.77	625,746	229,977	2.72	583,344	230,542	2.53
Moultrie-Colquitt County	96,457	47,715	2.02	94,197	48,195	1.95	78,576	48,675	1.61
Mountain Regional	315,443	57,074	5.53	286,214	57,399	4.99	320,189	57,725	5.55
Newton County	300,149	108,481	2.77	287,465	110,493	2.60	246,103	112,505	2.19
Northeast Georgia Regional	409,714	115,322	3.55	396,039	116,091	3.41	375,660	116,860	3.21
Northwest Georgia Regional	296,941	202,387	1.47	306,251	203,860	1.50	300,326	205,333	1.46
Ocmulgee Regional	90,627	79,032	1.15	86,453	79,044	1.09	78,441	79,057	0.99
Oconee Regional	171,901	89,137	1.93	223,701	89,431	2.50	158,317	89,725	1.76
Ohoopee Regional	93,828	78,353	1.20	101,339	78,863	1.29	96,800	79,373	1.22
Okefenokee Regional	157,471	92,861	1.70	148,181	93,448	1.59	140,674	94,036	1.50
Peach County	48,073	27,313	1.76	40,102	27,413	1.46	35,497	27,513	1.29
Piedmont Regional	598,505	161,465	3.71	619,241	164,982	3.75	573,154	168,500	3.40
Pine Mountain Regional	95,597	62,463	1.53	68,931	62,378	1.11	63,709	62,293	1.02
Roddenbery Memorial	68,218	25,902	2.63	55,406	26,110	2.12	40,801	26,318	1.55
Sara Hightower Regional	516,636	139,127	3.71	535,843	139,835	3.83	507,633	140,543	3.61
Satilla Regional	55,089	52,615	1.05	49,091	52,984	0.93	66,576	53,352	1.25
Screven-Jenkins Regional	53,914	23,584	2.29	50,871	23,609	2.15	46,009	23,634	1.95
Sequoyah Regional	938,188	301,395	3.11	942,800	307,437	3.07	958,167	313,479	3.06
South Georgia Regional	364,603	132,547	2.75	274,974	134,269	2.05	251,335	135,991	1.85
Southwest Georgia Regional	177,370	42,549	4.17	160,283	42,653	3.76	151,076	42,757	3.53
Statesboro Regional	377,626	155,895	2.42	375,550	158,190	2.37	347,755	160,486	2.17
Thomas County	178,327	45,842	3.89	170,784	46,166	3.70	172,480	46,490	3.71
Three Rivers Regional	308,957	147,773	2.09	279,146	149,121	1.87	271,635	150,468	1.81
Troup-Harris Regional	260,978	105,172	2.48	239,548	106,324	2.25	259,260	107,476	2.41
Twin Lakes	146,299	46,666	3.14	149,127	46,875	3.18	149,518	47,084	3.18
Uncle Remus Regional	402,239	169,509	2.37	442,691	171,443	2.58	395,398	173,377	2.28
West Georgia Regional	1,418,735	459,617	3.09	1,320,773	467,577	2.82	1,492,938	475,537	3.14
Worth County	70,573	21,208	3.33	66,598	21,181	3.14	56,600	21,153	2.68
Statewide	38,233,096	10,379,084	3.68	35,490,609	10,508,057	3.38	35,187,554	10,637,029	3.31

Resource Sharing—Interlibrary Loans and Courier Service

- Public libraries provide lending services to their card holders. Each time a user checks out an item, it is considered a circulation. Another type of circulation, which requires at least three times the workload of a circulation, is Interlibrary Loan. This is a service where a user of one library can borrow books that are owned by another library. The user makes a request with their local library, which identifies libraries that own the desired item, places the request, receives the item, makes it available to the user, and arranges for its return.

- Georgia Online Database (GOLD) – GPLS coordinates the interlibrary loaning of books and other materials between libraries of all types including academic, public, technical schools and special libraries. Over 200 institutions loaned and borrowed over 36,750 items between each other in FY2018.

- GPLS contracts for library **courier service,** which transported **1,515,800** library materials in FY2018, visiting every headquarters library five (5) days per week. This includes Interlibrary Loan items as well as PINES system-to-system items being transported across the state.

- Both Interlibrary Loan and PINES system-to-system loans require the librarian to receive the request, pull the book from the shelves, check it out of the online library catalog, and prepare a mailing package or a PINES courier package to send the item to the requesting library. This work is overlooked when using only circulation as a statistic for workload of the library staff, but it accounted for 662,625 items sent to other library systems for patron use. Of these loans, 642,239 were processed through the Georgia Library PINES network.

Public Library Materials Loaned

System Detail
FY2018

Public Library Materials Loaned FY2018			
Library System	Total Circulation	Interlibrary Loan Lending	PINES Lending
Athens Regional	1,196,025	1600	26,595
Atlanta-Fulton	2,977,441	3,869	0
Augusta-Richmond	452,092	150	18,071
Bartow County	422,308	449	0
Bartram Trail Regional	123,807	0	854
Brooks County	16,128	0	4,430
Catoosa County	260,764	2	7,713
Chattahoochee Valley	860,687	784	0
Chattooga County	86,322	167	4,090
Cherokee Regional	209,999	0	11,783
Chestatee Regional	230,103	175	175
Clayton County	454,004	132	6,500
Coastal Plain Regional	275,882	100	15,527
Cobb County	2,924,985	168	42
Conyers-Rockdale	388,087	403	5
Coweta County	507,131	288	0
DeKalb County	2,700,268	1008	0
De Soto Trail Regional	78,919	0	8,113
Dougherty County	428,135	1065	29,983
Elbert County	39,159	148	2,413
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	54,358	90	3,062
Flint River Regional	1,013,370	93	31,409
Forsyth County	2,436,854	930	0
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	677,871	8	24,339
Gwinnett County	4,679,154	1,209	0
Hall County	524,867	424	13,413
Hart County	34,828	0	971
Henry County	403,367	237	15,268
Houston County	461,120	0	17,460
Jefferson County	65,601	44	3,502
Kinchafoonee Regional	78,263	156	4,871
Lake Blackshear Regional	98,605	0	8,216
Lee County	236,788	26	14,970
Live Oak	1,492,386	74	0
Marshes of Glynn	203,586	0	8,560
Middle Georgia Regional	625,746	825	32,581
Moultrie-Colquitt County	94,197	47	3,207
Mountain Regional	286,214	477	22,912
Newton County	287,465	20	5,595
Northeast Georgia Regional	396,039	189	18,117
Northwest Georgia Regional	306,251	265	14,006
Ocmulgee Regional	86,453	0	5,101
Oconee Regional	223,701	411	12,153
Ohoopee Regional	101,339	261	7,313
Okefenokee Regional	148,181	33	5,694
Peach County	40,102	0	5,091
Piedmont Regional	619,241	1	24,138
Pine Mountain Regional	68,931	140	5,839
Roddenbery Memorial	55,406	39	1,900
Sara Hightower Regional	535,843	217	17,617
Satilla Regional	49,091	0	4,426
Screven-Jenkins Regional	50,871	28	4,190
Sequoyah Regional	942,800	638	0
South Georgia Regional	274,974	59	14,483
Southwest Georgia Regional	160,283	111	13,257
Statesboro Regional	375,550	405	21,626
Thomas County	170,784	357	10,730
Three Rivers Regional	279,146	404	18,121
Troup-Harris Regional	239,548	626	12,998
Twin Lakes	149,127	0	6,952
Uncle Remus Regional	442,691	579	22,862
West Georgia Regional	1,320,773	455	46,526
Worth County	66,598	0	2,469
Statewide	35,490,609	20,386	642,239

Public Access Computers and Wi-Fi

- Public Library internet computers were used almost 12.5 million times in FY2018. This is a slight increase above FY2017.

- There were 9,391 public computer workstations with high-speed internet access in Georgia public libraries at the close of FY2018.

- All public access internet computers have access to GALILEO databases.

- The total of GALILEO online database usage is 1,426,161 and included Mango language sessions, Learning Express sessions, TumbleBooks, and Gale Legal Forms.

- In FY2018, all Georgia public library buildings provided wireless services for library users. The total wireless sessions used, estimated based on 330 tracking libraries, was almost 3.9 million sessions.

- NOTE: The following Charts and Spreadsheets on "Public Access Computers" use do not include use from patrons' wireless devices.

Public Access Computers per 5,000 Population for FY2018
Descending Order
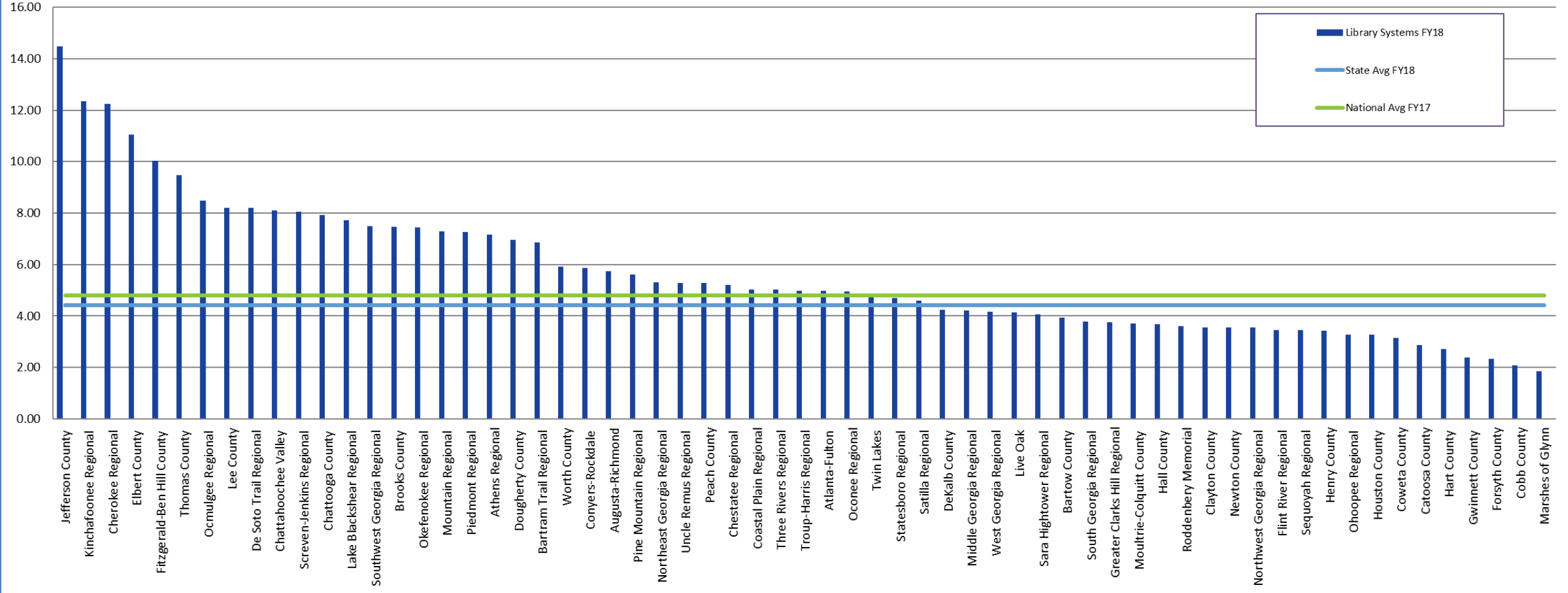
Public Access Computers per 5,000 Population for FY2018
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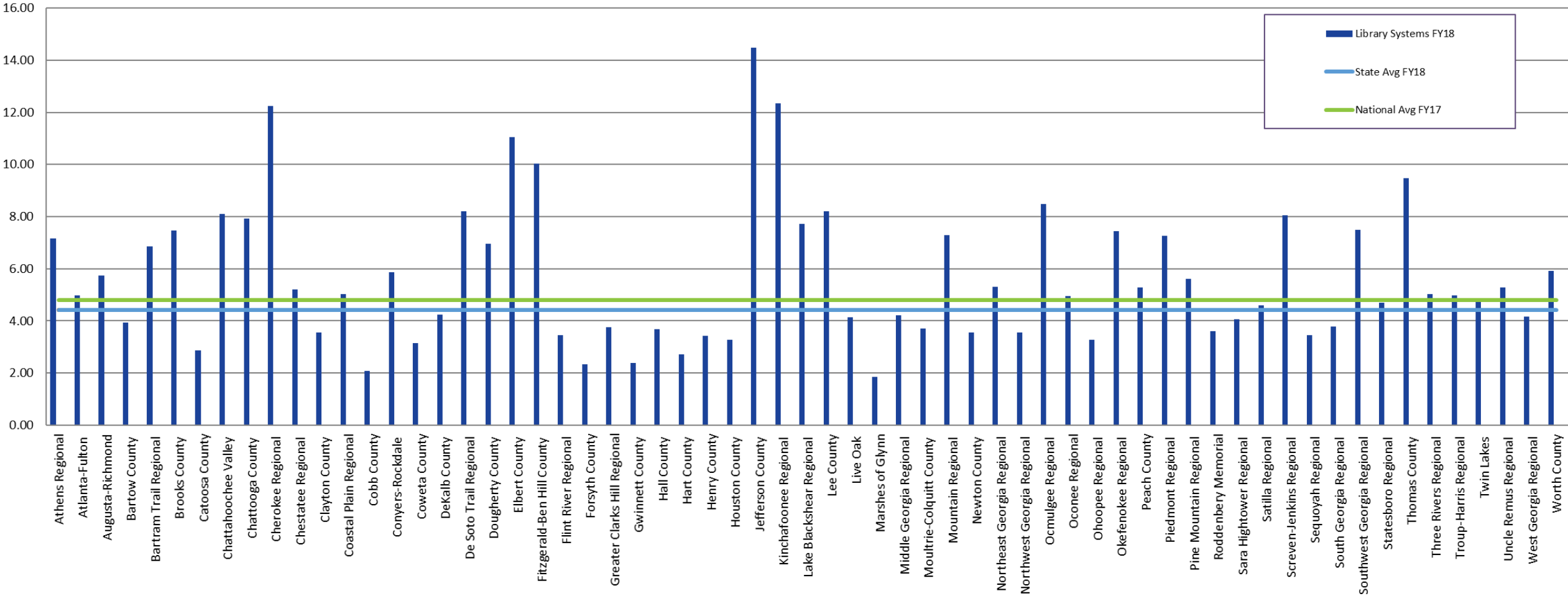
Public Access Computers per 5,000 Population

System Detail
FY2016-18

	Public Access Computers per 5,000 Population in Georgia Libraries - FY2016-18								
	2016			2017			2018		
Library System	Public Computers	System Population	Per 5,000 Population	Public Computers	System Population	Per 5,000 Population	Public Computers	System Population	Per 5,000 Population
Athens Regional	394	226,216	8.71	375	228,317	8.21	330	230,417	7.16
Atlanta-Fulton	972	1,035,754	4.69	1,141	1,052,908	5.42	1062	1,070,062	4.96
Augusta-Richmond	240	204,435	5.87	236	205,246	5.75	236	206,057	5.73
Bartow County	84	104,521	4.02	84	105,603	3.98	84	106,686	3.94
Bartram Trail Regional	35	33,417	5.24	43	33,464	6.42	46	33,510	6.86
Brooks County	25	15,439	8.10	23	15,413	7.46	23	15,387	7.47
Catoosa County	20	67,127	1.49	45	67,733	3.32	39	68,338	2.85
Chattahoochee Valley	382	235,168	8.12	399	236,833	8.42	387	238,497	8.11
Chattooga County	37	25,187	7.35	40	25,204	7.94	40	25,220	7.93
Cherokee Regional	155	85,555	9.06	163	85,839	9.49	211	86,122	12.25
Chestatee Regional	48	56,075	4.28	58	56,899	5.10	60	57,723	5.20
Clayton County	285	272,364	5.23	289	275,079	5.25	198	277,793	3.56
Coastal Plain Regional	100	94,976	5.26	95	95,314	4.98	96	95,652	5.02
Cobb County	574	745,143	3.85	320	754,461	2.12	319	763,778	2.09
Conyers-Rockdale	99	90,489	5.47	98	91,679	5.34	109	92,869	5.87
Coweta County	92	141,369	3.25	92	144,098	3.19	92	146,828	3.13
DeKalb County	443	732,586	3.02	582	739,002	3.94	632	745,417	4.24
De Soto Trail Regional	58	36,749	7.89	59	36,690	8.04	60	36,630	8.19
Dougherty County	130	93,228	6.97	130	93,315	6.97	130	93,401	6.96
Elbert County	40	19,505	10.25	43	19,474	11.04	43	19,443	11.06
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	23	17,780	6.47	34	17,868	9.51	36	17,956	10.02
Flint River Regional	165	264,506	3.12	168	266,576	3.15	186	268,647	3.46
Forsyth County	104	215,831	2.41	104	222,640	2.34	107	229,449	2.33
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	120	181,970	3.30	182	185,410	4.91	142	188,851	3.76
Gwinnett County	453	912,741	2.48	452	930,553	2.43	452	948,365	2.38
Hall County	198	197,356	5.02	224	200,560	5.58	150	203,764	3.68
Hart County	17	25,718	3.31	14	25,809	2.71	14	25,900	2.70
Henry County	144	223,916	3.22	117	228,179	2.56	159	232,442	3.42
Houston County	113	154,491	3.66	92	156,768	2.93	104	159,046	3.27
Jefferson County	47	16,268	14.45	47	16,251	14.46	47	16,234	14.48
Kinchafoonee Regional	74	30,339	12.20	69	30,161	11.44	74	29,983	12.34
Lake Blackshear Regional	73	73,898	4.94	77	73,833	5.21	114	73,768	7.73
Lee County	46	30,634	7.51	44	31,155	7.06	52	31,676	8.21
Live Oak	481	413,636	5.81	439	419,173	5.24	352	424,710	4.14
Marshes of Glynn	33	84,279	1.96	32	85,202	1.88	32	86,126	1.86
Middle Georgia Regional	216	229,412	4.71	204	229,977	4.44	194	230,542	4.21
Moultrie-Colquitt County	35	47,715	3.67	36	48,195	3.73	36	48,675	3.70
Mountain Regional	90	57,074	7.88	88	57,399	7.67	84	57,725	7.28
Newton County	77	108,481	3.55	80	110,493	3.62	80	112,505	3.56
Northeast Georgia Regional	102	115,322	4.42	106	116,091	4.57	124	116,860	5.31
Northwest Georgia Regional	145	202,387	3.58	146	203,860	3.58	146	205,333	3.56
Ocmulgee Regional	69	79,032	4.37	139	79,044	8.79	134	79,057	8.47
Oconee Regional	89	89,137	4.99	98	89,431	5.48	89	89,725	4.96
Ohoopee Regional	49	78,353	3.13	49	78,863	3.11	52	79,373	3.28
Okefenokee Regional	106	92,861	5.71	127	93,448	6.80	140	94,036	7.44
Peach County	29	27,313	5.31	30	27,413	5.47	29	27,513	5.27
Piedmont Regional	259	161,465	8.02	262	164,982	7.94	245	168,500	7.27
Pine Mountain Regional	105	62,463	8.40	71	62,378	5.69	70	62,293	5.62
Roddenbery Memorial	16	25,902	3.09	21	26,110	4.02	19	26,318	3.61
Sara Hightower Regional	105	139,127	3.77	104	139,835	3.72	114	140,543	4.06
Satilla Regional	47	52,615	4.47	49	52,984	4.62	49	53,352	4.59
Screven-Jenkins Regional	42	23,584	8.90	40	23,609	8.47	38	23,634	8.04
Sequoyah Regional	269	301,395	4.46	237	307,437	3.85	217	313,479	3.46
South Georgia Regional	99	132,547	3.73	101	134,269	3.76	103	135,991	3.79
Southwest Georgia Regional	64	42,549	7.52	58	42,653	6.80	64	42,757	7.48
Statesboro Regional	101	155,895	3.24	107	158,190	3.38	151	160,486	4.70
Thomas County	90	45,842	9.82	88	46,166	9.53	88	46,490	9.46
Three Rivers Regional	131	147,773	4.43	190	149,121	6.37	151	150,468	5.02
Troup-Harris Regional	78	105,172	3.71	78	106,324	3.67	107	107,476	4.98
Twin Lakes	40	46,666	4.29	46	46,875	4.91	46	47,084	4.88
Uncle Remus Regional	194	169,509	5.72	191	171,443	5.57	183	173,377	5.28
West Georgia Regional	379	459,617	4.12	362	467,577	3.87	395	475,537	4.15
Worth County	23	21,208	5.42	23	21,181	5.43	25	21,153	5.91
Statewide	9,353	10,379,084	4.51	9,541	10,508,057	4.54	9,391	10,637,029	4.41

User Sessions at Public Computers
System Detail
FY2009-18

User Sessions of Public Computers										
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Athens Regional	440,505	477,091	639,325	504,132	385,156	425,987	409,136	382,388	309,476	374,131
Atlanta-Fulton	1,456,153	1,444,728	1,553,667	1,305,666	1,523,695	1,674,536	736,535	930,151	1,060,484	977,150
Augusta-Richmond							288,431	220,058	175,322	191,948
Bartow County	302,256	139,081	131,420	180,352	168,924	167,080	158,743	177,076	139,330	172,483
Bartram Trail Regional	19,526	25,600	32,339	32,168	35,056	29,472	28,381	27,411	25,628	22,721
Brooks County	11,232	14,636	18,753	13,853	12,527	16,773	9,200	7,116	7,000	6,200
Catoosa County	103,412	101,333	102,802	95,404	96,633	96,633	12,212	18,097	25,553	29,061
Chattahoochee Valley	440,356	453,726	372,521	331,712	339,814	407,105	386,527	386,089	351,702	309,970
Chattooga County	16,494	15,869	13,454	14,100	14,430	12,662	11,708	9,600	9,385	5,581
Cherokee Regional	114,516	120,725	105,210	89,367	75,940	48,418	32,465	30,591	32,333	34,030
Chestatee Regional	51,423	45,468	41,413	34,603	27,378	25,127	15,567	8,256	15,703	19,440
Clayton County	445,553	453,145	394,464	370,803	356,071	565,652	277,488	283,889	253,858	351,185
Coastal Plain Regional	102,506	101,489	127,286	103,523	95,612	92,659	84,368	76,628	60,505	56,991
Cobb County	1,678,439	1,659,525	1,276,126	1,056,550	893,035	1,118,065	1,142,445	1,192,832	1,172,212	1,250,726
Conyers-Rockdale	90,089	91,000	93,838	95,295	97,384	100,281	103,271	93,200	95,000	53,370
Coweta County	70,069	137,920	0	796,667	887,355	975,000	1,020,000	1,315,000	1,210,000	1,290,000
DeKalb County	1,410,404	961,592	997,638	1,066,295	1,055,082	962,546	941,203	1,016,443	1,398,125	2,099,008
De Soto Trail Regional	41,590	45,678	50,808	55,605	67,882	71,927	71,783	88,976	49,072	51,209
Dougherty County	210,194	229,209	204,495	223,083	155,039	155,345	119,539	112,790	103,278	87,632
East Central Georgia Regional	356,412	301,038	396,439	341,073	376,844	280,340				
Elbert County	26,887	26,521	25,137	22,852	18,378	17,161	13,300	11,084	8,494	8,612
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	23,125	25,251	27,498	28,188	21,636	18,308	18,630	20,236	23,644	23,889
Flint River Regional	407,048	333,441	396,446	437,770	445,015	335,964	340,981	336,713	251,119	193,952
Forsyth County	182,778	232,151	129,498	117,972	95,451	90,349	91,378	86,852	88,123	68,250
Greater Clarks Hill Regional						89,438	157,852	144,451	139,419	58,236
Gwinnett County	1,162,583	807,742	1,048,283	890,505	772,262	959,988	657,679	1,087,044	1,859,245	1,872,222
Hall County	197,431	176,190	139,008	93,741	83,254	77,942	102,844	121,522	56,320	47,411
Hart County	14,771	15,109	15,186	11,185	11,411	11,108	12,966	11,190	11,389	7,917
Henry County	155,030	113,000	300,300	300,500	266,482	167,281	69,417	65,095	72,810	79,469
Houston County	184,805	112,113	96,000	256,000	258,000	63,501	75,989	88,304	88,534	78,749
Jefferson County	38,358	42,967	44,665	41,638	40,981	35,508	32,260	27,818	27,880	24,004
Kinchafoonee Regional	50,556	60,638	59,413	53,418	41,056	38,200	43,698	29,931	21,628	19,745
Lake Blackshear Regional	177,459	204,956	197,699	165,074	157,218	193,864	206,103	198,298	174,074	169,311
Lee County	39,991	39,999	41,251	30,815	30,560	30,621	33,142	27,258	24,358	24,038
Live Oak	764,009	728,224	678,537	504,082	642,715	575,544	817,354	490,321	454,079	356,668
Marshes of Glynn						48,648	51,890	50,599	47,368	44,180
Middle Georgia Regional	483,494	472,617	463,051	480,140	521,868	528,450	312,642	292,534	174,228	156,061
Moultrie-Colquitt County	35,063	35,795	35,267	30,702	28,738	29,252	33,649	23,607	26,670	19,120
Mountain Regional	97,722	99,524	144,208	149,746	152,081	162,638	63,094	34,091	29,495	47,884
Newton County	308,382	339,413	26,381	139,014	56,494	115,260	97,445	77,146	81,610	68,347
Northeast Georgia Regional	137,600	92,261	116,099	155,915	132,725	88,556	71,552	67,620	94,724	70,140
Northwest Georgia Regional	111,814	81,155	57,686	49,014	44,072	39,400	48,400	51,013	54,626	56,469
Ocmulgee Regional	56,131	61,828	60,499	58,886	52,845	54,389	45,554	39,417	41,389	28,733
Oconee Regional	116,932	115,093	109,006	109,269	99,343	92,040	85,039	75,020	75,253	73,637
Ohoopee Regional	50,752	51,605	76,519	35,818	63,850	26,163	23,624	34,214	37,950	41,283
Okefenokee Regional	46,735	50,500	48,446	45,640	45,262	39,459	33,004	66,232	71,864	66,180
Peach County	55,966	51,385	72,914	70,456	69,364	68,827	73,523	57,760	58,688	51,826
Piedmont Regional	161,149	142,958	156,899	168,458	163,313	157,788	187,441	203,371	195,660	154,455
Pine Mountain Regional	64,372	63,949	71,359	72,326	58,991	50,424	48,781	40,260	38,256	32,367
Roddenbery Memorial	34,401	27,928	25,558	23,980	18,605	25,314	24,405	19,513	20,130	20,671
Sara Hightower Regional	300,046	304,272	292,545	229,025	190,488	178,593	178,580	192,193	97,139	96,436
Satilla Regional	71,959	69,167	48,710	62,524	54,631	38,602	39,353	23,678	23,284	16,357
Screven-Jenkins Regional	36,196	45,856	38,013	40,188	33,161	31,737	23,104	21,594	19,595	23,143
Sequoyah Regional	257,179	256,517	210,767	176,806	153,142	146,998	154,209	126,876	127,641	117,999
South Georgia Regional	133,628	140,363	141,215	126,287	107,421	111,357	123,280	150,406	144,356	168,088
Southwest Georgia Regional	121,166	128,371	128,752	124,481	119,564	142,236	147,323	121,520	91,008	84,522
Statesboro Regional	295,663	140,526	136,578	77,219	120,698	108,742	96,664	136,872	141,888	111,895
Thomas County	47,936	47,378	43,332	28,856	107,280	113,229	121,964	101,785	63,840	36,487
Three Rivers Regional	144,577	129,074	226,699	235,912	191,397	143,483	135,472	124,064	108,288	82,585
Troup-Harris Regional	137,076	145,126	180,842	205,702	206,131	118,444	83,496	71,628	53,915	61,727
Twin Lakes	34,454	37,830	36,363	33,065	36,930	43,430	37,353	27,035	22,228	19,250
Uncle Remus Regional	282,028	189,065	155,957	126,846	171,646	171,627	164,516	144,621	99,565	166,127
West Georgia Regional	592,066	425,986	464,947	432,807	423,440	405,486	580,335	415,115	352,290	153,454
Worth County	17,658	26,154	27,044	23,155	22,041	13,408	20,693	13,294	11,434	9,855
Statewide Total	**15,018,105**	**13,508,851**	**13,346,575**	**13,176,228**	**12,993,797**	**13,224,365**	**11,628,980**	**11,925,786**	**12,199,464**	**12,494,587**

Public Service Hours

- In FY2018, public service hours in Georgia decreased less than 1% over FY2017; this is so small a decrease it is considered flat and there are offsetting increases and decreases in hours throughout Georgia. The previous three years showed an increase in hours which were the first increases since FY2008. From FY2009-20014, due to reduced local and state funding, hours steadily decreased. Despite the overall increase since FY2015, FY2018 hours remain over 6% lower than in FY2009.

- 16 of the 63 public library systems show increased hours over FY2009. Of those, 4 systems (DeKalb County, Forsyth County, Newton County, and Uncle Remus Regional) have increased their public service hours by more than 19% from that time period.

- 43 systems have been forced to reduce public service hours since FY2009, with 16 systems reducing hours more than 20% since then.

Total Public Service Hours for Georgia Libraries
FY2000-2018

Public Service Hours
System Detail
FY2009-18

Library System	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	% Change since Prior Year	% Change since 2009	Change in hours since 2009
Athens Regional	23,832	23,919	23,399	23,220	23,220	24,508	22,220	22,880	22,321	21,885	-1.95%	-8.17%	(1,947)
Atlanta-Fulton	82,460	75,482	80,114	76,902	78,682	62,372	57,577	81,584	83,671	81,659	-2.40%	-0.97%	(801)
Augusta-Richmond							14,358	14,265	15,695	16,162	2.98%		16,162
Bartow County	6,956	6,821	6,773	6,824	6,831	6,707	6,874	7,031	7,031	6,954	-1.10%	-0.03%	(2)
Bartram Trail Regional	6,767	6,767	6,854	6,854	7,218	7,340	7,340	10,348	7,288	6,855	-5.94%	1.30%	88
Brooks County	2,723	2,755	2,753	2,580	2,527	2,581	2,581	2,208	2,468	2,225	-9.85%	-18.29%	(498)
Catoosa County	2,944	2,893	2,916	3,000	3,000	5,034	2,266	2,300	2,278	2,274	-0.18%	-22.76%	(670)
Chattahoochee Valley	24,598	21,988	20,464	16,890	16,328	16,839	17,047	17,279	18,047	17,005	-5.77%	-30.87%	(7,593)
Chattooga County	3,957	3,848	3,848	3,905	3,908	3,836	3,883	3,897	3,847	3,847	-1.28%	-2.78%	(110)
Cherokee Regional	9,050	9,050	7,636	12,533	6,004	9,724	10,181	6,132	6,233	6,258	0.40%	-30.85%	(2,792)
Chestatee Regional	4,098	4,058	3,980	3,947	3,516	4,166	4,166	4,061	4,435	4,549	2.57%	11.01%	451
Clayton County	17,718	18,360	18,210	18,294	21,543	18,233	18,193	18,064	18,195	17,945	-1.37%	1.28%	227
Coastal Plain Regional	14,458	13,976	14,236	14,097	13,631	13,785	13,922	13,651	13,965	13,301	-4.75%	-8.00%	(1,157)
Cobb County	47,521	55,088	46,108	37,080	37,447	35,744	42,099	37,457	38,702	38,361	-0.88%	-19.28%	(9,160)
Conyers-Rockdale	2,690	2,563	2,683	2,467	2,697	2,522	2,687	2,690	2,947	2,578	-12.52%	-4.16%	(112)
Coweta County	9,736	9,028	8,332	8,792	9,604	9,960	9,960	10,944	10,128	10,128	0.00%	4.03%	392
DeKalb County	44,447	47,090	46,432	48,121	48,180	47,185	47,183	49,064	50,888	52,974	4.10%	19.18%	8,527
De Soto Trail Regional	8,964	8,432	8,980	9,103	9,090	8,047	9,349	9,284	9,422	9,106	-3.35%	1.58%	142
Dougherty County	14,144	13,636	10,988	10,868	5,560	5,884	7,495	9,920	10,843	10,814	-0.27%	-23.54%	(3,330)
East Central Georgia Regional	35,754	33,900	32,380	33,689	32,065	20,962							
Elbert County	4,452	4,420	4,356	3,483	3,683	3,528	3,716	3,716	3,806	3546	-6.83%	-20.35%	(906)
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	3,091	3,084	3,097	3,105	2,822	2,636	2,612	2,660	2,610	2,492	-4.52%	-19.38%	(599)
Flint River Regional	21,307	21,489	21,313	22,215	21,296	15,850	20,509	19,188	21,107	21,216	0.52%	-0.43%	(91)
Forsyth County	6,112	5,488	6,489	8,018	7,884	10,417	11,722	12,188	12,170	11,466	-5.78%	87.60%	5,354
Greater Clarks Hill Regional						11,443	15,441	15,040	14,291	16,331	14.27%		16,331
Gwinnett County	58,979	44,462	48,375	43,635	43,305	39,130	37,164	37,875	44,742	45,631	1.99%	-22.63%	(13,348)
Hall County	14,505	13,962	13,833	8,616	9,745	10,327	10,364	10,462	10,828	11,157	3.04%	-23.08%	(3,348)
Hart County	2,080	2,092	2,048	2,108	2,106	2,106	2,098	2,100	2,036	2,098	3.05%	0.87%	18
Henry County	14,315	14,040	8,692	8,040	8,056	4,864	8,016	8,092	9,536	8,863	-7.06%	-38.09%	(5,452)
Houston County	9,123	7,029	6,994	7,028	6,716	6,888	7,384	7,280	7,152	7,104	-0.67%	-22.13%	(2,019)
Jefferson County	7,105	7,304	7,245	7,327	7,164	6,971	5,760	5,760	6,094	5,219	-14.36%	-26.54%	(1,886)
Kinchafoonee Regional	12,403	11,278	11,078	11,163	10,221	10,702	9,472	10,062	10,303	10,297	-0.06%	-16.98%	(2,106)
Lake Blackshear Regional	10,688	10,639	10,631	10,575	10,564	10,362	12,730	10,391	10,124	10,309	1.83%	-3.55%	(379)
Lee County	7,421	5,634	5,711	5,724	7,395	8,376	8,415	8,403	7,772	8,346	7.39%	12.46%	925
Live Oak	34,681	36,226	34,727	34,727	33,223	34,727	36,999	37,295	39,200	37,000	-5.61%	6.69%	2,319
Marshes of Glynn						4,444	4,424	4,628	4,329	4,383	1.25%		4,383
Middle Georgia Regional	31,745	30,109	32,556	31,533	33,664	33,266	32,148	27,543	26,629	25,130	-5.63%	-20.84%	(6,615)
Moultrie-Colquitt County	3,461	3,524	3,463	3,459	3,448	3,426	3,465	3,518	3,427	3,310	-3.41%	-4.36%	(151)
Mountain Regional	8,859	8,260	8,612	8,892	8,849	8,110	7,957	8,128	7,589	7,874	3.76%	-11.12%	(985)
Newton County	3,239	3,035	3,237	3,988	4,244	4,144	4,218	4,244	4,257	4,222	-0.82%	30.35%	983
Northeast Georgia Regional	14,059	13,843	13,261	13,221	13,065	12,987	13,112	12,687	12,719	13,092	2.93%	-6.88%	(967)
Northwest Georgia Regional	8,957	9,319	7,534	7,182	6,747	6,410	6,547	6,417	6,504	6,413	-1.40%	-28.40%	(2,544)
Ocmulgee Regional	11,292	11,292	11,246	11,439	11,140	11,098	10,401	10,454	10,532	10,543	0.10%	-6.63%	(749)
Oconee Regional	10,188	9,629	9,037	9,189	8,053	5,000	7,907	8,226	8,254	8,251	-0.04%	-19.01%	(1,937)
Ohoopee Regional	11,523	13,004	11,162	8,425	8,187	8,961	11,421	10,885	11,800	11,860	0.51%	2.92%	337
Okefenokee Regional	10,311	16,325	16,491	12,661	8,087	8,808	9,323	9,664	9,626	9,562	-0.66%	-7.26%	(749)
Peach County	3,900	3,904	3,851	3,822	3,711	3,446	3,955	3,916	3,769	3,427	-9.07%	-12.13%	(473)
Piedmont Regional	25,355	22,590	22,613	24,351	22,569	20,817	23,117	24,016	23,355	23,019	-1.44%	-9.21%	(2,336)
Pine Mountain Regional	12,857	12,951	11,911	12,007	11,267	10,949	10,087	11,432	11,448	11,247	-1.76%	-12.52%	(1,610)
Roddenbery Memorial	2,715	2,716	2,063	2,062	2,044	2,104	2,104	1,848	2,099	1,970	-6.15%	-27.44%	(745)
Sara Hightower Regional	10,323	9,886	9,766	9,678	9,151	9,171	9,258	9,133	9,785	8,889	-9.16%	-13.89%	(1,434)
Satilla Regional	12,961	9,695	8,741	7,605	7,548	7,452	7,667	7,081	6,297	6,297	0.00%	-51.42%	(6,664)
Screven-Jenkins Regional	5,198	5,131	5,348	4,847	4,913	4,228	4,212	4,212	4,205	4,192	-0.31%	-19.35%	(1,006)
Sequoyah Regional	24,681	24,744	21,793	19,300	19,517	19,065	19,202	21,756	22,061	21,793	-1.21%	-11.70%	(2,888)
South Georgia Regional	10,188	7,080	13,551	13,503	11,407	11,965	11,900	11,969	9,903	11,859	19.75%	16.40%	1,671
Southwest Georgia Regional	6,421	6,709	6,620	6,678	6,818	7,036	7,168	7,396	7,278	7,242	-0.49%	12.79%	821
Statesboro Regional	14,157	13,370	13,391	13,518	13,246	13,748	13,594	13,334	13,282	13,311	0.22%	-5.98%	(846)
Thomas County	7,500	7,506	6,362	6,133	7,472	7,182	6,919	9,261	7,037	7,037	0.00%	-6.17%	(463)
Three Rivers Regional	21,003	19,730	17,436	19,504	19,293	15,526	15,838	16,575	16,031	16,476	2.78%	-21.55%	(4,527)
Troup-Harris Regional	7,633	7,612	6,980	6,524	7,318	7,308	7,230	7,266	7,433	7,167	-3.58%	-6.11%	(466)
Twin Lakes	4,838	5,196	4,291	3,532	3,149	3,149	3,149	3,860	4,018	3,751	-6.65%	-22.47%	(1,087)
Uncle Remus Regional	20,274	19,672	18,075	17,628	20,910	22,976	25,762	26,742	26,937	26,491	-1.66%	30.66%	6,217
West Georgia Regional	34,898	37,060	35,840	37,309	36,991	38,890	39,183	41,098	41,657	41,173	-1.16%	17.98%	6,275
Worth County	2,436	2,122	2,136	2,244	2,222	2,489	2,509	2,508	2,486	2,382	-4.18%	-2.22%	(54)
Statewide	910,051	882,815	859,042	835,144	820,261	797,911	815,570	843,301	854,972	848,318	-0.78%	-6.78%	(61,733)

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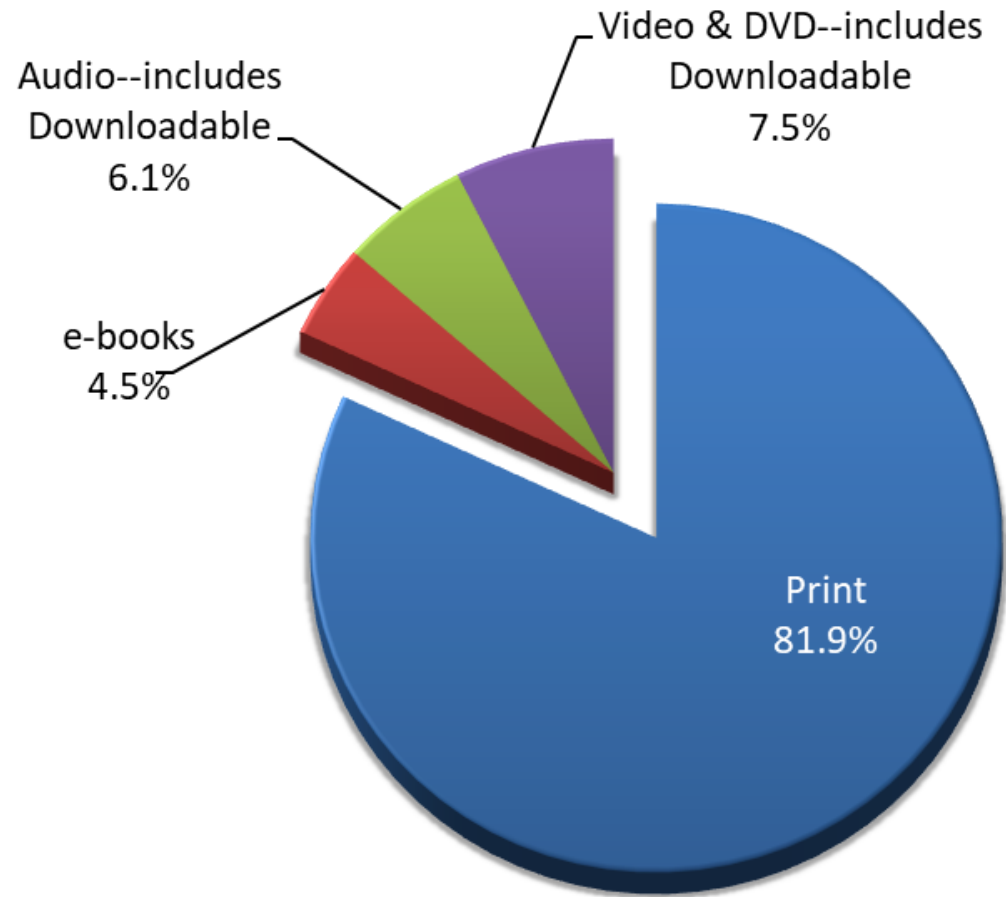
Library Materials

Collections Owned by Georgia Public Libraries

- At the end of FY2018, there were 19,013,622 (1.79 per capita) print books, e-books, audio, and video items in the collections of Georgia public libraries. Audio and video include downloadable.

- 63% of Georgia public library systems were above the state average of 1.79 items per capita.

- As the population of Georgia has grown, the state's ranking in print materials per capita has remained near the bottom; Georgia ranked 43rd in the nation in this category in FY2017.

- In 2018, the number of e-books offered to the public increased over 13% from FY2017, as libraries continue to meet growing demand for this format.

Per capita Expenditures for Books and Other Library Materials

- Georgia public libraries spent an average of $1.68 per capita for materials in FY2018.

- The per capita expenditure for materials in Georgia public libraries has historically been below the national average, which in FY2017 was $4.39 per capita; Georgia ranked 49th with an expenditure per capita of $1.77. In FY2018, no Georgia libraries were as high as the national average although five systems, Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, DeKalb County, Dougherty County, Forsyth County, and Lee County Library were all above $3 per capita for total collection expenditures.

- 78% of Georgia public library systems fell below the state average of $1.68 per capita for FY2018.

Library Materials per Capita
System Detail
FY2018

Library System	Print Books (includes Magazines)	e-books	Audio (includes downloadable)	Video & DVD (includes downloadable)	Total	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	382,734	9,476	22,126	36,689	451,025	230,417	1.96
Atlanta-Fulton	1,929,742	305,025	107,398	393,378	2,735,543	1,070,062	2.56
Augusta-Richmond	281,863	11,773	10,870	31,494	336,000	206,057	1.63
Bartow County	129,927	9,308	5,463	12,740	157,438	106,686	1.48
Bartram Trail Regional	106,047	9,773	12,958	2,649	131,427	33,510	3.92
Brooks County	69,313	-	314	2,687	72,314	15,387	4.70
Catoosa County	92,253	5,126	16,743	8,816	122,938	68,338	1.80
Chattahoochee Valley	284,780	11,126	20,415	25,603	341,924	238,497	1.43
Chattooga County	41,880	9,934	12,640	4,616	69,070	25,220	2.74
Cherokee Regional	134,680	9,476	14,676	10,114	168,946	86,122	1.96
Chestatee Regional	96,460	9,576	18,877	10,028	134,941	57,723	2.34
Clayton County	467,617	10,661	12,202	7,359	497,839	277,793	1.79
Coastal Plain Regional	233,411	9,476	14,869	27,491	285,247	95,652	2.98
Cobb County	929,768	17,557	54,831	80,417	1,082,573	763,778	1.42
Conyers-Rockdale	97,148	2,959	6,522	8,700	115,329	92,869	1.24
Coweta County	184,197	1,373	6,816	11,852	204,238	146,828	1.39
DeKalb County	855,501	14,296	46,560	45,830	962,187	745,417	1.29
De Soto Trail Regional	121,303	-	2,892	6,927	131,122	36,630	3.58
Dougherty County	265,048	9,839	21,084	46,236	342,207	93,401	3.66
Elbert County	48,228	9,476	12,938	3,100	73,742	19,443	3.79
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	53,945	11,404	9,742	2,829	77,920	17,956	4.34
Flint River Regional	438,771	9,685	26,789	21,599	496,844	268,647	1.85
Forsyth County	324,078	18,085	29,845	22,059	394,067	229,449	1.72
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	247,491	16,816	25,134	33,057	322,498	188,851	1.71
Gwinnett County	723,164	25,246	59,099	43,120	850,629	948,365	0.90
Hall County	265,125	770	11,039	17,979	294,913	203,764	1.45
Hart County	37,006	9,495	11,935	1,393	59,829	25,900	2.31
Henry County	263,092	13,306	23,525	5,978	305,901	232,442	1.32
Houston County	192,131	9,476	15,985	7,662	225,254	159,046	1.42
Jefferson County	58,548	-	2,001	4,011	64,560	16,234	3.98
Kinchafoonee Regional	82,091	82	971	10,093	93,237	29,983	3.11
Lake Blackshear Regional	152,266	9,476	14,124	4,684	180,550	73,768	2.45
Lee County	91,994	5,150	15,719	14,220	127,083	31,676	4.01
Live Oak	463,853	12,834	48,440	76,723	601,850	424,710	1.42
Marshes of Glynn	84,923	9,476	14,714	6,341	115,454	86,126	1.34
Middle Georgia Regional	465,410	14,470	27,609	9,816	517,305	230,542	2.24
Moultrie-Colquitt County	108,554	9,476	12,978	1,078	132,086	48,675	2.71
Mountain Regional	147,523	9,476	17,186	9,684	183,869	57,725	3.19
Newton County	92,600	9,476	20,020	9,402	131,498	112,505	1.17
Northeast Georgia Regional	215,338	10,921	17,713	18,768	262,740	116,860	2.25
Northwest Georgia Regional	187,473	28,698	38,292	13,296	267,759	205,333	1.30
Ocmulgee Regional	108,828	-	1,670	2,343	112,841	79,057	1.43
Oconee Regional	170,206	9,489	13,793	4,619	198,107	89,725	2.21
Ohoopee Regional	177,169	11,226	7,642	6,908	202,945	79,373	2.56
Okefenokee Regional	94,697	9,476	13,835	11,164	129,172	94,036	1.37
Peach County	80,685	9,476	12,820	3,758	106,739	27,513	3.88
Piedmont Regional	229,442	8,766	11,417	24,625	274,250	168,500	1.63
Pine Mountain Regional	96,763	9,476	13,129	7,825	127,193	62,293	2.04
Roddenbery Memorial	58,183	9,476	12,079	2,074	81,812	26,318	3.11
Sara Hightower Regional	338,212	12,402	18,974	41,212	410,800	140,543	2.92
Satilla Regional	96,410	4,996	12,616	2,028	116,050	53,352	2.18
Screven-Jenkins Regional	82,716	4,997	13,074	4,514	105,301	23,634	4.46
Sequoyah Regional	270,899	5,231	14,227	8,457	298,814	313,479	0.95
South Georgia Regional	178,922	11,404	13,610	16,877	220,813	135,991	1.62
Southwest Georgia Regional	174,512	9,476	15,517	10,151	209,656	42,757	4.90
Statesboro Regional	203,858	9,476	16,919	8,985	239,238	160,486	1.49
Thomas County	115,046	-	4,013	8,014	127,073	46,490	2.73
Three Rivers Regional	243,425	773	17,098	22,474	283,770	150,468	1.89
Troup-Harris Regional	160,923	9,476	15,258	10,759	196,416	107,476	1.83
Twin Lakes	64,725	9,476	12,718	8,053	94,972	47,084	2.02
Uncle Remus Regional	318,257	860	14,837	19,895	353,849	173,377	2.04
West Georgia Regional	838,124	4,658	21,428	79,924	944,134	475,537	1.99
Worth County	31,622	9,476	11,734	4,949	57,781	21,153	2.73
Statewide	**15,580,900**	**860,134**	**1,152,462**	**1,420,126**	**19,013,622**	**10,637,029**	**1.79**
Statewide (Print Only) FY2018		1.46		**National (Print Only) FY2017**			**2.29**
Statewide (Print Only) FY2017		1.54		**Georgia State Ranking FY2017**			**43**

Print Books owned by Libraries
System Detail
FY2016-18

Print Books Owned by Georgia Public Libraries - FY2016 -2018								
	2016			2017			2018		
Library System	Books	Population	Per Capita	Books	Population	Per Capita	Books	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	380,169	226,216	1.68	378,981	228,317	1.66	382,734	230,417	1.66
Atlanta-Fulton	2,619,417	1,035,754	2.53	2,325,808	1,052,908	2.21	1,929,742	1,070,062	1.80
Augusta-Richmond	314,562	204,435	1.54	282,834	205,246	1.38	281,863	206,057	1.37
Bartow County	139,560	104,521	1.34	137,118	105,603	1.30	129,927	106,686	1.22
Bartram Trail Regional	113,044	33,417	3.38	100,117	33,464	2.99	106,047	33,510	3.16
Brooks County	72,132	15,439	4.67	69,032	15,413	4.48	69,313	15,387	4.50
Catoosa County	111,114	67,127	1.66	98,649	67,733	1.46	92,253	68,338	1.35
Chattahoochee Valley	348,573	235,168	1.48	357,789	236,833	1.51	284,780	238,497	1.19
Chattooga County	44,136	25,187	1.75	43,405	25,204	1.72	41,880	25,220	1.66
Cherokee Regional	138,997	85,555	1.62	135,783	85,839	1.58	134,680	86,122	1.56
Chestatee Regional	98,243	56,075	1.75	96,302	56,899	1.69	96,460	57,723	1.67
Clayton County	545,800	272,364	2.00	478,174	275,079	1.74	467,617	277,793	1.68
Coastal Plain Regional	227,541	94,976	2.40	229,953	95,314	2.41	233,411	95,652	2.44
Cobb County	962,432	745,143	1.29	928,028	754,461	1.23	929,768	763,778	1.22
Conyers-Rockdale	97,319	90,489	1.08	117,743	91,679	1.28	97,148	92,869	1.05
Coweta County	172,430	141,369	1.22	244,599	144,098	1.70	184,197	146,828	1.25
DeKalb County	813,634	732,586	1.11	855,410	739,002	1.16	855,501	745,417	1.15
De Soto Trail Regional	121,132	36,749	3.30	119,675	36,690	3.26	121,303	36,630	3.31
Dougherty County	322,941	93,228	3.46	274,901	93,315	2.95	265,048	93,401	2.84
Elbert County	46,597	19,505	2.39	48,538	19,474	2.49	48,228	19,443	2.48
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	56,392	17,780	3.17	55,159	17,868	3.09	53,945	17,956	3.00
Flint River Regional	439,541	264,506	1.66	473,328	266,576	1.78	438,771	268,647	1.63
Forsyth County	308,600	215,831	1.43	300,708	222,640	1.35	324,078	229,449	1.41
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	244,647	181,970	1.34	251,128	185,410	1.35	247,491	188,851	1.31
Gwinnett County	656,156	912,741	0.72	774,108	930,553	0.83	723,164	948,365	0.76
Hall County	337,265	197,356	1.71	270,039	200,560	1.35	265,125	203,764	1.30
Hart County	34,634	25,718	1.35	35,880	25,809	1.39	37,006	25,900	1.43
Henry County	253,276	223,916	1.13	253,163	228,179	1.11	263,092	232,442	1.13
Houston County	201,859	154,491	1.31	179,831	156,768	1.15	192,131	159,046	1.21
Jefferson County	61,352	16,268	3.77	62,200	16,251	3.83	58,548	16,234	3.61
Kinchafoonee Regional	104,796	30,339	3.45	107,079	30,161	3.55	82,091	29,983	2.74
Lake Blackshear Regional	234,341	73,898	3.17	165,739	73,833	2.24	152,266	73,768	2.06
Lee County	76,881	30,634	2.51	71,779	31,155	2.30	91,994	31,676	2.90
Live Oak	448,623	413,636	1.08	448,876	419,173	1.07	463,853	424,710	1.09
Marshes of Glynn	84,064	84,279	1.00	86,671	85,202	1.02	84,923	86,126	0.99
Middle Georgia Regional	567,780	229,412	2.47	497,371	229,977	2.16	465,410	230,542	2.02
Moultrie-Colquitt County	115,853	47,715	2.43	111,380	48,195	2.31	108,554	48,675	2.23
Mountain Regional	147,270	57,074	2.58	147,972	57,399	2.58	147,523	57,725	2.56
Newton County	142,800	108,481	1.32	98,906	110,493	0.90	92,600	112,505	0.82
Northeast Georgia Regional	191,808	115,322	1.66	209,271	116,091	1.80	215,338	116,860	1.84
Northwest Georgia Regional	193,602	202,387	0.96	183,548	203,860	0.90	187,473	205,333	0.91
Ocmulgee Regional	114,234	79,032	1.45	114,379	79,044	1.45	108,828	79,057	1.38
Oconee Regional	172,301	89,137	1.93	174,571	89,431	1.95	170,206	89,725	1.90
Ohoopee Regional	180,388	78,353	2.30	178,472	78,863	2.26	177,169	79,373	2.23
Okefenokee Regional	105,193	92,861	1.13	94,128	93,448	1.01	94,697	94,036	1.01
Peach County	79,649	27,313	2.92	84,349	27,413	3.08	80,685	27,513	2.93
Piedmont Regional	225,214	161,465	1.39	225,412	164,982	1.37	229,442	168,500	1.36
Pine Mountain Regional	112,456	62,463	1.80	103,879	62,378	1.67	96,763	62,293	1.55
Roddenbery Memorial	62,776	25,902	2.42	66,565	26,110	2.55	58,183	26,318	2.21
Sara Hightower Regional	411,896	139,127	2.96	347,446	139,835	2.48	338,212	140,543	2.41
Satilla Regional	91,111	52,615	1.73	79,608	52,984	1.50	96,410	53,352	1.81
Screven-Jenkins Regional	86,154	23,584	3.65	82,379	23,609	3.49	82,716	23,634	3.50
Sequoyah Regional	304,787	301,395	1.01	299,165	307,437	0.97	270,899	313,479	0.86
South Georgia Regional	229,208	132,547	1.73	230,053	134,269	1.71	178,922	135,991	1.32
Southwest Georgia Regional	176,347	42,549	4.14	176,698	42,653	4.14	174,512	42,757	4.08
Statesboro Regional	206,238	155,895	1.32	208,363	158,190	1.32	203,858	160,486	1.27
Thomas County	114,562	45,842	2.50	114,296	46,166	2.48	115,046	46,490	2.47
Three Rivers Regional	241,662	147,773	1.64	240,114	149,121	1.61	243,425	150,468	1.62
Troup-Harris Regional	161,996	105,172	1.54	161,041	106,324	1.51	160,923	107,476	1.50
Twin Lakes	76,260	46,666	1.63	70,466	46,875	1.50	64,725	47,084	1.37
Uncle Remus Regional	303,824	169,509	1.79	296,338	171,443	1.73	318,257	173,377	1.84
West Georgia Regional	756,998	459,617	1.65	734,951	467,577	1.57	838,124	475,537	1.76
Worth County	33,150	21,208	1.56	37,162	21,181	1.75	31,622	21,153	1.49
Statewide	16,837,717	10,379,084	1.62	16,226,807	10,508,057	1.54	15,580,900	10,637,029	1.46

e-books Available at Libraries
System Detail
FY2016-18

e-books Available at Georgia Public Libraries - FY2016-2018								
	2016			**2017**			**2018**		
Library System	e-books	Population	Per Capita	e-books	Population	Per Capita	e-books	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	10,925	226,216	0.05	11,680	228,317	0.05	9,476	230,417	0.04
Atlanta-Fulton	232,772	1,035,754	0.22	216,361	1,052,908	0.21	305,025	1,070,062	0.29
Augusta-Richmond	10,500	204,435	0.05	11,274	205,246	0.05	11,773	206,057	0.06
Bartow County	22,657	104,521	0.22	18,787	105,603	0.18	9,308	106,686	0.09
Bartram Trail Regional	298	33,417	0.01	367	33,464	0.01	9,773	33,510	0.29
Brooks County	0	15,439	-	0	15,413	-	-	15,387	-
Catoosa County	10363	67,127	0.15	11,468	67,733	0.17	5,126	68,338	0.08
Chattahoochee Valley	7,179	235,168	0.03	9,374	236,833	0.04	11,126	238,497	0.05
Chattooga County	10291	25,187	0.41	11,226	25,204	0.45	9,934	25,220	0.39
Cherokee Regional	10,291	85,555	0.12	11,226	85,839	0.13	9,476	86,122	0.11
Chestatee Regional	10,765	56,075	0.19	11,372	56,899	0.20	9,576	57,723	0.17
Clayton County	2,344	272,364	0.01	3,135	275,079	0.01	10,661	277,793	0.04
Coastal Plain Regional	10,291	94,976	0.11	11,226	95,314	0.12	9,476	95,652	0.10
Cobb County	17,070	745,143	0.02	18,659	754,461	0.02	17,557	763,778	0.02
Conyers-Rockdale	2,255	90,489	0.02	2,623	91,679	0.03	2,959	92,869	0.03
Coweta County	1353	141,369	0.01	6	144,098	0.00	1,373	146,828	0.01
DeKalb County	7,508	732,586	0.01	10,573	739,002	0.01	14,296	745,417	0.02
De Soto Trail Regional	0	36,749	-	0	36,690	-	-	36,630	-
Dougherty County	10,357	93,228	0.11	12,495	93,315	0.13	9,839	93,401	0.11
Elbert County	10,291	19,505	0.53	11,226	19,474	0.58	9,476	19,443	0.49
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	10291	17,780	0.58	11,226	17,868	0.63	11,404	17,956	0.64
Flint River Regional	11,087	264,506	0.04	11,372	266,576	0.04	9,685	268,647	0.04
Forsyth County	6,180	215,831	0.03	10,283	222,640	0.05	18,085	229,449	0.08
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	5,159	181,970	0.03	6,389	185,410	0.03	16,816	188,851	0.09
Gwinnett County	29,620	912,741	0.03	23,393	930,553	0.03	25,246	948,365	0.03
Hall County	3106	197,356	0.02	670	200,560	0.00	770	203,764	0.00
Hart County	0	25,718	-	0	25,809	-	9,495	25,900	0.37
Henry County	10,376	223,916	0.05	11,249	228,179	0.05	13,306	232,442	0.06
Houston County	10,290	154,491	0.07	11,226	156,768	0.07	9,476	159,046	0.06
Jefferson County	0	16,268	-	0	16,251	-	-	16,234	-
Kinchafoonee Regional	88	30,339	0.00	82	30,161	0.00	82	29,983	0.00
Lake Blackshear Regional	10,394	73,898	0.14	11,365	73,833	0.15	9,476	73,768	0.13
Lee County	10,448	30,634	0.34	11,647	31,155	0.37	5,150	31,676	0.16
Live Oak	7,125	413,636	0.02	7,988	419,173	0.02	12,834	424,710	0.03
Marshes of Glynn	400	84,279	0.00	745	85,202	0.01	9,476	86,126	0.11
Middle Georgia Regional	957	229,412	0.00	1,013	229,977	0.00	14,470	230,542	0.06
Moultrie-Colquitt County	10,291	47,715	0.22	11,226	48,195	0.23	9,476	48,675	0.19
Mountain Regional	10602	57,074	0.19	11,226	57,399	0.20	9,476	57,725	0.16
Newton County	10339	108,481	0.10	11,226	110,493	0.10	9,476	112,505	0.08
Northeast Georgia Regional	11191	115,322	0.10	13,006	116,091	0.11	10,921	116,860	0.09
Northwest Georgia Regional	647	202,387	0.00	0	203,860	-	28,698	205,333	0.14
Ocmulgee Regional	10291	79,032	0.13	11,226	79,044	0.14		79,057	-
Oconee Regional	10,312	89,137	0.12	11,251	89,431	0.13	9,489	89,725	0.11
Ohoopee Regional	10,291	78,353	0.13	11,226	78,863	0.14	11,226	79,373	0.14
Okefenokee Regional	10865	92,861	0.12	12,541	93,448	0.13	9,476	94,036	0.10
Peach County	10,291	27,313	0.38	11,226	27,413	0.41	9,476	27,513	0.34
Piedmont Regional	6,344	161,465	0.04	7,577	164,982	0.05	8,766	168,500	0.05
Pine Mountain Regional	0	62,463	-	11,226	62,378	0.18	9,476	62,293	0.15
Roddenbery Memorial	10291	25,902	0.40	11,226	26,110	0.43	9,476	26,318	0.36
Sara Hightower Regional	12,261	139,127	0.09	12,436	139,835	0.09	12,402	140,543	0.09
Satilla Regional	0	52,615	-	11,226	52,984	0.21	4,996	53,352	0.09
Screven-Jenkins Regional	10291	23,584	0.44	11,226	23,609	0.48	4,997	23,634	0.21
Sequoyah Regional	2,882	301,395	0.01	4,257	307,437	0.01	5,231	313,479	0.02
South Georgia Regional	10,291	132,547	0.08	11,226	134,269	0.08	11,404	135,991	0.08
Southwest Georgia Regional	10,426	42,549	0.25	11,355	42,653	0.27	9,476	42,757	0.22
Statesboro Regional	10,291	155,895	0.07	11,226	158,190	0.07	9,476	160,486	0.06
Thomas County	10,291	45,842	0.22	11,226	46,166	0.24	-	46,490	-
Three Rivers Regional	388	147,773	0.00	531	149,121	0.00	773	150,468	0.01
Troup-Harris Regional	10,679	105,172	0.10	11,226	106,324	0.11	9,476	107,476	0.09
Twin Lakes	10291	46,666	0.22	11,226	46,875	0.24	9,476	47,084	0.20
Uncle Remus Regional	860	169,509	0.01	860	171,443	0.01	860	173,377	0.00
West Georgia Regional	4,389	459,617	0.01	4,459	467,577	0.01	4,658	475,537	0.01
Worth County	10,291	21,208	0.49	11,226	21,181	0.53	9,476	21,153	0.45
Statewide	**718,417**	**10,379,084**	**0.07**	**759,615**	**10,508,057**	**0.07**	**860,134**	**10,637,029**	**0.08**

Materials Expenditures Per Capita FY2018
Descending Order

Legend:
- Library Systems FY18
- State Average FY18
- National Average FY17

Materials Expenditures Per Capita FY2018
Alphabetical Order

Total Collection Expenditures per Capita
System Detail
FY2016-18

Library System	2016 Material Exp	2016 Population	2016 Per Capita	2017 Material Exp	2017 Population	2017 Per Capita	2018 Material Exp	2018 Population	2018 Per Capita
Athens Regional	$302,593.96	226,216	$ 1.34	$346,584	228,317	$ 1.52	$357,122.00	230,417	$ 1.55
Atlanta-Fulton	2,314,334	1,035,754	2.23	2,502,782	1,052,908	2.38	$2,371,572.00	1,070,062	2.22
Augusta-Richmond	155,221	204,435	0.76	304,355	205,246	1.48	$180,054.00	206,057	0.87
Bartow County	239,146	104,521	2.29	222,316	105,603	2.11	$232,518.00	106,686	2.18
Bartram Trail Regional	51,548	33,417	1.54	45,605	33,464	1.36	$39,957.00	33,510	1.19
Brooks County	11,420	15,439	0.74	10,597	15,413	0.69	$10,188.00	15,387	0.66
Catoosa County	31,722	67,127	0.47	115,274	67,733	1.70	$69,784.00	68,338	1.02
Chattahoochee Valley	822,810	235,168	3.50	790,676	236,833	3.34	$844,680.00	238,497	3.54
Chattooga County	30,987	25,187	1.23	43,003	25,204	1.71	$25,833.00	25,220	1.02
Cherokee Regional	49,867	85,555	0.58	56,073	85,839	0.65	$55,439.00	86,122	0.64
Chestatee Regional	88,629	56,075	1.58	105,537	56,899	1.85	$126,342.00	57,723	2.19
Clayton County	614,755	272,364	2.26	507,555	275,079	1.85	$651,448.00	277,793	2.35
Coastal Plain Regional	95,224	94,976	1.00	96,413	95,314	1.01	$76,454.00	95,652	0.80
Cobb County	1,470,803	745,143	1.97	1,402,424	754,461	1.86	$1,566,176.00	763,778	2.05
Conyers-Rockdale	99,232	90,489	1.10	112,527	91,679	1.23	$108,012.00	92,869	1.16
Coweta County	110,885	141,369	0.78	86,023	144,098	0.60	$87,707.00	146,828	0.60
DeKalb County	1,903,512	732,586	2.60	1,938,447	739,002	2.62	$2,311,276.00	745,417	3.10
De Soto Trail Regional	34,639	36,749	0.94	51,283	36,690	1.40	$41,591.00	36,630	1.14
Dougherty County	349,091	93,228	3.74	353,231	93,315	3.79	$334,102.00	93,401	3.58
Elbert County	14,015	19,505	0.72	14,767	19,474	0.76	$14,518.00	19,443	0.75
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	18,856	17,780	1.06	16,146	17,868	0.90	$9,696.00	17,956	0.54
Flint River Regional	403,790	264,506	1.53	462,095	266,576	1.73	$426,993.00	268,847	1.59
Forsyth County	721,355	215,831	3.34	761,113	222,640	3.42	$735,449.00	229,449	3.21
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	134,417	181,970	0.74	191,496	185,410	1.03	$286,630.00	188,851	1.52
Gwinnett County	1,788,085	912,741	1.96	2,554,656	930,553	2.75	$2,134,859.00	948,365	2.25
Hall County	203,840	197,356	1.03	270,722	200,560	1.35	$280,651.00	203,764	1.38
Hart County	8,677	25,718	0.34	8,846	25,809	0.34	$11,766.00	25,900	0.45
Henry County	263,972	223,916	1.18	248,449	228,179	1.09	$207,532.00	232,442	0.89
Houston County	120,142	154,491	0.78	177,302	156,768	1.13	$162,180.00	159,046	1.02
Jefferson County	19,510	16,268	1.20	25,036	16,251	1.54	$29,348.00	16,234	1.81
Kinchafoonee Regional	36,323	30,339	1.20	47,551	30,161	1.58	$34,174.00	29,983	1.14
Lake Blackshear Regional	82,463	73,898	1.12	85,907	73,833	1.16	$83,167.00	73,768	1.13
Lee County	95,630	30,634	3.12	98,893	31,155	3.17	$99,360.00	31,676	3.14
Live Oak	652,518	413,636	1.58	604,870	419,173	1.44	$438,890.00	424,710	1.03
Marshes of Glynn	77,374	84,279	0.92	100,416	85,202	1.18	$103,346.00	86,126	1.20
Middle Georgia Regional	209,815	229,412	0.91	188,502	229,977	0.82	$243,148.00	230,542	1.05
Moultrie-Colquitt County	63,915	47,715	1.34	102,131	48,195	2.12	$79,712.00	48,675	1.64
Mountain Regional	43,010	57,074	0.75	57,736	57,399	1.01	$55,951.00	57,725	0.97
Newton County	102,346	108,481	0.94	140,544	110,493	1.27	$84,280.00	112,505	0.75
Northeast Georgia Regional	117,976	115,322	1.02	121,745	116,091	1.05	$98,895.00	116,860	0.85
Northwest Georgia Regional	50,906	202,387	0.25	92,483	203,860	0.45	$91,700.00	205,333	0.45
Ocmulgee Regional	73,102	79,032	0.92	57,790	79,044	0.73	$39,274.00	79,057	0.50
Oconee Regional	147,820	89,137	1.66	170,176	89,431	1.90	$149,185.00	89,725	1.66
Ohoopee Regional	54,733	78,353	0.70	31,663	78,863	0.40	$32,980.00	79,373	0.42
Okefenokee Regional	87,614	92,861	0.94	84,238	93,448	0.90	$74,465.00	94,036	0.79
Peach County	15,708	27,313	0.58	38,718	27,413	1.41	$15,709.00	27,513	0.57
Piedmont Regional	181,597	161,465	1.12	235,911	164,982	1.43	$140,675.00	168,500	0.83
Pine Mountain Regional	22,599	62,463	0.36	39,367	62,378	0.63	$43,622.00	62,293	0.70
Roddenbery Memorial	28,925	25,902	1.12	42,209	26,110	1.62	$20,362.00	26,318	0.77
Sara Hightower Regional	196,899	139,127	1.42	321,768	139,835	2.30	$327,661.00	140,543	2.33
Satilla Regional	23,813	52,615	0.45	73,503	52,984	1.39	$63,338.00	53,352	1.19
Screven-Jenkins Regional	24,421	23,584	1.04	25,780	23,609	1.09	$20,346.00	23,634	0.86
Sequoyah Regional	324,544	301,395	1.08	297,533	307,437	0.97	$345,515.00	313,479	1.10
South Georgia Regional	77,782	132,547	0.59	135,280	134,269	1.01	$77,200.00	135,991	0.57
Southwest Georgia Regional	90,149	42,549	2.12	119,562	42,653	2.80	$103,015.00	42,757	2.41
Statesboro Regional	122,779	155,895	0.79	147,542	158,190	0.93	$155,100.00	160,486	0.97
Thomas County	107,403	45,842	2.34	99,887	46,166	2.16	$98,322.00	46,490	2.11
Three Rivers Regional	157,701	147,773	1.07	113,686	149,121	0.76	$165,478.00	150,468	1.10
Troup-Harris Regional	109,430	105,172	1.04	131,157	106,324	1.23	$137,911.00	107,476	1.28
Twin Lakes	47,917	46,666	1.03	52,879	46,875	1.13	$42,769.00	47,084	0.91
Uncle Remus Regional	444,134	169,509	2.62	260,280	171,443	1.52	$191,513.00	173,377	1.10
West Georgia Regional	709,492	459,617	1.54	640,841	467,577	1.37	$652,800.00	475,537	1.37
Worth County	23,258	21,208	1.10	20,270	21,181	0.96	$13,436.00	21,153	0.64
Statewide	$ 17,077,173	10,379,084	$ 1.65	$ 18,602,150	10,508,057	$ 1.77	$ 18,113,176	10,637,029	$ 1.70

Ratio of Local to State Funds Used to Purchase Library Materials in FY2018

Ratio of Local to State Funds for the Purchase of Library Materials
System Detail
FY2018

Ratio of Local to State Funds Used to Purchase Library Materials in FY2018					
Library System	Local Funds for Library Materials	% Local Exp of Materials	State Funds for Library Materials	% State Exp of Materials	Local + State Funds for Library Materials	% Sum
Athens Regional	$299,518.00	83.9%	$57,604.00	16.1%	$357,122.00	100%
Atlanta-Fulton	2,104,056.00	88.7%	$267,516	11.3%	2,371,572.00	100%
Augusta-Richmond	128,540.00	71.4%	$51,514.00	28.6%	180,054.00	100%
Bartow County	205,847.00	88.5%	$26,671.00	11.5%	232,518.00	100%
Bartram Trail Regional	24,138.00	60.4%	$15,819.00	39.6%	39,957.00	100%
Brooks County	6,341.00	62.2%	$3,847.00	37.8%	10,188.00	100%
Catoosa County	28,324.00	40.6%	$41,460.00	59.4%	69,784.00	100%
Chattahoochee Valley	785,056.00	92.9%	$59,624	7.1%	844,680.00	100%
Chattooga County	18,131.00	71.2%	$7,349.00	28.8%	25,480.00	100%
Cherokee Regional	33,725.00	60.8%	$21,714.00	39.2%	55,439.00	100%
Chestatee Regional	111,911.00	88.6%	$14,431	11.4%	126,342.00	100%
Clayton County	291,000.00	80.7%	$69,448	19.3%	360,448.00	100%
Coastal Plain Regional	51,161.00	68.1%	$23,913.00	31.9%	75,074.00	100%
Cobb County	1,374,699.00	87.8%	$190,944	12.2%	1,565,643.00	100%
Conyers-Rockdale	84,795.00	78.5%	$23217	21.5%	108,012.00	100%
Coweta County	51,000.00	58.1%	$36,707	41.9%	87,707.00	100%
DeKalb County	2,124,922.00	91.9%	$186,354.00	8.1%	2,311,276.00	100%
De Soto Trail Regional	32,433.00	78.0%	$9,158.00	22.0%	41,591.00	100%
Dougherty County	310,030.00	92.8%	$24,072.00	7.2%	334,102.00	100%
Elbert County	9,657.00	66.5%	$4,861	33.5%	14,518.00	100%
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	5,207.00	53.7%	$4,489	46.3%	9,696.00	100%
Flint River Regional	359,831.00	84.3%	$67,162	15.7%	426,993.00	100%
Forsyth County	674,259.00	91.7%	$61,190	8.3%	735,449.00	100%
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	239,417.00	83.5%	$47,213.00	16.5%	286,630.00	100%
Gwinnett County	1,897,768.00	88.9%	$237,091.00	11.1%	2,134,859.00	100%
Hall County	229,710.00	81.8%	$50,941.00	18.2%	280,651.00	100%
Hart County	5,291.00	45.0%	$6,475.00	55.0%	11,766.00	100%
Henry County	149,422.00	72.0%	$58,110.00	28.0%	207,532.00	100%
Houston County	121,800.00	75.1%	$40,380.00	24.9%	162,180.00	100%
Jefferson County	25,290.00	86.2%	$4,058.00	13.8%	29,348.00	100%
Kinchafonee Regional	21,286.00	62.3%	$12,888.00	37.7%	34,174.00	100%
Lake Blackshear Regional	64,725.00	77.8%	$18,442.00	22.2%	83,167.00	100%
Lee County	88,953.00	89.5%	$10,407.00	10.5%	99,360.00	100%
Live Oak	289,950.00	66.1%	$148,940.00	33.9%	438,890.00	100%
Marshes of Glynn	81,815.00	79.2%	$21,531	20.8%	103,346.00	100%
Middle Georgia Regional	185,512.00	76.3%	$57,636	23.7%	243,148.00	100%
Moultrie-Colquitt County	67,543.00	84.7%	$12,169	15.3%	79,712.00	100%
Mountain Regional	41,520.00	74.2%	$14,431	25.8%	55,951.00	100%
Newton County	56,154.00	66.6%	$28,126.00	33.4%	84,280.00	100%
Northeast Georgia Regional	69,680.00	70.5%	$29,215	29.5%	98,895.00	100%
Northwest Georgia Regional	40,367.00	44.0%	$51,333.00	56.0%	91,700.00	100%
Ocmulgee Regional	4,339.00	11.0%	$34,935.00	89.0%	39,274.00	100%
Oconee Regional	81,654.00	54.7%	$67,531.00	45.3%	149,185.00	100%
Ohoopee Regional	11,637.00	37.0%	$19,843.00	63.0%	31,480.00	100%
Okefenokee Regional	50,956.00	68.4%	$23,509.00	31.6%	74,465.00	100%
Peach County	8,831.00	56.2%	$6,878.00	43.8%	15,709.00	100%
Piedmont Regional	98,550.00	70.1%	$42,125.00	29.9%	140,675.00	100%
Pine Mountain Regional	28,049.00	64.3%	$15,573.00	35.7%	43,622.00	100%
Roddenbery Memorial	13,782.00	67.7%	$6,580.00	32.3%	20,362.00	100%
Sara Hightower Regional	292,525.00	89.3%	$35,136.00	10.7%	327,661.00	100%
Satilla Regional	0.00	0.0%	$13,338	100.0%	13,338.00	100%
Screven-Jenkins Regional	14,428.00	70.9%	$5,918.00	29.1%	20,346.00	100%
Sequoyah Regional	267,145.00	77.3%	$78,370.00	22.7%	345,515.00	100%
South Georgia Regional	43,202.00	56.0%	$33,998.00	44.0%	77,200.00	100%
Southwest Georgia Regional	90,382.00	88.3%	$12,008.00	11.7%	102,390.00	100%
Statesboro Regional	114,978.00	74.1%	$40,122.00	25.9%	155,100.00	100%
Thomas County	86,699.00	88.2%	$11,623.00	11.8%	98,322.00	100%
Three Rivers Regional	124,646.00	76.8%	$37,617.00	23.2%	162,263.00	100%
Troup-Harris Regional	111,042.00	80.5%	$26,869	19.5%	137,911.00	100%
Twin Lakes	30,998.00	72.5%	$11,771	27.5%	42,769.00	100%
Uncle Remus Regional	148,169.00	77.4%	$43,344.00	22.6%	191,513.00	100%
West Georgia Regional	533,468.00	81.8%	$118,884	18.2%	652,352.00	100%
Worth County	8,148.00	60.6%	$5,288	39.4%	13,436.00	100%
Statewide	$ 14,954,412	84.2%	$ 2,809,710	15.8%	17,764,122.00	100.0%

Staff Expenditures and Total Library Expenditures

Per Capita Expenditures for Staff in Georgia Public Libraries

- Georgia public libraries spent an average of $13.55 per capita for staff in FY2018, a minimal increase of .3% over the FY2017 average of $13.51.

- The 63 library systems in Georgia ranged from $5.72 to $24.26 per capita for staff expenditures.

- The majority (68%) of Georgia public library systems spent less than the state average per capita of $13.55 for staff salaries, wages, and benefits.

- In FY2017, Georgia ranked 8th among all states at 71.8% when viewing staff salaries and benefits as a percent of all operating expenditures of public libraries.

Total Library Expenditures (includes Staff, Materials, and Other Operating Expenditures)

- Georgia public libraries spent an average of $18.85 per capita on operating expenditures in FY2018, a negligible .1% increase from the FY19 operating expenditure of $18.82.. Essentially this remained flat from FY2017 to 18.

- On a per capita basis, all public library systems spent less in FY2018 than the FY2017 national average of $39.59.

- 32% of Georgia's public library systems spent more per capita than the state average of $18.55 in FY2018.

- Georgia ranked 49th in the United States for public library total operating expenditures per capita in FY2017.

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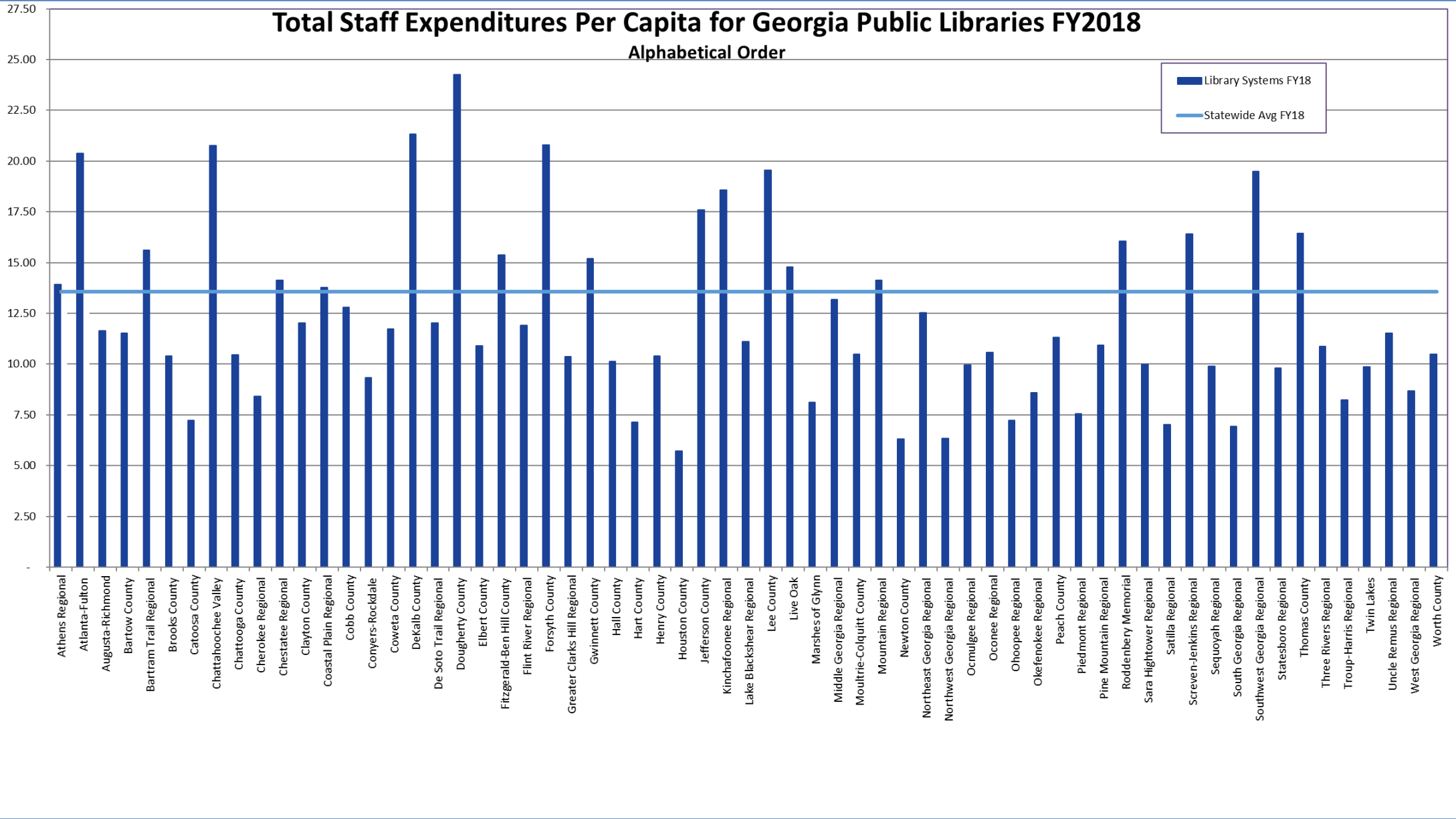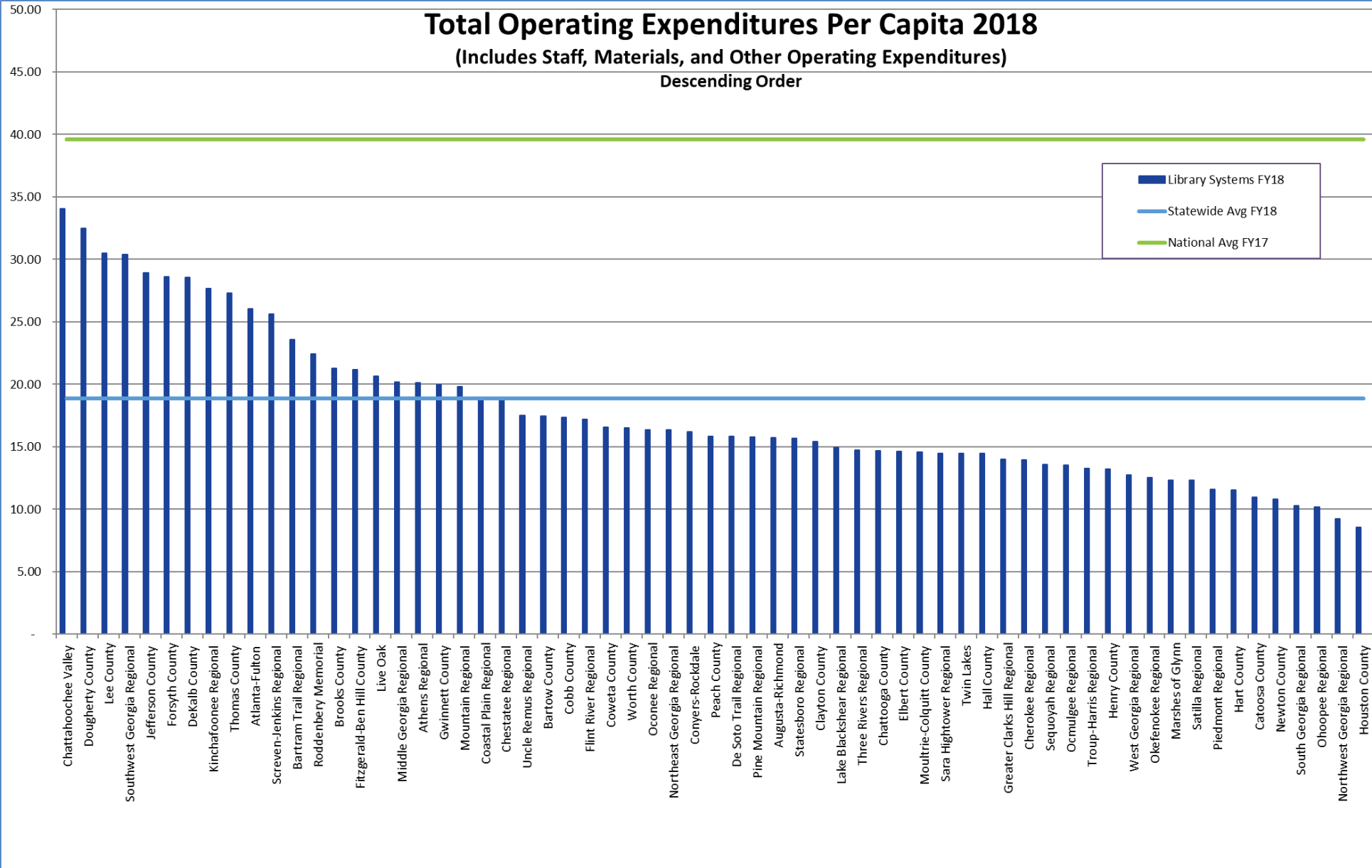| Library System	2016			2017			2018		
	Staff Exp	Population	Per Capita	Staff Exp	Population	Per Capita	Staff Exp	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	$ 2,915,337	226,216	12.89	$ 3,015,283	228,317	13.21	$ 3,205,794	230,417	13.91
Atlanta-Fulton	20,509,891	1,035,754	19.80	21,319,017	1,052,908	20.25	21,799,850	1,070,062	20.37
Augusta-Richmond	2,280,216	204,435	11.15	2,191,473	205,246	10.68	2,395,762	206,057	11.63
Bartow County	1,186,951	104,521	11.36	1,204,731	105,603	11.41	1,228,757	106,686	11.52
Bartram Trail Regional	514,299	33,417	15.39	514,476	33,464	15.37	523,360	33,510	15.62
Brooks County	161,089	15,439	10.43	144,745	15,413	9.39	159,714	15,387	10.38
Catoosa County	481,085	67,127	7.17	481,543	67,733	7.11	493,798	68,338	7.23
Chattahoochee Valley	4,553,383	235,168	19.36	4,751,118	236,833	20.06	4,949,843	238,497	20.75
Chattooga County	263,998	25,187	10.48	269,646	25,204	10.70	263,541	25,220	10.45
Cherokee Regional	699,564	85,555	8.18	724,583	85,839	8.44	725,350	86,122	8.42
Chestatee Regional	680,074	56,075	12.13	762,341	56,899	13.40	816,032	57,723	14.14
Clayton County *	6,244,818	272,364	22.93	6,242,628	275,079	22.69	3,343,121	277,793	12.03
Coastal Plain Regional	1,218,535	94,976	12.83	1,241,227	95,314	13.02	1,318,098	95,652	13.78
Cobb County	8,178,412	745,143	10.98	8,583,943	754,461	11.38	9,768,874	763,778	12.79
Conyers-Rockdale	809,607	90,489	8.95	842,496	91,679	9.19	867,230	92,869	9.34
Coweta County	1,789,594	141,369	12.66	1,793,868	144,098	12.45	1,722,049	146,828	11.73
DeKalb County	12,982,796	732,586	17.72	14,777,483	739,002	20.00	15,905,338	745,417	21.34
De Soto Trail Regional	374,077	36,749	10.18	435,483	36,690	11.87	439,949	36,630	12.01
Dougherty County	1,900,837	93,228	20.39	1,997,686	93,315	21.41	2,265,713	93,401	24.26
Elbert County	209,206	19,505	10.73	207,149	19,474	10.64	212,126	19,443	10.91
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	285,920	17,780	16.08	325,359	17,868	18.21	275,769	17,956	15.36
Flint River Regional	3,125,325	264,506	11.82	3,133,847	266,576	11.76	3,197,482	268,647	11.90
Forsyth County	4,157,917	215,831	19.26	4,373,872	222,640	19.65	4,770,504	229,449	20.79
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	1,829,334	181,970	10.05	1,883,359	185,410	10.16	1,958,755	188,851	10.37
Gwinnett County	13,766,393	912,741	15.08	14,000,521	930,553	15.05	14,394,999	948,385	15.18
Hall County	1,925,527	197,356	9.76	2,001,003	200,560	9.98	2,065,905	203,764	10.14
Hart County	193,649	25,718	7.53	200,221	25,809	7.76	184,587	25,900	7.13
Henry County	1,761,924	223,916	7.87	2,140,106	228,179	9.38	2,416,913	232,442	10.40
Houston County	853,820	154,491	5.53	874,560	156,768	5.58	909,119	159,046	5.72
Jefferson County	261,589	16,268	16.08	268,246	16,251	16.51	285,608	16,234	17.59
Kinchafoonee Regional	537,747	30,339	17.72	537,527	30,161	17.82	556,656	29,983	18.57
Lake Blackshear Regional	817,982	73,898	11.07	817,958	73,833	11.08	818,134	73,768	11.09
Lee County	642,900	30,634	20.99	633,529	31,155	20.33	619,422	31,676	19.55
Live Oak	7,384,630	413,636	17.85	6,953,229	419,173	16.59	6,272,807	424,710	14.77
Marshes of Glynn	656,481	84,279	7.79	685,078	85,202	8.04	698,754	86,126	8.11
Middle Georgia Regional	2,700,094	229,412	11.77	2,707,008	229,977	11.77	3,037,094	230,542	13.17
Moultrie-Colquitt County	479,315	47,715	10.05	498,846	48,195	10.35	510,693	48,675	10.49
Mountain Regional	814,213	57,074	14.27	828,784	57,399	14.44	814,642	57,725	14.11
Newton County	729,752	108,481	6.73	698,455	110,493	6.32	710,499	112,505	6.32
Northeast Georgia Regional	1,357,814	115,322	11.77	1,387,760	116,091	11.95	1,465,393	116,860	12.54
Northwest Georgia Regional	1,138,181	202,387	5.62	1,251,462	203,860	6.14	1,303,114	205,333	6.35
Ocmulgee Regional	726,195	79,032	9.19	758,282	79,044	9.59	785,884	79,057	9.94
Oconee Regional	902,609	89,137	10.13	944,693	89,431	10.56	949,414	89,725	10.58
Ohoopee Regional	508,528	78,353	6.49	566,493	78,863	7.18	572,500	79,373	7.21
Okefenokee Regional	728,128	92,861	7.84	777,288	93,448	8.32	808,094	94,036	8.59
Peach County	326,065	27,313	11.94	331,289	27,413	12.09	311,543	27,513	11.32
Piedmont Regional	1,261,637	161,465	7.81	1,398,234	164,982	8.48	1,270,335	168,500	7.54
Pine Mountain Regional	645,228	62,463	10.33	686,901	62,378	11.01	681,259	62,293	10.94
Roddenbery Memorial	400,474	25,902	15.46	397,213	26,110	15.21	422,262	26,318	16.04
Sara Hightower Regional	1,403,067	139,127	10.08	1,372,382	139,835	9.81	1,403,259	140,543	9.98
Satilla Regional	373,902	52,615	7.11	376,699	52,984	7.11	374,552	53,352	7.02
Screven-Jenkins Regional	381,095	23,584	16.16	383,188	23,609	16.23	387,810	23,634	16.41
Sequoyah Regional	2,775,445	301,395	9.21	3,011,357	307,437	9.80	3,100,209	313,479	9.89
South Georgia Regional	1,005,349	132,547	7.58	952,628	134,269	7.09	941,231	135,991	6.92
Southwest Georgia Regional	825,631	42,549	19.40	791,844	42,653	18.56	832,894	42,757	19.48
Statesboro Regional	1,537,982	155,895	9.87	1,595,492	158,190	10.09	1,575,119	160,486	9.81
Thomas County	714,851	45,842	15.59	714,868	46,166	15.48	763,706	46,490	16.43
Three Rivers Regional	1,525,562	147,773	10.32	1,522,089	149,121	10.21	1,633,353	150,468	10.86
Troup-Harris Regional	910,220	105,172	8.65	901,475	106,324	8.48	884,329	107,476	8.23
Twin Lakes	459,750	46,666	9.85	441,698	46,875	9.42	464,745	47,084	9.87
Uncle Remus Regional	1,979,394	169,509	11.68	1,946,742	171,443	11.36	1,998,195	173,377	11.53
West Georgia Regional	4,127,290	459,617	8.98	4,169,663	467,577	8.92	4,123,853	475,537	8.67
Worth County	239,966	21,208	11.31	217,159	21,181	10.25	221,628	21,153	10.48
Statewide	$137,132,542	10,379,084	13.21	141,959,323	10,508,057	13.51	144,177,322	10,637,029	13.55

NOTE: In FY2016 and FY2017, Clayton County staff expenditures were double counted. FY2018 is correct.

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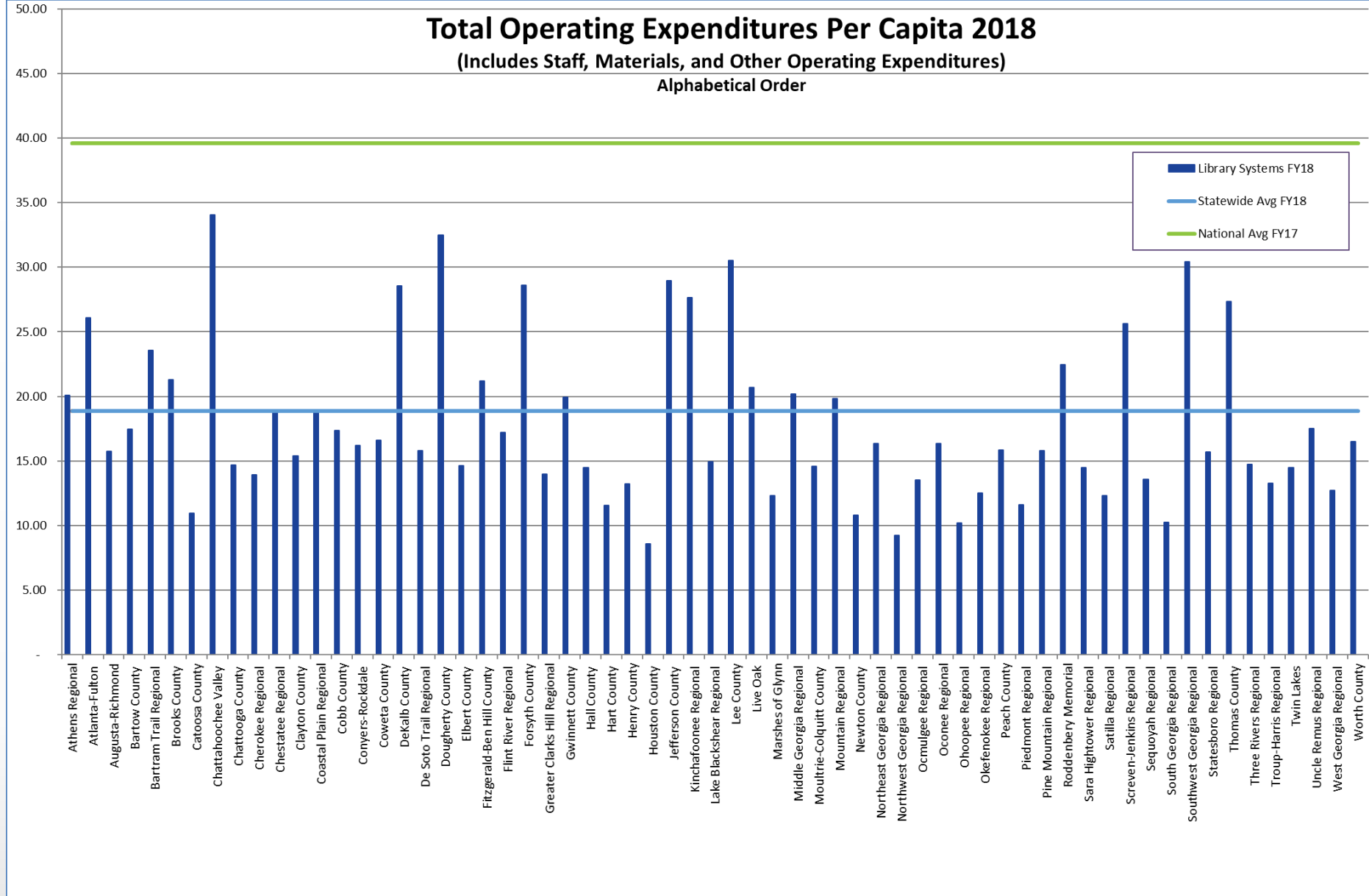
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Library System	2016			2017			2018		
	All Operating Exp	Population	Per Capita	All Operating Exp	Population	Per Capita	All Operating Exp	Population	Per Capita
Athens Regional	$ 4,284,653	226,216	18.94	$4,309,698	228,317	18.88	$4,631,351	230,417	20.10
Atlanta-Fulton	27,342,484	1,035,754	26.40	27,082,590	1,052,908	25.72	27,887,419	1,070,062	26.06
Augusta-Richmond	2,942,736	204,435	14.39	3,198,001	205,246	15.58	3,244,699	206,057	15.75
Bartow County	1,814,403	104,521	17.36	1,824,083	105,603	17.27	1,863,218	106,686	17.46
Bartram Trail Regional	714,160	33,417	21.37	734,283	33,464	21.94	790,156	33,510	23.58
Brooks County	254,558	15,439	16.49	235,789	15,413	15.30	327,462	15,387	21.28
Catoosa County	673,992	67,127	10.04	787,308	67,733	11.62	748,447	68,338	10.95
Chattahoochee Valley	7,429,746	235,168	31.59	7,593,113	236,833	32.06	8,116,783	238,497	34.03
Chattooga County	365,332	25,187	14.50	404,607	25,204	16.05	370,776	25,220	14.70
Cherokee Regional	1,030,589	85,555	12.05	1,047,364	85,839	12.20	1,199,263	86,122	13.93
Chestatee Regional	1,006,408	56,075	17.95	1,042,291	56,899	18.32	1,088,032	57,723	18.85
Clayton County	7,646,608	272,364	28.07	7,247,360	275,079	26.35	4,274,962	277,793	15.39
Coastal Plain Regional	1,658,873	94,976	17.47	1,697,393	95,314	17.81	1,812,350	95,652	18.95
Cobb County	11,332,232	745,143	15.21	11,774,752	754,461	15.61	13,242,092	763,778	17.34
Conyers-Rockdale	1,244,293	90,489	13.75	1,263,790	91,679	13.78	1,502,371	92,869	16.18
Coweta County	2,339,529	141,369	16.55	2,444,588	144,098	16.96	2,435,164	146,828	16.59
DeKalb County	18,566,339	732,586	25.34	18,976,868	739,002	25.68	21,268,647	745,417	28.53
De Soto Trail Regional	516,664	36,749	14.06	650,179	36,690	17.72	579,245	36,630	15.81
Dougherty County	2,628,545	93,228	28.19	2,751,030	93,315	29.48	3,032,698	93,401	32.47
Elbert County	287,358	19,505	14.73	278,911	19,474	14.32	284,157	19,443	14.61
Fitzgerald-Ben Hill County	415,463	17,780	23.37	425,220	17,868	23.80	380,453	17,956	21.19
Flint River Regional	4,659,645	264,506	17.62	4,740,798	266,576	17.78	4,623,297	268,647	17.21
Forsyth County	5,858,587	215,831	27.14	6,117,604	222,640	27.48	6,559,795	229,449	28.59
Greater Clarks Hill Regional	2,502,723	181,970	13.75	2,587,930	185,410	13.96	2,642,708	188,851	13.99
Gwinnett County	17,818,375	912,741	19.52	19,434,951	930,553	20.89	18,921,153	948,365	19.95
Hall County	2,597,029	197,356	13.16	2,825,474	200,560	14.09	2,946,024	203,764	14.46
Hart County	275,338	25,718	10.71	308,240	25,809	11.94	298,926	25,900	11.54
Henry County	4,329,669	223,916	19.34	2,887,144	228,179	12.65	3,075,892	232,442	13.23
Houston County	1,267,096	154,491	8.20	1,459,506	156,768	9.31	1,364,254	159,046	8.58
Jefferson County	355,488	16,268	21.85	397,969	16,251	24.49	469,839	16,234	28.94
Kinchafoonee Regional	790,572	30,339	26.06	853,568	30,161	28.30	829,273	29,983	27.66
Lake Blackshear Regional	1,061,151	73,898	14.36	1,175,793	73,833	15.93	1,101,868	73,768	14.94
Lee County	1,030,878	30,634	33.65	1,026,708	31,155	32.95	966,196	31,676	30.50
Live Oak	10,458,783	413,636	25.28	9,771,102	419,173	23.31	8,775,466	424,710	20.66
Marshes of Glynn	1,016,641	84,279	12.06	1,041,489	85,202	12.22	1,062,237	86,126	12.33
Middle Georgia Regional	4,192,217	229,412	18.27	4,182,468	229,977	18.19	4,649,150	230,542	20.17
Moultrie-Colquitt County	997,713	47,715	20.91	751,773	48,195	15.60	709,511	48,675	14.58
Mountain Regional	1,115,126	57,074	19.54	1,131,812	57,399	19.72	1,144,138	57,725	19.82
Newton County	1,969,168	108,481	18.15	1,319,203	110,493	11.94	1,213,133	112,505	10.78
Northeast Georgia Regional	1,906,503	115,322	16.53	1,897,013	116,091	16.34	1,909,492	116,860	16.34
Northwest Georgia Regional	1,654,526	202,387	8.18	1,763,747	203,860	8.65	1,897,282	205,333	9.24
Ocmulgee Regional	1,054,772	79,032	13.35	1,068,730	79,044	13.52	1,071,056	79,057	13.55
Oconee Regional	1,430,450	89,137	16.05	1,472,159	89,431	16.46	1,467,055	89,725	16.35
Ohoopee Regional	754,219	78,353	9.63	753,250	78,863	9.55	808,976	79,373	10.19
Okefenokee Regional	1,154,729	92,861	12.44	1,076,485	93,448	11.52	1,178,062	94,036	12.53
Peach County	431,773	27,313	15.81	464,711	27,413	16.95	435,787	27,513	15.84
Piedmont Regional	2,171,236	161,465	13.45	2,249,550	164,982	13.64	1,954,910	168,500	11.60
Pine Mountain Regional	928,150	62,463	14.86	1,316,887	62,378	21.11	984,295	62,293	15.80
Roddenbery Memorial	556,292	25,902	21.48	576,265	26,110	22.07	590,569	26,318	22.44
Sara Hightower Regional	1,968,397	139,127	14.15	2,139,200	139,835	15.30	2,033,419	140,543	14.47
Satilla Regional	448,113	52,615	8.52	602,622	52,984	11.37	657,367	53,352	12.32
Screven-Jenkins Regional	591,946	23,584	25.10	621,661	23,609	26.33	605,312	23,634	25.61
Sequoyah Regional	3,936,648	301,395	13.06	4,113,766	307,437	13.38	4,248,960	313,479	13.55
South Georgia Regional	1,473,326	132,547	11.12	1,707,013	134,269	12.71	1,396,217	135,991	10.27
Southwest Georgia Regional	1,331,065	42,549	31.28	1,142,077	42,653	26.78	1,300,379	42,757	30.41
Statesboro Regional	2,459,036	155,895	15.77	2,584,516	158,190	16.34	2,515,306	160,486	15.67
Thomas County	1,209,876	45,842	26.39	1,195,397	46,166	25.89	1,270,060	46,490	27.32
Three Rivers Regional	2,183,539	147,773	14.78	2,106,597	149,121	14.13	2,214,717	150,468	14.72
Troup-Harris Regional	1,193,434	105,172	11.35	1,319,766	106,324	12.41	1,424,969	107,476	13.26
Twin Lakes	674,123	46,666	14.45	855,994	46,875	18.26	681,011	47,084	14.46
Uncle Remus Regional	3,327,189	169,509	19.63	3,012,849	171,443	17.57	3,031,771	173,377	17.49
West Georgia Regional	6,168,504	459,617	13.42	5,664,793	467,577	12.12	6,050,707	475,537	12.72
Worth County	334,092	21,208	15.75	322,757	21,181	15.24	348,723	21,153	16.49
Statewide	$ 196,133,102.09	10,379,084	18.90	$197,810,557.86	10,508,057	18.82	$200,509,007.00	10,637,029	18.85

| Statewide FY2018 | 18.85 | | | National FY2017 | 39.59 |
| Statewide FY2017 | 18.82 | | | Georgia State Ranking | 49 |

ABOUT GEORGIA PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE

Georgia Public Library Service empowers libraries to improve the lives of all Georgians.

We provide scalable library technology and services; staff training, consulting, and best practices; grant administration and more to create equity in library experience for patrons, no matter where they live.

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Key Services of GPLS for Public Libraries

- Represent and advocate for public libraries at the state and national levels
- Administer state and federal grants
- Administer the capital construction and MRR grant programs
- Provide consulting services through phone and email correspondence and on-site and virtual visits
- Provide training for library staff and trustees
- Promote and facilitate resource sharing and strategic partnerships
- Coordinate statewide programs that promote family literacy for children and parents
- Coordinate statewide library statistics
- Provide funding, support, and management of broadband networks statewide
- Provide centralized support and hosting for cloud computing for public access computers
- Provide web-hosting and email hosting
- Administer and support PINES -- The **P**ublic **I**nformation **N**etwork for **E**lectronic **S**ervices, the Georgia public library automation and lending network
- Provide Help Desk support for PINES and technology needs, available via online access and toll-free phone number
- Provide access to GALILEO, both on-site at all libraries and at home for validated patrons
- Administer GLASS, which provides library services and accessible technology for readers whose physical abilities require the use of books and magazines in audio or braille formats
- Support HomePLACE which encourages digitizing primary source collections
- Provide a professional materials collection

Expenditures and Staffing of GPLS

- In Fiscal Year 2018, total state funding for Georgia Public Library Service was approximately $37.2 million, over 79% of which was distributed directly to public libraries under the state grants program.

- Georgia Public Library Service used 8.6% of its state budget to fund and coordinate the statewide initiatives of PINES, GLASS, and internet services while 12% was spent on Resource Sharing (GALILEO) and agency operations. This also includes GPLS staff.

- In Fiscal Year 2018, GPLS also administered the IMLS-LSTA State Programs grant expenditures which totaled over $4.4 million. Funds pay for statewide initiatives such as PINES, GLASS, GALILEO, Georgia HomePLACE, Summer Reading Program, specific grants such as PRIMETIME for early literacy, and agency operations including professional consulting.

- At the end of FY2018, a total of 54 positions were allocated for the Georgia Public Library Service. Only 53 positions were filled, by 49.125 FTEs.

    - GLASS – 17.5 FTE
    - PINES and IT– 15 FTE
    - Library Development – 5.625 FTE
    - Administration and Business Services– 11 FTE

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PINES

- Continued to facilitate resource sharing, with intraPINES loans of 689,930
- Circulated 16,491,357 items in FY18
- Over 1.92 million PINES library cards in use during FY18, with 186,012 new cards issued
- Live Oak Public Libraries joined PINES
- Extended and continued to maintain the PINES integrated library computer system in 54 public library systems and served patrons in all 159 Georgia counties
- Contracted with a courier(book delivery) service among all public library system central facilities and University System of Georgia (USG) academic libraries, making the collections of these libraries truly a statewide resource
- Participated in the wider Evergreen community by continuing cooperative software development efforts
- Provided quarterly scheduled training and customized on-demand sessions for the PINES member library systems

General Public Library Support

- Continued to work with libraries and local funding agencies to maintain excellence in services
- Provided continuing support to Friends of Georgia Libraries
- Continued to provide training for library staff and trustees through both instructor-led training on demand and through scholarships to training offered by outside vendors; initiated virtual training during the pandemic
- Provided local strategic planning assistance to public library systems
- Continued to administer and utilize funds provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act toward the improvement and enhancement of library services in Georgia
- Continued to coordinate, gather, and publish public library statistics for information, decision-making, and advocacy

Planning and Construction

- Consulted with public library stakeholders in the development and implementation of public library design standards
- Continued to work with the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission in funding for construction and with public libraries in implementation of capital outlay programs
- Coordinated Georgia's public library planning and construction program, a match program assisting in new library construction as well as renovations and additions
- Completed 72 state-funded projects since 2005 with 25 projects in the planning process awaiting awards
- Total grant funding between FY05 and FY18 has been over $109 million

Youth Services

- In FY2018, helped public libraries strengthen local partnerships with agencies, institutions, businesses, and groups by coordinating LSTA-funded PRIME TIME Family Reading Time® programs at 18 sites in 15 library systems (Chattooga County Library, Chattahoochee Valley Libraries, Cherokee Regional Library System, Coastal Plain Regional Library, Cobb County Public Library System, DeKalb County Public Library, Forsyth County Public Library, Marshes of Glynn Libraries, Middle Georgia Regional Library System, Piedmont Regional Library, Roddenbery Memorial Library System, Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, Three Rivers Regional Library System, Twin Lakes Library System, West Georgia Regional Library)
- 3,361 children and caregivers attended these PRIME TIME programs in FY18
- In FY18, Georgia's statewide Summer Reading Program enjoyed children's program attendance of 648,257
- Partnered with other agencies, such as Georgia Department of Education, Georgia Humanities, Voices for Georgia's Children, Bright From the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning, Get Georgia Reading: Campaign for Grade Level Reading, and the Sandra Dunagan Deal Center for Early Language and Literacy, to help strengthen Georgia libraries' youth services programs

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GLASS

- Provided library services for the blind and others whose physical abilities require the use of books and magazines in audio format or in braille through Georgia Libraries for Accessible Statewide Services (GLASS), a network of libraries and a central distribution center
- GLASS provided materials to 16,496 registered users across Georgia in FY18
- GLASS circulated (mailed) 282,897 items to eligible enrolled readers in Georgia
- GLASS provided access to digital titles that were downloaded 12,993 times in FY18
- GLASS partnered with the NLS affiliate, Multistate Center East, to fill 27,028 requests for NLS titles not available in the GLASS collection
- Promoted emphasis on outreach and patron services at the local level
- Continued to assist readers with the transition from audio cassette to a digital book and magazine collection
- Recorded books by Georgia authors to be added to the BARD digital download catalog
- Continued a partnership with PINES libraries to enhance service delivery for GLASS patrons
- Continued a partnership with Benetech to provide access to Bookshare, a digital collection of 600,000 titles in accessible formats, lending 13,630 digital files
- Planned and hosted the Georgia Accessibility Conference for Georgia's public libraries to learn and discuss best practices in providing inclusive and accessible library services

Information Technology

- Provided a broadband network managed service layer on behalf of Georgia libraries. Ensured a minimum broadband speed and $4.6 million in Category 1 federal funding through E-Rate application support, including management, contract negotiation, and fiscal and billing reconciliation.
- Hosted and supported over 2,426 cloud-based public access computers for the majority of Georgia public libraries.
- Provided hosting and maintenance for GPLS, GDC, and GLASS Atlanta for G Suite, a cloud-based productivity suite with unlimited, fully networked and secure data-file storage.
- In the process of migrating the majority of Georgia's public library systems to G Suite which will result in over 2000 staff accounts across the state. 18 domains and 773 accounts have been migrated. Over 240 mailing lists have been migrated or created.
- In the form of workshops, presentations and individual talks, provided outreach featuring technology-related services and programming in order to raise awareness of technology trends and adoptions in public libraries.
- Hosted a Technology Boot Camp, an initiative of GPLS to bring together IT professionals from Georgia's public libraries.
- Managed $2.3 million in state bond funding for technology improvement and upgrades in Georgia public libraries. Assessed technology needs of the libraries and worked with vendors to secure bulk discounts. Processed technology procurement plans and reimbursement packets for payment.
- Circulated 10 Technology Loaner Kits, consisting of over 27 pieces of hardware, allowing staff and patron access to emerging and innovative technologies, including virtual reality, 3D printing, and 360° street view cameras.
- Content creation and management for clearinghouse of current IT trends and practices: galibtech.georgialibraries.org. Converted to a new content management system (Google Sites) and redesign of website pages and structure.

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Communications

- Communications and Marketing led the agency's rebranding this year, creating a new logo, website, key messages, collateral, and more. The new look and way we talk about GPLS more clearly articulates the value of public libraries and the work we do to empower their work.

- Library News is our agency's flagship publication and our primary vehicle for keeping legislators, county commissioners, municipal leaders, library patrons, trustees, staff and other stakeholders informed of the social, economic and civic impacts that public libraries and their programs have across the state and in their respective communities. This year, we actively refocused the magazine to share stories of library impact across Georgia instead of simply sharing information. These stories resonate with readers and help them understand why libraries matter. There are 3,500 print copy subscribers, and this year we launched email marketing to share Library News stories and other marketing digitally.

- We launched marketing grants this year to build libraries capacity to market themselves locally. By giving six $500 mini grants and guiding libraries as they created marketing campaigns, we helped library staff understand how to build a strong campaign and build a case for why they need a marketing budget. 17 libraries applied for these grants.

Continuing Education and Training

- Organized and hosted Marvelous Monday, a one day mini-conference that provided opportunities for paraprofessionals to attend learning sessions on current topics that are relevant and meaningful to the public library world

- Successfully migrated the Georgia Learning Center's (LMS) media content over to Niche Academy (content management system)

- Hosted a one-day interactive grant writing workshop for library staff. This workshop highlighted how to find relevant grant opportunities, how to write grant proposal documents, how to design and implement a grant writing project plan and more.

- Promoted flexible training and continuing education programs in individual library systems by providing public libraries free access to online conferencing platform WebEx

Resource Sharing

- Administered the reciprocal borrowing and lending activity of more than 200 GOLD multitype member libraries resulting in lending 138,358 items and borrowing 113,373 through interlibrary loans during FY18.

- Purchased group access to OCLC Services for all public libraries, including a group catalog, that allows patrons access to resources beyond their library's holdings

- Paid GALILEO resource fees for all 63 public library systems to provide patron access to the statewide virtual library

- Expanded GALILEO resources for public libraries to include online legal forms and animated story books for young children

- Purchased group access to the RDA Toolkit for all public libraries

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HomePLACE

- In FY18, HomePLACE, a collaboration with the Digital Library of Georgia (DLG), an initiative of GALILEO, funded over 53,800 new and converted digitized items and associated metadata records to the DLG, including 43,466 newspaper pages.

- In FY18, the DLG updated its portal interface with a new logo and a clean and modern feel. Feature updates included enhanced search and browse features, new collection highlights, impact stories, and an interactive collection map.

- In FY18, the DLG launched the Georgia Historic Newspaper portal, creating a single source for all of Georgia's digitized newspaper content. The portal features advanced search and browse features, sorting by title, county, city, and date, and the ability to clip and download images.

- In FY18, DLG portals containing Georgia public library primary source content had over 3.1 million total page views, while the newly launched Georgia Historic Newspaper portal containing content digitized by HomePLACE garnered over 4.2 million page views.

- Public libraries continued to benefit from the DLG's hub relationship with the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA), with two public library collections in the top-ten most-accessed list of Georgia content in DPLA. Georgia has over half a million items represented in the DPLA, and in FY18, the number one most-accessed DLG item in the DPLA was a photograph contributed by the Hall County Library System.

Strategic Partnerships

- GPLS partners with a number of state and private organizations to provide an additional layer of support and opportunities for library communities and build awareness for the state's public libraries. Since 2015, partnership programs have educated and entertained thousands of Georgia residents saving more than $16 million in direct expenditures and providing hundreds of hours of free programming

- During FY2018, GPLS continued providing activities and programming with many previous partners and added the Georgia Aquarium, Georgia Public Broadcasting, Georgia Department of Human Services, and the Museum of History and Holocaust Education to the list of partner organizations.

Data Sources

Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) produced this picture of the 63 public library systems in Georgia using statistical data from a variety of sources, primarily:

- Annual Reports submitted to GPLS from the public library systems for Fiscal Years 2000-2018

- The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) report, Public Libraries in the United States: Fiscal Year 2017

- Records of projects initiated and completed by GPLS staff.

NOTE: Fiscal Year 2018 data in this report was subject to IMLS review in 2019 during the Public Libraries Survey collection process.

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