

Problematic Statistics

Expenditures – where to find the figures; what to include

Transactions – there's a lot of different methods being used; particularly for reference, procedural, and directional

Circulation – databases, e-books, and other electronic resources make this tricky

Computer use – this can be inconsistent as well due to different methodologies; also include devices and wireless

Interlibrary loans – resource sharing groups and how to count

Electronic resources – collection side; what should be included and counted

Staff – how to categorize staff; librarian versus library director

Staff FTE – count all library FTE or just those who serve public

Materials – print, electronic, and serial and how to categorize them

Revenues – categorizing and collecting

Overall goal of improving accuracy on collecting and reporting the data.