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DATA COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

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SUMMARY: The purpose of this survey was to identify the cooperative library organizations within the United States and to gather information about these organizations. In this survey the Federal/State Cooperative System for Public Library Data collected 32 basic data items for each library and 7 identifying items. The data items include number of service outlets, full-time equivalent staff, income, operational expenditures, capital outlay, library collection, annual public service hours, library services, and inter-library loans. All 50 states and the District of Columbia are included in this file, which encompasses 8,968 libraries.

UNIVERSE: State library agencies in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

NOTE: The codebook and data collection instrument are provided by ICPSR as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided on the ICPSR Web site.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 1 data file + machine-readable documentation (PDF) + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: REFORM.DOC/ SCAN/ CONCHK.PR/ DDEF.ICPSR/
UNDOCCHK.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

File Structure: rectangular

Cases: 8,968

Variables: 45

Record Length: 492

Records Per Case: 1

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PART I - SURVEY SUMMARY

TITLE

Public libraries data, 1989

DESCRIPTION

The Federal/State Cooperative System for Public Library Data collected 32 basic data items for each library and 7 identifying items. The data items include number of service outlets, full-time equivalent staff, income, operational expenditures, capital outlay, library collection, annual public service hours, library services, and inter-library loans. All 50 States and the District of Columbia (D.C.) are included in this file, which encompasses 8,968 libraries.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

The States were asked to submit the latest 12 months of data available for each library during July 1990. All 50 States and D.C. submitted their machine-readable data during the window period.

UNIVERSE OR SAMPLE

Universe

8,968 libraries

DATE OF COVERAGE

See appendix A

4. FREQUENCY OF SURVEY

Annual

B. RESPONSE RATE

100%

HIGHLIGHTS

The 9,019 records include 51 summary records (one for each State and the District of Columbia, plus data for the 8,968 libraries).

3. RELATED STUDIES

Public Libraries data, 1987 and 1988

1. SURVEYS

2. PUBLICATIONS

IF SPONSORING AGENCY IS NOT DERI (Specify)

Appendix A

Latest 12 months of data available for each library in July 1990. This could have been calendar year 1989 or whatever fiscal year is used by the State or by the particular library for its own data collection. Primarily, the time period was calendar or fiscal 1989.

METHODOLOGY

The State library agencies were given a computer program, DECTOP, (Data Entry, Conversion, Table Output Program). This program provided the State with the ability for direct data entry from individual library questionnaires or to assemble their existing machine-readable library data in a given format (see attached). These data could be a Lotus 1-2-3 file, a dBase file, or an ASCII file. DECTOP edited the data, summarized it, tabulated it, and provided listings. The data include 39 data elements, including 32 basic data items and 7 library identification fields.

The States submitted data for each public library in the State. These data were for the latest 12 months available for each library in July 1990. This could have been calendar year 1989 or whatever fiscal year was used by the State in its own data collection. Primarily, the time period was calendar or fiscal 1989, although, for some few States, the latest data available covered calendar year 1988.

All 50 States and the District of Columbia provided machine-readable library data during July 1990. One State, Tennessee, provided the State totals, but was unable to provide the individual library data; (They will be able to provide these data next year). [Six States, (Alabama, Georgia, Kansas, Maine, Nevada, and Tennessee) were unable to provide any 1988 data in July 1989. All other States and D.C. provided individual library data for 1989]. The current data include 8,968 public libraries in 1989.

The data were edited at the State level by use of the DECTOP program. Upon reviewing centrally processed tabulations showing summaries for each State, unusual data were called to the attention of the State Library Agency. If necessary, corrected data were supplied by the State.

Adjacent libraries may have overlapping service areas where several libraries count the same population, that is, a county library system and a city library system within that same county would serve the city population. As a result, a sum of the population served by the libraries in a State could exceed the actual population of the State. Each State Library Agency was accorded the opportunity to provide an unduplicated count of the population served by libraries in its State. Most States provided unduplicated population data for each library. However, thirteen States provided duplicated data for the individual libraries. In these cases, the States provided an unduplicated population figure for the State. The State summary of population served contains no duplication.

RESPONSE RATES

49 States and the District of Columbia supplied data for all data items for all libraries, insofar as possible. If unable to supply the data, the State indicated 'data not available' or 'data not provided' (-1). DECTOP revised all blank data cells to 'data not reported' (-2). For Tennessee, the State total data was inserted on one record while the remainder of records were inserted into the file blank to account for the correct total number of libraries.

RECORD LAYOUT FOR 1989 PUBLIC LIBRARIES SURVEY FILE

General notes concerning this record layout

1. The 1989 Public Libraries Survey file consists of data which were submitted by State Library offices in the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Each record represents a 'reporting entity' or 'library' as defined by each State official. In addition, a 'State summary' record for each State was created by summing the individual data fields for each State and storing the sum(s) in the appropriate data field(s) in the summary record. One State, Tennessee, was able to supply only the State summary data, and not the data for the individual libraries.
2. The sole exception to the recording of sums in the summary record is the category, "Population of Legal Service Area". Adjacent libraries may have overlapping service areas where several libraries count the same population, that is, a county library system and a city library system within that same county would serve the city population. As a result, a sum of the population served by the libraries in a State could exceed the actual population of the State. Each State Library Agency was accorded the opportunity to provide an unduplicated count of the population served by libraries in its State. Most States provided unduplicated population data for each library. However, fourteen States provided duplicated data for the individual libraries. In these cases, the States provided an unduplicated population figure for the State. The State totals of population served contain no duplication.
3. The data field names are those used as variable names in the corresponding file.
4. Some data field codes may refer to generally recognized or accepted external coding systems, i.e., the FIPS and post office State codes which are readily available in other documents.
5. Those numeric data fields which were reported as zeroes indicate a zero value for this field in the record. If the State was unable to supply the data for a given field, Not Available or Not Reported (-1 or -2) was indicated.

RECORD LAYOUT FOR 1989 PUBLIC LIBRARY SURVEY FILE

Variable Name	Field Length	Record Position	Data Type	Description
FKEY_POST	02	001-002	AN	This is a two-character Post Office State code
FKEY_SEQ	04	003-006	AN	This is a four-character sequence number which was assigned by NCES to the record supplied by the State, e.g., AK0001 in positions 001-006. This sequence number started with 0001 for each State and was assigned sequentially. The number portion of the State summary record is 0000 in all cases.
PUB_FIPS	02	007-008	AN	This is a 2-character FIPS State code.
PUB_SEQ	04	009-012	AN	This is identical to FKEY_SEQ so that either 001-006 or 007-012 can be used for sorting the file.
LIB_CODE	20	013-032	AN	Library identification code as provided by the State. If none was provided, FSCS and the sequence number, as indicated above, was inserted in this field.
LIB_NAME	45	033-077	AN	Name of library
LIB_ADDR	35	078-112	AN	Address of library
LIB_CITY	17	113-129	AN	City
LIB_ZIP	05	130-134	AN	ZIP code
LIB_ZIP4	04	135-138	AN	'Plus 4' portion of ZIP code
LIB_PHONE	10	139-148	AN	Telephone number, including area code, without punctuation, i.e., 2022191371
SER_POP	11	149-159	N	Population of legal service area
SERVICE OUTLETS				
SER_NUM_CN	05	160-164	N	Number of central or main libraries
SER_NUM_BR	05	165-169	N	Number of branch libraries

SER_NUM_BM	05	170-174	N	Number of bookmobiles
SER_NUM_OT	05	175-179	N	Number of other service outlets

FTE STAFF

FTE_LIB_MS	11	180-190	N	Number of FTE employees holding the title of librarian with a masters degree from an American Library Association accredited program. This field consists of 8 integers and 2 decimals with an explicit decimal point.
FTE_LIB_TO	11	191-201	N	Total number of FTE employees holding the title of librarian. This field consists of 8 integers and 2 decimals with an explicit decimal point.
FTE_OTH_PD	12	202-213	N	All other paid FTE employees. This field consists of 9 integers and 2 decimal places with an explicit decimal point.
FTE_TOT_PD	12	214-225	N	Total paid FTE employees. This field consists of 9 integers and 2 decimal places with an explicit decimal point.

INCOME

INC_LOCAL	11	226-236	N	Income from local government
INC_STATE	11	237-247	N	Income from State government
INC_FED	11	248-258	N	Income from federal government
INC_OTHER	11	259-269	N	Income from sources other than governmental
INC_TOTAL	12	270-281	N	Total income. This is the sum of INC_LOCAL, INC_STATE, INC_FED, and INC_OTHER.

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES

OPX_SALARY	11	282-292	N	Salaries and wages
OPX_BENFIT	11	293-303	N	Employee benefits
OPX_TOT_ST	11	304-314	N	Total staff expenditures. This is the sum of OPX_SALARY and OPX_BENFIT.

OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES (continued)

OPX_TOT_CL	11	315-325	N	Total expenditures on collection
OPX_OTH	11	326-336	N	All other operating expenditures
OPX_TOTAL	12	337-348	N	Total operating expenditures. This is the sum of OPX_TOT_ST, OPX_TOT_CL and OPX_OTH.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

CAP_OUTLAY	11	349-359	N	Capital outlay
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LIBRARY COLLECTION

COL_BOOKS	11	360-370	N	Number of books and serial volumes
COL_AUDIO	11	371-381	N	Number of audio materials
COL_FILM	11	382-392	N	Number of films
COL_VIDEO	11	393-403	N	Number of video materials
COL_C_SERL	11	404-414	N	Number of current serial subscriptions

PUBLIC SERVICE HOURS

filler	08	415-422		
PS_DUP	10	423-432	N	Number of annual public service hours for all outlets of this library

LIBRARY SERVICES

SVC_ATTND	11	433-443	N	Annual attendance in the library
filler	11	444-454		
SVC_REFS	11	455-465	N	Number of annual reference transactions

CIRCULATION

CIRCULATN	11	466-476	N	Total circulation transactions
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INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

ILL_OUT	08	477-484	N	Loans to other libraries
ILL_IN	08	485-492	N	Loans from other libraries