

MID-SIZED LIBRARY BENCHMARKS 2021

	STRATHCONA COUNTY	LETHBRIDGE	GRANDE PRAIRIE	ST. ALBERT	RED DEER	MEDICINE HAT	AIRDRIE
Population	99,225	101,799	67,627	69,789	104,392	65,203	77,027
Municipal Support	\$9,946,445	\$6,504,127	\$4,287,415	\$4,348,900	\$4,563,270	\$2,207,632	\$2,207,002
Municipal Support Per Capita	\$100	\$64	\$63	\$62	\$44	\$34	\$29
Total Operating Budget	\$10,919,555	\$7,492,730	\$5,176,280	\$4,947,600	\$5,245,418	\$2,617,682	\$3,029,894
Total FTE staff	64.8	57.9	22.5	35.2	36.1	25.5	22.8
Total Circulation (Loans)	1,017,468	762,720	378,594	656,729	550,836	303,888	480,278
Circulation Per Capita	10.3	7.5	5.6	9.4	5.3	4.7	6.2
Cost Per Circulation	\$9.78	\$8.53	\$11.32	\$6.62	\$8.28	\$7.26	\$4.60
Total Members	15,909	17,918	8,092	11,817	25,886	9,811	25,352
Members as % of Population	16%	18%	12%	17%	25%	15%	33%
Total Physical Collections	232,446	228,591	119,323	159,999	152,144	130,096	73,063
Collections Per Capita	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.3	1.5	2.0	0.9
Total In Person Visits	171,504	192,582	100,313	129,684	133,735	76,344	95,377
Visits per Capita	1.7	1.9	1.5	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.2
Annual Hours	3,486	6,789	2,899	4,452	7,836	2,343	3,009
Locations	1	2	1	2	3	1	1
Facility Area (sq ft) Total	60,278	70,374	41,808	30,000	58,018	30,031	13,841
Facility Area (sq ft) Per Capita	0.61	0.69	0.62	0.43	0.56	0.46	0.18

SUMMARY OF KEY METRICS – HOW DOES SAPL STACK UP?

Funding

- 4th of 7 for municipal funding per capita, behind Strathcona County (#1), Lethbridge (#2), Grande Prairie (#3).
- Municipal support per capita decreased by 13% from 2019 (\$71) to 2021 (\$62).

Efficiency

- Fewer FTE staff (35.2) than in 2019 (42.6), and fewer staff than the average of our comparators (38.3).
- Largest physical collection (books and other materials) per capita (along with Strathcona County Library).
- Second smallest facility area per capita (Airdrie is currently the smallest but is building a large library).
- Second lowest cost per circulation (\$6.62).

Use

- Highest in-person visits per capita.
- Second highest loans per capita (9.4 loans/person).