

RESOURCES MEASURE A: Percentage of College Libraries Meeting the ALA Standards

Description/Definition— The percentage of colleges meeting the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) standards for community, junior and technical colleges. Specifically, this measure looks at percentage meeting the standards for number of book titles, serial subscriptions, expenditure minus salaries per FTE, library staff, and square footage.

Methodology and Data Source—Library data have been collected by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) in odd numbered year. The data are published in the Statistical Abstract of Higher Education in North Carolina, an annual publication of the UNC-General Administration. Data available from this publication are then compared with the standards set by the ACRL to determine which colleges meet the standards. It should be noted that the ACRL standards vary based on FTE of the college.

Performance Target—No performance target level has been set for this measure.

Results— Library data for 2007-08 were not available at the time of 2009 CSF publication. However, historical data showed that most colleges didn't meet the measures and a handful of colleges met only minimum level of ACRL standard in the past. This raises serious concerns about under-funding of the community college libraries in North Carolina, and its conditions.

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MEASURE	BELOW STANDARD		MINIMUM LEVEL		EXCELLENT LEVEL	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
# of Books (Paper Volumes)	48	83%	7	12%	3	5%
Serial Subscriptions	53	91%	4	7%	1	2%
Expenditure Minus Salaries per FTE	54	93%	4	7%	0	0%
Library Staff	55	95%	3	5%	0	0%
Square Footage	58	100%	0	0%	0	0%