

## **Update on Annual Statistics**

### **46<sup>th</sup> Survey**

We opened the 46th *Annual Statistics of Medical School Libraries in the United States and Canada* in September 2023. There were no significant changes to the survey instruments this year, but the committee did make many small changes to instructions based on feedback from survey participants, and we streamlined some of the questions so they do not require FTE counts. The survey deadline is November 2, 2023, but we anticipate we must extend that. A primary goal is to have the survey results available to the membership earlier than in previous years.

All our work on these surveys is greatly enhanced by our award-winning editor, Steve Squires. We are grateful for his efforts and the budget support from AAHSL that made it happen.

### **45<sup>th</sup> Survey:**

We released the data for the 45th *Salary Survey* and the *Annual Statistics of Medical School Libraries in the United States and Canada* in April 2023. The introduction to it is appended to this report, and the data and salary tables are available on the Counting Opinions platform.

Survey invitations and reminders were sent to approximately 190 eligible libraries. Completed surveys were submitted as follows:

- Annual survey: 130 (4 more than previous year)
- Salary survey: 124 (9 more than previous year)

The significant change this year was adding the Descriptive Survey questions to the Annual Survey. The hope was that this would make it a much richer dataset and provide many more data points for people to use in analyzing the data.

Thank you.

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## **Introduction to the 45th Salary Survey and the Annual Statistics of Medical School Libraries in the United States and Canada**

The *Annual Statistics* is a product of the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL). Published in print from 1978 to 2017 (40<sup>th</sup> ed.) and available online since the 41<sup>st</sup> ed., the *Annual Statistics* provides comparative data on significant characteristics of collections, expenditures, personnel, and services in academic health sciences libraries in the United States and Canada. This 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Annual Statistics* includes General Tables, Salary Tables, and Descriptive Tables.

### **Respondents to the 45<sup>th</sup> Edition**

The *Annual Statistics* survey population consists of libraries serving medical schools holding membership in the Association of American Medical Colleges; this includes the Canadian medical colleges. The survey population also includes the libraries serving schools belonging to the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine.

For the 45<sup>th</sup> AAHSL surveys, responses were received from 133 separate libraries: 130 from U.S. allopathic or osteopathic medical school libraries, and 3 from Canadian medical school libraries.

Of the 133 responding libraries, 130 submitted the Annual survey, of which 121 also submitted the Salary survey. Three other libraries submitted only the Salary survey.

### **Notes for the General and Salary Tables**

The data from the 45<sup>th</sup> survey can be viewed at the Counting Opinions site <https://aahsl.countingopinions.com> by selecting 'Reports,' then 'AAHSL,' and then selecting the folder '45<sup>th</sup> Annual and Descriptive Data Survey Tables' and the folder 'Salary Survey Data Tables.' Fixed reports are available there that, when selected, will return tables, downloadable as Excel files, of versions of all the data or selected subsets. Under 'Reports/Local,' 'Create Report' is available for creating your reports.

In interpreting the tables, the following points should be kept in mind:

- The Annual/Descriptive statistics tables present fiscal year 2021-2022; Salary tables present data for fiscal year 2022-2023.
- Normalized salaries: Salary data are reported for all library professionals. Each library defines its professional staff. Paraprofessional and clerical positions are excluded from the AAHSL salary survey. Salary data has been normalized for all professionals reporting a workweek that is less than full-time. Responding libraries reported normalized salaries based on their local workweek.
- For tables that provide means and medians, etc., the calculations include libraries reporting zero but do not include libraries reporting missing values.
- Blanks in the Tables generally denote that the library reported the value as 'missing' or that the value doesn't apply to it
- For questions that sum the values of other questions, a sum is left blank if any data point included in the sum has been reported as missing.
- For all expenditures questions and salary survey questions, Canadian libraries provided their responses in Canadian dollars. These Canadian dollar amounts are reported in US dollar

equivalents. For the general Annual Statistics survey, the U.S. dollar equivalent was determined by multiplying the Canadian dollars by **0.7901**, the average of the monthly noon exchange rates calculated by the Bank of Canada from July 2021 to June 2022. For the Salary Survey, the U.S. dollar equivalent was determined by multiplying the Canadian dollars by **0.7515**, the average of the monthly exchange rates calculated by the Bank of Canada for July 2022 through December 2022.

- Many survey questions ask that additional information be provided as notes. Libraries can include or are asked to include, upon review, explanatory information as notes to many other questions, such as explanations for unusual percentage changes between reported values this year compared to the previous year or years or for why an answer might be regarded as unusual or notable. These notes can be requested as part of reports at the Counting Opinions Web Portal.

### **The Statistics Collection and Analysis Infrastructure**

This edition of the *Annual Statistics* is produced under the auspices of the AAHSL Assessment and Statistics Committee. Its members review and revise the surveys and oversee the Statistics program. An Executive Editor, Steve Squiers, also works to make the data as complete and accurate as possible by reviewing submitted surveys and working with the submitting libraries to resolve anomalies and make corrections. Financial support is provided by the AAHSL Board of Directors for the Web-based survey and data management infrastructure for the *Annual Statistics* at Counting Opinions. Particular thanks is also owed to Karen Kupiec, who oversees the online management of these survey and data reporting and analysis tools.

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