

# Northamptonshire County Council

CIPFAstats Comparative Profile

## public libraries

2013-14 Actuals and  
2014-15 Estimates

Comparison Group:

- (z) Northamptonshire
- (e) Nottinghamshire
- (u) Warwickshire
- (w) Staffordshire
- (g) Worcestershire
- (n) Suffolk
- (a) Gloucestershire
- (m) Derbyshire
- (d) Essex
- (x) Kent
- (k) Lancashire
- (s) Leicestershire
- (h) Buckinghamshire
- (t) Oxfordshire
- (f) Lincolnshire
- (r) Norfolk



## FOREWORD

I am pleased to be able to present the fourth edition of the CIPFAstats Comparative Profile for Public Library Services.

These profiles provide a comprehensive analysis of public libraries data covering all the major topics collected in the CIPFAstats Public Libraries collection.

This means that there should be something for everyone interested in the running of public library services.

The analysis is simple and non-judgemental. You will not find any quartiles, traffic lights or subjective commentary. Instead the report seeks to visualise the data and to enable readers to draw their own conclusions.

The "Executive Report" acts as a high level summary, but is also designed as an introduction to the whole report. Most readers will find reading through these pages helpful as an introduction to the style and logic of the more detailed pages.

The reports will aid everyone interested in public library services to ask informed questions and come up with informed proposals for how the services should be delivered in the future.

We hope you find this report interesting and helpful. If you have any comments, suggestions or queries then CIPFA would be delighted to hear from you (please see appendix 5 for contact details).

Kind regards,



Ian Watson  
Lancashire County Council  
Chair of the CIPFA Public Library Statistics Working Party



# INTRODUCTION

The aim of the profile is to provide management information for decision makers involved in providing the libraries service. Due to the wide range of topics covered, the report will have a broad appeal and should be of interest to members, librarians and officers.

This profile compares your authority's library service figures from the 2014 CIPFAstats collection with the group of authorities specified on the title page.

This is the fourth year of the profile, CIPFA would greatly appreciate your feedback and suggestions on how we can make the profiles more interesting and useful.

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## Approach to missing data

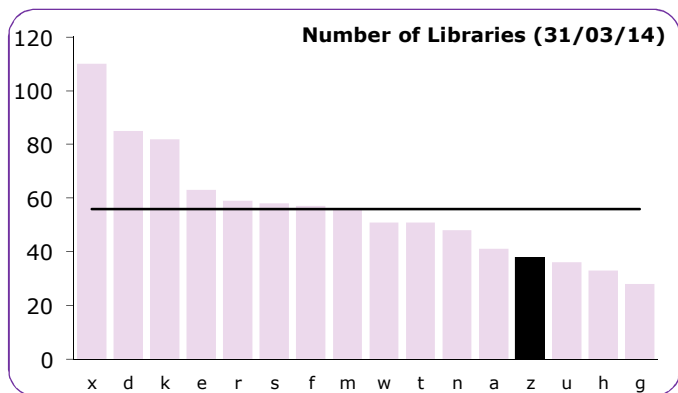
- 91% of UK Library Authorities (92% in England) provided data for the 2014 CIPFAstats Public Library Statistics. Authorities who did not provide data are excluded from these comparisons completely.
- In a small number of cases authorities have provided totals (e.g. for costs), but not a complete breakdown. In such cases the breakdown has been estimated by techniques such as apportionment or comparison to previous years' figures.
- In a small number of cases authorities have not provided other pieces of information. Where CIPFA felt this value was important an estimation has been made. In no cases does this estimated data constitute more than 15% of the data used in a comparison.
- Should any authority not be fully happy with estimates provided for their authority we will be very happy to produce a new report for them using new data supplied by that authority.
- If you have any queries about our approach please do not hesitate to contact us: [libraries@cipfa.org](mailto:libraries@cipfa.org)

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Comparing Northamptonshire with 15 Other Library Authorities

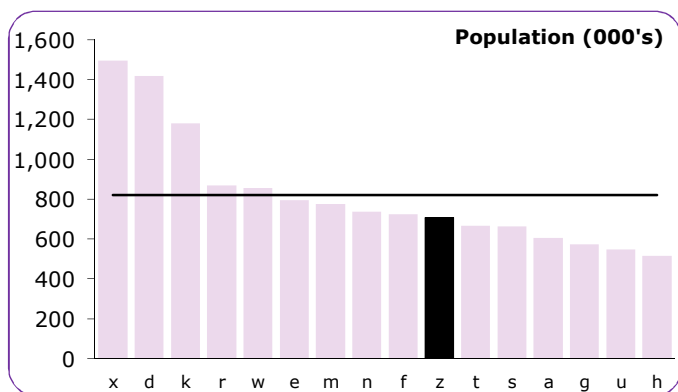
This summary provides an overview of the key indicators from the main report along with a few points of current interest, showing how your authority's library service compares against other authorities. Unless specified otherwise all data relates to 2013-14 Actuals.

### A: Libraries and Library Users

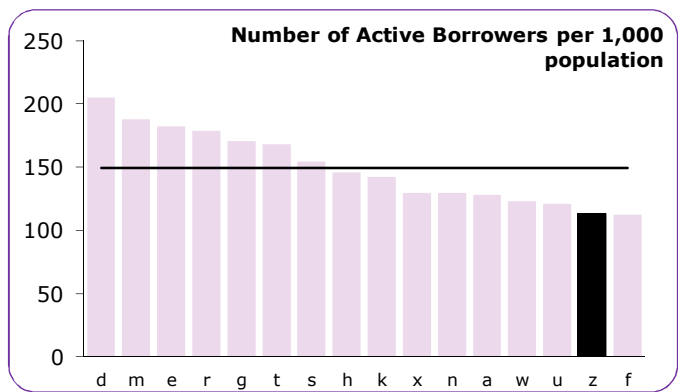


- The chart on the left compares the number of libraries your authority has with the other authorities in the comparison. Northamptonshire has 38 libraries (the bar highlighted in black) compared to an average of 56 libraries (as shown by the horizontal line). Each pale bar represents one of the authorities in the comparator group.
- Northamptonshire has one of the lowest numbers of libraries within the group giving an indication of the scale of the library service.

For more information about this type of chart please see appendix 1.

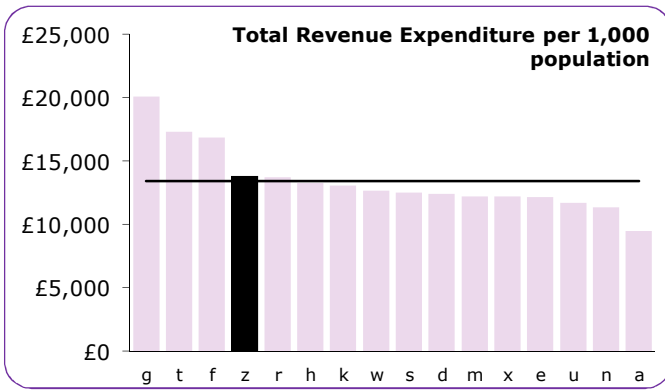


- Population is an important figure in this report as we use it as a denominator to adjust for the size of the authority (see next chart).
- Northamptonshire is the 7th smallest of the 16 authorities compared here (in terms of population).

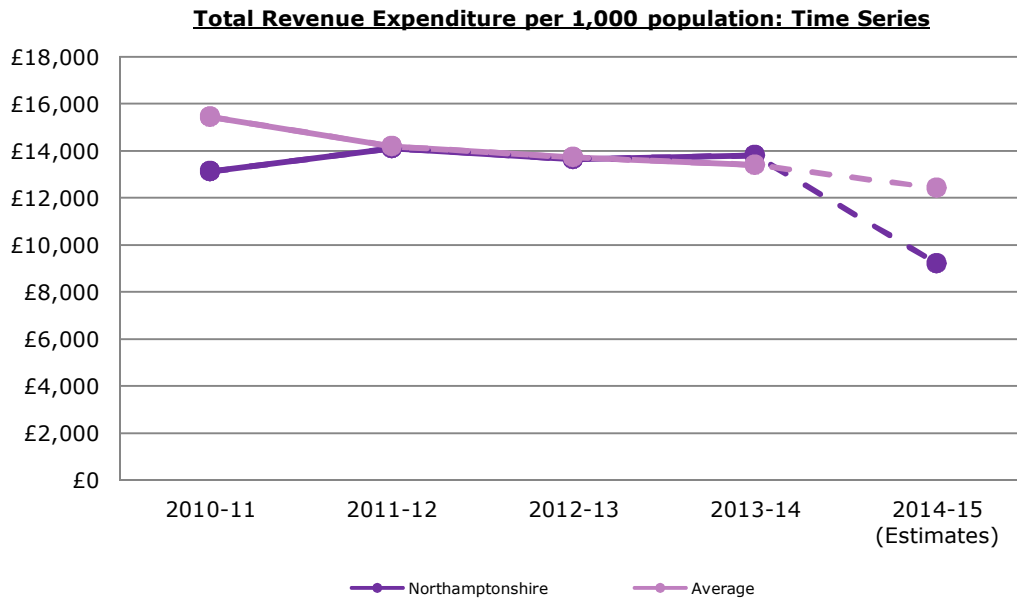


- The number of active borrowers per 1,000 population is a key indication of how well the library service engages with the public.
- Northamptonshire is in the bottom quartile suggesting that the library service does not engage as well with the population when compared to the other authorities. Please see appendix 1 for further details on quartiles.

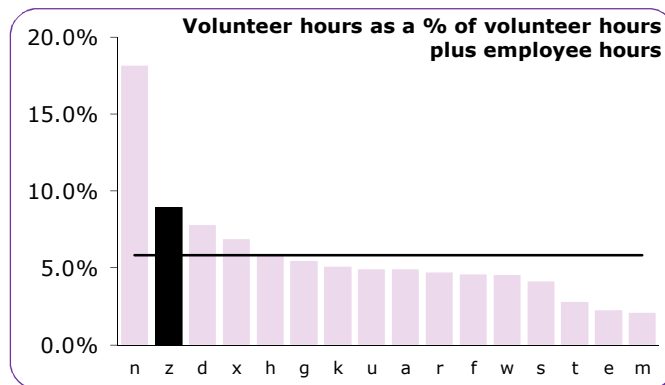
## B: Resourcing



- Total revenue expenditure per 1,000 population is a key cost indicator. Figures in the graph opposite are 2013-14 actuals.
- Northamptonshire comes out as being at the higher end of the comparison, which suggests that it should compare its costs to other authorities to see if there are any ways it could learn from their approaches.

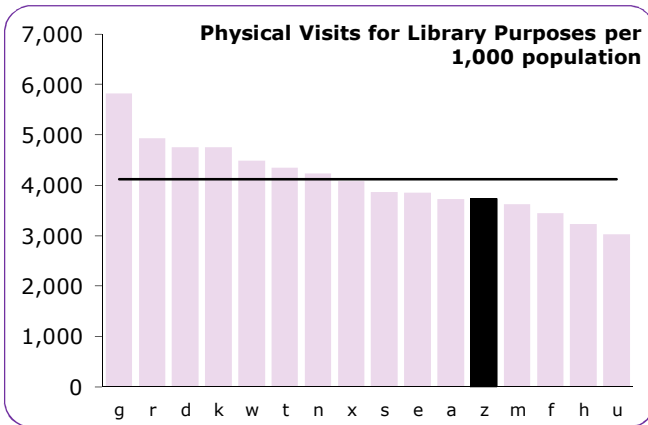


- The line chart plots the total revenue expenditure per 1,000 population over the last four years and shows the estimated figure for 2014-15. The population figure used for all years is the mid-year 2013 figure, so the changes in value relate to changes in expenditure only.
- For most authorities a drop can be seen in the 2014-15 estimates.

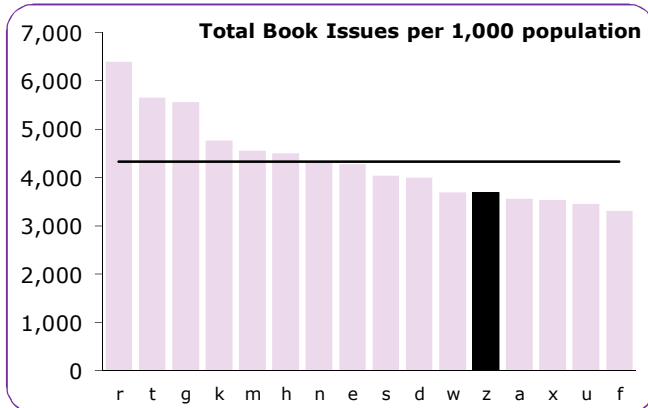


- One well publicised approach that library authorities are taking is using volunteers.
- Northamptonshire had 8.9% of 'worked hours' provided by volunteers in 2013-14 compared to an average of 5.8%.

## C: Workload

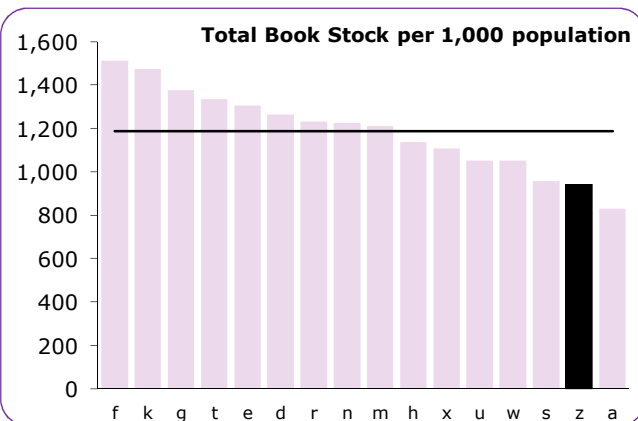


- The number of visits per 1,000 population is a strong indicator of workload faced by the authority.
- It is also another measure of engagement and offers a more complete picture as it will include other reasons for visiting the library as well as borrowing.



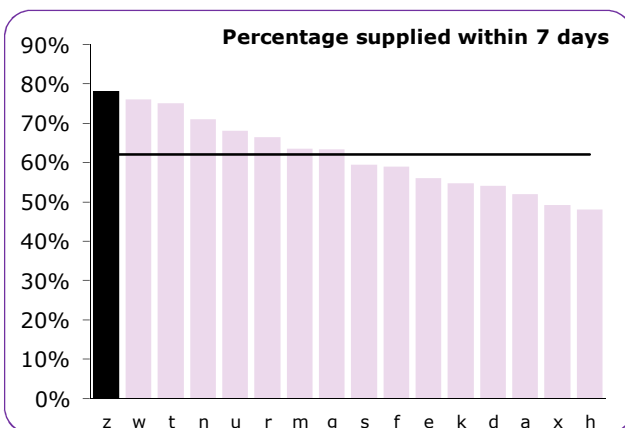
- This chart compares another core library activity, providing an indicator for both workload and the demand placed on the library book stock.

## D: Stock



- This chart compares the overall book stock level of the library service.

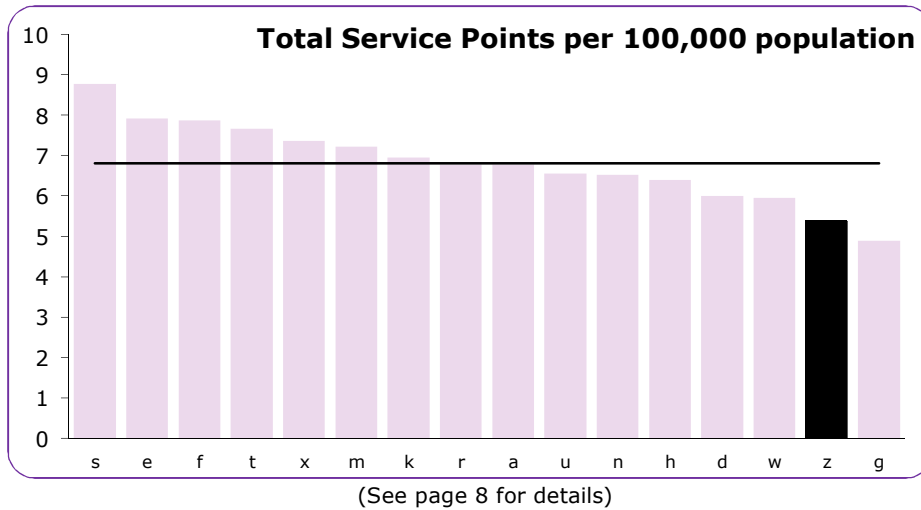
## E: Performance



- Northamptonshire successfully supplied 78% of book requests within 7 days of request. This compares very favourably with the other authorities compared.

# SECTION A: LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY USERS

- This section compares the information on numbers of libraries, opening hours, library users, visits and electronic access.



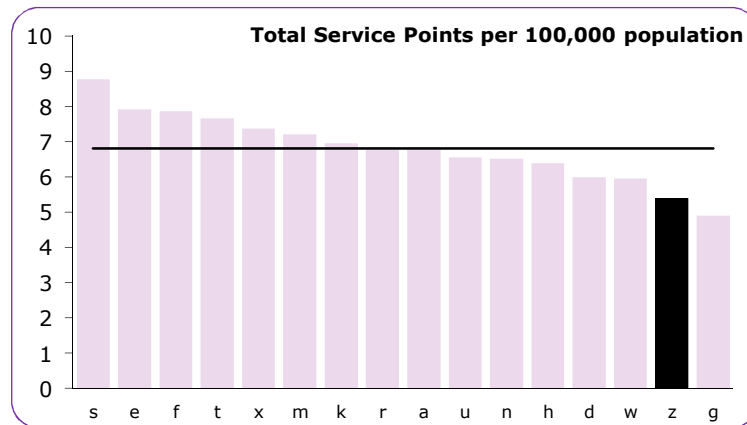
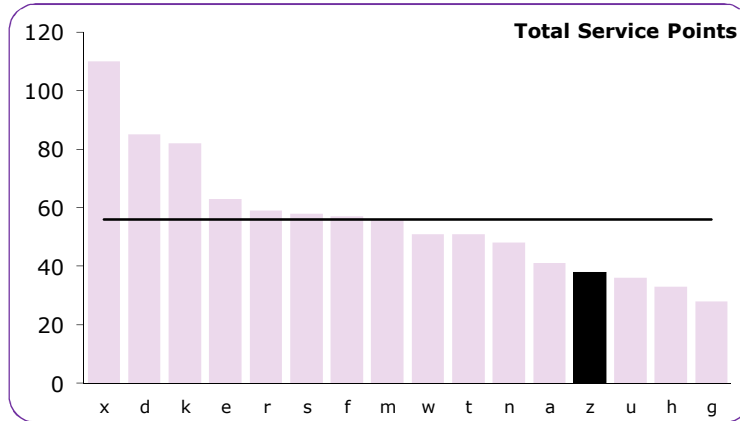
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# A1: Service Points

at 31 March 2014

	Number	/ 100k pop	Average
Mobile Libraries	2	0.3	0.8
Static Service Points	36	5.1	6.0
<b>Total Service Points</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>

	Authority	Average
Population	706,600	820,431



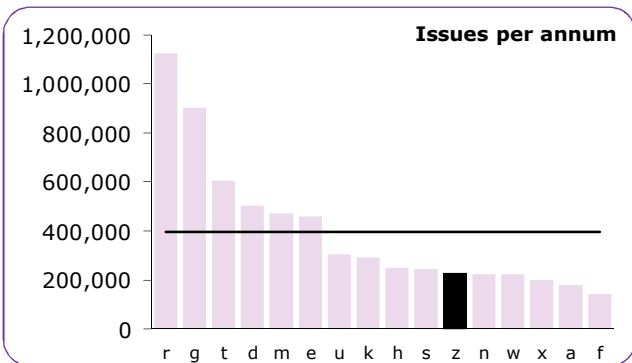
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 1 to 14, ONS Population Estimates Mid 2013

## Busiest Service Points

2013-14 Actuals

Busiest Service Point (Issues): **Northamptonshire Central**

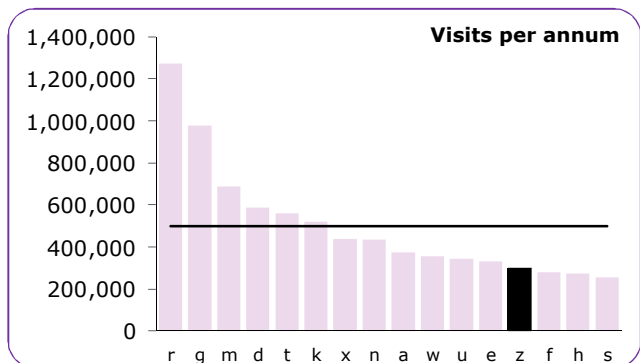
	Authority	Average
Issues per annum	226,999	397,166



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 15 & 16

Busiest Service Point (Visits) **Northamptonshire Central**

	Authority	Average
Visits per annum	299,319	499,777



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 17 & 18



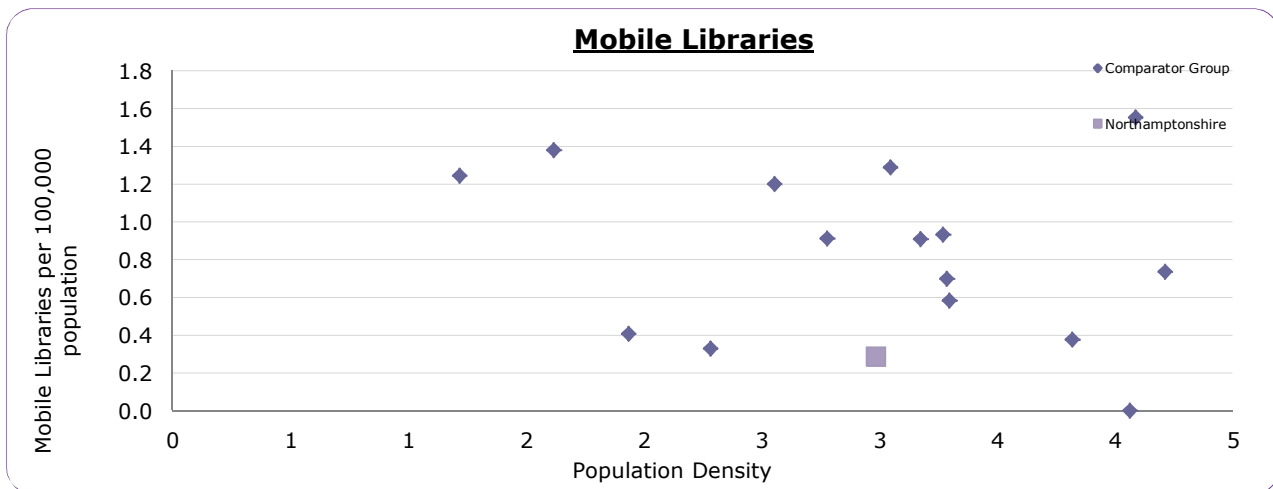
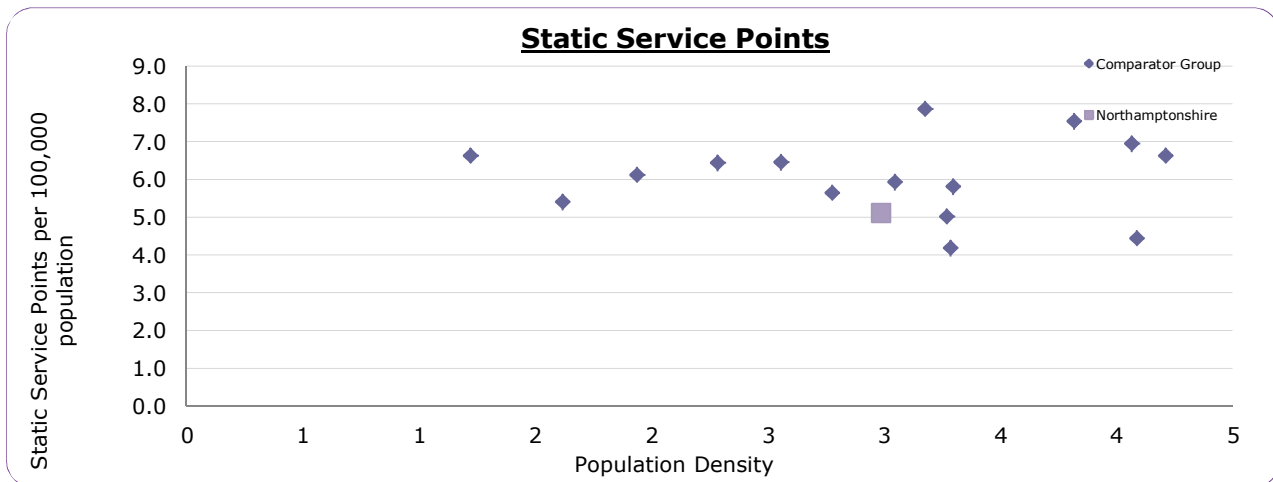
## A2: Population Density

2013-14 Actuals

### Population Density and Number of Service Points

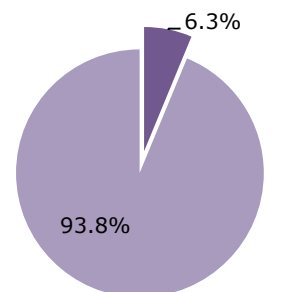
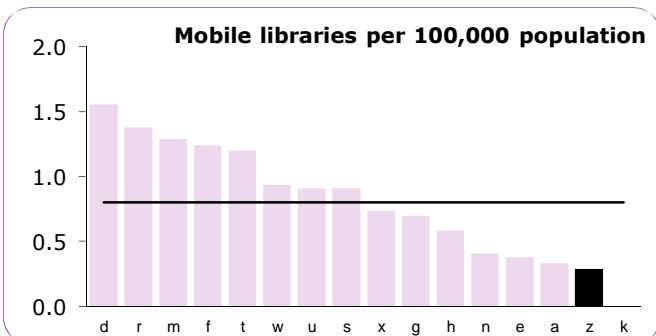
- In urban areas of high population density a small number of service points will be able to provide service to a large population. In rural areas more service points will be required to enable the population to have easy access.
- The scatter plots below compare these two factors. For all UK library authorities it can be seen that as population density increases (on the horizontal axis), the number of libraries per 100,000 population tends to be lower.
- As these charts are strongly effected by outliers, values for population density are capped at 120 and service points per 100,000 population capped at 18.0 and 3.0 for static service points and mobile libraries respectively.

	Authority	Median
Population Density	3.0	3.1



### Mobile Libraries

	Number	/ 100k pop	Average
Mobile Libraries	2	0.3	0.8

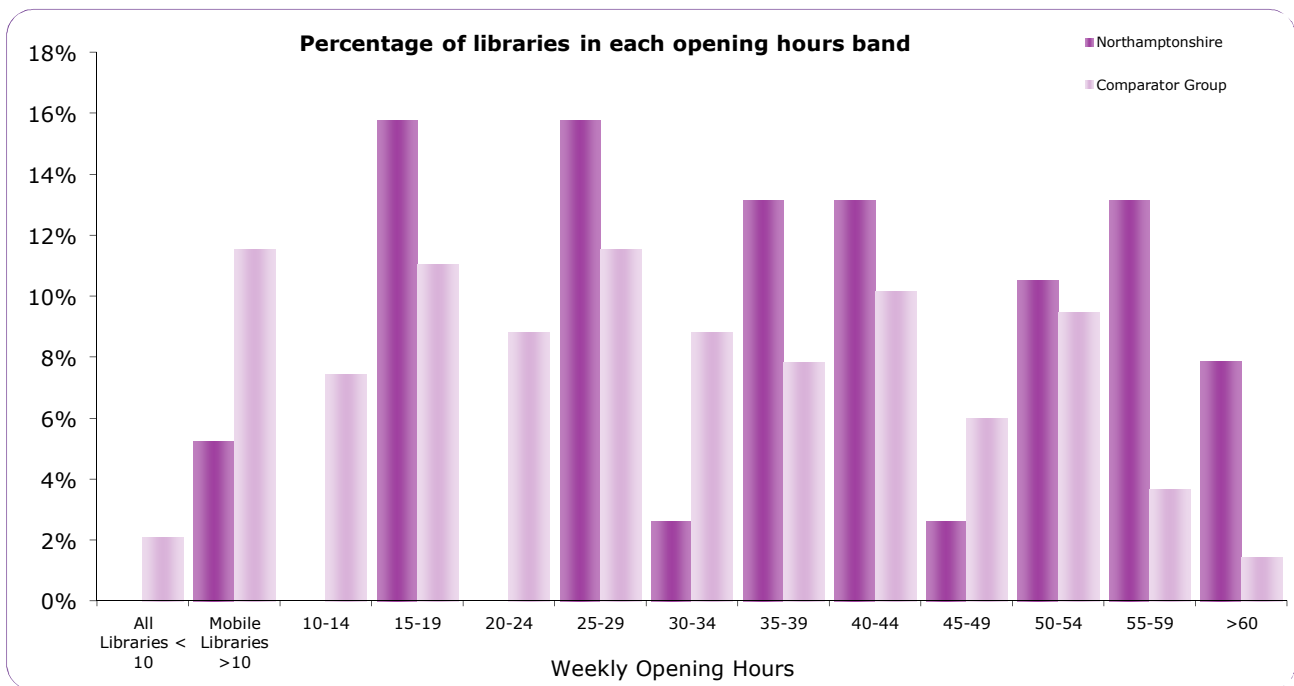


- % Authorities with no mobile libraries
- % Authorities with mobile libraries

### A3: Opening Hours

2013-14 Actuals

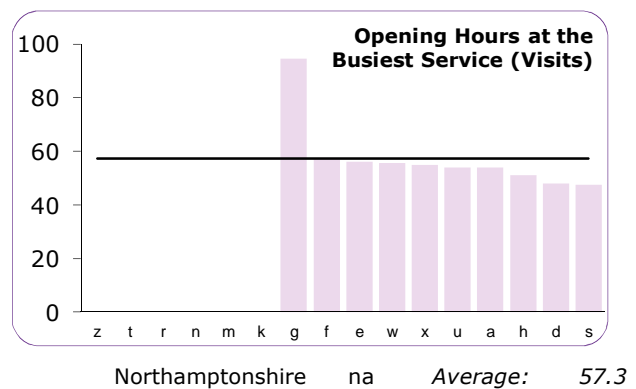
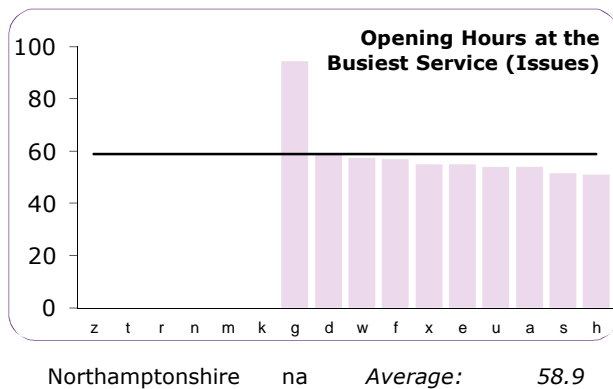
Hours Open	Service Points		/ 100,000 population		% in Each Band	
	Authority	Average	Authority	Average	Authority	Average
All Libraries < 10	0	1	0.0	0.2	0.0%	2.1%
Mobile Libraries >10	2	7	0.3	0.8	5.3%	11.6%
Static: 10-14	0	4	0.0	0.5	0.0%	7.4%
Static: 15-19	6	7	0.8	0.0	15.8%	11.1%
Static: 20-24	0	5	0.0	0.6	0.0%	8.8%
Static: 25-29	6	6	0.8	0.8	15.8%	11.6%
Static: 30-34	1	5	0.1	0.6	2.6%	8.8%
Static: 35-39	5	4	0.7	0.5	13.2%	7.8%
Static: 40-44	5	6	0.7	0.7	13.2%	10.2%
Static: 45-49	1	4	0.1	0.4	2.6%	6.0%
Static: 50-54	4	5	0.6	0.6	10.5%	9.5%
Static: 55-59	5	2	0.7	0.2	13.2%	3.7%
Static: >60	3	1	0.4	0.1	7.9%	1.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>					



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 1 to 14

#### Opening Hours - Busiest Service Points

Busiest Service Point (Issues): **Northamptonshire Central** Busiest Service Point (Visits): **Northamptonshire Central**

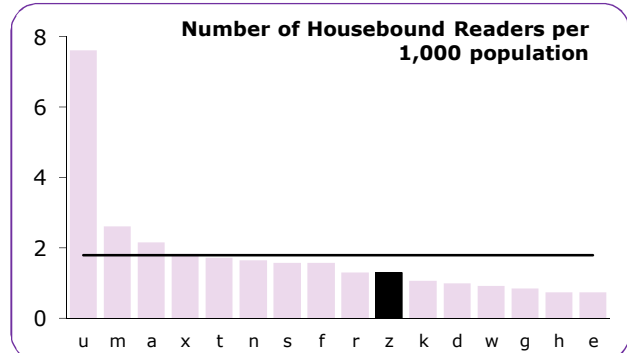
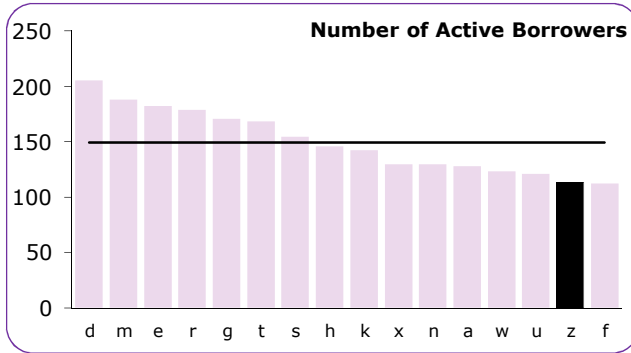


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 15 to 18

## A4: Library Users

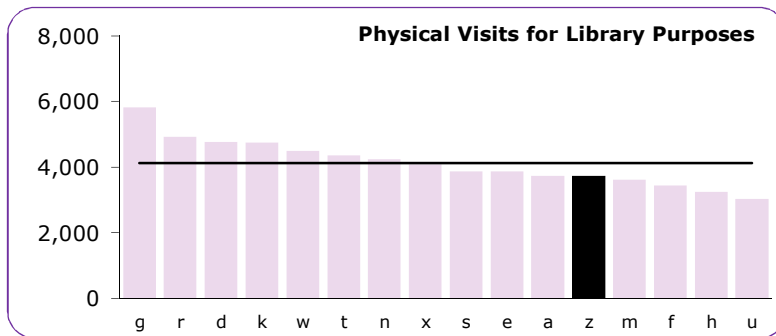
2013-14 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Average
<b>Active Borrowers</b>	79,937	113	149
Housebound Readers	908	1.3	1.8

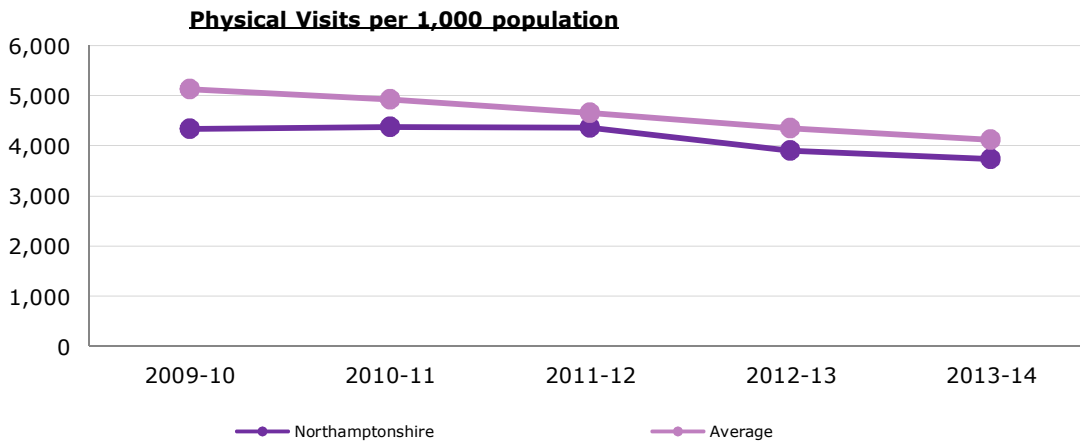


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 89 & 90

### Physical Visits for Library Purposes



Physical Visits	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2009-10	3,041,717	4,342	5,133
2010-11	2,988,201	4,370	4,926
2011-12	3,000,565	4,366	4,651
2012-13	2,703,637	3,896	4,343
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2,634,857</b>	<b>3,729</b>	<b>4,121</b>

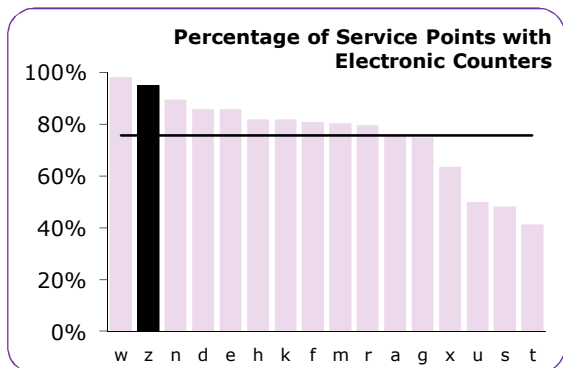


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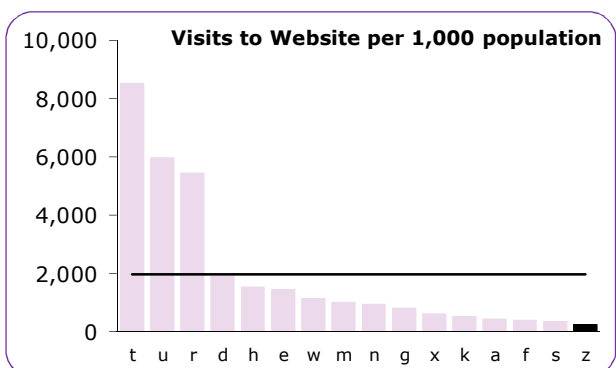
2013-14 Actuals

	Authority	Average
S.P. with Electronic Counters	95%	76%



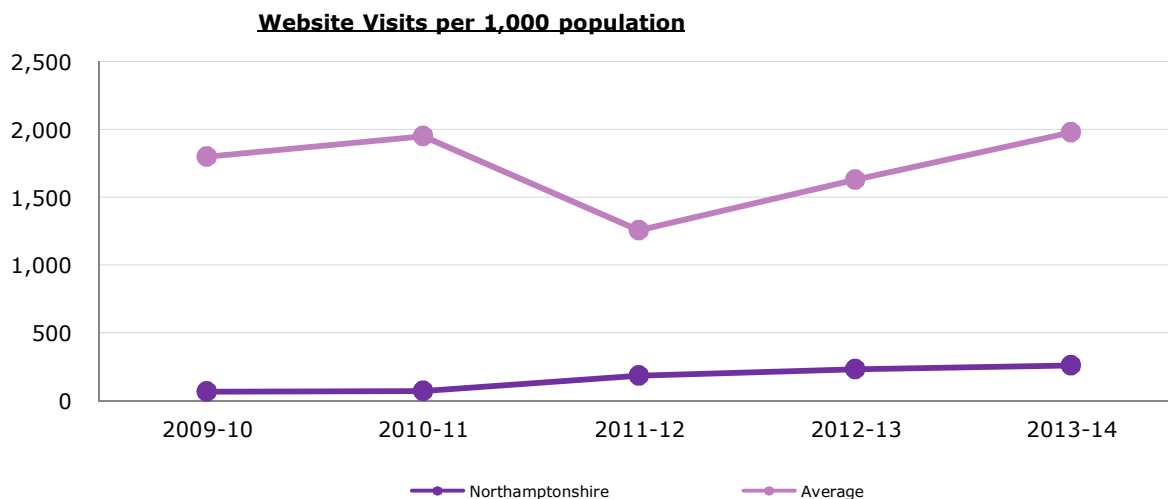
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 94

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Visits to Website	181,844	257	1,975



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 95

Website Visits	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2009-10	47,220	67	1,799
2010-11	48,743	71	1,950
2011-12	124,642	181	1,255
2012-13	161,140	232	1,628
<b>2013-14</b>	<b>181,844</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>1,975</b>

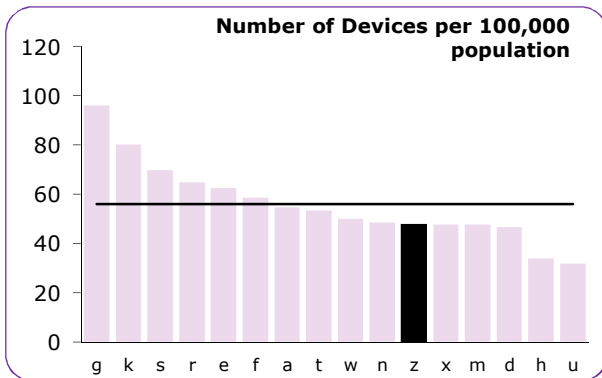


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 95 and equivalent for previous years

## A5: Electronic Workstations

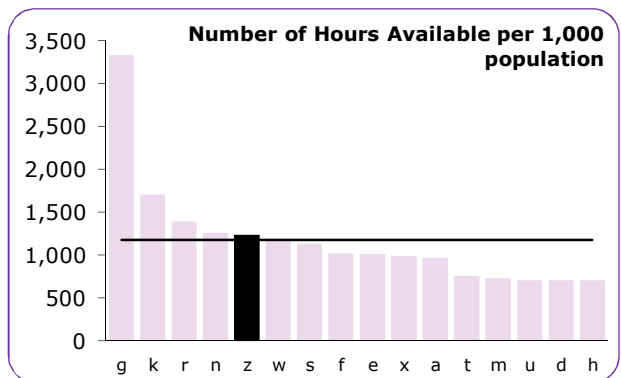
2013-14 Actuals

	Number	per 100,000 pop	Average
Terminals	338	47.8	55.9



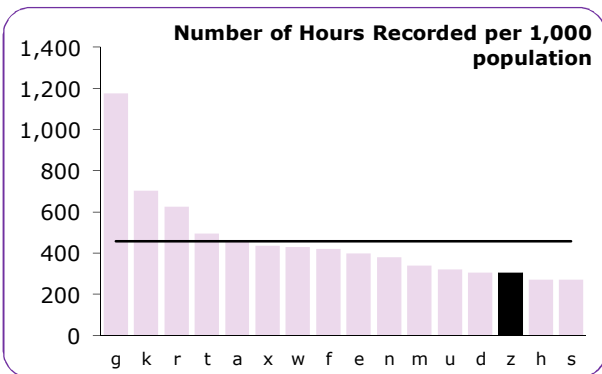
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 19

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Hours Available	868,541	1,229	1,171



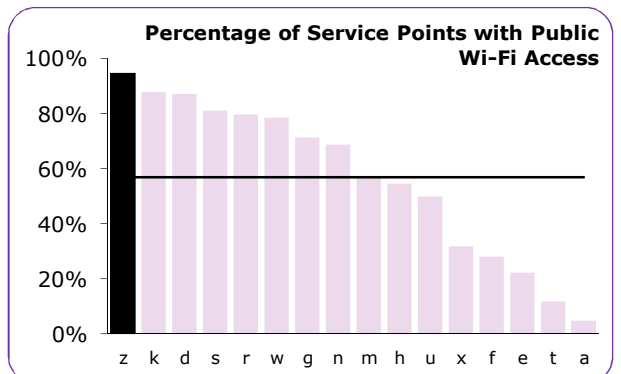
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 20

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Hrs Recorded	214,964	304	458



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 21

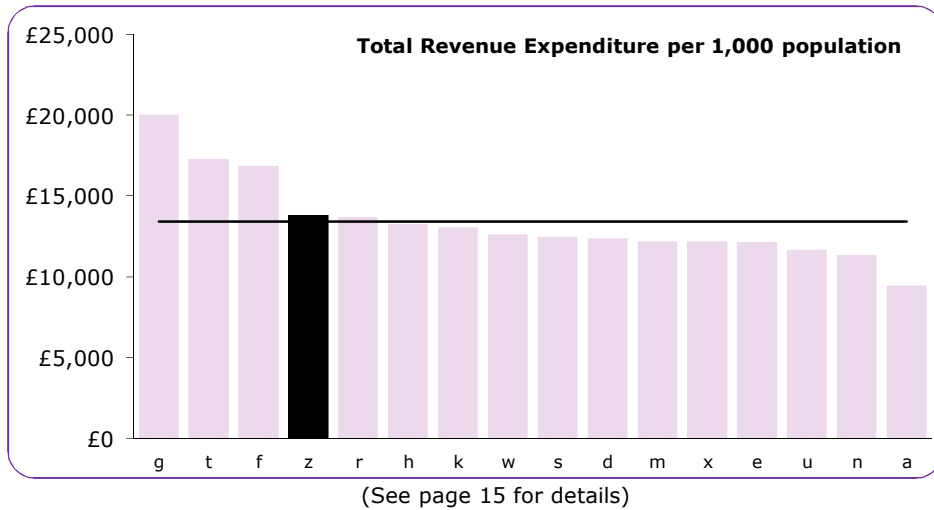
	Authority	Average
Service Points with Wi-Fi Access	95%	57%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 22

## SECTION B: RESOURCING

- This section examines levels of expenditure, staffing and the use of volunteers.

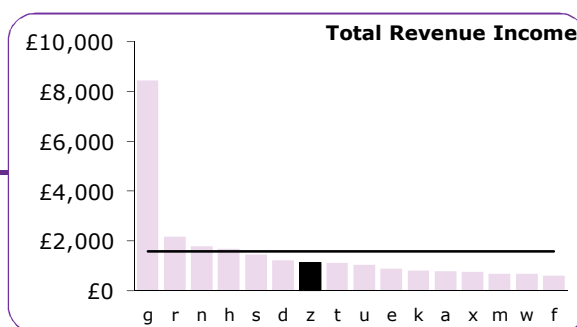
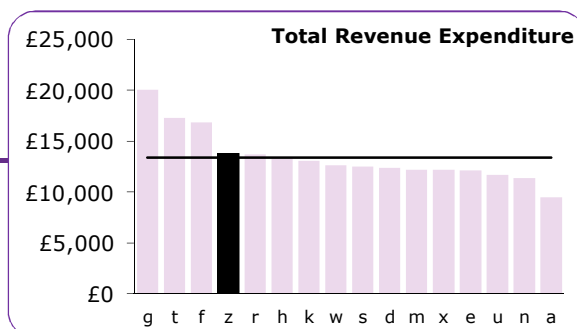
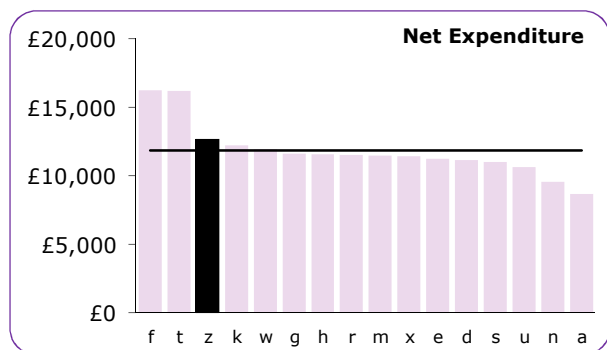


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## B1: Financial Information (Actuals)

2013-14 Actuals	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Revenue Expenditure	9,751,287	13,800	13,403
Revenue Income	(793,360)	(1,123)	(1,581)
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>8,957,927</b>	<b>12,678</b>	<b>11,822</b>

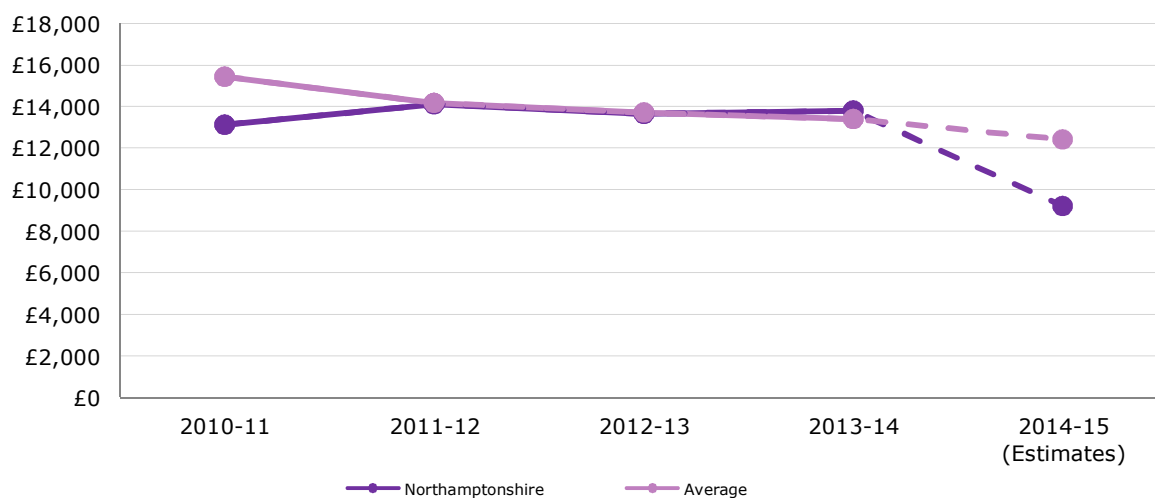
graphs shown per 1,000 population



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 124, 134 & 135

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
2010-11	8,966,540	13,113	15,423
2011-12	9,695,887	14,107	14,168
2012-13	9,470,498	13,646	13,715
2013-14	9,751,287	13,800	13,403
2014-15 (Estimates)	6,507,755	9,210	12,409

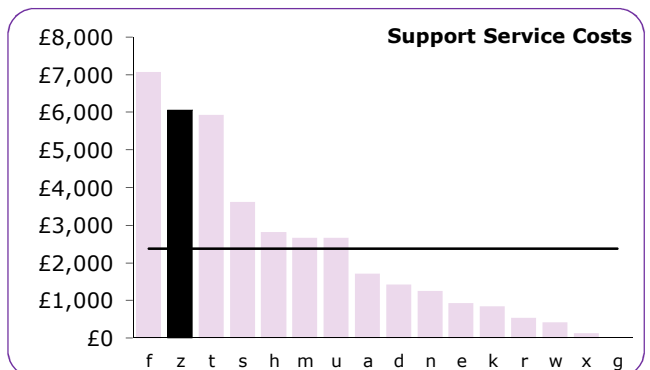
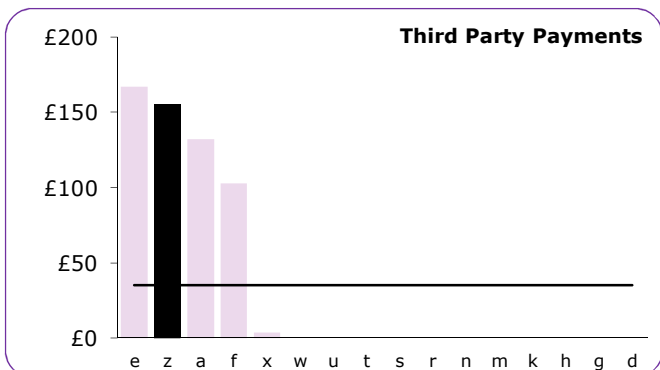
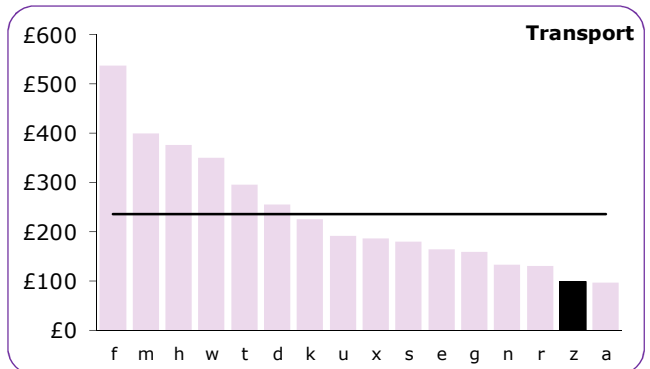
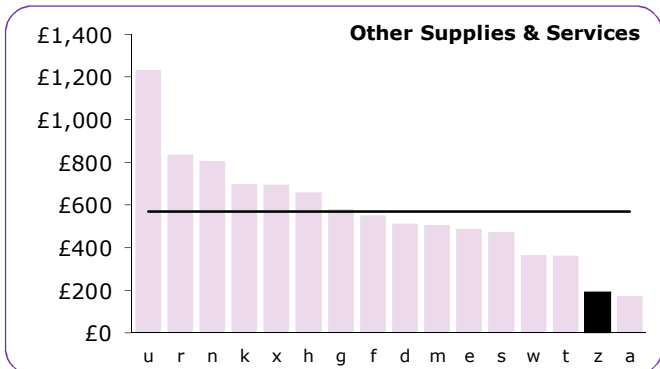
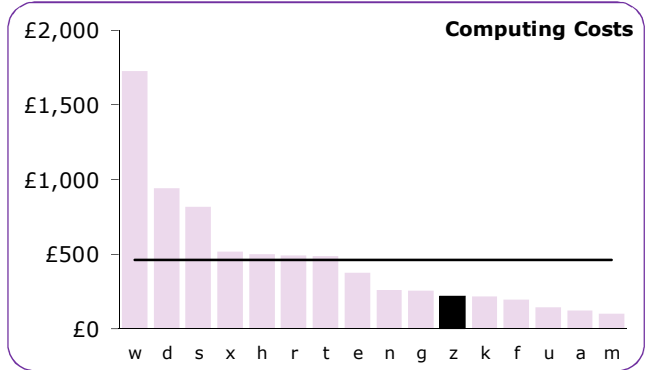
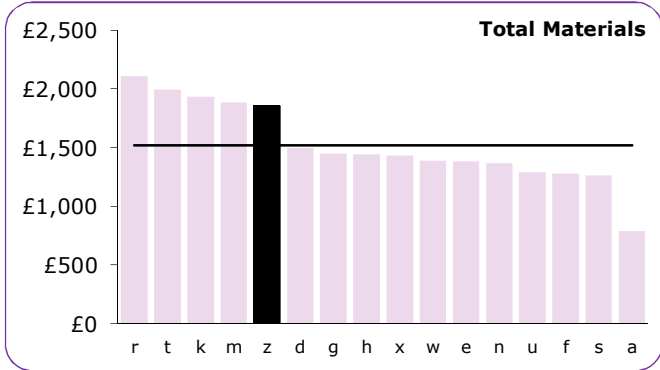
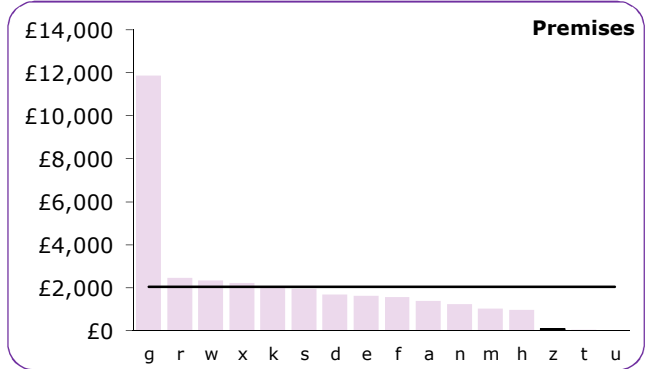
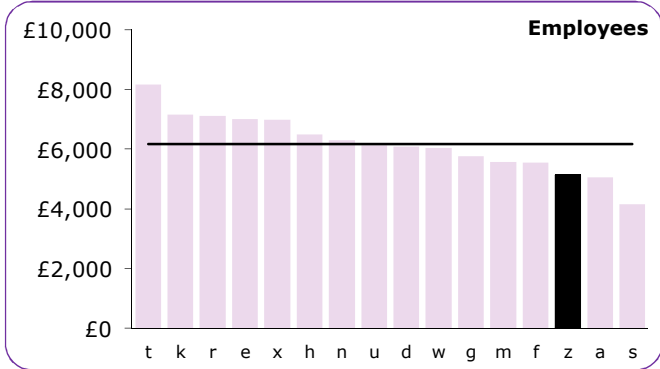
**Revenue Expenditure per 1,000 population: Time Series**



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 124 and equivalent for previous years

Revenue Expenditure (2013-14 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	3,624,837	5,130	6,166
Premises	60,815	86	2,033
Total Materials	1,310,356	1,854	1,522
Computing Costs	154,486	219	462
Other Supplies & Services	136,353	193	571
Transport	70,270	99	236
Third Party Payments	109,419	155	35
Support Service Costs	4,284,751	6,064	2,378
<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>9,751,287</b>	<b>13,800</b>	<b>13,403</b>

graphs show expenditure per 1,000 population

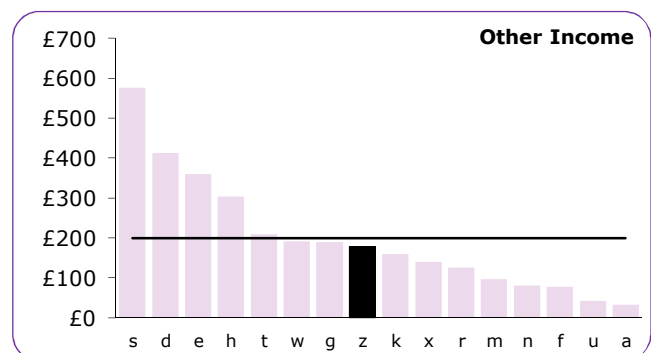
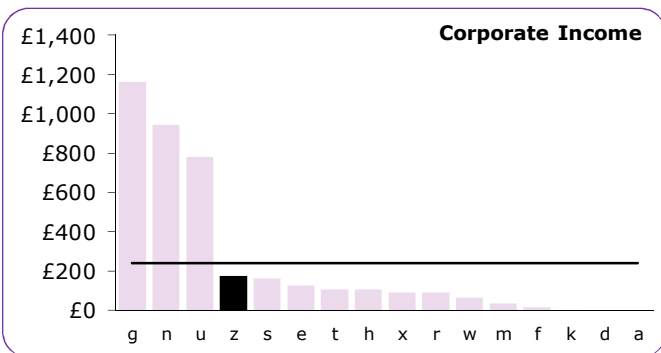
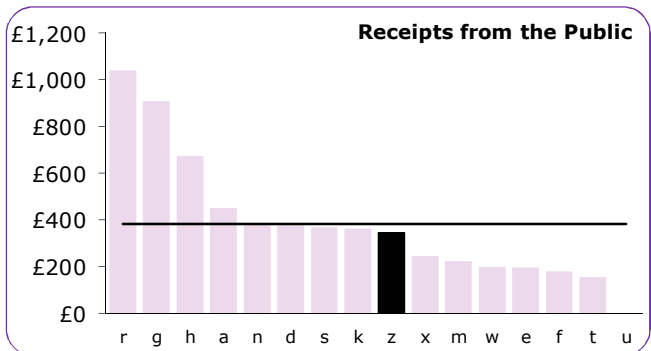
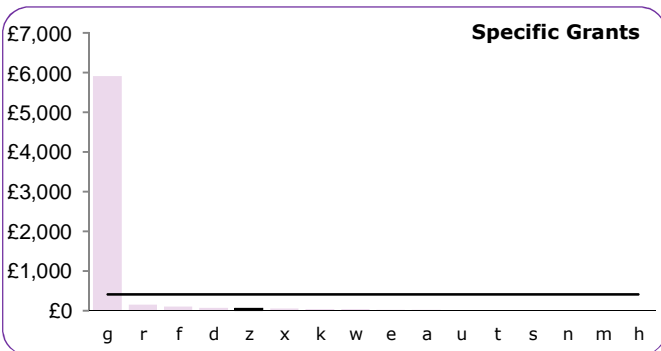
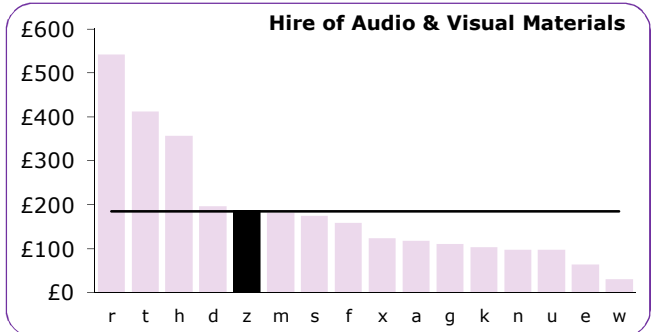
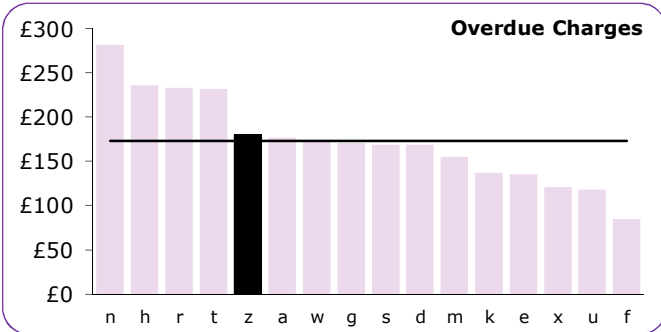


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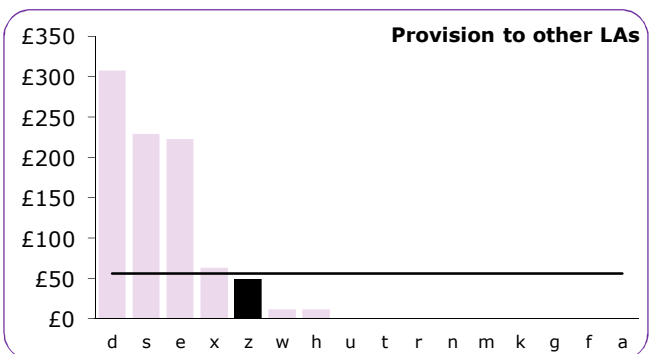
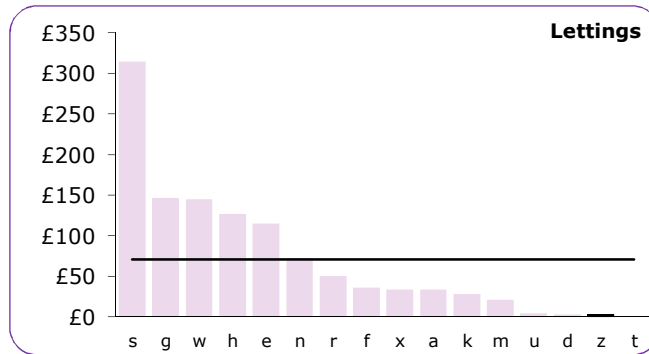
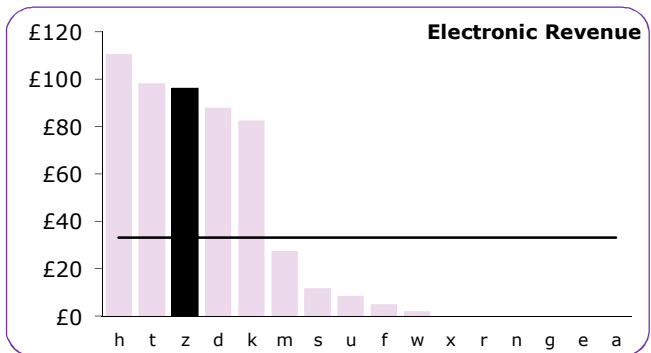
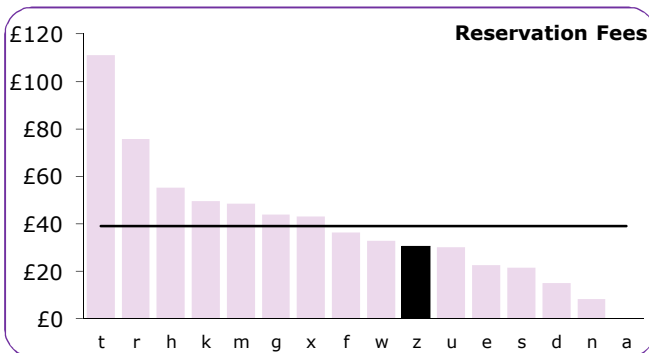
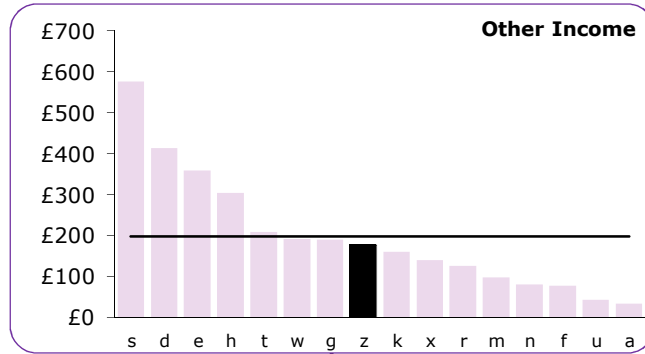
Revenue Income (2013-14 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Overdue Charges	(127,354)	(180)	(173)
Hire of Audio & Visual Materials	(131,733)	(186)	(185)
Specific Grants	(44,485)	(63)	(402)
Receipts from the Public	(241,426)	(342)	(381)
Corporate Income	(122,879)	(174)	(242)
Other Income	(125,483)	(178)	(199)
Reservation Fees	(21,573)	(31)	(39)
Lettings	(1,637)	(2)	(71)
Electronic Revenue	(67,933)	(96)	(33)
Provision to other LAs	(34,340)	(49)	(56)
<b>Total Revenue Income</b>	<b>(793,360)</b>	<b>(1,123)</b>	<b>(1,581)</b>

graphs shown per 1,000 population



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 125 to 134

Total Other Income (2013-14 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Reservation Fees	(21,573)	(31)	(39)
Lettings	(1,637)	(2)	(71)
Electronic Revenue	(67,933)	(96)	(33)
Provision to other LAs	(34,340)	(49)	(56)
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>(125,483)</b>	<b>(178)</b>	<b>(199)</b>

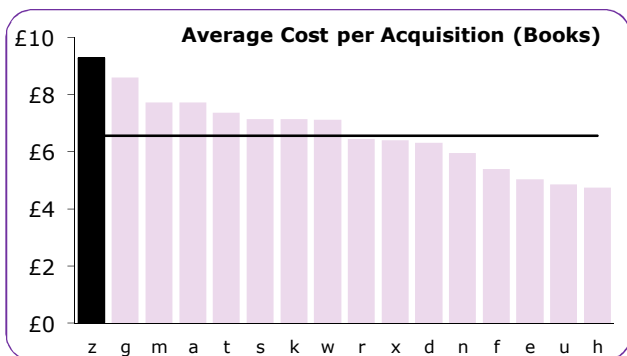


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 126, 127, 129 & 131

## B2: Cost Indicators

	£ p	Average
Average Cost per Book	£9.27	£6.55

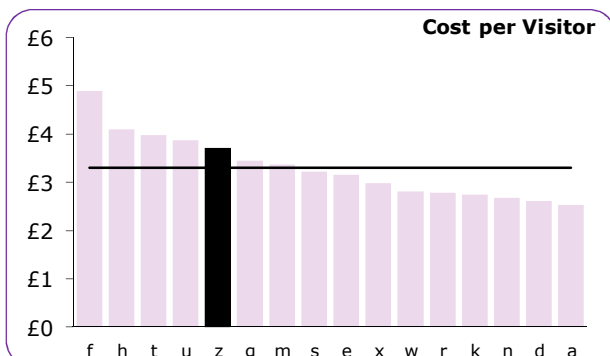
- Average cost per book acquisition.



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 -  
Sum of Cells 100 to 104 divided by Cell 38

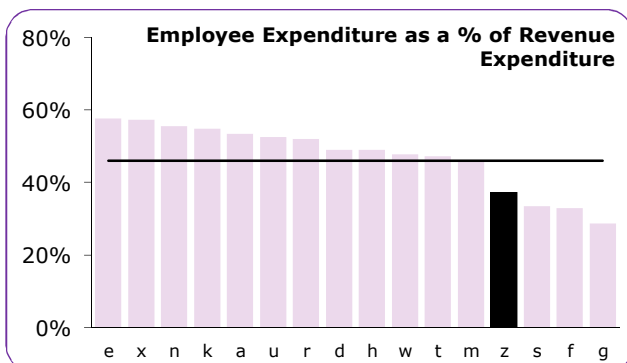
	£ p	Average
Cost per Visitor	£3.70	£3.30

- Revenue expenditure divided by visitor number.



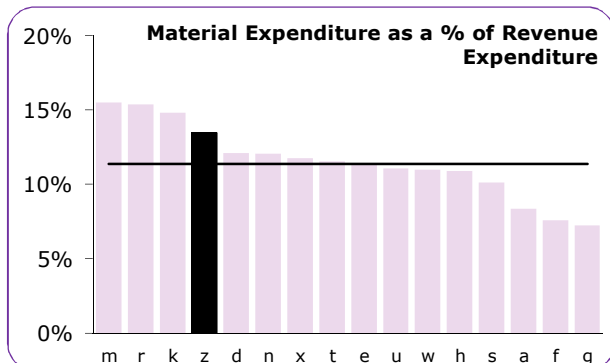
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 -  
Cell 124 divided by Cell 91

	%	Average
% Employee Expenditure	37%	46%



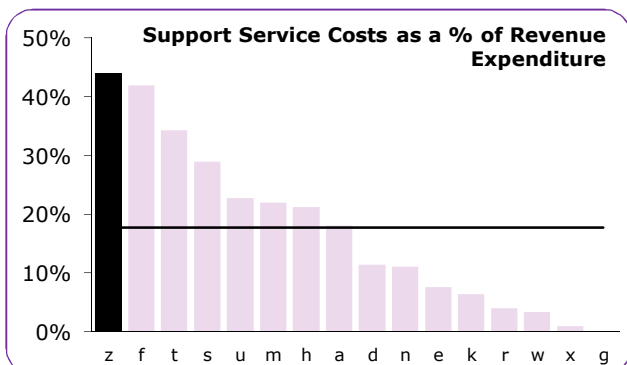
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 -  
Cell 98 as a percentage of Cell 124

	%	Average
% Material Expenditure	13%	11%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 -  
Cell 124 divided by cell 20

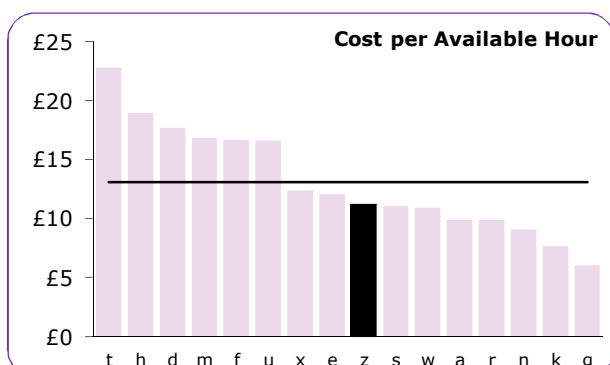
	%	Average
% Support Services	44%	18%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 -  
Cell 123 as a percentage of Cell 124

	£ p	Average
Cost per Available Hour	£11.23	£13.10

- Cost per Available Hour

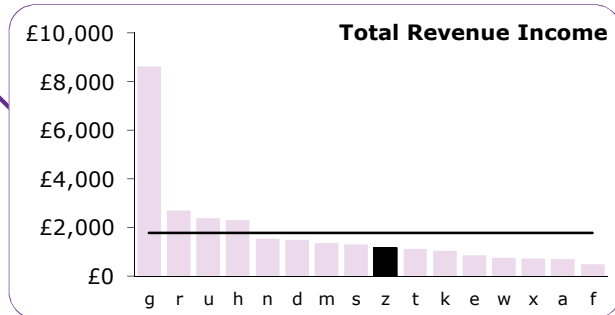
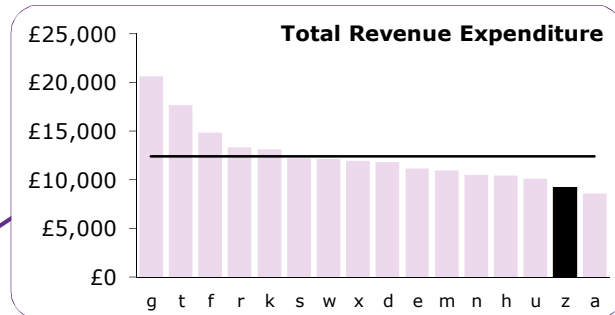
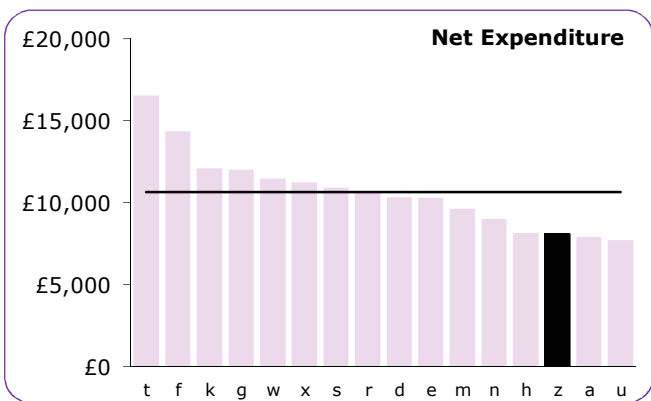


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Cell 118 as a percentage of Cell 124

### B3: Financial Information (2014-15 Estimates)

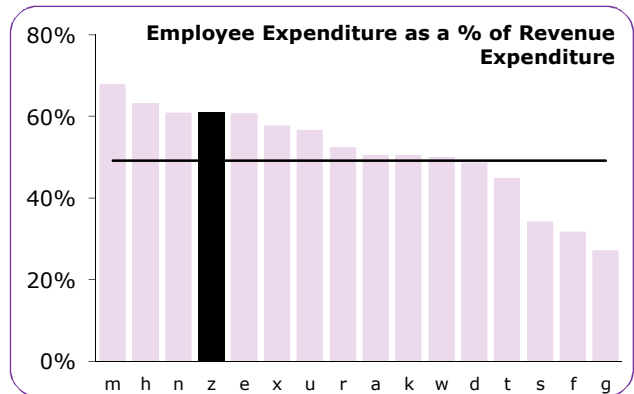
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Net Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	3,959,334	5,603	6,104
Premises	1,118,809	1,583	2,070
Supplies & Services - Materials	1,200,000	1,698	1,515
Other Expenditure	229,612	325	2,721
Revenue Expenditure	6,507,755	9,210	12,409
Revenue Income	(806,000)	(1,141)	(1,771)
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>5,701,755</b>	<b>8,069</b>	<b>10,638</b>



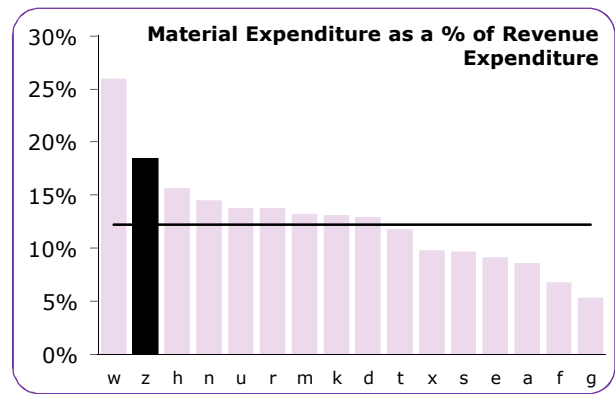
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 137 to 141

2014-15 Estimates	%	Average
% Employee Expenditure	61%	49%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 137 as a percentage of Cell 141

2014-15 Estimates	%	Average
% Material Expenditure	18%	12%

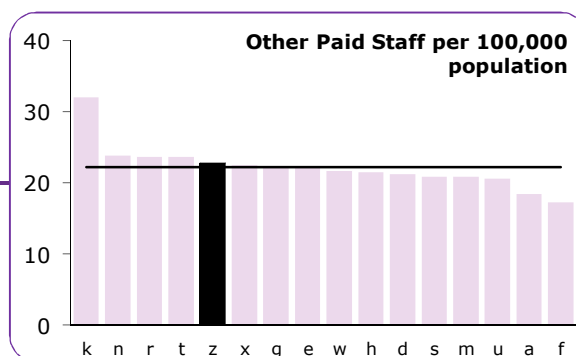
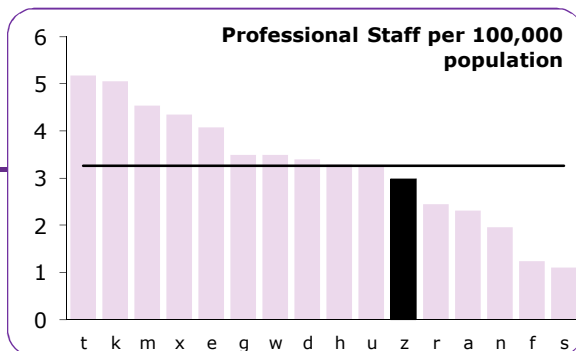
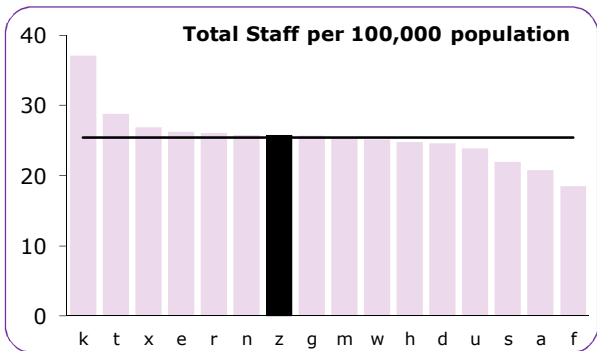


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## B4: Staffing

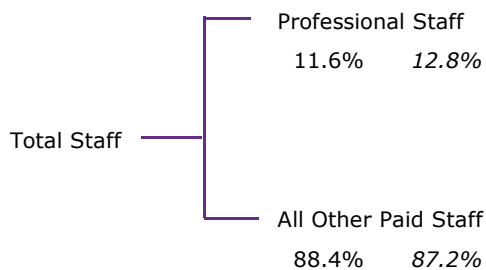
at 31 March 2014

	FTE	per 100,000 pop	Average
Professional Staff	21.1	3.0	3.3
All Other Staff	161.1	22.8	22.2
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>182.2</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>25.5</b>



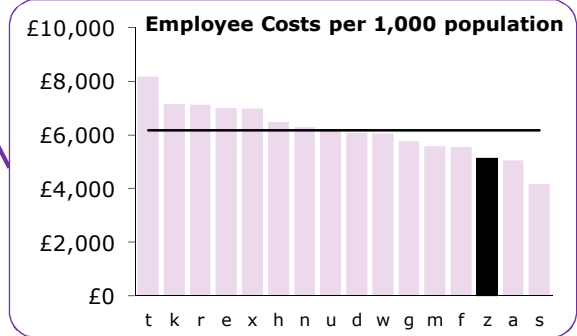
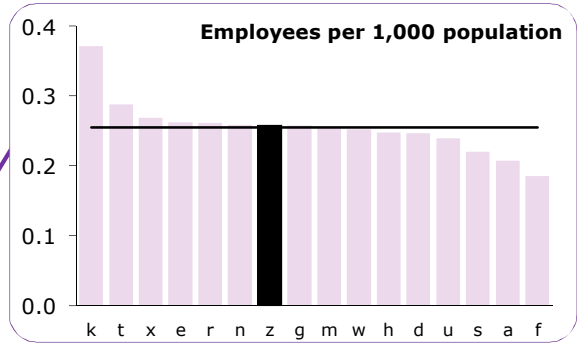
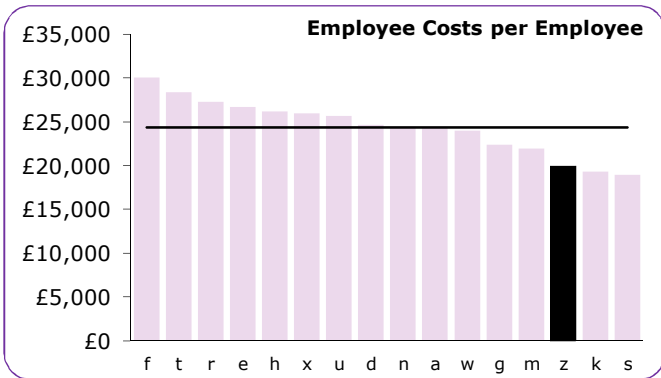
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 62 to 64

This tree diagram analyses professional and other staff as a percentage of total staff. Your authority's value is followed by the average value in italics.



## B4: Staffing (continued)

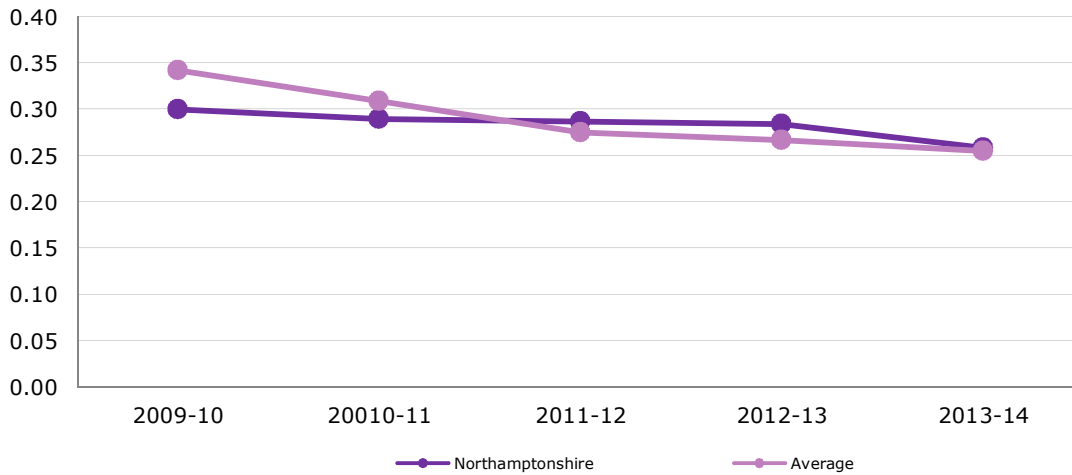
	£	Average
Employee Costs per Employee	19,900	24,371
Employees per 1,000 population	0.3	0.3
Employee Costs per 1,000 population	5,130	6,166



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 98 divided by Cell 64

All Staff	FTE	per 1,000 pop	Average
2009-10	204.9	0.30	0.34
2010-11	198.6	0.29	0.31
2011-12	198.6	0.29	0.27
2012-13	198.6	0.28	0.27
2013-14	182.2	0.26	0.25

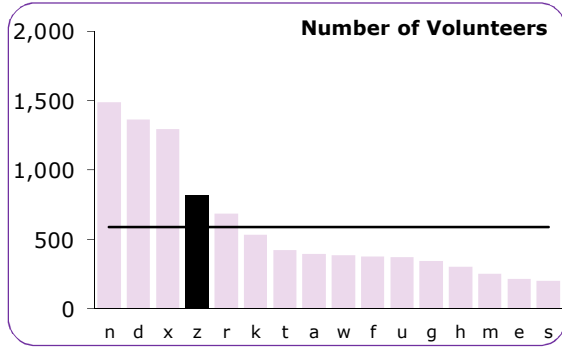
Employees per 1,000 population: Time Series



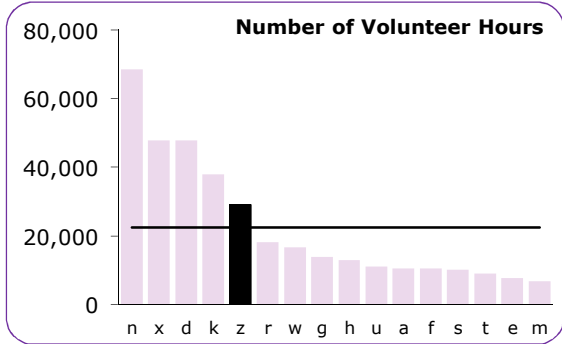
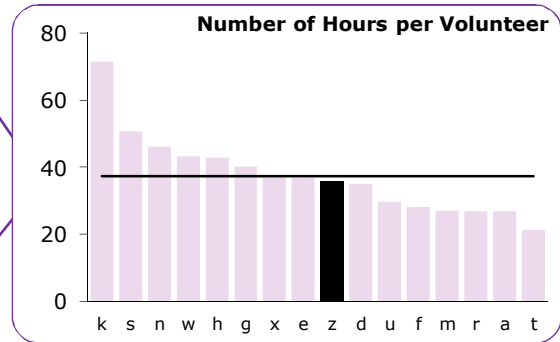
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 64 and equivalent for previous years

## B5: Volunteers

2013-14 Actuals



	Number	Average
Volunteers	817	590
Volunteer Hours	29,071	22,427
Average Hours per Volunteer	35.6	37.4

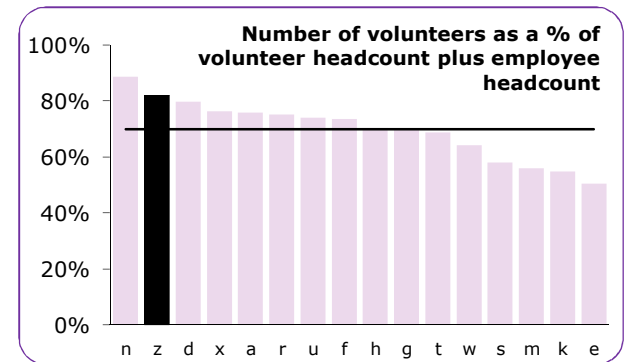
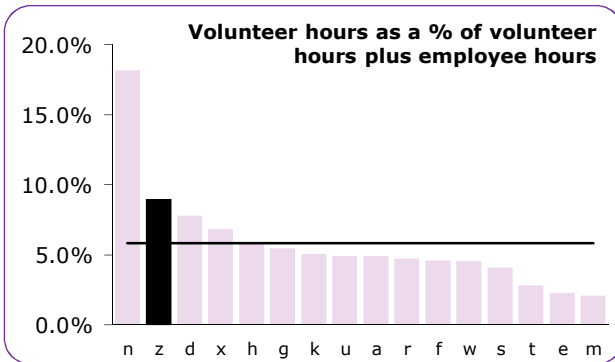


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 65 & 66

- The section below uses 1,625 hours as the annual hours worked by a full-time member of staff.
- We use this to compare hours provided by paid staff and volunteers.
- The two charts below compare the volunteers to the total of paid staff and volunteers.

	FTE	Average
% Hours worked by volunteers	8.9%	5.8%

	%	Average
Volunteers as % headcount	81.8%	69.8%

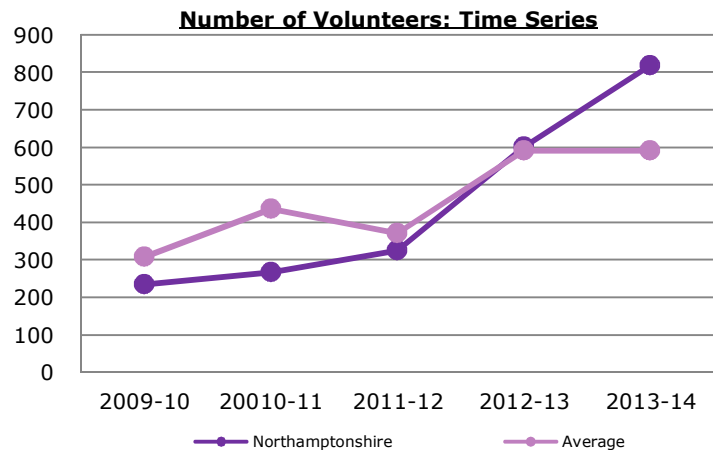


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 65 & 66

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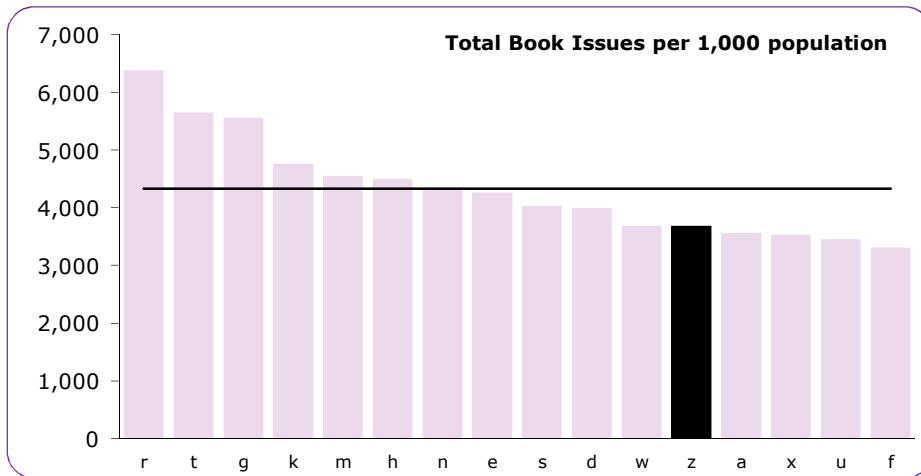
Volunteers	Number	Average
2009-10	234	307
2010-11	266	435
2011-12	325	371
2012-13	601	591
2013-14	817	590

Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 65 and equivalent for previous years



## SECTION C: WORKLOAD

- This section examines issues and stock turn for books and other items along with requests, enquiries and loans.



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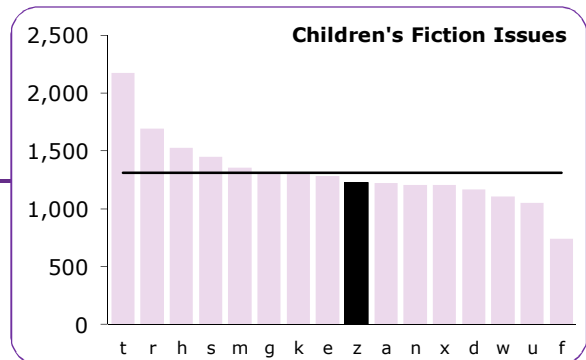
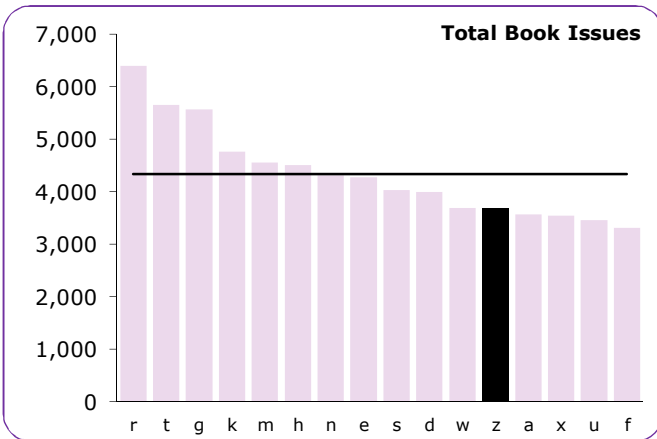
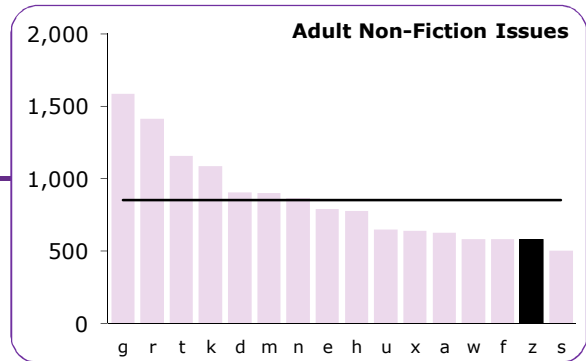
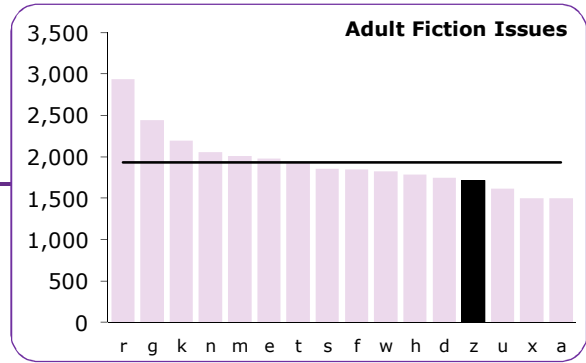


# C1: Book Issues

2013-14 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Average
Adult Fiction	1,207,252	1,709	<i>1,934</i>
Adult Non-Fiction	410,476	581	<i>854</i>
Children's Fiction	864,854	1,224	<i>1,313</i>
Children's Non-Fiction	120,373	170	<i>228</i>
<b>Total Book Issues</b>	<b>2,602,955</b>	<b>3,684</b>	<b><i>4,329</i></b>

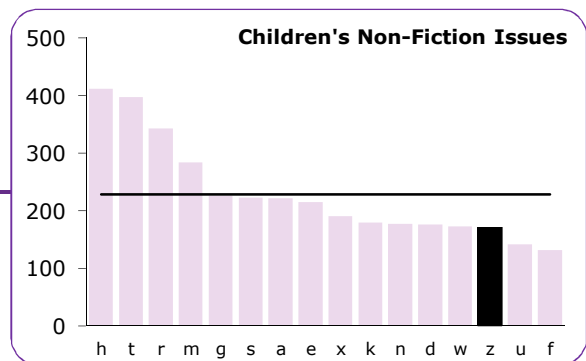
graphs shown per 1,000 population



Breakdown of issues (percentage). Your authority's value is followed by the average value in italics.

Category	Your Authority (%)	Average (%)
Adult Fiction	46.4%	<i>44.7%</i>
Adult Non-Fiction	15.8%	<i>19.7%</i>
Children's Fiction	33.2%	<i>30.3%</i>
Children's Non-Fiction	4.6%	<i>5.3%</i>

Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 67 to 71

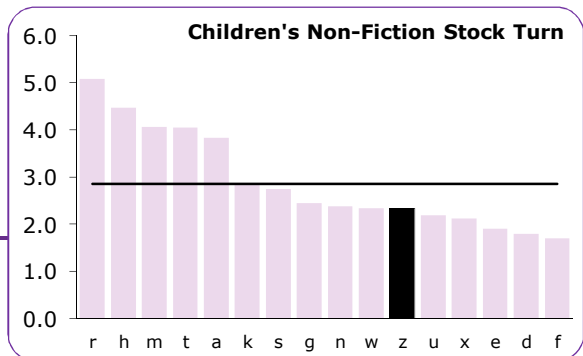
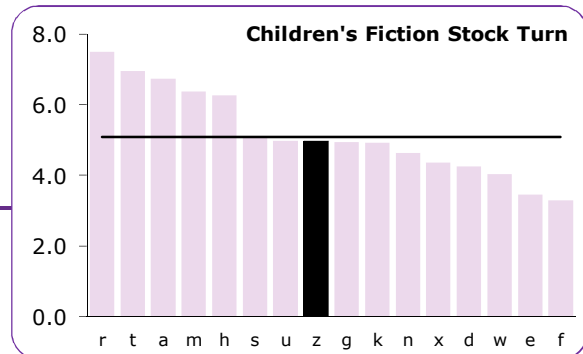
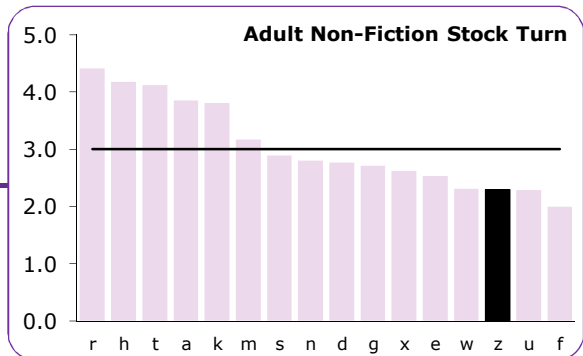
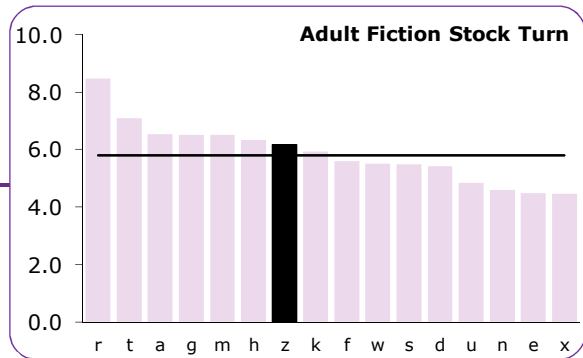
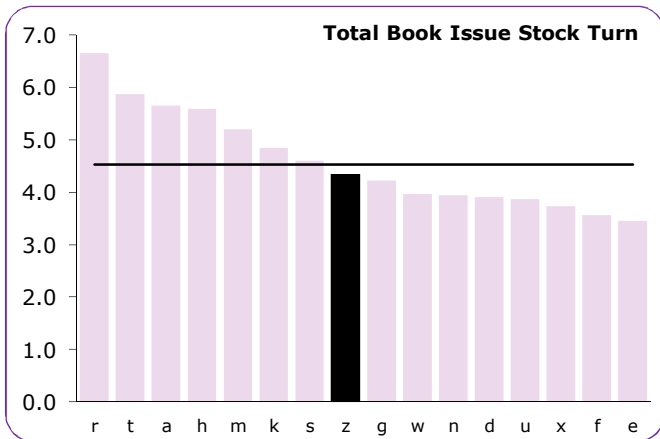


## C2: Stock Turn

2013-14 Actuals

	Number	Average
Adult Fiction	6.2	5.8
Adult Non-Fiction	2.3	3.0
Children's Fiction	5.0	5.1
Children's Non-Fiction	2.3	2.8
<b>Total Book Issues</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>4.5</b>

• Number of books issued divided by the book stock (i.e. the average number of times each book was issued during the year).



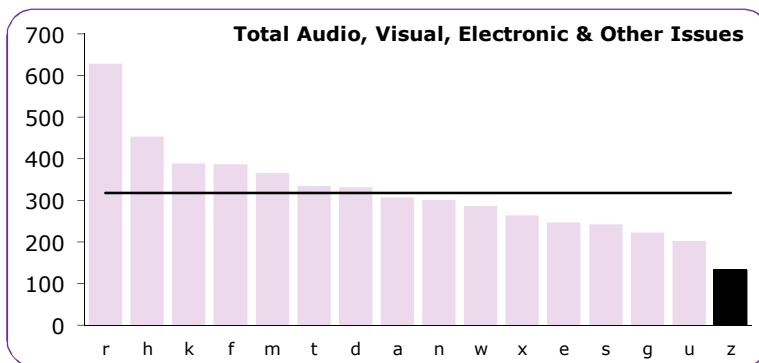
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### C3: Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Issues

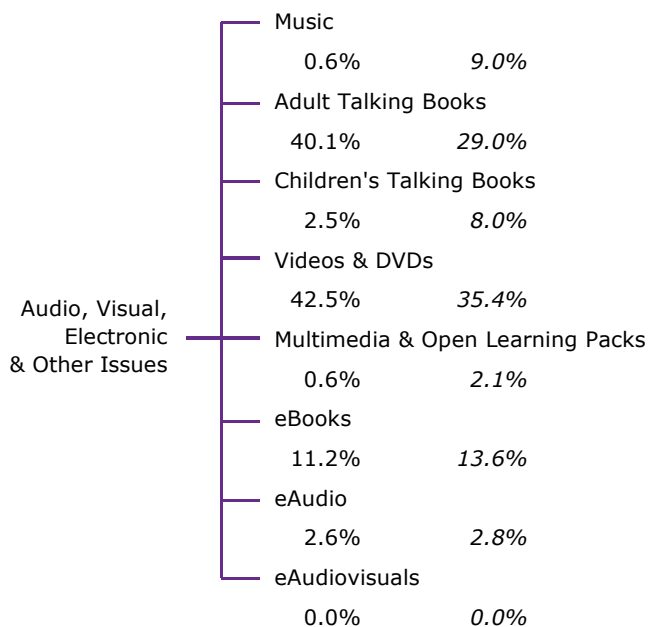
2013-14 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Avg
<b>Sound Recordings</b>			
Music	560	0.8	28.8
Adult Talking Books	37,397	52.9	92.4
Children's Talking Books	2,318	3.3	25.4
Video & DVDs	39,622	56.1	113.0
Multimedia & Open Learning Packs	551	0.8	6.8
<b>Electronic Products</b>			
eBooks	10,439	14.8	43.5
eAudio	2,383	3.4	8.9
eAudiovisuals	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Audio Visual Issues</b>	<b>93,270</b>	<b>132.0</b>	<b>318.8</b>

graph shown per 1,000 population



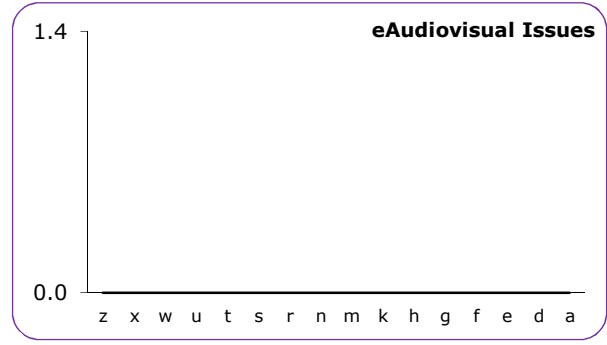
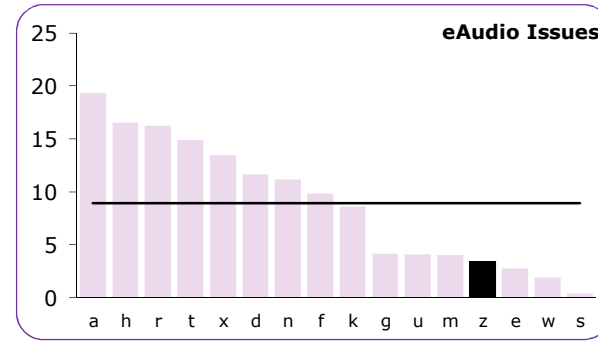
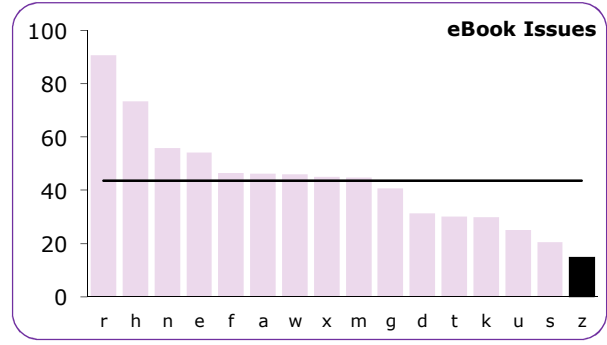
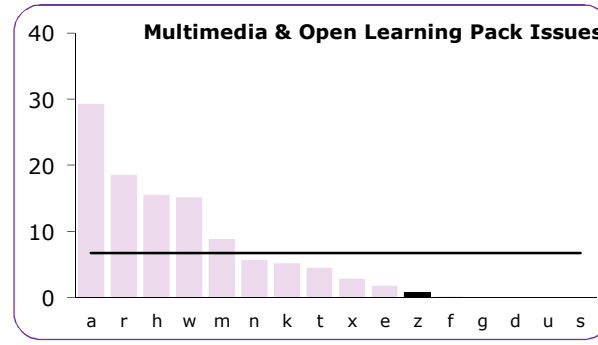
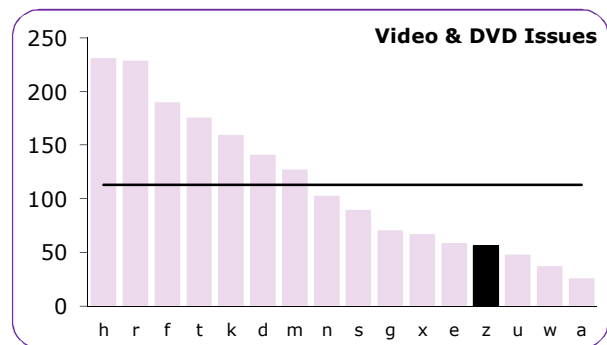
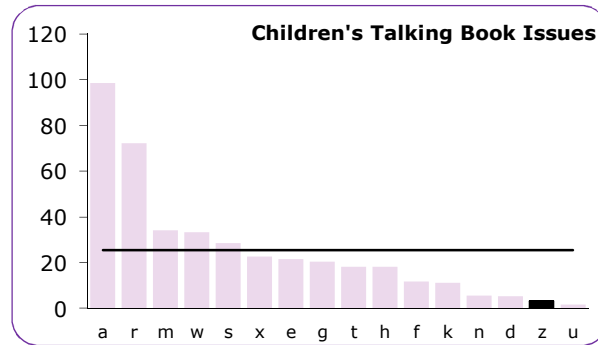
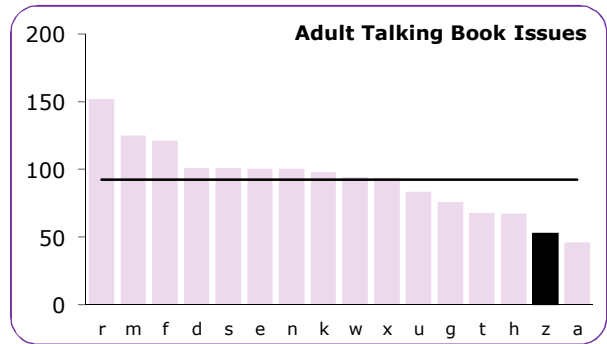
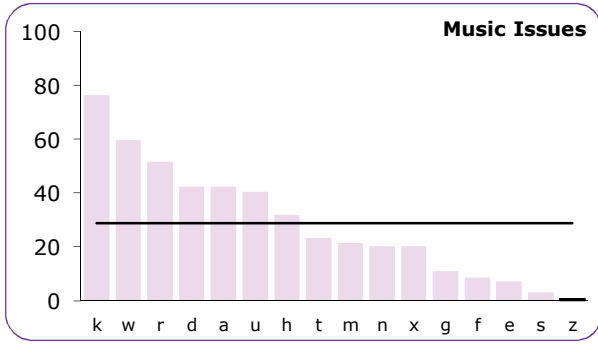
This tree diagram analyses Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Issues.  
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Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 72 to 80

### C3: Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Issues (continued)

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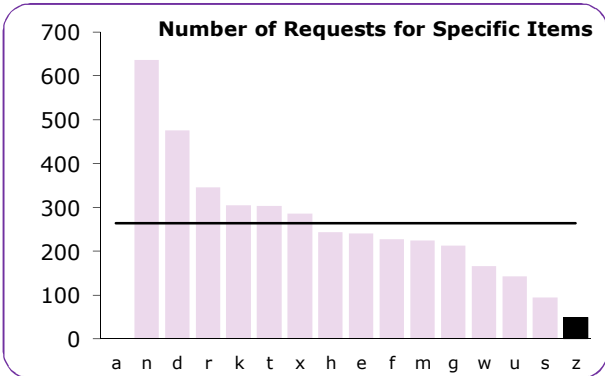
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## C4: Request Service

2013-14 Actuals

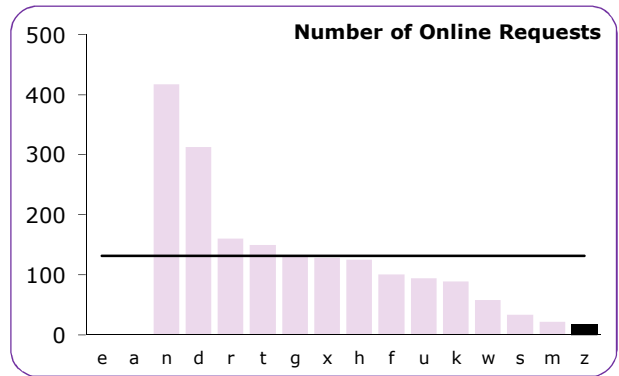
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Requests	34,634	49	263

graphs shown per 1,000 population



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 81

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Online Requests	11,761	17	132



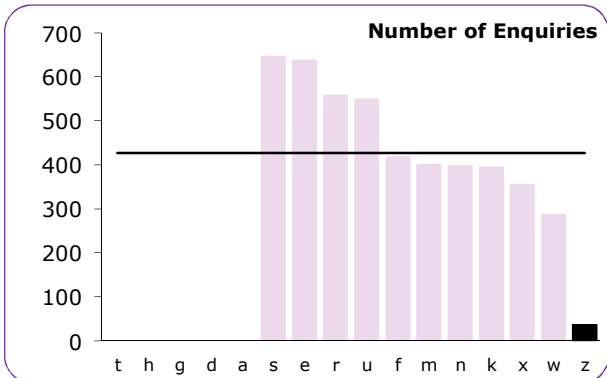
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## C5: Enquiries

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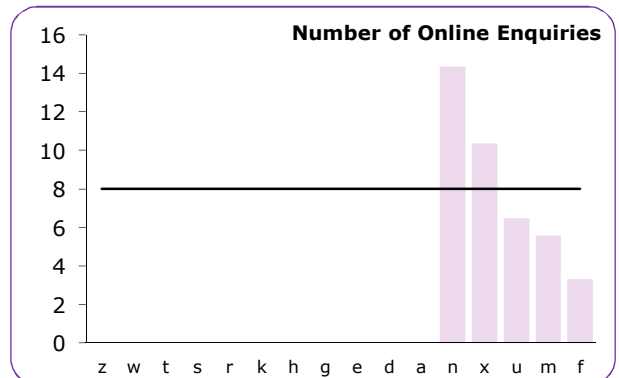
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Enquiries	25,708	36	427

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	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Online Enquiries	na	na	8.0



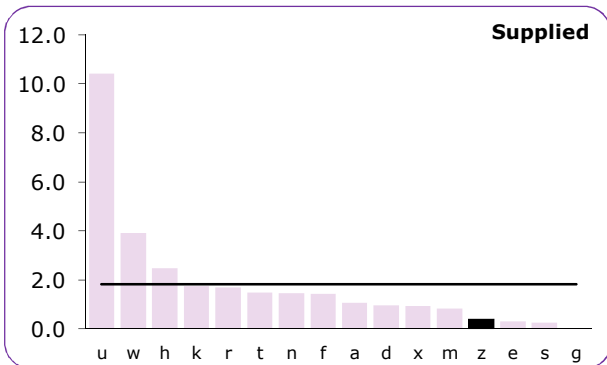
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cell 87

## C6: Inter-Library Loans

2013-14 Actuals

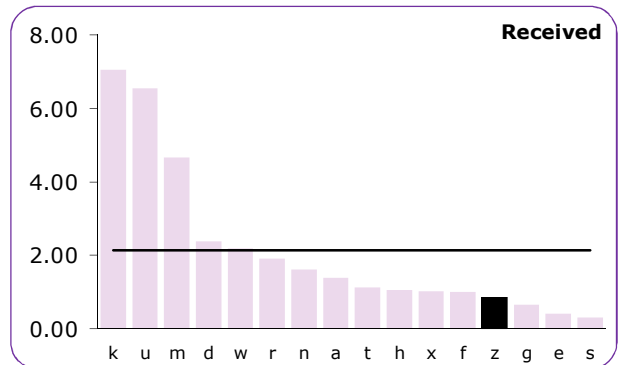
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Loans Supplied	279	0.4	1.8

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Loans Received	607	0.86	2.14



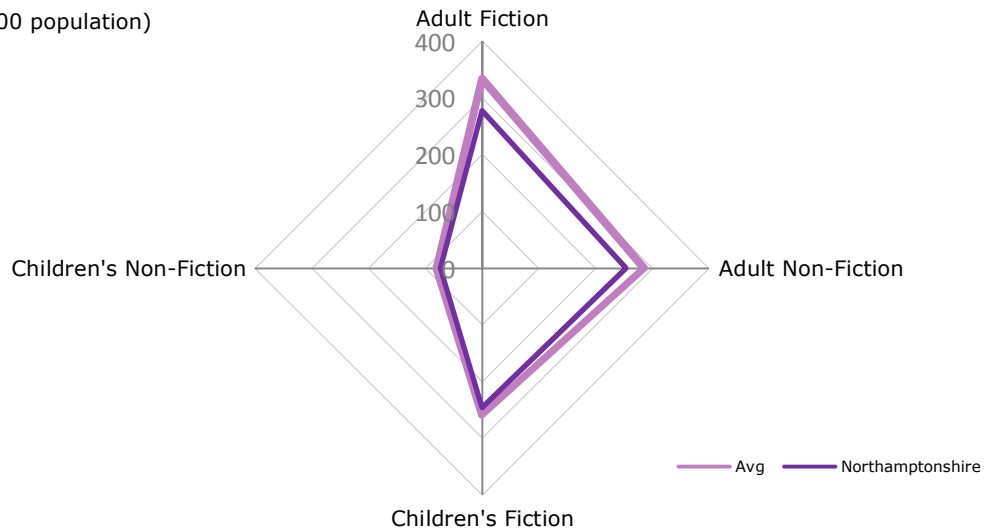
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## SECTION D: STOCK

- This section examines issues and stock turn for books and other items along with requests, enquiries and loans.

### **Book Stock at 31 March 2014**

(Stock per 1,000 population)



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# D1: Book Stock

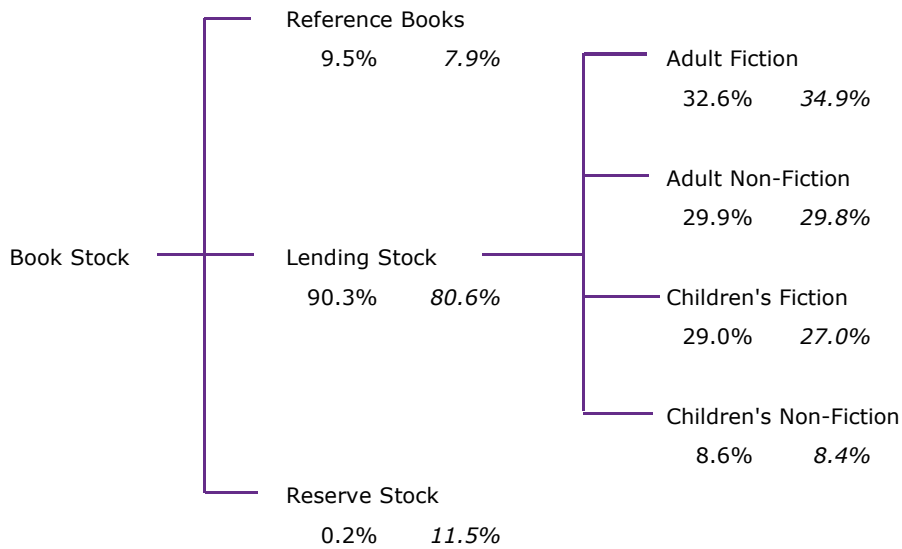
## Summary

### Book Stock at 31 March 2014



- Books per 1,000 population, see next page for detail.

This tree diagram analyses each type of stock as a percentage of total book stock. Your authority's value is followed by the average value in italics.



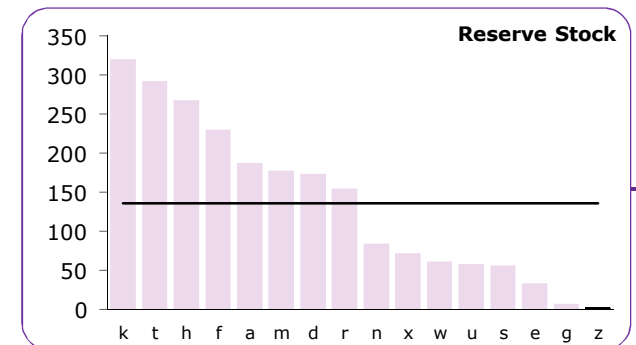
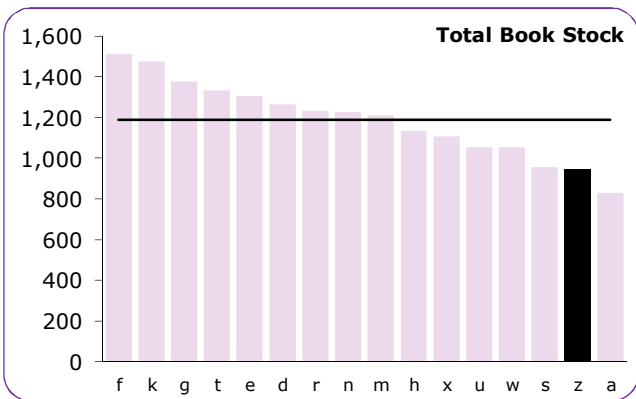
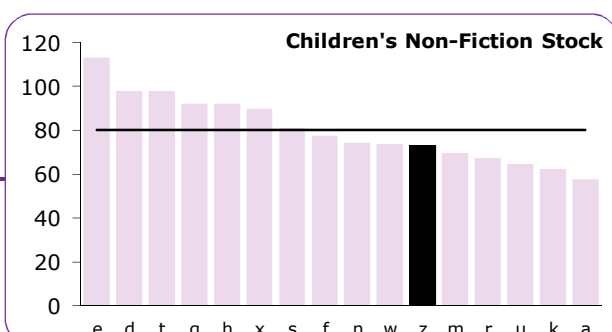
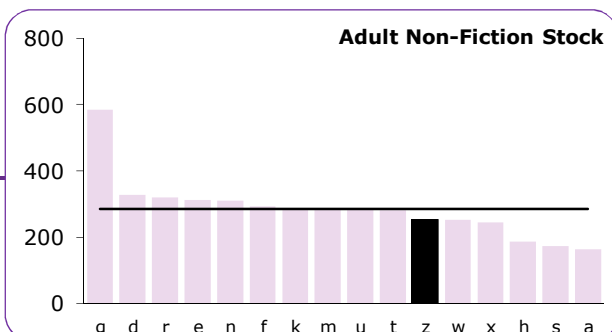
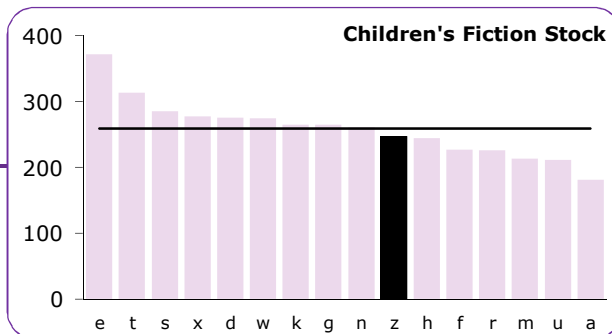
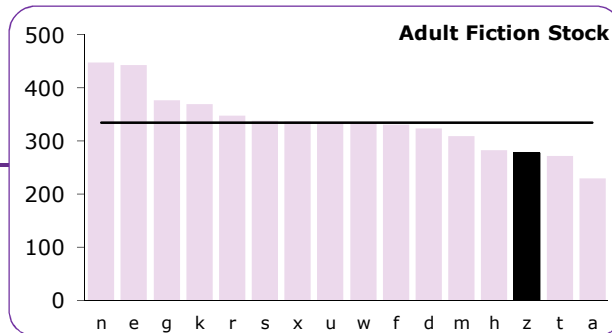
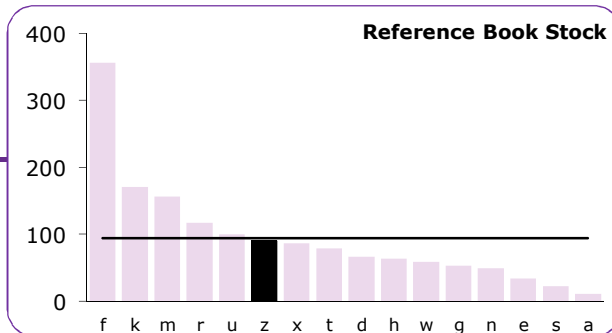
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# D1: Book Stock (continued)

at 31 March 2014

	No.	/1,000 pop	Avg
Reference Books	63,131	89	94
<b>Lending Stock</b>			
Adult Fiction	195,889	277	334
Adult Non-Fiction	179,357	254	285
Children's Fiction	173,938	246	258
Children's Non-Fiction	51,521	73	80
Reserve Stock	1,253	2	136
<b>Total Book Stock</b>	<b>665,089</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1,188</b>

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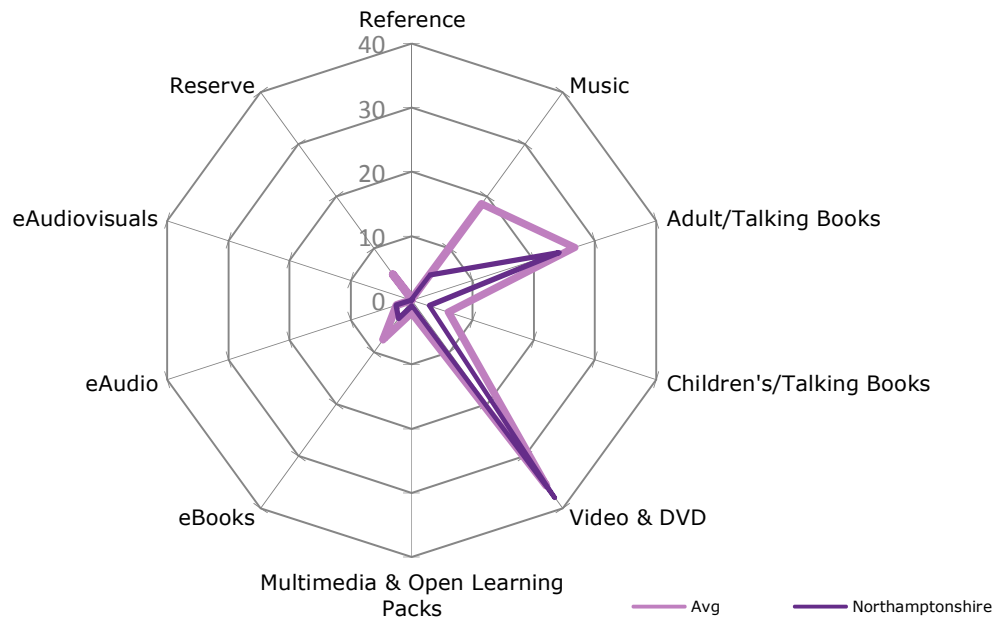


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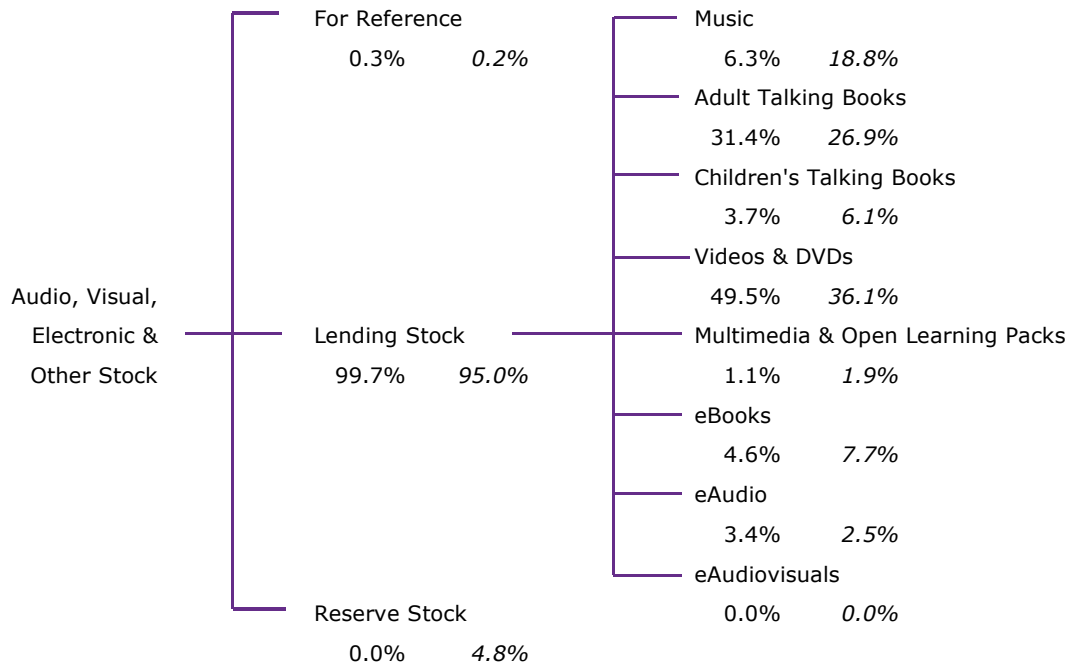
## D2: Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Stock

**Stock at 31 March 2014**



- Stock per 1,000 population, see next page for detail.

This tree diagram analyses each type of stock as a percentage of total audio visual stock. Your authority's value is followed by the average value in italics.



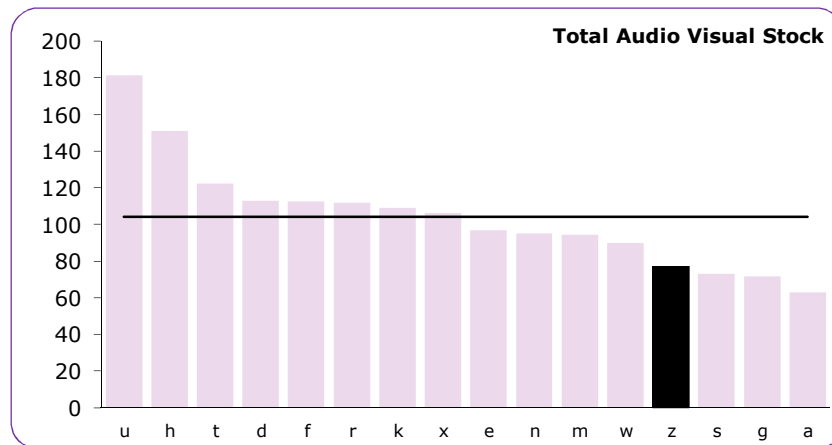
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## D2: Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Stock (continued)

at 31 March 2014

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Avg
For Reference	142	0.2	0.2
<b>Lending Stock</b>			
Sound - Music	3,434	4.9	18.6
Sound - Adult Talking Books	17,042	24.1	26.6
Sound - Children's Talking Books	2,020	2.9	6.1
Video & DVDs	26,834	38.0	35.7
Multimedia & Open Learning Packs	613	0.9	1.9
Electronic - eBooks	2,495	3.5	7.6
Electronic - eAudio	1,820	2.6	2.5
Electronic - eAudiovisuals	0	0.0	0.0
Reserve Stock	0	0.0	5.0
<b>Total Audio Visual Stock</b>	<b>54,400</b>	<b>77.0</b>	<b>104.5</b>

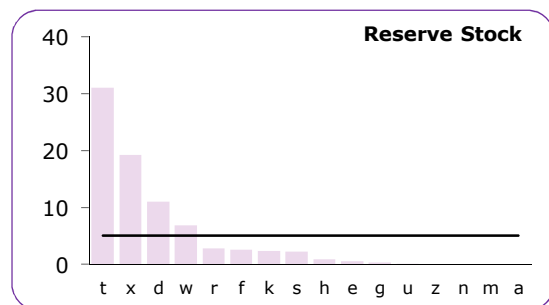
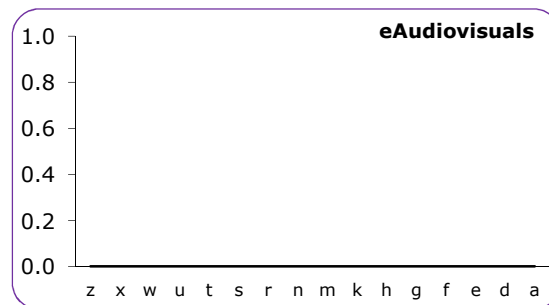
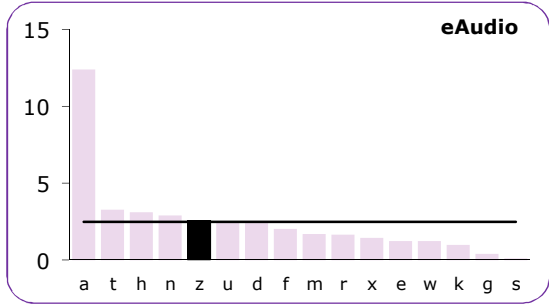
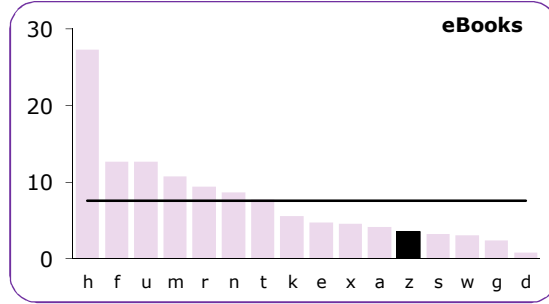
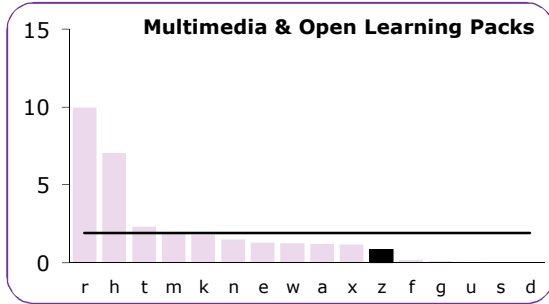
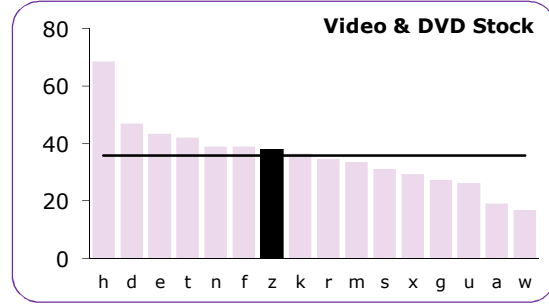
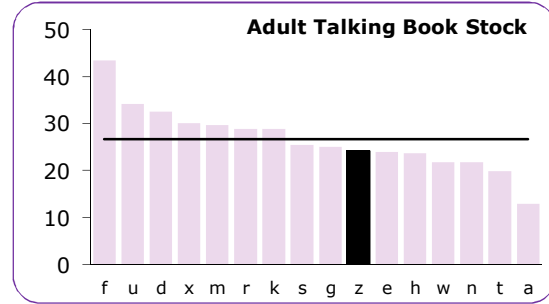
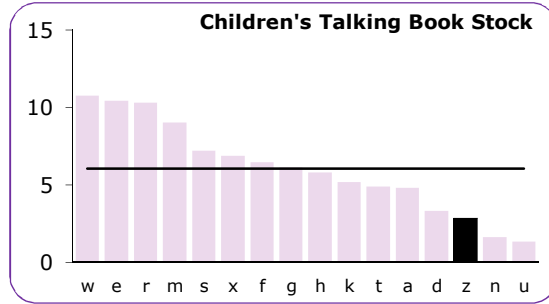
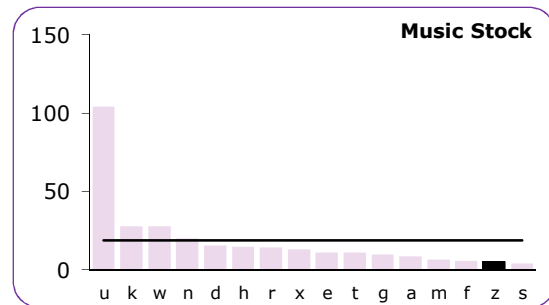
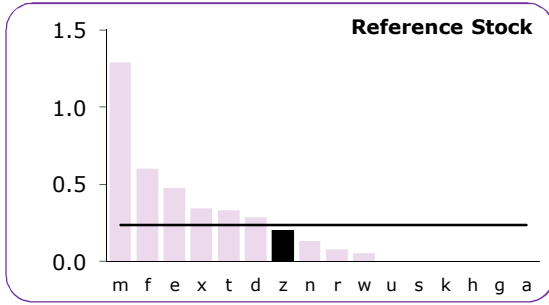
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## D2: Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Stock (continued)

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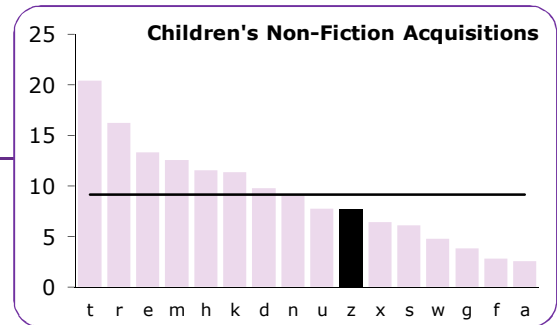
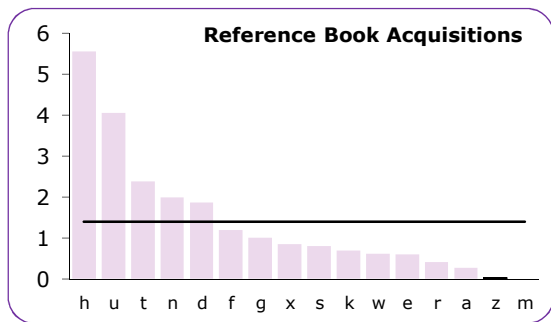
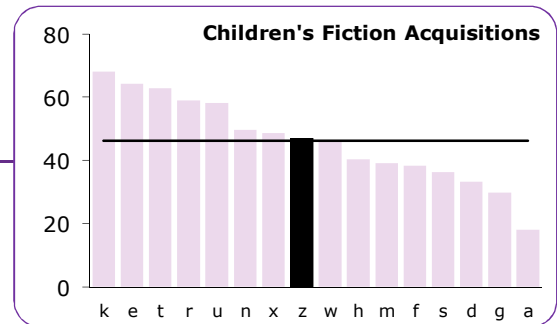
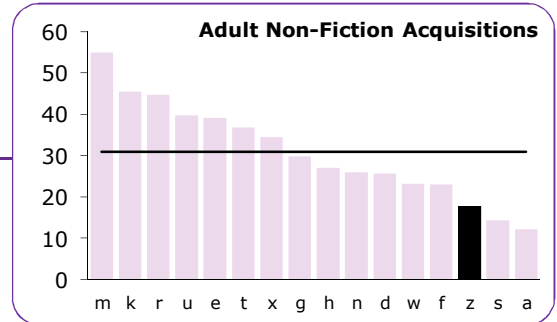
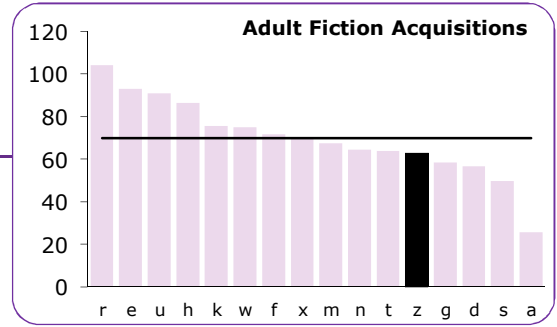
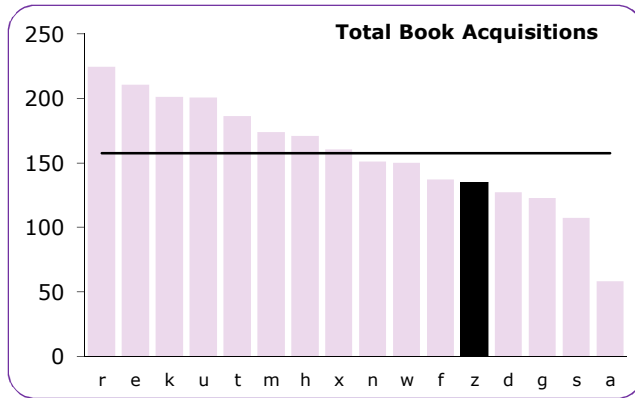
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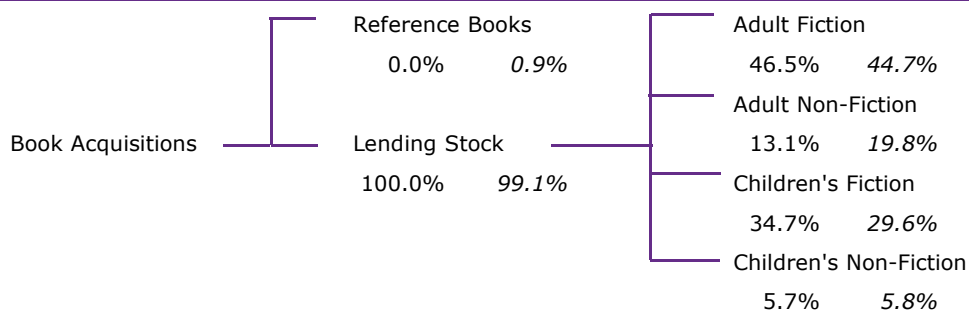
2013-14 Actuals

graphs shown per 1,000 population

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Reference Books	14	0.0	1.4
<b>Lending Stock</b>			
Adult Fiction	44,384	62.8	69.7
Adult Non-Fiction	12,495	17.7	30.9
Children's Fiction	33,170	46.9	46.2
Children's Non-Fiction	5,406	7.7	9.1
<b>Total Book Acquisitions</b>	<b>95,469</b>	<b>135.1</b>	<b>157.3</b>



This tree diagram analyses each type of stock as a percentage of total book acquisitions. Your authority's value is followed by the average value in italics.



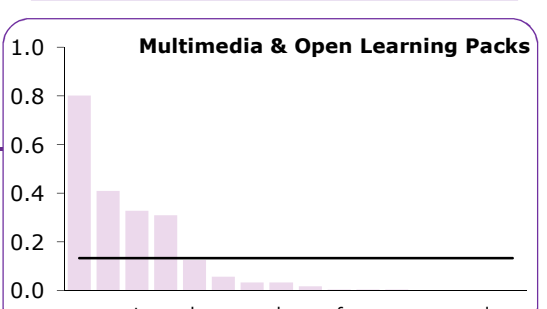
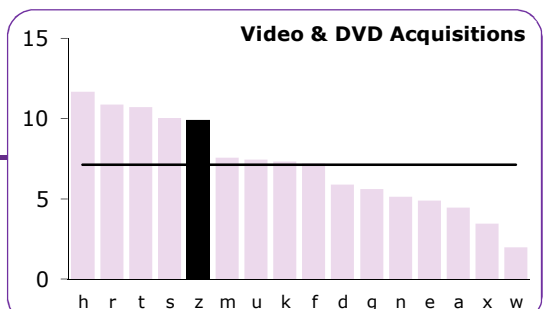
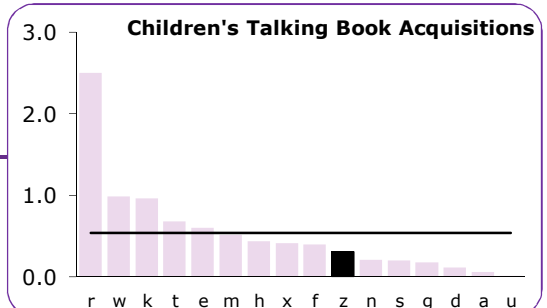
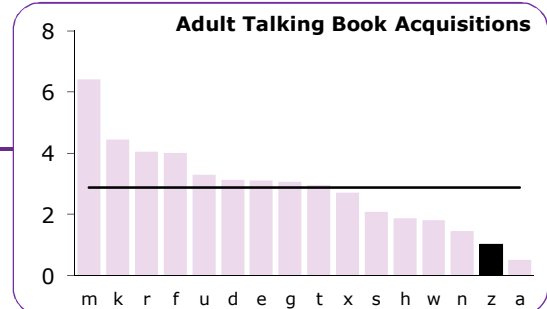
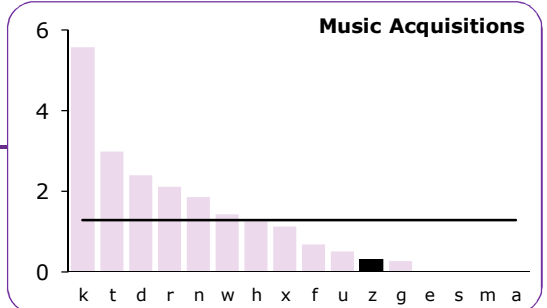
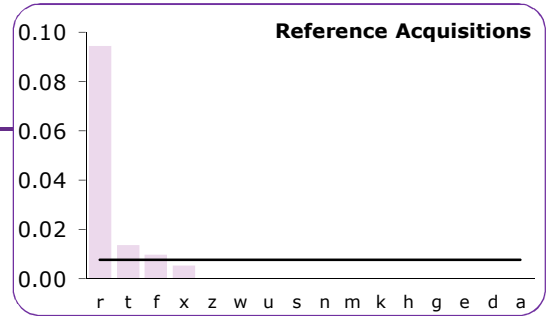
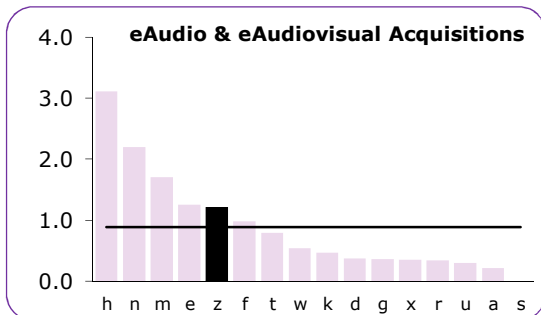
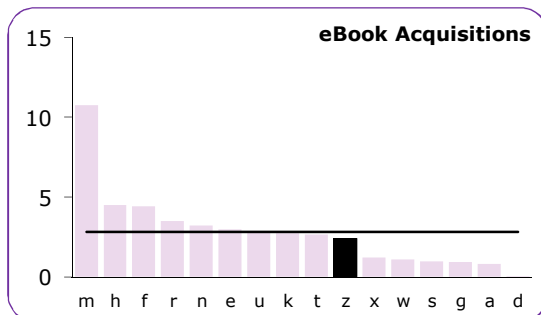
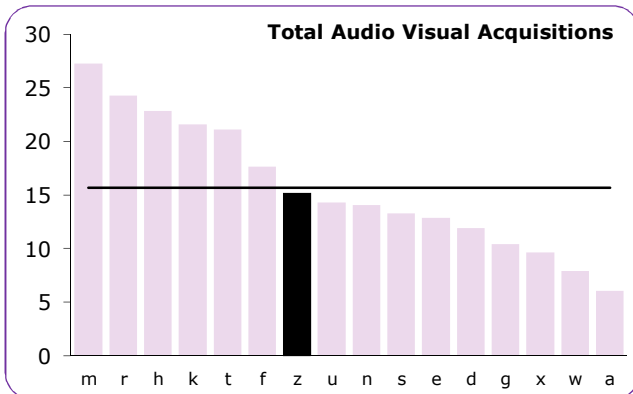
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## D4: Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Acquisitions

2013-14 Actuals

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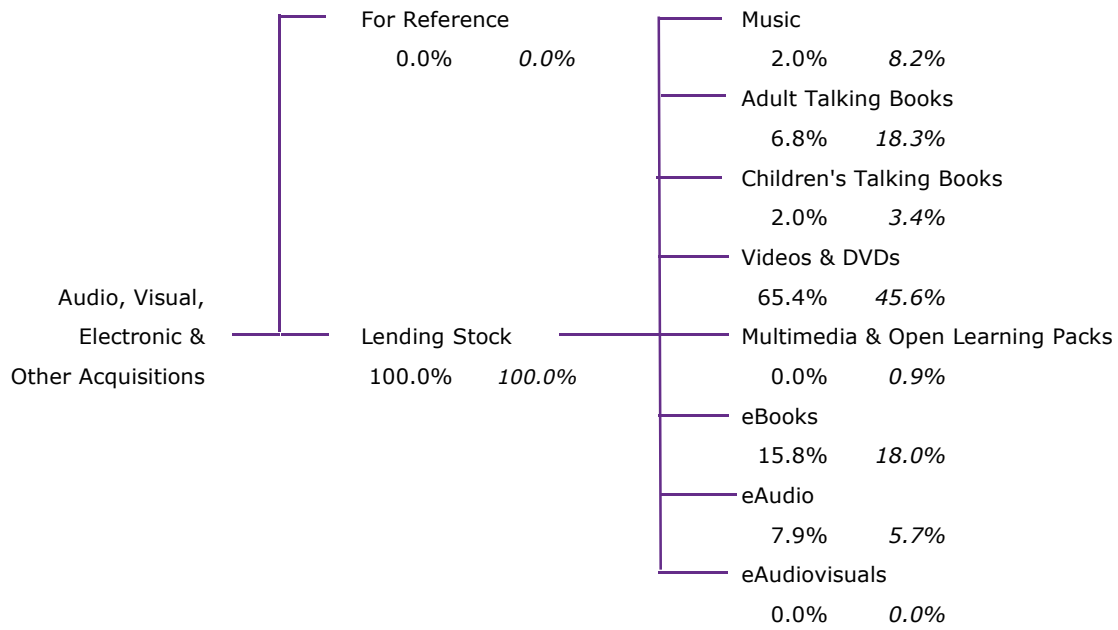
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Avg
For Reference	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Lending Stock</b>			
Sound - Music	217	0.3	1.3
Sound - Adult Talking Books	723	1.0	2.9
Sound - Children's Talking Books	216	0.3	0.5
Video & DVDs	6,996	9.9	7.1
Multimedia & Open Learning Packs	0	0.0	0.1
eBooks	1,695	2.4	2.8
eAudio	850	1.2	0.9
eAudiovisuals	0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total Audio Visual Acquisitions</b>	<b>10,697</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.6</b>



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 51 to 61

## D4: Audio, Visual, Electronic & Other Acquisitions (continued)

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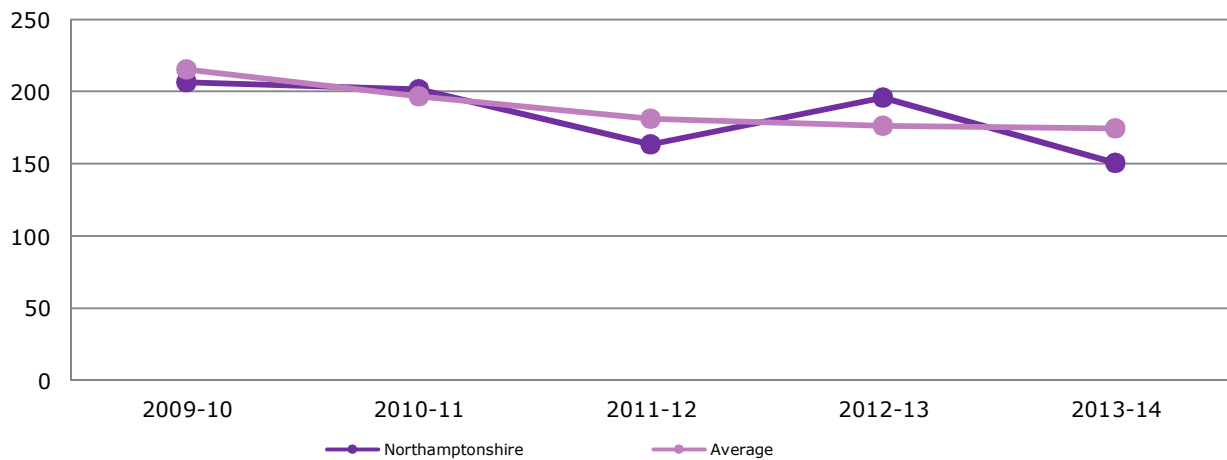


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## D5: All Acquisitions (Books and Audio Visual)

Acquisitions	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2009-10	141,199	206	215
2010-11	138,358	201	197
2011-12	113,283	163	181
2012-13	137,113	196	176
2013-14	106,166	150	174

Acquisitions per 1,000 population: Time Series

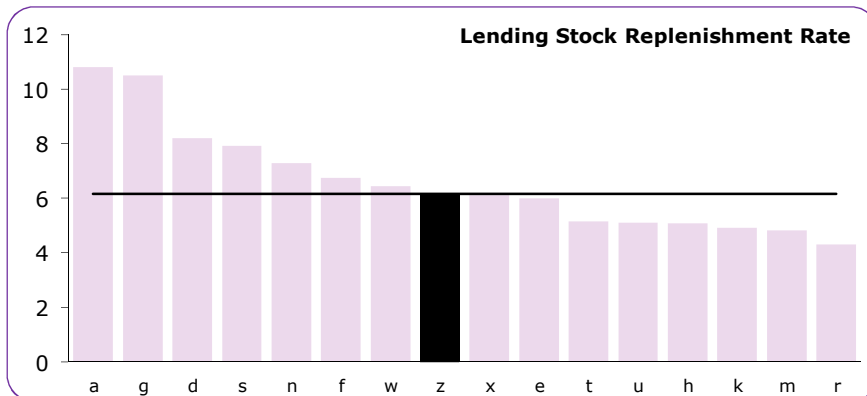


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## D6: Lending Stock Replenishment Rate

Lending Stock	Years	Average
Replenishment Rate	6.2	6.2

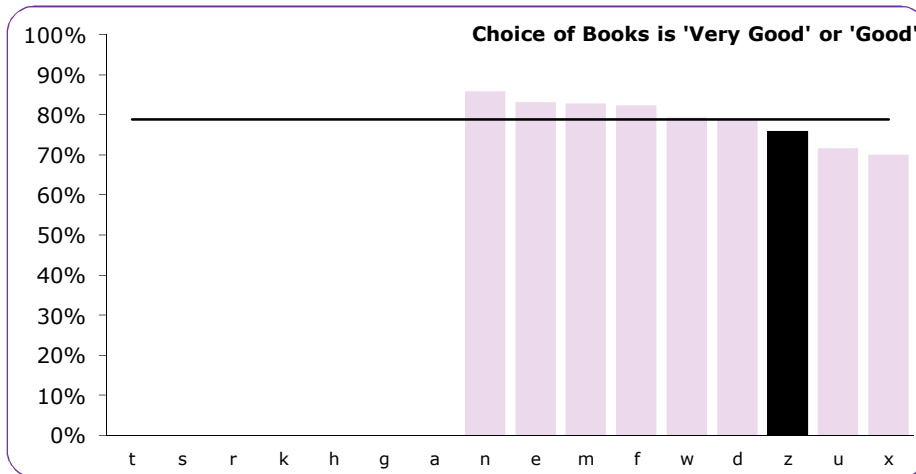
- Time taken in years to replenish the lending stock on open access or available on loan at 2013-14 rate.



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - (Cell 29 + Cell 48) / (Cell 37 + Cell 60)

## SECTION E: PERFORMANCE

- The CIPFAstats Public Library Statistics primarily collect cost and quantity figures. Here we analyse the performance data included, in particular the results of the latest PLUS surveys\*.



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\*Public Library Users Survey (PLUS)

This PLUS data is the feedback from the individuals who makes use of library services. It contains the views of children, young people and adults from diverse neighbourhoods who have been surveyed on a variety of topics including books, homework and computers. Examples of the way the PLUS data is used includes, for example, demographic profiling to determine demand amongst key groups for services.

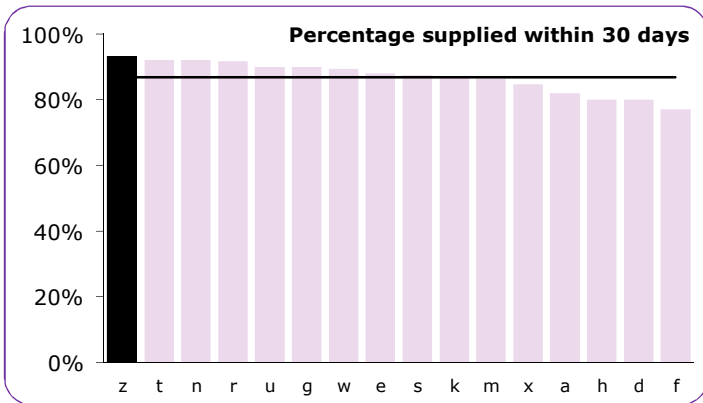
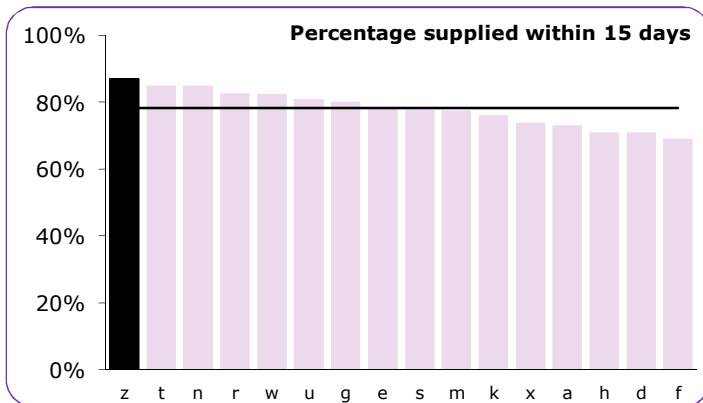
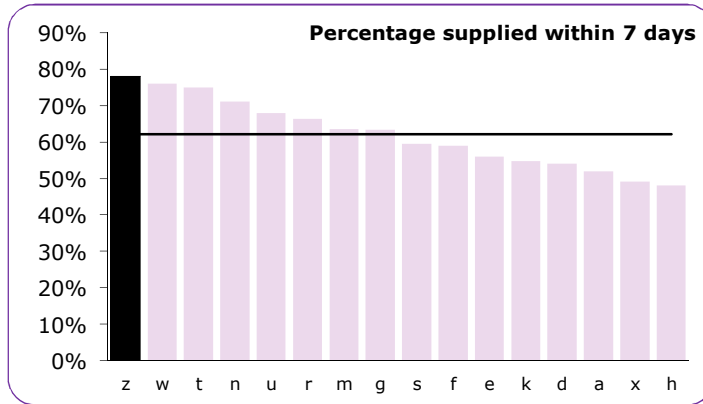
If you would like to learn more about PLUS please contact [research@cipfa.org](mailto:research@cipfa.org)



# E1: Requests

2013-14 Actuals

Percentage Supplied	Authority	Average
within 7 days	78%	62%
within 15 days	87%	78%
within 30 days	93%	87%

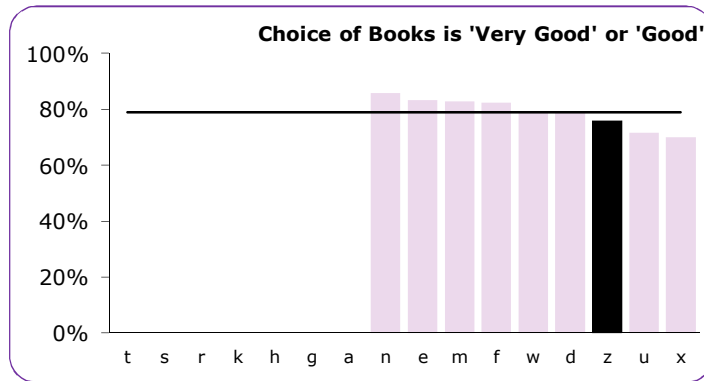
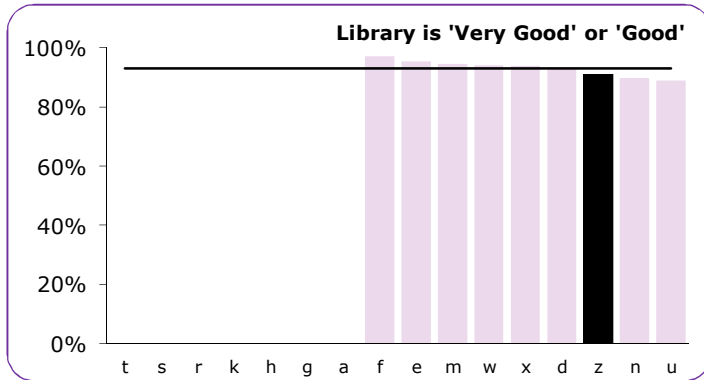
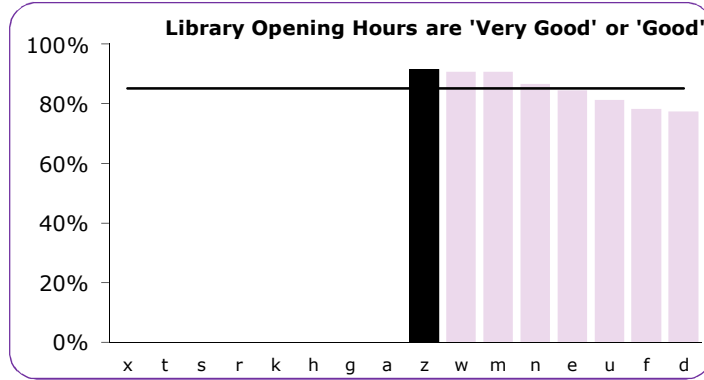


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 83 to 85

## E2: Public Library User Survey (PLUS)

Over 16

Survey Year: 2012-13	Authority	Average
Proportion who view their library opening hours as 'very good' or 'good'	92%	85%
Proportion who view their library as 'very good' or 'good'	91%	93%
Proportion who find the choice of books as 'very good' or 'good'	76%	79%

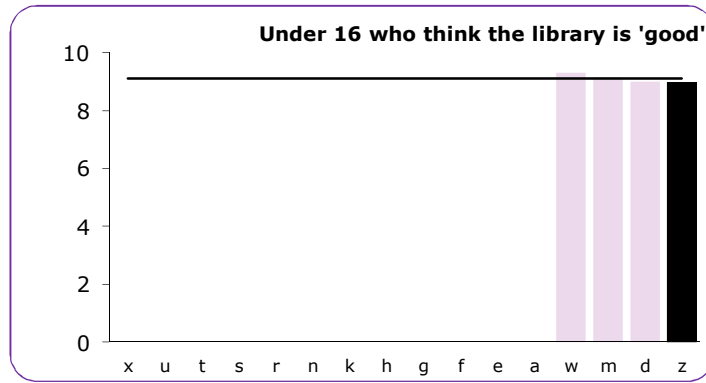


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2014 - Cells 154 to 156

### E3: Public Library User Survey (PLUS)

Under 16

Survey Year:	2012-13	Authority	Average
Who think the library is 'good' (average score out of 10)		9.0	9.1



# APPENDICES

- Information to help you get the most out of the report.

## APPENDIX 1 - Comparative Bar Charts

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The report makes a great deal of use of one simple type of chart that is used by many organisations including the consultants McKinsey & Co. to display data simply and effectively. This section provides a detailed overview of the chart and instructions on how to read the charts to get the most out of them.

## APPENDIX 2 - Background Information

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This appendix provides comparisons for educational achievement, deprivation, area, population and population density as all these can have an impact on libraries planning.

## APPENDIX 3 - Financial Information

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This appendix provides more detailed tables of the financial data analysed in section B.

## APPENDIX 4 - Other CIPFA Libraries Services

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Links to other services that CIPFA provides for library authorities.

## APPENDIX 5 - Contact Us!

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Let us know what you think and how we can make the profile more useful.

# APPENDIX 1 - Comparative Bar Charts

## Comparative bar charts

This type of chart is the backbone of our report. It enables us to display the data for the entire group efficiently, displays clearly to readers where their authority sits compared to the group and provides key information about the range of values being compared.

While we hope these charts will be intuitive to many readers, some readers will benefit from a little more information. In this appendix we clarify how these charts work and present techniques for getting the most out of the them.

### Example 1: Anatomy of a comparative bar chart

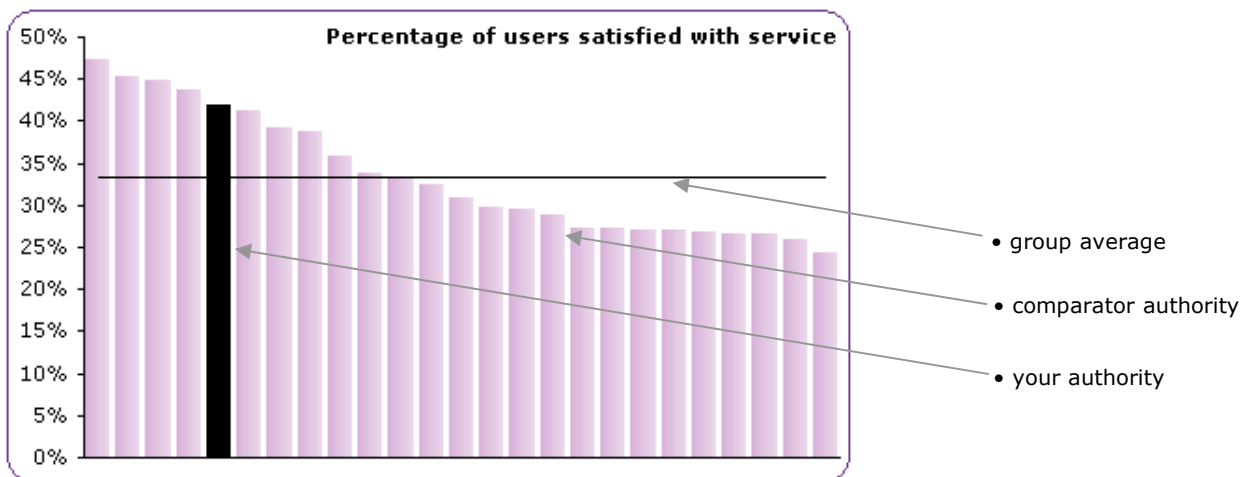
This chart displays fictional user satisfaction data for 25 authorities. Each bar represents an individual authority and the bar for the reader's authority highlights in black.

The values for the authorities are displayed in order starting at the highest value at the left of the chart and dropping to the lowest at the right of the chart.

In this example, the black bar highlights on the left of the chart, showing that the authority is performing strongly (has a high value) for this indicator when compared to the other 24 authorities.

The horizontal black line is the average value for the group. In this example it can literally 'be seen' that the authorities user satisfaction is clearly above average as the black bar is taller than the height of the average line.

The y-axis shows the scale and enables readers to judge the values of individual authorities and the average. While readers naturally cannot read exact values off the chart, your authority's own value and the group average will be displayed near the chart, often with the associated raw data.



### Example 2: Comparative bar charts for reports with small numbers of authorities

This example displays fictional income data for 12 authorities.

Authorities can request copies of this report using any grouping of authorities that they wish (e.g. small regional groupings, nearest neighbours or family groupings, core cities up to the whole of Britain).

For small groupings of authorities (19 or less) we display letters under the charts and provide a key in the report to enable readers to identify each of their comparator authorities individually.



### Example 3: Zero values and unavailable data

Zero values: In some cases the value for any authority might be zero, in this case the value 'displays' as a bar of zero height (i.e. no bar) on the right of the distribution (which follows the pattern of lowest values to the right of the chart).

Unavailable data: In other cases there may not be data available, either because the data were not supplied, or because the data supplied have been rejected. These are displayed by missing bars on the left of the chart.

Averages: Zero values are included in the average as they are genuine values for authorities. The average however excludes unavailable data.

This chart shows fictional agency staff costs for 12 authorities. The four missing bars can potentially cause confusion, however it will quickly become second nature to readers.

In this chart, authorities q, f and a have no spend on agency staff, i.e. they have not used agency staff and therefore their values are genuinely zero. However the use by authority h is unknown and has been excluded from the analysis (represented by the gap on the left of the chart). The chart average is based on only 11 authorities as authority h is excluded.



### Example 4: Comparisons with large numbers of authorities

When a large number of authorities are displayed the individual bars get so small that they start to merge. The value for your authority should still be clearly visible as the black bar. While individual bars cannot be seen, this does not detract from the readers ability to compare their value to the group, or learn about overall range of values.

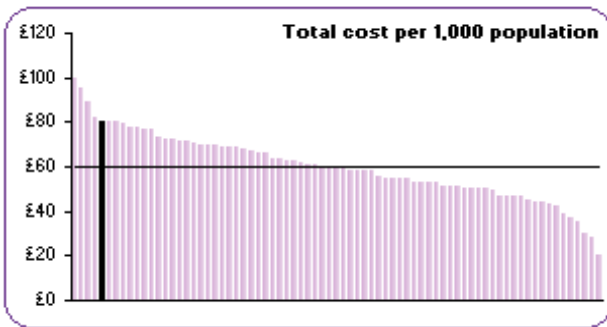
This chart shows fictional overhead costs for 150 authorities. By looking at the shape of the graph and position of the black bar and average line the following information can be observed.

- The black bar authority has a very low figure, being less than a third of the group average.
- Data were not available for around 10% of the authorities (gap on left of the chart).
- 5% of the authorities report either zero or miniscule costs (gap on right of the chart).
- There is great variation in these costs, as the distribution slopes smoothly from left to right showing that there is no 'typical' value for this cost.

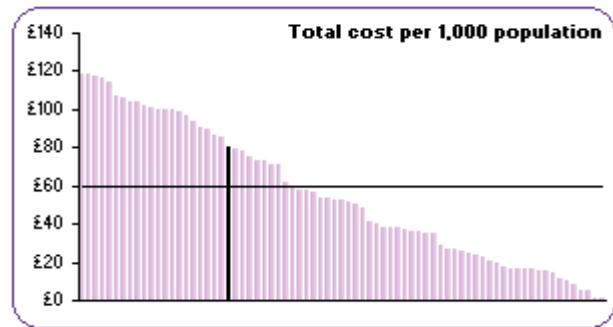


## Examples 5-8: Example distributions and help in interpreting them

The distributions of values shown on the charts can vary greatly. Here we show some examples to help readers understand how the distributions can vary. In each case we will keep the black bar authority's value the same and the group average the same, however the shape of the graph and distribution of the groups values are varied to give quite different pictures of the example authority's costs.



- This chart shows a very common distribution (which a statistician would appropriately call the 'normal' distribution).
- While there is a wide range of values (20-100) the majority of authorities are in a much tighter range (about half are between 50 and 70).
- In this particular case the highlighted authority has one of the highest costs.



- This chart shows a straight sloping distribution.
- There is no consistency between authorities and no such thing as a typical value.
- In this particular case the highlighted authority is above average, but not significantly so.



- This chart shows little variation between authorities.
- In this particular case the highlighted authority is clearly the most expensive per 1,000 population.



- This distribution is quite rare, the chart clearly displays two distinct groupings of authorities.
- In this case interpreting the highlighted authorities value is difficult and it is important to investigate the reasons behind this variation.

## Quartiles

We finish this introduction with a quick note about quartiles. Quartiles are a popular simple way to examine distributions of cost or performance data.

Quartiles are produced by splitting the distribution into four quarters, as presented on the right.

Mathematically the word quartile refers to the boundaries between the quarters (called the lower quartile, median and upper quartile).

In business & management the word quartile is more often used to refer to the quarters themselves. "Top quartile" is used to describe the best quarter (e.g. highest performance) while "bottom quartile" refers to the worse (e.g. high cost or low performance).

It is common approach to view "being in the top quartile" as a benchmark to be achieved, and "being in the bottom quartile" as a sign of problems.

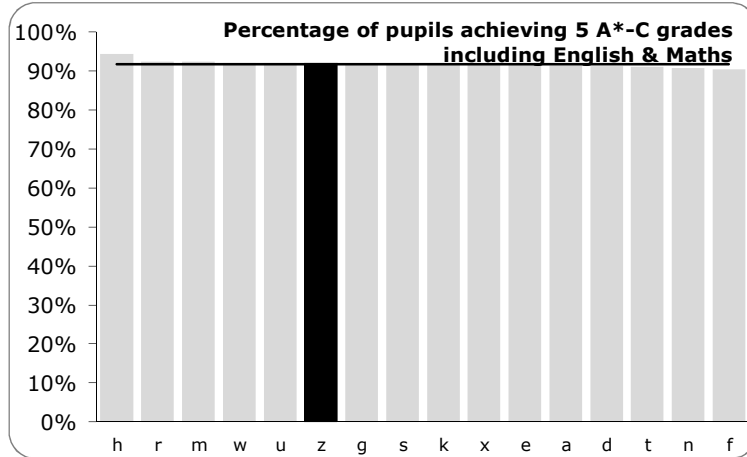
We do not show quartiles in this report, as this approach can be viewed as simplistic, and it does not fit in with the purpose of the report, which is to inform rather than judge. The reader should however compare the top and bottom charts and note how easy it is to quarter the distribution with the mind's eye.



# APPENDIX 2 - Background Information

## Educational Attainment

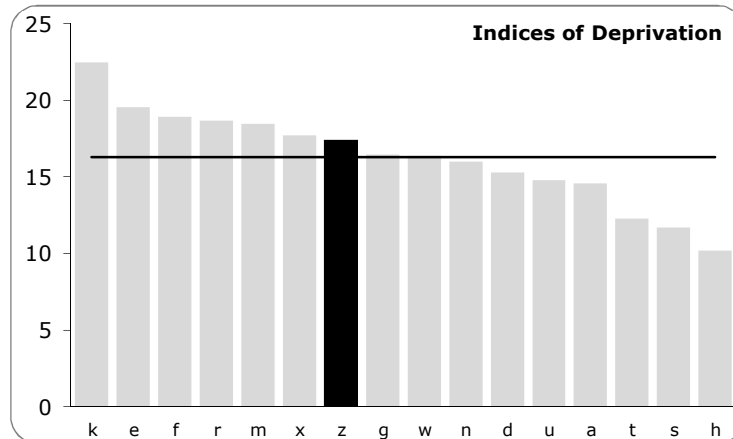
		Average
Educational Attainment	92.0%	91.8%



Source: CIPFA Children's Services Actuals Statistics 2011-12 - Column 325

## Deprivation

		Average
Index of Deprivation	17.4	16.3



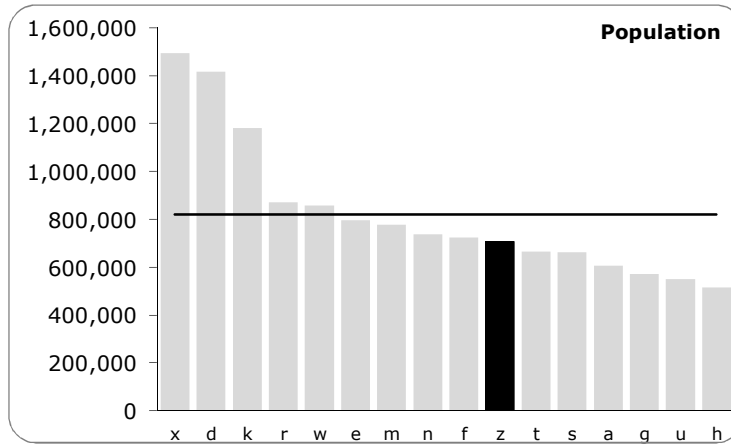
- The higher the index, the more deprived the authority is.

Source: CLG Indices of Deprivation 2010



## Population

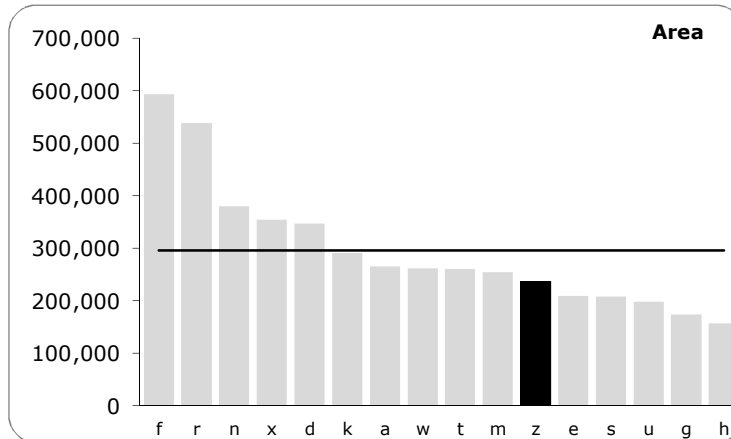
		Average
Population	706,600	820,431



Source: ONS Mid 2013 Population Estimates

## Area

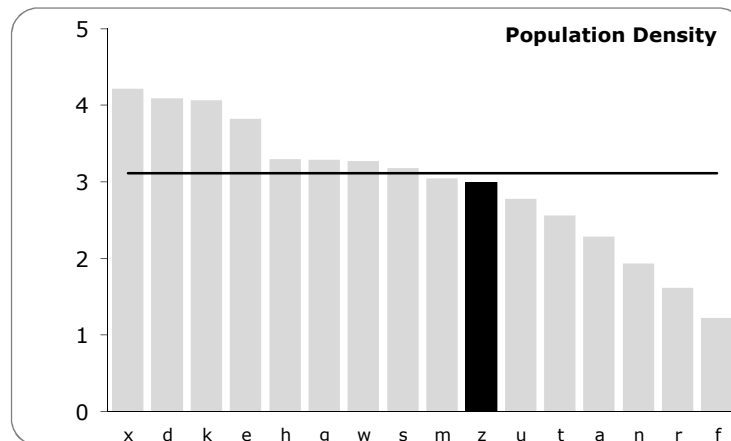
		Average
Area	236,401	295,421



Source: ONS Area 2013

## Population Density

		Median
Population Density	3.0	3.1



## APPENDIX 3 - Financial Information

### For Northamptonshire County Council Financial Information 2013-14 (Actuals)

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
<b>Employees</b>	3,624,837	5,130	6,166
<b>Premises</b>	60,815	86	2,033
<b>Supplies &amp; Services</b>			
Books & Pamphlets			
- Reference	15,105	21	32
- Adult Fiction	444,187	629	493
- Adult Non-Fiction	177,654	251	258
- Children's Fiction	205,374	291	200
- Children's Non-Fiction	42,325	60	48
Newspapers, Periodicals & Magazines	48,917	69	63
Sound Recordings <sup>1</sup>	123,111	174	127
DVDs, CD-ROMs, Software & Multimedia <sup>2</sup>	100,581	142	96
Electronic & Online Products <sup>3</sup>	152,369	216	183
Other Acquisitions	733	1	19
Bookbinding	0	0	3
<b>Total Materials</b>	1,310,356	1,854	1,522
Computing Costs	154,486	219	462
Other Supplies & Services	136,353	193	571
<b>Transport</b>	70,270	99	236
<b>Third Party Payments</b>	109,419	155	35
<b>Support Service Costs</b>	4,284,751	6,064	2,378
<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	9,751,287	13,800	13,403

Revenue Income	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Overdue Charges	127,354	180	173
Reservation Fees	21,573	31	39
Lettings	1,637	2	71
Hire of Audio & Visual Materials	131,733	186	185
Electronic Revenue	67,933	96	33
Specific Grants	44,485	63	402
Provision of Library Services to other Local Authorities	34,340	49	56
Miscellaneous - receipts from the public	241,426	342	381
Miscellaneous - corporate income	122,879	174	242
<b>Total Revenue Income</b>	793,360	1,123	1,581

Net Expenditure (excluding Capital Charges)	10,544,647	14,923	14,984
Capital Charges	965,265	1,366	1,454
<b>Total Net Expenditure (including Capital Charges)</b>	11,509,912	16,289	16,439

<b>Total Capital Expenditure</b>	1,286,723	1,821	505
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<sup>1</sup> Includes Music, Adult Talking Books and Children's Talking Books (Cells 106 to 108)

<sup>2</sup> Includes DVDs, Multimedia & Open Learning Packs and CD-ROMs & Software (Cells 107 & 108)

<sup>3</sup> Includes eBooks, eAudio, eAudiovisual, Subscriptions and Online / Electronic Products (Cells 111 to Cell 115)

## Financial Information 2014-15 (Estimates)

<b>Revenue Expenditure</b>	£	per 1,000 pop	<i>Average</i>
Employees	3,959,334	5,603	6,104
Premises	1,118,809	1,583	2,070
Supplies & Services - Materials	1,200,000	1,698	1,515
Other Expenditure	229,612	325	2,721
<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	6,507,755	9,210	12,409
<b>Revenue Income</b>	(806,000)	(1,141)	(1,771)
Net Expenditure (excluding Capital Charges)	5,701,755	8,069	10,638
Capital Charges	864,430	1,223	1,298
<b>Total Net Expenditure (including Capital Charges)</b>	6,566,185	9,293	11,936

## APPENDIX 4 - Other CIPFA Libraries Services

### ● CIPFA Public Library Statistics

CIPFA are the leading independent source of data about local government services, undertaking more than 30 surveys annually. We have been collecting data relating to public libraries for more than fifty years. The data collected represents the most comprehensive source of information relating to measuring the performance of public library authorities in the UK.

A working group of local authority practitioners and central government representatives meet bi-annually to help shape the direction of the questionnaire and data that is collected to ensure that it is continually adapted to remain relevant in an ever-changing environment.

Datasets provide financial and non-financial information for local government managers engaged in comparative analysis and performance measurement. Subscribers to [www.cipfastats.net](http://www.cipfastats.net) have access to our historical archive of downloadable data in addition to a range of interactive and visual tools to help with further analysis.

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### ● CIPFA Public Library User Survey (PLUS)

CIPFA have been developing and supporting a range of library survey tools, enabling authorities to collect feedback from users of their services, since 1995. This began with the launch of PLUS in 1995, which was followed by Children's PLUS in 1997, ePLUS in 2001 and the Home Delivery Survey in 2005.

Indicators from PLUS were adopted by the Audit Commission and the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions (DTLR now DCLG) for the collection of a number of Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs). It was also adopted by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) for their Public Library Service Standards (PLSS) and Public Library Impact Measures (PLIMs).

New from July 2012: The 2012 Adult PLUS survey has now been updated and includes new questions on transport, use of computers and living arrangements. The questionnaire and manual of guidance can be accessed by subscribers from [www.cipfasocialresearch.net/subscribersarea](http://www.cipfasocialresearch.net/subscribersarea), which will also include details on how CIPFA can help you to deliver your survey and make best use of the results.

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## APPENDIX 5 - Contact Us!

We hope you have found the profile interesting and informative.

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Please help us improve the next round by contacting us with your thoughts and suggestions!

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We will also be happy to answer any queries you have regarding the profiles.