

London Borough of Merton

CIPFAstats Comparative Profile

public libraries

2017-18 Actuals and
2018-19 Estimates

Comparison Group:

- (e) Merton
- (w) Sutton
- (z) Kingston-upon-Thames
- (t) Redbridge
- (s) Harrow
- (r) Hounslow
- (x) Ealing
- (m) Bexley
- (u) Wandsworth
- (a) Croydon
- (h) Barnet
- (n) Waltham Forest
- (k) Enfield
- (d) Brent
- (f) Havering



FOREWORD

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

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,



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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 2018 CIPFAstats collection with the group of authorities specified on the title page.

This is the eighth 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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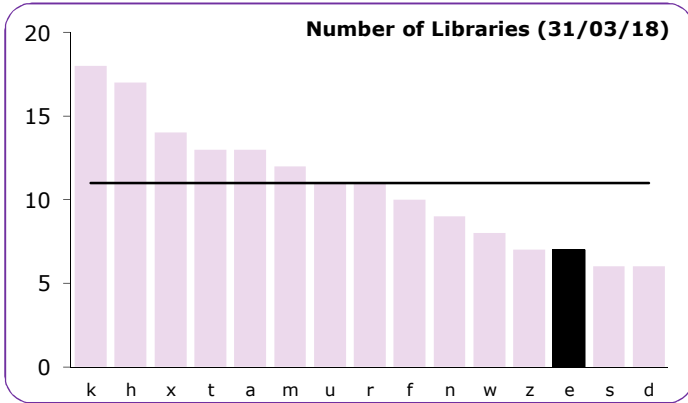
- 81% of UK Library Authorities provided data for the 2018 CIPFAstats Public Library Statistics. Authorities who did not provide data are excluded from these comparisons completely.
- In a small number of cases authorities have provided totals (e.g. for costs), but not a complete breakdown. In such cases 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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Comparing Merton with 14 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 2017-18 Actuals.

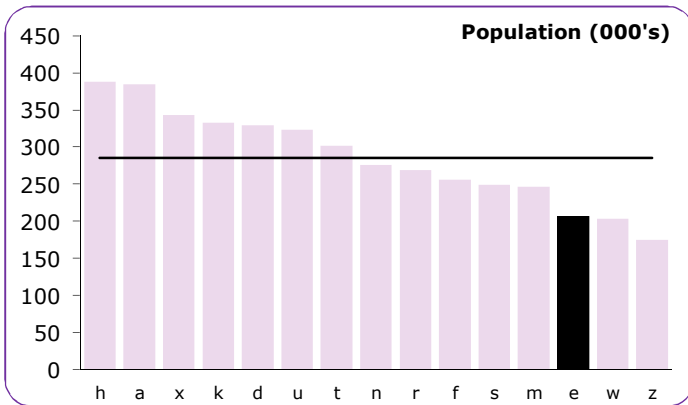
A: Libraries and Library Users



- The chart on the left compares the number of libraries your authority has with the other authorities in the comparison. Merton has 7 libraries (the bar highlighted in black) compared to an average of 11 libraries (as shown by the horizontal line). Each pale bar represents one of the authorities in the comparator group.

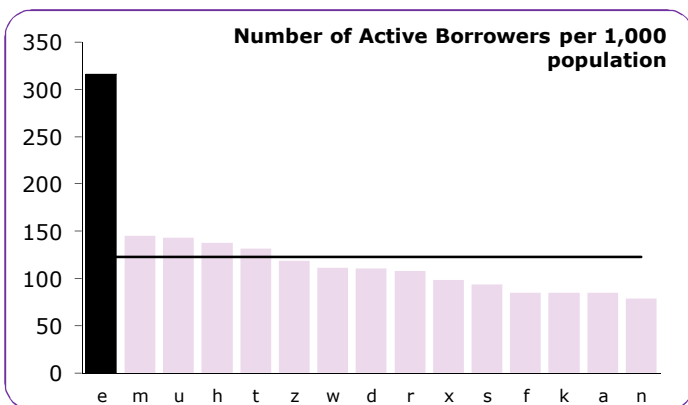
- Merton has one of the lowest numbers of libraries within the group giving an indication of the scale of the library service.

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).

- Merton is the 3rd smallest of the 15 authorities compared here (in terms of population).

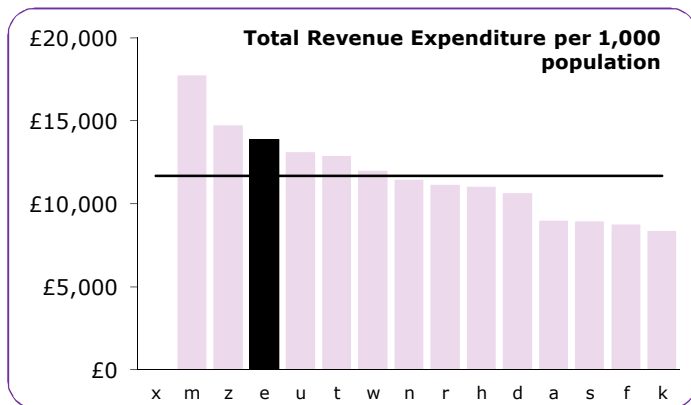


- The number of active borrowers per 1,000 population is a key indication of how well the library service engages with the public.

- Merton is in the top quartile suggesting that the library service engages well with the population when compared to the other authorities.

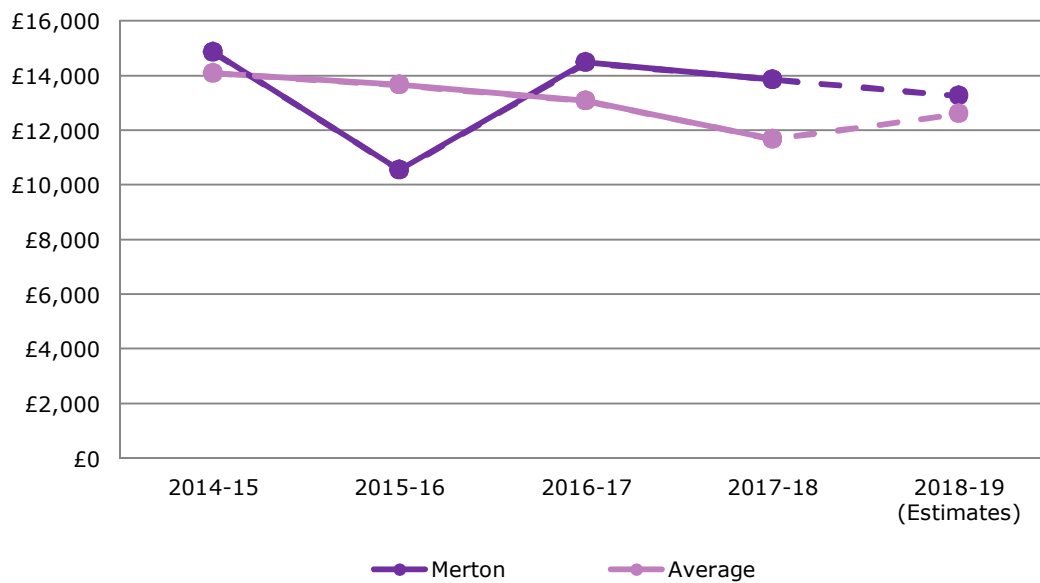
Please see appendix 1 for further details on quartiles.

B: Resourcing

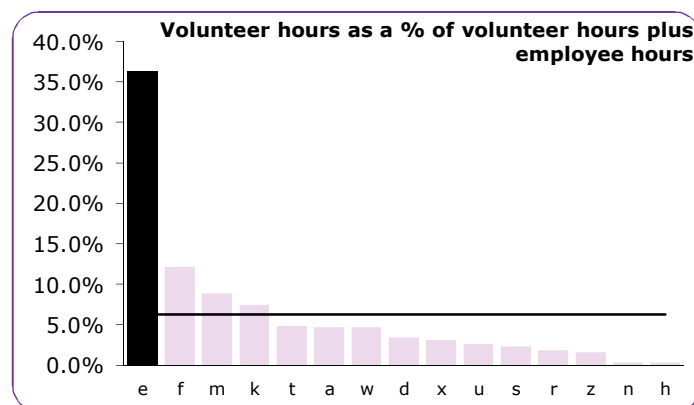


- Total revenue expenditure per 1,000 population is a key cost indicator. Figures in the graph opposite are 2017-18 actuals.
- Merton comes out as being at the higher end of the comparison, which suggests that it should compare its costs to other authorities to see if there are any ways it could learn from their approaches.

Total Revenue Expenditure per 1,000 population: Time Series

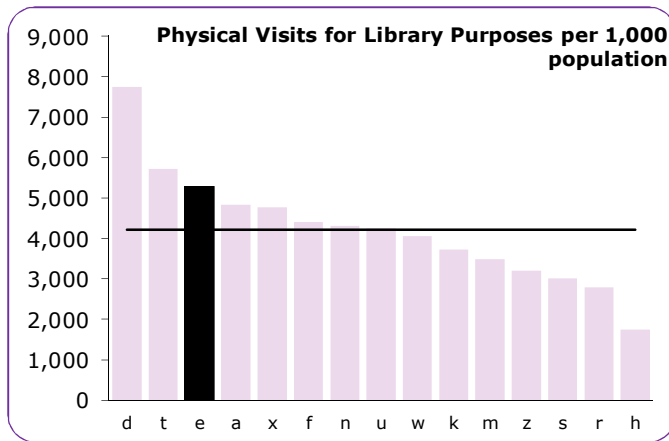


- The line chart plots the total revenue expenditure per 1,000 population over the last four years and shows the estimated figure for 2018-19. The population figure used for all years is the mid-year 2017 figure, so the changes in value relate to changes in expenditure only.
- For most authorities an increase can be seen in the 2018-19 estimates.

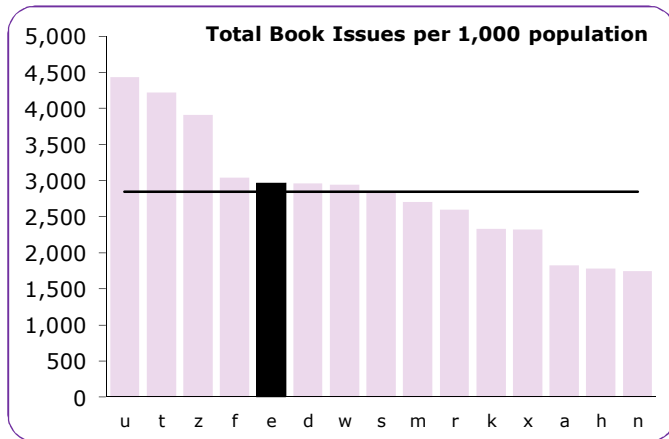


- One well publicised approach that library authorities are taking is using volunteers.
- Merton had 36.3% of 'worked hours' provided by volunteers in 2017-18 compared to an average of 6.3%.

C: Workload

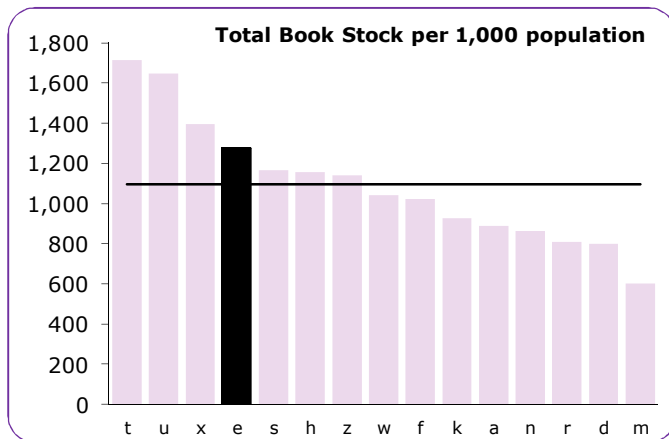


- The number of visits per 1,000 population is a strong indicator of workload faced by the authority.
- It is also another measure of engagement and offers a more complete picture as it will include other reasons for visiting the library as well as borrowing.



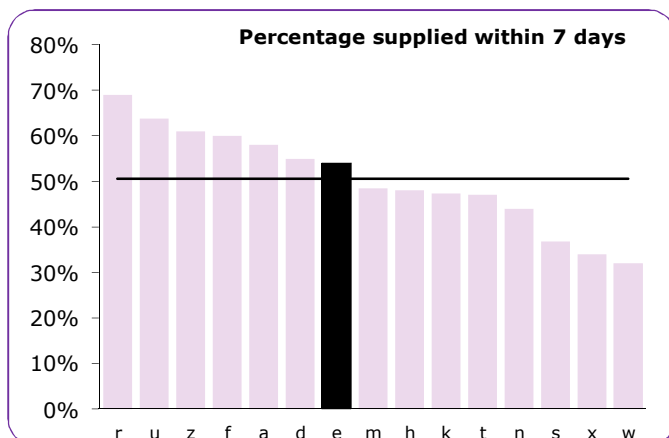
- This chart compares another core library activity, providing an indicator for both workload and the demand placed on the library book stock.

D: Stock



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

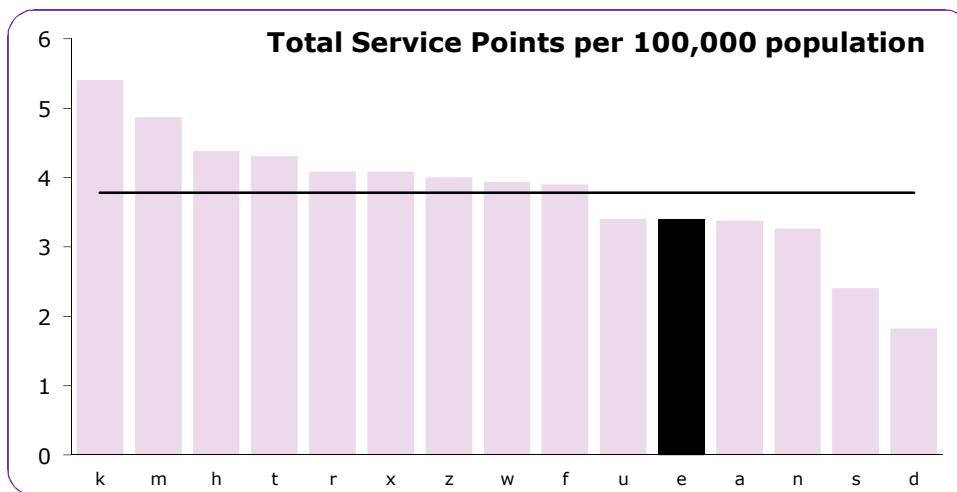
E: Performance



- Merton successfully supplied 54% of book requests within 7 days of request. This was just above average for the group of 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.



(See page 8 for details)

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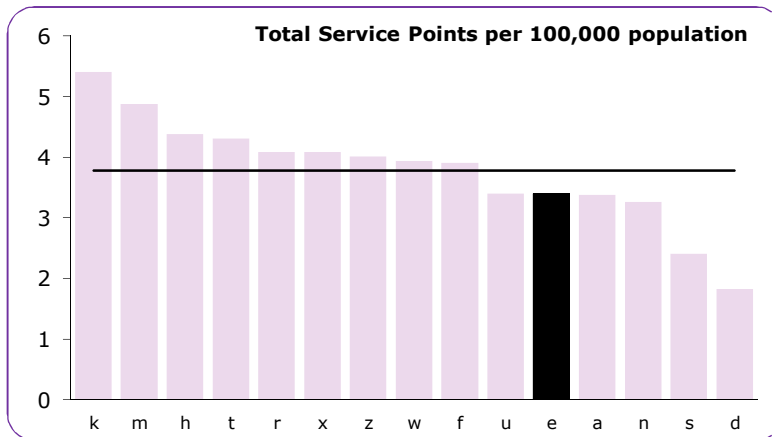
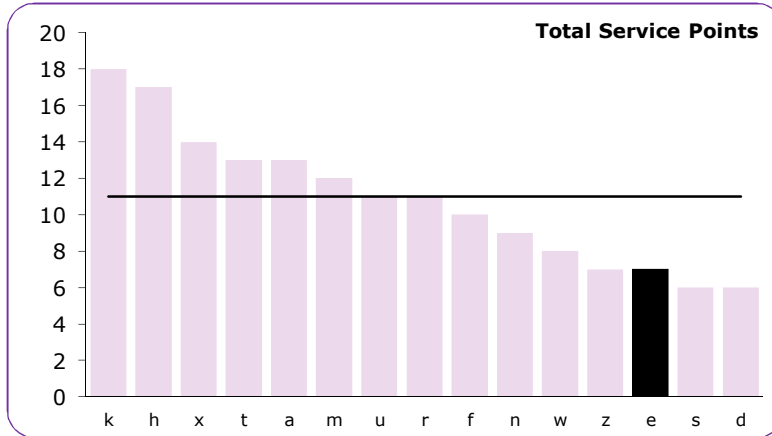
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A1: Service Points

at 31 March 2018

	Number	/ 100k pop	Average
Mobile Libraries	0	0.0	0.1
Static Service Points	7	3.4	3.7
Total Service Points	7	3.4	3.8

	Authority	Average
Population	206,100	285,447



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 1 to 45, ONS Population Estimates Mid 2017

Busiest Service Points

2017-18 Actuals

Busiest Service Point (Issues):

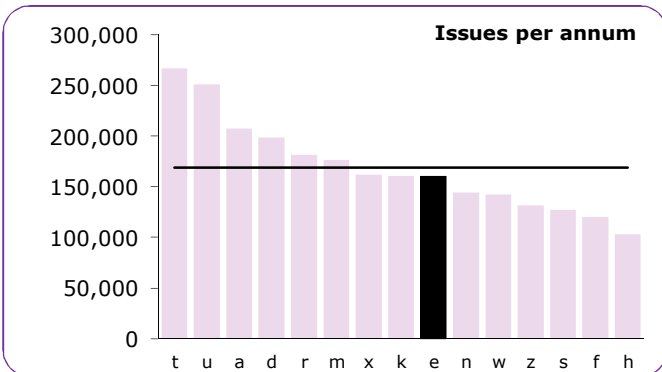
Wimbledon

	Authority	Average
Issues per annum	160,584	168,983

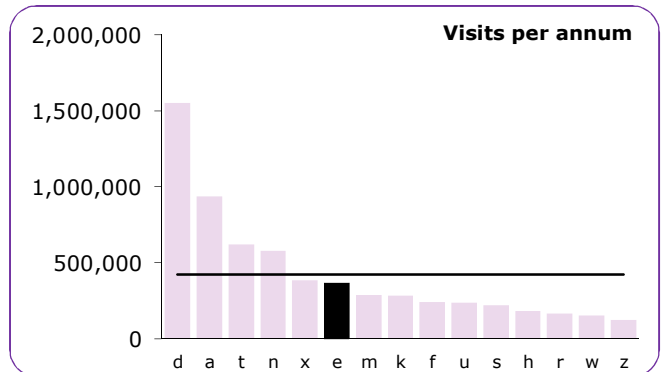
Busiest Service Point (Visits):

Wimbledon

	Authority	Average
Visits per annum	366,931	421,232



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 48 & 49



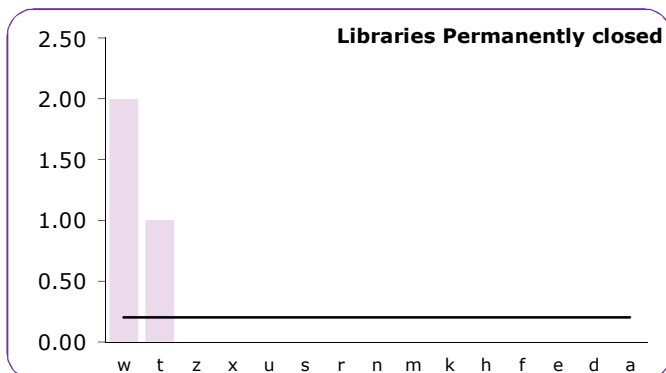
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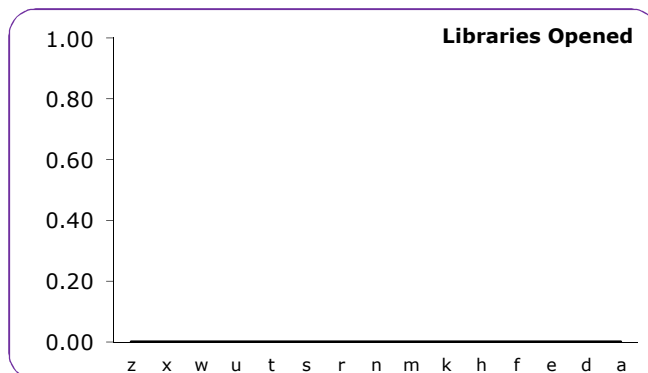
2017-18 Actuals

Library Opening/Closures

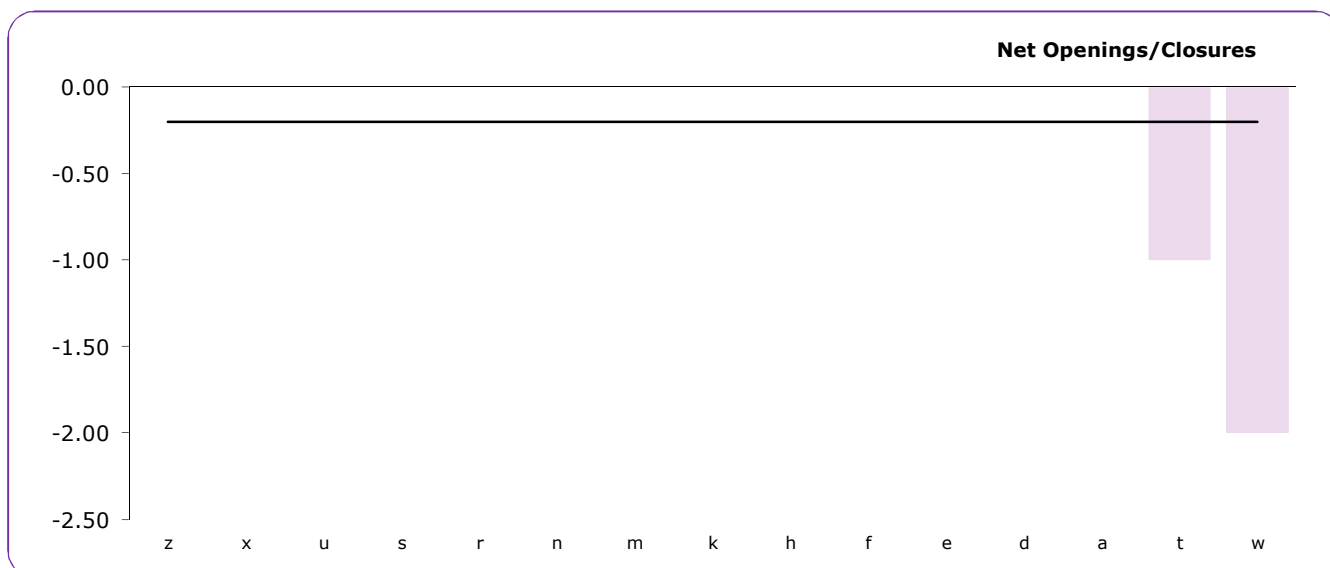
	Authority	/100,000 pop	Avg
Libraries Closed	0	0.0	0.20
Libraries Opened	0	0.0	0.00
Net Library Openings	0	0.0	-0.20



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 46



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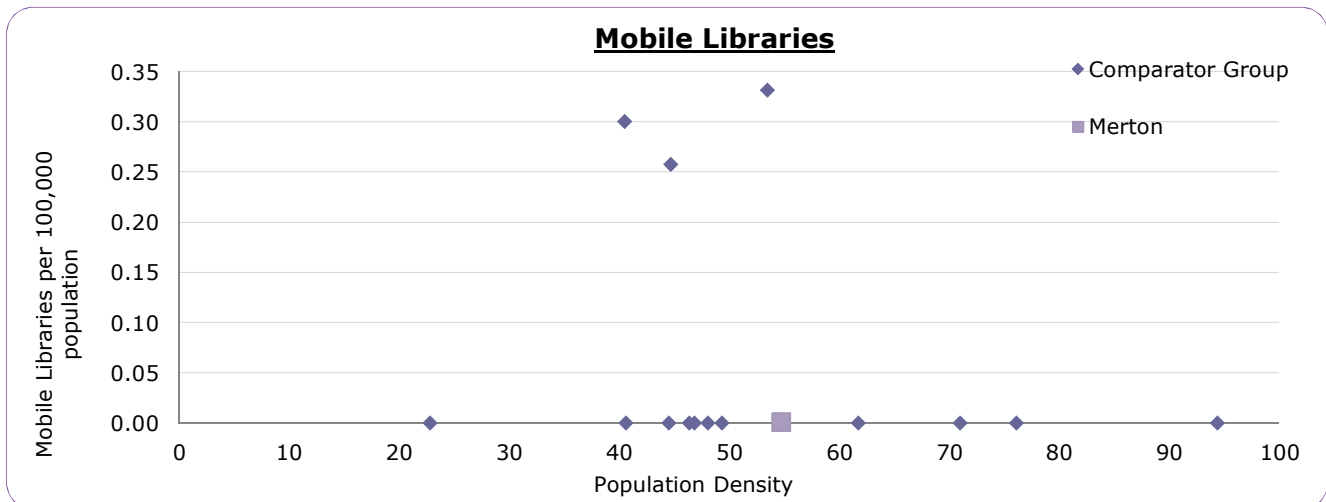
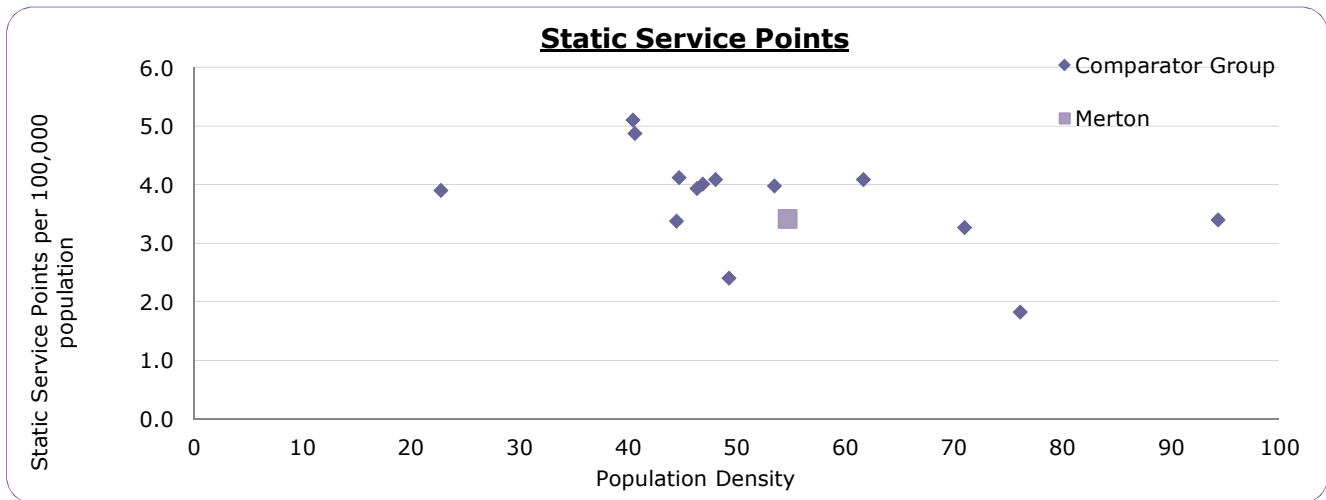
A2: Population Density

2017-18 Actuals

Population Density and Number of Service Points

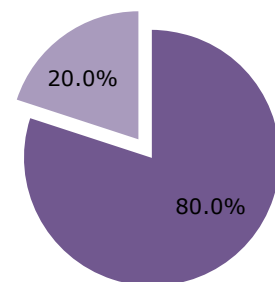
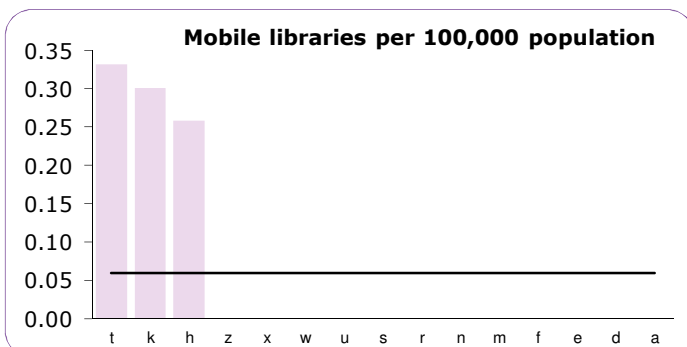
- In urban areas of high population density a small number of service points will be able to provide service to a large population. In rural areas more service points will be required to enable the population to have easy access.
- The scatter plots below compare these two factors. For all UK library 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	54.8	48.1



Mobile Libraries

	Number	/ 100k pop	Average
Mobile Libraries	0	0.0	0.1

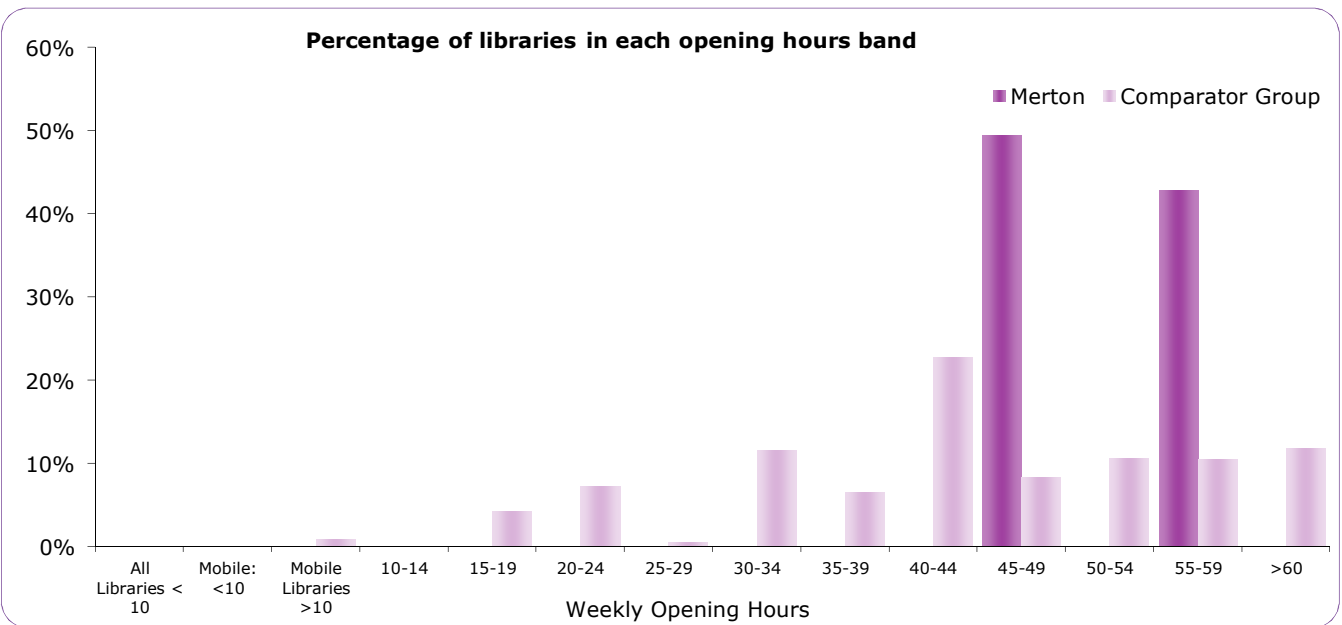


- % Authorities with no mobile libraries
- % Authorities with mobile libraries

A3: Opening Hours

2017-18 Actuals

Hours Open	Statutory		Service Points Non-Statutory		Total		/ 100,000 population		% in Each Band	
	Authority	Average	Authority	Average	Authority	Average	Authority	Average	Authority	Average
All Libraries: < 10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%
Mobile: <10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%
Mobile: >10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.9%
Static: 10-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0%
Static: 15-19	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0%	4.2%
Static: 20-24	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.3	0.0%	7.3%
Static: 25-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.6%
Static: 30-34	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.4	0.0%	11.7%
Static: 35-39	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.3	0.0%	6.6%
Static: 40-44	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.0	0.8	0.0%	22.8%
Static: 45-49	4	1	0	0	4	1	1.9	0.3	57.1%	8.4%
Static: 50-54	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.4	0.0%	10.7%
Static: 55-59	3	1	0	0	3	1	1.5	0.4	42.9%	10.5%
Static: >60	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.3	0.0%	11.9%
Total	7	10	0	1	7	11	3.4	3.4		

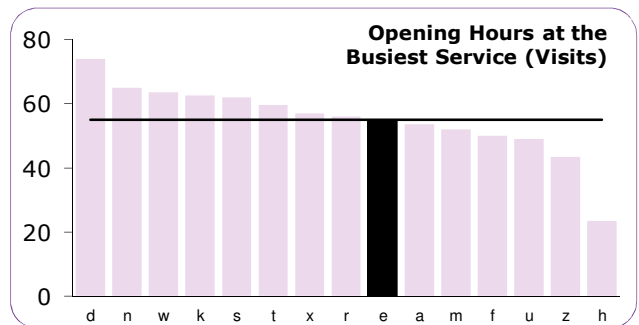
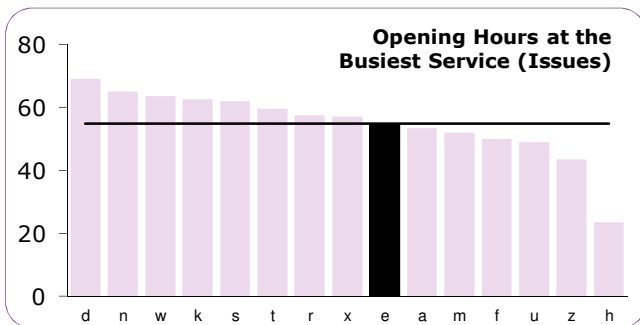


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 1 to 45

Opening Hours - Busiest Service Points

Busiest Service Point (Issues): **Wimbledon**

Busiest Service Point (Visits): **Wimbledon**

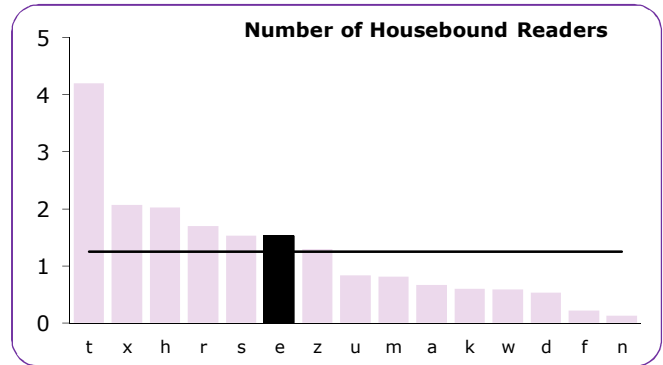
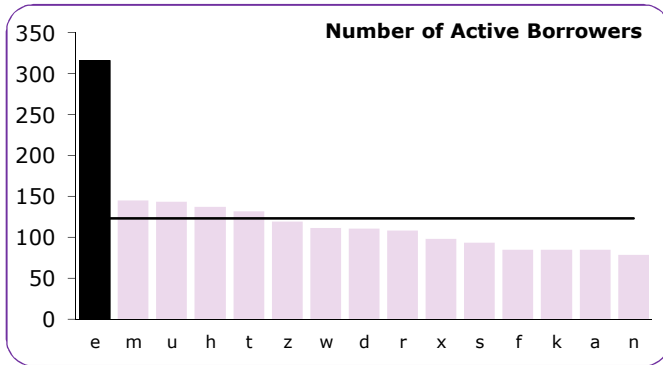


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A4: Library Users

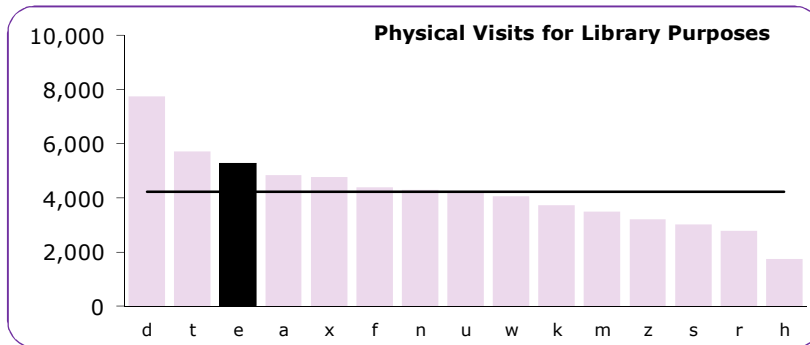
2017-18 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Average
Active Borrowers	65,154	316	123
Housebound Readers	314	1.5	1.2

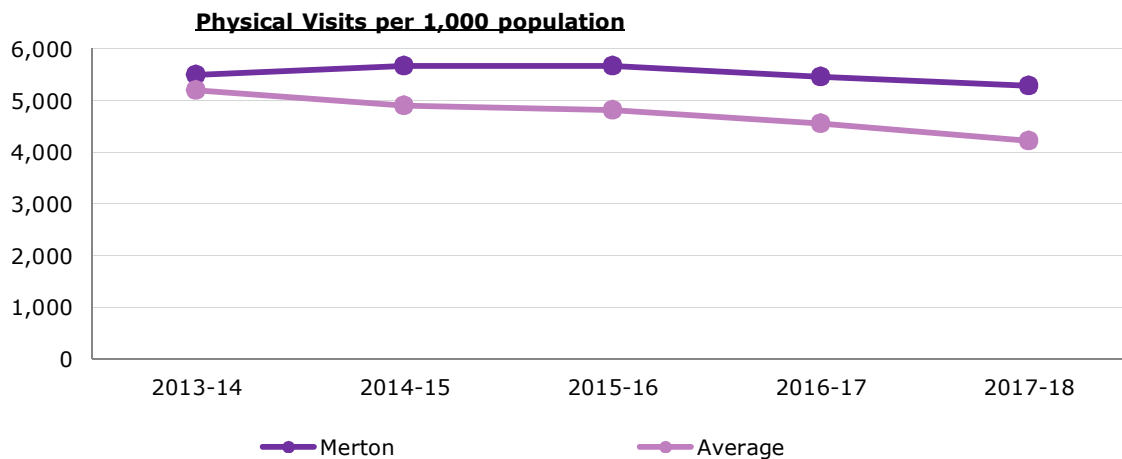


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 122 & 123

Physical Visits for Library Purposes



Physical Visits	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2013-14	1,116,702	5,496	5,194
2014-15	1,154,114	5,671	4,899
2015-16	1,159,430	5,667	4,814
2016-17	1,120,147	5,464	4,556
2017-18	1,088,515	5,281	4,221

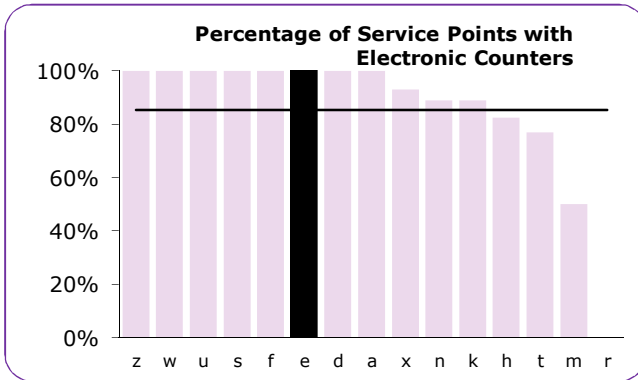


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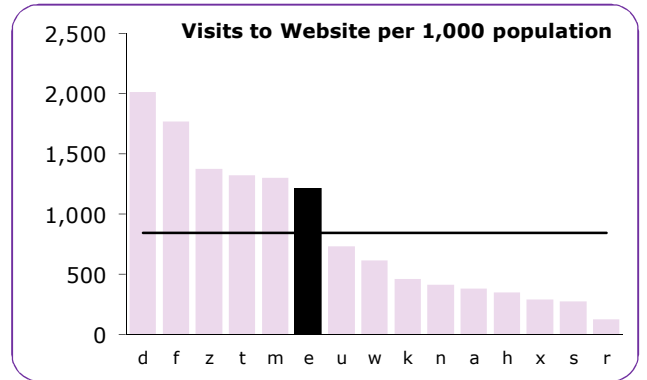
2017-18 Actuals

	Authority	Average
S.P. with Electronic Counters	100%	85%



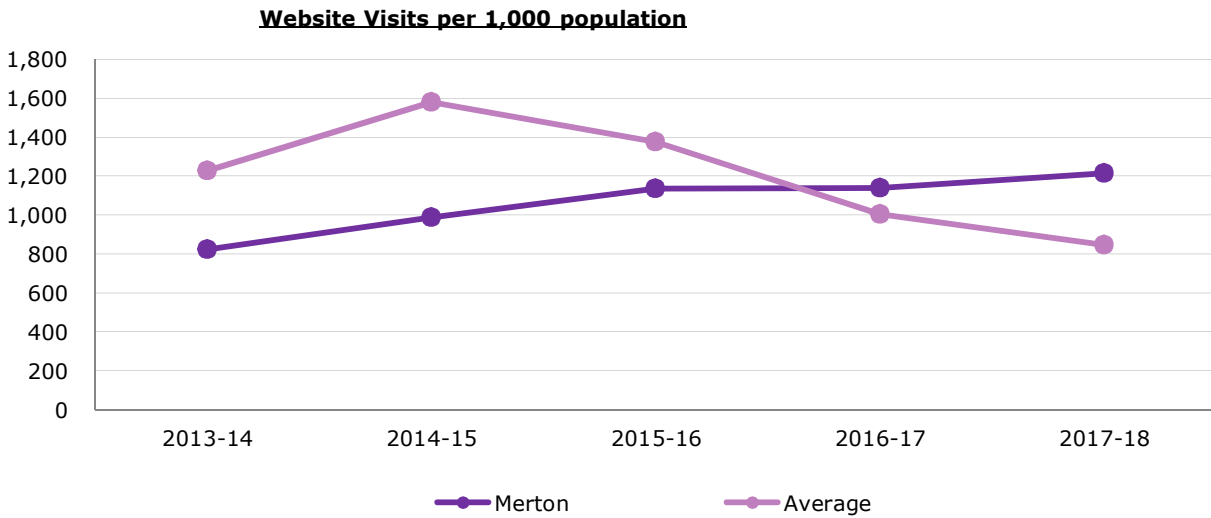
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 127

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Visits to Website	250,011	1,213	844



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 128

Website Visits	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2013-14	166,872	821	1,228
2014-15	200,529	985	1,580
2015-16	232,472	1,136	1,374
2016-17	233,134	1,137	1,003
2017-18	250,011	1,213	844

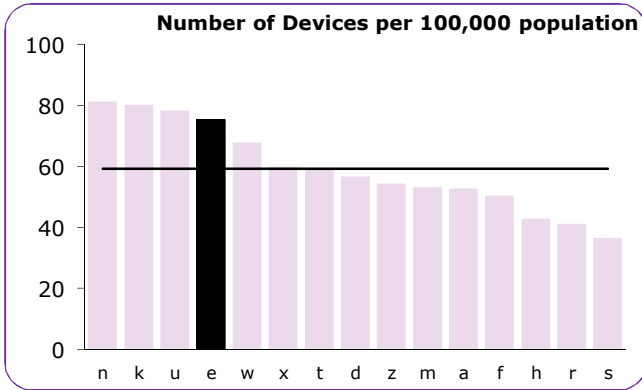


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 128 and equivalent for previous years

A5: Electronic Workstations

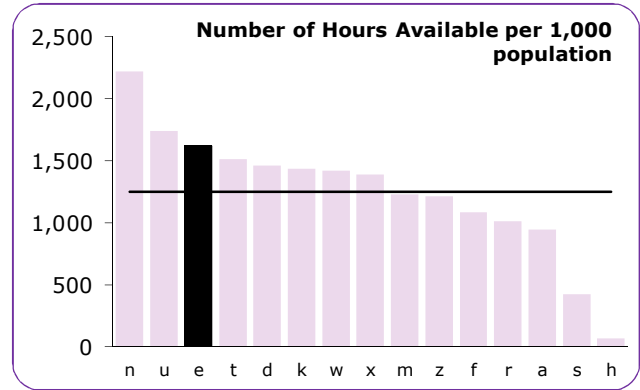
2017-18 Actuals

	Number	per 100,000 pop	Average
Terminals	155	75.2	59.3



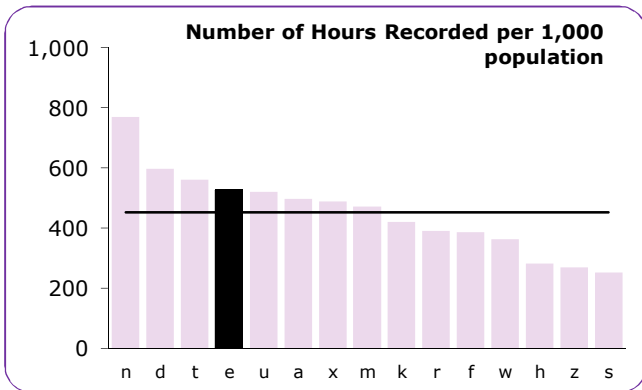
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	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Hours Available	333,110	1,616	1,250



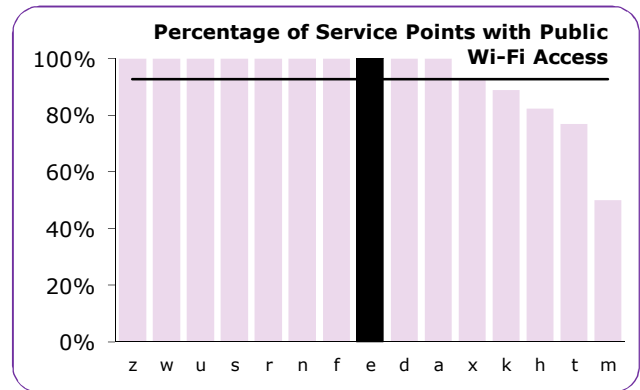
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 53

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Hrs Recorded	108,296	525	452



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 54

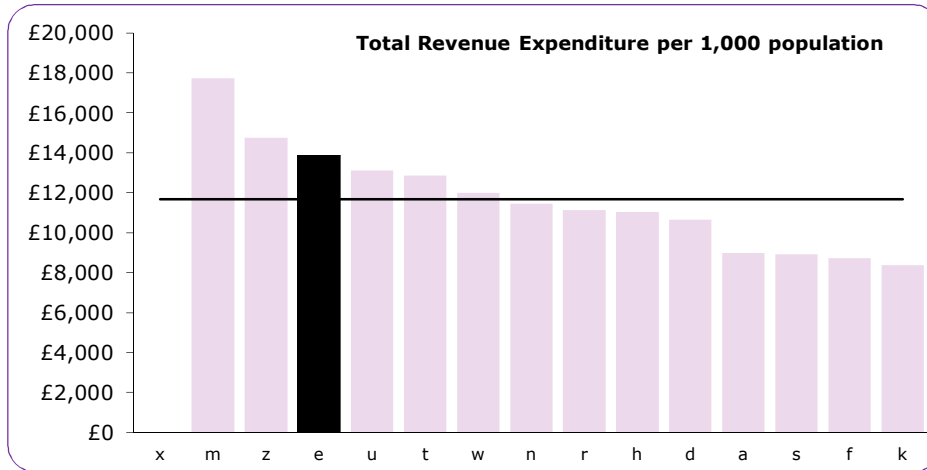
	Authority	Average
Service Points with Wi-Fi Access	100%	93%



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SECTION B: RESOURCING

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



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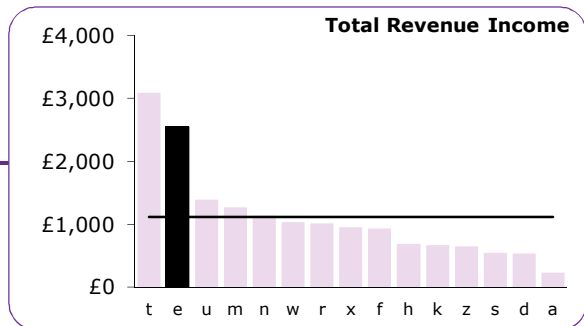
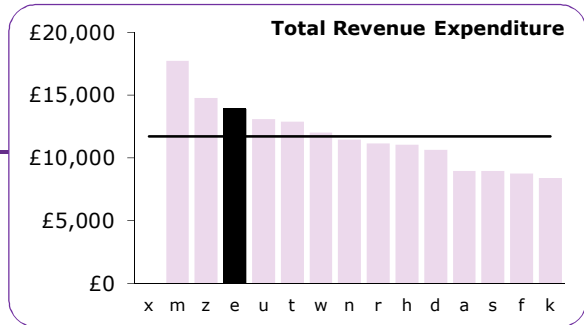
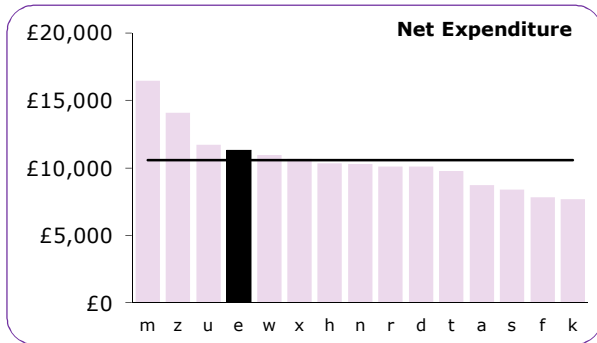
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B1: Financial Information (Actuals)

2017-18 Actuals	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Revenue Expenditure	2,855,859	13,857	11,678
Revenue Income	(525,440)	(2,549)	(1,113)
Net Expenditure	2,330,419	11,307	10,566

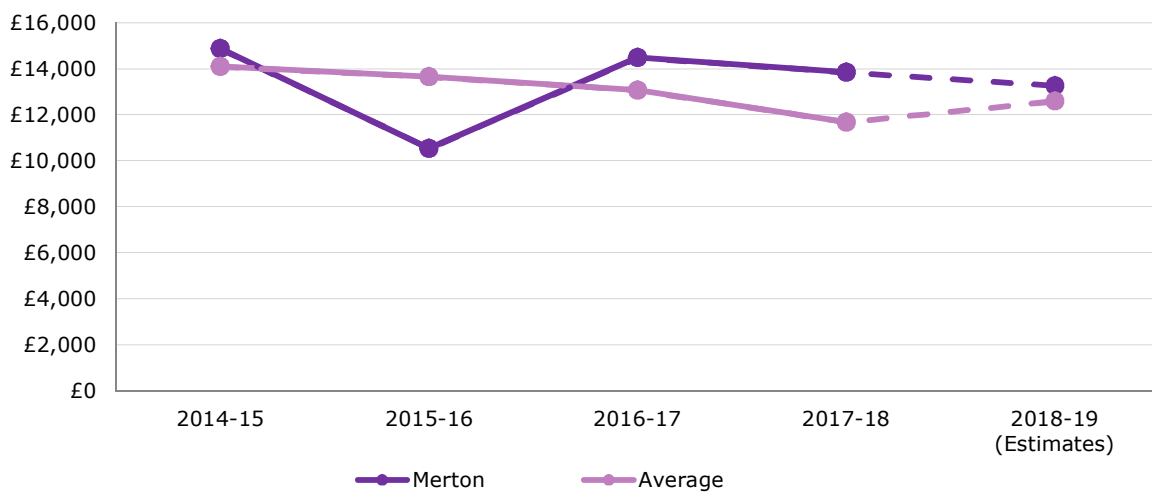
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Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 156, 166 & 167

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
2014-15	3,024,821	14,864	14,093
2015-16	2,157,389	10,544	13,661
2016-17	2,968,860	14,482	13,076
2017-18	2,855,859	13,857	11,683
2018-19 (Estimates)	2,732,980	13,260	12,603

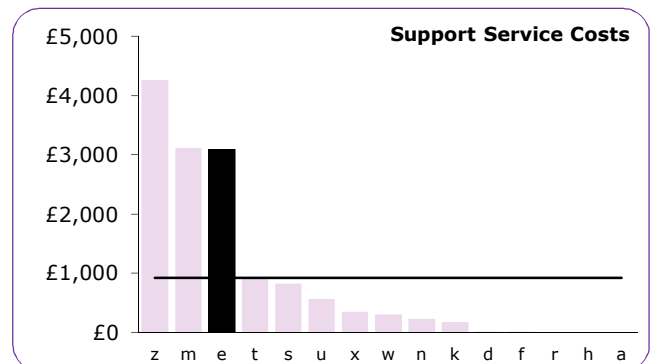
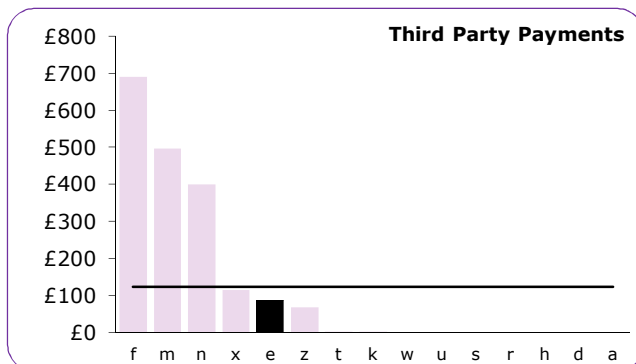
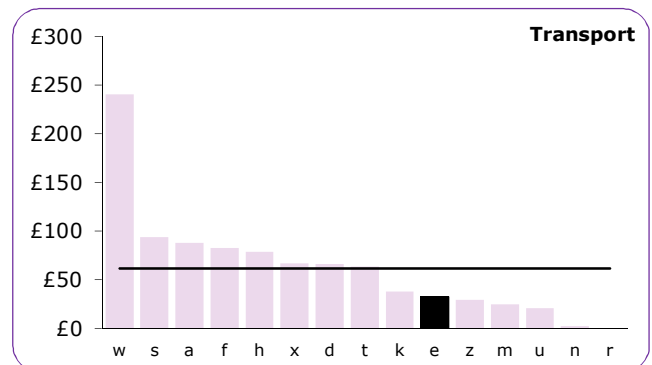
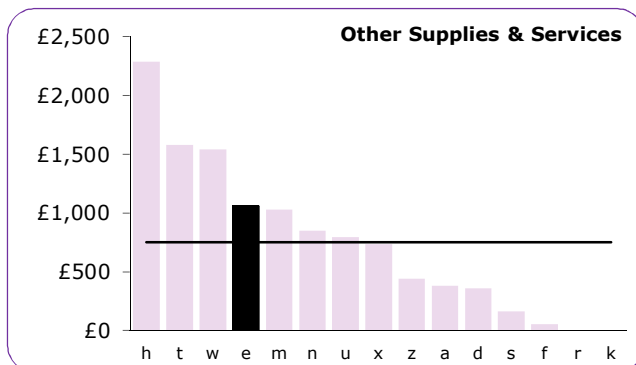
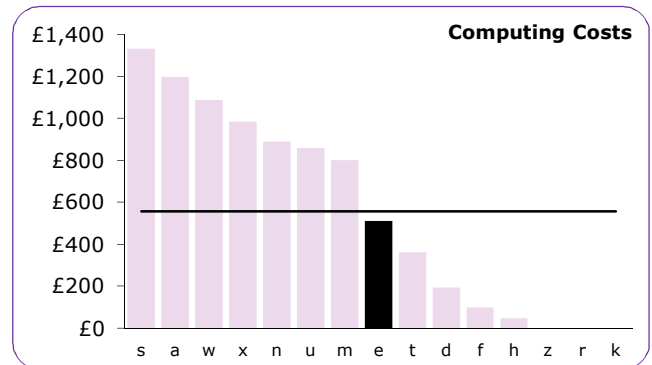
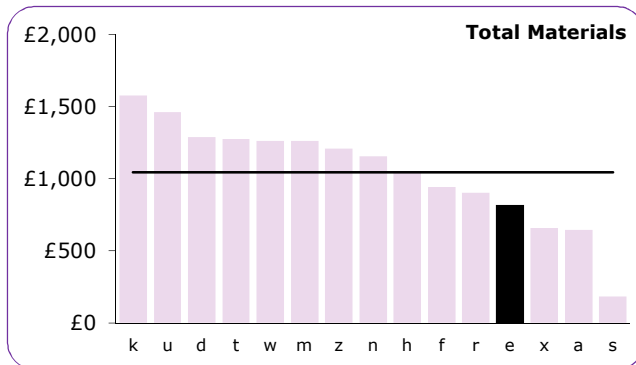
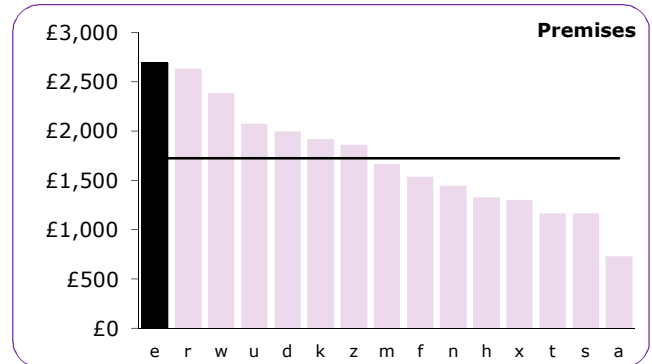
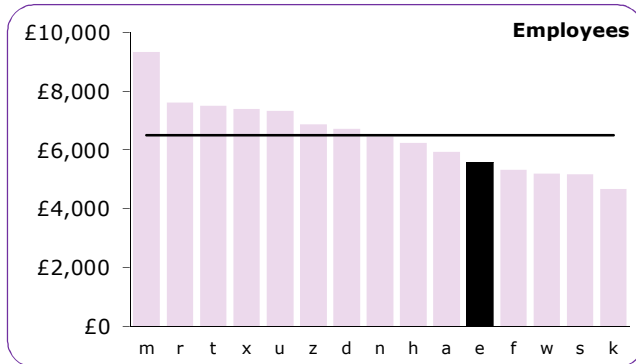
Revenue Expenditure per 1,000 population: Time Series



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 156 and equivalent for previous years

Revenue Expenditure (2017-18 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	1,149,988	5,580	6,491
Premises	554,414	2,690	1,729
Total Materials	168,298	817	1,045
Computing Costs	104,518	507	557
Other Supplies & Services	217,702	1,056	751
Transport	6,626	32	62
Third Party Payments	17,788	86	124
Support Service Costs	636,525	3,088	921
Total Revenue Expenditure	2,855,859	13,857	11,678

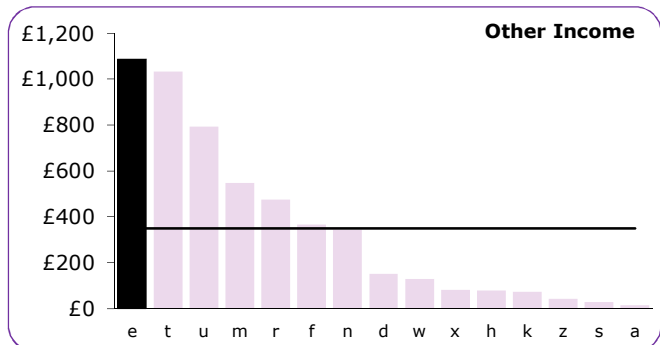
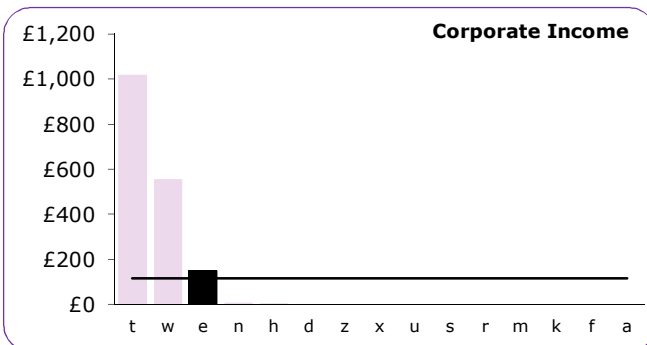
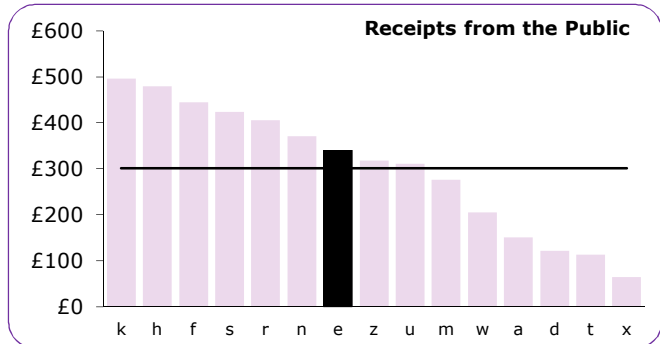
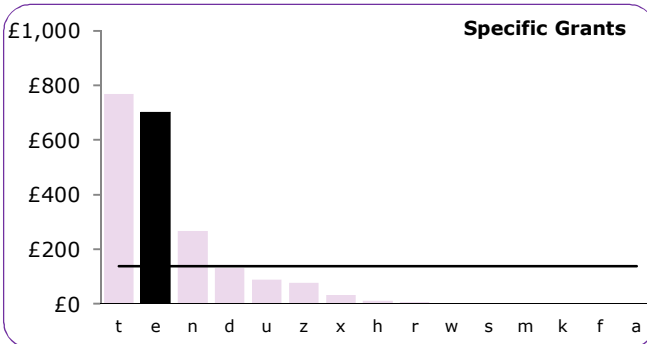
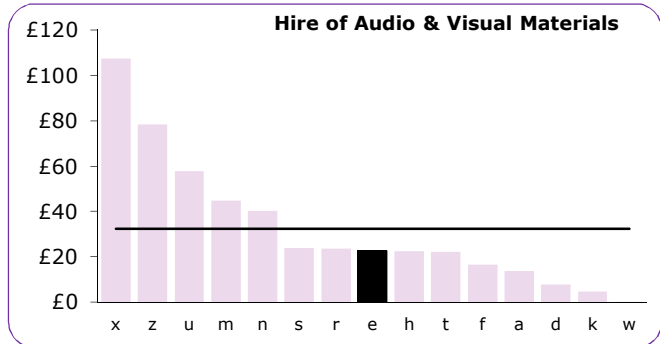
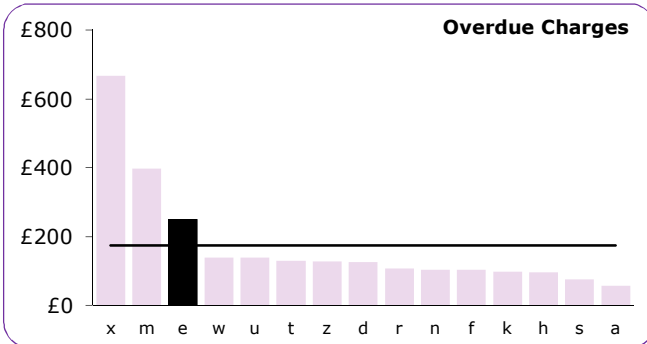
graphs show expenditure per 1,000 population



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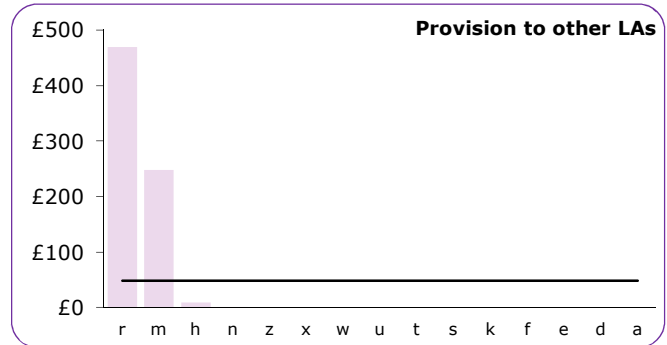
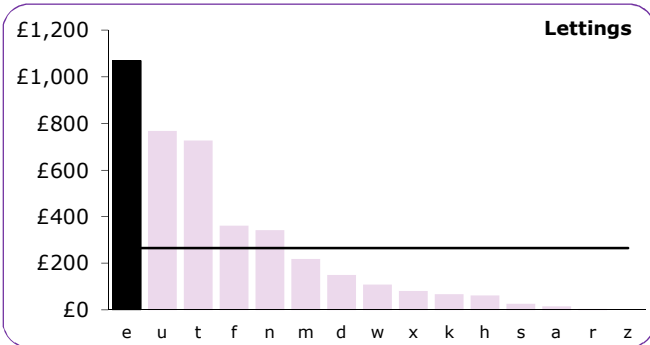
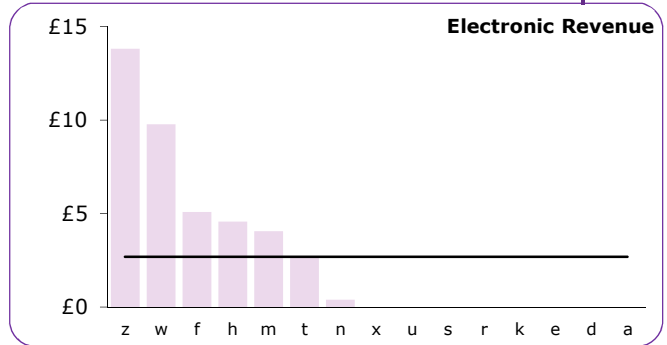
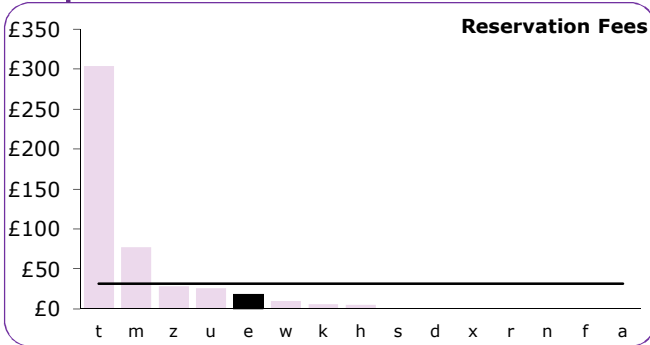
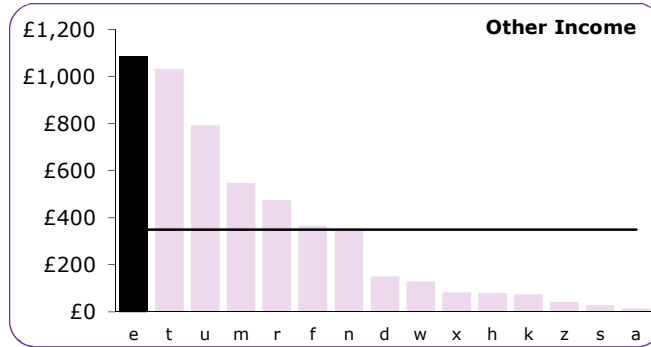
Revenue Income (2017-18 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Overdue Charges	(51,657)	(251)	(175)
Hire of Audio & Visual Materials	(4,647)	(23)	(32)
Specific Grants	(144,687)	(702)	(139)
Receipts from the Public	(69,963)	(339)	(301)
Corporate Income	(30,546)	(148)	(116)
Other Income	(223,940)	(1,087)	(349)
Reservation Fees	(3,754)	(18)	(32)
Lettings	(220,186)	(1,068)	(266)
Electronic Revenue	0	0	(3)
Provision to other LAs	0	0	(48)
Total Revenue Income	(525,440)	(2,549)	(1,113)

graphs shown per 1,000 population



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 157 to 166

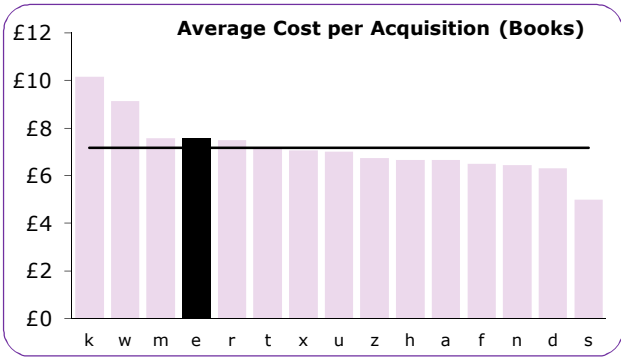
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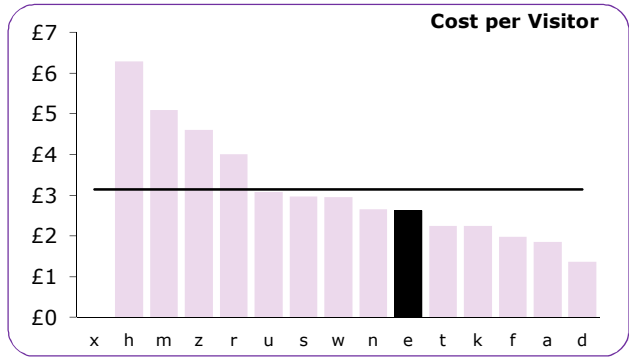
B2: Cost Indicators

	£ p	Average
Average Cost per Book	£7.56	£7.16



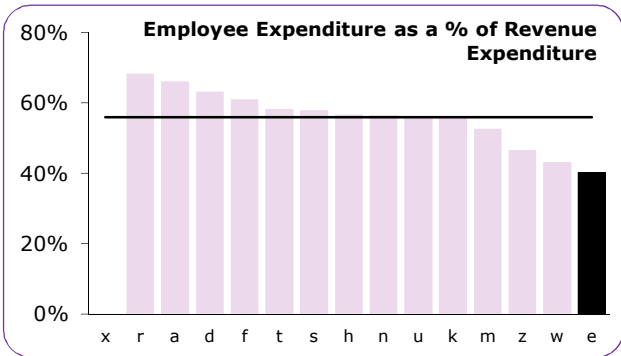
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 -
Sum of Cells 133 to 137 divided by Cell 71

	£ p	Average
Cost per Visitor	£2.62	£3.14



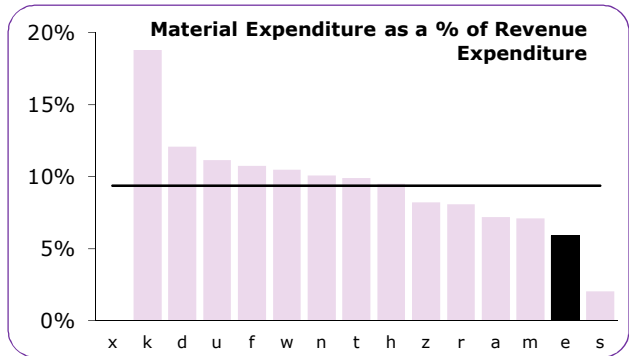
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 -
Cell 156 divided by Cell 124

	%	Average
% Employee Expenditure	40%	56%



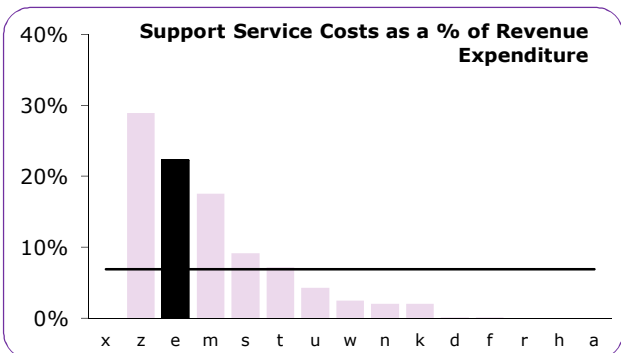
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 -
Cell 131 as a percentage of Cell 156

	%	Average
% Material Expenditure	6%	9%



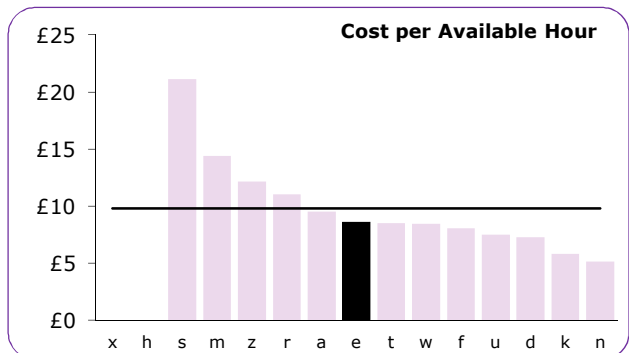
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 -
Cell 150 as a percentage of Cell 156

	%	Average
% Support Services	22%	7%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 -
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	£ p	Average
Cost per Available Hour	£8.57	£9.82

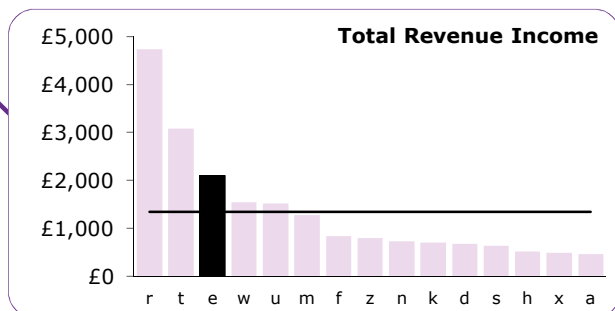
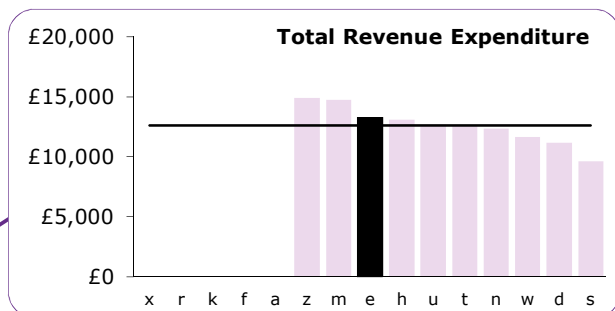
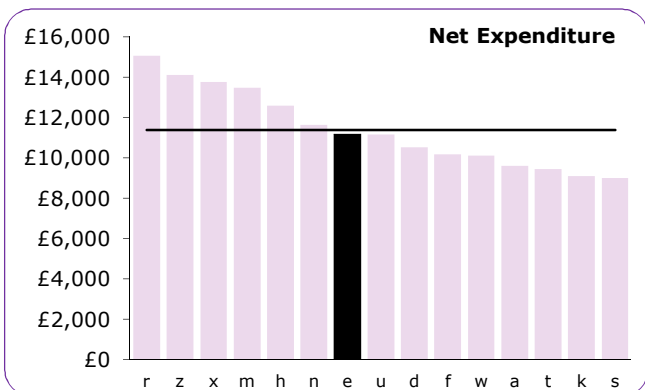


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 -
Cell 156 divided by Cell 53

B3: Financial Information (2018-19 Estimates)

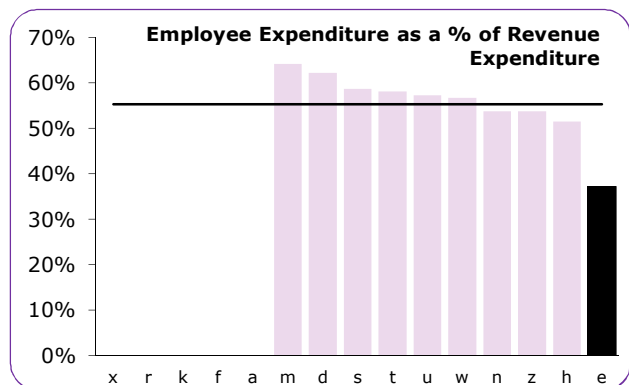
graphs shown per 1,000 population

Net Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	1,016,450	4,932	6,798
Premises	641,930	3,115	1,870
Supplies & Services - Materials	176,750	858	1,131
Other Expenditure	897,850	4,356	2,198
Revenue Expenditure	2,732,980	13,260	12,603
Revenue Income	(430,600)	(2,089)	(1,335)
Net Expenditure	2,302,380	11,171	11,267



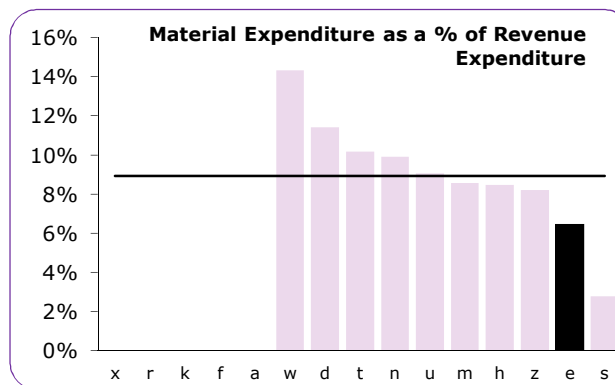
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 169 to 175

2018-19 Estimates	%	Average
% Employee Expenditure	37%	55%



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2018-19 Estimates	%	Average
% Material Expenditure	6%	9%

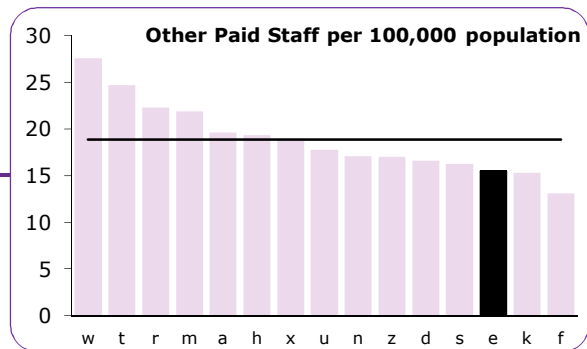
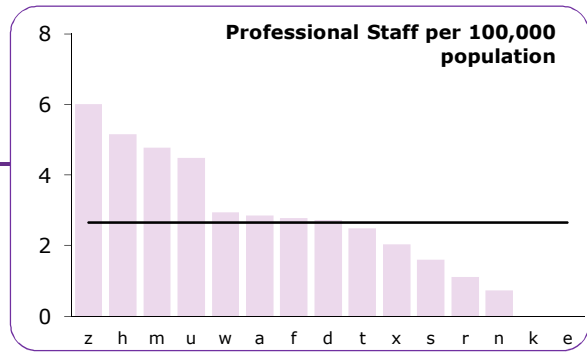
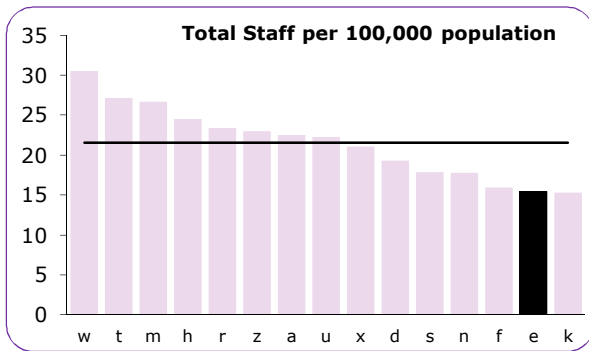


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B4: Staffing

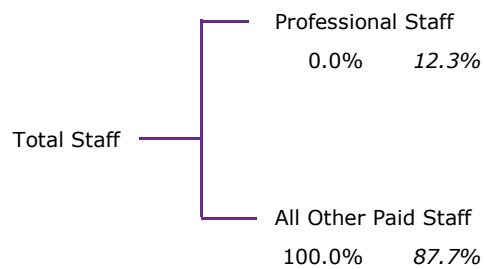
at 31 March 2018

	FTE	per 100,000 pop	Average
Professional Staff	-	0.0	2.6
All Other Staff	31.8	15.4	18.9
Total Staff	31.8	15.4	21.5



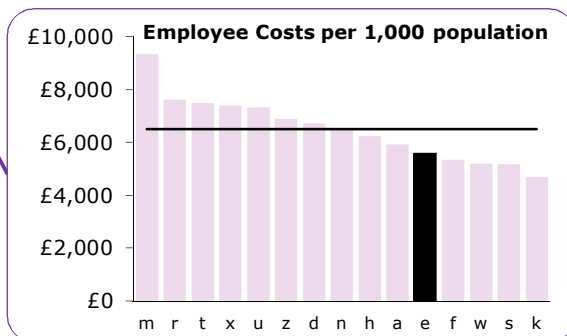
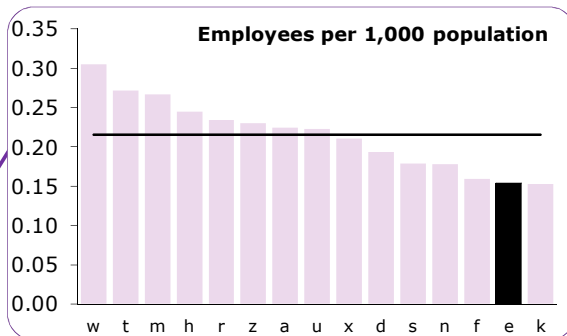
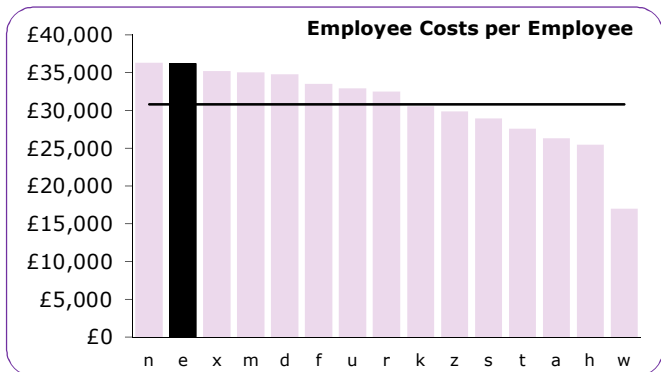
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 95 to 97

This tree diagram analyses professional and other staff as a percentage of total staff.
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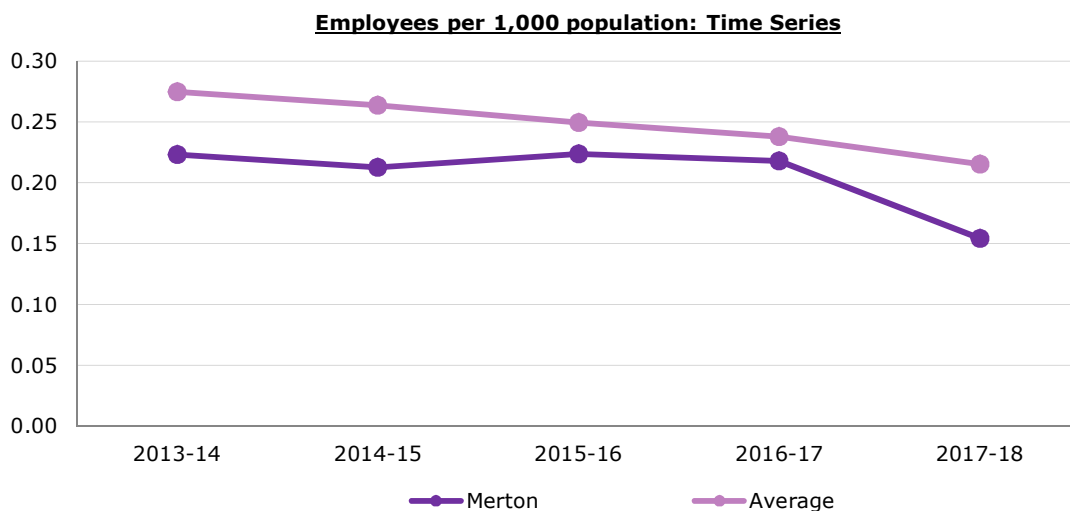
B4: Staffing (continued)

	£	Average
Employee Costs per Employee	36,163	30,818
Employees per 1,000 population	0.15	0.22
Employee Costs per 1,000 population	5,580	6,491



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 -
Cell 131 divided by Cell 97

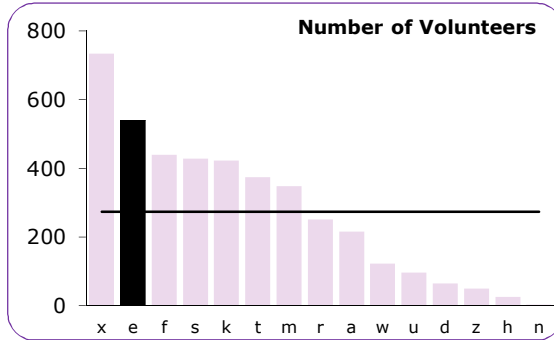
All Staff	FTE	per 1,000 pop	Average
2013-14	45.3	0.22	0.27
2014-15	43.3	0.21	0.26
2015-16	45.7	0.22	0.25
2016-17	44.7	0.22	0.24
2017-18	31.8	0.15	0.22



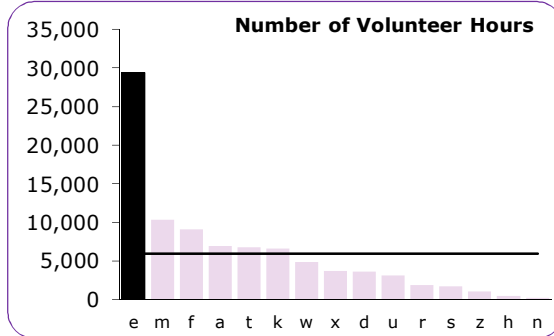
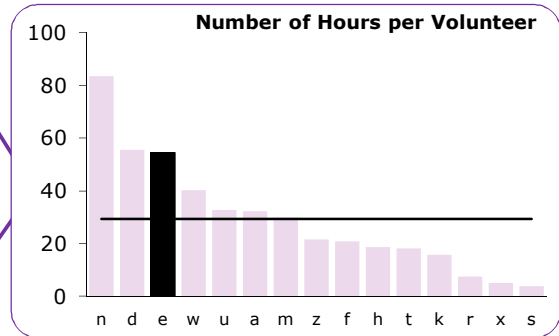
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 97 and equivalent for previous years

B5: Volunteers

2017-18 Actuals



	Number	Average
Volunteers	540	274
Volunteer Hours	29,402	6,002
Average Hours per Volunteer	54.4	29.3

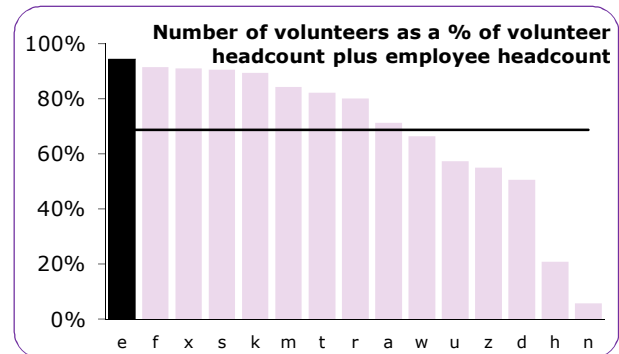
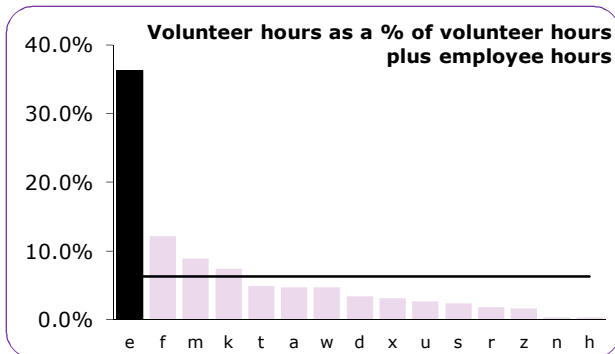


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 98 & 99

- 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	36.3%	6.3%

	%	Average
Volunteers as % headcount	94.4%	68.7%

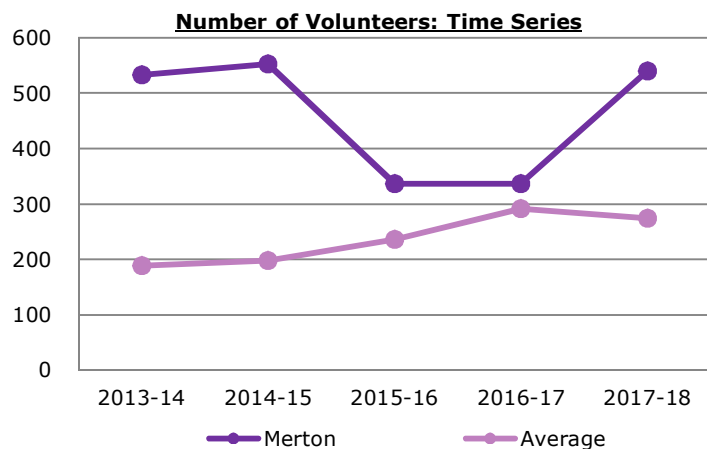


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 97 to 99

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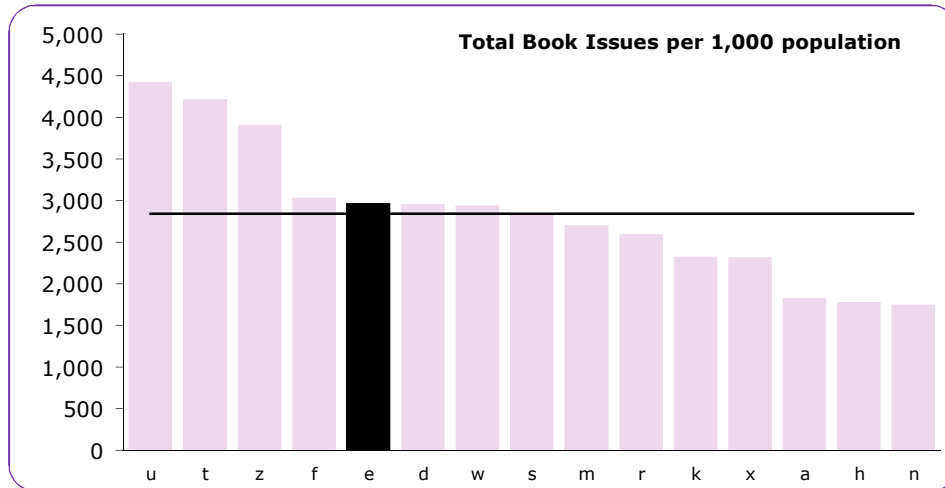
Volunteers	Number	Average
2013-14	533	189
2014-15	553	198
2015-16	337	236
2016-17	336	292
2017-18	540	274

Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 98 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.



(See page 26 for details)

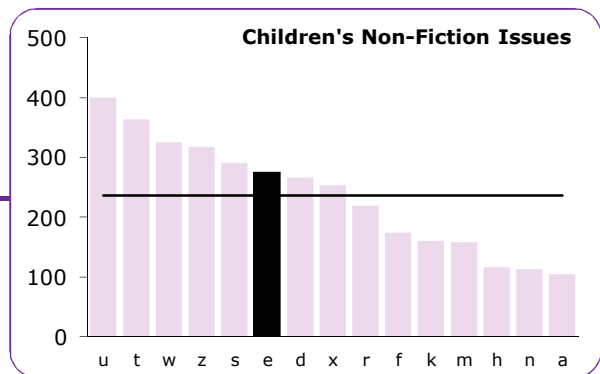
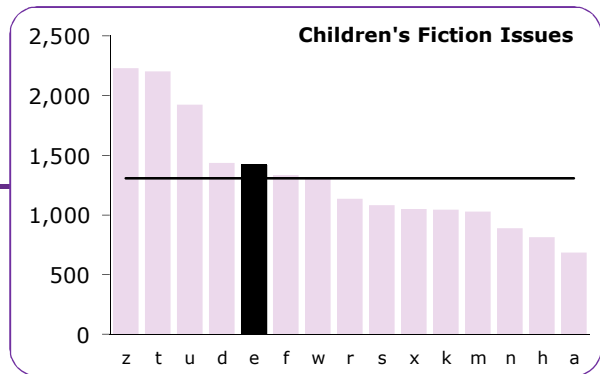
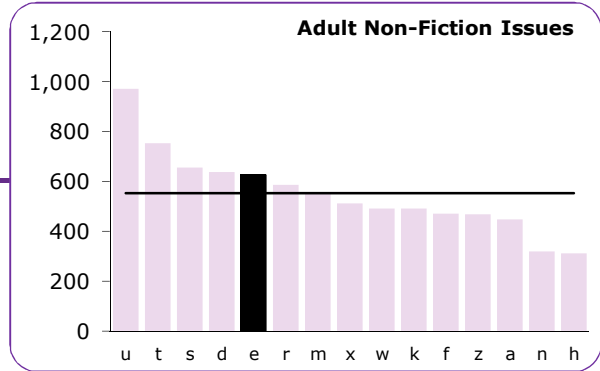
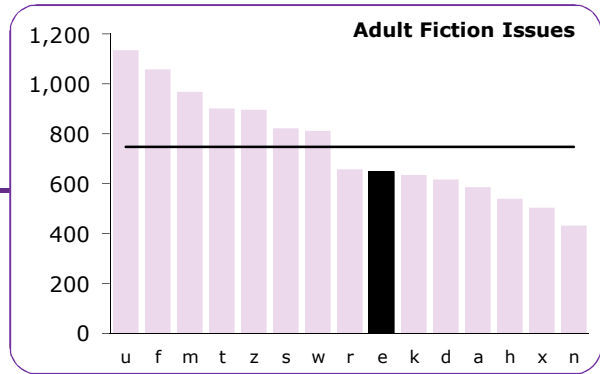
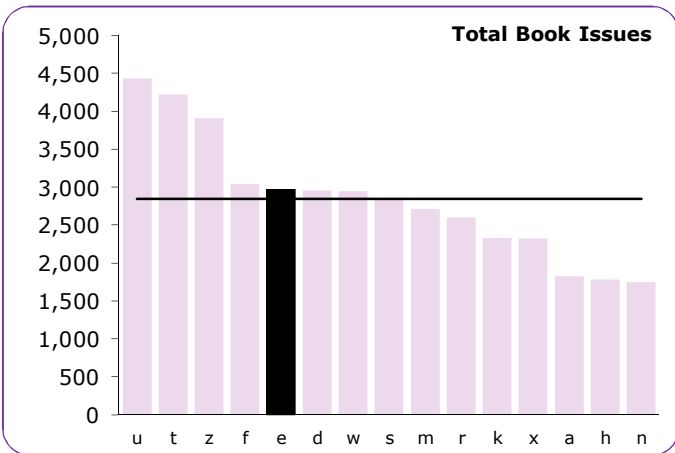
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C1: Book Issues

2017-18 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Average
Adult Fiction	133,383	647	<i>747</i>
Adult Non-Fiction	129,045	626	<i>552</i>
Children's Fiction	291,857	1,416	<i>1,307</i>
Children's Non-Fiction	56,831	276	<i>236</i>
Total Book Issues	611,116	2,965	<i>2,843</i>

graphs shown per 1,000 population



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

Book Issues	Authority	Percentage	Average
Book Issues	Adult Fiction	21.8%	<i>26.3%</i>
	Adult Non-Fiction	21.1%	<i>19.4%</i>
	Children's Fiction	47.8%	<i>46.0%</i>
	Children's Non-Fiction	9.3%	<i>8.3%</i>

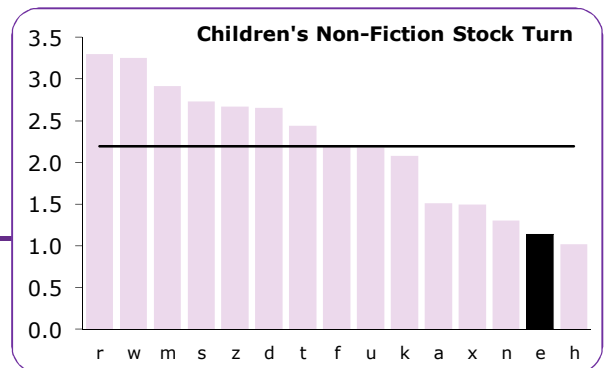
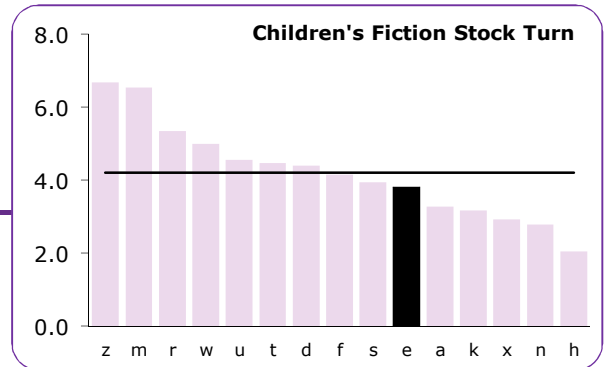
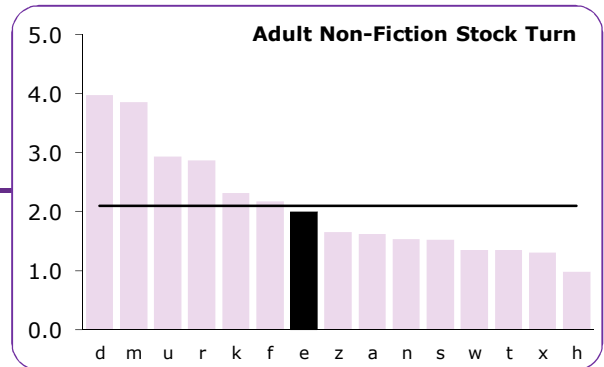
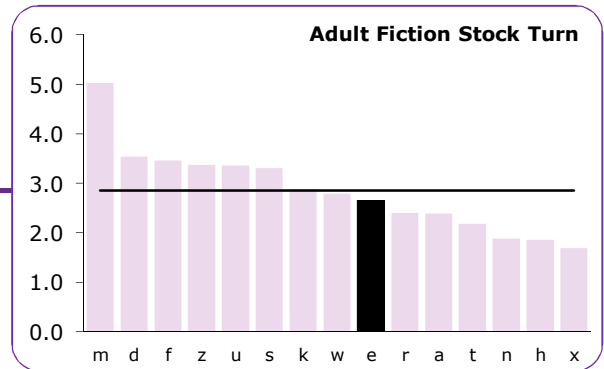
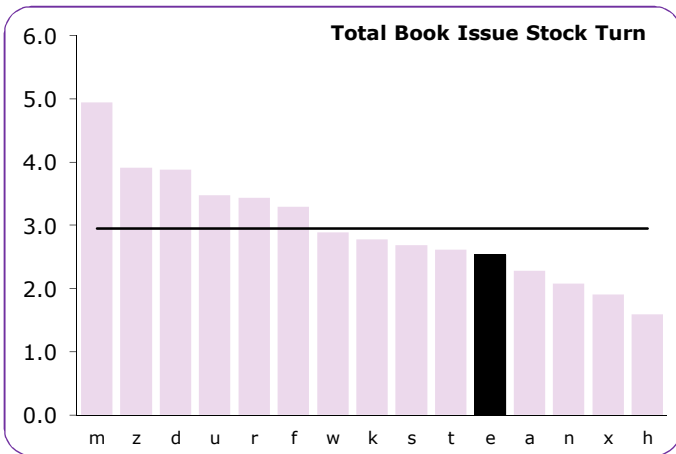
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 100 to 104

C2: Stock Turn

2017-18 Actuals

	Number	Average
Adult Fiction	2.6	2.9
Adult Non-Fiction	2.0	2.1
Children's Fiction	3.8	4.2
Children's Non-Fiction	1.1	2.2
Total Book Issues	2.5	3.0

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



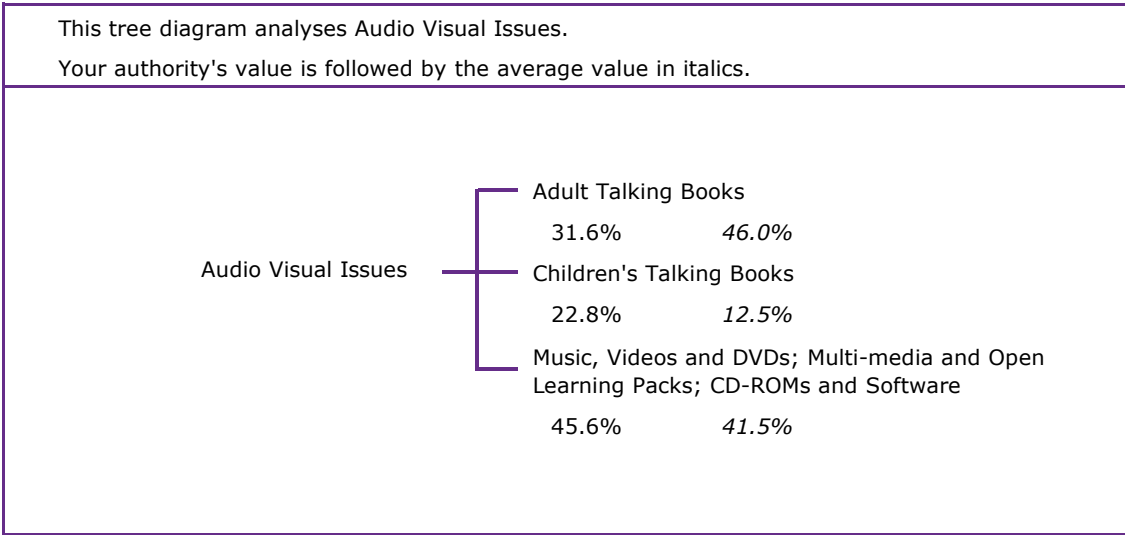
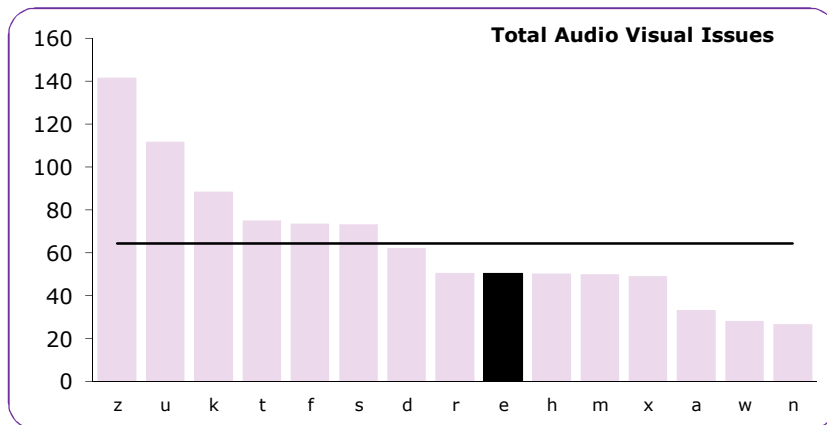
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 100 to 104 divided by Cells 58 to 62 respectively

C3: Audio, Visual & Other Issues

2017-18 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Avg
Sound Recordings			
Adult Talking Books	3,277	15.9	29.5
Children's Talking Books	2,364	11.5	8.0
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	4,724	22.9	26.6
Total Audio Visual Issues	10,365	50.3	64.2

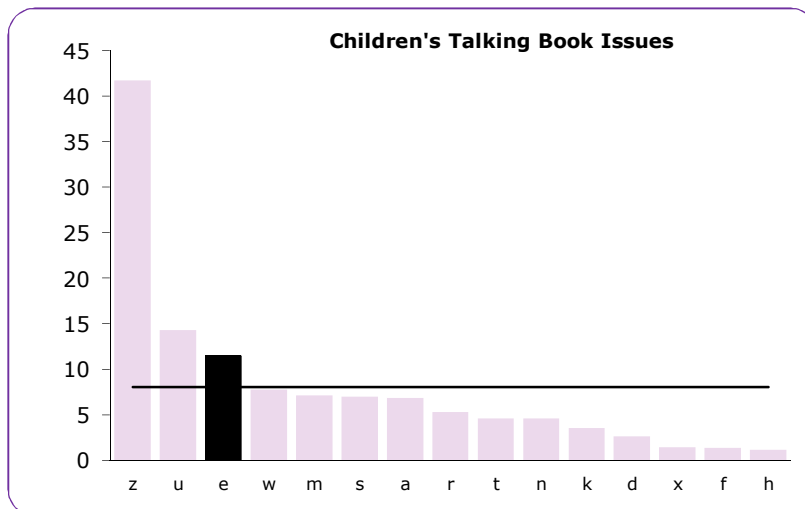
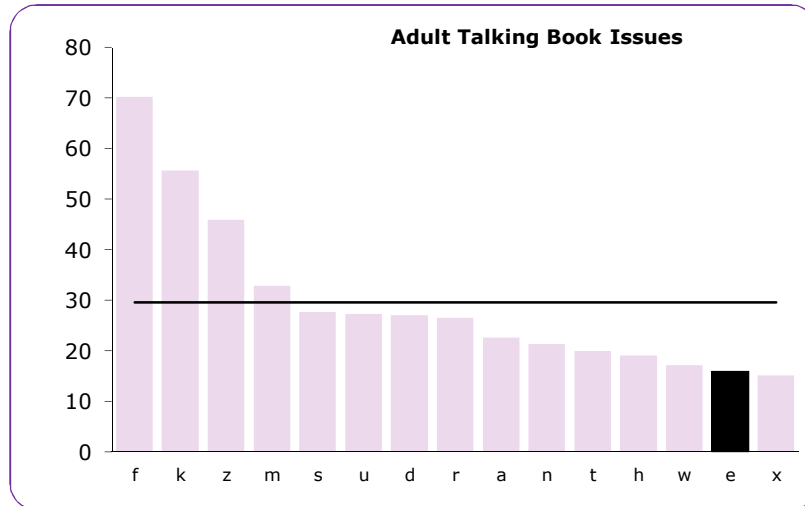
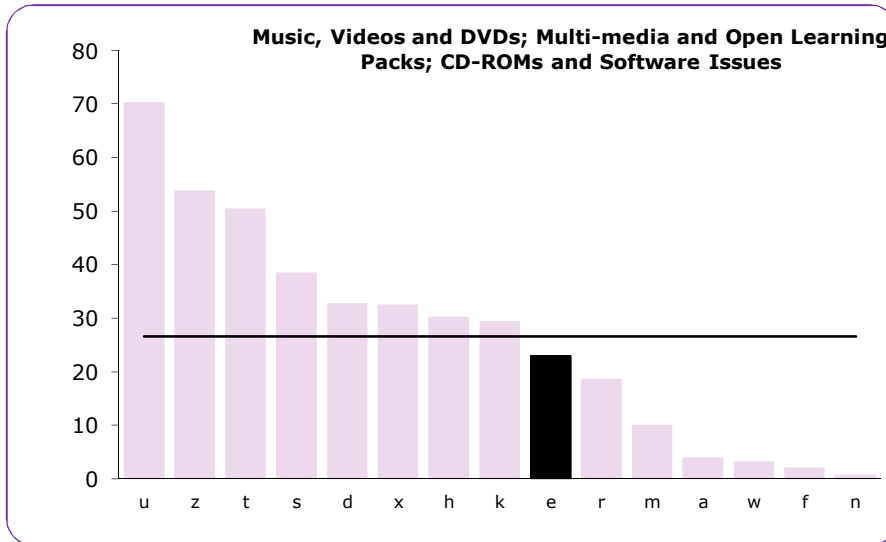
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C3: Audio, Visual & Other Issues (continued)

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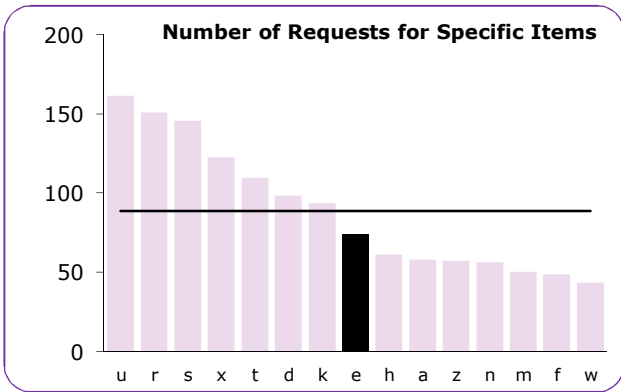
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C4: Request Service

2017-18 Actuals

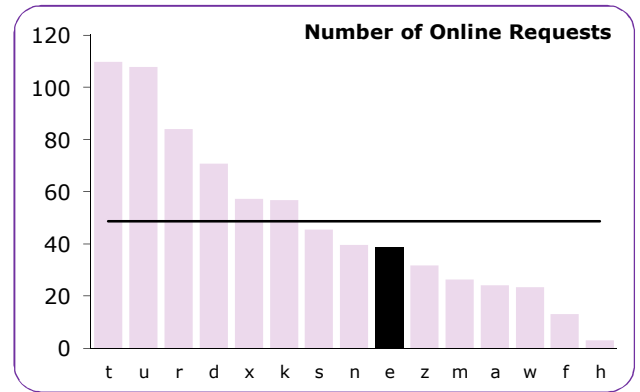
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Requests	15,118	73	89

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Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 114

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Online Requests	7,912	38	49



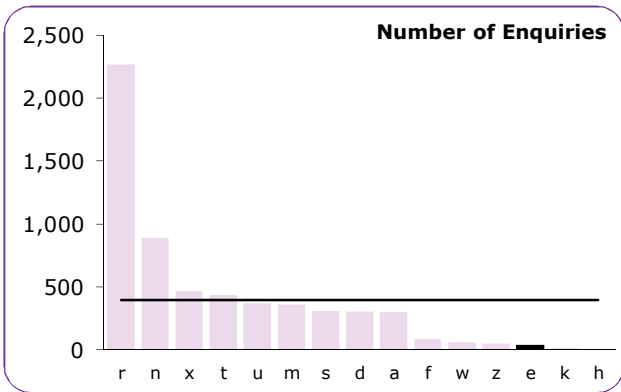
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C5: Enquiries

2017-18 Actuals

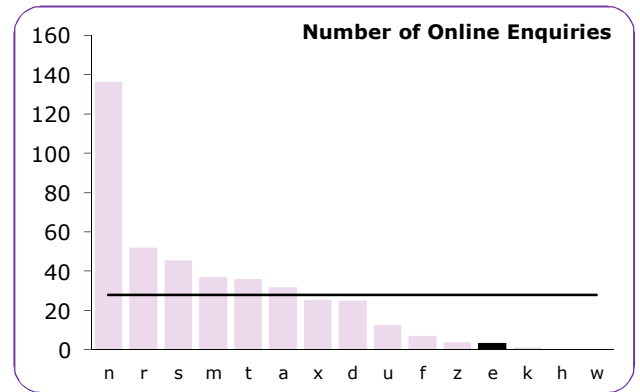
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Enquiries	7,885	38	397

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Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 119

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Online Enquiries	660	3.2	27.9



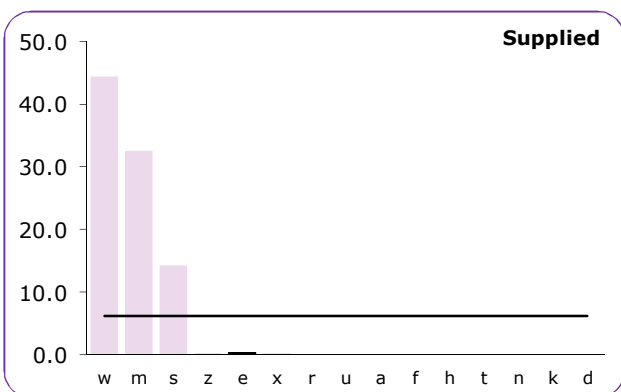
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 120

C6: Inter-Library Loans

2017-18 Actuals

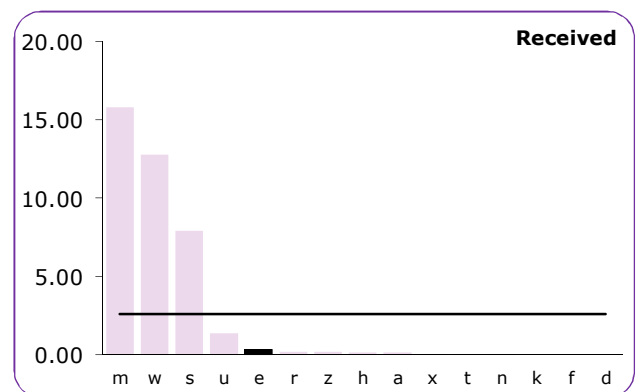
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Loans Supplied	54	0.3	6.2

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	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Loans Received	65	0.32	2.59



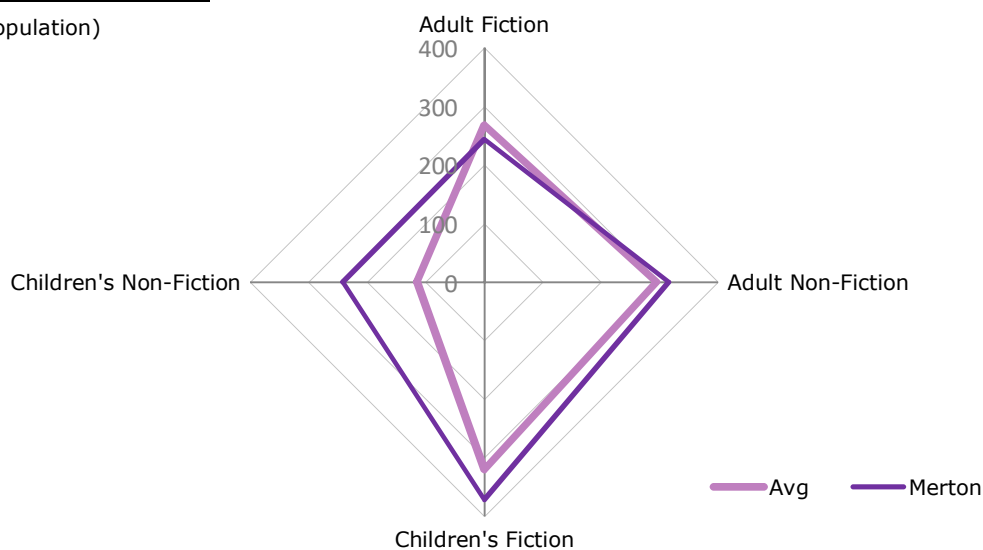
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cell 130

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 2018

(Stock per 1,000 population)



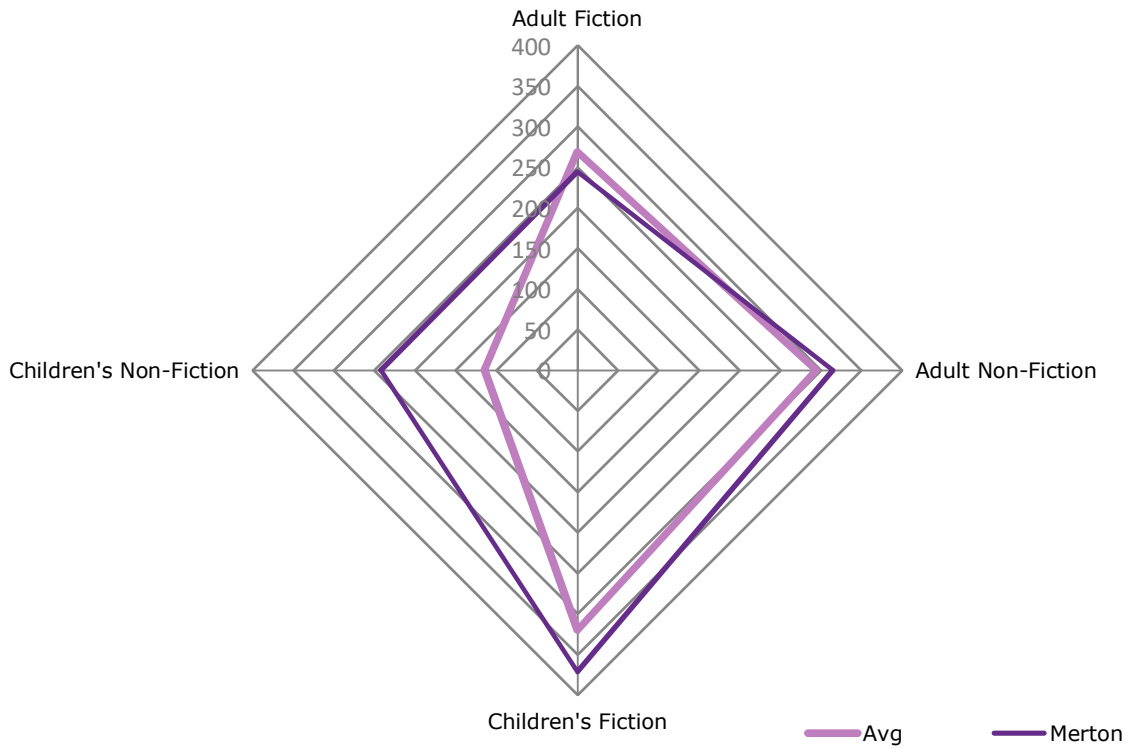
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D1: Book Stock

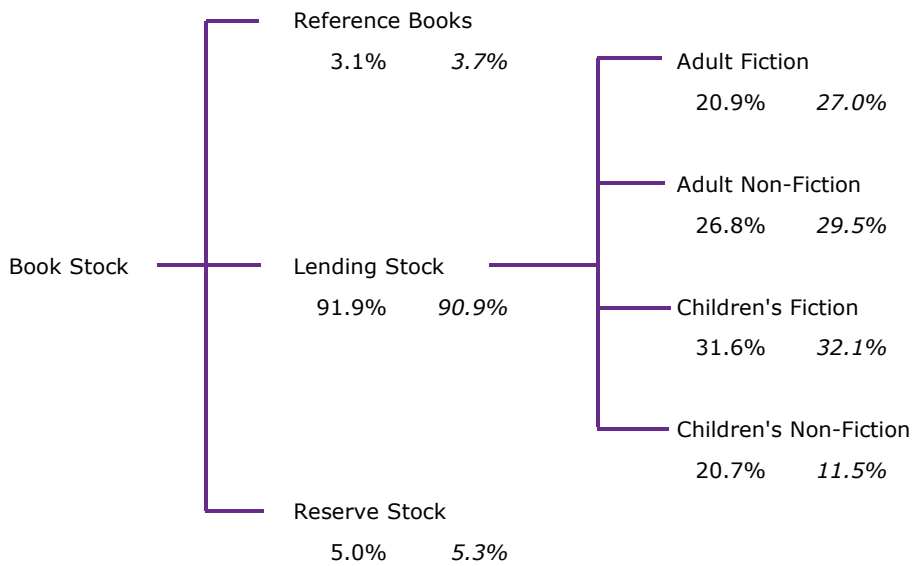
Summary

Book Stock at 31 March 2018



- 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.



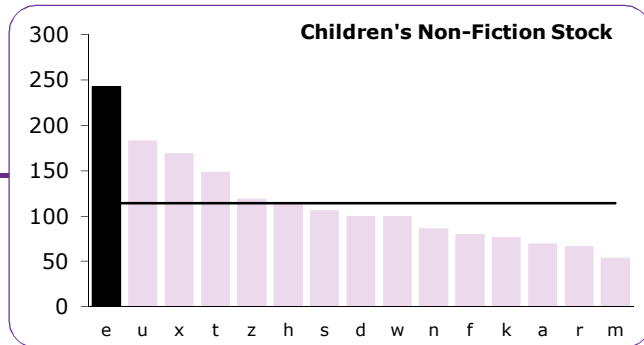
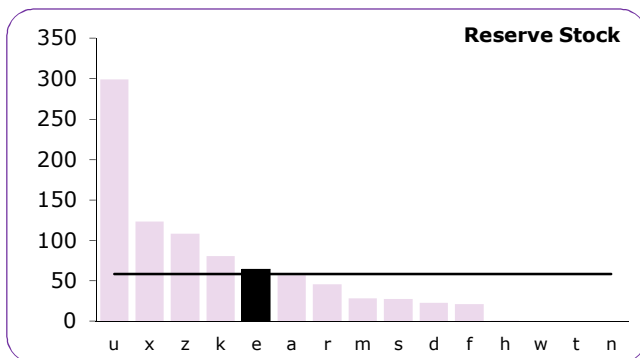
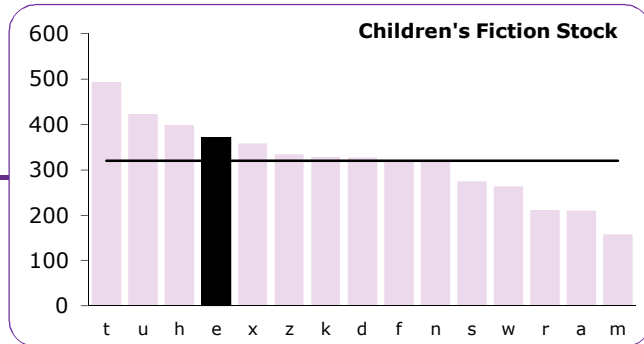
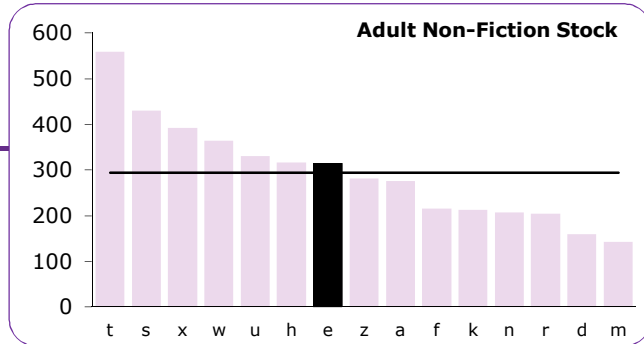
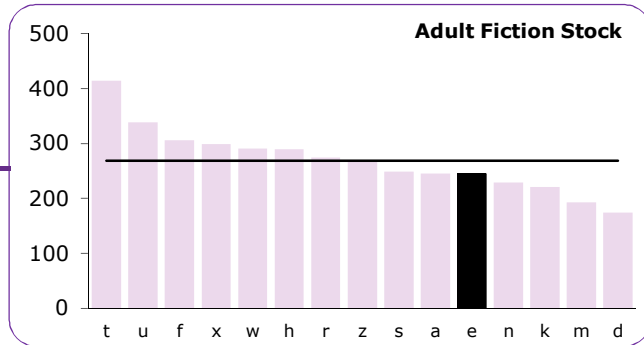
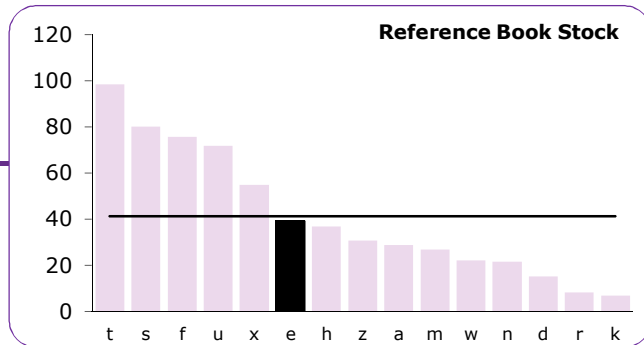
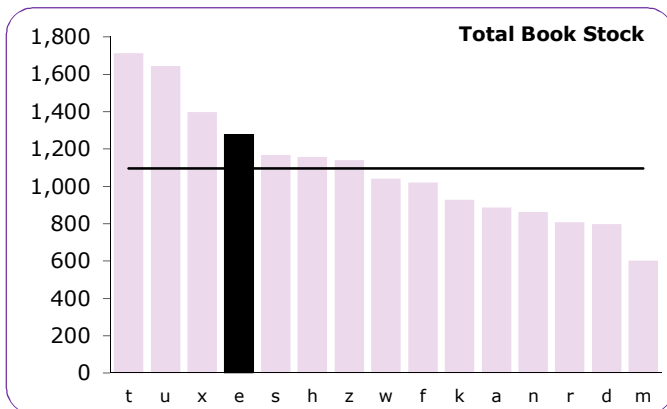
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 57 to 64

D1: Book Stock (continued)

at 31 March 2018

	No.	/1,000 pop	Avg
Reference Books	8,036	39	41
Lending Stock			
Adult Fiction	50,402	245	269
Adult Non-Fiction	64,866	315	294
Children's Fiction	76,474	371	320
Children's Non-Fiction	49,929	242	115
Reserve Stock	13,254	64	59
Total Book Stock	262,961	1,276	1,097

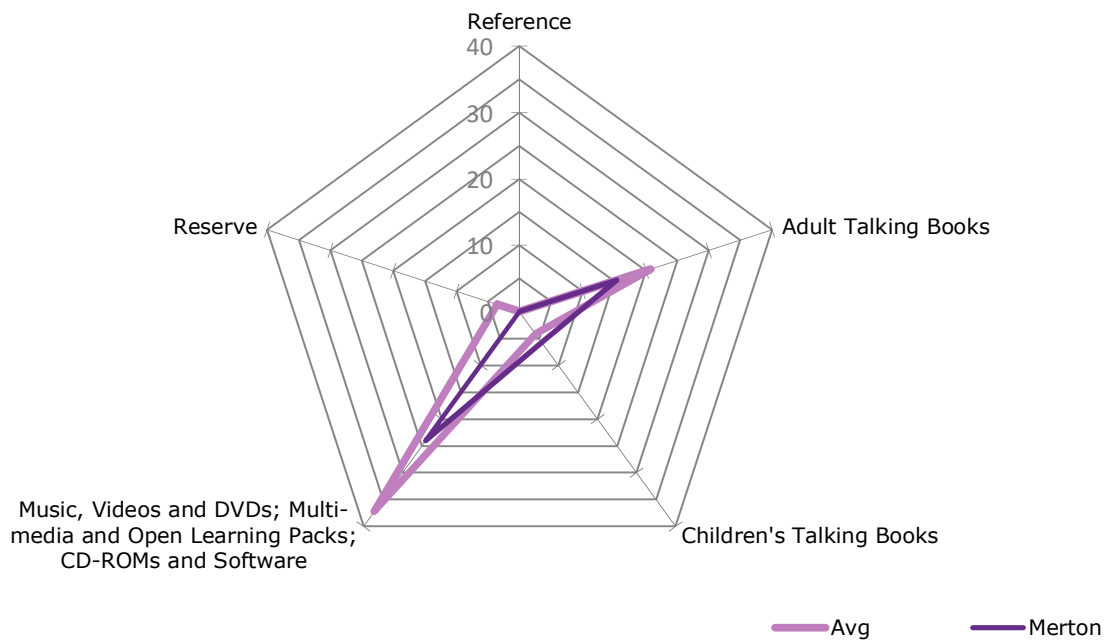
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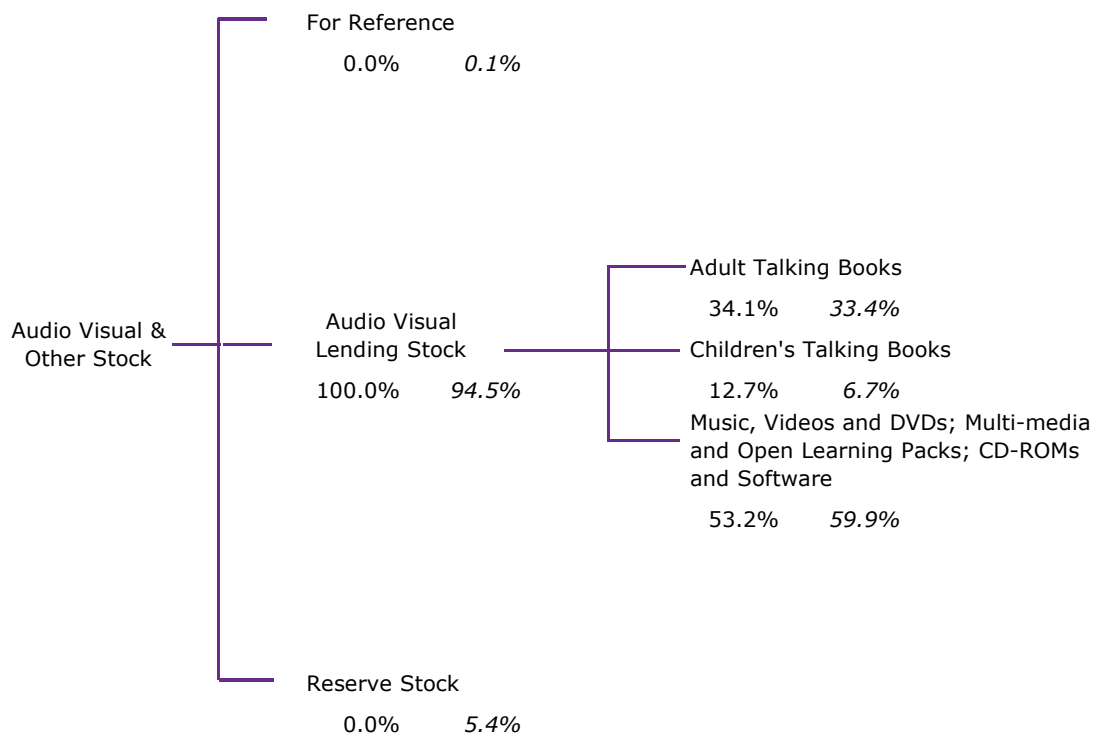
D2: Audio, Visual & Other Stock

Stock at 31 March 2017



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

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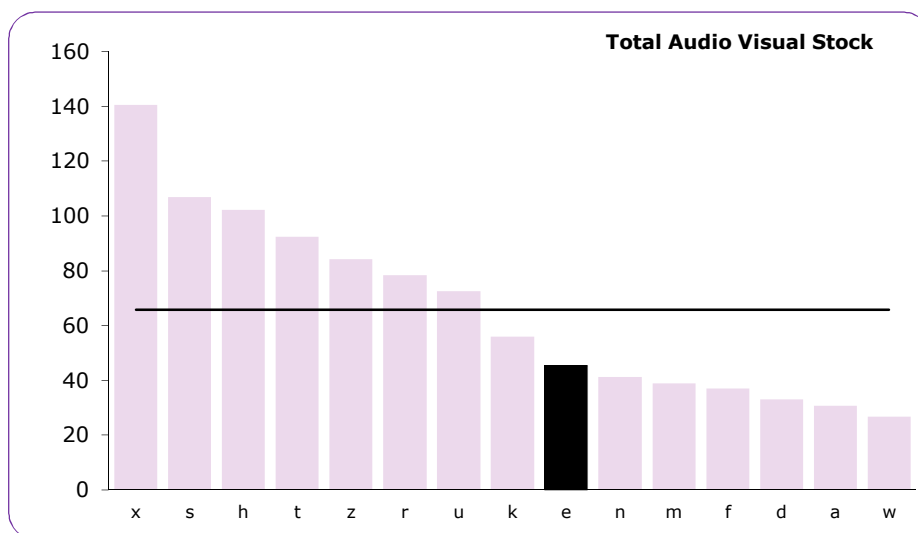
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 72 to 83

D2: Audio, Visual & Other Stock (continued)

at 31 March 2018

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Avg
Reserve Stock	0	0.0	3.6
For Reference	0	0.0	0.0
Sound - Adult Talking Books	3,178	15.4	20.8
Sound - Children's Talking Books	1,180	5.7	4.1
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	4,959	24.1	37.2
Total Audio Visual Lending Stock	9,317	45.2	65.7

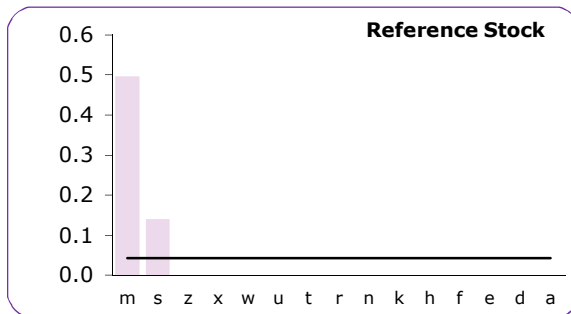
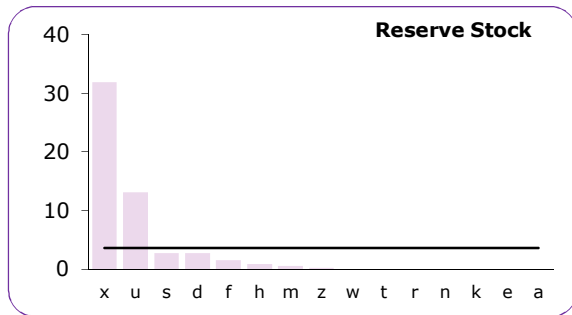
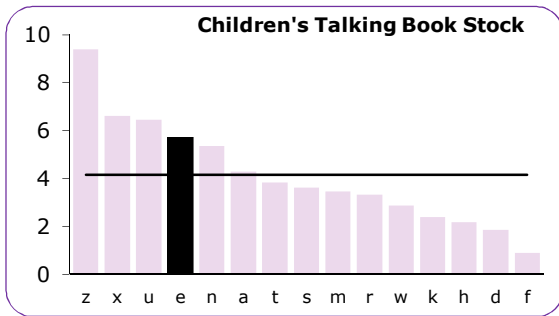
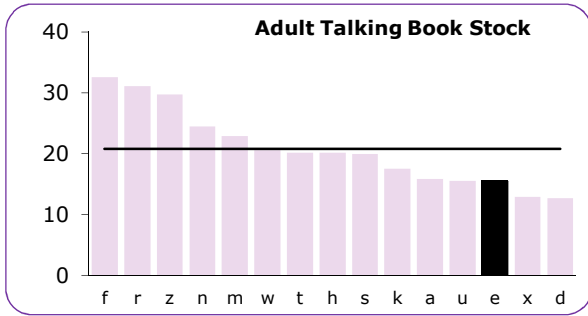
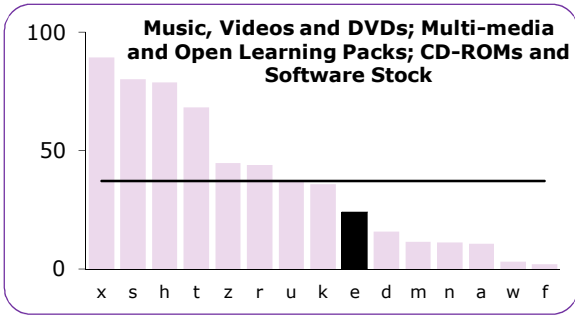
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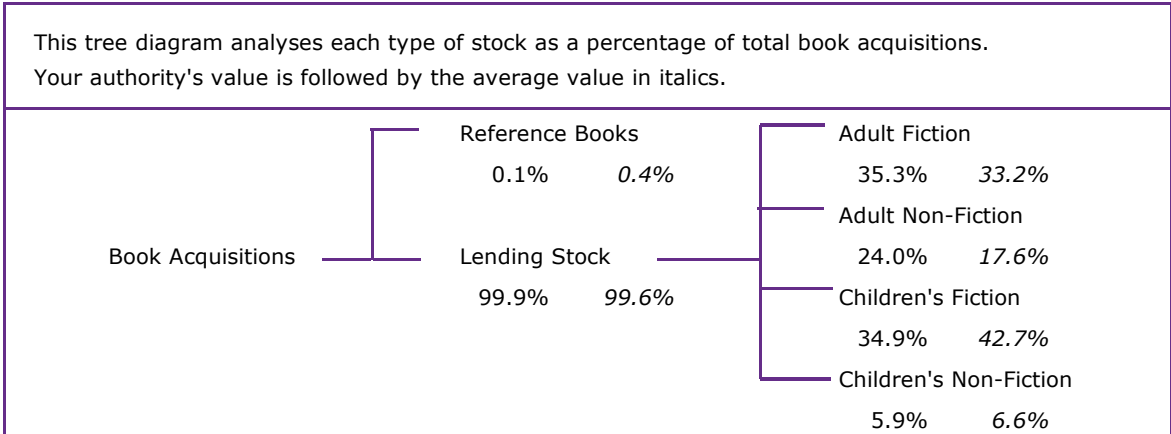
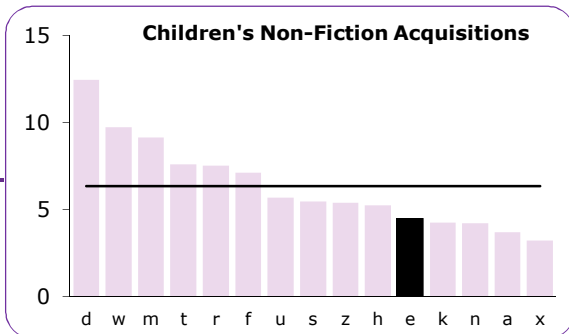
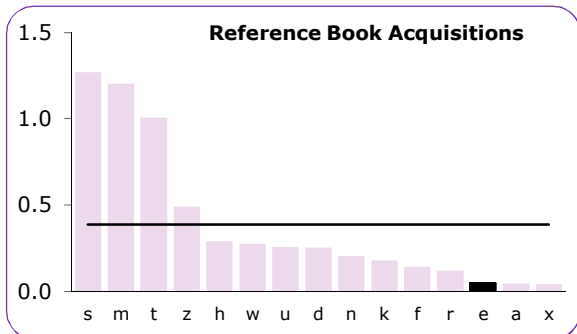
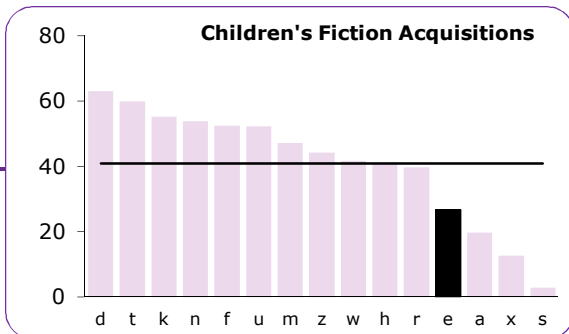
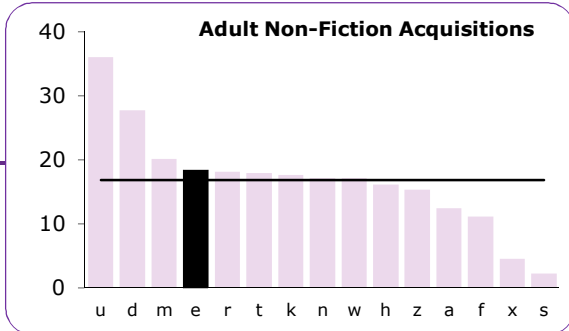
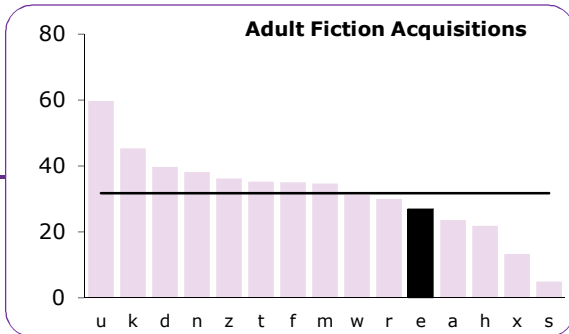
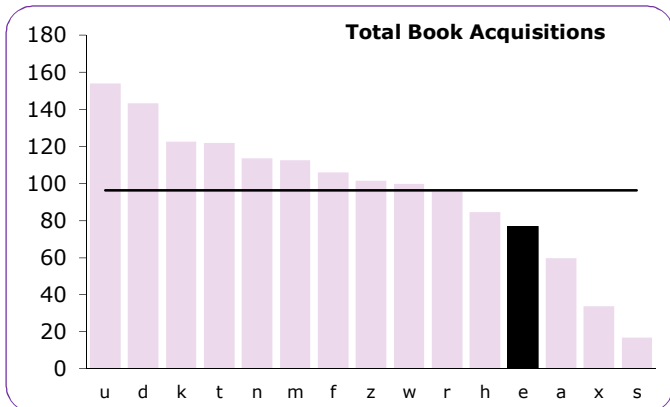
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 72 to 83

D3: Book Acquisitions

2017-18 Actuals

graphs shown per 1,000 population

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Reference Books	10	0.0	<i>0.4</i>
Lending Stock			
Adult Fiction	5,572	27.0	<i>31.7</i>
Adult Non-Fiction	3,785	18.4	<i>16.8</i>
Children's Fiction	5,513	26.7	<i>40.9</i>
Children's Non-Fiction	926	4.5	<i>6.3</i>
Total Book Acquisitions	15,806	76.7	96.2



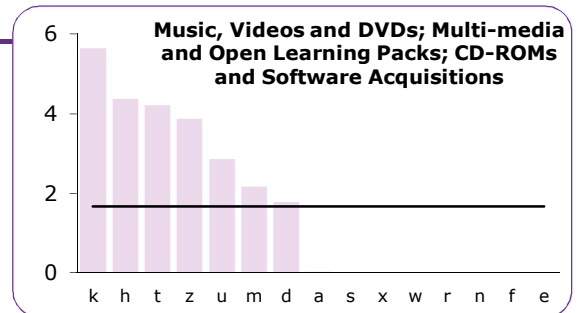
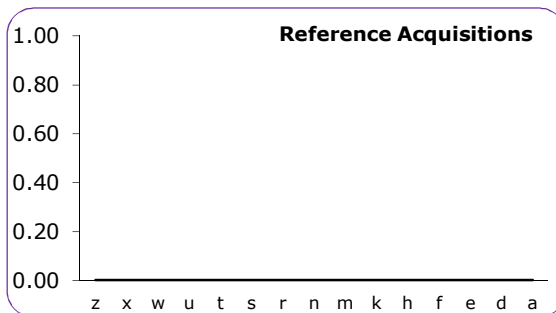
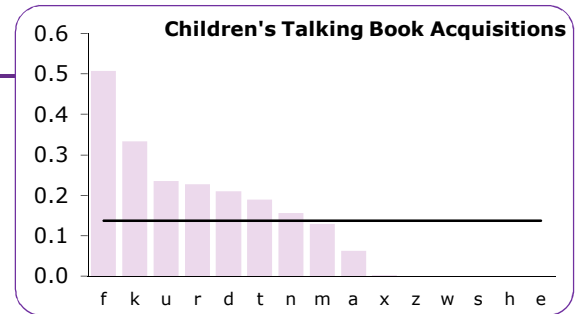
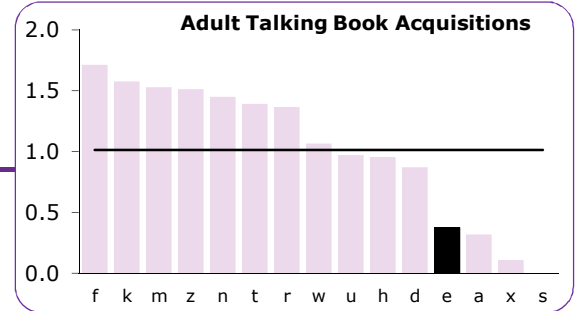
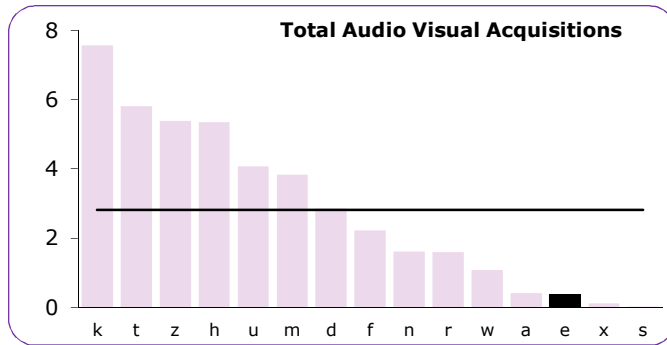
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D4: Audio, Visual & Other Acquisitions

2017-18 Actuals

graphs shown per 1,000 population

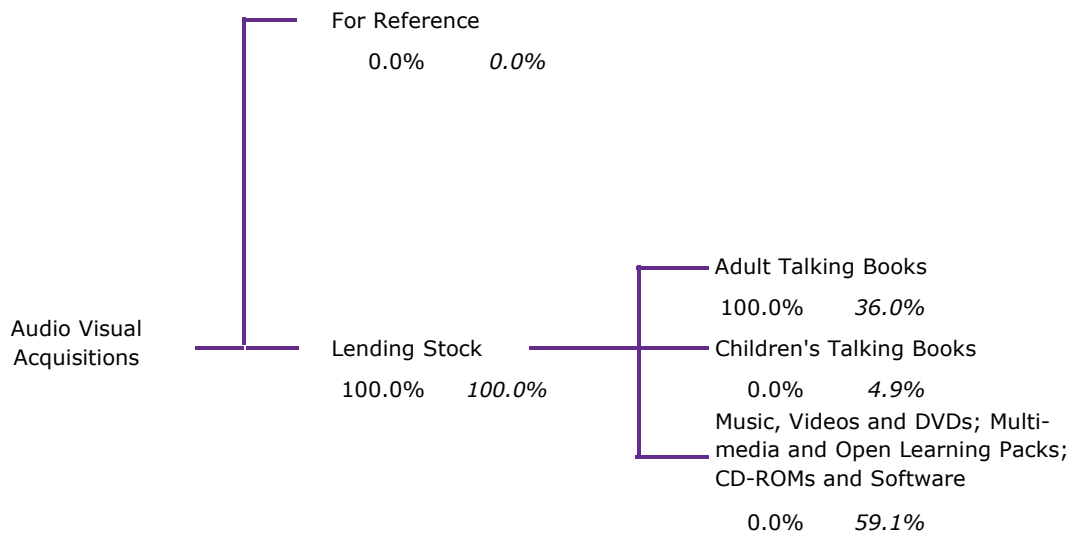
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Avg
For Reference	0	0.0	0.0
Lending Stock			
Sound - Adult Talking Books	77	0.4	1.0
Sound - Children's Talking Books	0	0.0	0.1
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	0	0.0	1.7
Total Audio Visual Acquisitions	77	0.4	2.8



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 84 to 94

D4: Audio, Visual & Other Acquisitions (continued)

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



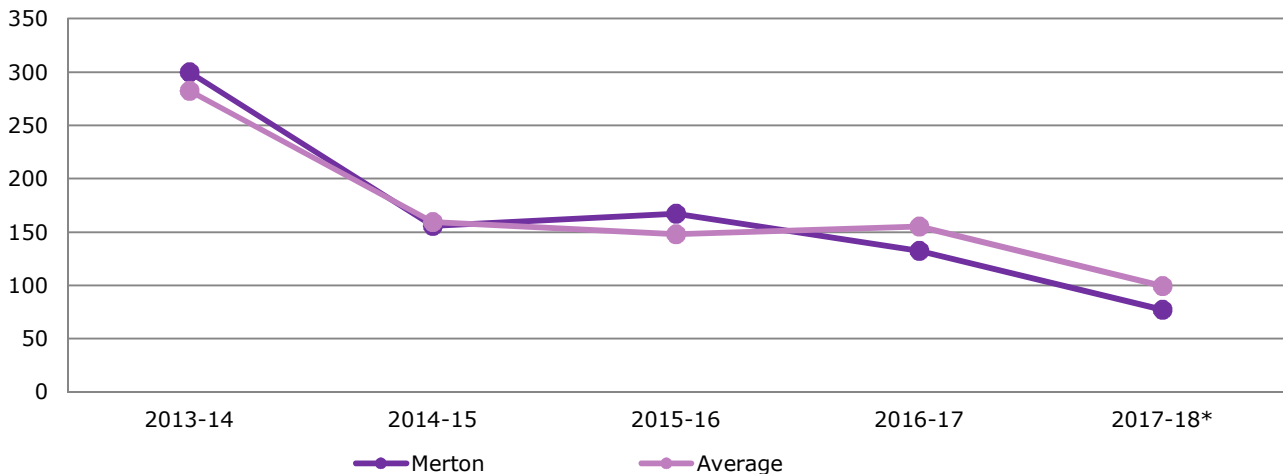
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 84 to 94

D5: All Acquisitions (Books and Audio Visual)

Acquisitions	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2013-14	60,918	300	282
2014-15	31,664	156	159
2015-16	34,228	167	148
2016-17	27,087	132	155
2017-18*	15,883	77	99

*does not include Electronic Acquisitions (eBooks, eNewspapers, eAudio, Music Streaming and Hardware)

Acquisitions per 1,000 population: Time Series

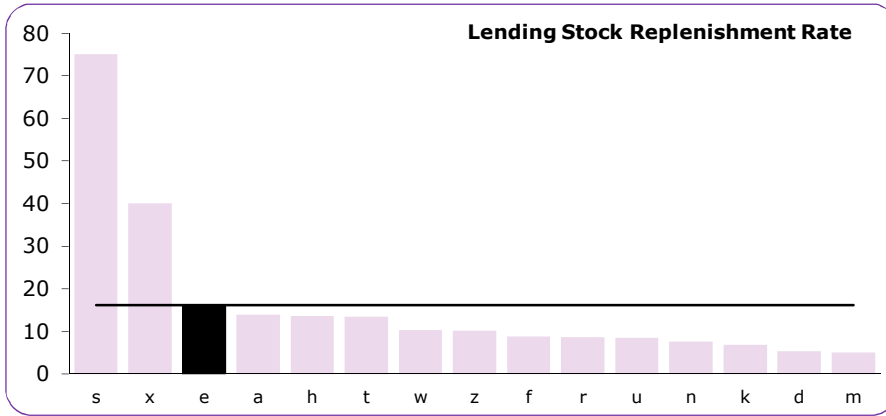


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 71 & 94

D6: Lending Stock Replenishment Rate

Lending Stock	Years	Average
Replenishment Rate	15.8	16.2

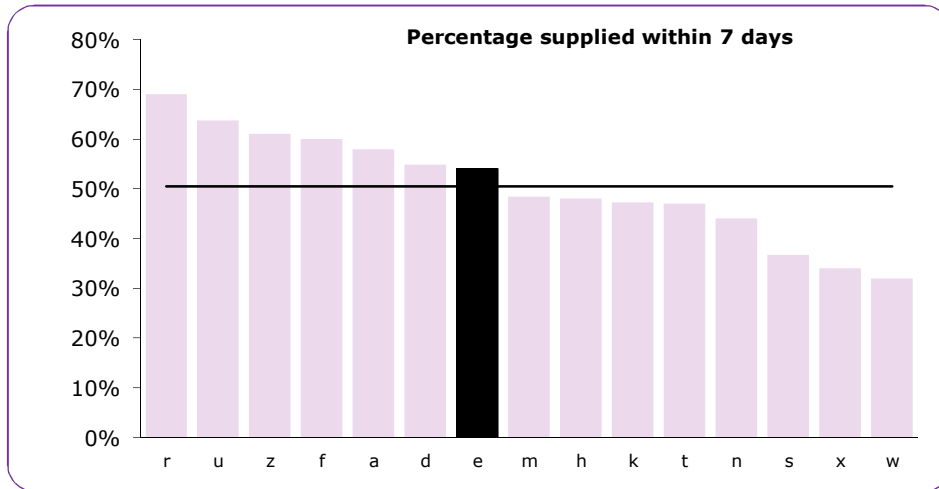
- Time taken in years to replenish the lending stock (not including electronic products) on open access or available on loan at 2017-18 rate.



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - (Cell 62 + Cell 81) / (Cell 70 + Cell 93)

SECTION E: PERFORMANCE

- The CIPFAstats Public Library Statistics primarily collect cost and quantity figures. Here we analyse the performance data included.



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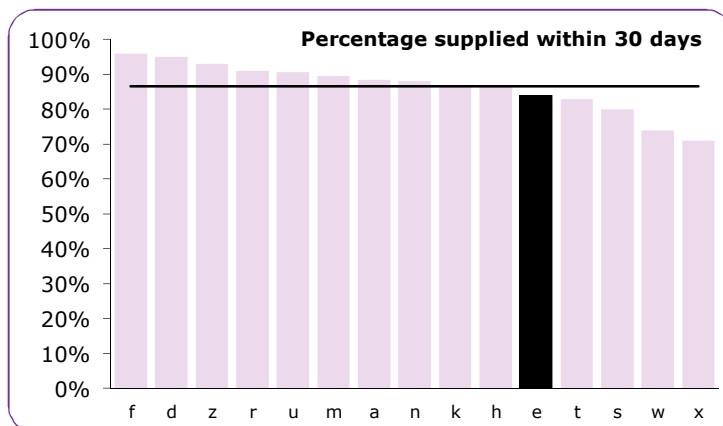
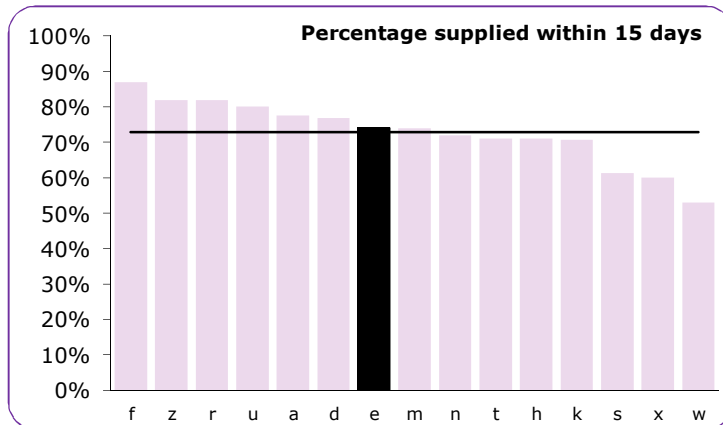
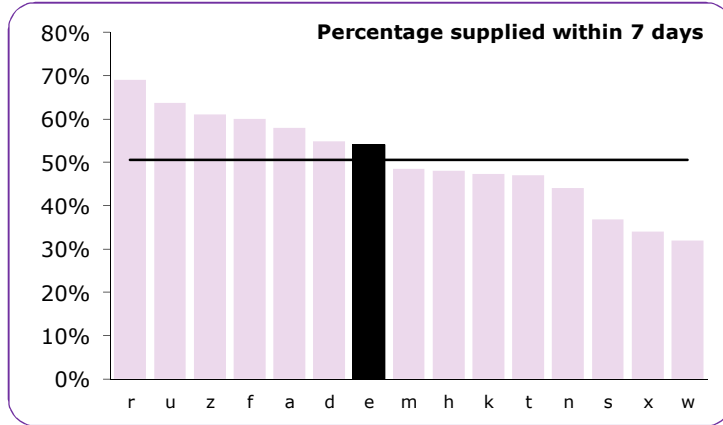
E1: Requests

% supplied in 7, 15 and 30 days

E1: Requests

2017-18 Actuals

Percentage Supplied	Authority	Average
within 7 days	54%	51%
within 15 days	74%	73%
within 30 days	84%	87%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2018 - Cells 116 to 118

APPENDICES

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

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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.

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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.

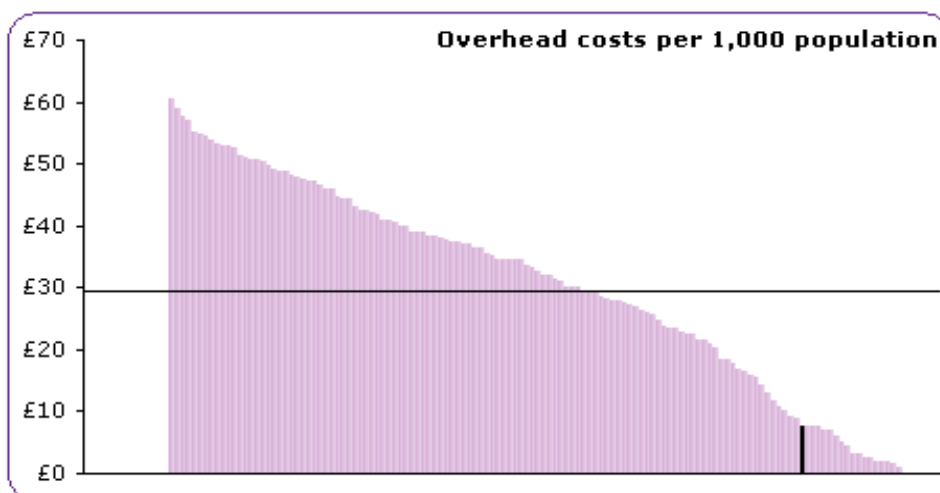


Example 4: Comparisons with large numbers of authorities

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.

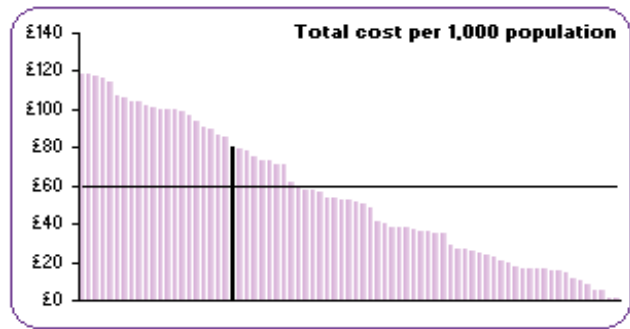


Examples 5-8: Example distributions and help in interpreting them

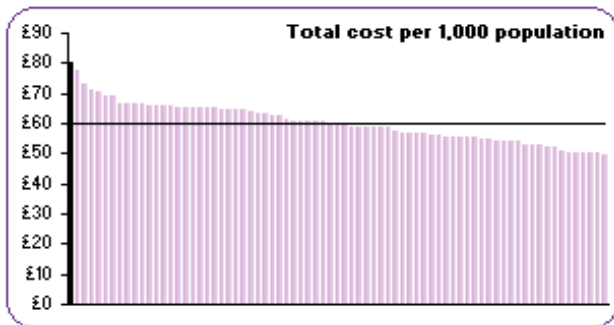
The distributions of values shown on the charts can vary greatly. Here we show some examples to help readers understand how the distributions can vary. In each case we will keep the black bar authority's value the same and the group average the same, however the shape of the graph and distribution of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

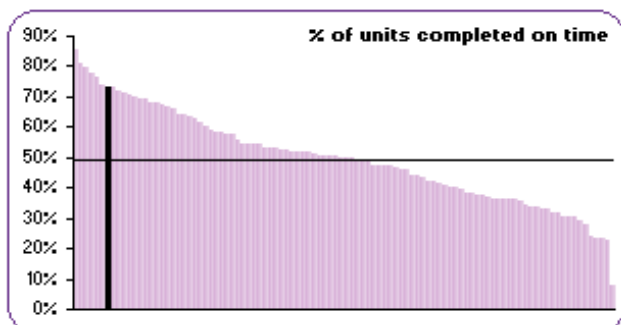
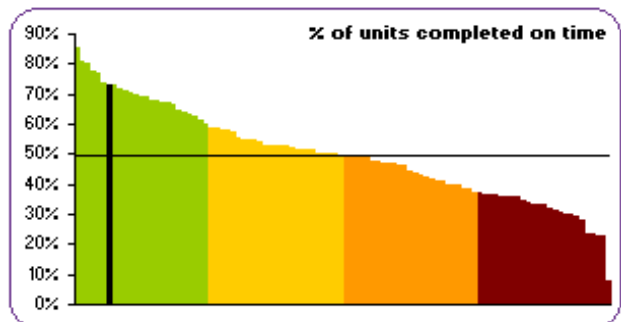
Quartiles are produced by splitting the distribution into four quarters, as presented on the right.

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.

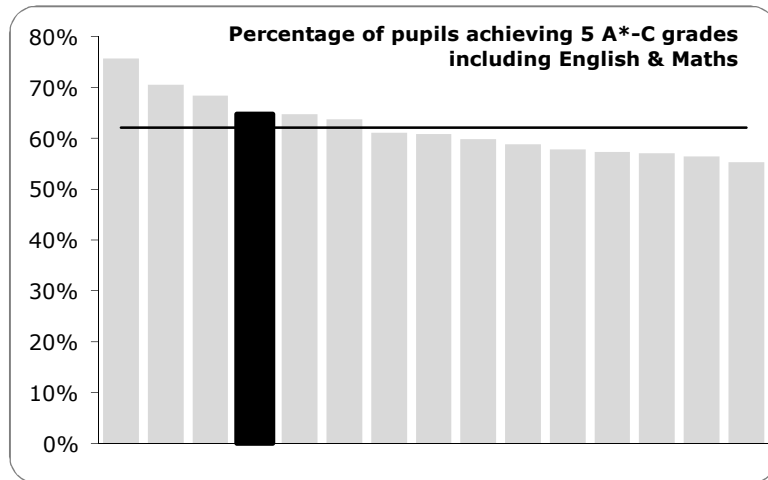
We do not show quartiles in this report, as this approach can be viewed as simplistic, and it does not fit in with the purpose of the report, which is to inform rather than judge. The reader should however compare the top and bottom charts and note how easy it is to quarter the distribution with the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



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Educational Attainment

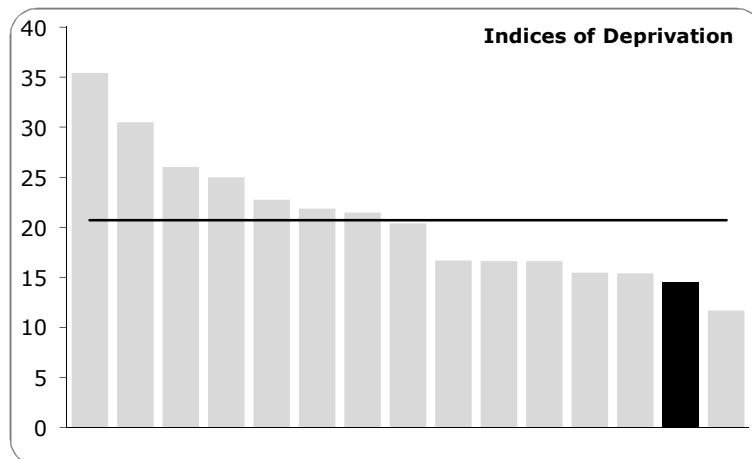
		Average
Educational Attainment	64.8%	62.2%



Source: CIPFA Children's Services Actuals Statistics 2015-16 - Column 308

Deprivation

		Average
Index of Deprivation	14.6	20.7

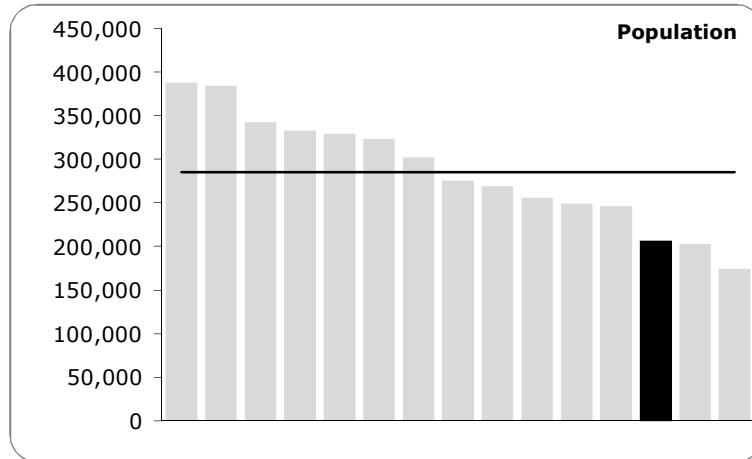


- The higher the index, the more deprived the authority is.

Source: DCLG Indices of Deprivation 2010

Population

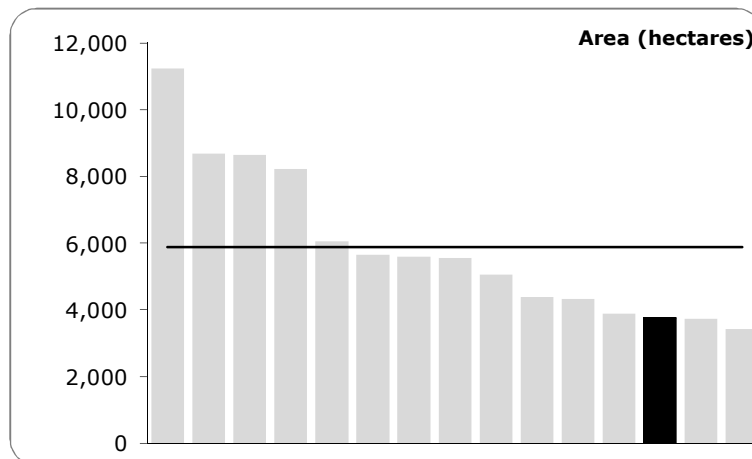
		Average
Population	206,100	285,447



Source: ONS Mid 2017 Population Estimates

Area

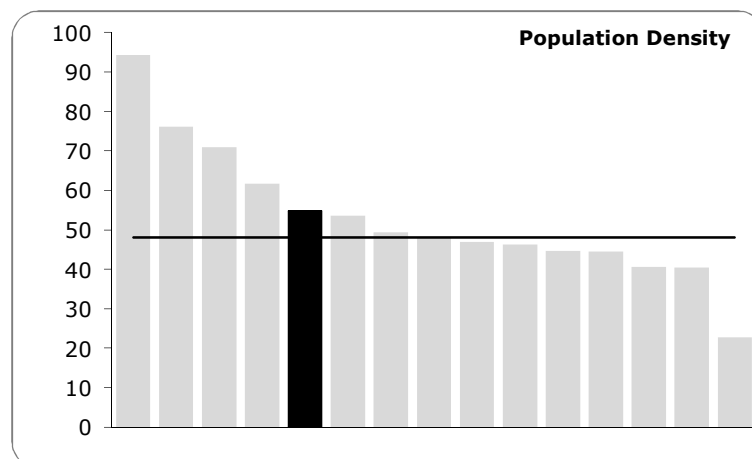
		Average
Area (hectares)	3,762	5,879



Source: ONS Area 2017

Population Density

		Median
Population Density	54.8	48.1



APPENDIX 3 - Financial Information

For London Borough of Merton

Financial Information 2017-18 (Actuals)

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	1,149,988	5,580	6,491
Premises	554,414	2,690	1,729
Supplies & Services			
Books & Pamphlets			
- Reference	271	1	21
- Adult Fiction	52,544	255	271
- Adult Non-Fiction	35,028	170	157
- Children's Fiction	22,111	107	210
- Children's Non-Fiction	9,475	46	45
Newspapers, Periodicals & Magazines	12,845	62	67
Sound Recordings			
- Adult Talking Books	4,262	21	44
- Children's Talking Books	0	0	4
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	0	0	21
Electronic Products			
- eBooks (lending and reference)	5,519	27	52
- eNewspapers, eMagazines & eComics	5,000	24	27
- eAudio & eAudiovisual	500	2	26
- Music Streaming	0	0	0
- Hardware	0	0	0
Online/Electronic (Internet etc.)	20,743	101	88
Other Acquisitions	0	0	10
Bookbinding	0	0	0
Total Materials	168,298	817	1,045
Computing Costs	104,518	507	557
Other Supplies & Services	217,702	1,056	751
Transport	6,626	32	62
Third Party Payments	17,788	86	124
Support Service Costs	636,525	3,088	921
Total Revenue Expenditure	2,855,859	13,857	11,678
Revenue Income	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Overdue Charges	(51,657)	(251)	(175)
Reservation Fees	(3,754)	(18)	(32)
Lettings	(220,186)	(1,068)	(266)
Hire of Audio & Visual Materials	(4,647)	(23)	(32)
Electronic Revenue	0	0	(3)
Specific Grants	(144,687)	(702)	(139)
Provision of Library Services to other Local Authorities	0	0	(48)
Miscellaneous - receipts from the public	(69,963)	(339)	(301)
Miscellaneous - corporate income	(30,546)	(148)	(116)
Total Revenue Income	(525,440)	(2,549)	(1,113)
Net Expenditure (excluding Capital Charges)	2,330,419	11,307	10,566
Capital Charges	358,846	1,741	2,017
Total Net Expenditure (including Capital Charges)	2,689,265	13,048	12,582

Financial Information 2017-18 (Actuals - Continued)

Capital Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
New Buildings	160,855	780	70
Refurbishment of Premises	177,616	862	1,637
IT Investment, Networks etc.	48,683	236	222
Books and Pamphlets	0	0	30
Other Library Materials	0	0	1
Other Capital Expenditure (please specify)	0	0	244
Total Capital Expenditure	387,154	1,878	2,204

Financial Information 2018-19 (Estimates)

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	1,016,450	4,932	6,798
Premises	641,930	3,115	1,870
Supplies & Services - Materials	176,750	858	1,131
Other Expenditure	897,850	4,356	2,198
Total Revenue Expenditure	2,732,980	13,260	11,997

Revenue Income	(430,600)	(2,089)	(1,335)
Net Expenditure (excluding Capital Charges)	2,302,380	11,171	10,662
Capital Charges	358,840	1,741	776
Total Net Expenditure (including Capital Charges)	2,661,220	12,912	11,438

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 have access to our historical archive of downloadable data in addition to a range of interactive and visual tools to help with further analysis.

www.cipfastats.net/leisure/publiclibrary

● CIPFA TISonline Leisure and Culture Services Stream

TISonline is CIPFA's online information resource which supports financial managers in the public services. TISonline provides over 30 information streams of guidance on the financial and service functions of local authorities and other bodies, supported by news updates, discussion forums and e-alert services.

www.cipfa.org/services/tisonline/tisonline-leisure-and-cultural-services

APPENDIX 5 - Contact Us!

We hope you have found the profile interesting and informative.

This is the eighth year of the profile and we aim for this to be a user-led product that improves year-on-year.

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.