
QUOTABLE FACTS OF UTAH PUBLIC LIBRARIES FY2013

The total number of visits to public libraries in Utah outnumber the passenger traffic out of Salt Lake City International Airport.

- FY2013 Library Visits = 17,873,763 – Source: FY2013 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.
- Total Passengers Enplaned 10,102,643 – Source: SALT LAKE CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, SUMMARY STATISTICS FOR 2013
<http://www.slcairport.com/air-traffic-statistics.asp>

More Utahns (1,776,378) are registered to use the public library than are registered to vote (1,475,356).

- FY2013 Registered Borrowers = 1,776,378 – Source: FY2013 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.
- Total Utah Registered Voters 1,475,356 – Source: State of Utah Elections Office, Voter Statistics, *Updated 07/17/2014
<http://elections.utah.gov/party-and-status>

Participants in library programs in 2013 would fill the Maverik Center almost 90 times or the Energy Solutions Arena over 52 times.

- FY2013 Total Program Attendance = 1,049,315 – Source: FY2013 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.
- Maverik Center capacity for basketball = 12,000 – Source: http://www.maverikcenter.com/about_maverik_center.aspx
- Energy Solutions Arena seating capacity for basketball = 20,000 – Source: <http://www.energysolutionsarena.com>

Almost twice as many people visited Utah public libraries than all Utah's National Parks, Monuments, Recreation Areas and Historical Sites – combined.

- FY2013 Library Visits = 17,873,763 – Source: FY2013 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.
- 2013 = 8,981,447 recreation visitors to all Utah's National Parks, Monuments, Recreation Areas and Historical Sites.
<https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/National>

In 2013, almost 3 million people visited Zions National Park. The same year, almost 18 million people visited Utah public libraries.

- FY2013 Library Visits = 17,873,763 – Source: FY2013 Statistical Report of Public Library Services. Utah Dataset.
- 2013 = 2,807,387 visitors to Zions National Park.
<https://irma.nps.gov/Stats/Reports/National>

The average household in Salt Lake County pays \$166.20 per year for library service. For that amount you could...

- Buy about 45 gallons of gasoline (\$3.70/gallon Regular Gas)
 - Buy about 6 hardcover fiction books (2013 Adult Fiction Hardcover = \$26.63)
Source: <http://www.slj.com/2013/06/research/sljs-average-book-prices-2013/>
 - Buy 3 or 4 Utah Jazz basketball tickets
 - Buy 2 or 3 PS3 New Release Games
 - A couple of all-day ski lift tickets
 - Not enough to pay 1 littering ticket
- 2014 Proposed Tax Rate for Salt Lake County = 0.000715 – Source: 2014 Proposed Tax Rate for Libraries
<http://heritage.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/USL-2014-Library-Tax-Rates.pdf>
 - 2013 Single Family Home Median Price in Salt Lake County = \$232,450 – Source:
<http://www.bestsaltlakehomes.com/historic-prices/slc-annual-2013.html>
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