

Slough Borough Council

CIPFAstats Comparative Profile

public libraries

2018-19 Actuals and
2019-20 Estimates

Comparison Group:

- (z) Slough
- (r) Reading
- (k) Luton
- (f) Peterborough
- (w) Thurrock
- (x) Leicester
- (t) Swindon
- (a) Coventry
- (e) Southampton
- (h) Bedford
- (d) Bristol
- (m) Bolton
- (s) Oldham



FOREWORD

I am pleased to be able to present the ninth 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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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 2019 CIPFAstats collection with the group of authorities specified on the title page.

This is the ninth 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

81.4% of UK Library Authorities provided data for the 2019 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

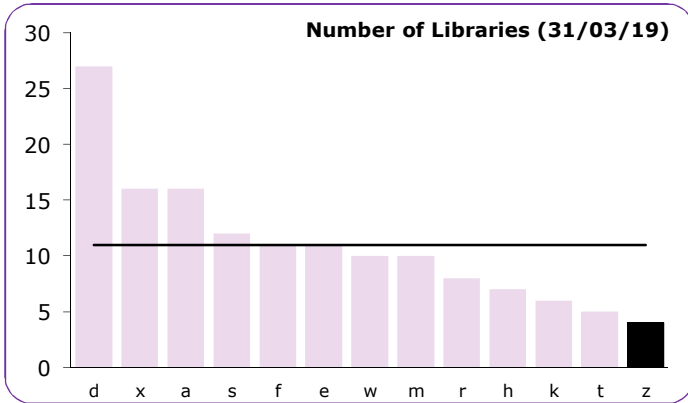
Please note that for 2019, Bournemouth & Poole provided a joint return. Resulting from this, some of the averages for the 5 year trend tables and charts may differ slightly from previous years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Comparing Slough with 12 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 2018-19 Actuals.

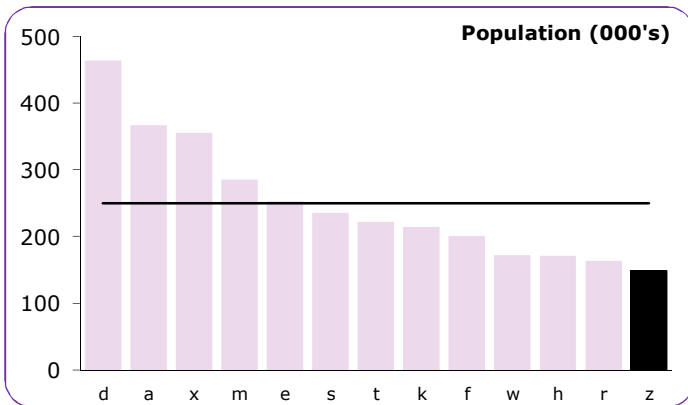
A: Libraries and Library Users



The chart on the left compares the number of libraries your authority has with the other authorities in the comparison. Slough has 4 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.

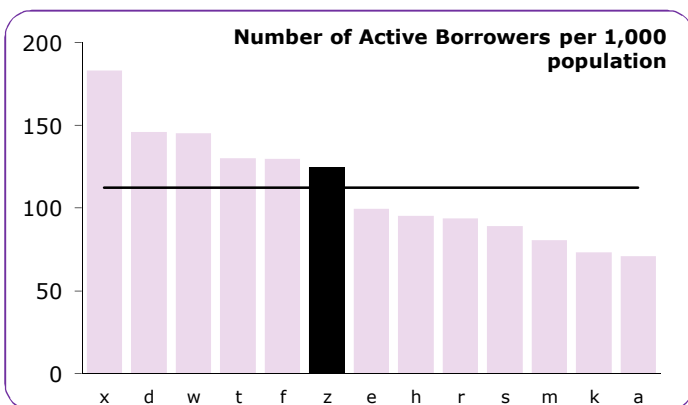
Slough has one of the lowest numbers of libraries within the group giving an indication of the scale of the library service.

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).

Slough is the smallest of the 13 authorities compared here (in terms of population).

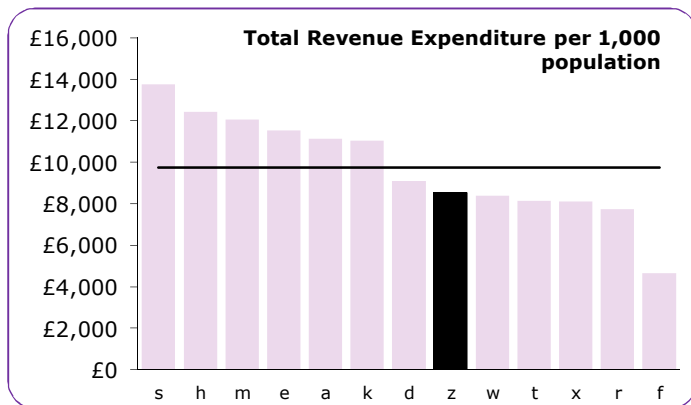


The number of active borrowers per 1,000 population is a key indication of how well the library service engages with the public.

Slough is within the higher quartiles 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.

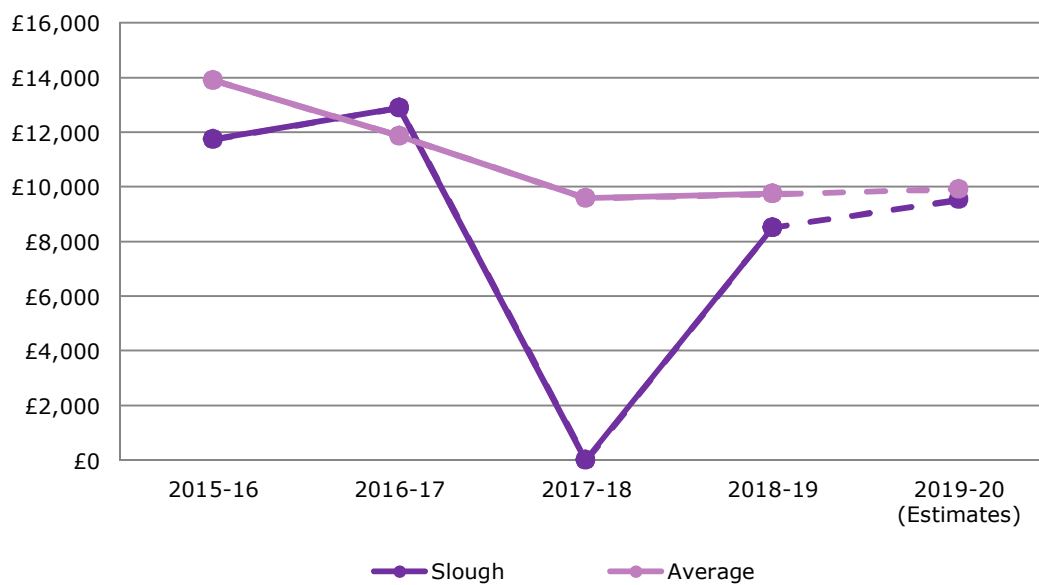
B: Resourcing



Total revenue expenditure per 1,000 population is a key cost indicator. Figures in the graph opposite are 2018-19 actuals.

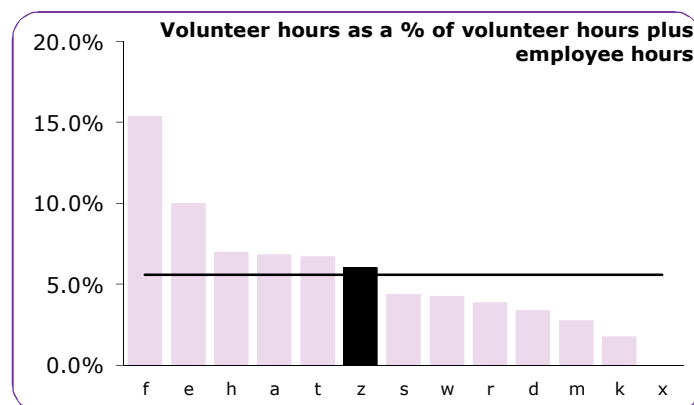
Slough comes out as being at the middle of the comparison, which suggests that its costs are similar to the group as a whole. It may be worthwhile looking at the authorities who are cheaper to see if there is anything it can learn from their approaches.

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 2019-20. The population figure used for all years is the mid-year 2018 figure, so the changes in value relate to changes in expenditure only.

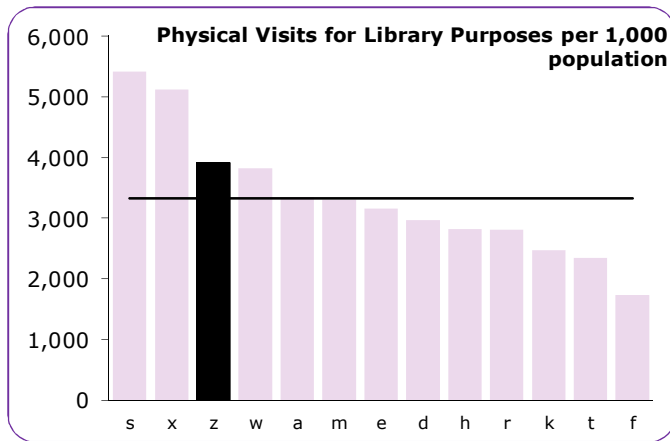
For most authorities an increase can be seen in the 2019-20 estimates.



One well publicised approach that library authorities are taking is using volunteers.

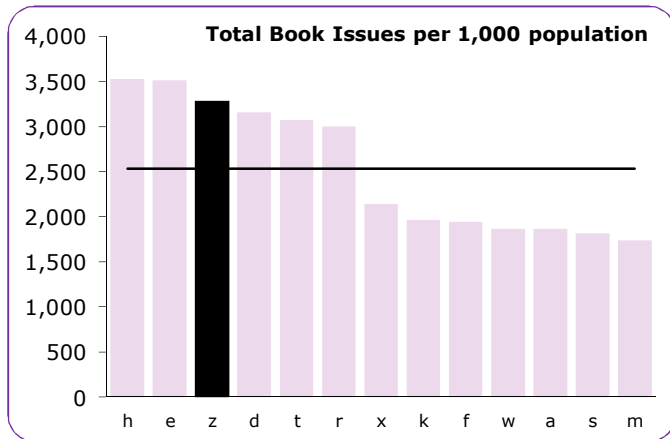
Slough had 6.0% of 'worked hours' provided by volunteers in 2018-19 compared to an average of 5.6%.

C: Workload



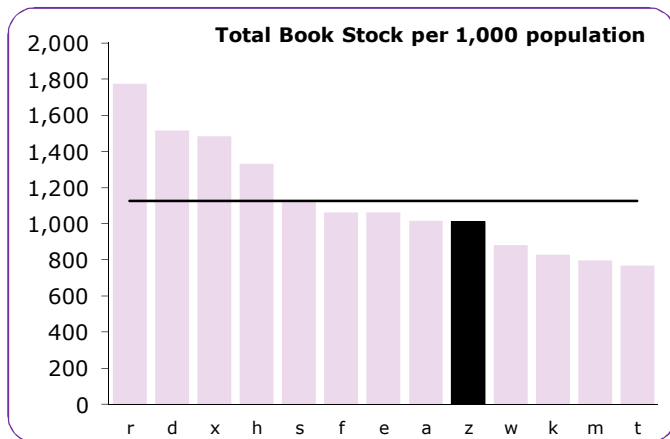
The number of visits per 1,000 population is a strong indicator of workload faced by the authority.

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.



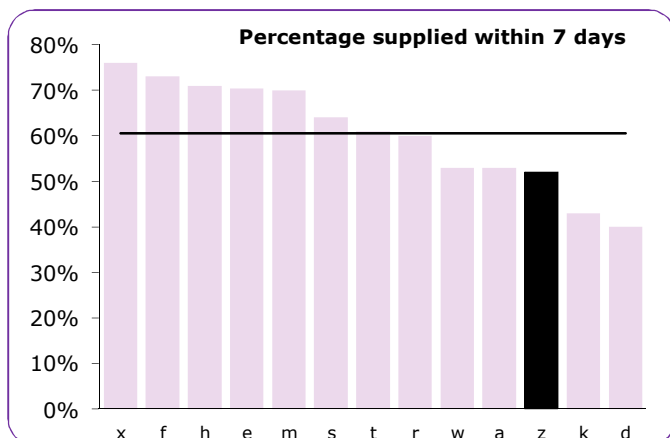
This chart compares another core library activity, providing an indicator for both workload and the demand placed on the library book stock.

D: Stock



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

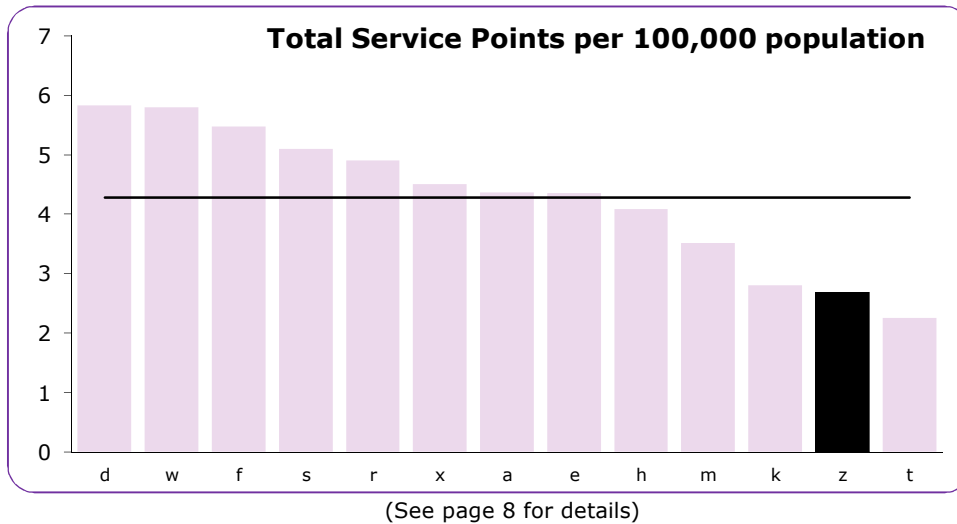
E: Performance



Slough successfully supplied 52% of book requests within 7 days of request. This was at the low end of the 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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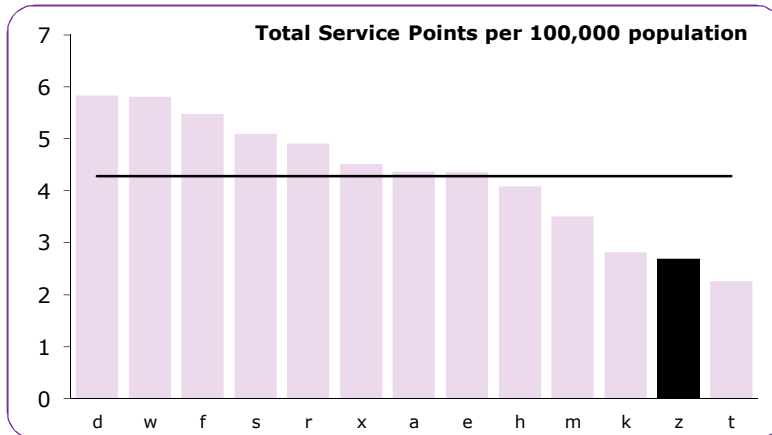
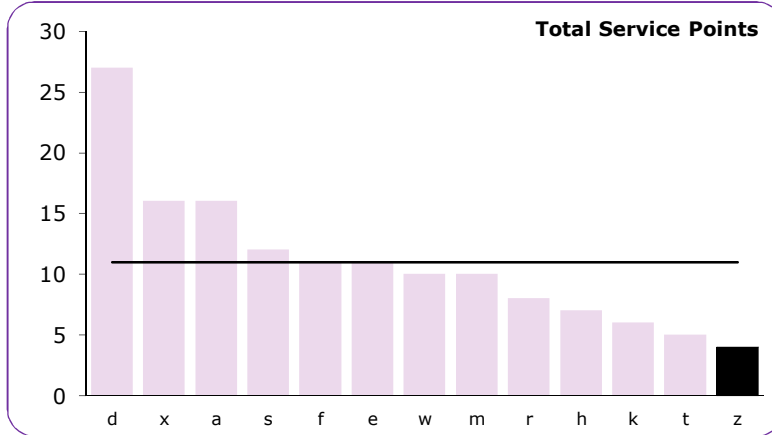
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A1: Service Points

at 31 March 2019

	Number	/ 100k pop	Average
Mobile Libraries	0	0.0	0.2
Static Service Points	4	2.7	4.5
Total Service Points	4	2.7	4.3

	Authority	Average
Population	149,100	250,208



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 1 to 45, ONS Population Estimates Mid 2018

Busiest Service Points

2018-19 Actuals

Busiest Service Point (Issues):

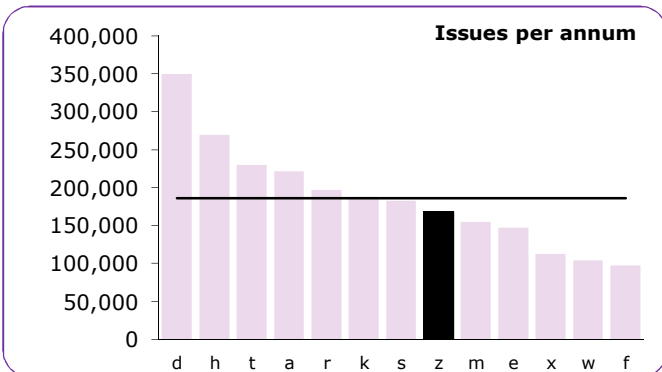
The Curve, Slough

	Authority	Average
Issues per annum	167,494	185,772

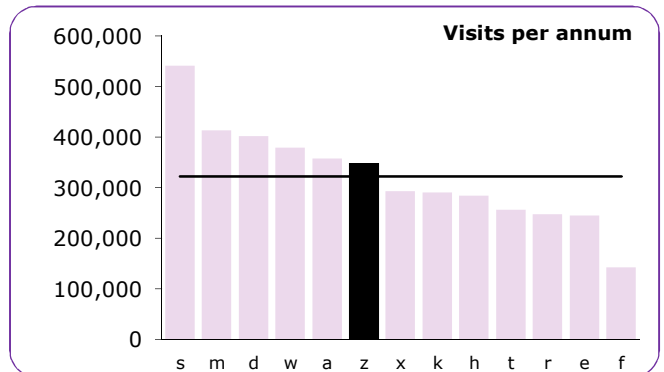
Busiest Service Point (Visits):

The Curve, Slough

	Authority	Average
Visits per annum	348,520	322,362



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 50 & 51

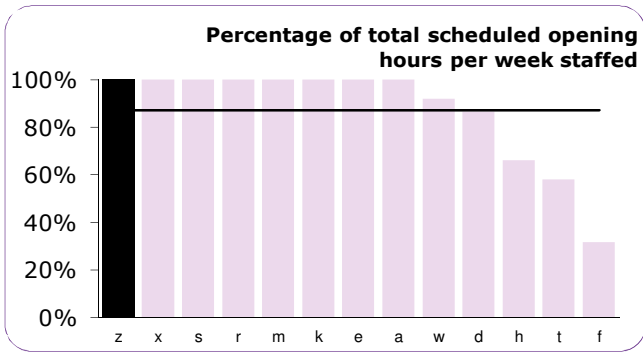


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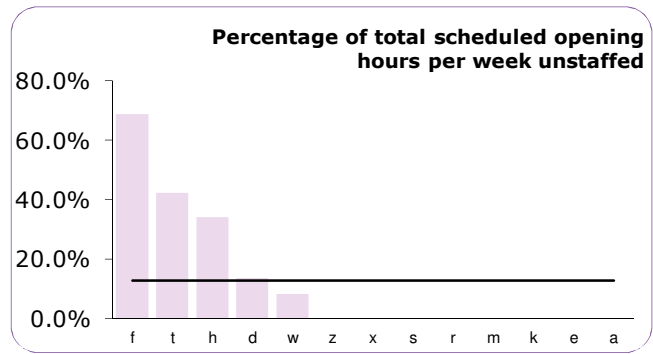
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2018-19 Actuals

Percentage of Opening Hours Staffed / Unstaffed



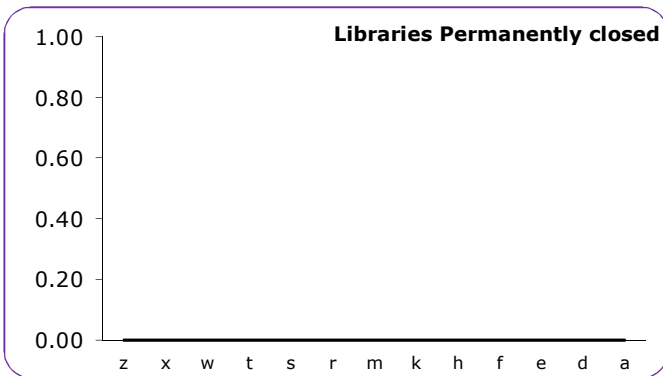
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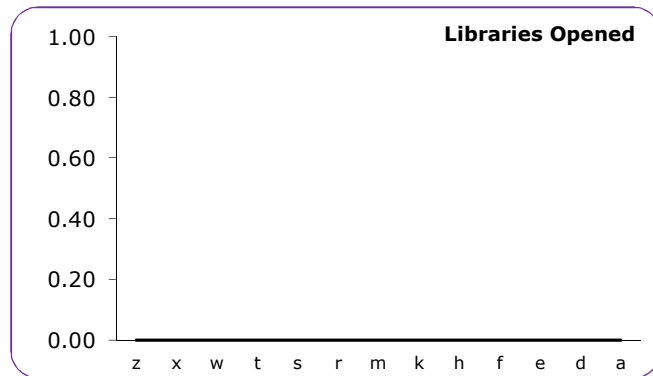
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Library Opening/Closures

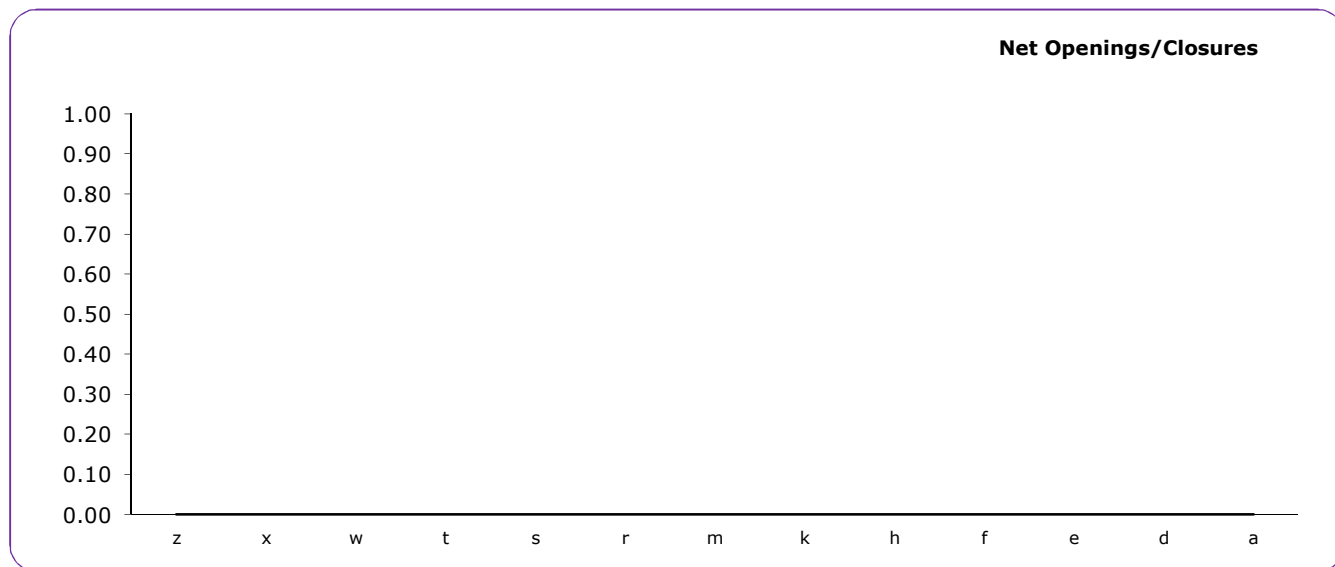
	Authority	/100,000 pop	Avg
Libraries Closed	0	0.0	0.00
Libraries Opened	0	0.0	0.00
Net Library Openings	0	0.0	0.00



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 48



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 49



A2: Population Density

2018-19 Actuals

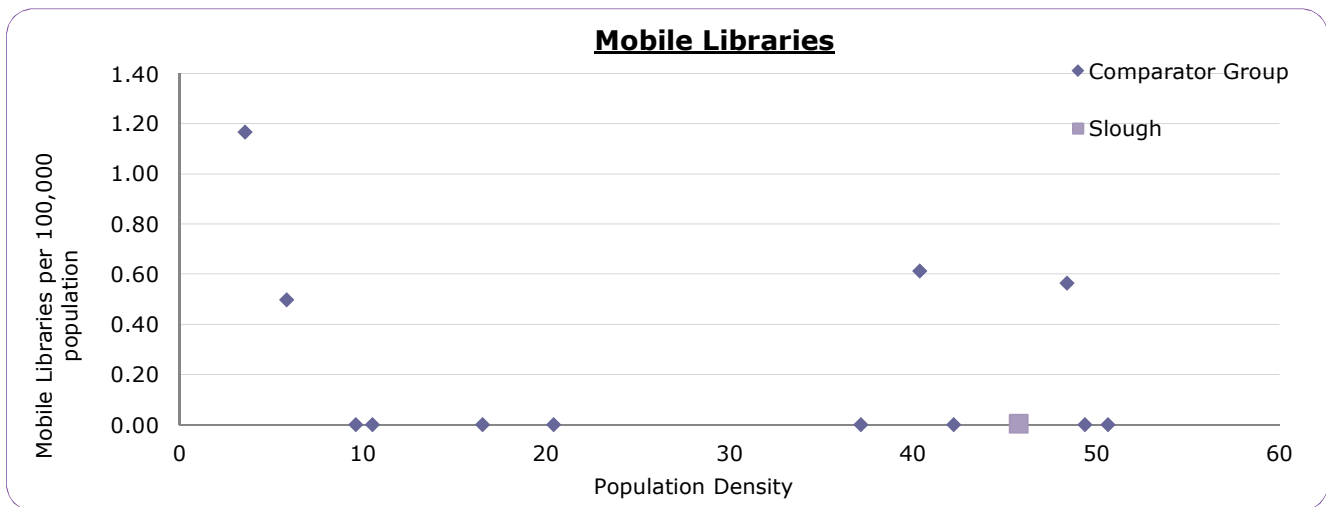
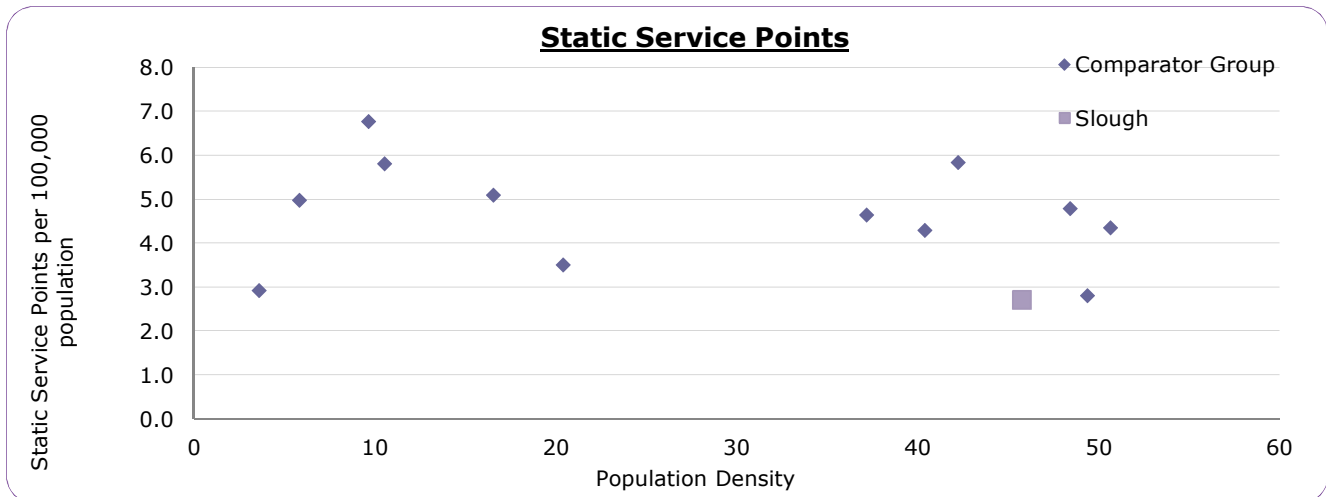
Population Density and Number of Service Points

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.

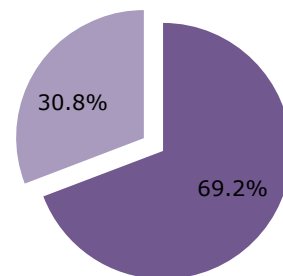
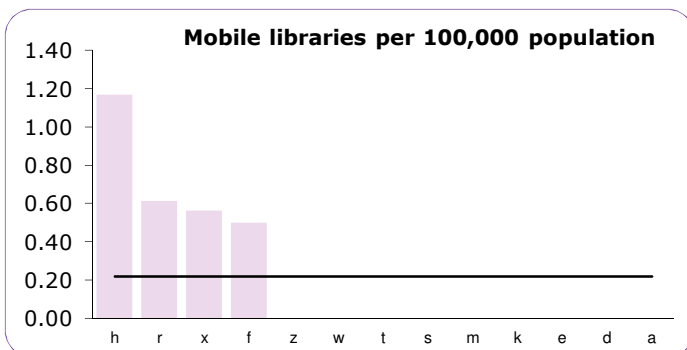
As these charts are strongly effected by outliers, values for population density are capped at 120 and service points per 100,000 population capped at 18.0 and 3.0 for static service points and mobile libraries respectively.

	Authority	Median
Population Density	45.8	37.2



Mobile Libraries

	Number	/ 100k pop	Average
Mobile Libraries	0	0.0	0.2

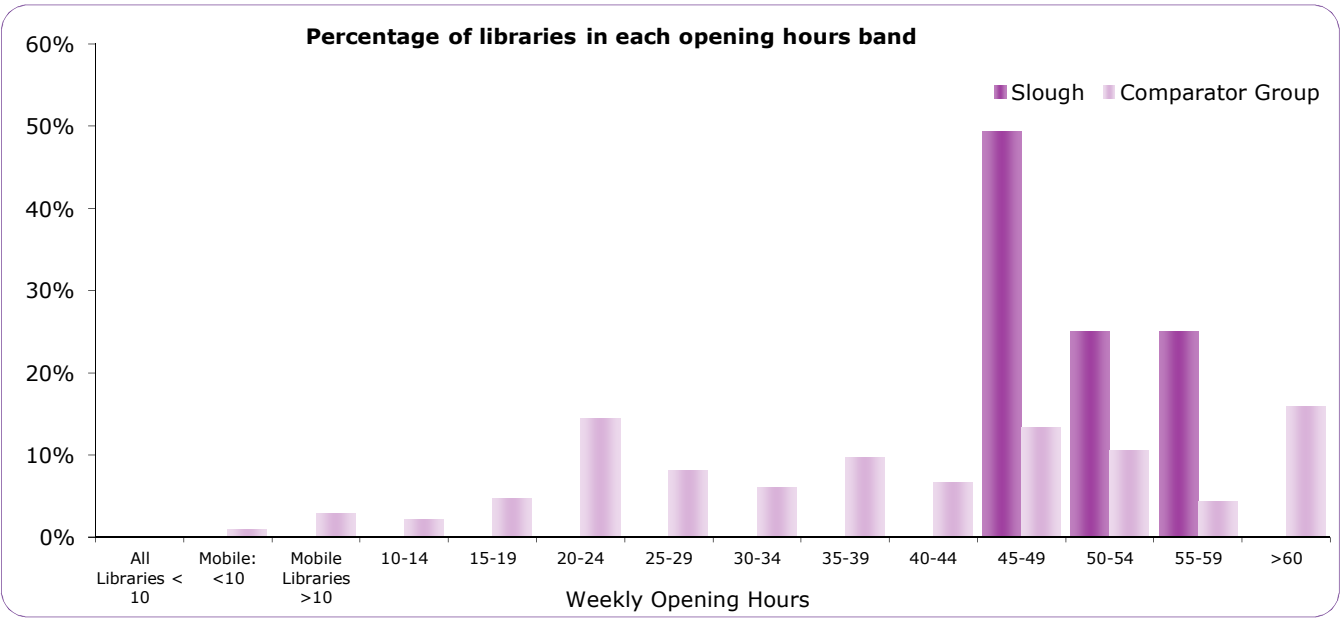


- % Authorities with no mobile libraries
- % Authorities with mobile libraries

A3: Opening Hours

2018-19 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%	1.0%
Mobile: >10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0%	2.9%
Static: 10-14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.1	0.0%	2.2%
Static: 15-19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.0	0.0%	4.7%
Static: 20-24	0	2	0	0	0	2	0.0	0.7	0.0%	14.5%
Static: 25-29	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.4	0.0%	8.1%
Static: 30-34	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.3	0.0%	6.1%
Static: 35-39	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.4	0.0%	9.7%
Static: 40-44	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.3	0.0%	6.7%
Static: 45-49	2	1	0	0	2	1	1.3	0.5	50.0%	13.4%
Static: 50-54	1	1	0	0	1	1	0.7	0.4	25.0%	10.5%
Static: 55-59	1	0	0	0	1	0	0.7	0.1	25.0%	4.4%
Static: >60	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.0	0.6	0.0%	15.9%
Total	4	11	0	1	4	12	2.7	4.0		

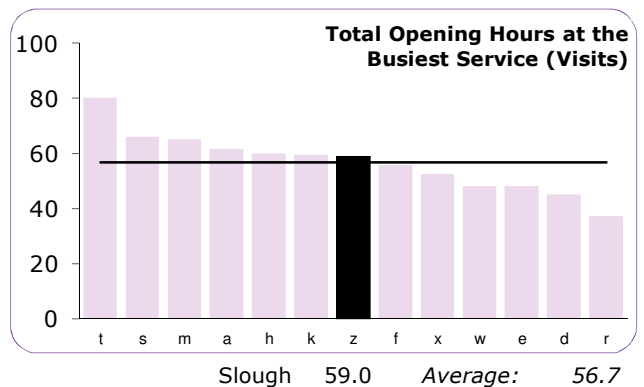
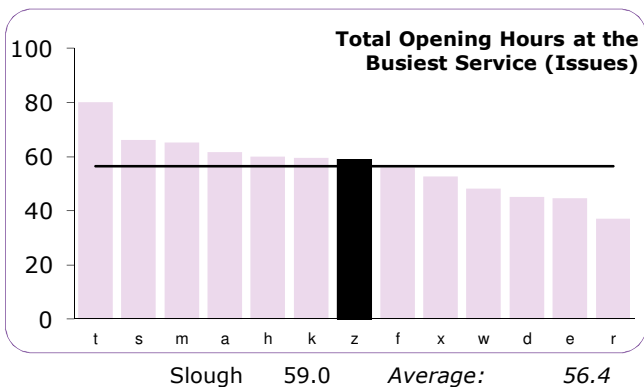


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 1 to 45

Opening Hours - Busiest Service Points

Busiest Service Point (Issues): **The Curve, Slough**

Busiest Service Point (Visits): **The Curve, Slough**

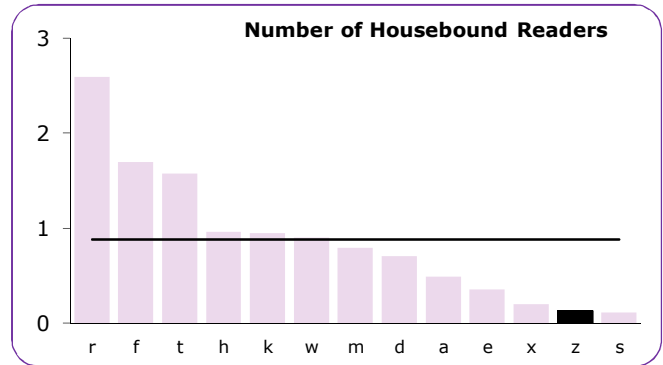
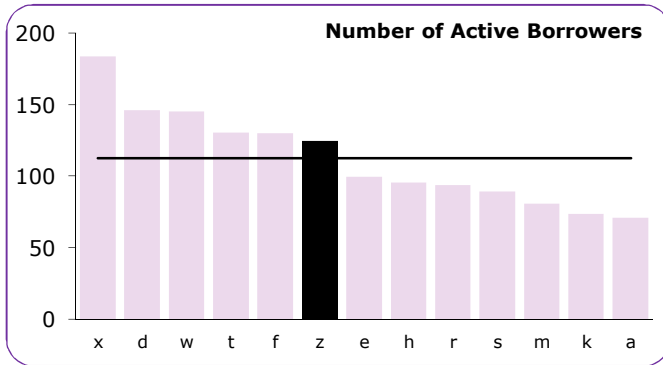


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A4: Library Users

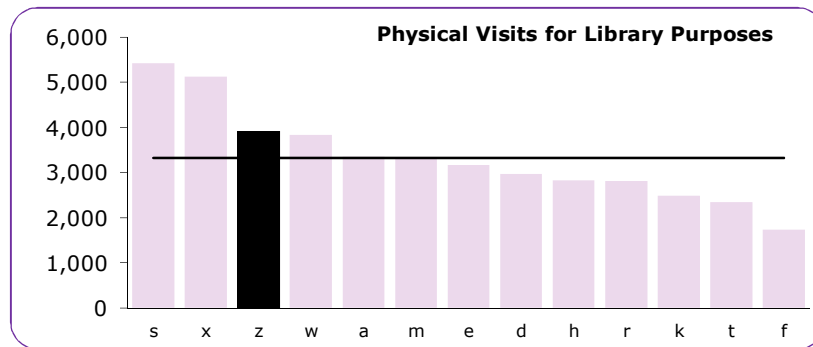
2018-19 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Average
Active Borrowers	18,561	124	112
Housebound Readers	20	0.1	0.9

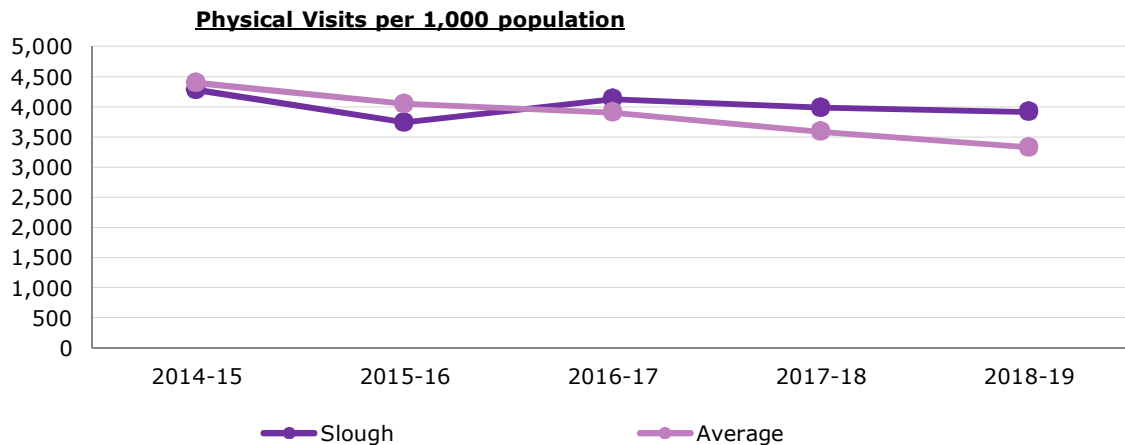


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 122 & 123

Physical Visits for Library Purposes



Physical Visits	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2014-15	618,423	4,277	4,393
2015-16	544,969	3,740	4,046
2016-17	607,215	4,125	3,906
2017-18	592,391	3,981	3,584
2018-19	584,003	3,917	3,326

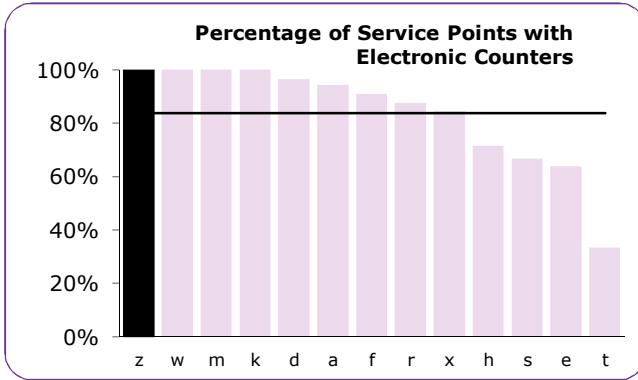


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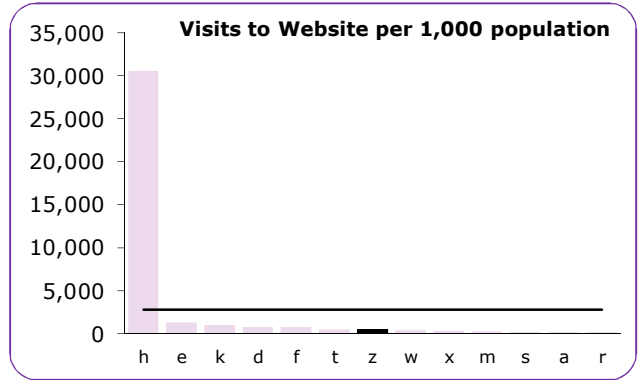
2018-19 Actuals

	Authority	Average
S.P. with Electronic Counters	100%	84%



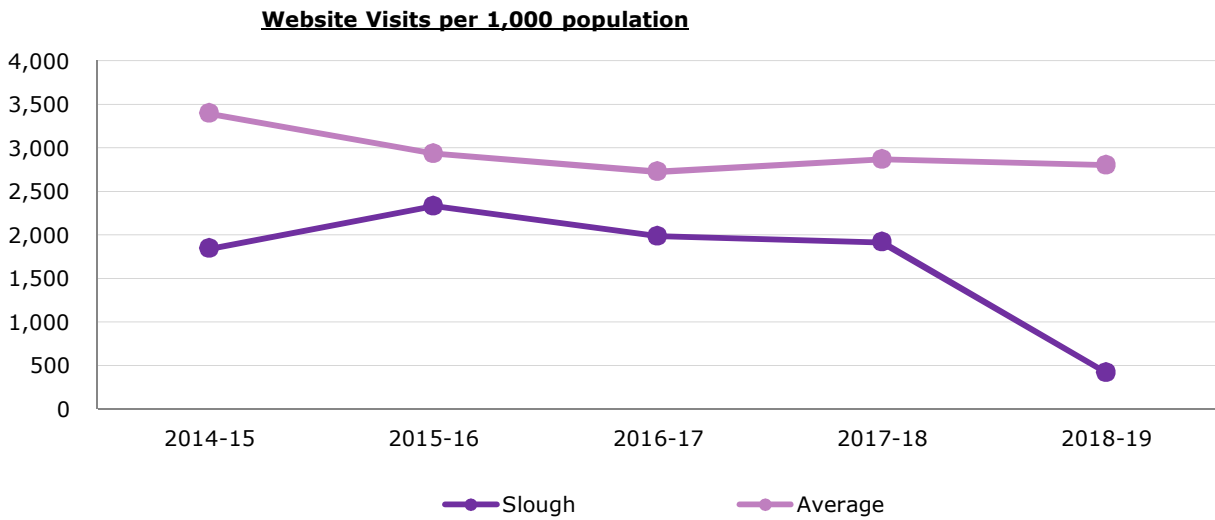
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 127

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Visits to Website	62,220	417	2,801



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 128

Website Visits	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2014-15	265,996	1,840	3,392
2015-16	339,565	2,331	2,932
2016-17	292,225	1,985	2,725
2017-18	285,091	1,916	2,867
2018-19	62,220	417	2,801

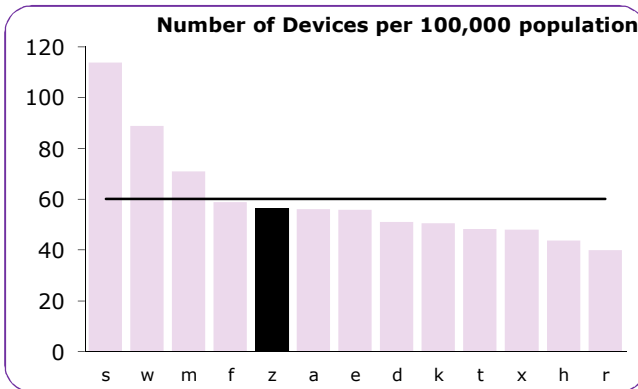


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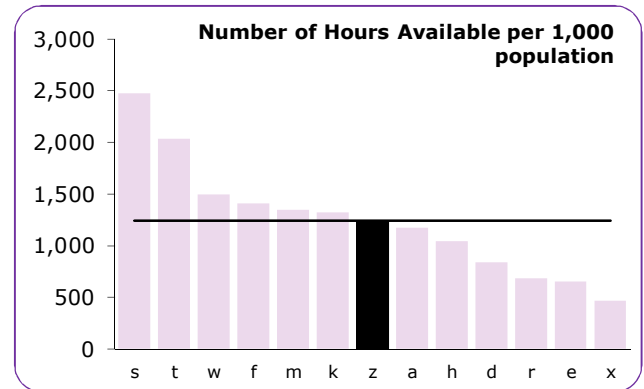
2018-19 Actuals

	Number	per 100,000 pop	Average
Terminals	84	56.3	60.1



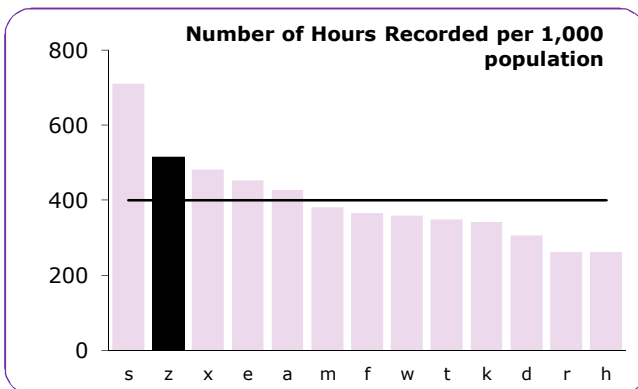
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 54

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Hours Available	185,513	1,244	1,243



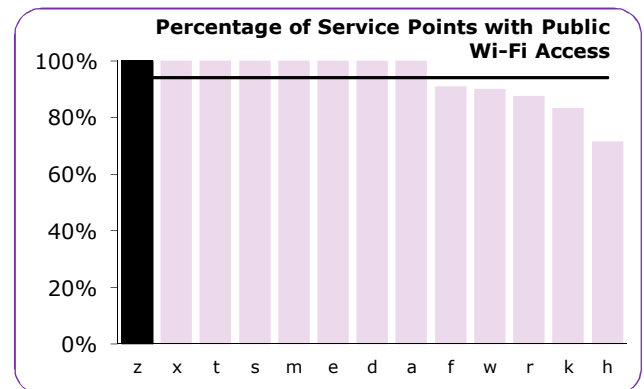
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	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Hrs Recorded	76,738	515	400



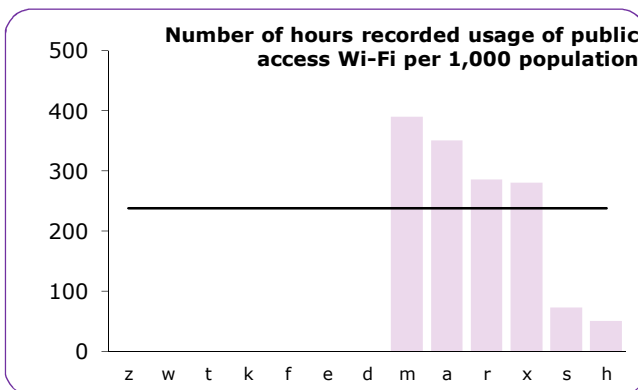
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 56

	Authority	Average
Service Points with Wi-Fi Access	100%	94%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 57

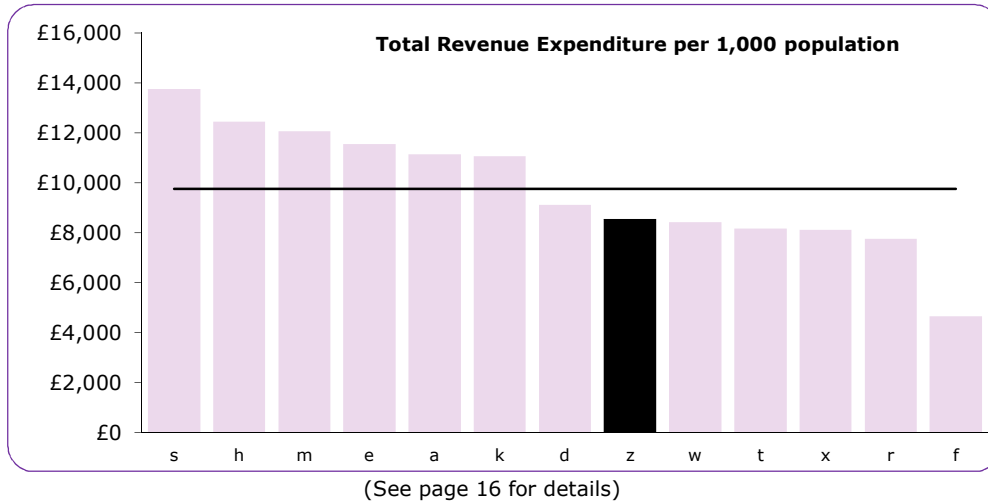
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Hrs Recorded	na	na	238



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SECTION B: RESOURCING

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



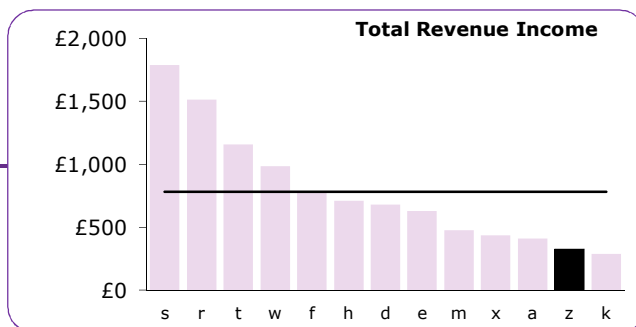
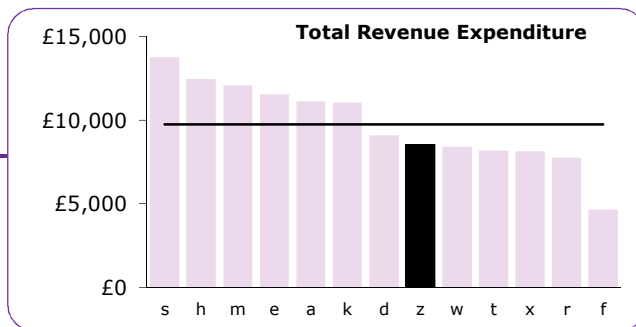
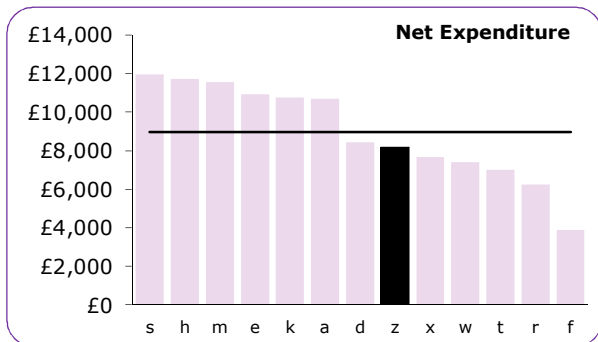
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B1: Financial Information (Actuals)

2018-19 Actuals	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Revenue Expenditure	1,270,493	8,521	9,743
Revenue Income	(48,406)	(325)	(784)
Net Expenditure	1,222,087	8,196	8,960

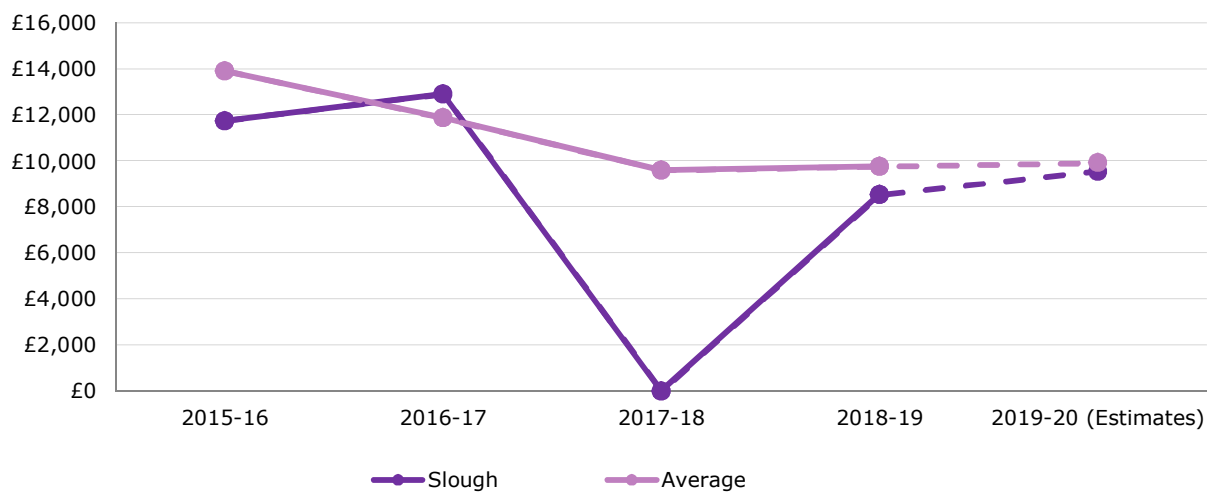
graphs shown per 1,000 population



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 157, 167 & 168

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
2015-16	1,710,830	11,742	13,911
2016-17	1,899,074	12,901	11,871
2017-18	na	..	9,590
2018-19	1,270,493	8,521	9,743
2019-20 (Estimates)	1,421,768	9,536	9,917

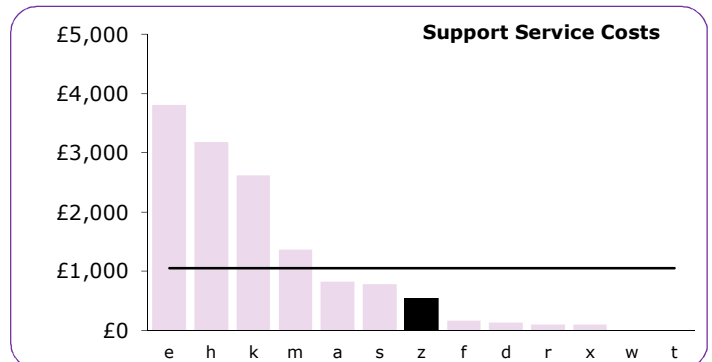
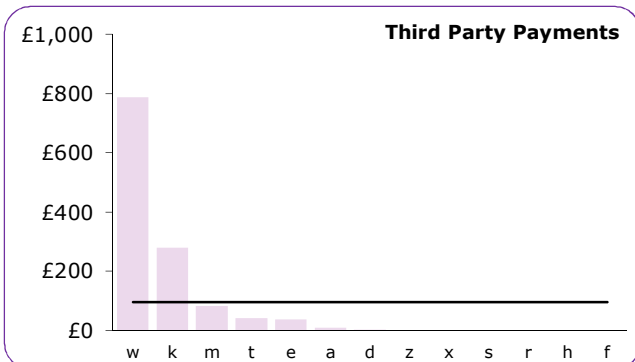
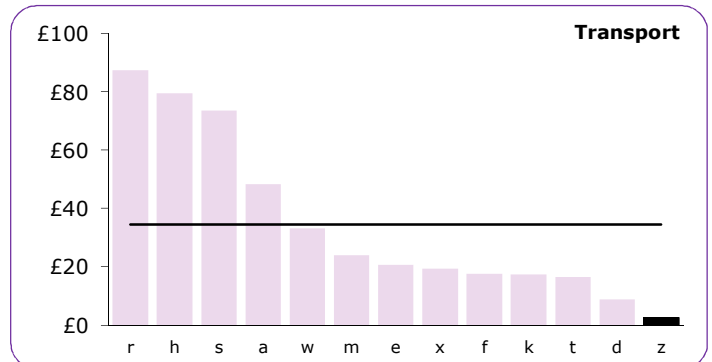
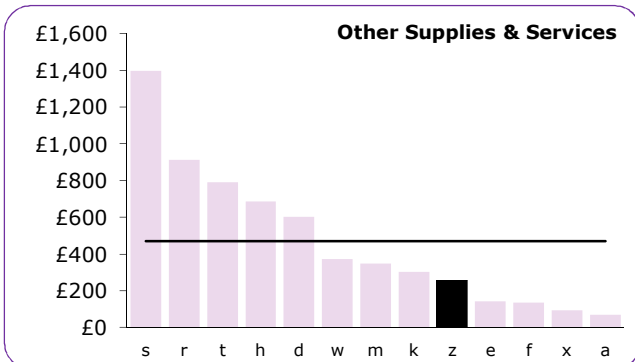
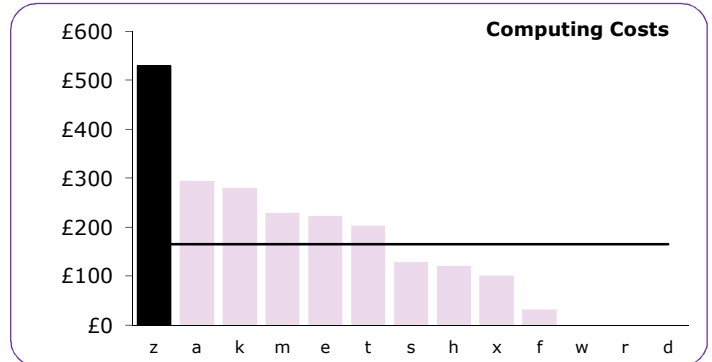
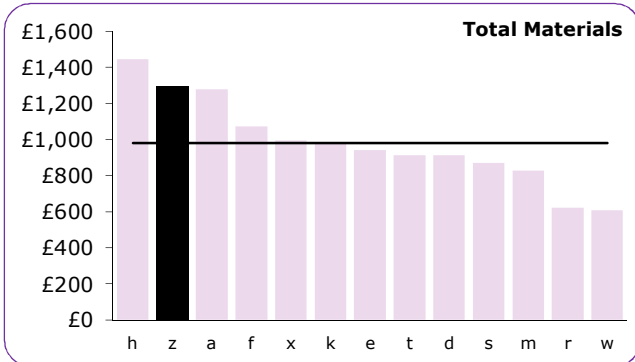
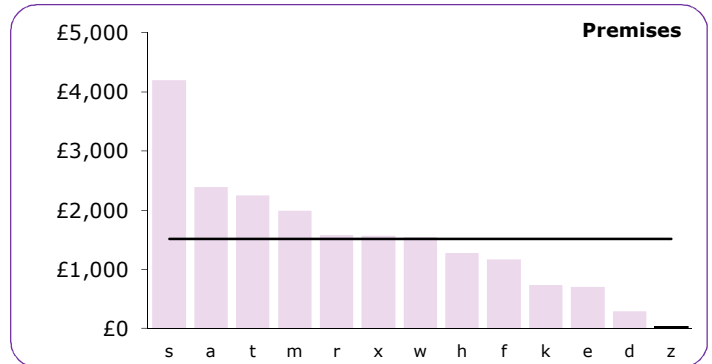
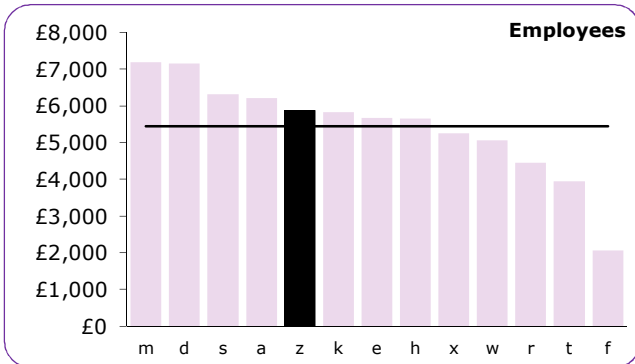
Revenue Expenditure per 1,000 population: Time Series



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 157 and equivalent for previous years

Revenue Expenditure (2018-19 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	874,479	5,865	5,437
Premises	5,384	36	1,515
Total Materials	192,860	1,293	982
Computing Costs	78,874	529	164
Other Supplies & Services	38,351	257	470
Transport	363	2	34
Third Party Payments	0	0	95
Support Service Costs	80,182	538	1,045
Total Revenue Expenditure	1,270,493	8,521	9,743

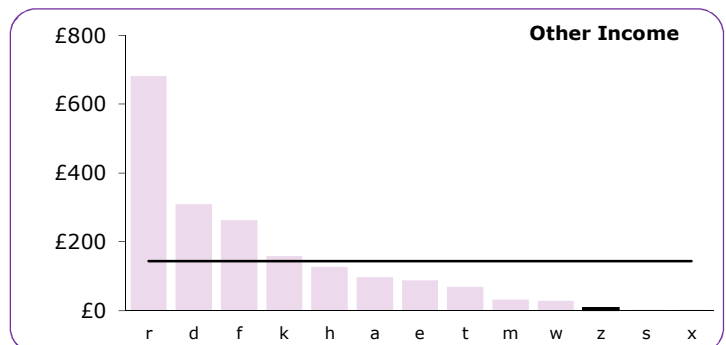
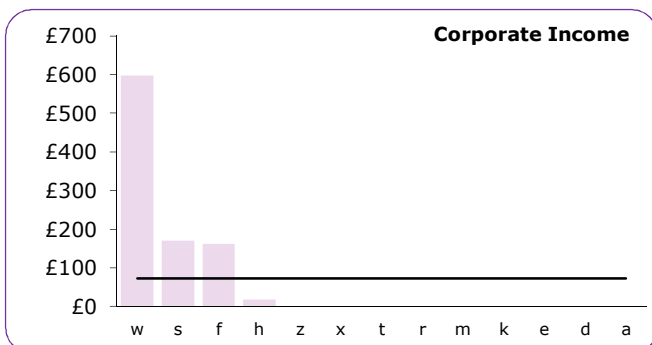
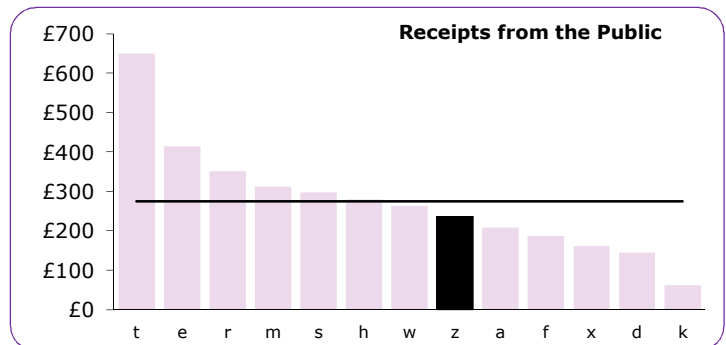
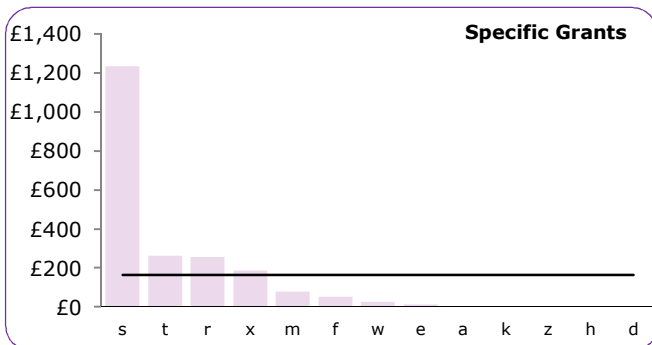
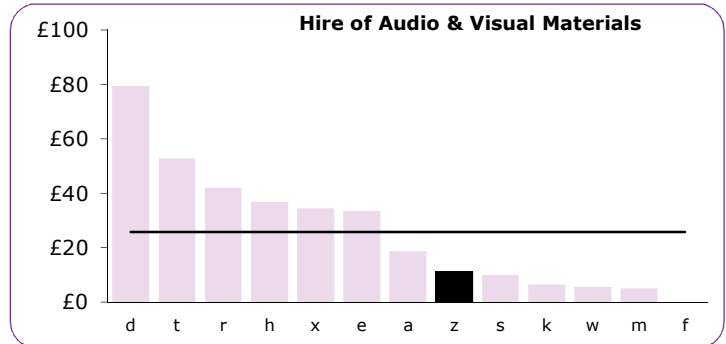
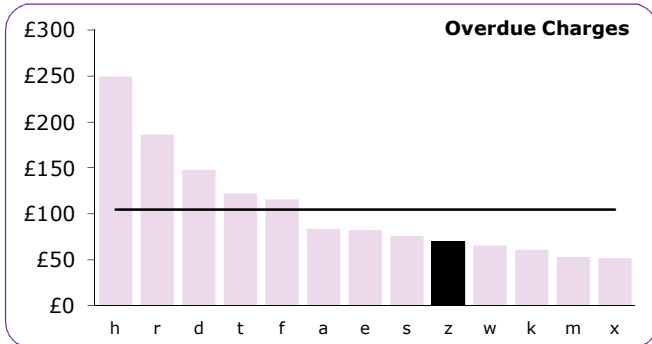
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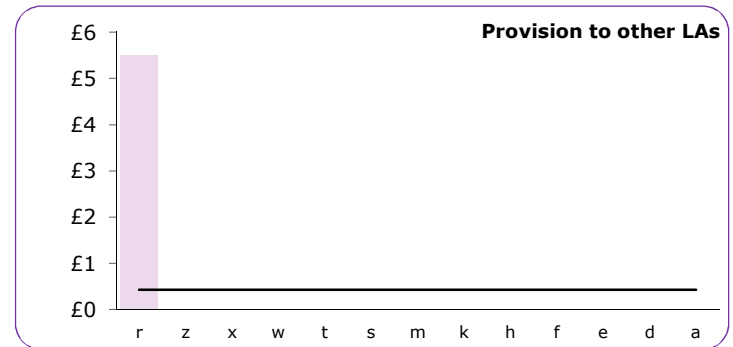
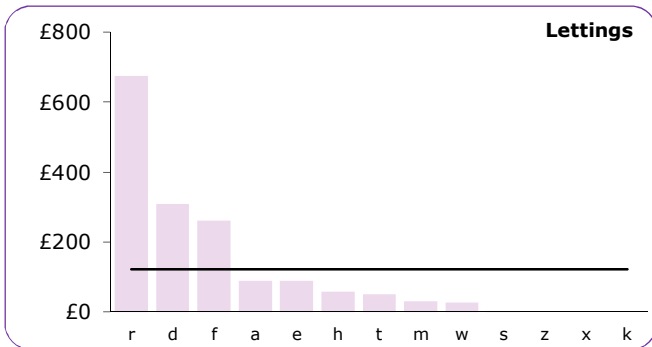
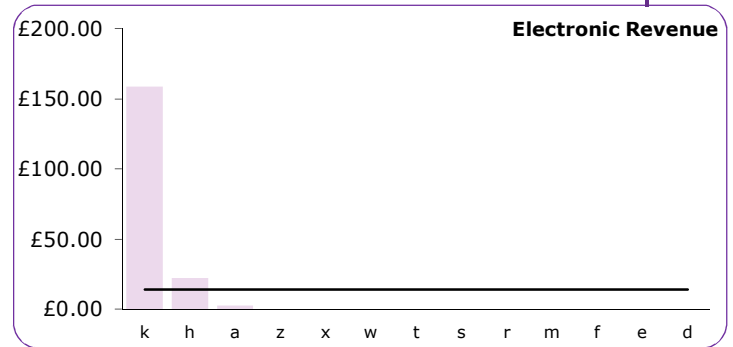
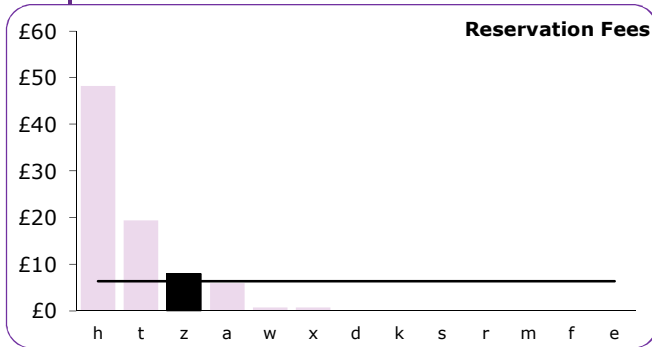
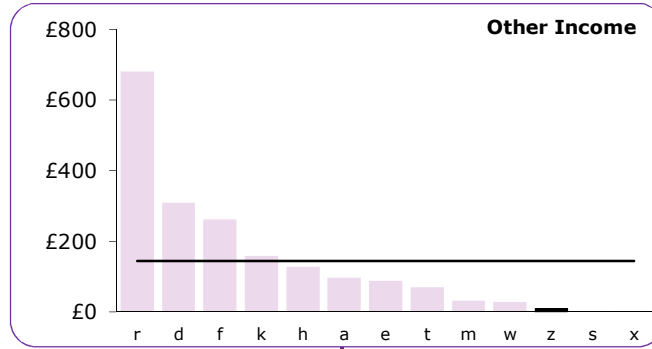
Revenue Income (2018-19 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Overdue Charges	(10,351)	(69)	(105)
Hire of Audio & Visual Materials	(1,640)	(11)	(26)
Specific Grants	0	0	(163)
Receipts from the Public	(35,236)	(236)	(274)
Corporate Income	0	0	(73)
Other Income	(1,179)	(8)	(143)
Reservation Fees	(1,179)	(8)	(6)
Lettings	0	0	(122)
Electronic Revenue	0	0	(14)
Provision to other LAs	0	0	(0)
Total Revenue Income	(48,406)	(325)	(784)

graphs shown per 1,000 population



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 158 to 167

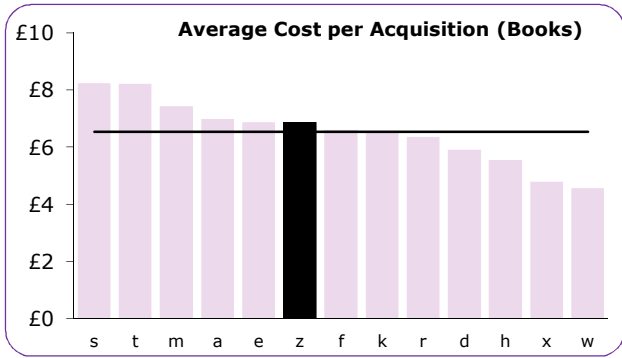
Total Other Income (2018-19 Actuals)	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Reservation Fees	(1,179)	(8)	(6)
Lettings	0	0	(122)
Electronic Revenue	0	0	(14)
Provision to other LAs	0	0	(0)
Total Other Income	(1,179)	(8)	(143)



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 159, 160, 162 & 164

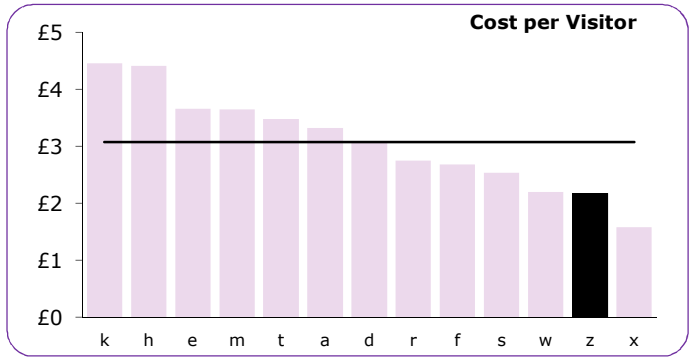
B2: Cost Indicators

	£ p	Average
Average Cost per Book	£6.86	£6.53



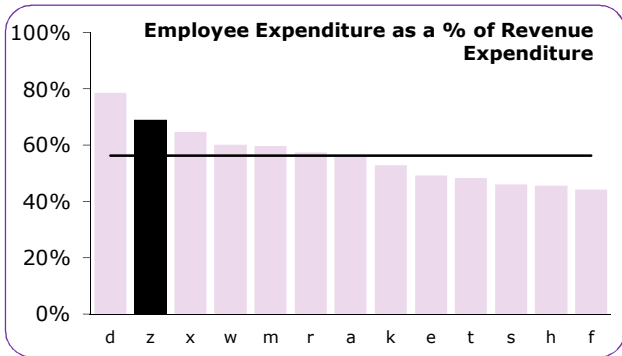
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 -
Sum of Cells 133 to 137 divided by Cell 74

	£ p	Average
Cost per Visitor	£2.18	£3.08



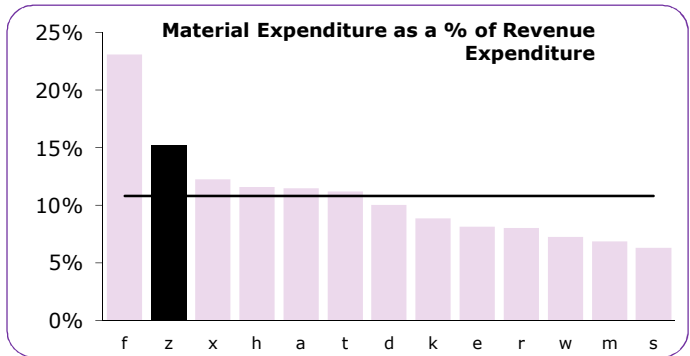
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 -
Cell 157 divided by Cell 124

	%	Average
% Employee Expenditure	69%	56%



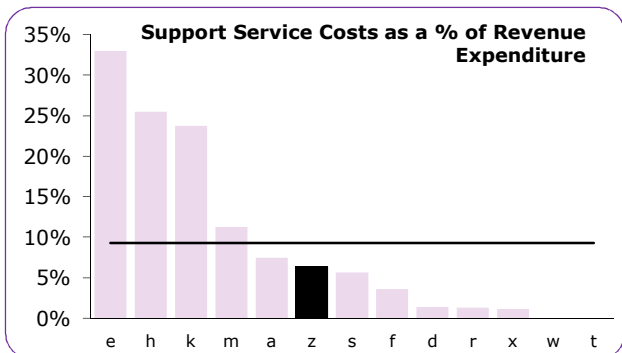
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 -
Cell 131 as a percentage of Cell 157

	%	Average
% Material Expenditure	15%	11%



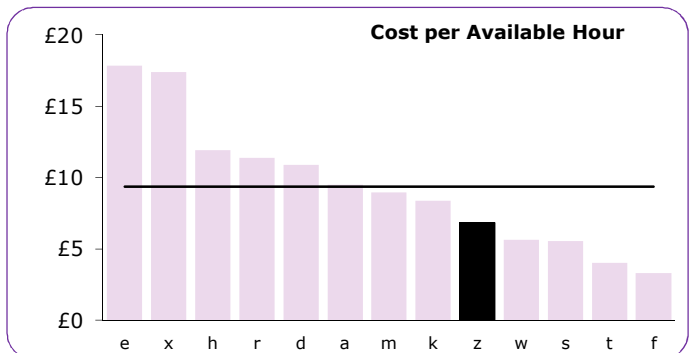
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 -
Cell 151 as a percentage of Cell 157

	%	Average
% Support Services	6%	9%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 -
Cell 156 as a percentage of Cell 157

	£ p	Average
Cost per Available Hour	£6.85	£9.36

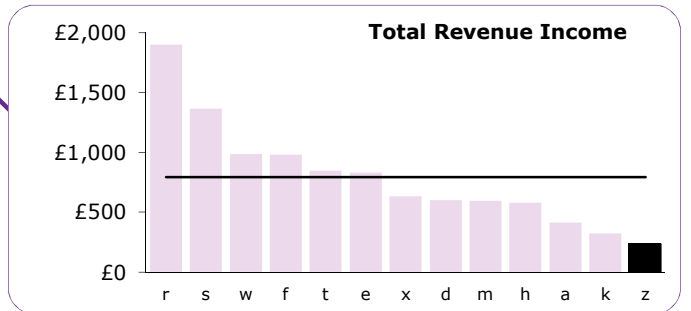
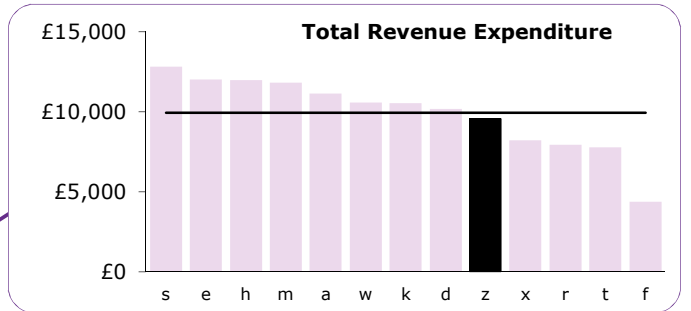
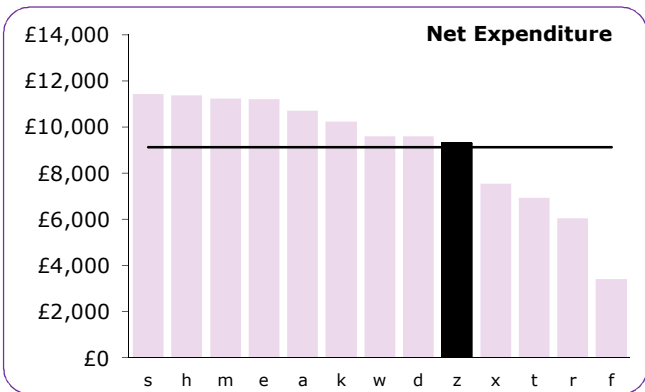


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Cell 157 divided by Cell 55

B3: Financial Information (2019-20 Estimates)

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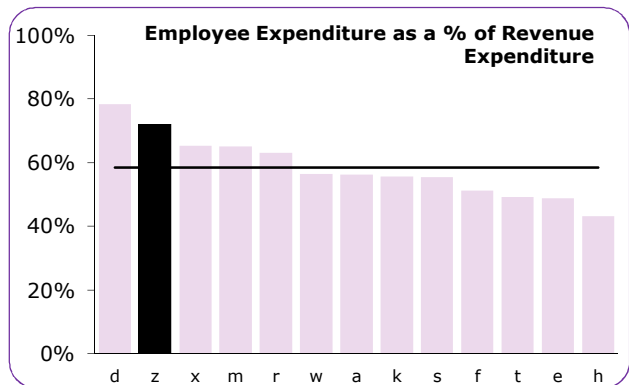
Net Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	1,024,172	6,869	5,784
Premises	8,100	54	1,397
Supplies & Services - Materials	247,000	1,657	943
Other Expenditure	142,496	956	1,792
Revenue Expenditure	1,421,768	9,536	9,917
Revenue Income	(34,428)	(231)	(791)
Net Expenditure	1,387,340	9,305	9,126



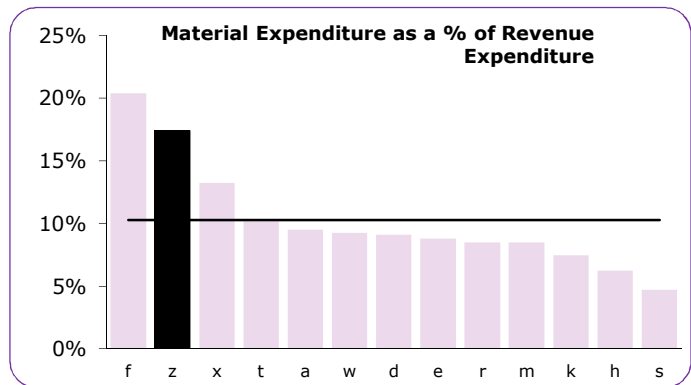
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 170 to 176

2019-20 Estimates	%	Average
% Employee Expenditure	72%	58%

2019-20 Estimates	%	Average
% Material Expenditure	17%	10%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 170 as a percentage of Cell 174

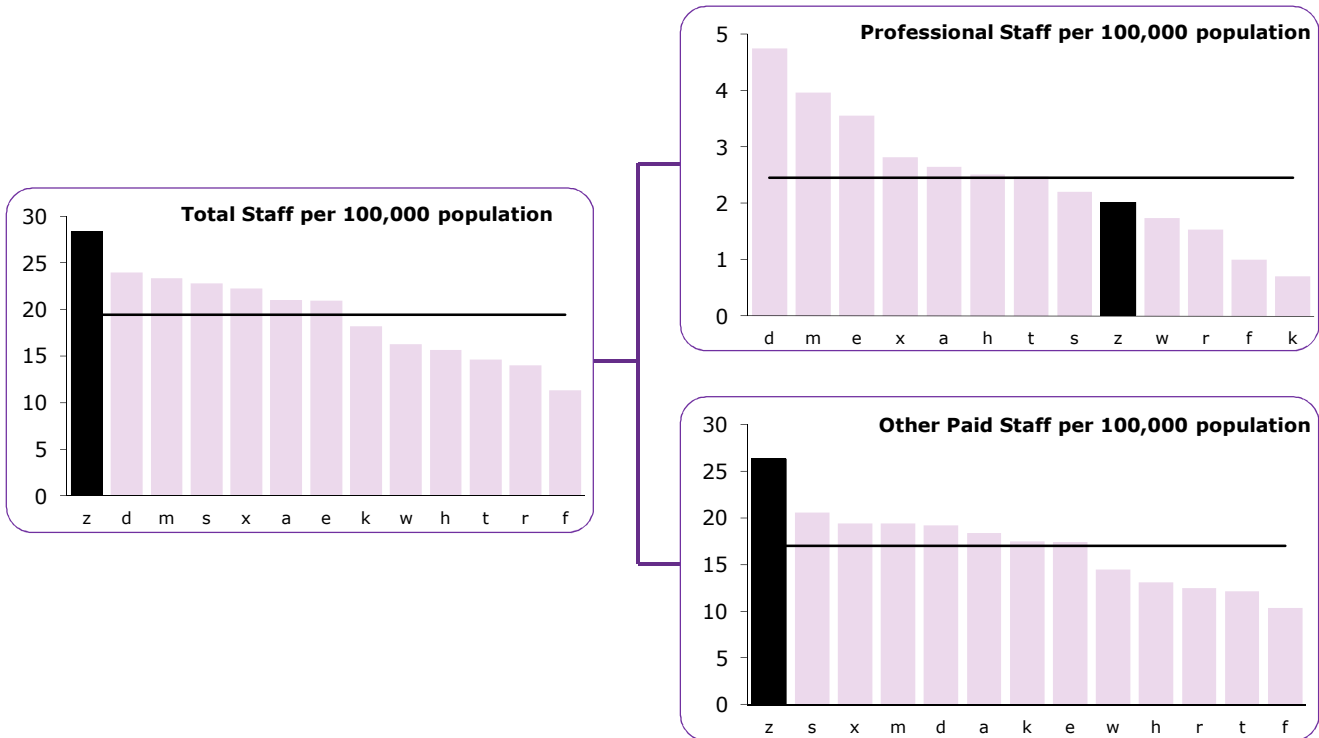


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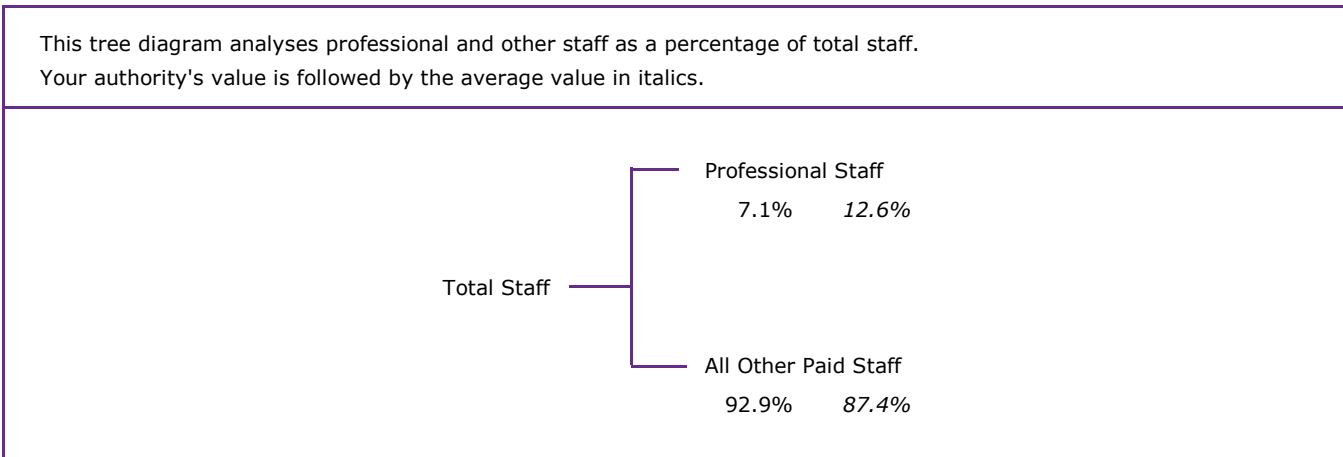
B4: Staffing

at 31 March 2019

	FTE	per 100,000 pop	Average
Professional Staff	3.0	2.0	2.5
All Other Staff	39.3	26.3	17.0
Total Staff	42.3	28.3	19.4

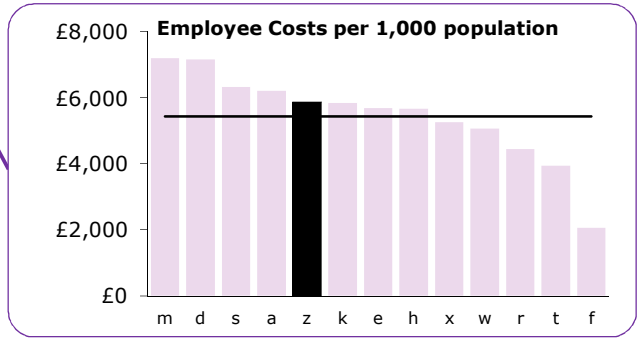
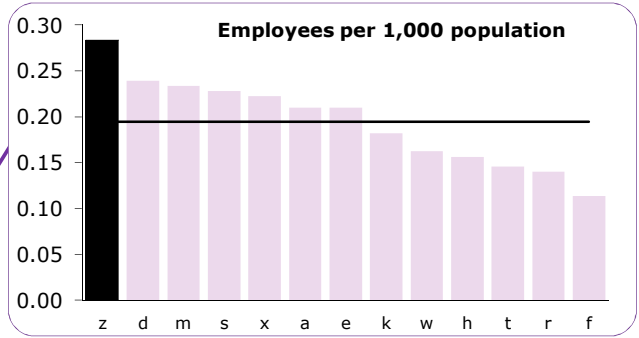
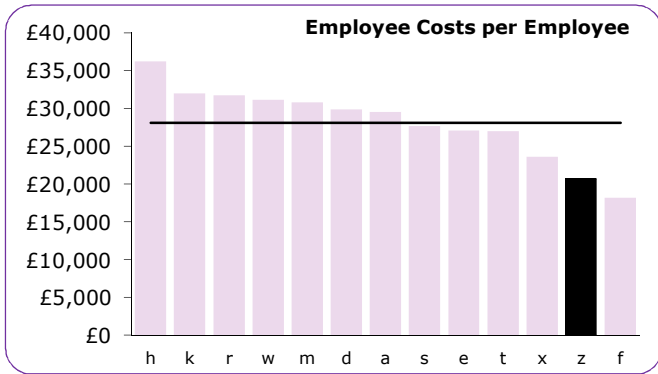


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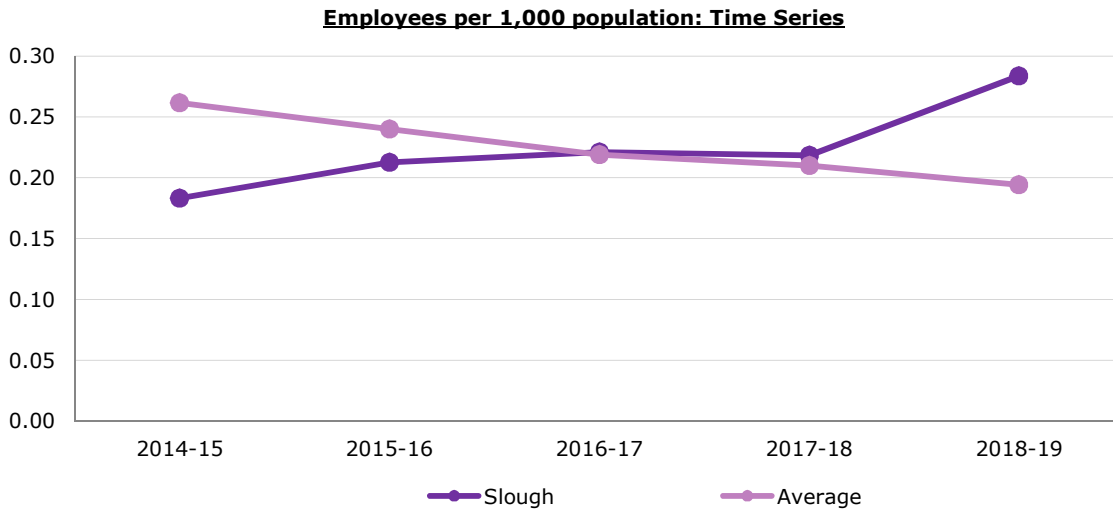
B4: Staffing (continued)

	£	Average
Employee Costs per Employee	20,693	28,129
Employees per 1,000 population	0.28	0.19
Employee Costs per 1,000 population	5,865	5,437



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 131 divided by Cell 96

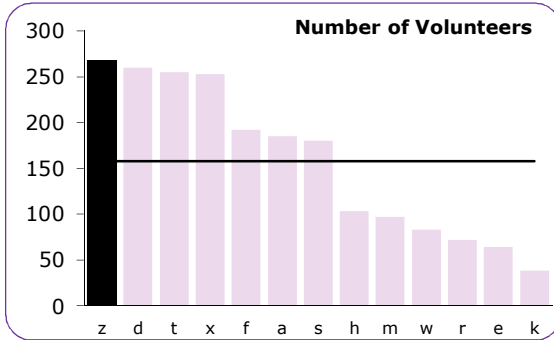
All Staff	FTE	per 1,000 pop	Average
2014-15	26.5	0.18	0.26
2015-16	31.0	0.21	0.24
2016-17	32.5	0.22	0.22
2017-18	32.5	0.22	0.21
2018-19	42.3	0.28	0.19



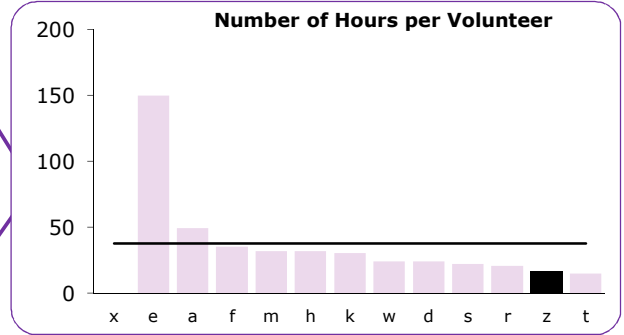
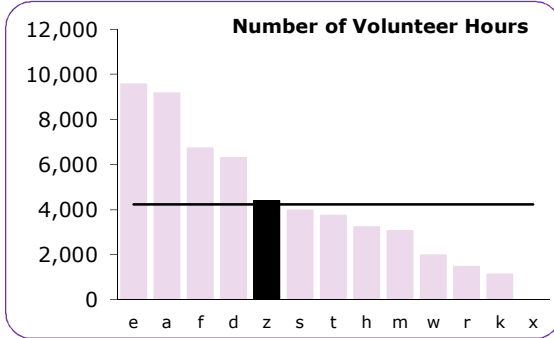
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 96 and equivalent for previous years

B5: Volunteers

2018-19 Actuals



	Number	Average
Volunteers	268	158
Volunteer Hours	4,379	4,236
Average Hours per Volunteer	16.3	37.6



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 97 & 98

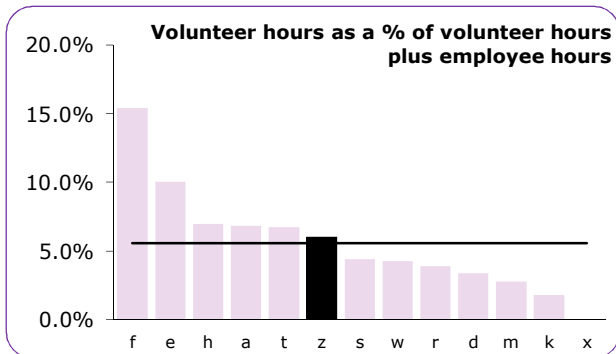
The section below uses 1,625 hours as the annual hours worked by a full-time member of staff.

We use this to compare hours provided by paid staff and volunteers.

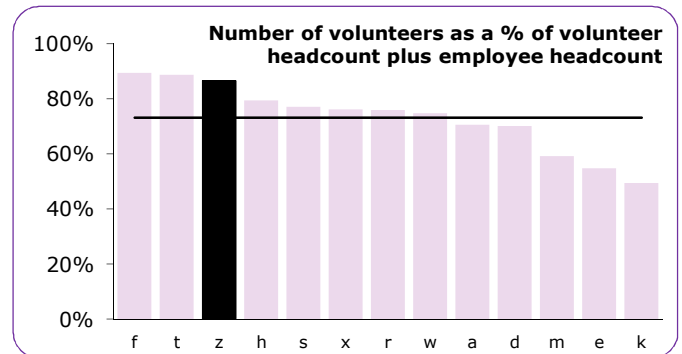
The two charts below compare the volunteers to the total of paid staff and volunteers.

	FTE	Average
% Hours worked by volunteers	6.0%	5.6%

	%	Average
Volunteers as % headcount	86.4%	73.2%



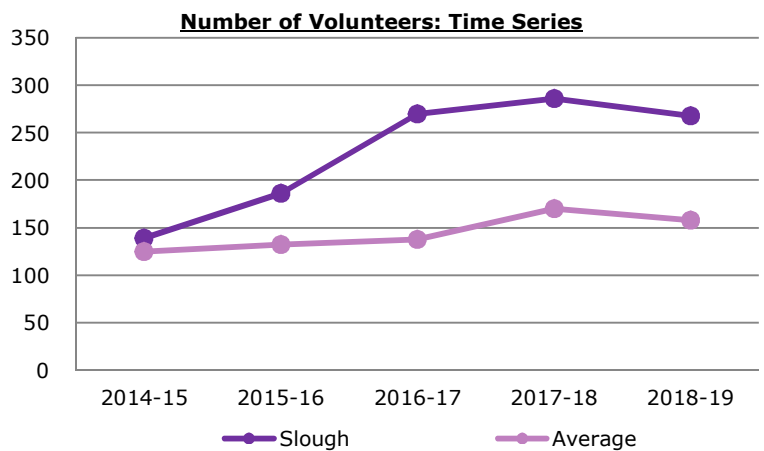
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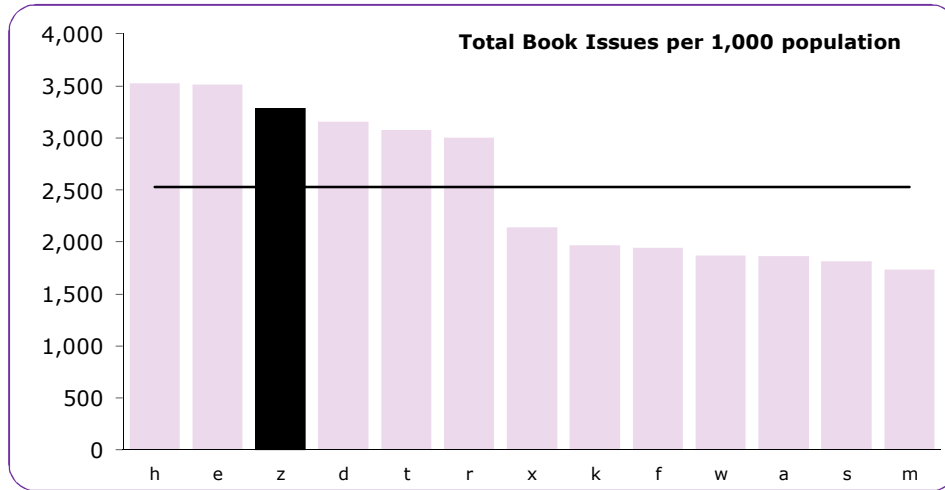
Volunteers	Number	Average
2014-15	139	125
2015-16	186	132
2016-17	270	138
2017-18	286	170
2018-19	268	158

Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 97 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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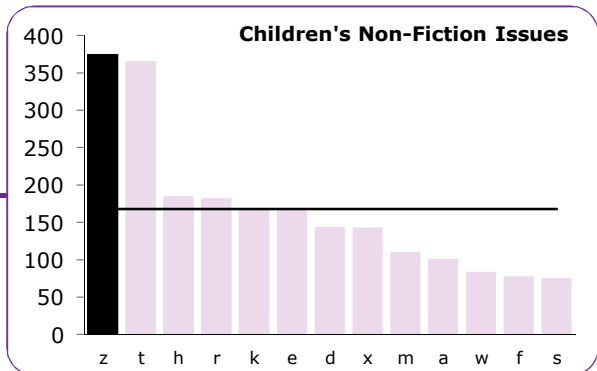
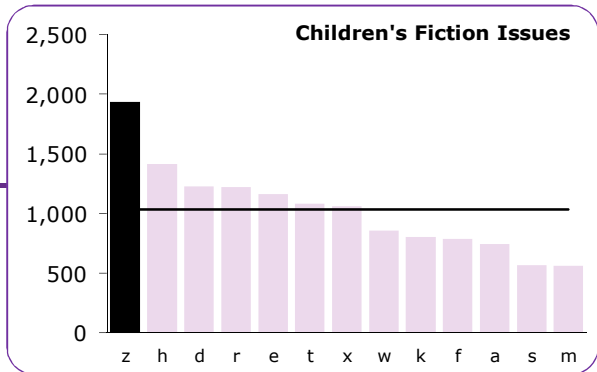
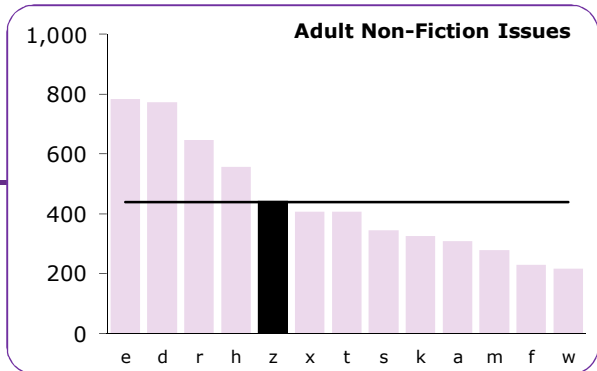
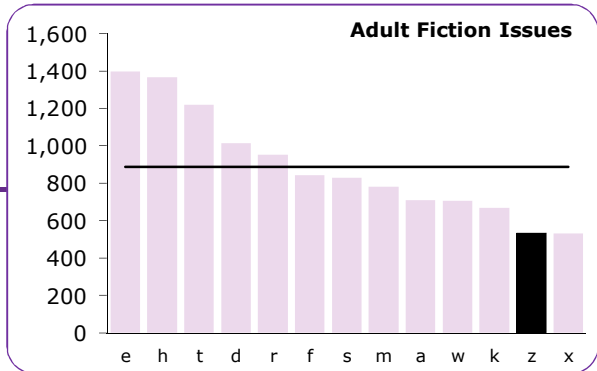
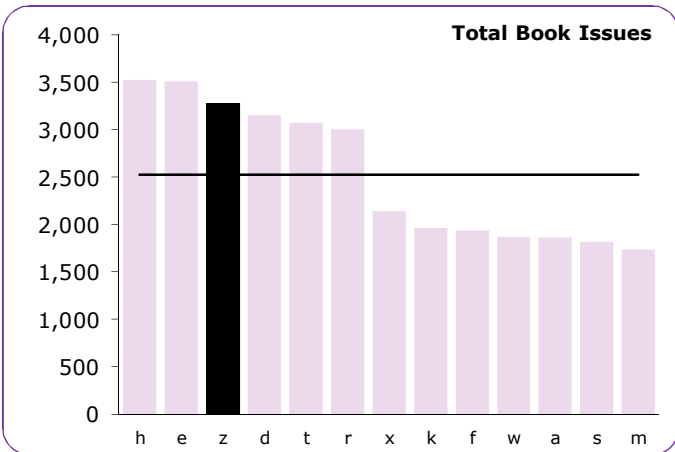
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C1: Book Issues

2018-19 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Average
Adult Fiction	79,244	531	888
Adult Non-Fiction	65,957	442	440
Children's Fiction	288,014	1,932	1,034
Children's Non-Fiction	55,829	374	167
Total Book Issues	489,044	3,280	2,529

graphs shown per 1,000 population



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

Book Issues	Adult Fiction	16.2%	35.1%
	Adult Non-Fiction	13.5%	17.4%
	Children's Fiction	58.9%	40.9%
	Children's Non-Fiction	11.4%	6.6%

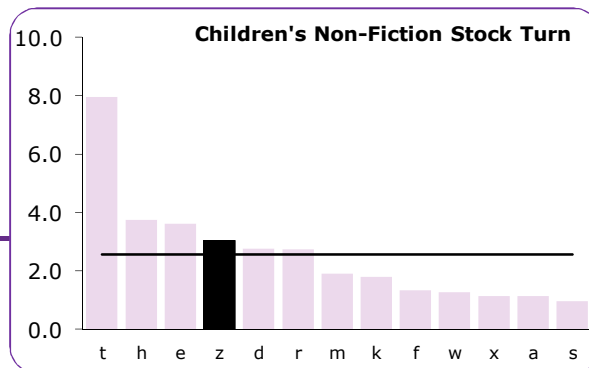
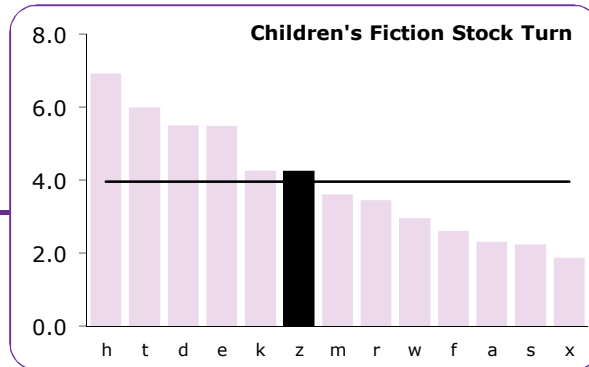
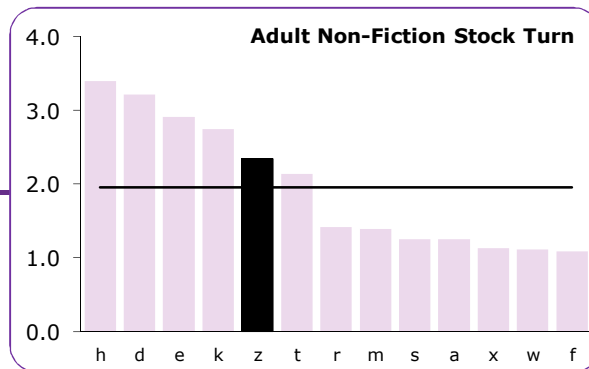
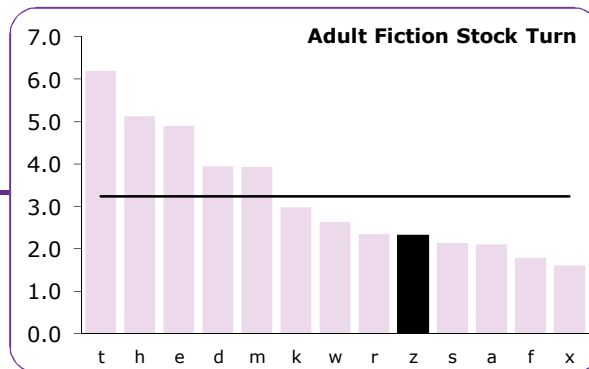
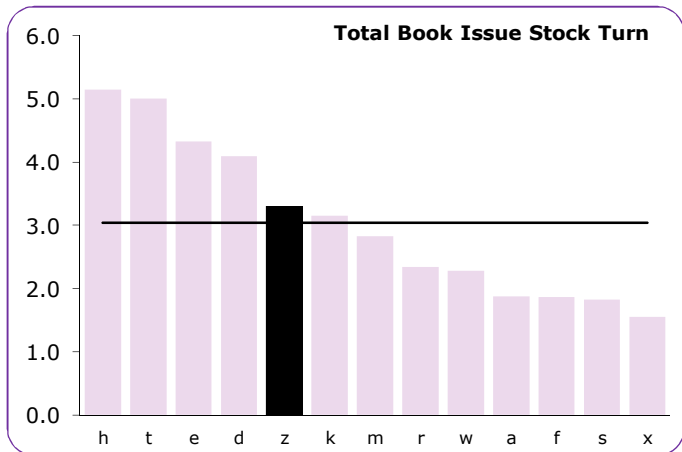
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 99 to 103

C2: Stock Turn

2018-19 Actuals

	Number	Average
Adult Fiction	2.3	3.2
Adult Non-Fiction	2.3	2.0
Children's Fiction	4.2	4.0
Children's Non-Fiction	3.0	2.6
Total Book Issues	3.3	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).



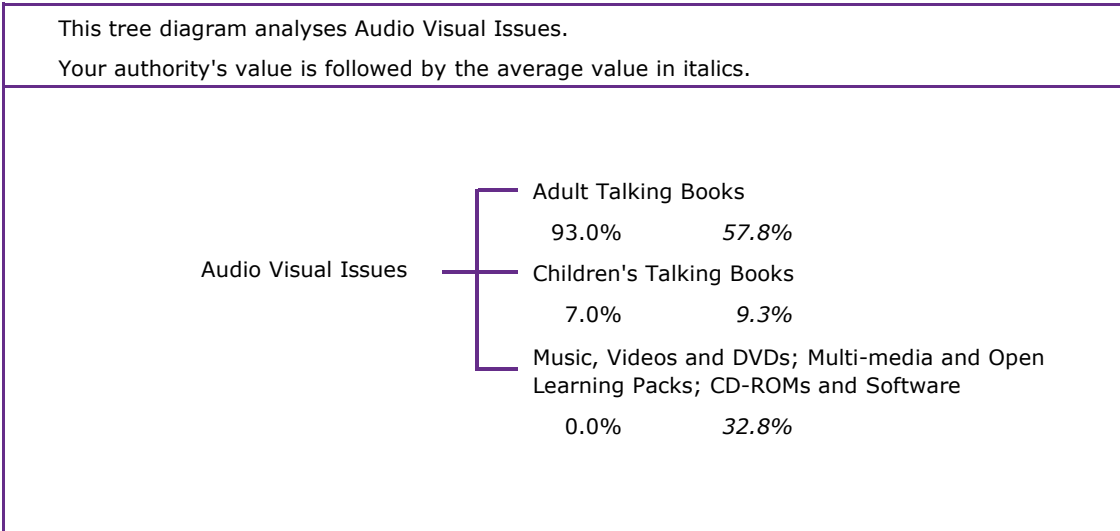
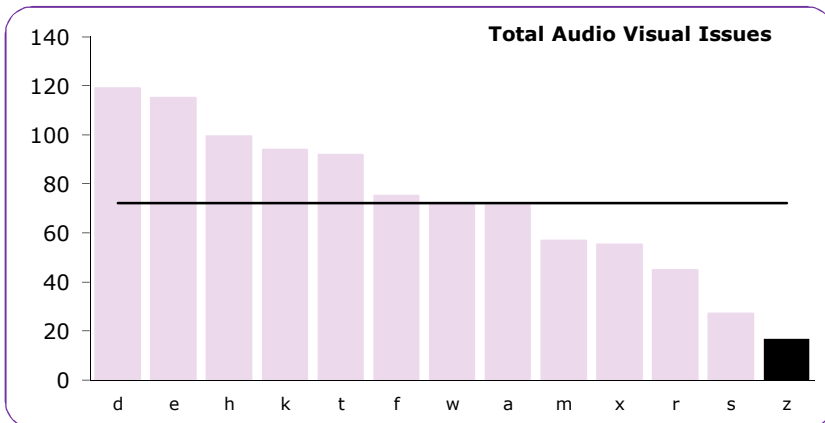
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 99 to 103 divided by Cells 60 to 64 respectively

C3: Audio, Visual & Other Issues

2018-19 Actuals

	Number	/1,000 pop	Avg
Sound Recordings			
Adult Talking Books	2,306	15.5	41.7
Children's Talking Books	173	1.2	6.7
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	0	0.0	23.7
Total Audio Visual Issues	2,479	16.6	72.2

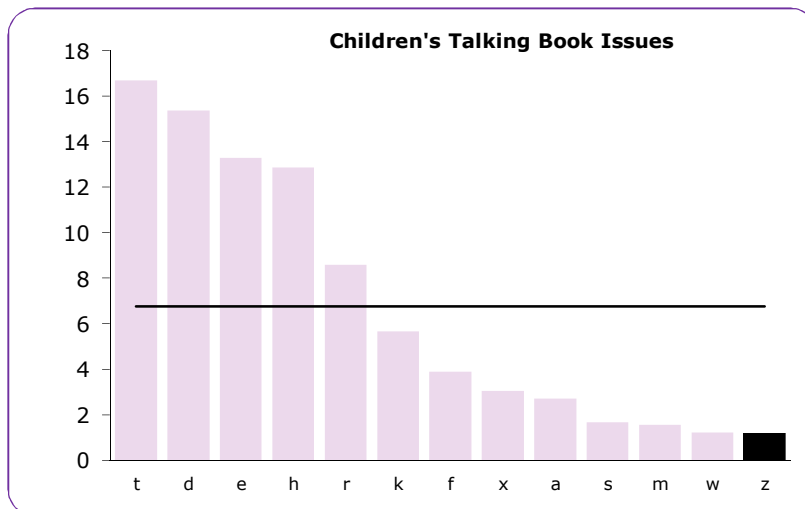
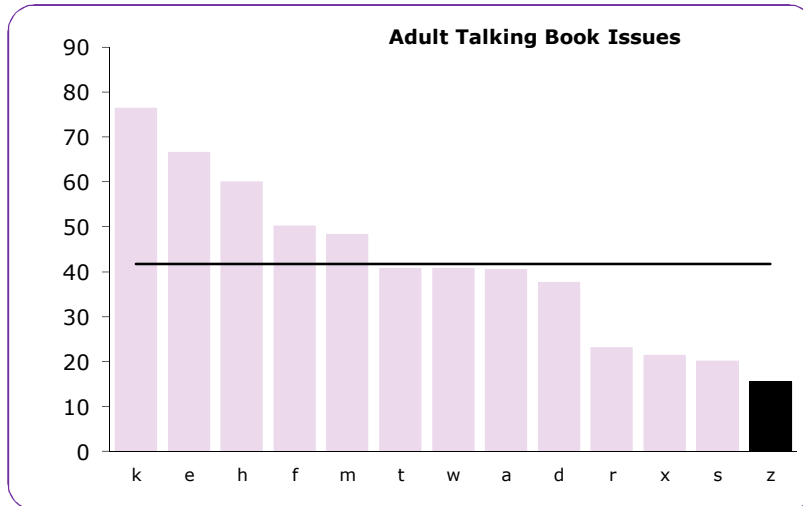
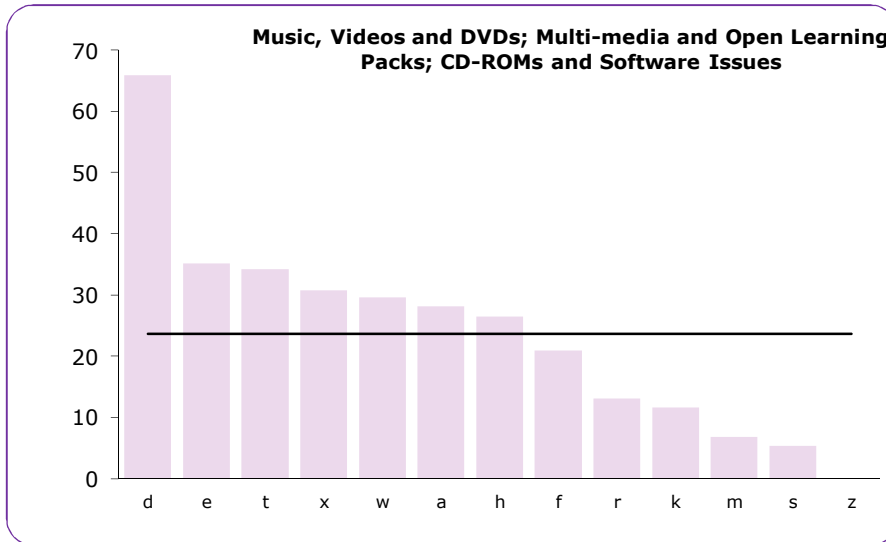
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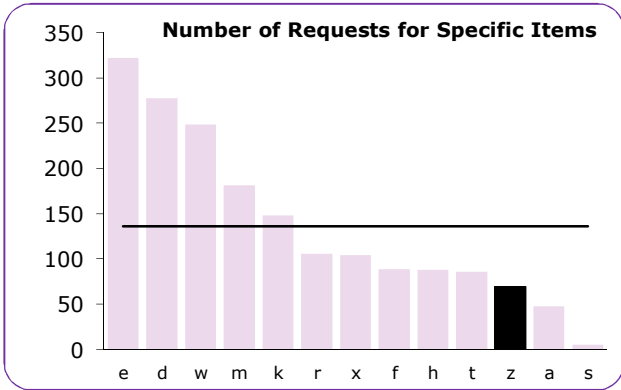
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C4: Request Service

2018-19 Actuals

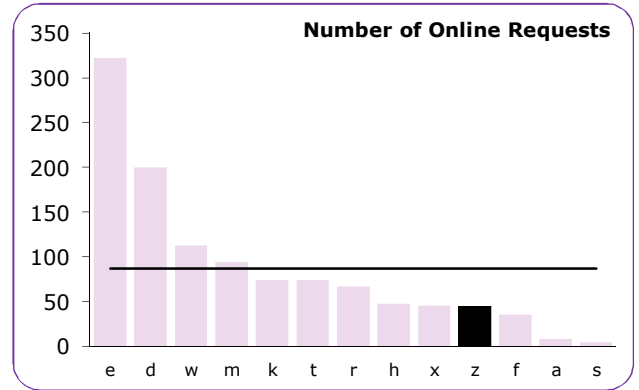
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Requests	10,259	69	136

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Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 114

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Online Requests	6,586	44	87



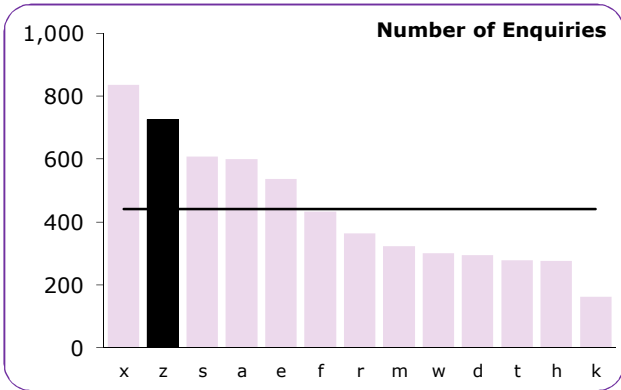
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C5: Enquiries

2018-19 Actuals

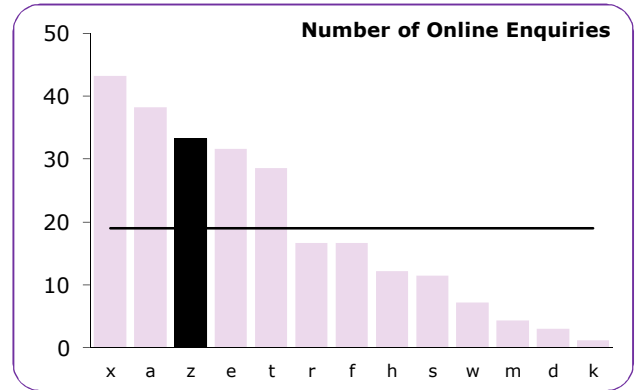
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Enquiries	108,134	725	441

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Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 119

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Online Enquiries	4,951	33.2	19.0



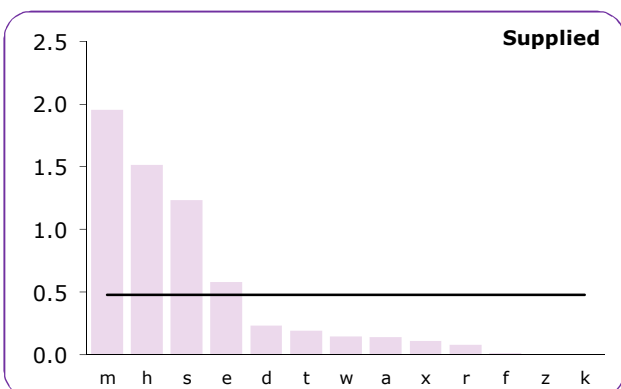
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C6: Inter-Library Loans

2018-19 Actuals

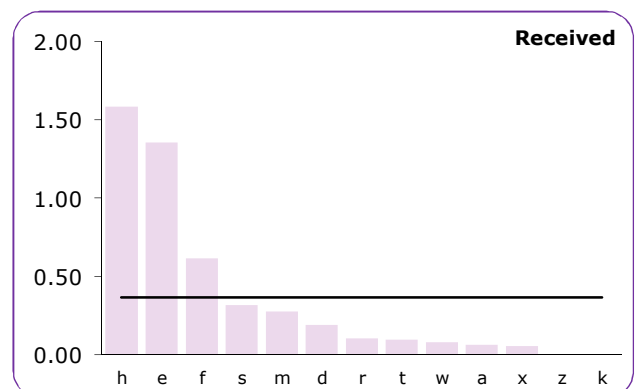
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Loans Supplied	0	0.0	0.5

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Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cell 129

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Loans Received	0	0.00	0.36



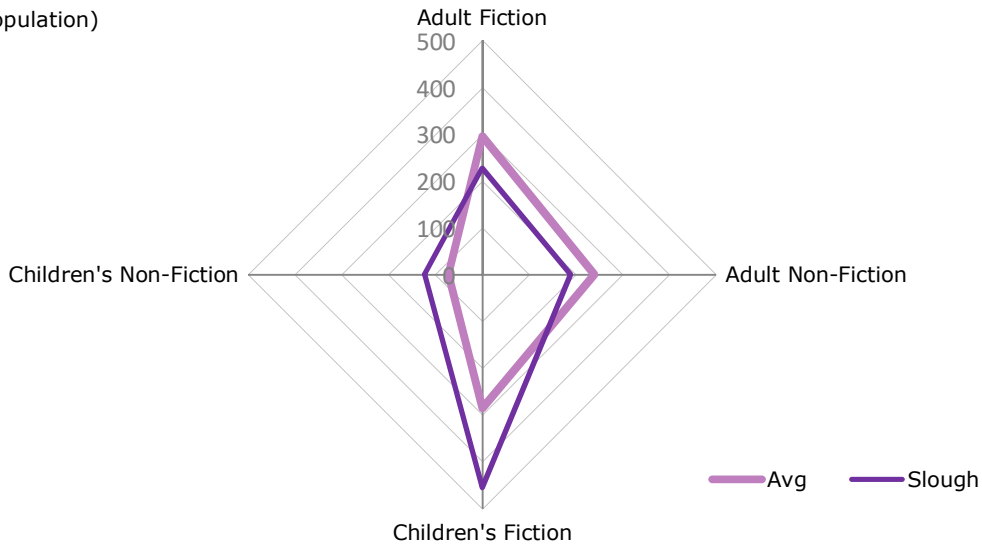
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SECTION D: STOCK

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

Book Stock at 31 March 2019

(Stock per 1,000 population)



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D1: Book Stock

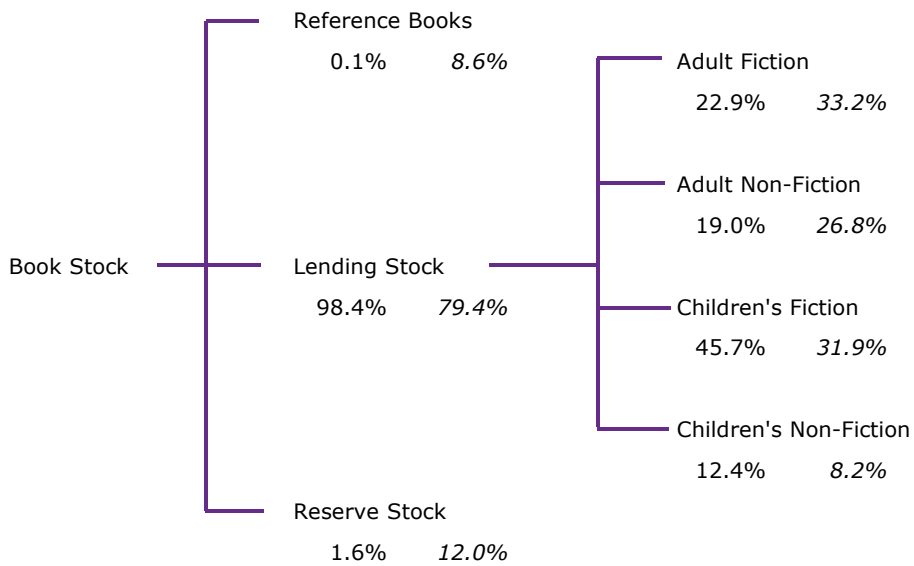
Summary

Book Stock at 31 March 2019



- 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.



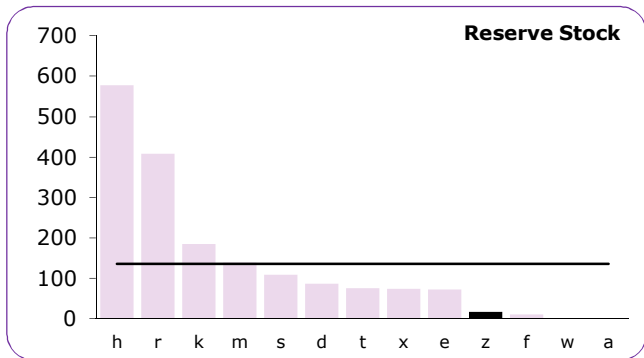
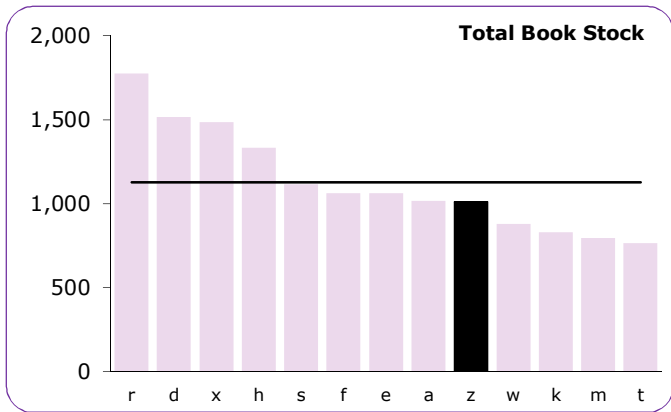
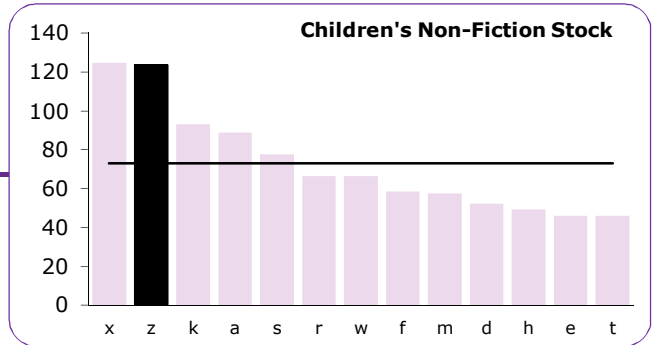
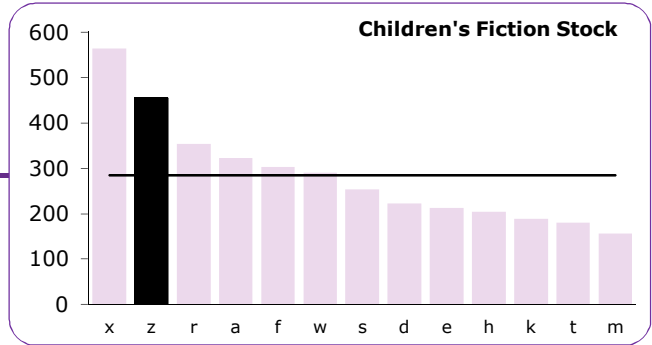
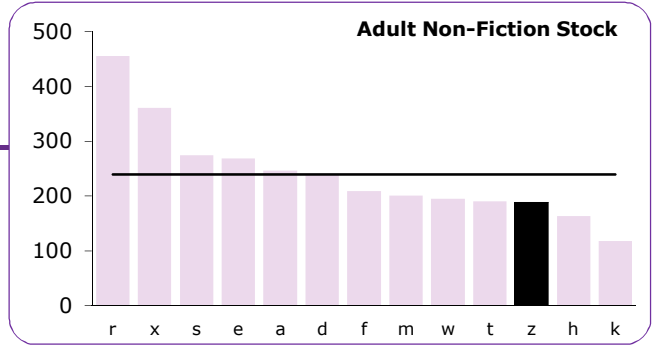
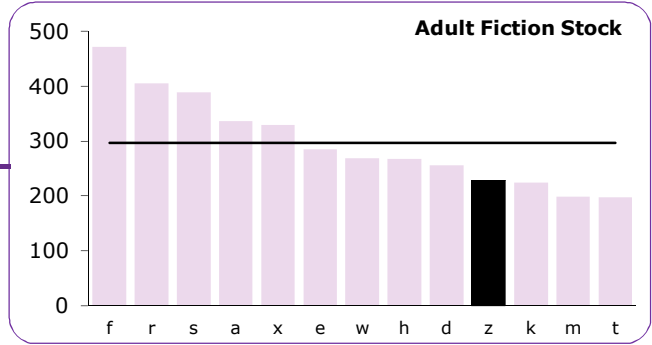
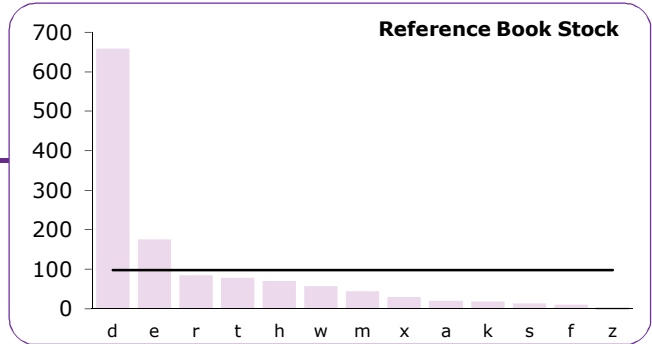
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 60 to 67

D1: Book Stock (continued)

at 31 March 2019

	No.	/1,000 pop	Avg
Reference Books	116	1	97
Lending Stock			
Adult Fiction	33,991	228	297
Adult Non-Fiction	28,132	189	239
Children's Fiction	67,863	455	285
Children's Non-Fiction	18,441	124	73
Reserve Stock	2,359	16	135
Total Book Stock	150,902	1,012	1,127

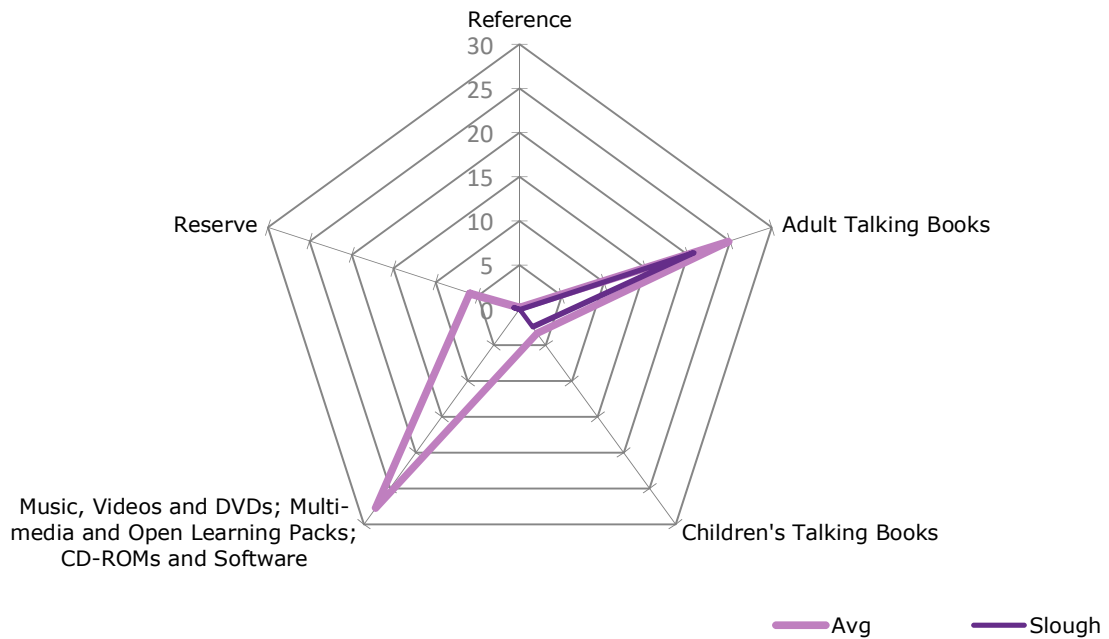
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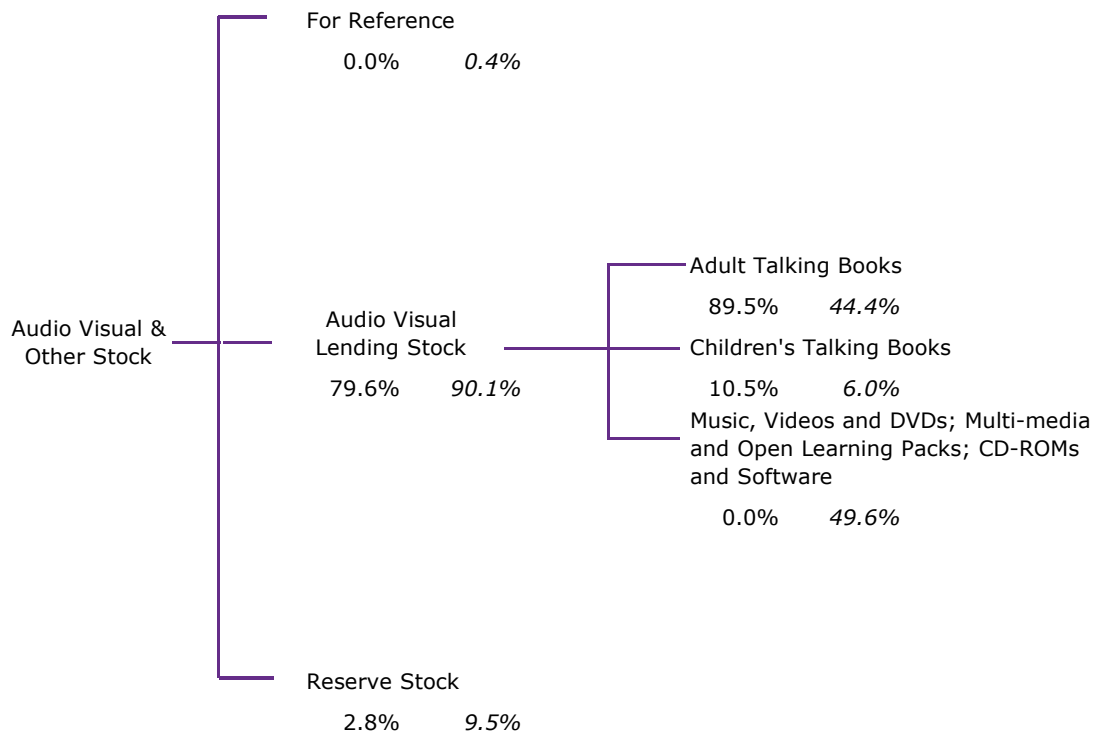
D2: Audio, Visual & Other Stock

Stock at 31 March 2019



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

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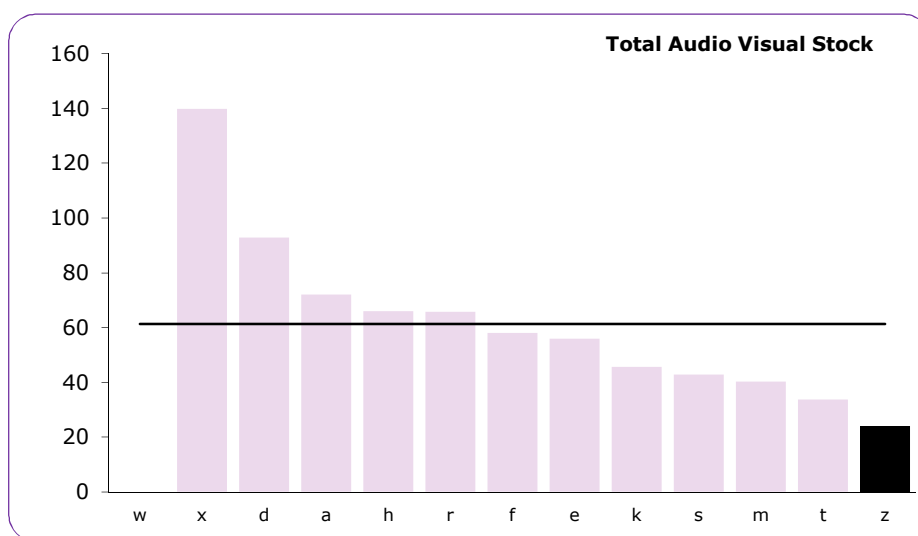
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 75 to 81

D2: Audio, Visual & Other Stock (continued)

at 31 March 2019

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Avg
Reserve Stock	99	0.7	5.9
For Reference	0	0.0	0.2
Sound - Adult Talking Books	3,091	20.7	24.8
Sound - Children's Talking Books	362	2.4	3.3
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	0	0.0	27.7
Total Audio Visual Lending Stock	3,552	23.8	62.0

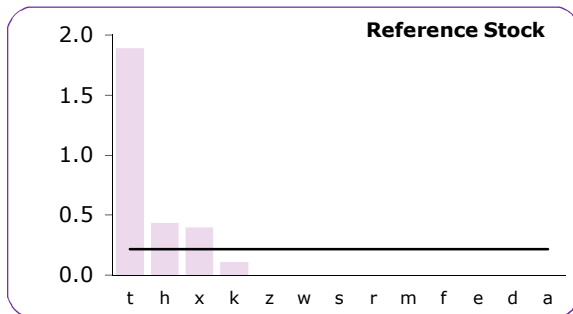
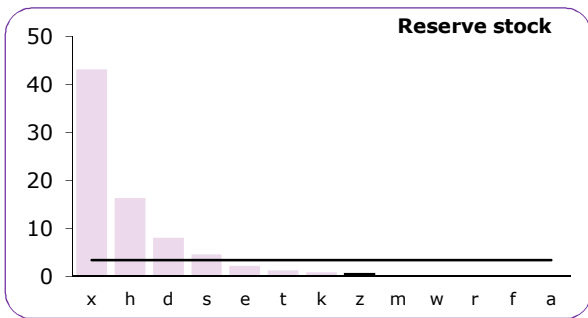
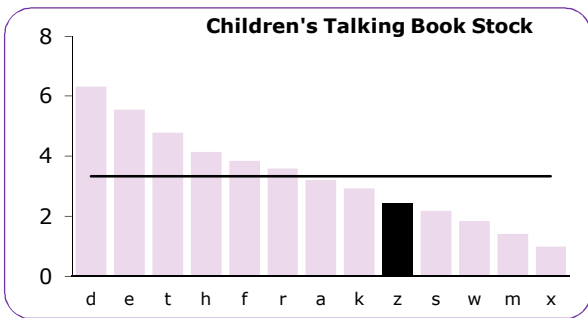
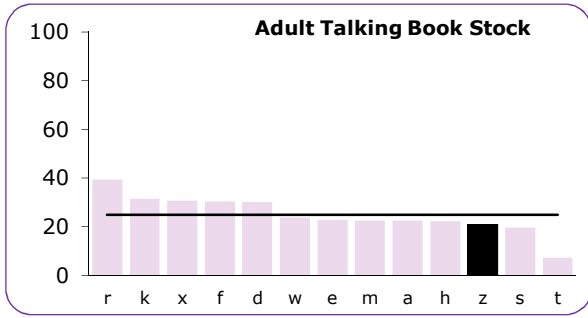
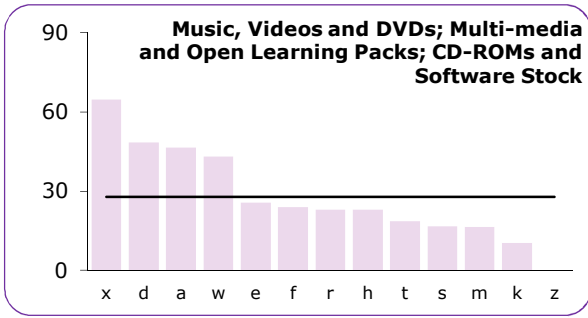
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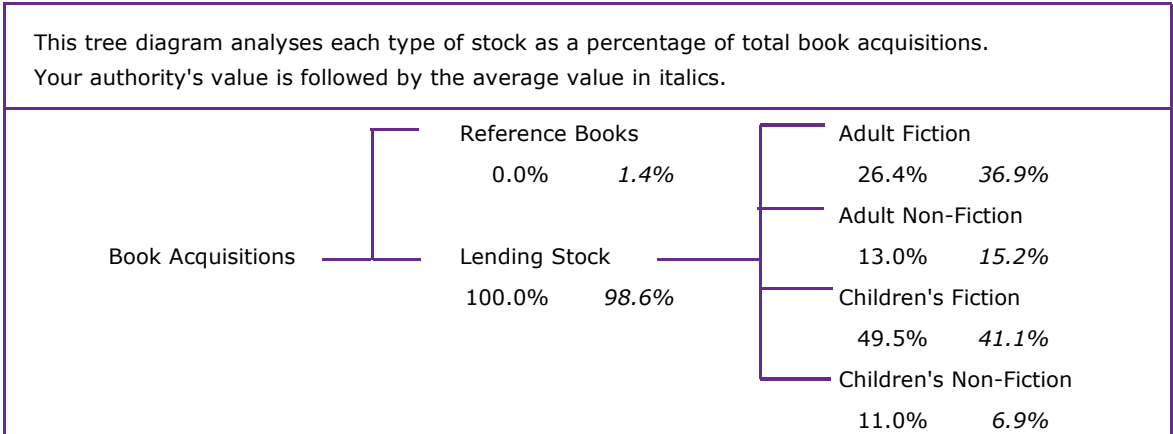
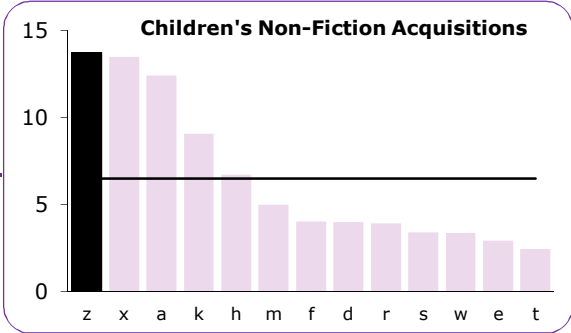
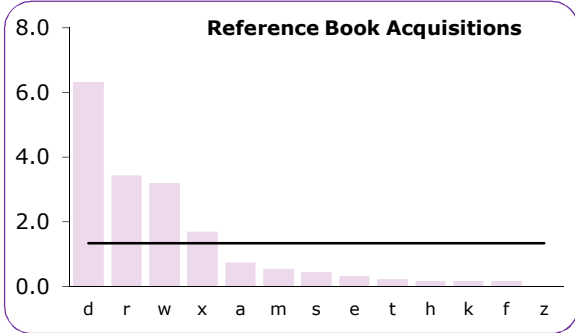
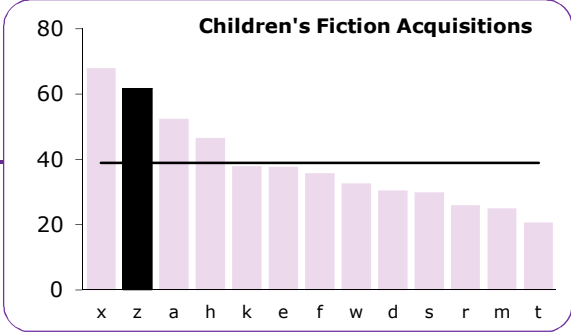
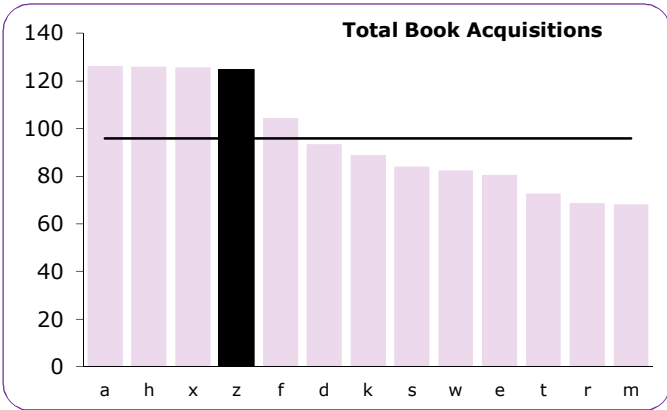
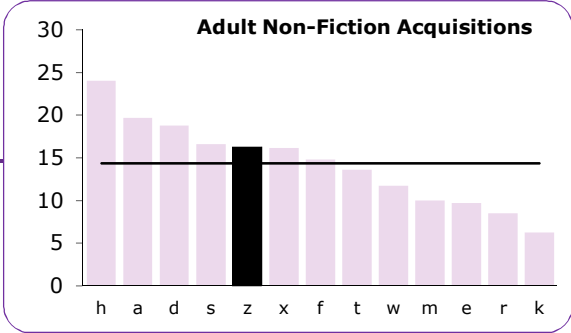
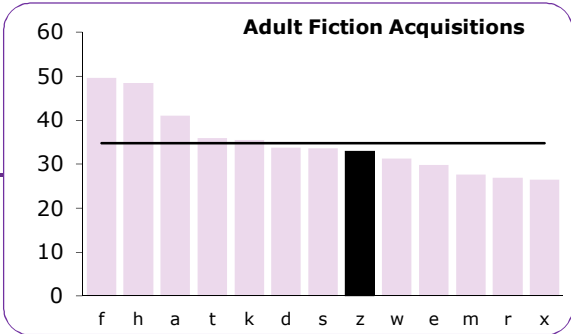
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 75 to 81

D3: Book Acquisitions

2018-19 Actuals

graphs shown per 1,000 population

	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
Reference Books	0	0.0	<i>1.3</i>
Lending Stock			
Adult Fiction	4,916	33.0	<i>34.8</i>
Adult Non-Fiction	2,423	16.3	<i>14.3</i>
Children's Fiction	9,210	61.8	<i>38.8</i>
Children's Non-Fiction	2,043	13.7	<i>6.5</i>
Total Book Acquisitions	18,592	124.7	95.8



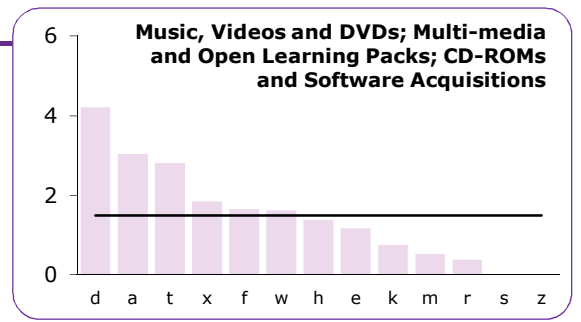
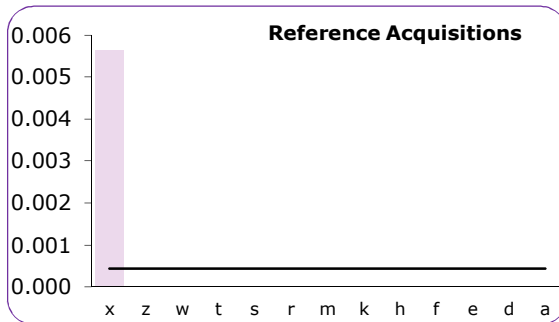
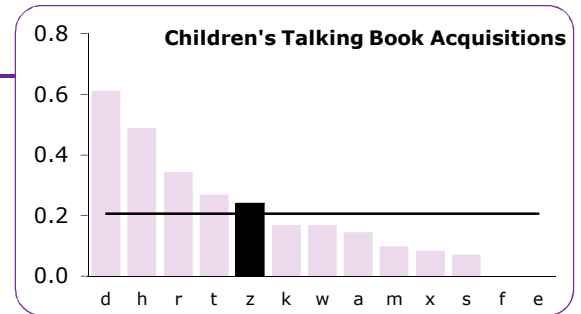
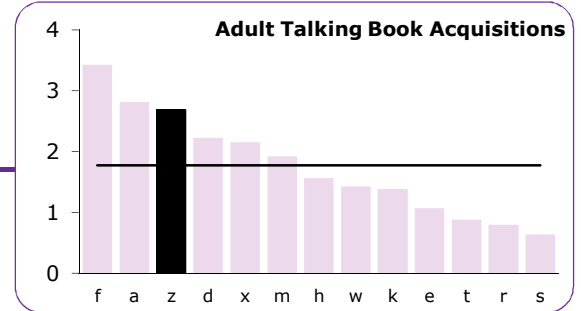
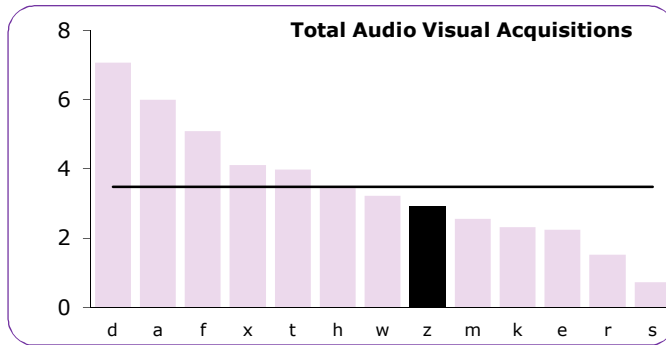
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D4: Audio, Visual & Other Acquisitions

2018-19 Actuals

graphs shown per 1,000 population

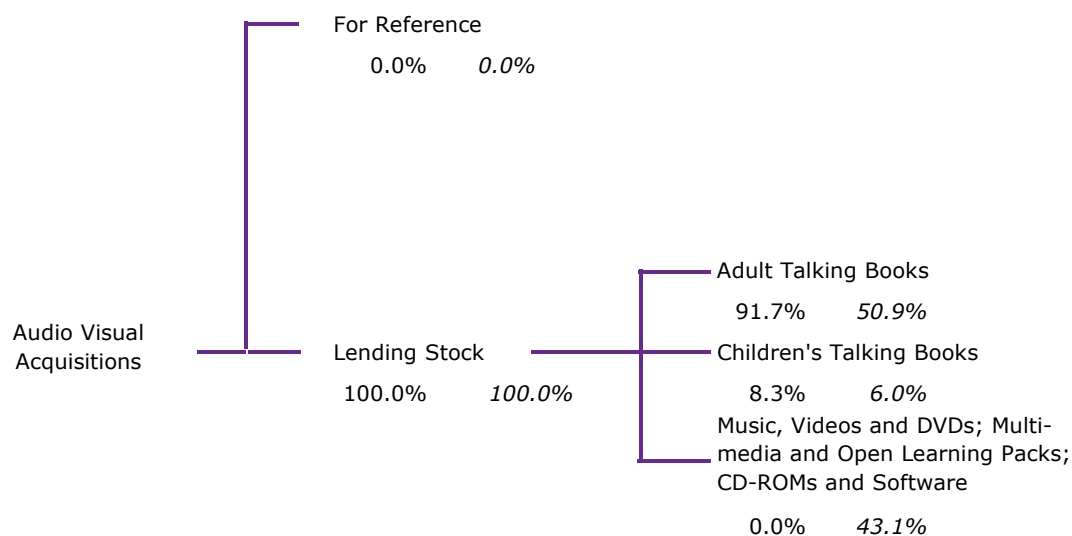
	Number	per 1,000 pop	Avg
For Reference	0	0.0	0.0
Lending Stock			
Sound - Adult Talking Books	400	2.7	1.8
Sound - Children's Talking Books	36	0.2	0.2
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	0	0.0	1.5
Total Audio Visual Acquisitions	436	2.9	3.5



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 82 to 87

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.



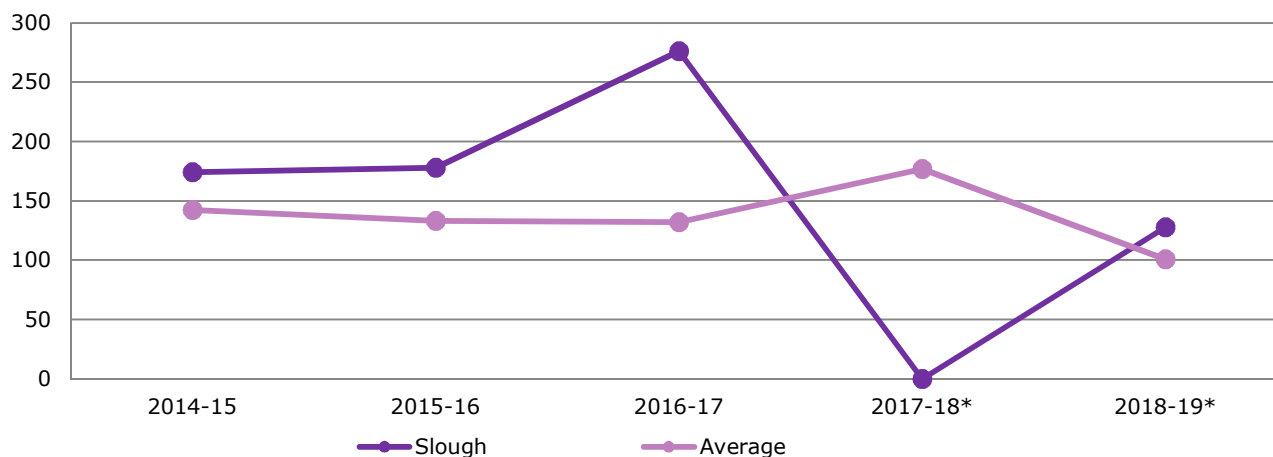
Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 82 to 87

D5: All Acquisitions (Books and Audio Visual)

Acquisitions	Number	per 1,000 pop	Average
2014-15	25,187	174	142
2015-16	25,945	178	133
2016-17	40,654	276	132
2017-18*	na	na	177
2018-19*	19,028	128	101

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

Acquisitions per 1,000 population: Time Series

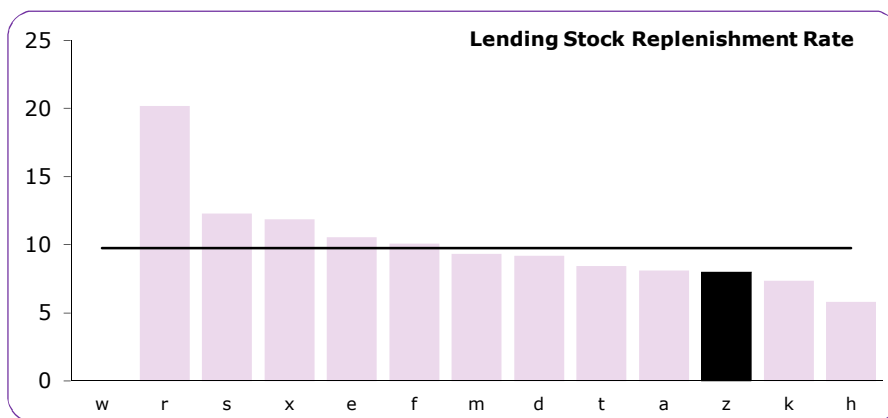


Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 74 & 87

D6: Lending Stock Replenishment Rate

Lending Stock	Years	Average
Replenishment Rate	8.0	9.8

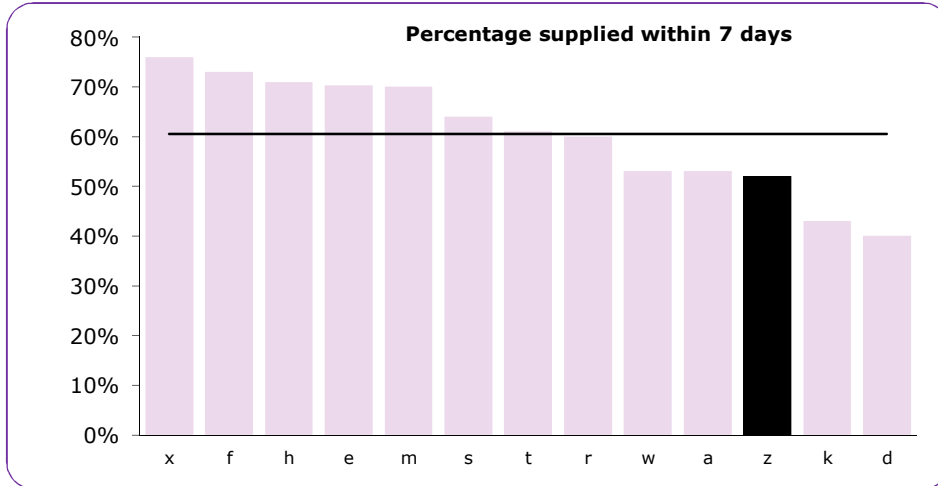
- Time taken in years to replenish the lending stock (not including electronic products) on open access or available on loan at 2018-19 rate.



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - (Cell 65 + Cell 79) / (Cell 73 + Cell 86)

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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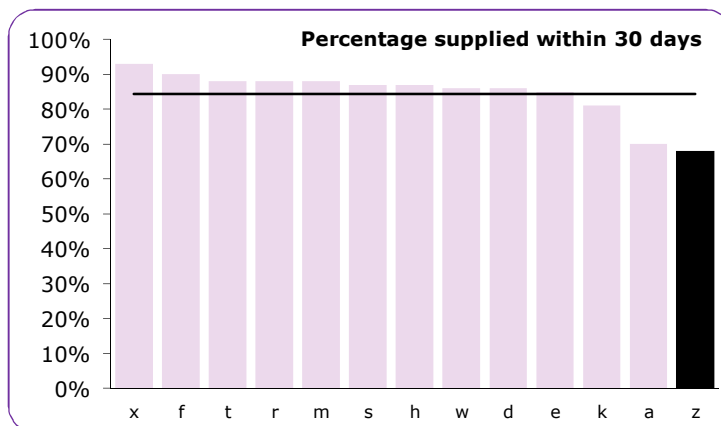
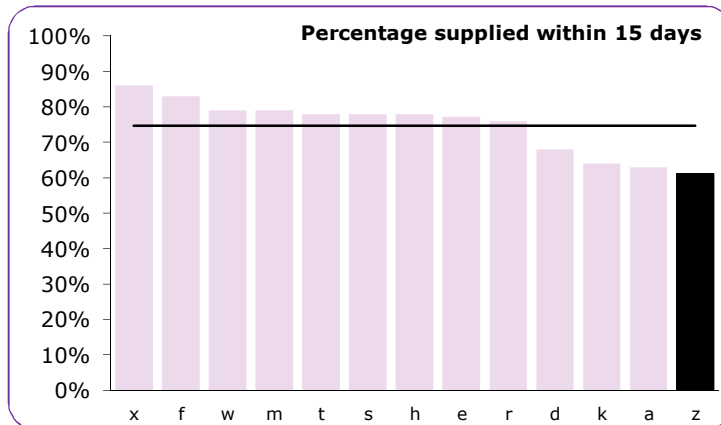
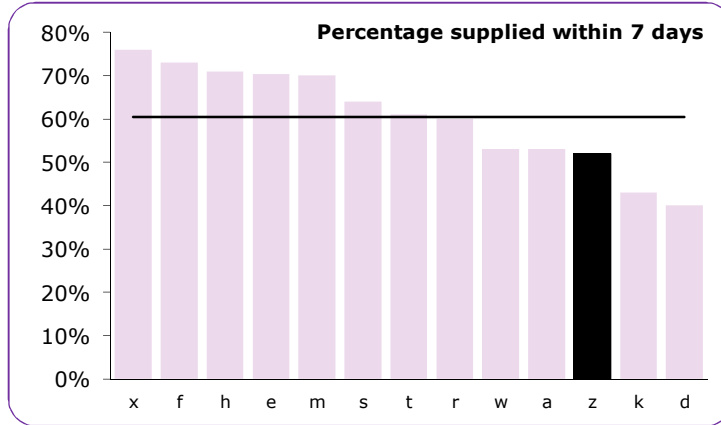
E1: Requests

% supplied in 7, 15 and 30 days

E1: Requests

2018-19 Actuals

Percentage Supplied	Authority	Average
within 7 days	52%	60%
within 15 days	61%	75%
within 30 days	68%	84%



Source: CIPFA Public Library Statistics 2019 - Cells 116 to 118

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.

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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.

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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

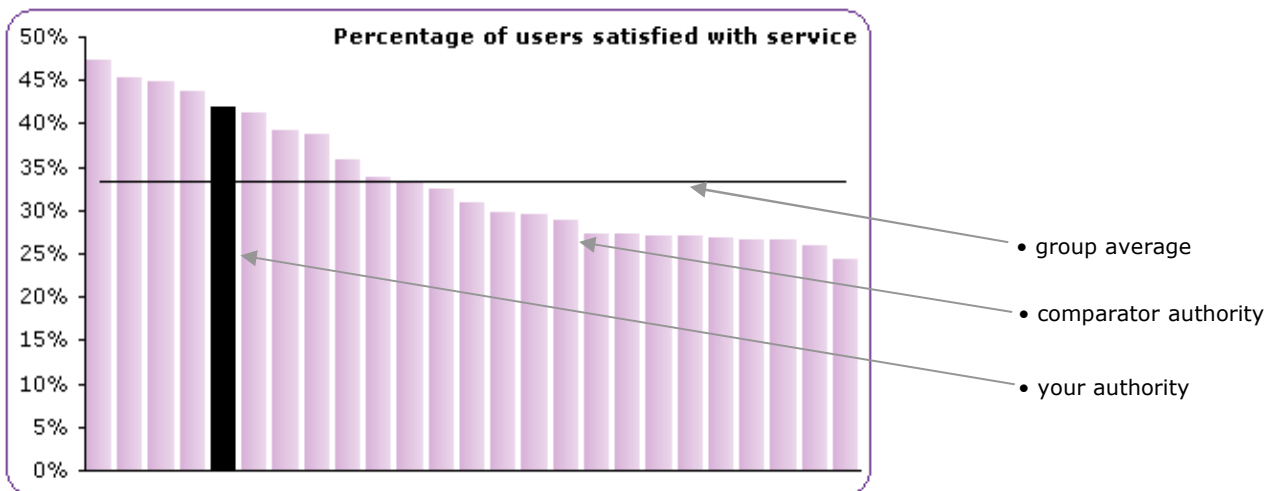
This chart displays fictional user satisfaction data for 25 authorities. Each bar represents an individual authority and the bar for the reader's authority highlights in black.

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.

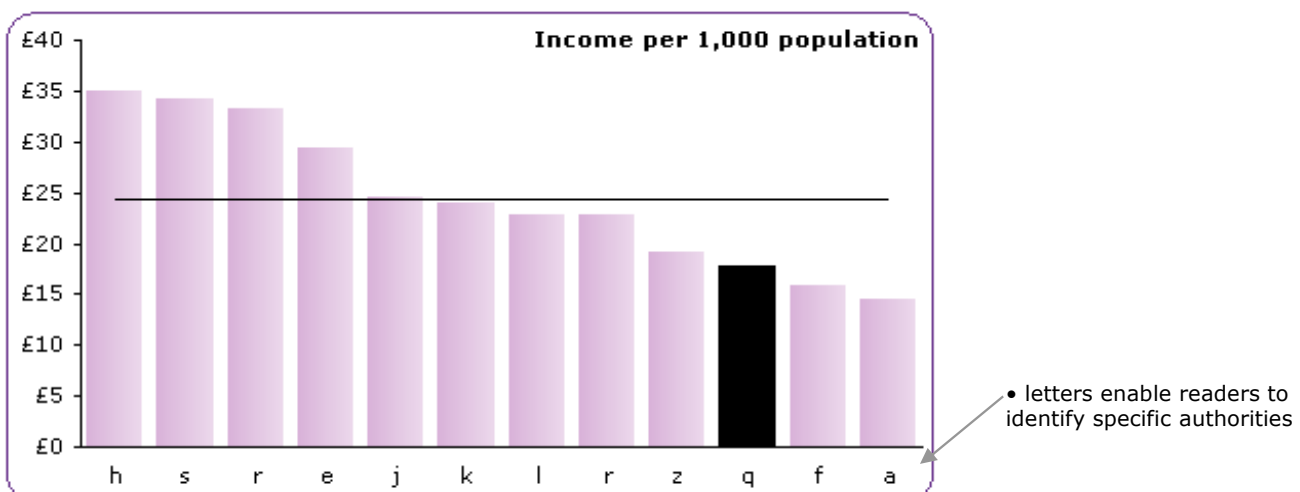


Example 2: Comparative bar charts for reports with small numbers of authorities

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

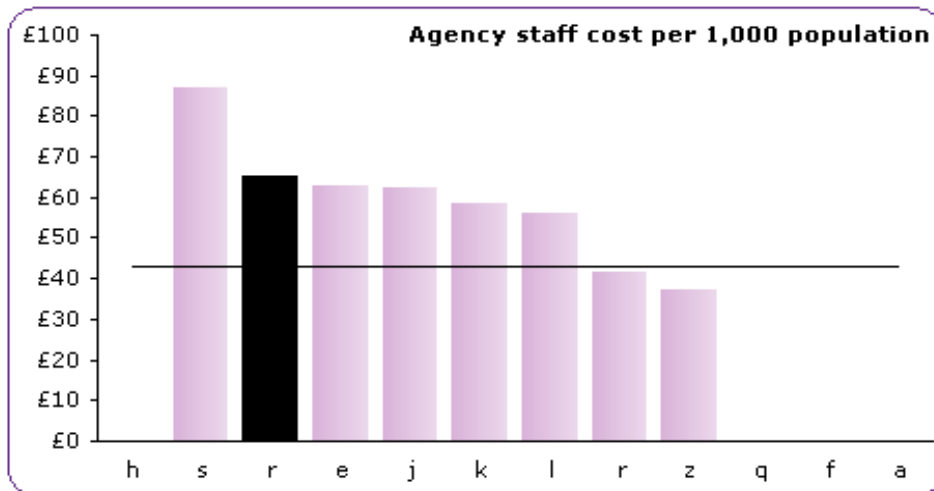
Zero values: In some cases the value for any authority might be zero, in this case the value 'displays' as a bar of zero height (i.e. no bar) on the right of the distribution (which follows the pattern of lowest values to the right of the chart).

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.

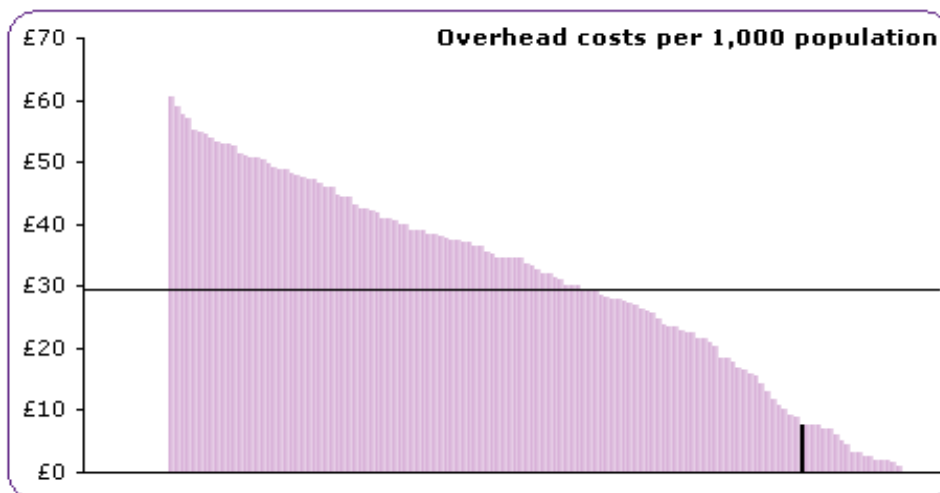


Example 4: Comparisons with large numbers of authorities

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

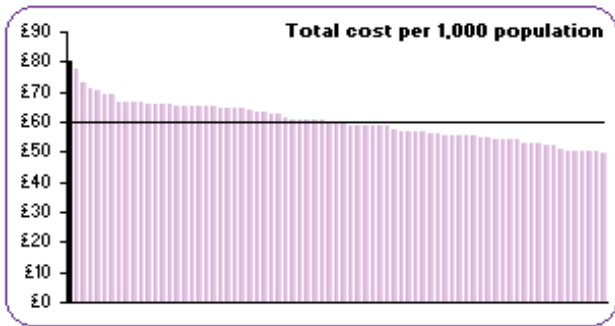
The distributions of values shown on the charts can vary greatly. Here we show some examples to help readers understand how the distributions can vary. In each case we will keep the black bar authority's value the same and the group average the same, however the shape of the graph and distribution of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



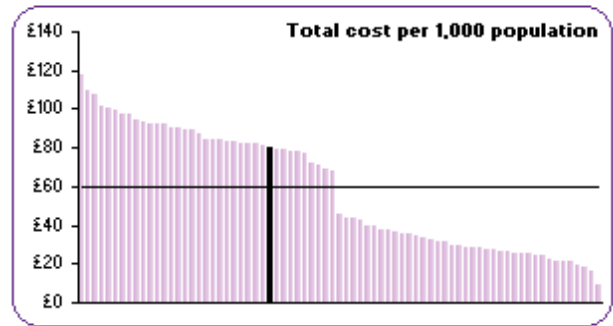
- This chart shows a very common distribution (which a statistician would appropriately call the 'normal' distribution).
- While there is a wide range of values (20-100) the majority of authorities are in a much tighter range (about half are between 50 and 70).
- In this particular case the highlighted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

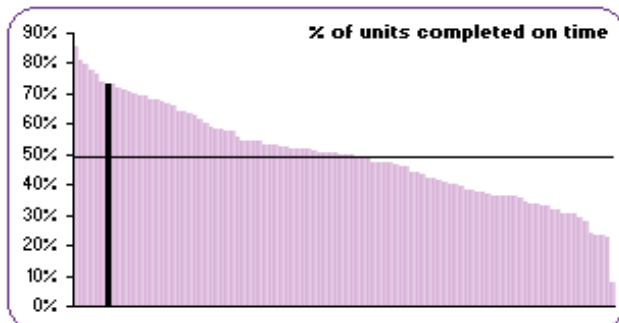
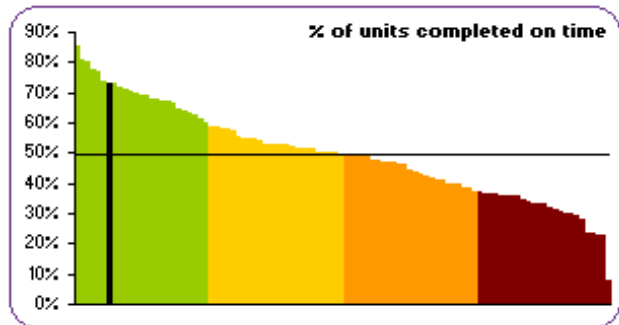
Quartiles are produced by splitting the distribution into four quarters, as presented on the right.

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.

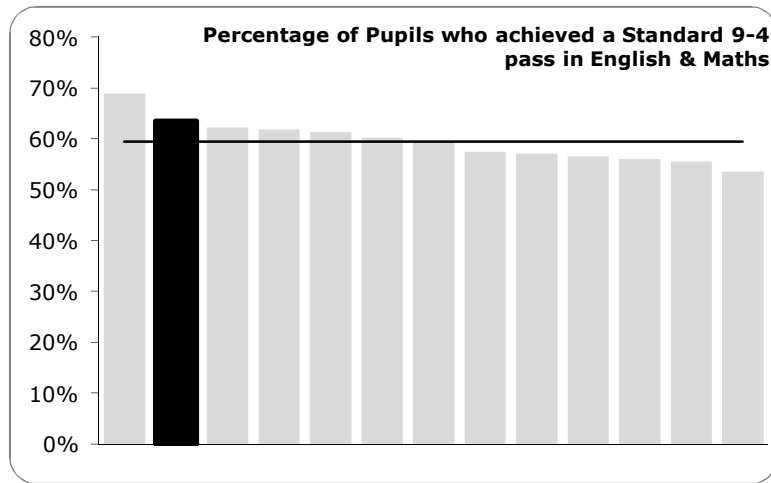
We do not show quartiles in this report, as this approach can be viewed as simplistic, and it does not fit in with the purpose of the report, which is to inform rather than judge. The reader should however compare the top and bottom charts and note



APPENDIX 2 - Background Information

Educational Attainment

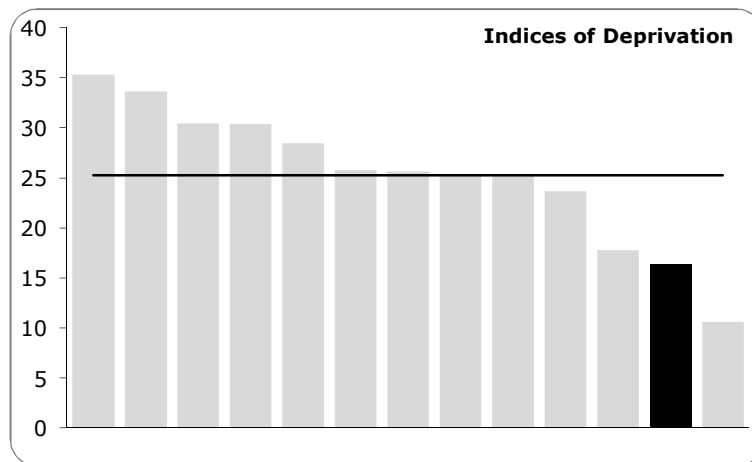
		Average
Educational Attainment	63.5%	59.5%



Source: CIPFA Children's Services Actuals Statistics 2017-18 - Column 305

Deprivation

		Average
Index of Deprivation	16.4	25.3

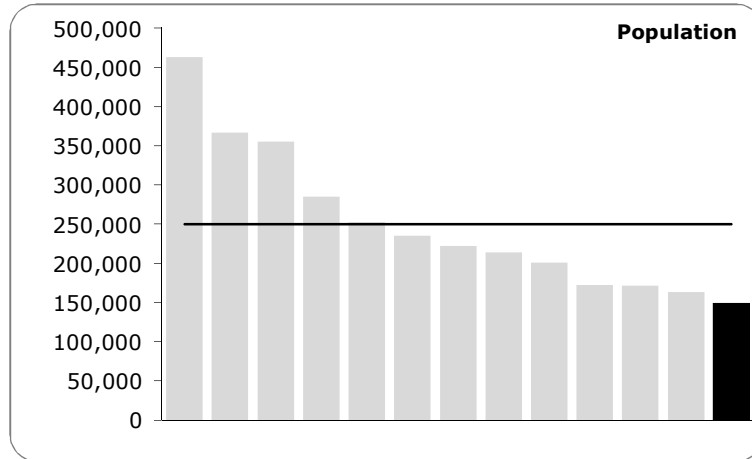


The higher the index, the more deprived the authority is.

Source: DCLG Indices of Deprivation 2010

Population

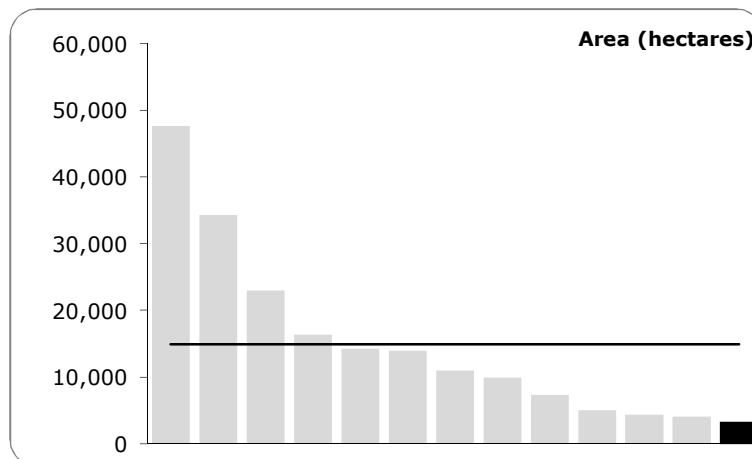
		Average
Population	149,100	250,208



Source: ONS Mid 2018 Population Estimates

Area

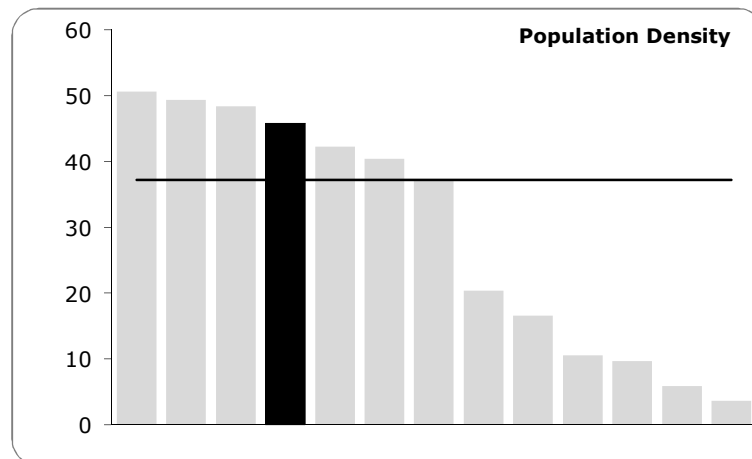
		Average
Area (hectares)	3,254	14,949



Source: ONS Area 2018

Population Density

		Median
Population Density	45.8	37.2



APPENDIX 3 - Financial Information

For Slough Borough Council Financial Information 2018-19 (Actuals)

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Employees	874,479	5,865	5,437
Premises	5,384	36	1,515
Supplies & Services			
Books & Pamphlets			
- Reference	0	0	22
- Adult Fiction	43,913	295	251
- Adult Non-Fiction	24,260	163	119
- Children's Fiction	46,504	312	183
- Children's Non-Fiction	12,866	86	42
Newspapers, Periodicals & Magazines	8,152	55	60
Sound Recordings			
- Adult Talking Books	15,212	102	66
- Children's Talking Books	883	6	4
Music, Videos and DVDs; Multi-media and Open Learning Packs; CD-ROMs and Software	0	0	23
Electronic Products			
- eBooks (lending and reference)	5,031	34	53
- eNewspapers, eMagazines & eComics	5,866	39	36
- eAudio & eAudiovisual	3,800	25	30
- Music Streaming	0	0	4
- Film Streaming	0	0	0
- Hardware	0	0	0
Online/Electronic (Internet etc.)	18,519	124	57
Other Acquisitions	7,855	53	30
Bookbinding	0	0	3
Total Materials	192,860	1,293	982
Computing Costs	78,874	529	164
Other Supplies & Services	38,351	257	470
Transport	363	2	34
Third Party Payments	0	0	95
Support Service Costs	80,182	538	1,045
Total Revenue Expenditure	1,270,493	8,521	9,743
Revenue Income	£	per 1,000 pop	Average
Overdue Charges	(10,351)	(69)	(105)
Reservation Fees	(1,179)	(8)	(6)
Lettings	0	0	(122)
Hire of Audio & Visual Materials	(1,640)	(11)	(26)
Electronic Revenue	0	0	(14)
Specific Grants	0	0	(163)
Provision of Library Services to other Local Authorities	0	0	(0)
Miscellaneous - receipts from the public	(35,236)	(236)	(274)
Miscellaneous - corporate income	0	0	(73)
Total Revenue Income	(48,406)	(325)	(784)
Net Expenditure (excluding Capital Charges)	1,222,087	8,196	8,960
Capital Charges	164,849	1,106	1,130
Total Net Expenditure (including Capital Charges)	1,386,936	9,302	10,090

Financial Information 2018-19 (Actuals - Continued)

Capital Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	<i>Average</i>
New Buildings	0	0	0
Refurbishment of Premises	0	0	52
IT Investment, Networks etc.	0	0	62
Books and Pamphlets	0	0	1
Other Library Materials	0	0	0
Other Capital Expenditure (please specify)	0	0	4
Total Capital Expenditure	0	0	120

Financial Information 2019-20 (Estimates)

Revenue Expenditure	£	per 1,000 pop	<i>Average</i>
Employees	1,024,172	6,869	5,784
Premises	8,100	54	1,397
Supplies & Services - Materials	247,000	1,657	943
Other Expenditure	142,496	956	1,792
Total Revenue Expenditure	1,421,768	9,536	9,917
Revenue Income	(34,428)	(231)	(791)
Net Expenditure (excluding Capital Charges)	1,387,340	9,305	9,126
Capital Charges	175,960	1,180	872
Total Net Expenditure (including Capital Charges)	1,563,300	10,485	9,999

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 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 ninth 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.