

FDLP Forecast Study Data Report

OVERALL HIGH-LEVEL QUANTITATIVE DATA FOR LIBRARY FORECAST QUESTIONNAIRES



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The FDLP Forecast Study queried Federal depository libraries to indicate their pressing issues, goals, and viewpoints and identify initiatives and needs. This report summarizes the overall response rates for the Library Forecast Questionnaire, including overall corresponding high-level quantitative data. Please note: totals may not always equal 100% due to rounding.

Figure 1 presents the total number of respondents from all FDLP libraries and the overall response rate. When the survey closed in fall 2012, there were 1,201 FDLP libraries. Of that number, 802 responded, with an overall response rate of 67%.

Figure 1: Overall Response Rate of FDLP Libraries

Total Number of FDLP Libraries	Number of Respondents	Response Rate
1,201	802	67%

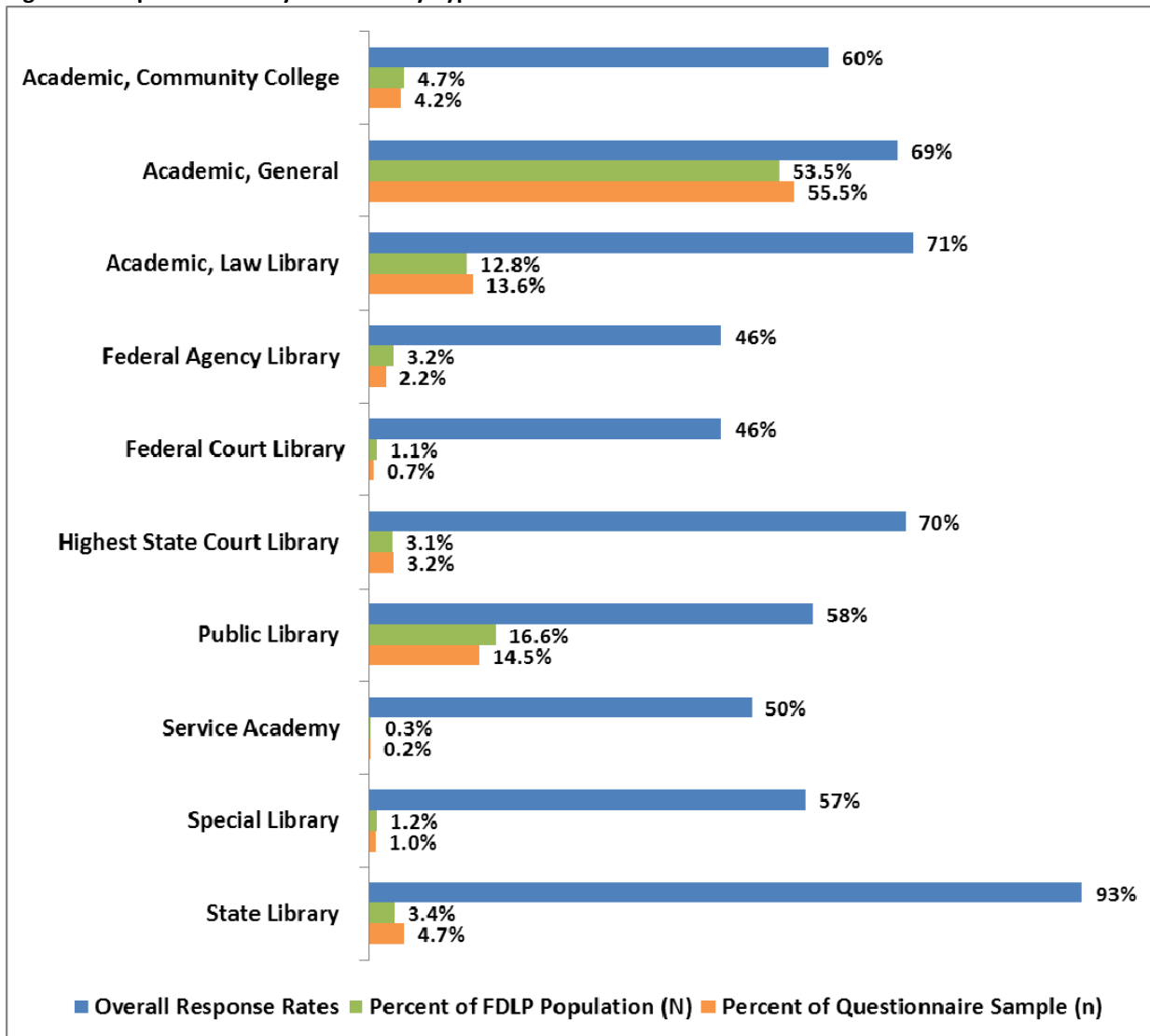
Figures 2 - 7 illustrate response rates by Library Type, Depository Type, and Library Size.

State Libraries and Academic, Law Libraries had the highest response rates overall, with 93% and 71% reporting, respectively.

Figure 2: Response Rates by FDLP Library Type

FDLP Library Type	Questionnaire Sample (n)		FDLP Population (N)		Response Rates
	Number of Respondents	Percent of "n"	FDLP Totals	Percent of "N"	n/N
Academic, General	445	55.5%	643	53.5%	69%
Academic, Community College	34	4.2%	57	4.7%	60%
Academic, Law Library	109	13.6%	154	12.8%	71%
Federal Agency Library	18	2.2%	39	3.2%	46%
Federal Court Library	6	0.7%	13	1.1%	46%
Highest State Court Library	26	3.2%	37	3.1%	70%
Public Library	116	14.5%	199	16.6%	58%
Service Academy	2	0.2%	4	0.3%	50%
Special Library	8	1.0%	14	1.2%	57%
State Library	38	4.7%	41	3.4%	93%
Total	802	100.0%	1,201	100.0%	67%

Figure 3: Response Rates by FDLP Library Type

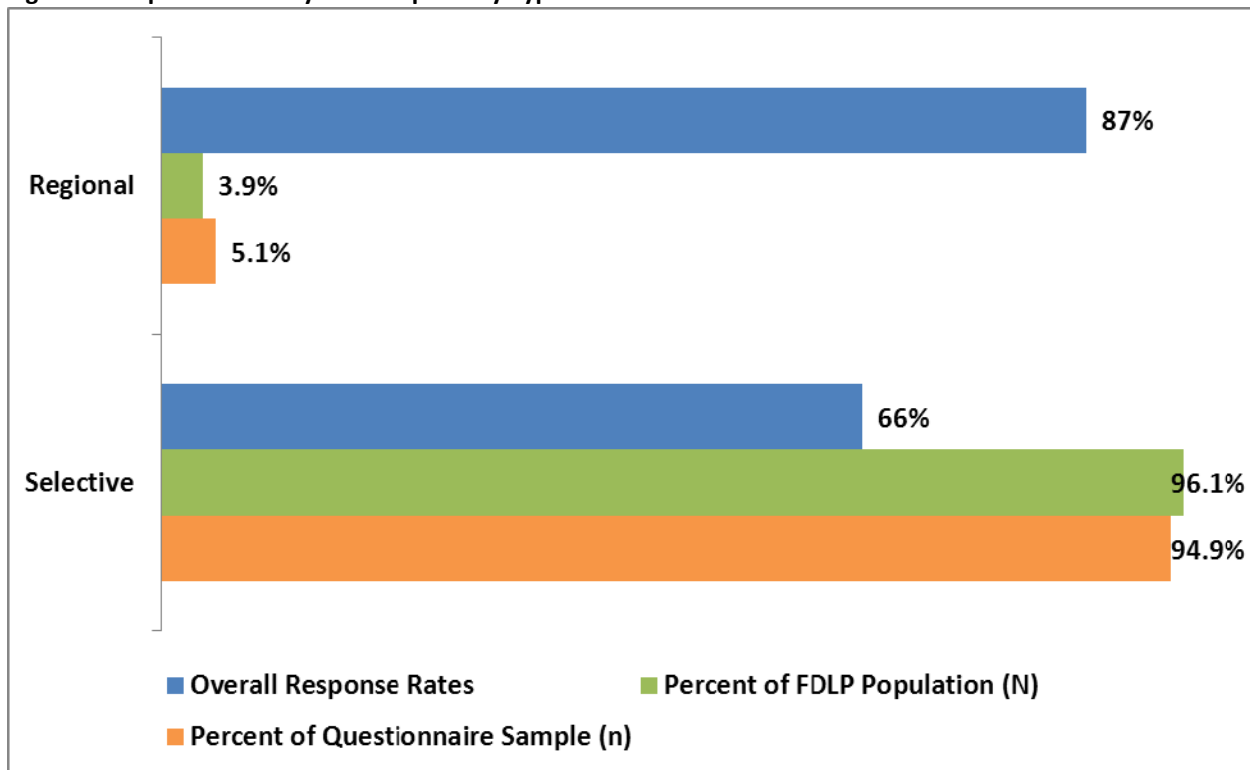


By Depository Type, 87% of Regional Libraries responded to the Library Forecast Questionnaire, and 66% of Selective Libraries responded.

Figure 4: Response Rates by FDLP Depository Type

FDLP Depository Type	Questionnaire Sample (n)		FDLP Population (N)		Response Rates
	Number of Respondents	Percent of "n"	FDLP Totals	Percent of "N"	n/N
Regional	41	5.1%	47	3.9%	87%
Selective	761	94.9%	1154	96.1%	66%
Total	802	100.0%	1,201	100.0%	67%

Figure 5: Response Rates by FDLP Depository Type



GPO defines library size by number of volumes in the collection.

- Large = > 1,000,000 volumes
- Medium = 250,000 – 1,000,000 volumes
- Small = < 250,000 volumes

Large Libraries had the highest response rate of the three library size categories (76%).

Figure 6: Response Rates by FDLP Library Size

FDLP Library Size	Questionnaire Sample (n)		FDLP Population (N)		Response Rates
	Number of Respondents	Percent of "n"	FDLP Totals	Percent of "N"	n/N
Large	283	35.3%	371	30.9%	76%
Medium	336	41.9%	510	42.5%	66%
Small	183	22.8%	320	26.6%	57%
Total	802	100.0%	1,201	100.0%	67%

Figure 7: Response Rates by FDLP Library Size

