# FDLP Forecast Study Data Report
# Library Forecast Question 12

**JULY 17, 2013**

*Question 12 of the Library Forecast Questionnaire asked depository libraries: "In your library, is digital government information available through FDsys an important source for federal digital government information?" This report documents the data gathered from this question. Please note: totals may not always equal 100% due to rounding.*

*The data report, Overall High-Level Quantitative Data for Library Forecast Questionnaires, is available for viewing.*

The results are presented by:

- Library Type
  - Academic General
  - Academic, Community College
  - Academic, Law Library
  - Federal Agency Library
  - Federal Court Library
  - Highest State Court Library
  - Public Library
  - Service Academy
  - Special Library
  - State Library
- Library Size
  - Large = > 1,000,000 volumes
  - Medium = 250,000 – 1,000,000 volumes
  - Small = < 250,000 volumes
- Depository Type
  - Regional
  - Selective
- Cross-tabulated by Library Size and Depository Type
- Cross-tabulated by Library Type and Depository Type

## PRESENTATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESULTS

Question 12 asked, "In your library, is digital government information available through FDsys an important source for federal digital government information?" The response options were:

1) yes
2) no
Please elaborate

Of the 802 respondents to Library Forecast Question 12, 709 (88%) responded "yes" while 93 (12%) responded "no."

**Figure 1: Overall Yes/No Response Rate**

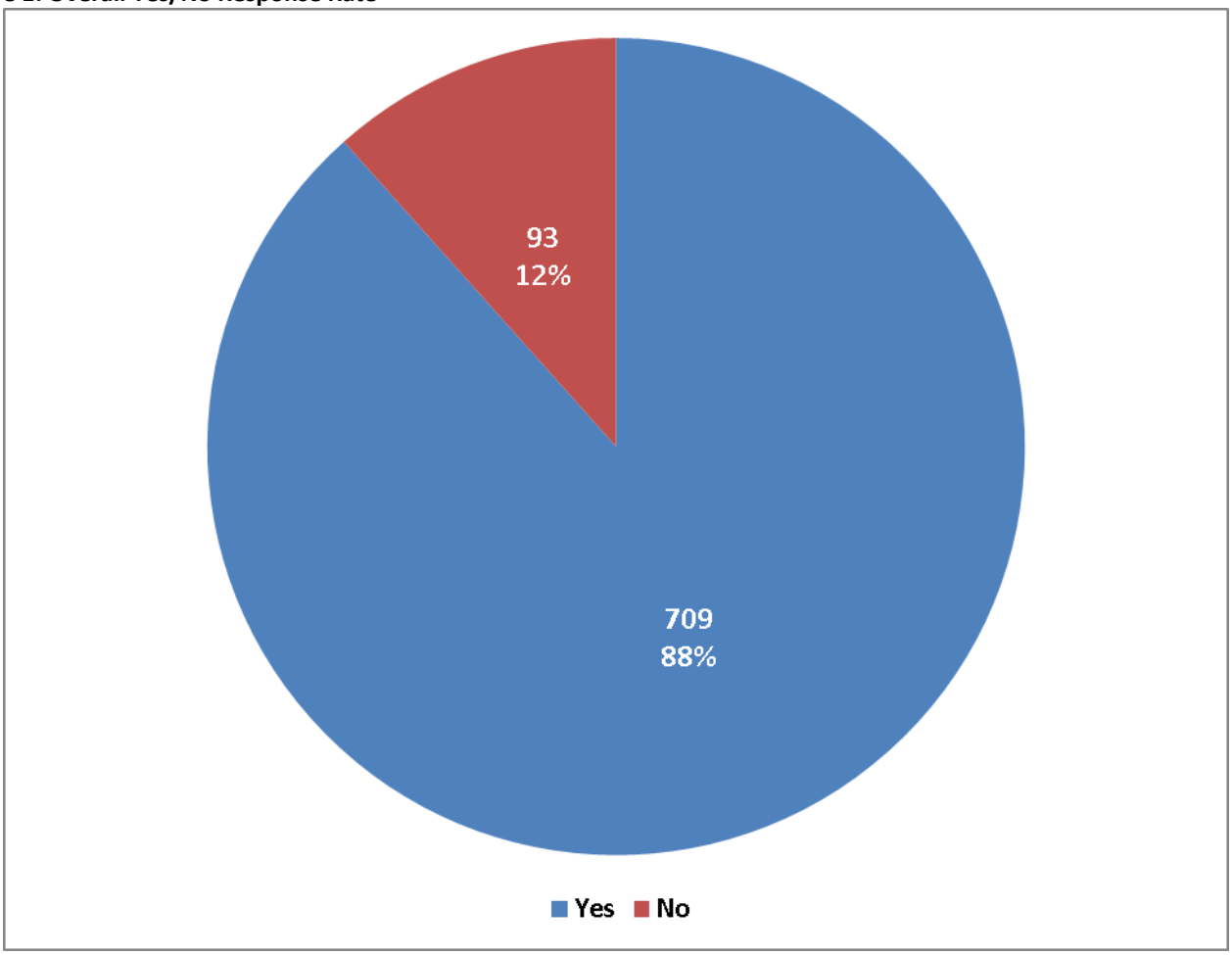


**Figure 2 illustrates response rates by library type for all 802 respondents.**

Federal Court Libraries and Service Academies had the highest "yes" response rate (100%), followed by Academic, Law Libraries (93%) and Academic General Libraries (91%).

**Figure 2: Yes/No Response Rate by Library Type**

| | Yes | | No | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Library Type** | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Academic General** | 404 | 91% | 41 | 9% | 445 | 100% |
| **Academic, Community College** | 29 | 85% | 5 | 15% | 34 | 100% |
| **Academic, Law Library** | 101 | 93% | 8 | 7% | 109 | 100% |
| **Federal Agency Library** | 15 | 83% | 3 | 17% | 18 | 100% |
| **Federal Court Library** | 6 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 6 | 100% |
| **Highest State Court Library** | 22 | 85% | 4 | 15% | 26 | 100% |
| **Public Library** | 90 | 78% | 26 | 22% | 116 | 100% |
| **Service Academy** | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 100% |
| **Special Library** | 7 | 88% | 1 | 13% | 8 | 100% |
| **State Library** | 33 | 87% | 5 | 13% | 38 | 100% |
| **Grand Total** | **709** | **88%** | **93** | **12%** | **802** | **100%** |

**Figure 3 illustrates "yes" responses by library type for all 802 respondents.**

Academic General Libraries had the highest number of "yes" responses, with 404, followed by Academic, Law Libraries with 101, and Public Libraries with 90.

**Figure 3: Yes Responses by Library Type**

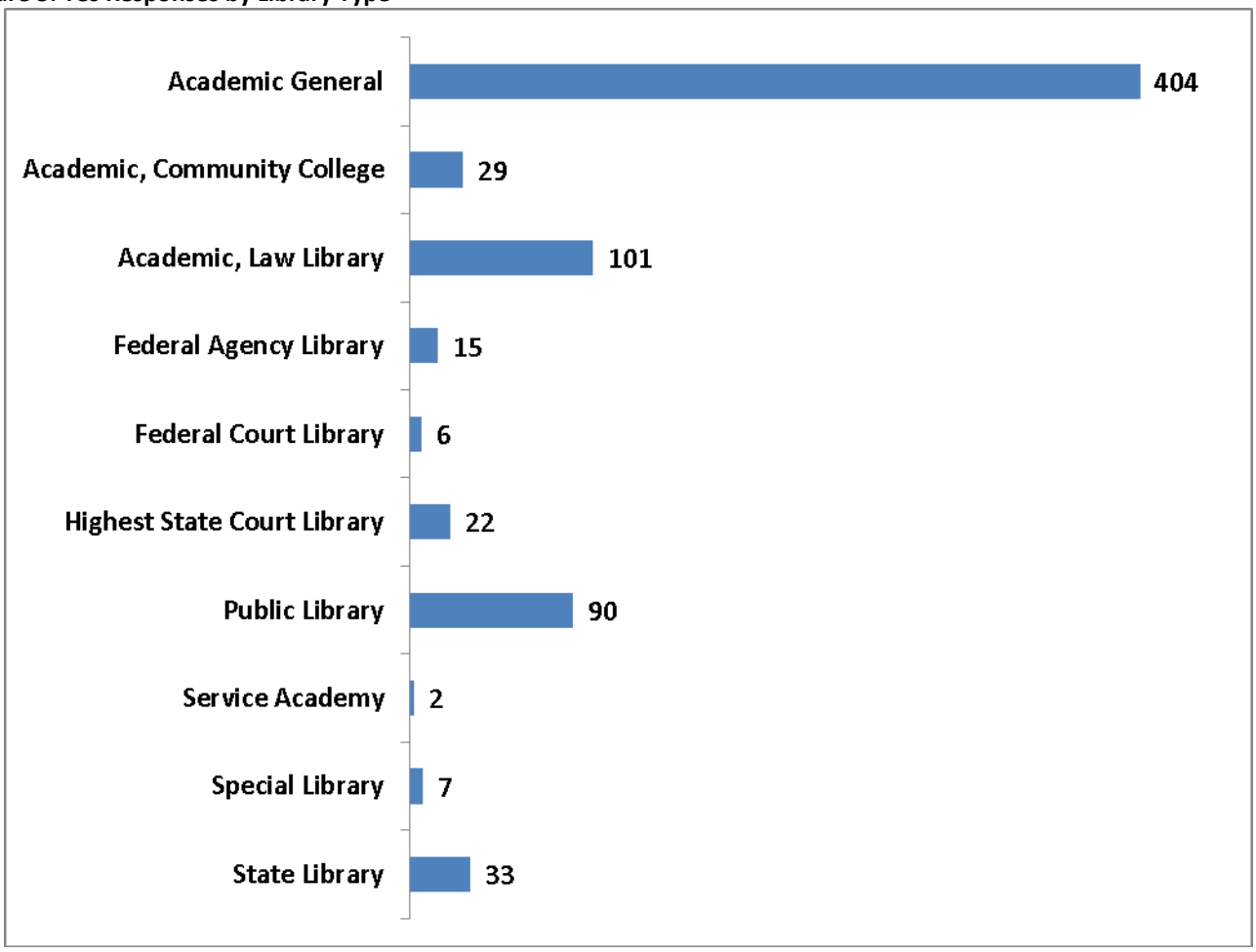


**Figure 4 illustrates response rates by library size for all 802 respondents.**

Medium Libraries had the highest "yes" response rate (90%), with 301 of the 336 total Medium Libraries.

**Figure 4: Yes/No Response Rate by Library Size**

| | Yes | | No | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Library Size** | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Large** | 250 | 88% | 33 | 12% | 283 | 100% |
| **Medium** | 301 | 90% | 35 | 10% | 336 | 100% |
| **Small** | 158 | 86% | 25 | 14% | 183 | 100% |
| **Grand Total** | **709** | **88%** | **93** | **12%** | **802** | **100%** |

**Figure 5 illustrates "yes" responses by library size for all 802 respondents.**

Medium Libraries had the highest number of total "yes" responses (301 out of 709 responses).

**Figure 5: Yes Responses by Library Size**

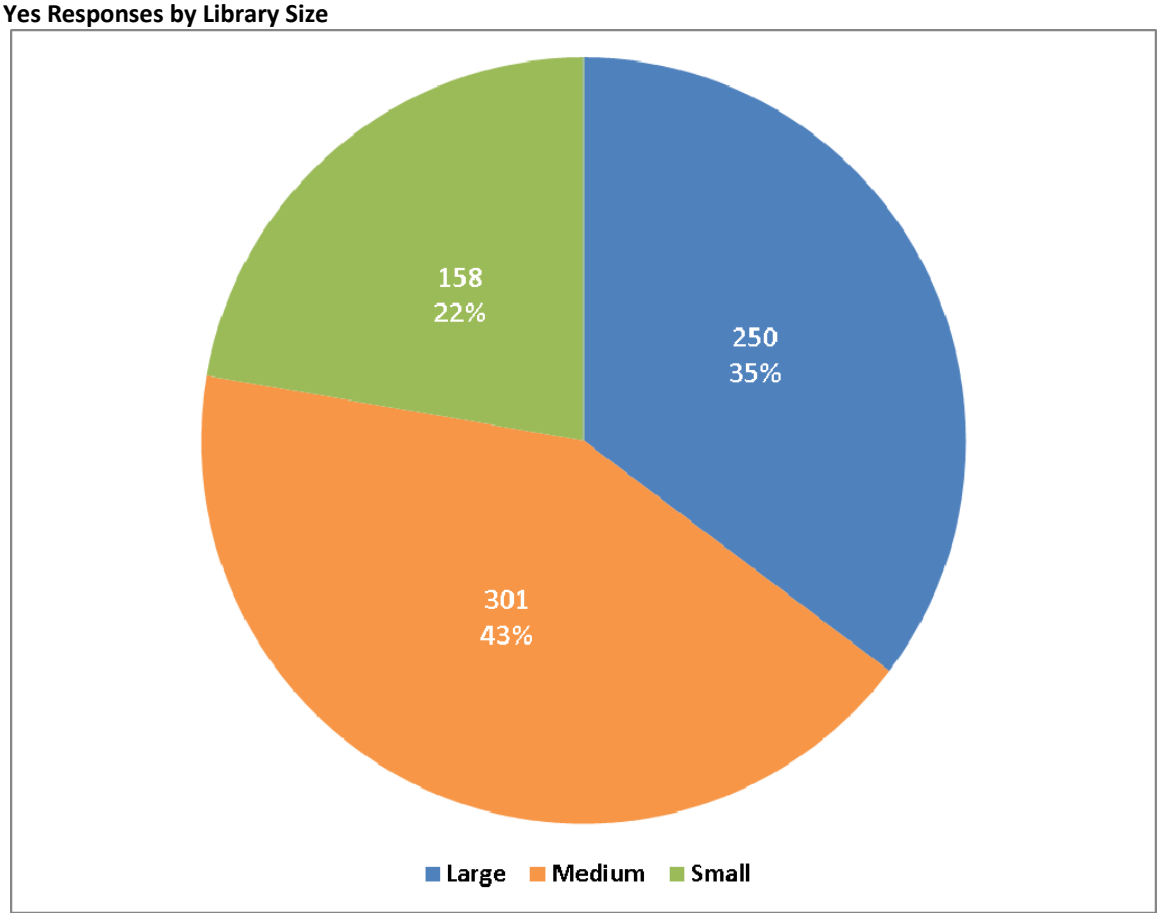


**Figure 6 illustrates response rates by depository type for all 802 respondents.**

Regional Libraries had a higher "yes" response rate (90%) than Selective Libraries (88%).

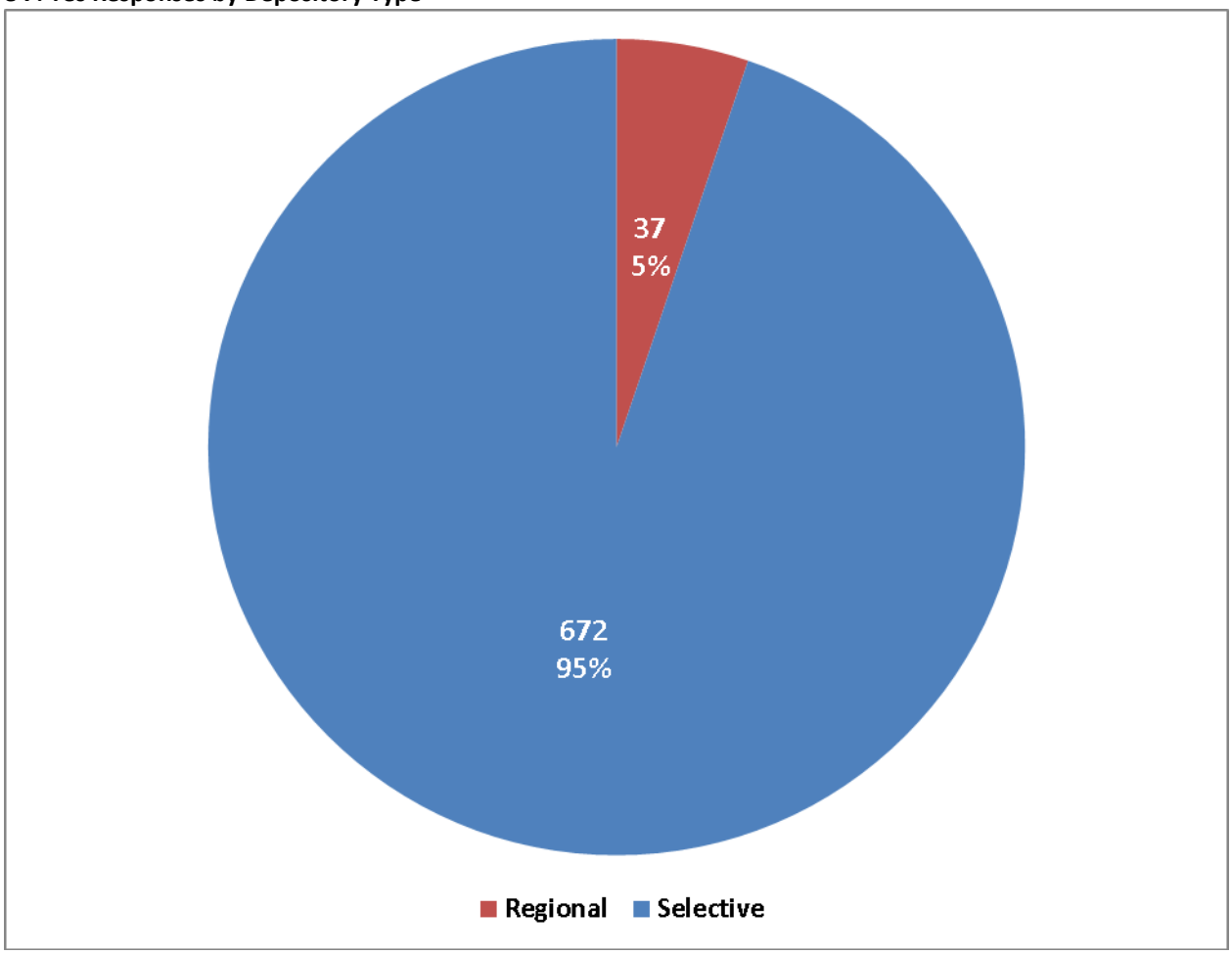
**Figure 6: Yes/No Response Rate by Depository Type**

| | Yes | | No | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Depository Type** | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Regional** | 37 | 90% | 4 | 10% | 41 | 100% |
| **Selective** | 672 | 88% | 89 | 12% | 761 | 100% |
| **Grand Total** | **709** | **88%** | **93** | **12%** | **802** | **100%** |

**Figure 7 illustrates "yes" responses by depository type for all 802 respondents.**

Selective Libraries had a higher number of total "yes" responses (672 of 709 responses).

**Figure 7: Yes Responses by Depository Type**



**Figures 8, 9, and 10 illustrate "yes" responses cross-tabulated by depository type and library size for all 802 respondents.**

36 of 40 Large Regional Libraries responded "yes" to Question 12. In addition, the one Medium Regional Library also responded "yes."

214 of 243 Large Selective Libraries responded "yes," 300 of 335 Medium Selective Libraries responded "yes," and 158 of 183 Small Selective Libraries responded "yes."

**Figure 8: Yes/No Response Rate by Depository Type and Library Size**

| | | Yes | | No | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Depository Type** | **Library Size** | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Regional** | **Large** | 36 | 90% | 4 | 10% | 40 | 100% |
| | **Medium** | 1 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| **Regional Total** | | **37** | **90%** | **4** | **10%** | **41** | **100%** |
| **Selective** | **Large** | 214 | 88% | 29 | 12% | 243 | 100% |
| | **Medium** | 300 | 90% | 35 | 10% | 335 | 100% |
| | **Small** | 158 | 86% | 25 | 14% | 183 | 100% |
| **Selective Total** | | **672** | **88%** | **89** | **12%** | **761** | **100%** |
| **Grand Total** | | **709** | **88%** | **93** | **12%** | **802** | **100%** |

**Figure 9: Regional Yes Responses by Library Size**

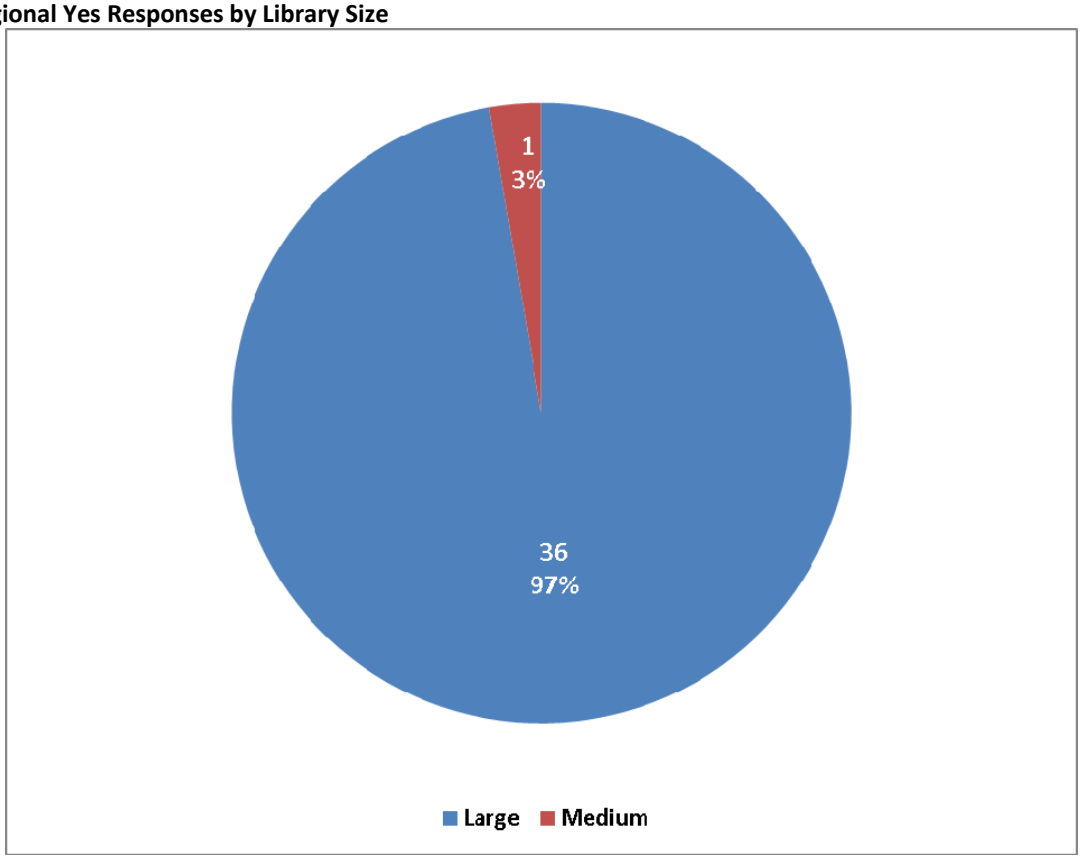



**Figure 10: Selective Yes Responses by Library Size**

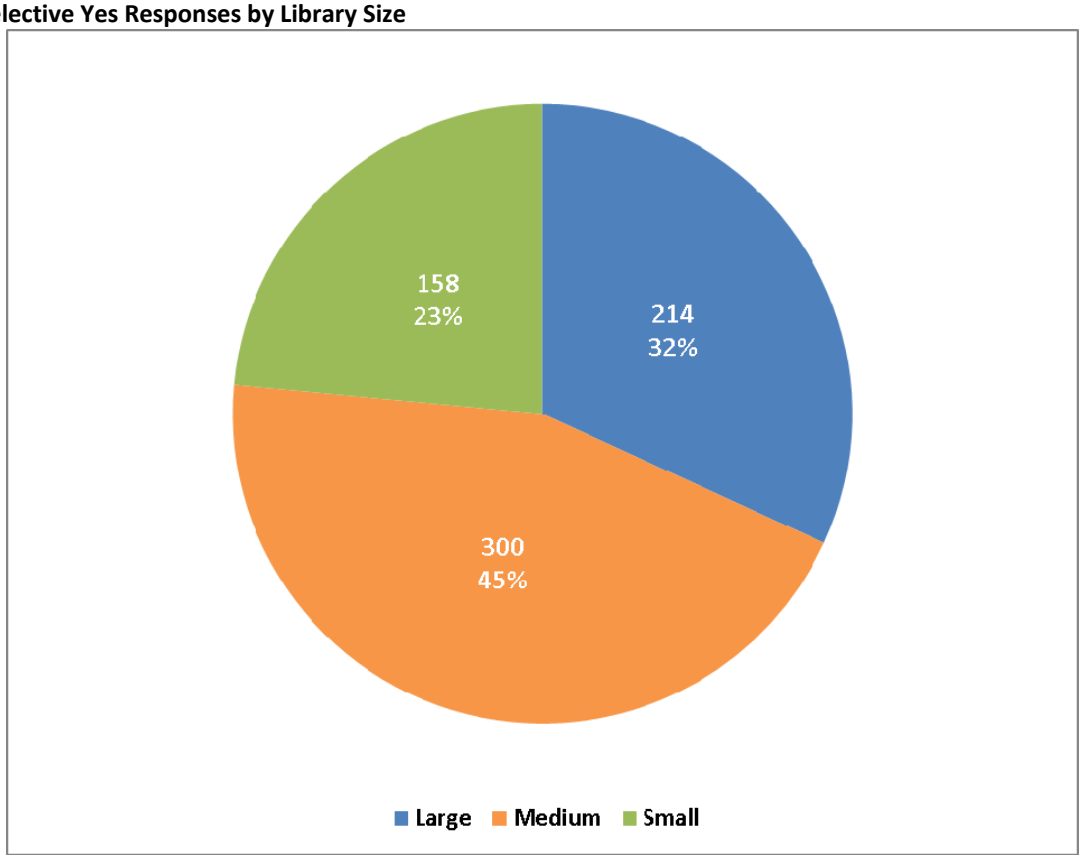


**Figure 11 illustrates response rates cross-tabulated by depository type and library type for all 802 respondents.**

Of Regional Libraries, both Public Libraries and State Libraries had a "yes" rate of 100%.

Of Selective Libraries, Federal Court Libraries (100%); Service Academies (100%); Academic, Law Libraries (93%); and Academic General Libraries (91%) had the highest rate of "yes" responses.

**Figure 11: Yes/No Response Rate by Depository Type and Library Type**

| | | Yes | | No | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Depository Type** | **Library Type** | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Regional** | **Academic General** | 22 | 85% | 4 | 15% | 26 | 100% |
| | **Public Library** | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 100% |
| | **State Library** | 13 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 13 | 100% |
| **Regional Total** | | **37** | **90%** | **4** | **10%** | **41** | **100%** |
| **Selective** | **Academic General** | 382 | 91% | 37 | 9% | 419 | 100% |
| | **Academic, Community College** | 29 | 85% | 5 | 15% | 34 | 100% |
| | **Academic, Law Library** | 101 | 93% | 8 | 7% | 109 | 100% |
| | **Federal Agency Library** | 15 | 83% | 3 | 17% | 18 | 100% |
| | **Federal Court Library** | 6 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 6 | 100% |
| | **Highest State Court Library** | 22 | 85% | 4 | 15% | 26 | 100% |
| | **Public Library** | 88 | 77% | 26 | 23% | 114 | 100% |
| | **Service Academy** | 2 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 100% |
| | **Special Library** | 7 | 88% | 1 | 13% | 8 | 100% |
| | **State Library** | 20 | 80% | 5 | 20% | 25 | 100% |
| **Selective Total** | | **672** | **88%** | **89** | **12%** | **761** | **100%** |
| **Grand Total** | | **709** | **88%** | **93** | **12%** | **802** | **100%** |

**Figures 12 and 13 illustrate number of "yes" responses cross-tabulated by depository type and library type.**

Among Regional libraries, Academic General Libraries had the highest number of "yes" responses with 22, followed by State Libraries with 13. Among Selective Libraries, Academic General Libraries had the highest number of "yes" responses with 382, followed by Academic, Law Libraries with 101, and Public Libraries with 88.

**Figure 12: Regional Yes Responses by Library Type**

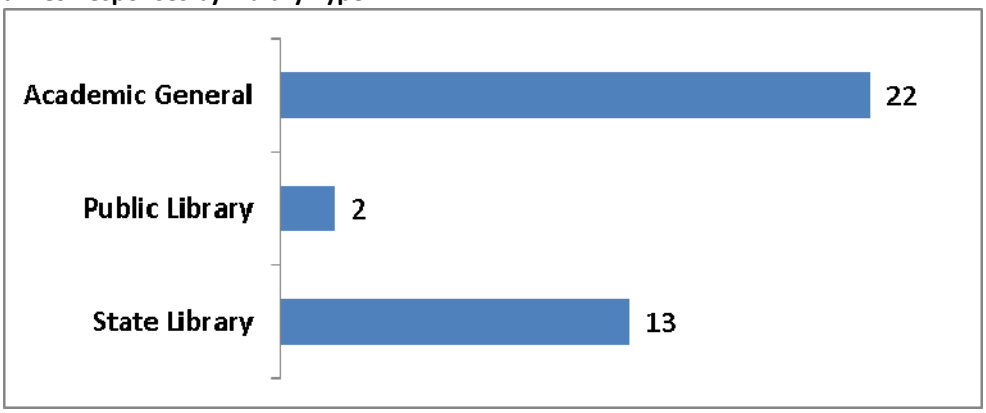
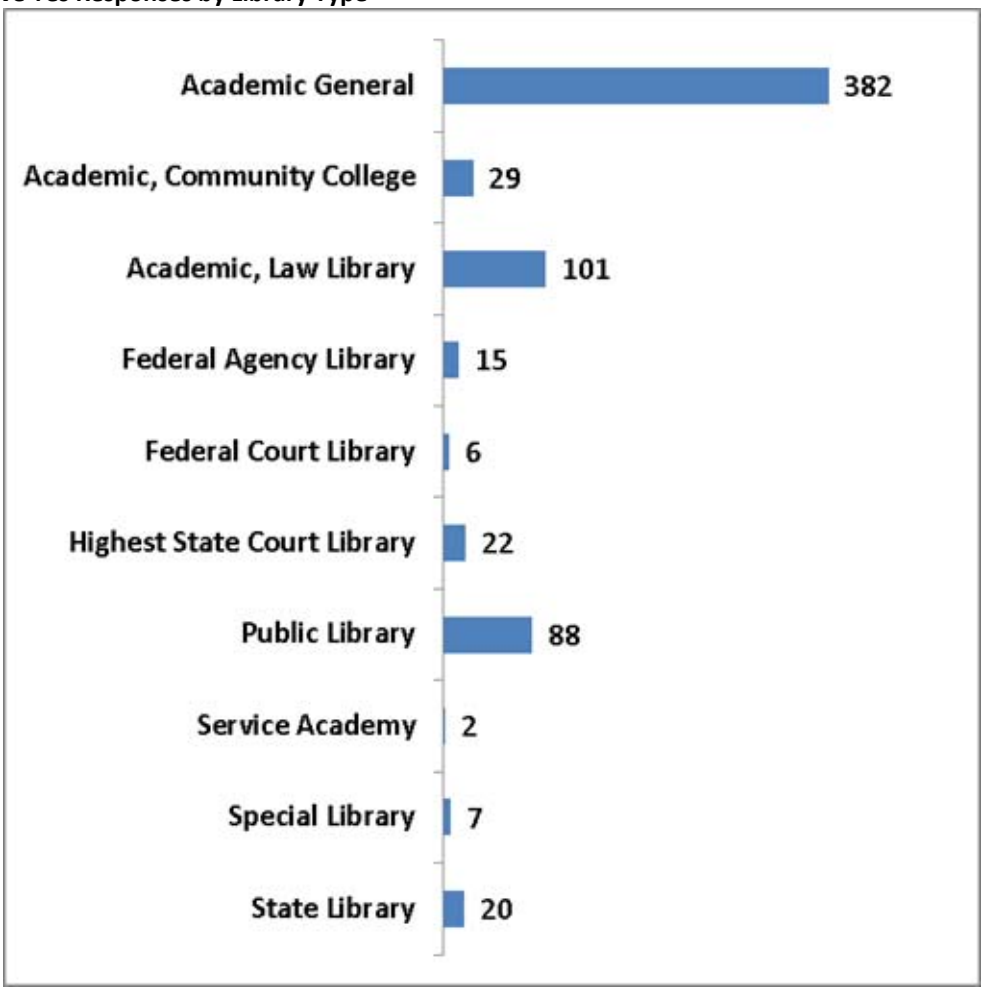



**Figure 13: Selective Yes Responses by Library Type**



## PRESENTATION OF QUALITATIVE RESULTS

471 libraries elaborated on their responses. Respondents were not limited to the number of elaborations they could provide. The following figures depict the results of the qualitative analysis, and the findings of the individual open-ended responses.

Individual open-ended responses totaled 688 observations (individual elaborations). Observations were grouped into four over-arching categories for reporting purposes:

1. **Access** refers to responses which indicated themes addressing user experiences while relating to and using FDsys. Examples of responses include: easy to navigate, central source or 1st search site for government information, and search capabilities.

2. **Authentication** refers to responses which indicated themes addressing the credibility of content found within FDsys. Examples of responses inlcude: reliable trustworthy digital copy/platform, authentication/digitally signed content/authoritative, and used for special collections.

3. **Limitations** refers to responses which indicated themes identifying drawbacks to their FDsys experience. Examples of responses inlcude: insufficient content; undesirable search capabilities/results; and FDsys worse than/used less than other similar resources.

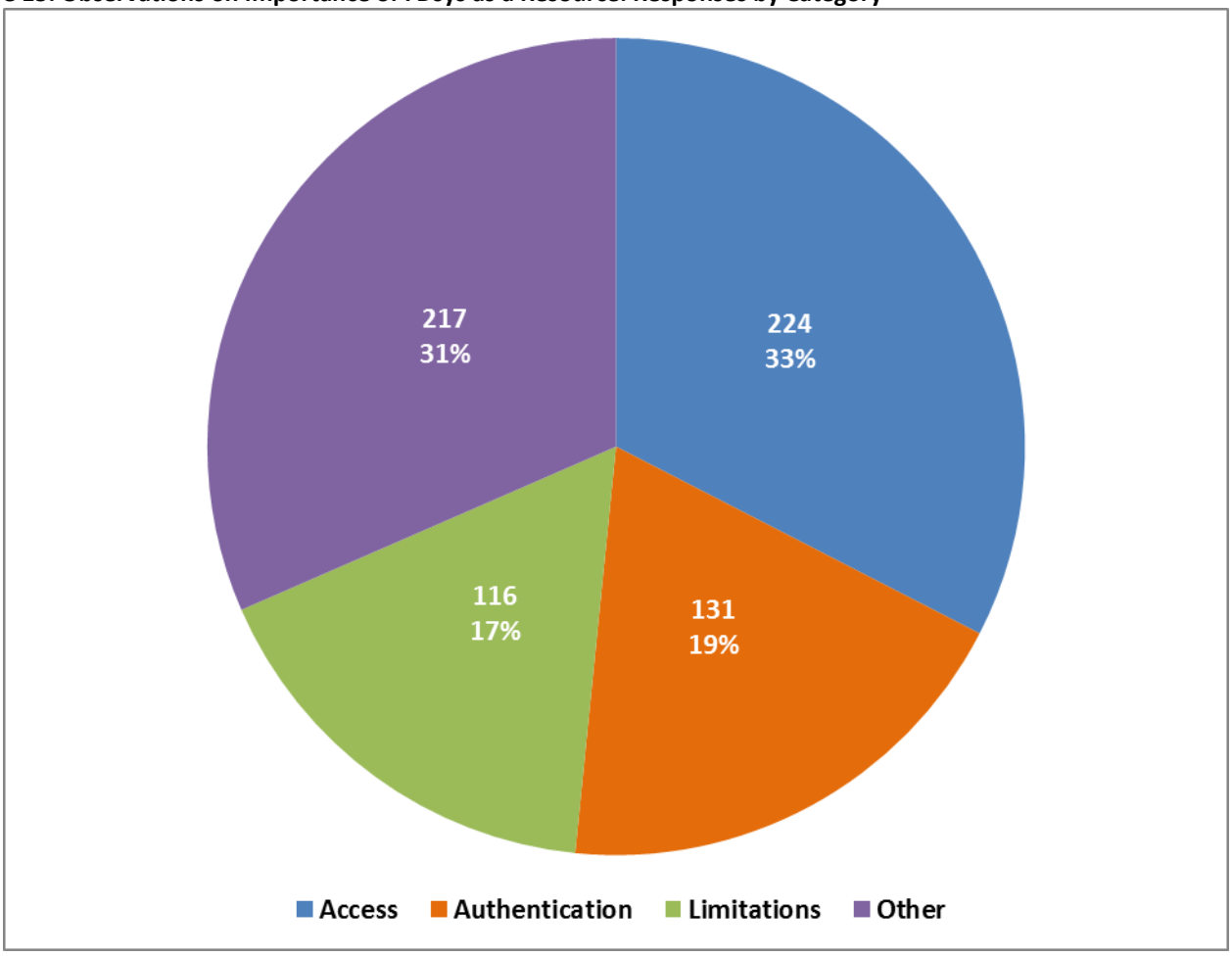
4. **Other** refers either to responses that did not specifically relate to the question or to responses that could not be included in the major categories above.

Of the total number of observations reported by respondents, 33% reported Access, 19% reported Authentication, 17% reported Limitations, and 32% reported Other.

**Figure 14: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource: Responses by Category**

| | Access | | Authentication | | Limitations | | Other | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Freq | % | Freq | % | Freq | % | Freq | % | Total Freq | Total % |
| **Total** | **224** | **33%** | **131** | **19%** | **116** | **17%** | **217** | **32%** | **688** | **100%** |

**Figure 15: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource: Responses by Category**



*For the purpose of focusing on specific observations about FDsys as an important source for federal digital government information, the "Other" responses have been removed from the following data figures, which have reduced the number of observations to 471.*

**Figures 16 and 17 illustrate the observations on the importance of FDsys as a resource by library type.**

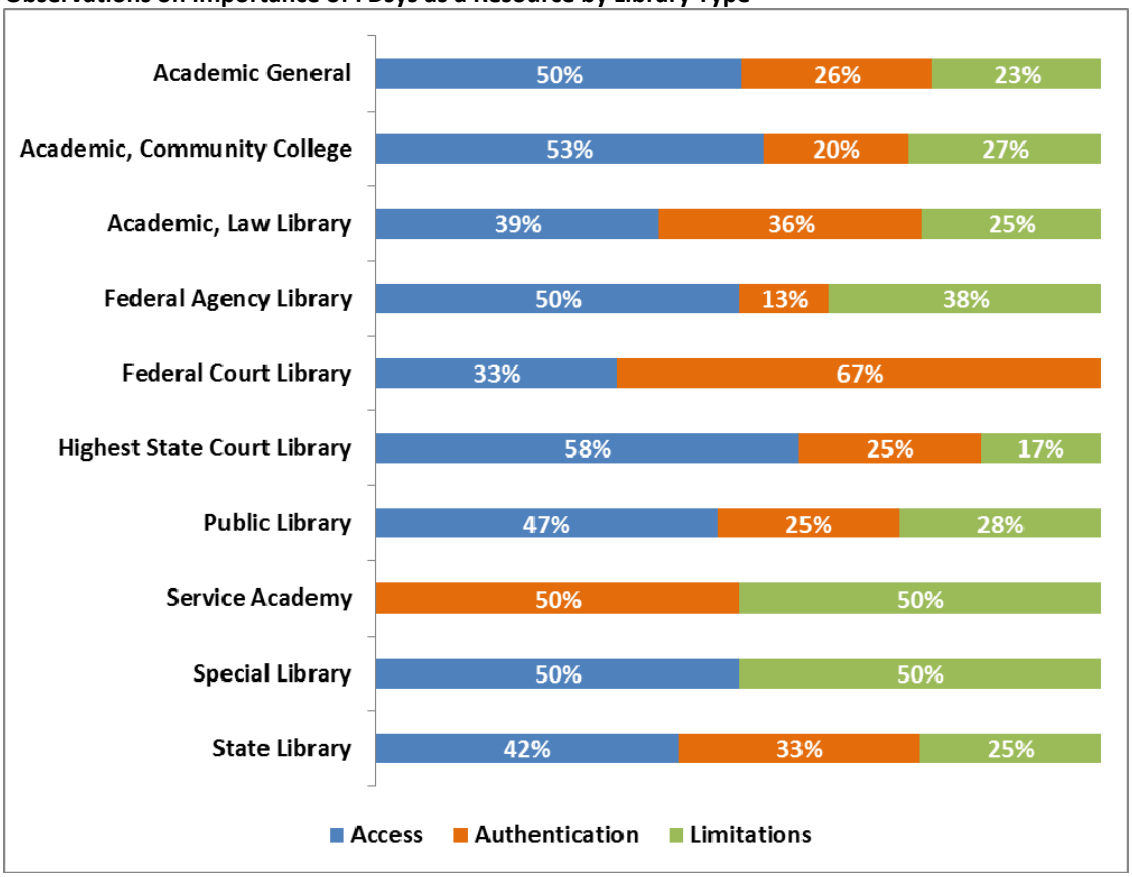
As reflected in the data:

- Academic General Libraries; Academic, Community College Libraries; Academic, Law Libraries; Federal Agency Libraries; Highest State Court Libraries; Public Libraries; and State Libraries most often made Access observations.
- Federal Court Libraries most often made Authentication observations.
- Service Academies equally made Authetication and Limitations observations.
- Special Libraries equally made Access and Limitations observations.

**Figure 16: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Library Type**

| | Access | | Authentication | | Limitations | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Library Type** | Freq | % | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Academic General** | 130 | 50% | 68 | 26% | 60 | 23% | 258 | 100% |
| **Academic, Community College** | 8 | 53% | 3 | 20% | 4 | 27% | 15 | 100% |
| **Academic, Law Library** | 30 | 39% | 28 | 36% | 19 | 25% | 77 | 100% |
| **Federal Agency Library** | 4 | 50% | 1 | 13% | 3 | 38% | 8 | 100% |
| **Federal Court Library** | 1 | 33% | 2 | 67% | 0 | 0% | 3 | 100% |
| **Highest State Court Library** | 7 | 58% | 3 | 25% | 2 | 17% | 12 | 100% |
| **Public Library** | 32 | 47% | 17 | 25% | 19 | 28% | 68 | 100% |
| **Service Academy** | 0 | 0% | 1 | 50% | 1 | 50% | 2 | 100% |
| **Special Library** | 2 | 50% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 50% | 4 | 100% |
| **State Library** | 10 | 42% | 8 | 33% | 6 | 25% | 24 | 100% |
| **Grand Total** | **224** | **48%** | **131** | **28%** | **116** | **25%** | **471** | **100%** |

**Figure 17: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Library Type**



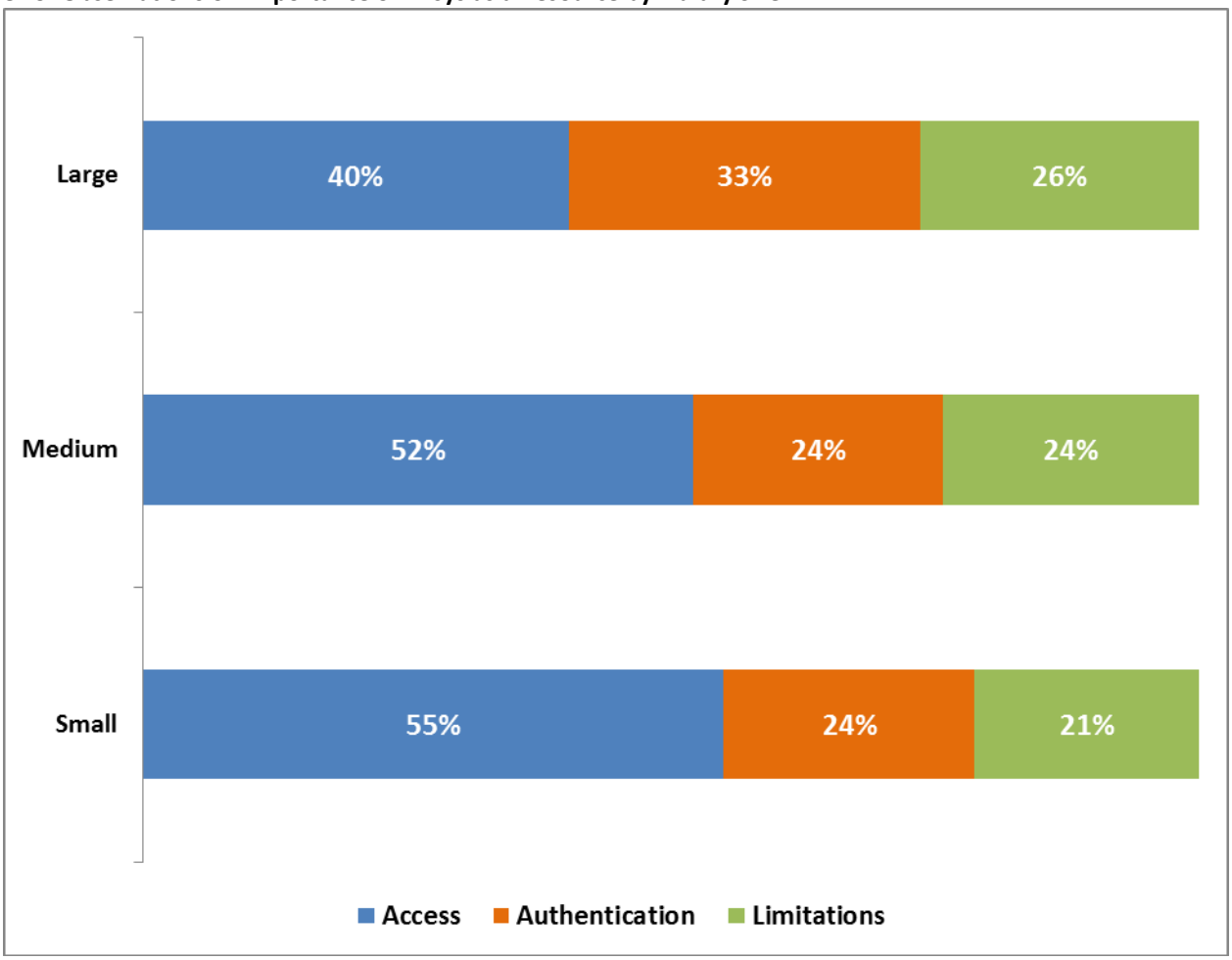
**Figures 18 and 19 illustrate observations on the importance of FDsys as a resource by library size.**

All library sizes had a higher frequency of Access observations (81, 40%; 99, 52%; 44, 55%)

**Figure 18: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Library Size**

| | Access | | Authentication | | Limitations | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Library Size** | Freq | % | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Large** | 81 | 40% | 67 | 33% | 53 | 26% | 201 | 100% |
| **Medium** | 99 | 52% | 45 | 24% | 46 | 24% | 190 | 100% |
| **Small** | 44 | 55% | 19 | 24% | 17 | 21% | 80 | 100% |
| **Grand Total** | **224** | **48%** | **131** | **28%** | **116** | **25%** | **471** | **100%** |

**Figure 19: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Library Size**



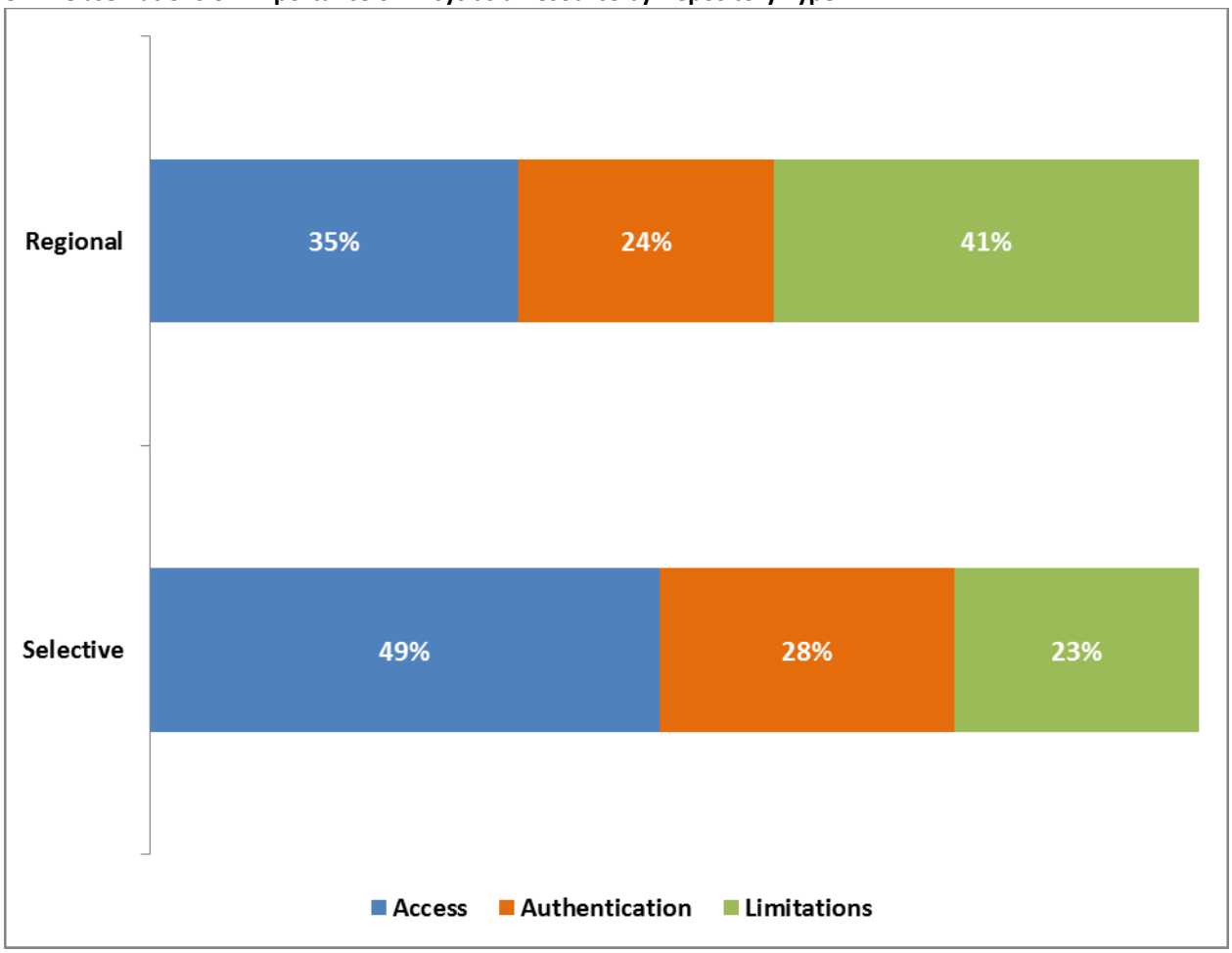
**Figures 20 and 21 illustrate observations on the importance of FDsys as a resource by depository type.**

In examining the results by depository type, Regional Libraries had a high frequency of Limitations observations (15, 41%) while Selective Libraries had a high frequency of Access observations (211, 49%).

**Figure 20: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Depository Type**

| | Access | | Authentication | | Limitations | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Depository Type** | Freq | % | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Regional** | 13 | 35% | 9 | 24% | 15 | 41% | 37 | 100% |
| **Selective** | 211 | 49% | 122 | 28% | 101 | 23% | 434 | 100% |
| **Grand Total** | **224** | **48%** | **131** | **28%** | **116** | **25%** | **471** | **100%** |

**Figure 21: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Depository Type**



**Figures 22, 23, and 24 illustrate observations on the importance of FDsys as a resource cross-tabulated by depository type and library size.**

Large Regional Libraries had a high frequency of Limitations observations (15, 42%).

Large Selective Libraries had a high frequency of Access observations (68, 41%). Both Medium Selective Libraries (99, 52%) and Small Selective Libraries (44, 55%) also had high frequencies of Access observations.

**Figure 22: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Depository Type and Library Size**

| | | Access | | Authentication | | Limitations | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Depository Type | LibrarySize | Freq | % | Freq | % | Freq | % | Total Freq | Total % |
| Regional | Large | 13 | 36% | 8 | 22% | 15 | 42% | 36 | 100% |
| | Medium | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| **Regional Total** | | **13** | **35%** | **9** | **24%** | **15** | **41%** | **37** | **100%** |
| Selective | Large | 68 | 41% | 59 | 36% | 38 | 23% | 165 | 100% |
| | Medium | 99 | 52% | 44 | 23% | 46 | 24% | 189 | 100% |
| | Small | 44 | 55% | 19 | 24% | 17 | 21% | 80 | 100% |
| **Selective Total** | | **211** | **49%** | **122** | **28%** | **101** | **23%** | **434** | **100%** |
| **Grand Total** | | **224** | **48%** | **131** | **28%** | **116** | **25%** | **471** | **100%** |

**Figure 23: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource for Regional Libraries by Library Size**

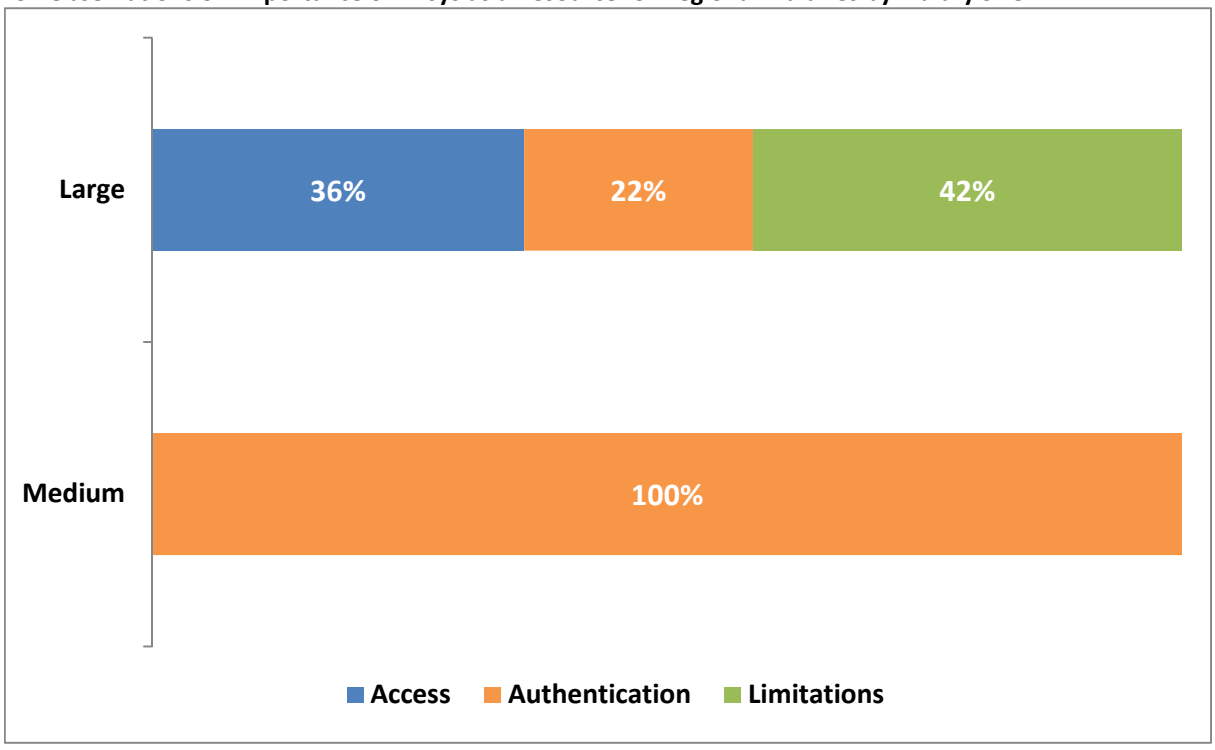
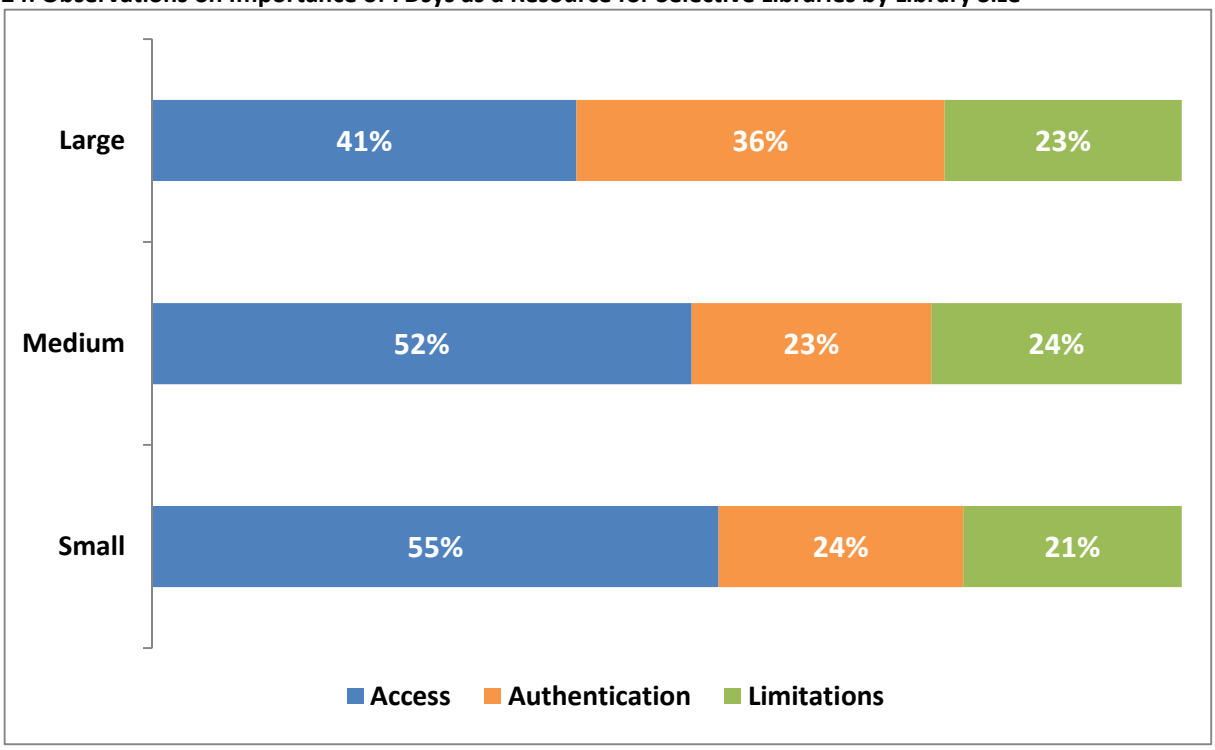


**Figure 24: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource for Selective Libraries by Library Size**




**Figures 25, 26, and 27 illustrate observations on the importance of FDsys as a resource cross-tabulated by depository type and library size.**

Regional Academic General Libraries most often made Limitations observations (11, 44%). Regional Public Libraries (1, 100%) and Regional State Libraries (5, 45%) most often made Access observations.

For Selective Libraries:

- Almost all Selective library types most often made Access observations.
- Federal Court Libraries and State Libraries most often made Authentication observations.
- Service Academies equally made Authetication and Limitations observations.
- Special Libraries equally made Access and Limitations observations.

**Figure 25: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource by Depository Type and Library Type**

| | | Access | | Authentication | | Limitations | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Depository Type** | **Library Type** | Freq | % | Freq | % | Freq | % | **Total Freq** | **Total %** |
| **Regional** | **Academic General** | 7 | 28% | 7 | 28% | 11 | 44% | 25 | 100% |
| | **Public Library** | 1 | 100% | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 100% |
| | **State Library** | 5 | 45% | 2 | 18% | 4 | 36% | 11 | 100% |
| **Regional Total** | | **13** | **35%** | **9** | **24%** | **15** | **41%** | **37** | **100%** |
| **Selective** | **Academic General** | 123 | 53% | 61 | 26% | 49 | 21% | 233 | 100% |
| | **Academic, Community College** | 8 | 53% | 3 | 20% | 4 | 27% | 15 | 100% |
| | **Academic, Law Library** | 30 | 39% | 28 | 36% | 19 | 25% | 77 | 100% |
| | **Federal Agency Library** | 4 | 50% | 1 | 13% | 3 | 38% | 8 | 100% |
| | **Federal Court Library** | 1 | 33% | 2 | 67% | 0 | 0% | 3 | 100% |
| | **Highest State Court Library** | 7 | 58% | 3 | 25% | 2 | 17% | 12 | 100% |
| | **Public Library** | 31 | 46% | 17 | 25% | 19 | 28% | 67 | 100% |
| | **Service Academy** | 0 | 0% | 1 | 50% | 1 | 50% | 2 | 100% |
| | **Special Library** | 2 | 50% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 50% | 4 | 100% |
| | **State Library** | 5 | 38% | 6 | 46% | 2 | 15% | 13 | 100% |
| **Selective Total** | | **211** | **49%** | **122** | **28%** | **101** | **23%** | **434** | **100%** |
| **Grand Total** | | **224** | **48%** | **131** | **28%** | **116** | **25%** | **471** | **100%** |

**Figure 25: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource for Regional Libraries by Library Type**

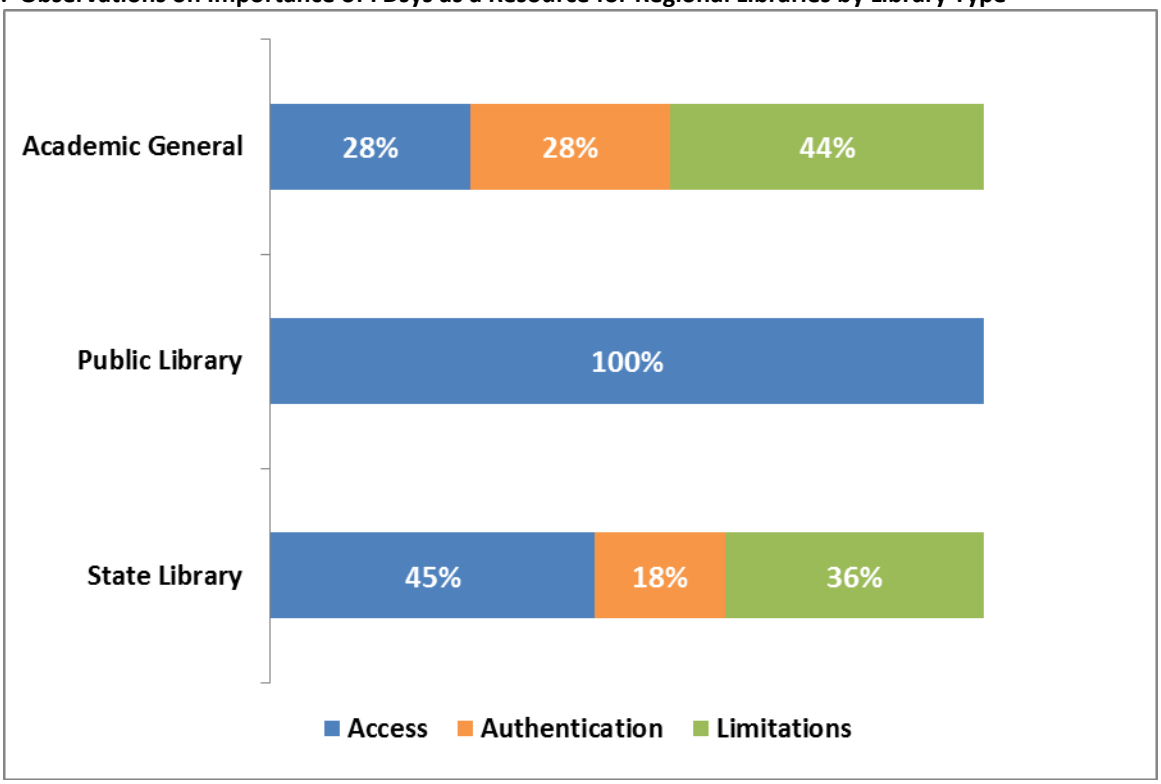



**Figure 25: Observations on Importance of FDsys as a Resource for Selective Libraries by Library Type**