Student e-book survey results
Nearly half of students surveyed by an e-book company reported that they never use e-books. Of that group, 45 percent indicated that they prefer print books. The most cited shortcoming of e-books is that they are too difficult to read. About half of both students and faculty reported that they preferred working with electronic resources in general. The most requested feature for improving e-book usage was fewer restrictions on printing and copying.


Postsecondary institutions
In Fall 2006, Title IV institutions in the United States enrolled a total of 18 million individual graduate and undergraduate students; 62 percent were enrolled in four-year institutions, 37 percent in two-year institutions, and 2 percent in less-than-two-year institutions. Approximately 58 percent of first-time, full-time bachelor’s degree-seekers attending four-year institutions completed the degree within six years. During the 2005-06 academic year, 75 percent of the 2.7 million full-time degree-seeking undergraduates attending Title IV institutions received financial aid.


“Webometrics” ranking
According to a study of higher education Web sites by a Spanish research organization, 28 of the top 30 ranked institutional Web sites are in the United States. The study measured open access to scholarly material as well as Web site performance and visibility. The highest ranked institution is Massachusetts Institute of Technology, followed by Harvard, Stanford, and the University of California-Berkeley. Outside the United States, the University of Cambridge ranked highest at number 26. Of the top 1,000 institutions worldwide, those in the United States represented 37 percent of the total, followed by Germany at 7 percent, and Canada at 4 percent. The top Latin American institution was the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico.


Librarian employment
Number of librarians employed in the United States, by library type: public school libraries: 50,553; public libraries: 45,354; academic libraries: 25,936; private school libraries: 11,060; Bureau of Indian Affairs: 88.


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