



Public Library Authorities

Annual Budgets 2010 Summary



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AN CHOMHAIRLE LEABHARLANNA is pleased to publish this summary of the twenty third national annual statistical survey of public library authority budgeted expenditure, for the year **2010** based on the returns provided by all 32 library authorities.

The implementation of the new costing of services model in 2009 has seen a change from the Programme Group structure to that of a Divisional and Services structure. The new structure apportions service support costs from Central Management Services to the other Divisions, including libraries.

These service support costs (SSC) now form part of the library services budget.

For 2009 and 2010 it was been decided to partition the returns into operational costs (excluding SSC) and total costs (including SSC) to facilitate comparisons with previous years. Service support costs will be fully integrated into data over time.

Other changes have influenced the content and layout of the *Public Libraries Annual Budgets, 2010*. The Department of Education & Science's grant towards the primary school library scheme has been discontinued again for this year. The figures, as published here, may be subject to further reductions given the current economic climate.

Any revisions will be updated on the electronic version which is available on www.librarycouncil.ie.

The main features of the survey are:

- total public library operational spending in Ireland is set to **decrease** by **11.6%** over 2009 to **€108.7 million**.
- expenditure per head of population on public library services will **decrease** from **€28.99** in 2009 to **€25.64**.
- **all thirty two** library authorities plan to **decrease** their budgeted operational spending on public library services.
- local authority expenditure on library **stock** is set to **decrease** by **25%** from the 2009 figure of **€13.5 million** to **€10 million**.
- **three** authorities will **increase** their spending on **stock**, **one** has allocated the **same** amount as for 2009, and **twenty eight** plan to **reduce** expenditure.
- local authority expenditure on **stock** now stands at **€2.37** per capita down from **€3.17** in 2009.



Table 1: Public library authority budgeted expenditure, 2010.

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Library authority	Operation & maintenance	Stock fund	Contribution to An Chomhairle	Loan charges	Other	Operational sub-total	Service support costs	TOTAL BUDGET 2010
<i>County Councils</i>								
Carlow	1,023,571	96,500	11,739	0	0	1,131,810	522,362	1,654,172
Cavan	1,212,605	90,000	18,800	195,674	9,025	1,526,104	472,180	1,998,284
Clare	2,859,873	257,160	32,266	18,951	110,646	3,278,896	850,483	4,129,379
Cork	7,086,945	605,740	111,600	0	113,000	7,917,285	1,612,471	9,529,756
Donegal	2,819,387	400,000	34,335	0	0	3,253,722	854,605	4,108,327
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	4,380,300	756,900	53,000	0	0	5,190,200	2,022,100	7,212,300
Fingal	6,169,100	1,225,000	69,800	0	0	7,463,900	4,552,700	12,016,600
Galway ¹	3,379,422	330,000	47,000	0	0	3,756,422	1,112,387	4,868,809
Kerry	2,307,900	350,000	37,000	308,100	0	3,003,000	42,000	3,045,000
Kildare	4,080,011	400,000	55,000	232,936	0	4,767,947	966,394	5,734,341
Kilkenny	1,521,400	23,000	26,000	11,500	70,000	1,651,900	571,785	2,223,685
Laois	1,477,500	100,000	19,500	45,000	3,000	1,645,000	890,850	2,535,850
Leitrim	1,016,395	66,000	7,700	63,000	42,000	1,195,095	295,582	1,490,677
Limerick	1,997,025	276,800	38,000	28,800	0	2,340,625	1,107,361	3,447,986
Longford	1,187,982	88,000	8,018	0	30,000	1,314,000	440,262	1,754,262
Louth	1,750,290	144,068	25,942	104,000	0	2,024,300	793,246	2,817,546
Mayo	2,387,522	120,000	28,873	0	0	2,536,395	443,605	2,980,000
Meath	2,222,300	187,700	55,000	0	0	2,465,000	802,156	3,267,156
Monaghan	1,334,951	90,000	17,000	89,640	0	1,531,591	631,782	2,163,373
Offaly	1,149,092	131,000	20,610	0	0	1,300,702	709,129	2,009,831
Roscommon	941,500	80,000	21,000	0	185,000	1,227,500	506,700	1,734,200
Sligo	1,219,485	50,000	14,198	2,000	0	1,285,683	582,668	1,868,351
South Dublin	6,066,100	870,000	72,000	0	0	7,008,100	2,018,500	9,026,600
Tipperary JLC ²	3,014,235	300,000	0	195,000	0	3,509,235	0	3,509,235
Waterford	1,208,104	123,000	18,200	0	108,598	1,457,902	656,655	2,114,557
Westmeath	1,485,100	155,000	23,075	0	0	1,663,175	923,731	2,586,906
Wexford	2,198,772	250,000	37,500	0	0	2,486,272	703,704	3,189,976
Wicklow	2,552,472	87,000	29,422	100,000	0	2,768,894	28,175	2,797,069
Total County:	70,049,339	7,652,868	932,578	1,394,601	671,269	80,700,655	25,113,573	105,814,228
<i>City Councils</i>								
Cork	4,293,200	281,700	35,000	0	509,600	5,119,500	1,883,300	7,002,800
Dublin	17,474,097	1,839,224	145,000	0	82,264	19,540,585	5,991,996	25,532,581
Limerick	1,622,845	87,300	19,300	0	0	1,729,445	766,158	2,495,603
Waterford	1,418,875	180,000	16,000	0	0	1,614,875	563,339	2,178,214
Total City:	24,809,017	2,388,224	215,300	0	591,864	28,004,405	9,204,793	37,209,198
ALL	94,858,356	10,041,092	1,147,878	1,394,601	1,263,133	108,705,060	34,318,366	143,023,426

¹ Galway County Council provides a library service to the City on an agency basis.

² Contribution to An Chomhairle: the figures given do not include assessments on Galway City Council; North Tipperary County Council or South Tipperary County Council.



Table 2: Budgeted operational expenditure, 2005-2009 (€)

Year	Operational expenditure on libraries	% change on previous year	Local authority expenditure: all programmes	% change on previous year	Expenditure on libraries as % of total
2010	108,705,060	-11.6	4,524,938,659	-7.6	2.4
2009	122,910,636	-3.5	4,896,671,738	+0.6	2.5
2008	127,407,269	+8.1	4,869,169,397	+7.2	2.6
2007	117,891,091	+9.3	4,541,072,535	+10	2.6
2006	107,888,318	+9	4,128,398,921	+9.8	2.6

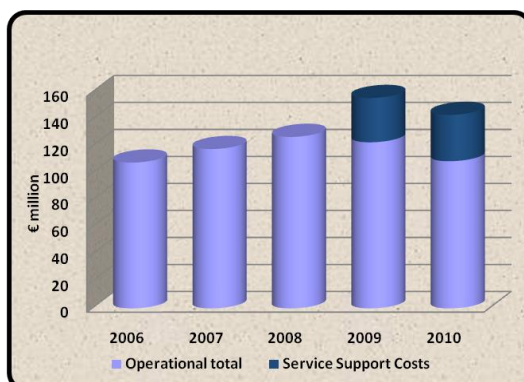


Chart 2: Total budgeted expenditure

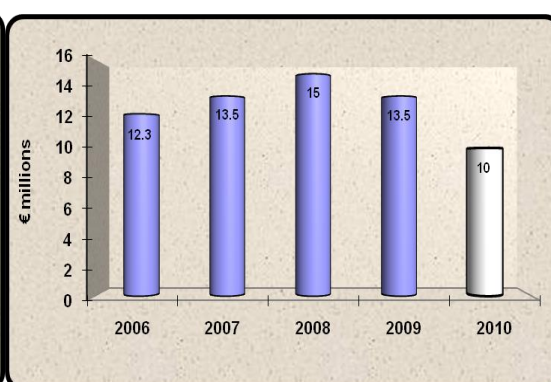


Chart 3: Budgeted expenditure on stock

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Year	Local authority stock fund	Primary school library grant scheme	Total expenditure on stock	Per capita expenditure on stock*	Stock fund as % of total library spend
2010	10,041,092	0	10,041,092	2.37	9.2
2009	13,457,690	0	13,456,713	3.17	10.9
2008	15,112,399	2,156,726	17,269,125	3.56	13.6
2007	13,554,466	2,065,510	15,619,976	3.20	13.2
2006	12,336,306	1,880,351	14,216,657	3.15	13.2
5 year total	64,501,953	6,102,587	70,603,563		

- *Per Capita figure excludes expenditure under the Primary School Library Grant Scheme*

The **11.6% decrease** in operational expenditure takes place in the context of local authority recurrent expenditure on all services, including libraries, being set to **fall** by **7.6 %** to a total of **€4,525 million** in 2010.

Comparing the level of investment to that of 1999, which was the first year of the *Branching Out* programme, reveals that:

- public library authority expenditure on services has **increased** by **114.2%** from **€51** million to **€108.7** million.
- this represents a **rise** in expenditure per head of population from **€13.99** to **€25.64**
- local authority expenditure on **stock** has **increased** by **83%** from **€5,477,515** to **€10,041,092**
- this represents an **increase** in expenditure per head of population from **€1.51** to **€2.37**.

Three authorities will meet or **exceed** the target set by the *Branching Out – Future Directions* of **€3.77** per head of resident population. Budgeted expenditure on stock in the remaining **twenty-nine** authorities will fall **below** that target with **two** spending between **€3.00** and **€3.76**, **nine** spending between **€2.00** and **€2.99**, **fourteen** between **€1.00** and **€1.99** and **four** spending less than **€1.00**.

An Chomhairle welcomes and encourages further investment by local authorities in library services, particularly in these difficult times when learning services, ICT usage and reading choices provide a positive support to communities and individuals.

We are indebted to the public library authorities and the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for their assistance in compiling the statistical data.

An Chomhairle Leabharlanna is committed to providing accurate, comprehensive and timely information on the public library service in Ireland and trusts that this publication is a further contribution to that end.

An Chomhairle wishes to acknowledge the combined efforts of the Minister, his officials, the Chairs, members, managers and staff of library authorities in enhancing existing services while planning new growth.

This is a summary version of An Chomhairle's annual survey of public library authority budgets. The full report is available online at www.librarycouncil.ie.

*Cover: Kerry County Council's Area Services Centre and Library, Castleisland which was officially opened on Friday April 16 2010. For more details go to:
<http://www.librarybuildings.ie/library.aspx?ID=153>*

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