

Public Library Authorities
Annual Estimates of
Expenditure
2006
Summary



AN CHOMHAIRLE LEABHARLANNA is pleased to publish this summary of the nineteenth national annual statistical survey of public library authority estimated expenditure, for the year **2006** based on the returns provided by all 32 library authorities.

The main features of the survey are:

- total public library recurrent spending in Ireland is set to increase by 9% over 2005 to €108 million.
- expenditure per head of population on public library services will increase from €25.27 in 2005 to €27.57.
- all thirty-two library authorities plan to increase their estimated spending on public library services.
- local authority expenditure on library **stock** is set to increase by 6% from the 2005 figure of €11.6 million to €12.3 million.
- twenty-two authorities will increase their spending on **stock**, eight have allocated the same amount as for 2005, and two plan to reduce expenditure.
- local authority expenditure on **stock** now stands at €2.96 per capita (increased from €1.61 in 1998).

These increases take place in the context of local authority recurrent expenditure on all services, including libraries, being set to rise by 9.8% to a total of €4,128 billion in 2006.

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 113% from €51 million to €108 million.
- this represents a rise in expenditure per head of population from €13.99 to €27.57.
- local authority expenditure on **stock** has increased by 125% from €5,477,514 to €12,336,306.
- this represents an increase in expenditure per head of population from €1.51 to €3.15 which is still below the recommended target of €3.27. Nine authorities will reach or exceed the target figure in 2006.



An Chomhairle welcomes and encourages the increase in investment by local authorities in library services.

We are indebted to the public library authorities and the Departments of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and of Education and Science respectively 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 estimates. The full report is available from An Chomhairle (e-mail: info@librarycouncil.ie)

*The front cover shows the library and arts centre which is due to open in
Thurles, Co. Tipperary in 2006
(Photograph courtesy McCullough Mulvin Architects)*



Table 1: Public library authority estimates of expenditure, 2006.

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Library authority	Operation & maintenance	Stock General	Stock Primary school	Total stock fund	Contribution to An Chomhairle	Loan charges	Other	Total
<i>County Councils</i>								
Carlow	994,727	109,000	25,637	134,637	14,773	0	0	1,144,137
Cavan	1,172,036	123,720	24,340	148,060	16,500	339,488	83,263	1,759,347
Clare	2,615,000	335,000	40,000	375,000	31,500	17,000	134,392	3,172,892
Cork	6,121,800	1,021,800	165,500	1,187,300	96,000	0	185,000	7,590,100
Donegal	2,761,831	450,000	78,700	528,700	44,169	0	115,000	3,449,700
Dún Laoghaire Rathdown	4,218,100	557,000	68,000	625,000	57,700	0	0	4,900,800
Fingal	6,017,400	1,193,000	107,000	1,300,000	57,100	0	0	7,374,500
Galway ¹	3,150,000	429,000	72,000	501,000	43,000	0	0	3,694,000
Kerry	2,370,100	365,000	60,000	365,000	42,548	180,000	0	3,017,648
Kildare	3,280,733	450,000	106,994	556,994	50,816	220,000	457,740	4,566,283
Kilkenny	1,548,000	209,000	35,000	244,000	23,500	11,000	107,000	1,933,500
Laois	1,047,500	186,000	32,000	218,000	17,500	68,500	68,000	1,419,500
Leitrim	1,002,960	80,200	10,000	90,200	7,800	65,000	16,000	1,181,960
Limerick	2,176,673	397,000	60,630	457,630	38,000	35,000	0	2,707,303
Longford	936,000	96,716	18,284	115,000	11,000	0	35,000	1,097,000
Louth	1,640,900	220,000	60,000	280,000	32,690	88,100	65,000	2,106,690
Mayo	2,640,284	484,010	53,000	537,010	37,706	0	0	3,215,000
Meath	2,080,826	220,000	55,000	275,000	45,000	0	0	2,400,826
Monaghan	1,133,559	170,000	30,000	200,000	16,100	0	76,450	1,426,109
Offaly	1,087,522	159,680	28,979	188,659	18,330	6,057	5,000	1,305,568
Roscommon	1,036,800	290,000	29,000	319,000	18,000	0	194,000	1,567,800
Sligo	1,194,300	165,000	25,000	190,000	18,500	0	20,500	1,423,300
South Dublin	5,301,400	920,000	125,000	1,045,000	76,680	0	0	6,423,080
Tipperary JLC ²	2,426,992	246,000	56,900	302,900	0	248,139	0	2,978,031
Waterford	1,202,653	109,997	30,003	140,000	20,000	87,262	0	1,449,915
Westmeath	1,572,903	155,000	42,795	197,795	21,900	0	0	1,792,598
Wexford	1,903,104	347,000	65,000	412,000	39,200	0	107,000	2,461,304
Wicklow	2,135,562	313,000	63,000	376,000	37,000	108,000	0	2,656,562
Total County:	64,769,665	9,802,123	1,567,762	11,309,885	933,012	1,473,546	1,669,345	80,215,453
<i>City Councils</i>								
Cork	3,653,700	422,100	50,000	472,100	37,200	81,500	71,500	4,316,000
Dublin	16,580,591	1,765,233	197,429	1,962,662	144,047	456,602	1,143,660	20,287,562
Limerick	1,433,540	144,850	29,000	173,850	18,743	42,000	6,150	1,674,283
Waterford	1,243,022	202,000	36,160	238,160	13,280	0	0	1,494,462
Total City:	22,910,853	2,534,183	312,589	2,846,772	213,270	580,102	1,221,310	27,772,307
ALL	87,680,518	12,336,306	1,880,351	14,216,657	1,146,282	2,053,648	2,890,655	107,987,760

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.



Year	Expenditure on libraries	% change on previous year	Local authority expenditure: all programmes	% change on previous year	Expenditure on libraries as % of total
2006	107,987,760	+9.1	4,128,574,891	+9.8	2.6
2005	98,975,804	+10.1	3,758,582,596	+7.8	+2.6
2004	89,878,574	+10.6	3,487,382,044	+7.8	+2.6
2003	81,282,203	+7.9	3,235,923,739	+11	+2.5
2002	75,341,144	+16.5	2,914,479,095	+14.2	+2.6

Table 2: Estimated expenditure, 2002-2006 (€)

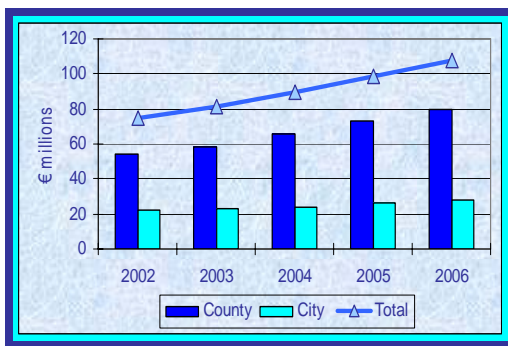


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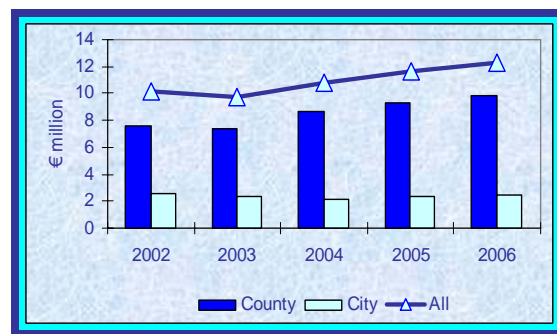


Chart 2: Estimated expenditure on stock

Table 3: Estimated expenditure on stock, 2002-2006 (€)

Year	Local authority stock fund	Per capita expenditure on stock	Primary school library grant scheme	Total expenditure on stock	Stock fund as % of total library spend
2006	12,336,306	3.15	1,820,351	14,156,657	13.2
2005	11,609,920	2.96	1,632,008	13,241,928	13.4
2004	10,811,902	2.76	1,408,202	12,220,104	13.6
2003	9,729,212	2.49	1,461,689	11,190,901	13.8
2002	10,216,369	2.83	1,375,496	11,591,865	15.5
5 year total	54,703,709		7,697,746	62,401,455	

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