

Library Budget Appropriations from Similar Municipalities

Year	EntityName	Population	4550-4559 - Library	Per_Capita	Rank_Pop	Rank_Appropriation	Rank_Per_Capita
2024	Greenland	4098	\$431,768	\$105	0%	100%	100%
2024	Brentwood	4773	\$335,150	\$70	44%	88%	88%
2024	Danville	4628	\$316,697	\$68	22%	77%	77%
2024	Northwood	4700	\$222,523	\$47	33%	66%	66%
2024	Fremont	4874	\$190,622	\$39	66%	33%	55%
2024	Nottingham	5421	\$209,200	\$39	100%	55%	44%
2024	Chester	5300	\$202,850	\$38	88%	44%	33%
2024	Candia	4203	\$160,000	\$38	11%	22%	22%
2024	Deerfield	4967	\$154,186	\$31	77%	11%	11%
2024	Newton	4833	\$147,195	\$30	55%	0%	0%
			Average others	\$ 226,116	\$ 49		
			Average / Brentwood pop	\$ 47			
			Average x Brentwood pop		\$ 231,584		
			Brentwood less ave	\$ 109,034			
			Brentwood % diff to ave	33%			

- ❑ Brentwood’s FY2024 budget appropriation of \$335,150 was 2nd highest
- ❑ The average appropriation of the nine other similar Rockingham county towns was \$226,116. Brentwood’s appropriation is \$109,034 (33%) higher than the average.
- ❑ Brentwood budgeted \$70 per person which is \$22 (31%) higher than the \$49 per person average of the other towns

Brentwood Historic Library Statistics – 2016 to 2024

Year	Population of the Legal Service Area	Library Visits	Number of Registered Users	Total # of Library Programs	Total Staff Expenditures	Total Operating Expenditures
2016	4,678	21,728	2,684	332	\$192,369	\$250,787
2017	4,649	20,984	2,733	158	\$198,014	\$249,999
2022	4,660	11,072	1,201	155	\$181,485	\$260,499
2023	4,662	12,540	1,784	164	\$224,309	\$296,227
2024	4,662	13,461	1,824	176	\$235,350	\$318,930
Change 2016 to 2024	-16	-8,267	-860	-156	\$42,981	\$68,143
% Change 2016 to 2024	-0.34%	-38.05%	-32.04%	-46.99%	22.34%	27.17%
					<i>FY2025</i>	<i>\$358,990</i>
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□ Between 2016 and 2024

- Brentwood population is down by 16 (-0.3%)
- Library visits are down 8267 (-38%)
- Registered users are down 860 (-32%)
- Number of Library programs are down 156 (-47%)
- Total Staff expenditures are up \$42,981 (22%)
- Total Operating Expenditures are up \$68,143 (27%)

2024 NH Library Statistics – Similar Municipalities

2024 New Hampshire Public Library Statistics								
Town	Population of the Legal Service Area	Library Visits	Number of Registered Users	Total # of Library Programs	Public Service Hours Per Year	Total Staff Expenditures	Total Operating Expenditures	Total Operating Expenditures per person
Brentwood	4,662	13,461	1,824	176	2009	\$235,350	\$318,930	\$68.41
Candia (Smyth)	4,200	6,658	1,354	186	2068	\$92,691	\$163,524	\$38.93
Chester	5,339	9,039	929	198	1848	\$202,804	\$238,404	\$44.65
Danville (Colby)	4,495	8,633	2,975	286	1820	\$238,227	\$319,150	\$71.00
Deerfield (Philbrick-James)	4,955	8,519	1,228	176	1985	\$165,448	\$190,240	\$38.39
Fremont	4,850	11,244	4,514	387	2028	\$112,059	\$185,773	\$38.30
Greenland (Weeks)	4,127		1,624	641	2444	\$136,322	\$165,420	\$40.08
Newton (Gale)	4,857	6,310	326	154	1456	\$129,329	\$165,129	\$34.00
Northwood (Chesley)	4,684	5,978	1,078	157	1600	\$151,377	\$192,242	\$41.04
Nottingham (Blaisdell)	5,371	20,807	3,588	414	1655	\$176,192	\$300,056	\$55.87
Average	4,754	10,072	1,944	277.5	1891.3	\$163,980	\$223,887	\$47.07
Brentwood versus average	-92	3,389	-120	-101.5	117.7	\$71,370	\$95,043	\$21.34

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Comparison of 2024 NH Public Library Statistics with similar Rockingham County municipalities

2024 NH Library Statistics – Brentwood and Kingston

Year	Population of the Legal Service Area	Library Visits	Number of Registered Users	Total # of Library Programs	Total Staff Expenditures	Total Operating Expenditures	Total Operating Expenditures per person
Kingston 2024	6,377	40,270	2,638	1257	\$316,183	\$403,626	\$63.29
Brentwood 2024	4,662	13,461	1,824	176	\$235,350	\$318,930	\$68.41
Difference	1,715	26,809	814	1,081	\$80,833	\$84,696	-\$5.12
% Difference	36.8%	199.2%	44.6%	614.2%	34.3%	26.6%	-7.5%

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- Comparison of 2024 NH Public Library Statistics between Brentwood and Kingston
- Kingston has almost 37% more residents
- Kingston had almost 200% more library visits (40,270 versus 12,461)
- Kingston had 814 (45%) more registered users
- Kingston had over 600% more programs – 1257 versus 176
- Kingston expends \$84,696 more than Brentwood (27%). \$80,833 more on staff (34%)
- Brentwood spends \$5.12 more per person (7.5%) than Kingston

Year	Town	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total Hours	4550-4559 - Library Budget	Budget / Hr (52 wks)	
2024	Greenland	10am-8pm 10	10am-5pm 7	10am-5pm 7	10am-8pm 12	10am-5pm 7	9am-3pm 6	CLOSED	49	\$431,768	\$169	
2024	Brentwood	2pm-7pm 5	9am-6pm 9	9am-6pm 9	9am-6pm 9	9am-1pm 4	9am-1pm 4	CLOSED	40	\$335,150	\$161	
2024	Fremont	10am-4pm 6	1pm-7pm 6	9am-5pm 8	1pm-7pm 6	9am-5pm 8	9am-2pm 5	CLOSED	39	\$190,622	\$94	
2024	Candia	2pm-8pm 6	10am-8pm 10	2pm-8pm 6	10am-8pm 10	5pm-7pm 2	10am-2pm 4	CLOSED	38	\$160,000	\$81	
2024	Deerfield	10am-5pm 7	10am-7pm 9	9am-6pm 9	9am-5pm 8	CLOSED 0	9am-1pm 4	CLOSED	37	\$154,186	\$80	
2024	Danville	12pm-8pm 8	12pm-8pm 8	10am-6pm 8	10am-6pm 8	CLOSED 0	10am-1pm 3	CLOSED	35	\$316,697	\$174	
2024	Northwoods	10am-6pm 8	10am-6pm 8	10am-6pm 8	10am-6pm 8	CLOSED 0	10am-1pm 3	CLOSED	35	\$222,523	\$122	
2024	Nottingham	CLOSED 0	10am-5pm 7	10am-8pm 10	10am-8pm 10	10am-2pm 4	10am-2pm 4	CLOSED	35	\$209,200	\$115	
2024	Chester	3pm-8pm 5	10am-8pm 10	3pm-8pm 5	10am-8pm 10	1pm-5pm 4	CLOSED 0	CLOSED	34	\$202,850	\$115	
2024	Newton	12pm-6pm 6	9am-1pm 4	12pm-8pm 8	CLOSED 0	9am-3pm 6	9am-1pm 4	CLOSED	28	\$147,195	\$101	
									Median	35.0	Median	\$115
									Difference	5.0	Difference	\$46
									% Diff	14.3%	% Diff	40.4%

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2024	Brentwood	12pm-8pm 8	12pm-8pm 8	10am-6pm 8	10am-6pm 8	CLOSED 0	10am-1pm 3	CLOSED	35	\$226,116	\$124

- Brentwood library is open 40 hours per week, which is 5 hours (14.3%) more than the median 35 hours of all other similar town libraries.
- Brentwood library budgeted \$161 per library operating hour. This is \$45 (40.4%) more than the median \$115 per hour of other similar libraries.
- If the Brentwood budget was the average of the similar towns (\$226,116) and the library was open 35 hours per week, the budget/hr would be \$124 or just about the median of the similar towns.