

# **Library Networks, Cooperatives and Consortia: Summary of Study Findings**

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# Why Study LNCCs?

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- In 1977-78, in 1985-86, and in 1997 the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) administered surveys of LNCCs.
  - Developing a stable universe of LNCCs was problematic in the 1997 study and study results were never published.
  - LNCCs roles have changed significantly since 1986, and many informal cooperatives have formed to support library collections acquisition and technology support.
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# 2006-2007 Descriptive Study

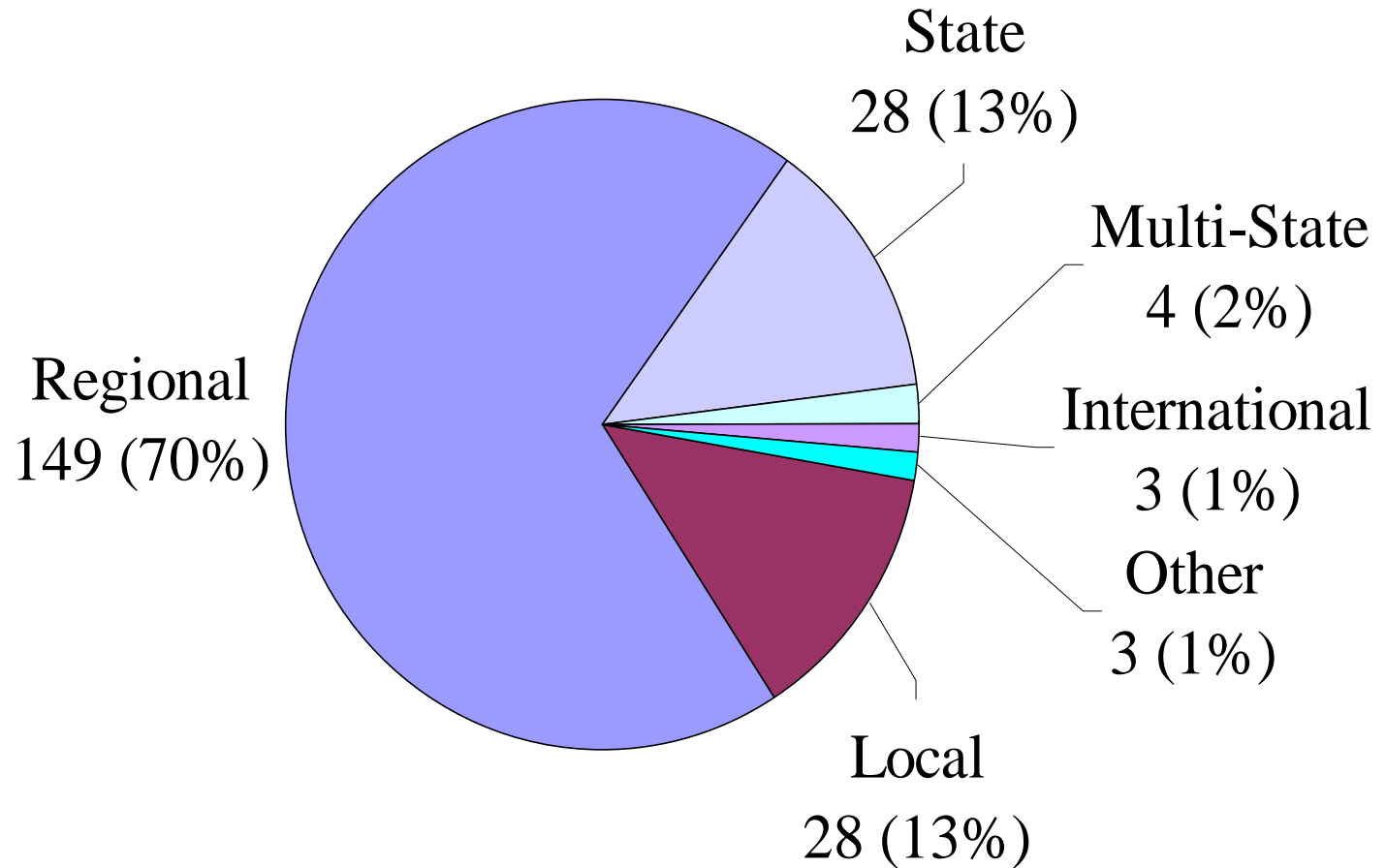
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- Known non-respondents were contacted and added to the baseline file, for a total of 215 organizations.
- Another 39 cases responded during the second (descriptive) survey.
- A total of 144 organizations responded to all the questions (baseline and descriptive).

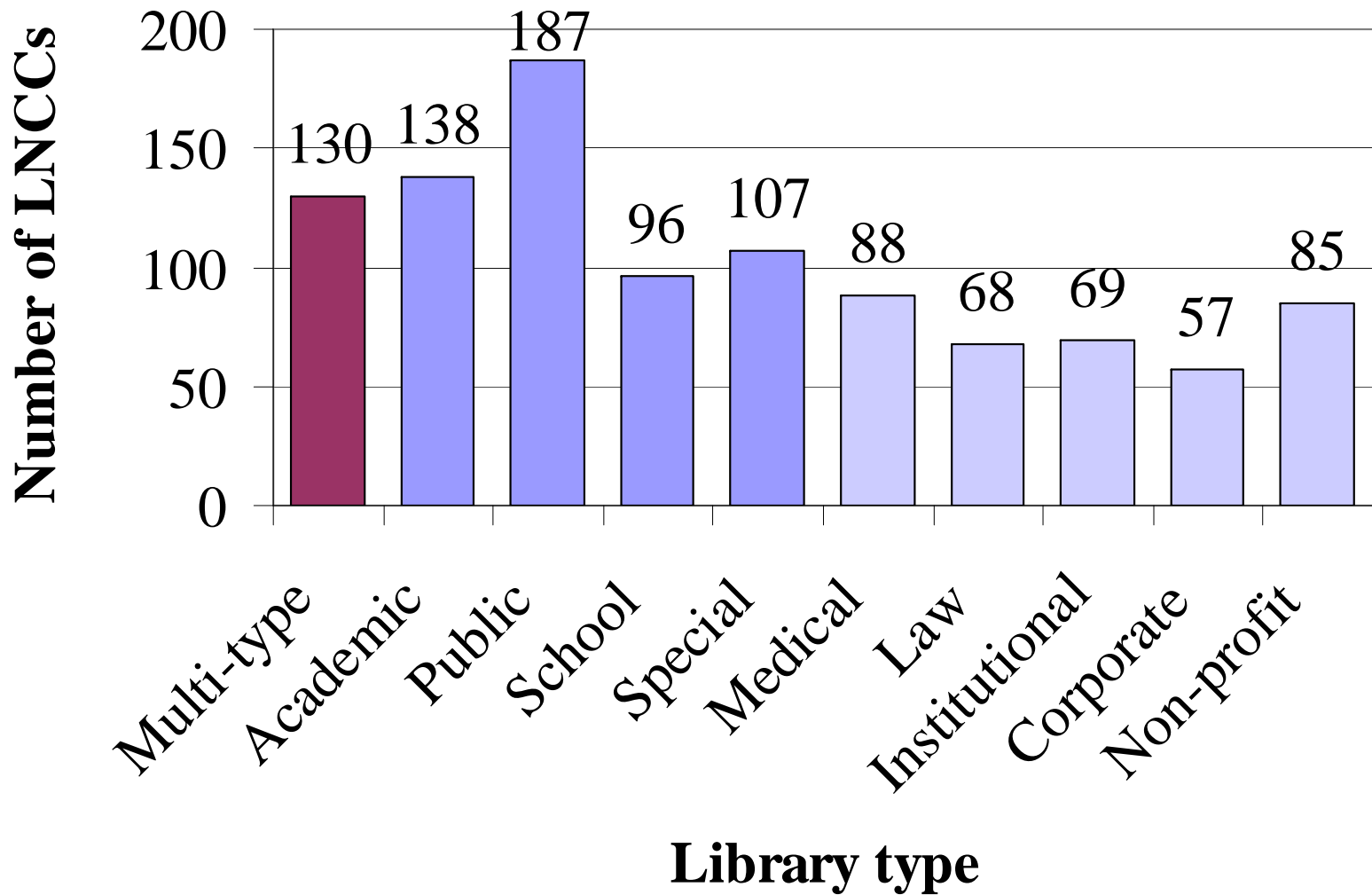
# LNCC's By Year Formed and Primary Service Area Type

Primary Service Area Type	Year LNCC Formed				Total
	1930- 1949	1950- 1969	1970- 1989	1990- present	
Local	0	7	7	2	16
Regional	1	44	51	11	107
State	0	0	8	8	16
Multi-State	1	0	1	0	2
International	1	0	1	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>144</b>

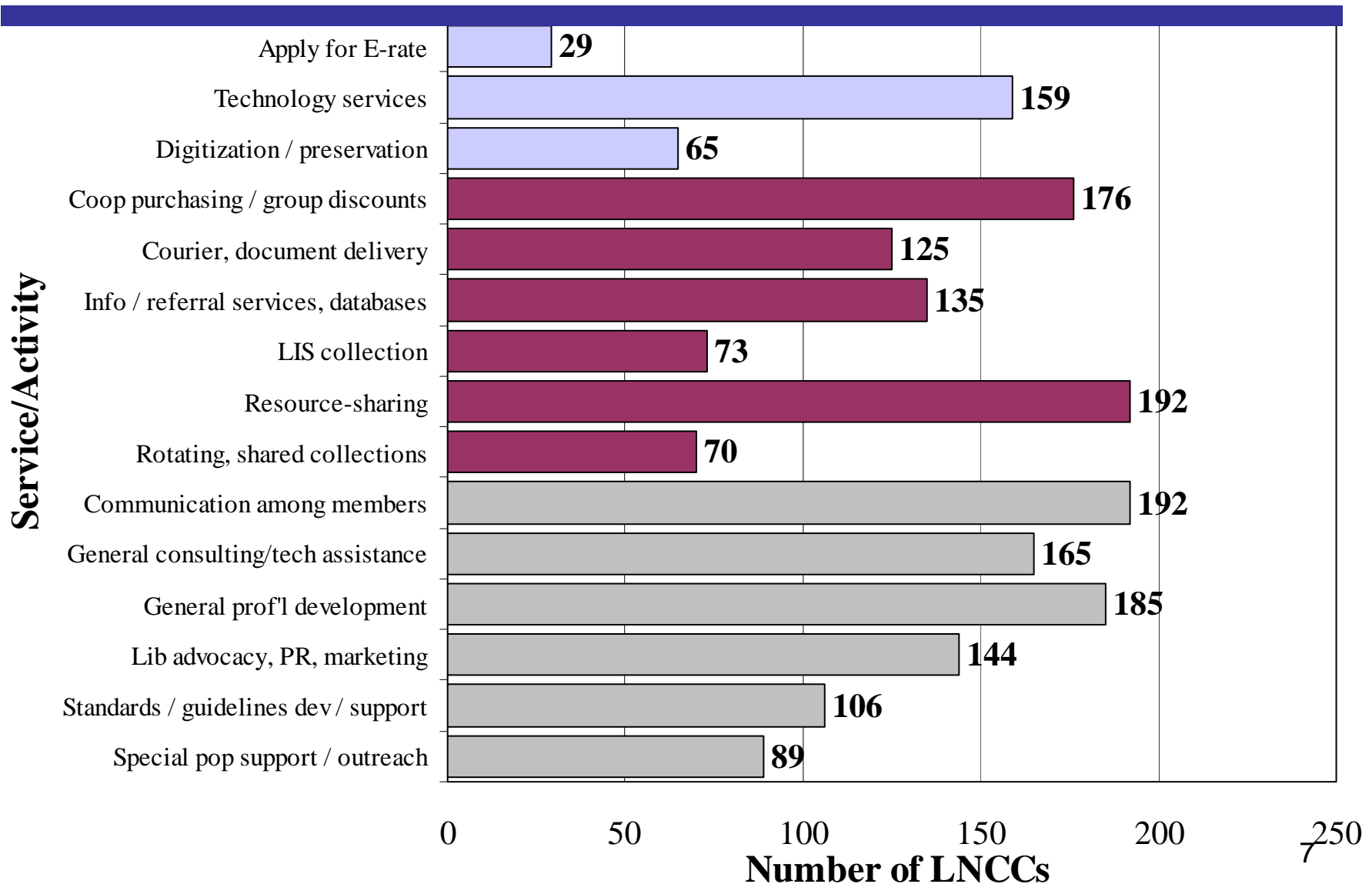
# Primary Service Area Type of Responding LNCCs



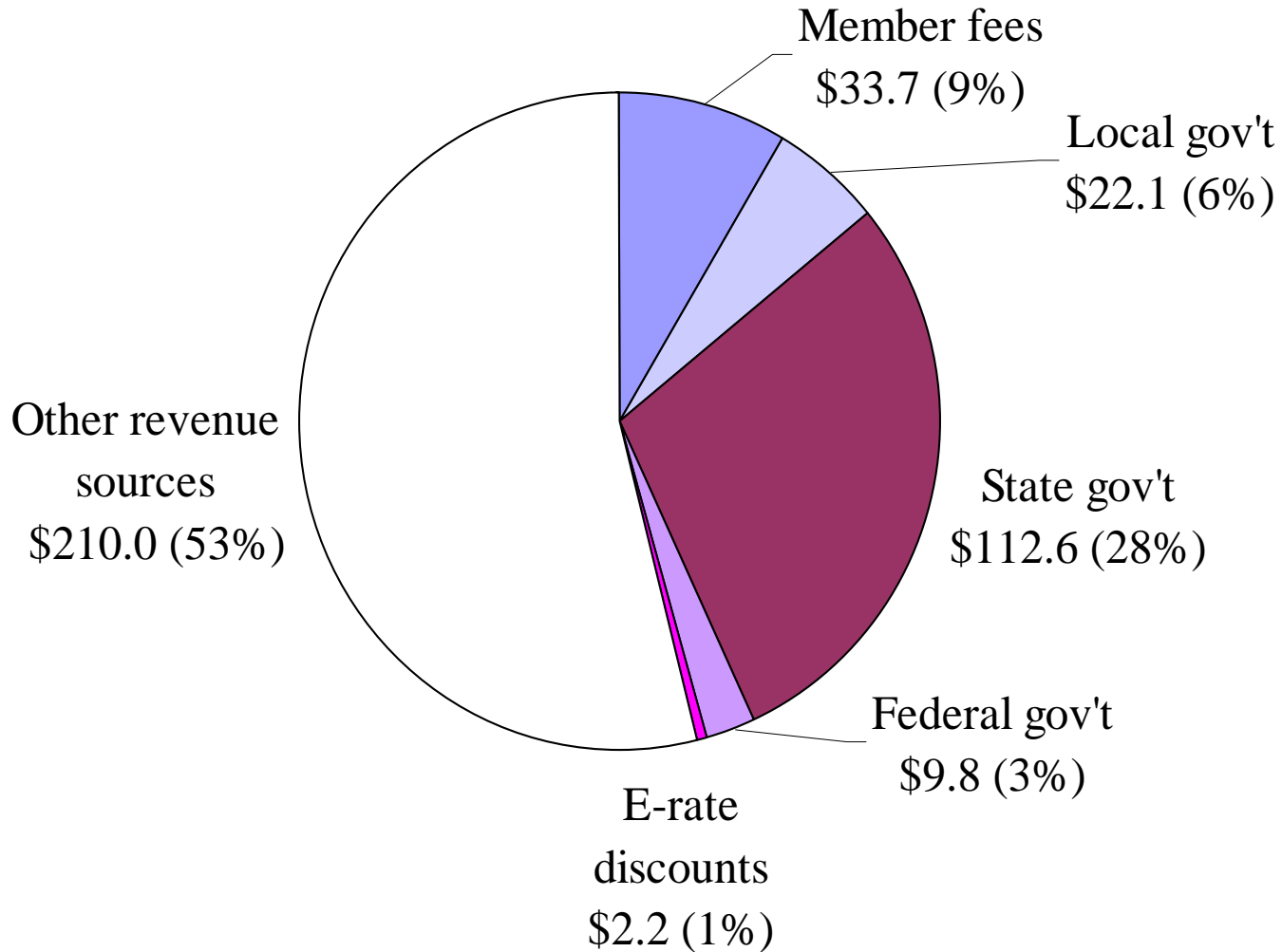
# LNCC Survey Respondents Reporting Members by Library Type



# Purposes Served by LNCCs to Member Libraries



# Total Operating Revenue (Millions) by Source



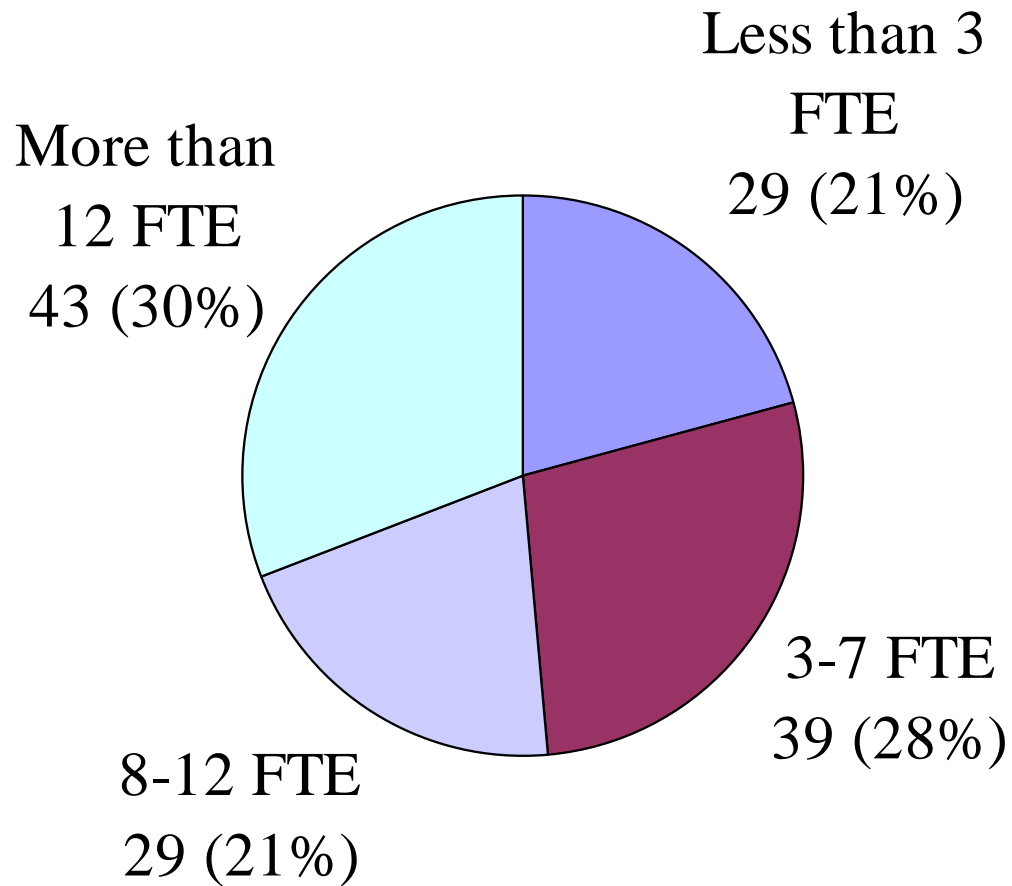
# Operating Expenditures

<b>Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>N of LNCCs</b>	<b>Mean (average)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries and wages	129	\$ 502,179	\$ 64,781,060
Employee benefits	129	\$ 155,975	\$ 20,120,828
Total staff	136	\$ 652,180	\$ 88,696,423
Procurement of products and services	138	\$ 921,605	\$ 128,103,037
Administrative support	138	\$ 138,987	\$ 19,319,183
Other operating	138	\$ 316,177	\$ 43,948,621
<b>Total operating</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>\$ 2,083,719</b>	<b>\$ 291,720,640</b>
<b>Actual totals *</b>		<b>\$ 2,687,103</b>	<b>\$ 364,969,152</b>

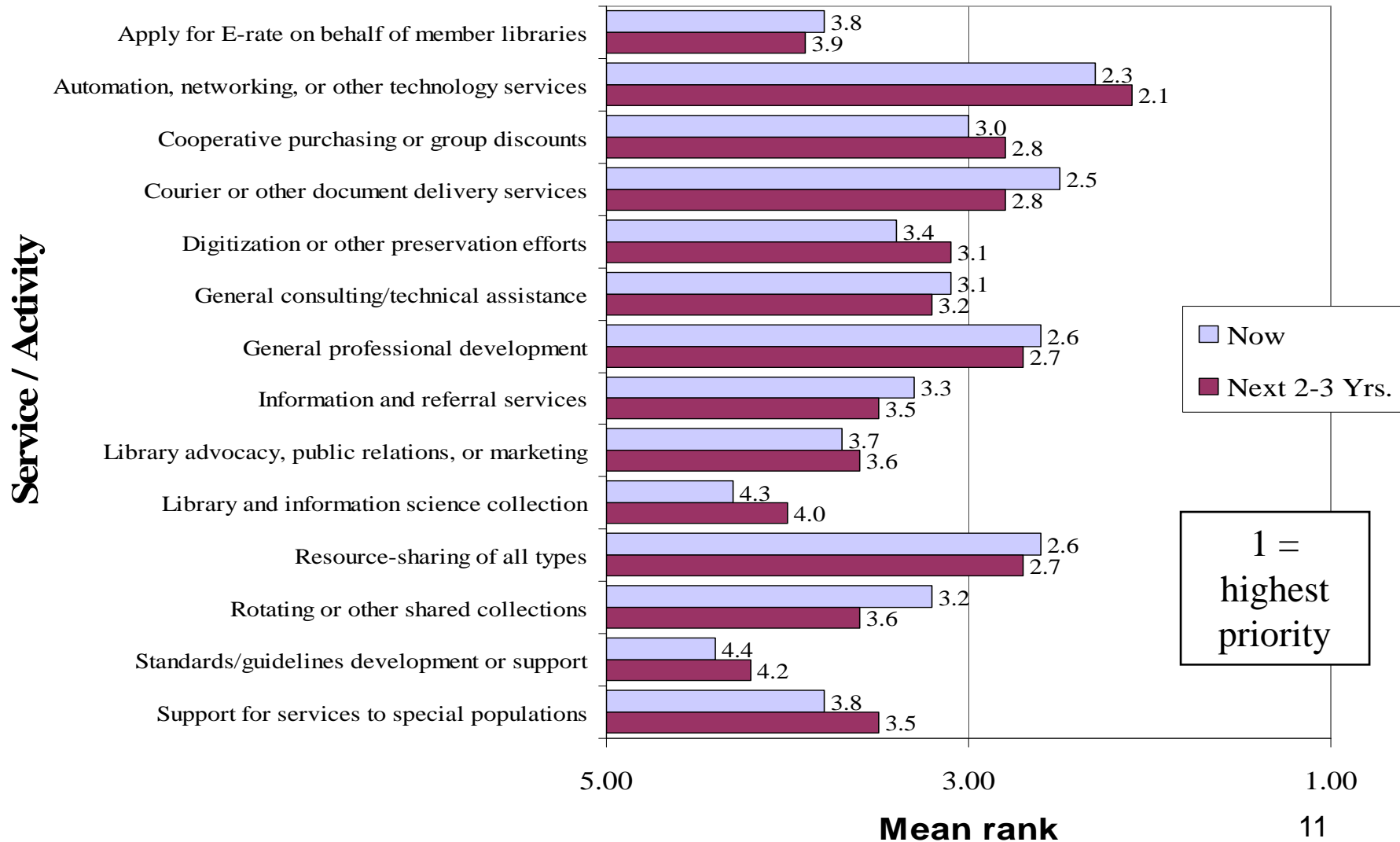
\* Sum of detail exceeds reported totals because some respondents reported partial expenditure figures--e.g., staff expenditures only.

# Total LNCCs by FTE Staff

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# Overall Priority Rankings of Services and Activities



# Searching the LNCC Database

## Tutorial

<http://cs.ala.org/ra/lnccl/resources/index.cfm>



# Key Findings

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- Number of LNCCs
  - 243 “universe”
  - 215, baseline survey
  - 140, descriptive survey
- Most responding LNCCs:
  - Regional (i.e., multi-county)
  - Multi-type (i.e., serve more than one library type)
- Most common services and activities
  - Communication
  - Resource-sharing
  - Gen’l prof’l development
  - Gen’l consulting/technical assistance
  - Cooperative purchasing/group discounts

# Key Findings

- Revenue sources
  - State gov't: 28%
  - Membership fees: 9%
  - Local, Federal gov'ts (incl. E-rate) combined: <10%
  - Other: 53%
- Expenditures
  - Total: \$365 million
  - Products & services: 44%
  - Staff: 30%
- Staffing
  - 8+ FTE: 51%
  - <8 FTE: 49%
- Highest priorities
  - Automation / networking / other technology
  - Courier / document delivery
  - Resource-sharing
  - General professional development / continuing education
- Lowest priorities
  - Advocacy / PR / marketing
  - E-rate
  - Special populations
  - Standards / guidelines

# More Information:

**ASCLA:** <http://cs.ala.org/ra/lncc/>

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