

Introduction

The charts in this appendix provide information about the libraries and their shipping volume.

Most material is shipped in packages covered in plastic. The chart below describes the volume of shipping,

in terms of package and item and it is sorted by automation consortium. The largest volume of shipping by a library is normally among libraries within its consortium.

Packages and Items Shipped by a Large Sample of Libraries during One Week in May 2017

Automation consortium	Automation consortium	Total Items	Items per Package
BCCLS	16,171	31,024	1.92
BELS	16	16	1.00
LMxAC	2,431	5,770	2.37
LOGIN	687	1,762	2.56
MAIN	4,287	12,093	2.82
PalsPlus	1,464	3,253	2.22
Stand Alone Libraries	1,974	2,274	1.15
Total	27,030	56,192	2.08

LLNJ surveyed libraries for one week in mid-May to determine the average number of items contained in each package shipped.

The chart above shows the results of that survey.

Based on last year's total packages shipped to 2.3 million, we estimate that the total number of items shipped was 4.78 million.

The average size of a package would be equivalent to 2+ books or media cases. The size and number of items in a package varies.

