

Benchmarking New Main Libraries

Median Size of Main Libraries:

All Southern California Cities From 100,000 to 500,000 population

.42 SF/Capita Operations \$/Capita \$33.15

At that ratio, Riverside's Main Library would be 121,800 gross SF or 85,200 net SF

Average Size of Main Libraries:

All Cities From 100,000 to 500,000 population

.37 SF/Capita Operations \$/Capita \$27.72

At that ratio, Riverside's Main Library would be 107,300 gross SF or 75,034 net SF

Riverside's Projected Growth*:

Year	Population	Main Library/SF	Main Library/NET
2010	300,522	111,193	77,757
2020	335,468	124,123	86,799
2030	372,782	137,929	96,454
2040	402,605	148,963	104,170

*2010—2030 based on current published SCAG projections, 2040 based on SCAG trending for years after 2035.

Changing Trends in Library Building: New Main Libraries

Main SF/Capita	City	Population	Main Library/SF
1.70	Rancho Mirage	21,537	36,640
1.01	Camarillo	65,000	65,621
.92	San Mateo	97,970	90,000
.78	National City	63,537	49,508
.65	Redding	84,600	55,000
.51	Santa Maria	118,055	60,000
.34	Ontario	171,113	58,000
.33	Orange	377,801	45,000
.27	Murrieta	92,933	24,951

Average Main SF/Capita: .72

Median Main SF/Capita: .72

At that ratio, Riverside's Main Library should be 208,800 gross square feet or about 146,000 net square feet.

