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INTRODUCTION

The Academic Library Data report contains selected statistics reported by Massachusetts Academic Libraries on the Fall 2002 Academic Library Survey funded by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). In the Fall of 2002, academic libraries throughout the country were invited to submit data using a web-based form. NCES requested information from 116 institutions in Massachusetts. This report contains selected data from the 103 institutions that provided data to NCES.

Of these 103, 98 institutions in this report have been classified by the Carnegie Foundation. The definitions of the classification codes are included beginning on page 17. According to this classification method, there are 116 institutions of higher learning in Massachusetts. Quoting from the Carnegie Foundation web site, "The Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education is the leading typology of American colleges and universities. It is the framework in which institutional diversity in U.S. higher education is commonly described. Most of the Carnegie Foundation's higher education projects rely on the Classification to ensure a representative selection of participating individuals and institutions." While it is continuously updated to include changes to colleges and universities, the Carnegie classification scheme is scheduled for a total revision in 2005.

Note: A zero in this report means either the institution reported a value of zero or did not report for that item.

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