



Ridgela Library Profile

Basic facts

Opened in 1967. 10,754 sq. ft in size. Open 42 hours, five days weekly.

Population characteristics:

Gender

Male	37,409	48%
Female	40,570	52%

Age

Total population in service area:	77,979	
Under 5 years	5,971	7.66%
5 to 9 years	5,208	6.68%
10 to 14 years	4,836	6.20%
15 to 17 years	2,742	3.52%
18 to 34 years	20,683	26.52%
35 to 49 years	18,028	23.12%
50 to 64 years	11,178	14.33%
65 years and over	9,333	11.97%

- 8% of population preschoolers
- 16% school-age - about 70% of Fort Worth as a whole
- 12% 65 or older - about 20% higher than Fort Worth as a whole

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Race & Ethnicity

White alone	59,126	75.82%
Black or African American alone	9,947	12.76%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	466	0.60%
Asian alone	1,267	1.62%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	43	0.06%
Some other race alone	5,083	6.52%
Population of two or more races	2,047	2.63%

- 76% White - about 25% more than Fort Worth as a whole
- 13% African American - about 20% less than Fort Worth as a whole
- 0.6% American Indian
- 2% Asian and Pacific Islander - about one third less than Fort Worth as a whole
- 9% Some other or two or more races - about half lower than Fort Worth as a whole

- 13,287 people or 17% of the branch service population self-identify as Hispanic or Latino. They can be of any race or combination of races. This is about 55% of Fort Worth as a whole.

Language Spoken at Home for Population Five Years and Over

- 83% speak English
- 13% speak Spanish - about half the level of Fort Worth as a whole

Household and Economic Data

Median income: \$41,290 - about 10% higher than Fort Worth as a whole (\$37,074)
Households with income below the poverty level: 3,907 of 33,160 or 12%. This figure is slightly less than the rate for Fort Worth as a whole.

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**Educational Attainment
For Population 25 Years and Over**

Attainment Level	Persons	Percent	Fort Worth as a Whole	Percent
No Schooling Completed	733	1%	N/A	N/A
Less than High School	8,285	16%	88,139	27%
High School Graduate	13,672	27%	78,279	24%
Some College	13,103	25%	70,483	22%
Associate Degree	2,471	5%	15,391	5%
Bachelor's Degree	8,939	17%	48,625	15%
Post Grad/Prof Degree	4,321	8%	23,688	7%

- While in general educational attainment is at the same level or higher than for Fort Worth as a whole, a much higher percentage (one and a half times) of the population served by Ridglea has less than a high school population.

Service Measurements

Service	FY 01	Rank Among 15 Facilities
Total Circulation	334,277	6
External Circulation	235,932	6
In-House Usage	98,345	5
Questions Answered	129,652	4
Program Attendance	3,541	6
Service Rate*	5,995	11
Collection Size	77,226	4

*Service Rate is another way of measuring and comparing the impact of library services. In this case, circulation, questions answered, and program attendance are added together and then divided by the population this branch serves to arrive at a service rate per thousand people. The Central library is not included.