



The Employment Status of Librarians at Canadian Universities

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In contrast to the proven utility of quantitative methods for the measurement and evaluation of library services, research exploring the employment status of librarians has employed primarily qualitative techniques. This paper presents a complementary effort, employing quantitative monetary indicators to compare the professional / academic / faculty status of librarians relative to that of university professors in sixty Canadian post-secondary degree-granting institutions. Examining salaries, professional development allowances and compensation during sabbatical leaves, the methodology is readily applicable to analogous comparisons in other national or local political jurisdictions.