

Collection Analysis by Category: Balanced Dewey (Middle School)

The **Balanced Dewey** feature in TitleWise Analysis shows how specific areas of your collection compare to those of grade-appropriate, balanced core collections that Follett recommends for new schools. Use this data to consider expanding or downsizing specific areas to achieve a more balanced collection.

1. From the opening **School Library Collection** screen of your most recent TitleWise Analysis, select the link to **Compare recommended balance by Dewey** (below the Fiction vs. Nonfiction pie chart).



2. The **Diff. column** shows the **difference** between the **Actual %** and **Recommended %** of the collection for each Dewey/Classification area. This data includes both print and eBooks. Higher numbers are areas for concern.

- **Black** number = percentage the Dewey area is **ABOVE recommended guidelines**
- **- Red** number with minus sign = percentage the area is **BELOW recommended guidelines**

Recommended Balance by Dewey Classification

This breakdown helps you quickly determine if you are above or below our general guidelines — and easily make decisions about adding or removing items from specific areas.

| Dewey | Avg. Age | Items | Actual % | Rec. % | Diff. |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|-------|----------|--------|--------------|
| 000 Computer Science, Information & General Works | 2003 | 60 | 0.8% | 1.4% | -0.6% |
| 100 Philosophy & Psychology | 2000 | 38 | 0.5% | 1.1% | -0.6% |
| 200 Religion | 1996 | 131 | 1.8% | 0.6% | 1.2% |
| 300 Social Sciences | 1999 | 831 | 11.4% | 10.6% | 0.8% |
| 400 Language | 1995 | 36 | 0.5% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| 500 Science | 2000 | 583 | 8.0% | 13.5% | -5.5% BELOW |
| 600 Technology | 2000 | 685 | 9.4% | 8.2% | 1.2% |
| 700 Arts & Recreation | 2001 | 687 | 9.4% | 7.7% | 1.7% |
| 800 Literature | 1995 | 183 | 2.5% | 2.2% | 0.3% |
| 900 History & Geography | 1999 | 1,201 | 16.4% | 10.1% | 6.3% ABOVE |
| Classification | Avg. Age | Items | Actual % | Rec. % | Diff. |
| General Fiction | 2004 | 1,892 | 25.8% | 38.5% | -12.7% BELOW |
| Reference | — | — | — | n/a | n/a |
| Biography | 1999 | 509 | 7.0% | 5.8% | 1.2% |

*For schools with Magnet programs, a higher percentage in certain Dewey areas may be appropriate.

3. On your Collection Development Plan, record the **ABOVE/-BELOW percentages** in the **Balanced Dewey Diff. column** on the **Collection Analysis by Category** chart. *You will not have a separate number for eBooks/Digital Audio as those are included with print for each Dewey/Classification in this report.

- Add notes to the **Concerns/Goals/Steps (Selection & Deselection)** columns on your **Collection Analysis Planning Guide** chart to address any areas that are significantly above/below recommended guidelines.
- To calculate the number of items that would need to be added/removed from a Dewey/Classification area to achieve balance, multiply the Recommended % by the total number of items in your collection.